

## NEWS & EVENTS

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### HOLIDAY THEME BOOK PAGE CRAFT CONTEST

Grab a book (from your stash or ours) and get creative!

#### CONTEST CATEGORIES

1) *Folding* or 2) *Crafting*.

You may enter one or both contest categories.

#### FOLDING

Only folding allowed, no cutting, use minimal glue.



#### CRAFTING

Cut, fold, glue, color, glitter, bedazzle etc.



#### AGE GROUPS FOR ENTRANTS

**Adult** (18+)

**Youth** (7th-12th grade)

**Child** (up to 6th grade)

#### PRIZES

Each contest category will have one winner in each age group (total of 6 winners!).

Each winner receives 2 Cass Theatre movie tickets!

#### TO ENTER

Bring your contest entry to the library for display and admiration no later than 10 am, December 14, 2020.

Winners announced 12/15/20

See you at the  
Lighted Christmas Parade!  
Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:00 p.m.



#### CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:

Rawson Library is partnering with Cass City Rotary to help make Christmas special for area children. If you would like to donate a new book for a local child to receive this Christmas, please drop it off at Rawson Library during regular business hours. Books are appreciated for children of all ages and may be dropped off until Monday, November 30.



'Twas the Night Before  
Christmas and American  
Christmas Traditions!

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### Christmas Take and Make Kids Craft

Craft Kits include all supplies and directions to make an ornament for your Christmas tree!

Call us at 872-2856 after November 30th to schedule a time to pick up your Craft kit. Limited supply available.



### 'Twas the Night before Christmas and American Christmas Traditions!

The fascinating real life story of The Night Before Christmas launched December 1<sup>st</sup> on chimes to life as told by educational entertainer, Martina Mathisen, along with the stories of our American Christmas Traditions.

Why do we kiss under mistletoe? Why do we decorate with poinsettias? Where did the jolly old man in the red suit come from anyway? And so many more traditions explained!

This virtual program will be launched December 1<sup>st</sup> on [www.rawsonlibrary.org](http://www.rawsonlibrary.org). Click on the link "The Night Before Christmas" to watch. You may watch it any time, any day during the next four weeks. There's no charge – so grab a hot cocoa and a few Christmas cookies and enjoy this wonderful holiday program.





## Christmas Story Time

Saturday, December 5

at 10 a.m.

Join us on Facebook as Ms. Jesika shares some stories in a special Christmas story time.



## Take and Make Holiday Craft

Craft Kits include all supplies and directions to make a paper poinsettia craft that looks beautiful as a wall hanging or table centerpiece.

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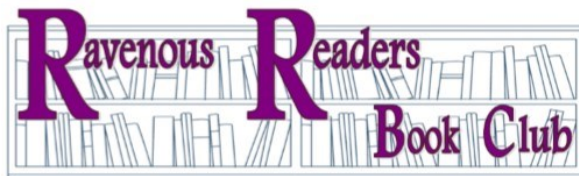
The Rawson Library staff has three new team members.

Lana Muscott joins us as a Library Clerk. She was born in Midland, MI and now lives in Gagetown, but life has taken her around Michigan to Ferndale, Troy, Holly, and Jackson. Lana and her husband, Brandon have one son, Gavin who's 15 and home schooled. In her free time, Lana enjoys reading, crochet, arts and crafts, watching movies and listening to podcasts. She and her family enjoy playing board games and camping.

The youngest member of our staff is Lukas Kolakowski who is our Library Page. He's lived in Snover and Forestville and now calls Deford home. His mom was a Cass City High School Valedictorian, Dad served in Vietnam, his three brothers are farmers, and his sister is a caregiver for the elderly. Lukas enjoys many outdoor activities such as hiking, skiing, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and volleyball. He is homeschooled, is a voracious reader, and enjoys taking care of his goats!

schools and are very involved in sports. Nicole enjoys cooking, gardening, camping and being with family and friends. As Nicole says, "We have a very busy life, but we love it!" We are so glad she's found time to care for our library as our Custodian.

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Join the Ravenous Readers as we participate in Book Club through our Facebook Page.

Search for :



Click the JOIN button to request to join.





**Have you tried MeL, our free Interlibrary Loan service?**

MeL is the statewide resource-sharing project that makes books and some media from libraries around Michigan available to patrons of participating libraries. Over 20 million items are available from over 400 libraries statewide. For items that you cannot find on our shelves, you might want to try Michigan eLibrary's catalog!

So, how exactly does it work?

It's easy! For patrons with a valid library card, all you need to do is start your search through the MeL link found on our website. (You may also give us a call, email, or ask for help at the desk.) If an item is available, you can follow the prompts to make a request, and the item will be delivered here to our library. You will then be contacted when your item has arrived and is available to be picked up at the desk. When you have finished with an item, you simply return it to Rawson Memorial, and we will send the item back to the lending library.

So, is there anything new with MeL?

Yes, some updates have been made since the beginning of the year, and now the loan times for the items you check out through MeL have been extended. Books had a 3 week checkout period, but now the length of the loan to patrons is 4 weeks with the option of one 4 week renewal. Audio visuals had a loan period of 1 week, but now the checkout period is 2 weeks, with still no renewals on these items.

Many of our library patrons have already been using MeL. We would be happy to help you access this great resource as well. Happy reading!

Pam Wright, Circulation & MeL Services Librarian

Greetings from Friends of the Library

**MARY'S MINUTE:**

Thank you. Your support of our book sale event is appreciated. Libraries are a way for us to invest in possibilities for the future growth of our community. We will continue to do our part to keep our library strong and growing. Consider joining Friends of the Library and helping our community through library support activities. A membership form can be found on the library website or inside the library.

"I see libraries and librarians as frontline soldiers in the war against illiteracy and lack of imagination." Neil Gaiman

Mary Keroson- FOL Chair



**BETTER BOOK SALE**

Stop in and check out our Better Book sale going on now through Friday, December 18. Great prices on many new and next-to-new books. These books make excellent Christmas gifts and you can also find bargains for your own book shelf to enjoy on wintery nights!



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"I can no other answer but thanks, and thanks; and ever thanks." – William Shakespeare

As Thanksgiving is just around the corner, here's a few of the things I am thankful for:

- \* You! Thanks for sticking with us during this unprecedented year. We're so glad to see you curbside or inside for Grab & Go service.
- \* The Friends of the Library for hosting remote book sales at the Farmer's Market. Thanks for all your hard work!
- \* The Library Board for their support, wisdom, and guidance.
- \* Rawson's creative and dedicated staff who work every day to provide services to the community in new and interesting ways. Many thanks for all you do!
- \* The opportunity to have known and worked with Ann Craig who was a gentle, kind and faithful librarian at Rawson for 42 years. She will be greatly missed.

I hope that you have much to be grateful for this year and that you have a thankful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas! ~ Ruth Steele, Library Director



## Would you like home delivery?

Rawson Memorial Library is pleased to offer Home Delivery. This program provides services to those who are unable to get to the library because of:

- \*Long term illness
- \*Recovery from surgery or illness of 6 weeks or longer
- \*Non-driver status (senior)
- \*Physical challenges
- \*Problems getting out in the winter (senior)



If you are interested in receiving these services, please call the library and we'll get you set up.

## Library Services

Copies & Scanning up to 11x17	Study Rooms
Notary	Home Delivery
eBooks & eAudiobooks	Wireless Printing
Interlibrary Loan— <a href="http://www.mel.org">www.mel.org</a>	DVD & CD Cleaning
Fax—Send or Receive	Computer Work Stations
Meeting Room	Lamination

## Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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