

Rawson Memorial District Library

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This newsletter is
brought to you by:
The Friends of Rawson Library

NEWS & EVENTS

Children's Christmas Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 16th

10:00-11:00 am

Ages 3 to 4th Grade
Children 3-8 years must be
accompanied by an adult



Bookmark Challenge Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the 2023 bookmark challenge.

Kindergarten through 6th grade: Ekko Scott & Adelaide Little

7th grade through 12th grade: Abby Du Toit

Adult: Kim Howell

The winners bookmarks will be professionally printed and
available at the circulation counter. All other entries will be
displayed around the library. Great job to those who entered!

A New Look

Throughout this year we have been sharing information about having the library painted, carpeted, and rearranged. The time has finally arrived! Because of all that needs to be done, **the library will be completely closed starting Monday, November 20 through (at least) Monday, December 11.** (Unforeseen circumstances may mean that we have to be closed beyond December 11. If that is the case, we will post that information on Facebook and the electronic sign.)

Please note that between November 20 and December 11:

1. We will not be able to check out or accept returned items.
 - a. During the week prior to November 20, please come to the library and check out as many items as you think you'll need/want. We'll adjust the due date so that everything will be due after December 11. We will allow you to check out more items than normal if necessary. DVDs will be checked out for this extended time at the same price of 50¢. Hot Spots will be checked out for this extended time at the same price of \$5.00.
 - b. You will not be able to return items until after we re-open. All of our computers will be stored, so we cannot check in items, and because the bookshelves will be moved we will not be able to put books back on the shelves, so we request that you keep the items at home until we are open again for business.
2. There will not be RIDES delivery, which means there will not be any MeL interloans.
 - a. Our MeLCat borrowing and lending will be suspended two weeks before our last day of RIDES service to reduce items in delivery. The expected last day of RIDES service will be Friday, November 17.
 - b. Please return as many items as possible before November 15.
 - c. You will be able to review your MeLCat accounts and renew materials via My MeLCat.

We regret that there are other services that we cannot provide during this time such as printing and faxing services, meeting rooms for individuals or groups, and regular programming. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



Use MeL's eResources to find information!

In addition to some of the other databases we've covered in past newsletters, another popular eResource is **AtoZdatabases**. This database is an information hub like the white pages that allows you to search for addresses and phone numbers of businesses or individual residents. In addition, it also allows you to search for jobs in your area. With over 65 million businesses, 240 million residents, and 7 million job listings, *AtoZdatabases* is an excellent site for all your reference questions.

In using this database to search for businesses, just type in the business name, and when the results appear, you can see all sorts of data including the ownership, hours of operation, nearby businesses, industry & demographic profiles, and more—including job listings by Indeed. In searching for people, you may enter a name with or without an address, or you can do a reverse search with a phone number. In searching for jobs, you can search for a particular business, listings in a particular town, or narrow your search to part or full time work. The jobs database also has career resources including resume templates and interview suggestions. You can even do advanced searches to look up over 12 million healthcare professionals or create a mailing list to advertise your business.

How do you begin using *AtoZdatabases*? Connect to MeL through our website (www.rawsonlibrary.org), open up the eResources tab, click on *AtoZdatabases*, and begin your search. You then may email, download, or print your results. Are you looking for other kinds of information than what is covered in this database? We would be glad to help you in person at the library also.

Pam Wright, Assistant Library Director



Baby & Toddler Play Group

Join us for the 2nd Thursday of the month for Jan-Apr at 10:00-11:00 a.m. for a fun and relaxed program with music, a felt story, and of course, lots of playtime!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 0-3

Limited spacing available. Must pre-register at the circulation desk, by phone, or online. 989.872.2856



Studies have shown that the more children ages 0-5 hear books read to them at home, the more prepared they will be to learn to read upon reaching kindergarten.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a self-guided, ongoing program for all children, from birth up until they start school, with the goal of encouraging every child to read at least 1000 books before kindergarten.

Any book your child hears counts toward their program goal, including coming to story time at the library and books that you have read before, so children can begin this program at any age and easily meet their goal!

Stop by the circulation desk today to register your child for 1000B4K.

BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Gain free access to more than 135,000 books in audio and braille, delivered to your door or by download. Fill out an application, or call **1-800-992-9012** for more information.



Smart Start Storytimes



• your partner in education •



Rawson Library invites you to join us for stories, singing, and crafts on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for

January-April at 10:00 a.m.—10:45 a.m. Ages 2-5 welcome.

Rawson's Smart Start Storytimes 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 Storytimes at the circulation desk, online, or by phone. Limited space available. 989.872.2856

Woodwork Show Slated

Area residents who enjoy making cabinets, furniture, bowls, figurines, and other projects from wood are invited to share their craft with the community at the Rawson Memorial Library Woodwork Show slated for February 2024. Items will be displayed throughout the library for the entire month.

Items for this show may include furniture, such as cabinets, tables, and chairs, or small items such as clock cases, candlesticks, bowls, picture frames and

shelves, etc. Projects must be finished.

Items do not need to have been constructed recently. Residents with a handmade family piece are welcome to include it in the display.

Because of space limitations, limiting the display to 3 or 4 pieces per person may be necessary. Items for the show should be brought to the library between January 29 – 31, 2024. When you drop off your items we'll have a form for you to complete with information about the item. If you have any questions, please call the library at 989-872-2856 or email director@rawsonlibrary.org.

Now available with Libby...



Add multiple libraries!

White Pine Library Cooperative (Rawson Memorial) patrons may access even more books from other Michigan library cooperatives. Do you already have the Libby app? Check the list below to see if you have all of libraries listed. Availability of the item you are looking for increases with each library you add. Have you already added some? Again, check the list to make sure you have them all; more have been added!

To add your card to a partner library:

1. In the Libby App, select *Menu* from toolbar at bottom of screen
 2. Under *Your Libraries*, click *Add Library*
 3. In the text box asking for *Library Name, City, or Zip*, begin typing one of the following groups, and the Content Group should appear
 - Download Destination
 - Great Lakes Digital Libraries
 - Lakeland Digital Library
 - Metro Net Library Consortium
 - Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
 - Suburban Library Cooperative
 - UpNorth Digital Collection
 - Woodlands Downloadable Library
 4. On the next screen click *Sign In With My Card*
 5. Your home library should appear and click on it
 6. Enter your library card number and click *Sign In*
 7. Complete these steps for each Content Group
 8. Once linked they will stay under *Your Libraries* under the menu tab
- Also NEW, you no longer have to toggle between the Content Groups to search their collections; a single search will show all the groups which have the item in their holding. Then you may choose the library group that has the item available to borrow immediately or the shortest hold time.

Clubs @Rawson

Please check the calendar of events on the website or follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information.



November 1: *The Martian* by Andy Weir

January 24: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi

The Ravenous Readers meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at noon.

The library will have two copies of each book. You are also welcome to internloan a copy of each book. The library will provide tea and coffee.

Bring your lunch and join us for some great book discussions!

If you are interested in joining this group, stop by the circulation desk for more information or call the library at 989.872.2856.



Pokémon Club

3:30pm-4:30pm.

November 1
January 3



Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for Pokémon Club!

Learn how to play the card game and build your Pokémon deck, trade cards or just show off your collection!

All ages are welcome to attend this free event. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult in order to stay and play. If an adult is not present, the parent/guardian of the child may be called to come and pick up their child(ren).

Lego Club

3:30pm-4:30pm.

All ages are welcome; 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Check calendar of events for upcoming dates.



Library Services

- * Copies & Scanning (up to 11x17 inches)
- * Notary
- * eBooks & eAudiobooks
- * Inter Library Loan
- * Wi-Fi
- * Fax—Send or Receive
- * Meeting Room
- * Study Rooms
- * Home Delivery
- * Wireless Printing
- * DVD & CD Cleaning
- * Computer Work Stations
- * Lamination
- * Hotspots & Laptops
- * Seed Library

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 Better Book Sale, until Christmas.
Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.
- Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 14 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 Library Closed for renovations until
December 12. Re-open date subject to
change.
- 21 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m., at Petal
and Bean.

DECEMBER

- 12 Library re-opens (tentative).
- 16 Children's Christmas Cookie Decorating,
10:00 a.m.
- 19 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Library Closed for Christmas

JANUARY

- 1 Library Closed for New Year
- 3 Pokémon Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 4, 18 Smart Start Storytimes, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Friends of the Library Mtg, 10:00 a.m.
- 9, 25 Lego Club, 3:30 p.m.
- 11 Baby & Toddler Play Group, 10:00 a.m.
- 16 Library Board Mtg, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Ravenous Readers, 12:00 p.m.

We'll see you soon at the library!



Look for us at the
Lighted Christmas Parade
December 2nd!



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See page 1 for more details.

LIBRARY RENOVATION UPDATE



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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