

# Rawson Memorial

District Library

## NEWS & EVENTS

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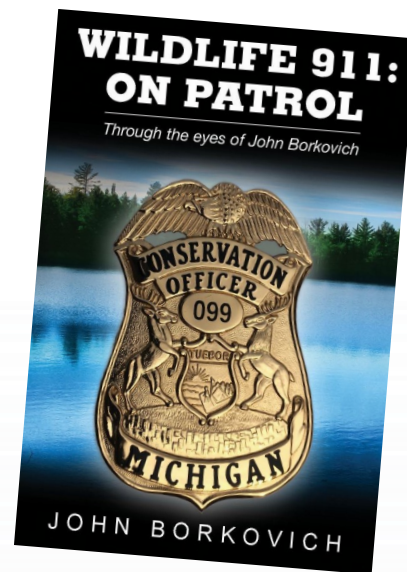


**Friends**  
of Rawson Library

### **Author Visit & Book Signing**

Wildlife Conservation Officer John Borkovich is the author of *Wildlife 911: On Patrol* a compilation of incidents and stories from his work protecting and preserving Michigan wildlife and natural resources. He will share stories and have a book signing at Rawson Library on Monday, September 16 at 1:30 p.m.

A graduate of Michigan State University, John was hired as a Michigan Conservation Officer in 1985. He worked as part of the DNR Firearms Transition Team, a firearms instructor, a Field Training Officer for recruiting conservation officers, an instructor at the Conservation Officer Police Academy held at the Michigan State Police headquarters in Lansing, as well as an adjunct professor at St. Clair County Community College in the criminal justice department. He has received many awards and accommodations: The Shikar Safari International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award and the National Wildlife Turkey Federation Michigan Officer of the Year.



**Monday,  
September 16  
1:30 p.m.**

Join us for an exciting presentation by John about  
*Wildlife 911*.



Film Festival is coming to Cass City

This Film Festival screens simultaneously across the world during a one-week period, where attendees vote for Best Film and Best Actor awards at each participating venue. Every short film selected will automatically become qualified for the Oscars of 2025. Not only do

MANHATTAN SHORT filmgoers get the chance to watch the cream of the crop of this year's international short films, every audience votes for their favorite film and actor. Showings at Rawson Memorial Library are Saturday, September 28, 1 pm; Monday, September 30, 5:30 pm; Thursday, October 3, 1 pm. Invite your family and friends to join you at one of these showings.

**Saturday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, September 30 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.**

### Summer Reading Program Wrap Up

The summer reading program was a great success! Patrons had the option this year to log their reading online using the mobile app Beanstack. Participants logged their reading progress and created their read and bead necklaces. Young patrons participated by completing early literacy activities to earn prizes. Patrons loved this year's theme Adventure at your Library. We embraced this theme by choosing to decorate the library in a camping style. Some of the prizes available to win included walkie talkies, binoculars, sleeping bag, and flashlight to inspire further outdoor adventure.

At Story Time Owlbert joined us and we kept the adventure going by reading *Goodnight Great Outdoors*, *Night Animals Need Sleep Too*, *Run Wild*, and *Explorers of the Wild*. We also took our adventure outside by decorating the library side walk with chalk and we used our binoculars to hunt for hidden animals throughout the library. For 6-12 year olds we did some fun crafts that included rock painting and firefly jar decorating.

Gordon the Magician stopped by Rawson Library to entertain patrons young and old with his humor and magic.

At the wrap-up picnic we enjoyed lunch, played games, and each participant received a book to take home. A picnic highlight was the "silly string initiation" of our newest librarian Lukas Kolakowski. Lukas was an excellent sport when he enthusiastically allowed our young readers to cover him head to toe in silly string!

Specials thanks go out to all of the Rawson Friends of the Library. The Friends volunteer their time and energy into making these events great.

### Teen Time

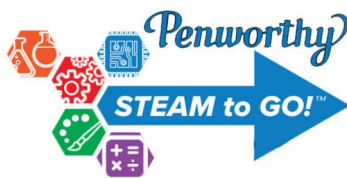
We had a great summer "on the road" during our Teen Times. A lot of summer plans, food, and good times were shared. It has been great getting to know the teens that frequent the library, as well as the ones that are new to our library. We also have been pleased with the turnout each week, averaging about a dozen teens. It has been a blast playing games, decorating cupcakes, and planning road trips, among other activities. We can't wait for next summer, and hope to see even more new faces.

## BABY & TODDLER PLAYGROUP



Join us for Baby & Toddler Playgroup! 2nd Thursdays in September, October & November from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Ages 0-3 welcome.

**Please be sure to register for Playgroup at the circulation desk, online, or by phone. Limited Space Available.**



### Penworthy® STEAM to GO!™ Kits

Thanks to a generous grant from the Pinney Foundation, Rawson Library now has 5 STEAM to GO!™ Kits from Penworthy®. Each kit may be checked out to borrow for 2 weeks. The kits are as follows:



- STEM in Motion Kit (gr 1-3)
- Building and Design Kit (gr 1-4)
- Science & Nature Kit (gr 4+)
- Green Energy Kit (gr 4+)
- The Explore Circuits Kit (gr 4+)

## Story Time!



**Rawson Library invites you to join us for stories, singing, and crafts the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in September, October & November 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Ages 2-5 welcome.**

Rawson's Smart Start Story Times help develop children's early literacy skills. Developing these literacy skills can have lifelong benefits, such as building confidence and self-esteem, encouraging independent learning, improving attention span, and enriching communication skills.

**Please be sure to register for Story Times at the circulation desk, online, or by phone. Limited Space Available.**

## Preserving Series by MSU Extension

Laurie Messing, MSU Extension Food Safety Educator, is presenting two classes to help you preserve your summer harvest. On Tuesday, August 13 at 1:00 p.m. **Preserving Dried Ingredients** to learn how to dehydrate summer produce to use as ingredients in your dishes all year long. Then on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. Laurie is offering **The Gift of Preservation** where you'll get ideas for what you can preserve for holiday gifts to give. She'll also share ideas for gifting preservation equipment for safe home food preservation. Join us for these free classes at Rawson Memorial Library.



**We love our library  
and we love our Friends!**

The Friends of the Library (FOL) group has generously donated tote bags for new patrons at Rawson library.

The tote bags arrived just in time to celebrate library card sign up month in September.

Don't worry if you already have a library card, the bags are also available to purchase in the library for \$8. It's a great way to support the project, the library, and to show your love of reading.

Thank you Friends!



**August 12**—*The Lake Michigan Cottage Cookbook* by Amelia Levin

**September 9**—*The Kitchen without Borders*  
by The EAT OFFBEAT Chefs

**October 14**—*The Harvest Baker* by Ken Haedrich

Since we began earlier this year, our wonderful group of club participants have created almost 150 recipes from 6 different cookbooks! We have had a terrific time trying out popular cookbooks, as well as gluten-free, Japanese, and copycat recipes.

**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 and ask for Pam.



**September 25**—*The Bookbinder* by Pip Williams

**October 23**—*While You Were Out* by Meg Kissinger

We have our new list for 2024-2025! **The Ravenous Readers Book Club** meets the 4th Wednesday of each month @ noon from September through May (no meeting in December). The library will have 2 copies of each book (regular and large print) available for checkout, and the books will also be available to borrow through MeL & Libby. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856 and ask for Pam.



**Crafty Creators Club**

Meet with fellow crafters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Rawson Library. Bring your crocheting, knitting, beading, painting or other projects you are working on for a dedicated time of crafting and get to know other crafters in the area.



**LEGO Club and Pokémon Club**



We are excited to announce the return of both LEGO Club and Pokémon Club this September. There will be two LEGO Clubs and two Pokémon Clubs per month. Pokémon Club is on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and LEGO Club is on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday of each month. Bookmarks with our monthly event schedules are available for free at the circulation desk.

### 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



## AUGUST

- 1-3 Big Book Sale
- 12 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Preserving Dried Ingredients, 1:00 p.m.
- 13, 27 Crafty Creators, 1:00 p.m.
- 17 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 20 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 Closed for Labor Day
- 4, 18 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 5, 19 Story Time, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 9 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Gift of Preservation, 1:00 p.m.
- 10, 24 Crafty Creators, 1:00 p.m.
- 10, 26 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 12 Playgroup, 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Author Visit, 1:30 p.m.
- 17 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 21 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 25 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- 28 Manhattan Short, 1:00 p.m.
- 30 Manhattan Short, 5:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER

- 2, 16 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 Manhattan Short, 1:00 p.m.
- 3, 17 Story Time, 10:00 a.m.
- 4 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 8, 22 Crafty Creators, 1:00 p.m.
- 8, 24 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 10 Playgroup, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Cookbook Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Bingo, 12:30 p.m.
- 23 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.

We'll see you soon at the library!

JOIN NOW



Crafty Creators



clubs

**BIG BOOK SALE**

Thursday, Aug. 1  
Friday, Aug. 2  
Saturday, Aug. 3

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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