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# NEWS & EVENTS

## Happy 20th Birthday, *MeLCat!*

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Michigan eLibrary Catalog (MeLCat) and inter-library loan service. All patrons who participate in MeL are invited to share their MeLCat stories at [https://mel.libwizard.com/f/MeLCat\\_Story\\_Survey](https://mel.libwizard.com/f/MeLCat_Story_Survey).

—Mittens, the MeLCat



*Good Neighbor Event*

*Everyone is welcome*

*September 25th*

10:00a.m.- 11:00a.m.

**Come celebrate what it means to be a good neighbor!**

### Is your little one learning how to read?

Shelia Robinson, Certified Reading Interventionist, is offering three fun-filled sessions for parents and children 4 to 6 years old using the Brain Friendly Reading Program. Using high-impact fun games, Shelia will teach how you can help your child develop their reading skills. 3 free sessions are offered. New games will be played at each session. You will leave with the games and a \$10 coupon if you want to purchase additional materials. Dates are Wednesday, August 6 and Tuesday, August 12 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (The 3<sup>rd</sup> session will be determined with parent input). Call Rawson Library (989-872-2856) to reserve your spot.

## Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up

Thank you to all who participated in the summer reading program this year. We had record breaking participation this year across the board in all age groups. Over 150 patrons in the 0-12 age range came into the library to receive their summer reading bags.

The Color Our World theme was a big hit with patrons of all ages. The kids craft programming had full attendance over the whole summer. The art pieces made by the children decorated our library and were on display for people to enjoy.

Story Time embraced the Color Our World theme by having our young patrons make some very special self portraits. Books enjoyed at Story Time were *Izzy Paints*, *Little Green Peas*, and the children's classic *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?*

At the wrap-up picnic the children went on a scavenger hunt to complete our "library snake" by finding rocks of all of the colors of the rainbow. We also enjoyed lunch and a few other games. The most anticipated part of the picnic is always whatever fun our favorite Teen Programming Librarian will allow us to do to him every year, and as always Lukas Kolakowski did not disappoint! We drew names of the children and they pried Lukas with a delicious, albeit messy whip cream pie.

Special thanks go out to all of the Rawson Friends of the Library, The Cass Theatre, and Caro Dairy Queen. The volunteer support of the friends and the awesome donations from these wonderful businesses help make our Summer Reading Program successful.



### Did you know that since January 1, 2025...

We've had 122 programs attended by 2,046 people of all ages.

Twenty-two organizations have partnered with us.

There have been 13,249 library visits.

Library staff has a combined 48 years 2 months of experience.

387 new items have been added to the collection for you to enjoy.



## STORY TIME!

THURSDAY MORNINGS 10:00-11:00  
September, October, & November

Ages 2-5

What Story Time encourages:

Language Development & Literacy Skills

Cultivating a Love for Reading & Learning

Imagination & Creativity Unleashed

Building Social Skills & Community Bonds



### Bookmark Challenge Winners!

0-5 Hayden Foley

6-12 Adelaide Little

13-19 Kayden Pettis

Adult Ruby Burk



Be on the lookout for your creations at the circulation desk.

**Thank you to all who participated!**

## TEENS

We are excited to announce the return of our Pokémon and LEGO clubs beginning in September. Pokémon Club will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, and LEGO Club the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Exact dates can be found on our monthly bookmark schedules available at the circulation desk.

We had a great turnout for the teen portion of the summer reading program this year, with over two dozen teens signed up to read their way towards movie theatre tickets, ice cream coupons, and drawing entries for a quality marker and drawing pad set, and an instant film camera. We had a lot of fun during our several Teen Times throughout the summer, making art in all sorts of different ways; that included hosting Marvel Comics illustrator Jerry DeCaire as he did a live demonstration of illustration and answered questions about an artist's way of life. We here at Rawson and the teens that attended any of our events this summer seem to share the same thought: We can't wait for next year!

We also have a few ideas for after school teen clubs/activities, so be sure to watch for announcements as we approach back-to-school time again.



**New Staff Member at  
Rawson Library**

Madeline Ewald is our new Library Page. Maddy, as she prefers to be called, is a fan of Holly Black books and loves reading fantasy. She moved to Cass City three years ago from Caro. Her parents homeschooled her, and she graduated at 15 years old! She enjoys graphic design, painting landscapes, and riding her two horses—one of which she's trained to smile! Stop by the library on Monday and Wednesday evenings or Tuesday afternoons (plus a few Saturdays each month), and you'll see Maddy's smiling face at the circulation desk. If you don't see her, she might be in the back, covering and preparing new materials for circulation (her favorite job)! Be sure to say hi and introduce yourself to our newest team member.



## COOKBOOK CLUB

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.

**August 11**—*Around the World in 80 Recipes*

**September 8**—*Southern Keto* by Natasha Newton

**October 13**—*Smitten Kitchen Keepers* by Deb Perelman



## RAVENOUS READERS BOOK CLUB

We will soon have our new list for 2025-2026! The **Ravenous Readers Book Club** meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ noon from September through May (no meeting in December). If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library and ask for Pam.

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## Tai Chi for Better SLEEP

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Kris Swartzendruber, MSU Extension Educator, is offering Tai Chi for Better Sleep Mondays and Wednesdays, September 22 – November 12 (10-11 am on Mondays and 10-11:30 am on Wednesdays), at the Rawson Library. This class is for adults, and there is no registration fee.

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise combining slow movement, deep breathing, and focused intention. Its benefits include increased strength, balance, and posture; fall prevention; improvement of mind, body, and spirit; stress reduction; and increased relaxation.

Modifications will be provided for those who want to attend seated or standing.

Following the instruction and practice of Tai Chi, participants will receive SLEEP education: the relationship between pain and sleep, sleep hygiene, and techniques to improve sleep.

To register, call Rawson Memorial Library at 989-872-2856 or sign up on our website, [www.rawsonlibrary.org](http://www.rawsonlibrary.org). For more information, email Kris Swartzendruber at [swartze6@msu.edu](mailto:swartze6@msu.edu).

# Upcoming Library Events

## AUGUST

- 1, 2 Big Book Sale
- 6, 12 We Shall Read, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Library Closed for Labor Day
- 4, 11, 18 Story Time, 10:00 a.m.  
We Shall Read, 3:30 p.m.
- 5 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 8 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 9, 25 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 22, 24, 29 Tai Chi, 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 25 Neighbor Day Celebration, 10:00 a.m.
- 29 Friends of Library Benefit Auction

## OCTOBER

- 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Tai Chi, 10:00 a.m.
- 2, 9, 16, 23 Story Time, 10:00 a.m.
- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 14, 23 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 15 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 22 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.



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