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District Library

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This newsletter is brought to you by:



Preschool-6TH Grade

Teen

Rawson Library will be welcoming families to our Summer Reading Program Registration Event Monday, June 10th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The theme this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library! We will be beginning the adventure a little different than in the past; this year we will be launching our new reading log program, Beanstack!

Using Beanstack, patrons will log their reading minutes and participate in challenges using the mobile app or a computer. Patrons can choose which program they will enter their child in. This will help them earn prizes, build their read and bead necklace, and enter them in grand prize drawings.

The sign-up event will include a craft, snack, and a few games with prizes. We look forward to kicking off this year's program. However, if you are unable to attend, registration will continue to be available at the circulation desk.

Upcoming Children's Library Events

- Story Times for children Ages 0-6 will be Thursdays, June 13th & 27th and Thursday, July 18th at 1:30
- Rock Painting for kids Ages 7-12 Thursday, June 20th @ 1:30
This is a registered event; space is limited
- Firefly Jar Decorating for kids Ages 7-12 Thursday, July 11th @ 1:30 *This is a registered event; space is limited*
- Gordon the Magician will be performing at Rawson Library Monday, June 24th @1:30
- End of Summer Reading Picnic at the Park Thursday, July 25th @ noon

Welcome teens one and all! Are you a teen who loves reading? Are you a teen who's interested in doing fun activities, games, and crafts with your peers? Do you know a teen that falls into either of these categories? Well, let me tell you that the wait for a fun recurring community event is over! Join us this summer at Rawson Library for "Adventure Begins at Your Library" this year's awesome summer reading program. Bring yourself and your friends to our sign-up party Monday, June 10th and receive a free backpack. Come to our Teen Times (Wednesdays June 12th, 19th, 26th & July 10th, 17th, 24th) and enjoy a range of fun games and activities. Don't forget to read (this is a library after all)! Use Beanstack to play bingo and enter into either of our two adventurous gift bundle drawings. We hope to see you there.

Adult

Rawson Library invites you to join us for the adult summer reading program for 2024.

This year you have the option of using the Beanstack app to record your reading on your phone, tablet, or computer. There will also be a paper recording slip for those who prefer that method of logging your reading.

Every four hours of reading enters you into a drawing for either a \$40 Walmart gift card or a \$40 Ben's gift card. There are also five activities that you may complete to add extra entries for the gift cards.

Stop in at the Summer Reading kick-off event on Monday, June 10 or in the days following to get your reading bag and further information. Join the fun as we read through the summer.

Danielle Smith Begins a New Chapter

For the last couple of years, Danielle has been a very busy gal. She worked here as our Adult Programming Librarian while studying diligently for her master's degree in counseling. She spent the last few months also fulfilling the requirements of her internship. We congratulate Danielle on completing her course requirements and being hired as a counselor. We greatly appreciate all of her creative ideas and the events she led for adults during her time here at Rawson. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.

Lukas Kolakowski Steps Into a New Role

Lukas has served as a library page since 2020 and has proven to be a very dedicated and diligent worker. He now steps into the new position of Teen Librarian where he will lead teen events and afterschool programs for youth as well as oversee Home Delivery.

Lukas is very community-minded and likes helping others. He enjoys reading historical fiction as well as non-fiction. Lukas has many interests including traveling, trying new recipes, and writing poetry. A few of his favorite things are *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle; bison; and the numbers -8 and 27 (tied as his favorites). He is getting married to his favorite person in September! We congratulate Lukas on his promotion.

Curb Appeal Crew

Are you interested in gardening? Do you want to help the library look its best this summer? Join the Curb Appeal Crew. We are looking for either eight individuals or 8 "teams" to sign up to adopt a planter. When you register you'll let us know what flowers you'd like to plant, then on Thursday, May 16 between 3:30 and 5:00 pm we'll have a planting party! Flowers and potting soil will be provided. Bring your own gloves and trowel.

Mark Your Calendar – The Book Sale is Coming!

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is Thursday, August 1 through Saturday, August 3 during regular library hours. A great selection of books at bargain prices!

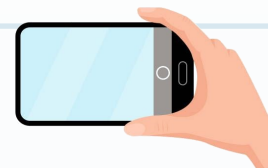
Mental Health Matters – Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month? To recognize the importance of our mental health, Kaitlin Geiger, Limited Licensed Professional Counselor at Thumb Area Psychological Services will present information on mental health awareness, decreasing stigma, and overall education on symptoms and treatment of depression and anxiety. Join us for this very important seminar.

Cyber Security – Tuesday, May 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Cyber Security is a set of best practices and technology solutions that help protect us from digital attacks. As technology has increased, bad actors have responded by developing sophisticated methods for gaining access to personal information and stealing data, sabotaging businesses, or extorting money. Joe Lounsbury, Team Leader at AVS Tech Team will teach us how to avoid and/or deal with cyber attacks. This is a free seminar, but we request that you sign up by calling 989-872-2856 or stopping by the circulation desk.

Fantastic Photography with your Phone – Monday, July 15, 1:30 – 3:30 pm



Local photographer Larry Kolb will teach us tips and tricks for using our smartphone to take fantastic photos. Larry will lead us on a walk around the library, showing us things to photograph, and helping us to get great photos. This free workshop is limited to 12 attendees. Register by calling or stopping by the library.

Preserving MI Harvest Programs

Join us for three free classes offered by Laurie Messing, Food Safety Extension Educator with MSU Extension.

- Tuesday, July 9 at 1 pm - Summer Berries = Jam and Jelly: Enjoy the taste of summer by learning how to make jams and jellies using fresh summer fruits.
- Tuesday, August 13 at 1 pm - Preserving Dried Ingredients: Join us to learn how to dehydrate summer produce to use as ingredients in your dishes all year long.
- Tuesday, September 10 at 1 pm - The Gift of Preservation: The season of giving is right around the corner! Join us for ideas on what you can preserve for holiday gifts to give. Ideas for gifting preservation equipment for safe home food preservation will also be shared.

Voters to Consider Operating Millage Renewal

If you are a registered voter in Elmwood, Elkland, or Novesta Township please be aware that the library’s .75 operating millage will be on the ballot on August 6. This is not new money, it is a renewal. Library Board Trustees are requesting that voters continue funding library operations for the next twelve years. The revenue that millage monies generate supports the general operation of the library and helps fund events for all ages such as story times, summer reading programs, seed library, book club, cookbook club; the purchase of books, magazines, online materials; reference services; homebound delivery; utilities and so much more.

During 2023, Rawson Library had 23,940 visits, offered 187 events that were attended by 3,500+ people of all ages. Over 18,000 physical and electronic materials were checked out. Our computers were used 1,400+ times and our WiFi 7,800 times. Countless people were helped with copies, faxing, scanning, notary services by our helpful staff. This is your millage money at work!



2 New Libraries to Add to your Libby App

New in 2024, Rawson Memorial Library cardholders may now add 2 more library partners to their Libby app: ***Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative*** and ***Traverse Area District Library***. In total, we now have 11 library co-ops or networks to browse and broaden availability to eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines. To add your card to a partner library, choose *Add Library* under the *Menu* icon and follow the prompts. We’d be happy to help you at the desk if you have never used Libby or if you have any further questions about this amazing app.



- May 13**—*The Gluten-Free Kitchen* by Pamela Moriart
- June 10**—*Taste of Home’s Copycat Favorites* Vol. 2
- July 8**—*The Pioneer Woman Cooks* by Ree Drummond
- August 12**—*The Lake Michigan Cottage Cookbook* by Amelia Levin

The Cookbook Club meets the 2nd Monday evening each month @ 5:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.



May 22—*The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer (*last one until the fall!)

The Ravenous Readers Book Club meets the 4th Wednesday each month @ noon. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.



The Friends of the Library thank you for the amazing support at the Scholastic Book Fair in April!

This was the second year the FOL group sponsored the book fair at the Cass City Elementary school. There were books for all ages and proceeds from the sale will go towards providing new books for the school. The executive board members Mary

Keroson and Carol Knight say “Reading is important! We like to see everyone so excited for books!”

If you missed it, the FOL plan to continue sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair yearly.

The FOL group is a growing and vibrant organization that meets monthly and everyone is welcome to join.



FOL members working the Scholastic Book Fair, from left: Carol Knight, Cathy Meck, & Sean Zawilinski

Library Services

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| * Copies & Scanning | * Wi-Fi | * DVD & CD Cleaning |
| * Notary | * Fax—Send or Receive | * Computer Work Stations |
| * eBooks & eAudiobooks | * Meeting Room | * Lamination |
| * Inter Library Loan | * Study Rooms | * Hotspots & Laptops |
| | * Home Delivery | * Seed Library |
| | * Wireless Printing | |

Upcoming Events



MAY

- 1, 15 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 7, 23 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 8, 22 Crafty Creators, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Mental Health Awareness, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Curb Appeal Crew, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- Cyber Security, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 27 Library Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

- 7 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Summer Reading Sign-Up, 10:00 a.m.
- Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 12, 19, 26 Teen Time, 3:00 p.m.
- 12, 26 Crafty Creators, 5:30 p.m.
- 13, 27 Story Time, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Craft Kids, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 Gordon the Magician, 1:30 p.m.

JULY

- 4 Closed for Independence Day
- 5 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Closed for Parade
- 8 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Preserving MI Harvest, 1:00 p.m.
- 10, 17, 24 Teen Time, 3:00 p.m.
- 10, 24 Crafty Creators, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Craft Kids, 1:30 p.m.
- 15 Photography With Your Phone, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 Storytime, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Summer Reading Picnic, 12:00 p.m.

We'll see you soon at the library!

Come along with Gordon on his fantastic adventure and see magic the way it was meant to be--for the fun of it! Gordon Russ, magician to the world, is coming to the Rawson Memorial Library! Gather the kids and prepare to be amazed. The show starts at 1:30 p.m., and admission is Free. Gordon and his trusty sidekick, George the Raccoon, have traveled the globe in search of smiles, laughs, and fun.

Hold onto your hats and don't blink an eye!

Comedy Magic Show
 Monday, June 24th at 1:30 p.m.



Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9 a.m.—8 p.m.
 Tuesday, Thursday | 9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
 Saturday | 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

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