

Rawson Memorial

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Dr. Seuss Week March 1-5th

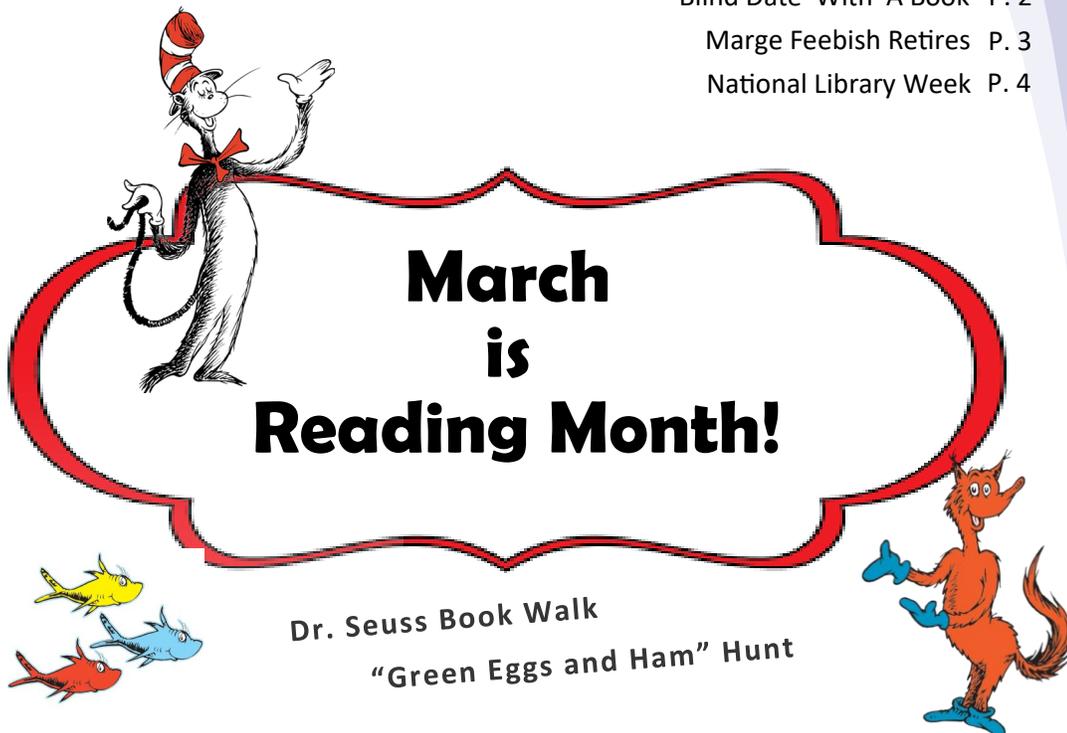
Pinney Foundation Supports Library Programming

The Pinney Foundation has been a big supporter of the library throughout the years and in 2020 it was no different. They graciously supported our request for equipment for virtual programming so that we can provide events and information to our patrons during the continuing pandemic conditions as well as into the future. With their funding, we purchased a laptop, microphone, ring light, and green screen.

Special Programming Librarian, Jesika Struve & virtual programming equipment purchased with Pinney Foundation funding.



Special Programming Librarian, Jesika Struve, as well as other staff members greatly appreciate having this equipment to better serve our patrons. We thank the Pinney Foundation for their continued support of Rawson Library.



In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March has been named National Reading Month – a month to encourage patrons of all ages to read every day. Reading is fun and has quite a few benefits. It has immediate and lasting health benefits such as increased memory, vocabulary, empathy and decreased levels of stress.

Join us as we celebrate **Dr. Seuss Week** at Rawson Library, on March 1-5th.

Stop in the library and enjoy a Dr. Seuss Book Walk and a "Green Eggs and Ham" Hunt. Receive a small prize and goodie bag with a take home "Cat In the Hat" craft kit and a "Hop On Pop" Popcorn snack.



Blind Date with a Book



Single? In a relationship? "It's complicated"? No matter!

During the entire month of February, you can head to Rawson Memorial Library and have a mysterious match up. If you are up for a rendezvous, all you have to do is check out one of the books on display. They are all wrapped in paper, and you won't know the identity of your blind date until you get it home.

Will it be fiction or non-fiction? Funny, informative, entertaining, or heart-breaking?

Spend some time getting to know your date. There will be no uncomfortable questions to answer, no awkward lulls in conversation, no need to put on nice shoes, or even to get out of your pajamas! Sure, you might be disappointed but then again... you may end up having a great time with something you would otherwise never have ventured to read.

Inside the cover of each book is a "Rate Your Blind Date" slip. If you are so inclined, you can say whatever you want about it. Even if your date turns out to be a dud, (don't worry; its feelings won't be hurt), all is not lost! With each COMPLETED slip that you return, you will be entered into a drawing.

One lucky winner will earn a gift card to Petal N Bean Company.

Give us a call at 989.872.2856 to schedule a Grab and Go appointment between February 1 and 26. If you would rather, you can schedule a Curbside Appointment and we would be happy to randomly choose a book for you.

You might get lucky; if not in love then perhaps in literature!

Limit 2 per check out.

Smart Start Storytimes

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Preschool VIRTUAL Story Times are right around the corner!

Join us as we read stories based on the theme:

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Thursday mornings in April at 10:00am

Rawson Library's Smart Start Story Times teach creative expression, social skills, listening comprehension, and the foundations of reading through letter and number recognition and vocabulary building.

Follow our Facebook page for any updates to this event.

Thank You

to all library patrons that purchased books for children in our community in conjunction with Rotary's Christmas for Kids Program. Thanks for helping make Christmas brighter for these children – and encouraging a love of reading.

MAGAZINE SALE

During the month of February the library will be having its annual magazine sale.

This consists of library discards only. No donations please.

eMAGAZINES NOW IN LIBBY APP

The RBDigital collection (ebooks, digital audiobooks and emagazines) is being transferred into the the Overdrive collection.

You can now enjoy easy access to the entire digital collection in one easy app! When the transfer is complete, the RBDigital platform and app will retire.

You can find a link to the Overdrive collection on the library website or at <https://fuelyourmind.overdrive.com/>

We are always happy to assist patrons getting started using this great resource.



Join the Ravenous Readers as we participate in Book Club through our Facebook page. Search for the group titled "Ravenous Reader's Book Club at Rawson Library" and click the join button to request to join.

In February we will be reading "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes. This rewarding novel is about women's friendship, true love and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond. March's book is titled "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro. This memoir is about a shocking family secret that is revealed through a genealogy test, the ethical dilemmas surrounding fertility treatments and an exploration into paternity, love and identity. In April we will read "Miracle Creek" by Angie Kim. This is a quick paced murder mystery that also explores the intense atmosphere of courtroom drama. It also showcases the challenges that arise in parenting a child with special needs and navigating life as an immigrant family.

Each month a picture of the month's book is posted on the Ravenous Reader's group page with discussion questions posted in the comments. Feel free to answer the discussion questions or just comment your thoughts and opinions about the book.

We look forward to some great discussions in the next coming months!

Marge Feebish retires

On a beautiful spring day in May, 1994 Marge Feebish began working at Rawson Library and for 26 years she went above and beyond in all she did for patrons and fellow staff. Her smile and welcoming spirit made Senior Movies and home deliveries a delight. Her flair for decorating and hosting events made our programs special events. Marge was the library's cheerleader both here in the building and throughout the community.

On a beautiful autumn day in November, 2020 library staff gathered to honor Marge and wish her well as she begins the retirement chapter of her life. Our COVID-style party included meeting outside her home, masks, balloons, sparkling grape juice, scratch-off tickets, cards and well-wishes from patrons and members of the community, and a beautiful stained glass of the library made by Mimi Nicol. Once again, Marge made us all smile and feel welcome! Thank you, Marge for being a special part of Rawson Library!



MARY'S MINUTE:

Greetings from
Friends of the Library

Tax Forms

The Federal and State governments are both encouraging taxpayers to file tax forms online and use online resources to print copies of forms. This year the library will be getting some print forms, and we are also able to assist you in downloading and printing forms for 10¢ a page. Members of the staff are happy to give assistance in locating forms, but cannot give help with tax questions. Federal tax forms are available at www.irs.gov/forms-instructions. Michigan forms are available at <https://www.michigan.gov/taxes>.



Marge Feebish, honored for her exceptional service to the community!

LESSONS LEARNED: Reading has been the one thing we could count on during this Covid-19 pandemic.

Director Steele and her staff have continued to work to keep your library services available in the safest way for our community.

Supporting our library is one thing you can do while staying home.

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library."
Albert Einstein

Mary Keroson
FOL Chair

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Are you a person who selects a word to focus on for the year? If so, you may have picked "Hope" or "Gratitude" or something similar. I've never done this, although I've often thought it's a good way to mindfully look for positive aspects of each day. But this year, I feel compelled to do so, and compelled to share it with you so that you can keep me accountable. My word is... "Celebrate"! In 2021 I want to celebrate more. Celebrate people. Celebrate the little (and big) victories of the day. Celebrate reading. Celebrate the library. Every day I hope to find a reason to celebrate. And one day this year, when we've kicked COVID to the curb, let's celebrate together at the library. Let's fill the library with people, laughter, reading, Story Times, Friends of the Library meetings, Legos and American Girl Dolls, and...great big mask-less smiles! Until that day, I hope you find joy in your day and many things to celebrate.

Ruth Steele, Library Director

Memorial Gifts 2020

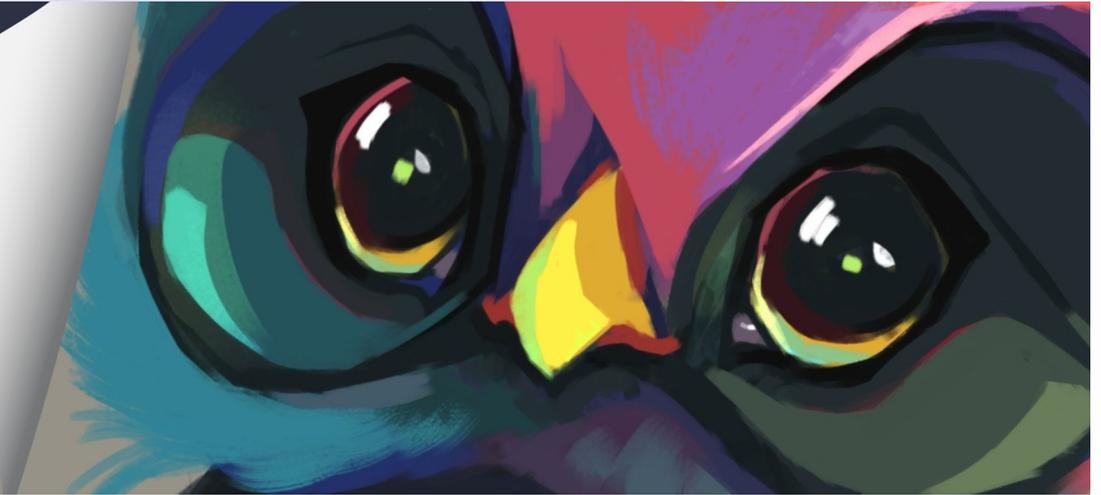
Memorial Gifts given to Rawson Memorial District Library in loving memory of:

- * Ann Craig
- * Donna Emerson (*in honor of*)
- * Michael Falatko
- * Elsie Fessler (*in honor of*)
- * Raymond Fox
- * Ruth Lucille Guc
- * David Hamlin
- * Barbara Hanby
- * Dean Hoag
- * Michelle Hoppe (*in honor of*)
- * Alvin Hutchinson
- * Renae Marie "Nae" Janssen
- * Frank Kemp
- * Donald Lorentzen
- * George McKee
- * Jeanne McPhail
- * Dale Mellendorf
- * Joyce Neal
- * Carol Ann Parrott
- * LaVern Rutkoski
- * Sherryl Seeley
- * Patricia Ann "Pat" Smith
- * Robert Jack "Bob" Wagner
- * James Murray "Jim" Wallace
- * Agnes Catherine "Aggie" Zawilinski

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 4-10

SOMETHING EXCITING IS COMING!



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- eBooks & eAudiobooks
- Inter Library Loan—www.mel.org
- Fax—Send or Receive
- Meeting Room
- Study Rooms
- Home Delivery
- Wireless Printing
- DVD & CD Cleaning
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- Lamination

Current Hours

Subject to change

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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