Library Mission: To serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners

I. Call to order
II. Introduction of new employee
III. Approval of agenda
IV. Consent agenda
   A. Minutes of 3/16/2017 Library Board meeting
   B. Bills
V. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from March 2017
VI. Public Comment
VII. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, March 16, 2017
   C. MLA Weekly Newsletter, March 23, 2017
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, March 30, 2017
   E. MLA Weekly Newsletter, April 6, 2017
   F. MLA Weekly Newsletter, April 13, 2017
   G. The Voice, February 2017
VIII. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news
IX. Old Business
   A. Unique Management update
   B. Dynamics upgrade project
X. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy – upcoming meeting on 5/8/17
   B. Finance
   C. Fund Development – update on business mailer
   D. Board Development – report from board members on what was learned
   E. Building – upcoming meeting on 5/8/17
   F. Human Resources
   G. Strategic Planning – report from meeting on 4/7/17
XI. Discussion Items
   A. 2016 Annual Report
XII. Action Items
   A. NOGS Agreement revised
XIII. Public Comment
XIV. Trustee Comments
XV. Adjournment
### Orion Township Public Library
#### Board of Trustees Meeting, March 16, 2017

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1) Call to order @ 6:32 p.m.

2) Agenda, approved as written moved by Phillips/Quinn approved

3) Audit presentation by Aaron Stevens of Abraham & Gaffney – Good audit report with no accounting issues reported.

4) Consent Agenda: moved by Abramczyk/Phillips approved
   a) Minutes from last meeting
   b) Bills

5) Financial reports

6) Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report (Quarterly)

7) Call to the Public – none present

8) Communications
   a) Reviewed items in Board packet on file at Library

9) Director’s report – on file at the Library
   a) Circulation report down 6.71%
   b) Staff & Library News
      i) Bike project is fully funded and the bike is ordered
   c) Friends of the Library – planning for their gala on April 29

10) Old Business
a) Harwood Community Conversation program wrap up meeting discussed as well as where to go from here. Possibly taking the Harwood information into our discussions with our upcoming Strategic Plan update

11) Standing Committee reports

a) Policy – 3/6/17 meeting minutes reviewed, board action required to purge expired patron records and write off the outstanding balance of $76,921.41. NOGS agreement reviewed and amended for presentation to the NOGS Board. Meeting scheduled

b) Finance – no report

c) Fund Development – fund raising mailer to be sent out as soon as it is back from the printer

d) Board Development – Board President has assigned each Board Member to talk with a Librarian about something the Board does not know about

e) Building – 3/6/17 meeting minutes reviewed, no Board action required. Meeting scheduled.

12) Ad Hoc Committee Reports

a) Strategic Planning – meeting scheduled

b) Technology – no report

c) Human Resources – no report

13) Discussion Items

a) Accounting software upgrade. An old version Microsoft Dynamics is the current software. Several other vendors were investigated but updating to the latest version of the current software is deemed to be the best option. Cost estimate is from $7,215 to $11,470. Budget for this item is $10,000.

b) New Strategic Plan – Kimberly Bolen Associates proposal reviewed. Proposal is for $9,750 to $12,500 plus travel as necessary. Budget for this item is $20,000.

c) Circulation – down but how and why?

14) Action Items

a) Policy committee recommends purging 9,572 expired patron records and the associated $76,921 in bad debt. Approved.

b) Motion by Abramczyk/Quinn to upgrade our accounting with Microsoft Dynamics software not to exceed $12,000. Budget for this item is $10,000. Approved

c) Strategic Planning Committee recommends Kimberly Bolen Associates proposal. Proposal is for $9,750 to $12,500 plus travel as necessary. Not to exceed $12,000. Budget for this item is $20,000.

15) New Meetings Scheduled

a) Policy, Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00pm

b) Building, Monday, May 8, 2017 at 8:00pm

c) Strategic Planning, Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 2:00pm
16) Questions from the Public – none present

17) Trustee comments

18) Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

James Phillips
Treasurer, Board of Trustees
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### Orion Township Public Library

For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2017

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<th>Revenues</th>
<th>March Actual</th>
<th>Annual Budget</th>
<th>Actual To Date</th>
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Orion Township Public Library
For the Three Months Ending March 31, 2017

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(1) Credit Union Money Market .50% interest  
(2) Credit Union Savings  
(3) CD maturing 2/19/18 @ 1.125% interest  
(4) CD maturing 2/27/2018 @ 1.200% interest  
(5) Money Market Account, CD  
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity

(6) CD maturing 9/5/17 @ .80% interest  
(7) CD maturing 9/14/2018 @ 1.150% interest  
(8) CD maturing 9/7/2018 @ .90% interest
### ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY

**MARCH 2017**

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(1) Business Checking
(2) Business Savings Sweep
(3) Cafeteria
(4) Business Checking - Donation Account
(5) Business Checking - Donation Account
(6) High Yield Money Market .60% interest
(7) Credit Union Savings
(8) Credit Union Money Market .25% interest
(9) Credit Union Savings
(10) Credit Union Savings
(11) Credit Union MM 1.26% interest
(12) CD maturing 1/25/18 interest increases from .750% to 1.300%
(13) Money Market, Treasury Bills, CD's
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
(14) Money Market, CD
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
The exhibit, The History of Michigan Newspapers, is on display at the Orion Township Public Library now through the end of April.

The Clarke Historical Library celebrated the 200th anniversary of Michigan’s first newspaper’s publication by developing a traveling exhibit around the history of our state’s newspapers.

“We offer a variety of educational experiences for our patrons, and this exhibit will be of interest to those who fondly recall when newspapers were an integral part of daily life in America, as well as those who may have always gathered their news digitally,” said Head of Adult Services, Beth Sheridan. “This exhibit is a look into the newspaper industry’s rich history, and highlights an important part of Michigan’s history!”

On August 31, 1809 the The Michigan Essay: or the Impartial Observer, appeared on the streets of Detroit. It was a small paper of only four pages, and a very short-lived enterprise, but those few pages opened one of the most important windows on Michigan and its people. Americans, then and now, learned about their world, exercised their democratic rights, discovered what was happening in their community, and planned their weekly shopping trips all from the same source at the same time.

Please stop by and view The History of Michigan Newspapers traveling exhibit anytime the library is open. Save the date for a detailed presentation and tour about the exhibit by Frank Boyles, director of The Clarke Historical Library, on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30p.

The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362. The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours, 9:30a-9:00p Monday through Thursday and 9:30a-5:00p Friday and Saturday. For more information contact Beth Sheridan, head of adult services, at 248.693.3000 x332 or sheridan@orionlibrary.org.

This post is contributed by a community member. The views expressed in this post are the author's. Registered users are welcome to post on Patch.
Members making news

The Friends of the Orion Township Library were recently selected as the 2016 Outstanding Friends of the Library Merit Award recipient by the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML). The selection committee was impressed with the breadth of community and library partnerships during the Passport to Spring: Japan, A Festival of Seasons event held on April 30, 2016. The Friends attended an award ceremony on March 23rd in Bloomfield Hills to accept the award.

Carla Tousley, Event Coordinator, receiving the merit award from FOML President, Allison Arnold.

During the Culver's national convention in Chicago in February, Owner Joe Zimmer and General Manager Chris Hoekstra, of Culver's of Lake Orion were awarded the "Commitment to Excellence" award for outstanding service and the "Pride" award for the best appearing restaurant inside and out.

Oakland Christian Schools: On March 23rd, the Chamber welcomed the school board, faculty and staff to the Orion Area Chamber. Founded in 1968, OCS is committed to character growth, resulting in students graduating with excellent academic and life skills training and the ability to serve with moral excellence in their homes, churches and communities. Visit OCS at 3075 shimmering in Auburn Hills or oaklandchristian.com.

Who's In?

Join our growing group of proud Orion Area Chamber members! Dr. Mark Payne, OD of...
The Village Mouse By Cherie Meyers

Front Street Fiddler!
Library Fun

The Orion Township Library holds many classes for youth. Mother Goose is for 1-2-year-olds and held on Tuesday's from 10:10 a.m.

Children at this age develop social, emotional and language skills through movement, stories, songs and rhymes.

Preschool Pals is for children between the ages of 3-6 and held on Tuesday's from 11:10-11:30 a.m.

Preschoolers build vocabulary, language development, and listening comprehension with stories, rhymes, songs, movement and creative expression. - S.C.
Visit Poland at the Orion Township Public Library!
Saturday, April 29, 7:00p-10:00p
The Friends of the Orion Township Public Library will hold their fifth annual cultural fundraiser on Saturday, April 29, from 7:00p to 10:00p at the library.

Come enjoy music and dancing with The Kieczenie Kings, Polish cuisine catered from the Polonia Restaurant in Hamtramck, performances by the St Florian Parish dance troupe, and more! There will be a 17th century Hussar reenactor, classical pianist, Polish art and pottery, a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, cash bar and more.

Tickets for the festival are on sale at the library and online at orionlibrary.org/friends now through Friday, April 28 at 5:00p, at a cost of $35/ticket. There will be no ticket sales on Saturday, but a limited amount of tickets will be available to purchase at the door for $40/ticket. Due to alcohol being served, this is an adult only event. All proceeds support the technology upgrades in the Teen Room at the Orion Township Public Library.

The library will close at 2:00p on Saturday, April 29 in preparation for the event.

The Friends of the Orion Township Library is a 501(c)3 organization whose volunteer members are dedicated to supporting and improving the library by raising funds for services, programs, projects, and resources not provided for by the general library budget.

For more information contact the Friends at 248.693.5003 x350 or friends@orionlibrary.org. The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Jocelyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48362 and is open 9:30a-9:00p Monday through Thursday and 9:30a-5:00p Friday and Saturday.
What’s going on?
Member-sponsored and community events

History of Michigan Newspapers Traveling Exhibit.
The Clarke Historical Library celebrated the 200th anniversary of Michigan's first newspaper's publication by developing a traveling exhibit around the history of our state's newspapers. The History of Michigan Newspapers is on display at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, now through the end of April and may be viewed anytime the library is open. A detailed presentation and tour about the exhibit by Frank Boiles, director of the Clarke Historical Library, is Thursday, April 6 at 6:30 pm.

The Warehouse Monthly Thrift Sale. The creative giving ministry at Woodside Bible Church is hosting their monthly thrift sale on April 8th, 9th and 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. Located at 2500 Joslyn Court in Lake Orion. The Warehouse sells clothing, household items, furniture, decor, jewelry, linens, appliances, crafts, sporting goods, tools, toys, antiques and more. For details visit woodsidebible.org.

Skywarn Training. Coordinated by the Oakland County Homeland Security Division, Skywarn is an effort to save lives during severe weather emergencies by expanding networks of spotters and by encouraging the widest possible participation in tornado warning programs. This Skywarn Training Session is being held to train individuals on how to accurately observe such weather phenomena as floods, hail, wind and its associated damage, cloud features that lead to tornadoes, and those features that do not lead to tornadoes. The class covers what information to report and how to report it. Basic severe weather safety is also covered. The class is free and will be held on April 10th from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Orion Center, 825 Joslyn Road. For details or to register call 248-856-5300 or visit oakgov.com/homesecurity.

International Tabletop Day. Bring the family to the Orion Township Public Library on Saturday, April 8th from 11 am to 4 pm to play board games, card games, and more. 825 Joslyn Road.

Orion Township Public Library Patron Appreciation Night. Celebrate the library renovations and Operation of Excellence Award on Tuesday, April 11th from 6:30 to 8 pm at the Library, 825 Joslyn Road. Patrons are encouraged to stop by the library for refreshments, entertainment, giveaways, and the chance to win an e-book reader, bestselling book, movie, board game, and more!

Springtime and Spanish Wines. Join Lockhart's BBQ Thursday, April 13th from 6 to 10 pm for a wine tasting paired with small plates. $35 per person, RSVP by April 10th.

Visit the Chamber's Events Calendar at orionareachamber.com/events/calendar for more Chamber member sponsored activities.

Orion Area Chamber of Commerce | Supporting the businesses that support us
**View Points**

Our thoughts and yours

**Hoping to keep the letters light and entertaining**

The Lake Orion Review is the voice of what is transpiring in the Township and often the "Letters to the Editor" in the Viewpoints column reflect the feelings of residents. Recently, we have been subjected to a regular basis to the ratings and reviews of resident J.P. King who appears to be a good candidate for a course in anger management.

While it is refreshing to read uplifting and informational and humorous letters to the editor, one's patience and understanding becomes strained when the letters section becomes a vehicle for an individual's personal grudges on political issues that frankly are not relevant to most of the readers. Let's hope that the diatribes and harangues from King will somehow lighten up so that readers of the Lake Orion Review can once again enjoy this section as a place to turn to for enlightening, entertaining and humorous letters.

For my own part, I will attempt to comply with that direction and I hope King does likewise.

Bill Kalmar
Lake Orion resident

**Lake Orion Review ‘Letter to the Editor’ Policy**

All entries must provide full name, home address and telephone number. Submission is open to anyone who has attended the Lake Orion Review by mail, phone, or e-mail. Letters, opinion pieces and articles submitted to the Lake Orion Review may be published in print, electronic or other forms. Please keep letters relevant to Lake Orion. This does not preclude kids and students, or otherwise, that may be relevant to Lake Orion residents.

Submit your deadline is the fourth week of publication. Email letters to lakeoreview@gmail.com.

**Friends recognized for contributions to Library**

The Friends of the Orion Township Public Library recently accepted the 2016 Outstanding Friends of the Library award for a Friends group serving a population of 12,000 or higher.

The group submitted their 4th annual fundraising gala, Passport to Spring: Japan, A Festival of Seasons held on April 20, 2016 for consideration. Award criteria included planning, implementation, evaluation, innovation and community involvement.

The Friends received an honorary plaque and $400 cash award in a presentation on March 23, 2017 at the Friends of the Michigan Library Association (FOMLA) spring workshop. The 2016 Japanese focused gala raised over $6,000 for library programming and brought together 128 volunteers and 57 community organizations and individuals. Trish Burns, Director of the Bay County Library System and Chairperson of the awards committee, via email stated "members of the committee were impressed with the breadth of community and library partnerships during the Passport to Spring: Japan, a Festival of Seasons event. The commitment to the library by so many individuals is a testament to both the Friends group and the library staff."

The Friends of the Orion Township Library is a 501(c)(3) organization whose volunteer members are dedicated to supporting and improving the library by raising funds for services, programs, projects, and resources not provided for by the general library budget.

The Friends 5th annual Passport to Spring fundraiser this year will be held on April 29, at the library from 7-10 p.m. with the theme A Visit to Poland and will raise money specifically to upgrade technology for the Teen Room.

Since its inception, the Passport to Spring fundraiser has raised and donated $22,000 to the library.

The Friends can be contacted at friends@orionlibrary.org or 248-693-3000 x350. The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road and is open 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
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History of Michigan Newspapers traveling exhibit comes to Orion Twp. Library

The Orion Twp. Public Library hosts The History of Michigan Newspapers exhibit, now through the end of April.

A detailed presentation and tour about the exhibit by Frank Boeles, director of The Clarke Historical Library, begins at 6:30 p.m. on April 6.

The Clarke Historical Library celebrated the 200th anniversary of Michigan's first newspaper's publication by developing a traveling exhibit around the history of the state's newspapers.

"We offer a variety of educational experiences for our patrons, and this exhibit will be of interest to those who fondly recall when newspapers were an integral part of daily life in America, as well as to those who may have always gathered their news digitally," said Beth Sheridan, head of Adult Services.

"This exhibit is a look into the newspaper industry's rich history, and highlights an important part of Michigan's history!"

The Orion Township Public Library is at 825 Joslyn Rd.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday - Sunday.

On the web: orionlibrary.org. - J.N.

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Pet Centre had been a fixture in the downtown for 50 years, providing grooming services and boarding for many of Lake Orion's pets.

The fire in January took six hours for fire crews to completely extinguish, with firefighters from Township's four fire stations and the Lake Orion Police Dept. responding to the emergency.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Dept., Oxford Fire Dept, and Lake Orion Village DPW aided on site, while the Auburn Hills Fire Dept. covered the south end of the Township, said Fire Chief Bob Smith and Narsh.

The "come" of alarm came into the fire stations at 8:12 a.m., with a crew and fire truck from Station One on nearby Anderson Street arriving at the fire in less than a minute, said Smith, who arrived two minutes earlier.

The firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze, evacuating four residents from the upstairs apartments and rescuing four kenneled dogs from the Pet Centre, Narsh said.

Dr. Kevin Morris at the Lake Orion Veterinary Center took in the dogs and treated them for smoke inhalation, Narsh said.

The Lake Orion Pet Centre had undergone extensive remodeling in the past two years. It also boasts a champi actor decorative pet groomer who provides -- colorful -- options for sprucing up your pets.

Owner Sharon Scharr opened the business 51 years ago in 1965 with her mother, Betty McNeil. The Lake Orion Veterinary Hospital was in the front of the building at that time.

The Orion Twp. Fire Dept. battled the fire and weather conditions Jan. 28.
‘The Village Mouse’ squeaks into The Review

Long time Lake Orion Review readers may fondly remember the days when the newspaper published the cartoon, Through the Knothole.

The cartoon, written by Cherie Meyers, was a one-frame cartoon of mice, with themes ranging from current affairs, to the holidays and an exploration of the four seasons in Lake Orion.

Meyers returns to The Review with The Village Mouse, a one-frame cartoon of Webster the mouse and his journeys through Lake Orion.

The comic will feature local settings and range in themes, but will retain the style that marked Meyers’ previous work.

The Village Mouse will be featured once or twice a month in The Review, and readers may see Webster pop up at The Dragon on the Lake Festival, the library, walking down Broadway Street or fiddling on the roofs of the downtown businesses.

Look for it on the editorial pages of The Review in the upcoming weeks.

“I love the written word... I love to write and draw,” Meyers said. “I guess I have a love affair with paper: Newspapers that roll up, books with pages, letters with stamps.

“I know that we have all moved forward with the electronic age and that’s good, too, but I always enjoy the smell and touch of paper and ink,” she said.

Meyers, a fifth generation “Orionite,” has worked for the past 16 years at the Orion Twp. Public Library, but she relishes the chance to get back to work on one of the creative mediums she loves.

“When I began working outside the home, my time to create the cartoon became limited and I had to give it up,” Meyers said.

— Jim Newell
General Federation of Women's Clubs - Lake Orion meets Thursday, Mar. 9, 1-4pm, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Join a group of civic-minded women that unite in service projects that enhance lives of others as well as improving our community.


NOCC Families Against Narcotics meeting Thursday, Mar. 9, 6:30-8pm, Woodside Bible Church (inside Canterbury Village), 2500 Joslyn Rd. 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome. Oxford/Orion FISH needs volunteers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the food pantry, 487 First St, Oxford, from 10am-noon. Call 248-628-3933 if you can help.

Dog adoption day held every second Saturday of every month 11am-3pm at Pet Stuff/Harvest Time, 1125 S. Lapeer Rd, Oxford. Loving dogs of all shapes and sizes looking to find a forever home. Check www.dogsaver.org/99Rt/ for photos of dogs.

No-shuss prayer service Sunday, Mar. 12, 1pm. Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon, L.O. Non-denominational prayer service for family members with special needs. Celebrate with music, instruments, and interactive Scripture stories. All are welcome to express their joy in their own individual and unique way.


Imani Winds Concert 3pm Sunday, Mar. 12, Varner Recital Hall at Oakland University, 220 N. Squirrel Rd, Rochester. Classical to jazz and contemporary music. Tickets: $30/adults; $15/students. 313-446-4250 or www.ChamberMusicDetroit.org

LGBTQA: Who are all these letters? Why should I care? A Community Conversation 6:30-9pm Monday, Mar. 13, Lockhart’s BBQ, 37 E. Flint St. Discuss social justice issues in a healthy, caring respectful way. Come to listen, learn, and be heard. Sponsored by LOUMC.

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OBIITUARY

Wiseman, Phyllis: 89, formerly of Lake Orion.

Phyllis Wiseman, of Waterford Michigan and formerly of New Port Richey, Florida and Lake Orion, Michigan, passed away January 22, 2017 at the age of 89. Phyllis was the beloved wife of the late Wilfred, loving mother of Terry (Jerry) Csanyi of Lake Orion, and Judi (Gail) Wiseman of Wheel Lake and Vickie (Neil) McCullum of Oxford. Dear grandmother of Brian (Lisa) Caine of Lake Orion, Colleen Chadwick of Oxford, Rachel (Collay)

Orion Historical Society meets Monday, Mar. 13, 7pm, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Join the Orion Historical Society to learn about Orion Township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past.

Sock Hop Luncheon 12-1:30pm Wednesday, Mar. 15, Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. Fun, great food, dancing and music from the 50’s & 60’s. Dust off your saddle shoes and poodle skirts and come have fun with us at the Orion Center. Cost: $5. Pre-register at 248-391-3034 x301.

Call for volunteers. Want to help the Orion Art Center set up their studio at Moose Tree? Ages 12 and up; service learning hours available. Call 248-431-0025.

Donate blood. 9:30am-6:30pm Thursday, Mar. 16, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins welcome.

N.O. Genealogical Society mtg. Thursday, Mar. 16, 7pm, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Come and share your genealogical research.

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33rd Annual St. Patrick's Raffle
LO author visits library March 15

Award-winning Lake Orion author Robert Lytle will be presenting and signing books at the Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) on March 15.

Lytle has written several Michigan-based adventure, history and mystery books that are age appropriate for upper elementary and middle school students. One of his books, Mr. Blair’s Labyrinth, a time travel historical fiction, is set in Lake Orion during the Great Depression. “We have had Robert present to our third graders at Stadium and he was phenomenal with both kids and adults and very interesting,” said Stadium Elementary teacher Patti Larean.

The presentation at the OTPL is free to attend and will include light refreshments.

The event is sponsored by the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Organization of Outstanding Educators. The event will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the OTPL, 825 Joslyn Rd. – G.T.

Principals

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Getting will provide a more stable environment for the staff, children and families at Webster.” Grappoli said.

This is the third principal for Webster Elementary in its 35 years. Wagner took over the principal position at Webster two years ago when Sarah Manzo transferred to Oakview Middle School as the new principal.

Announcing the changes early allows those administrators who will be changing schools to work with the current principal to make smooth transitions for the next school year. This also provides staff members with knowledge of which principal will

The L.O. Review March 8, 2017
Artist of the Month does it all

By Georgia Thelen

Review Writer

Janice Price has been a Lake Orion resident for over 30 years and is now making her debut as the Orion Art Center’s Artist of the Month. Price paints large canvases of modern landscapes. Her current medium of choice is acrylic.

Price mainly paints obscure nature scenes, saying they look “almost like you’re squinting or there was a heavy mist that rolled in.”

She recently sold her largest commissioned piece of art since being named the Artist of the Month. The painting was a landscape of Coquina Beach, her favorite beach to go to when she used to live in Florida.

Price recollected the crystal clear blue water and the mollusk shell formations that are shaped like rocks, the coquina’s, while painting the scenery.

“I’ve been painting all my life, really,” said Price.

Fresh out of high school, Price was studying art at Oakland Community College when she got offered an apprenticeship in wood model-making at General Motors. From there, her engineering career took off.

Now being retired for a handful of years, Price has recently gotten back into her art interests and taken on a new role as the Executive Director at the Orion Art Center.

“I’m just so happy I can continue painting,” said Price. “I was getting worried because I kept painting and painting and all of a sudden I had paintings everywhere. I mean, you can’t just stack them on top of one another.”

On top of her new role at the Art Center and being named the Artist of the Month, Price has also been appointed as the Orion Art Center’s Artist of the Year.

Price will be recognized for all three of her achievements this far in the year at the Orion Art Center’s 28th Annual Gala, “Night in Paris” on March 25.

“A Night in Paris… I have to get up and give my thank you speech. I’m so over the moon excited,” said Price.

The annual Gala is the Orion Art Center’s largest fundraiser of the year, many funds going towards the center itself and also the summer festival, Dragon on the Lake. This year’s Gala will be held at Paint Creek Country Club.

Price’s paintings will be on display through the end of March at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. To contact the Orion Art Center, call 248-693-4986.

Price’s artwork is currently on display at the Orion Township Public Library. Photo by Georgia Thelen

Lake Orion Flower and Art Fair returns

The 17th annual Lake Orion Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Flower and Art Fair is May 12-13 on Broadway and Flint streets.

This year’s fair hours are 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission and parking are free.

DDA Executive Director Molly Malone said, “With over 70 vendors this year, there will be a wide variety of goods and services to choose from. The Lake Orion Flower and Art Fair is the perfect way to relax and find the perfect Mother’s Day gift.”

In addition to a wide variety of goods for sale, there will also be many different food trucks and beverage stands on hand.

Orion (MI) Review
State of Orion Township: Here is what you need to know

By Andrea Peck, apeck@digitalfirstmedia.com, @AndreaPeck24 on Twitter

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

- Orion Township will see more than $100 million in infrastructure and road upgrades over the next four years. A previous version of the article said the township will see more than $1 million in infrastructure upgrades.

In his fifth State of the Township presentation, Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett announced two major projects and praised commercial and economic growth.

Here are some highlights from the presentation:

BASEBALL FIELD

Barnett announced township plans to construct an all-inclusive baseball field in partnership with the Lake Orion Wiffleball Association, The Daisy Project and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Barnett said the project, “Orion on Deck,” has a proposed location of 3380 W. Clarkston Road and would cost about $80,000 to build.

Community donations will be accepted through patronicity.com, a Michigan-based crowdfunding platform.

The campaign begins on May 1 and runs for 90 days.

For every dollar donated by community members, the MDEC would match the donation.

“[This field] will offer opportunities to everyone, including; but not limited to those with special needs and disabled veterans,” he said.

NEW PARK

Officials will also be adding a fifth township park to the four already available to residents: Civic Center Park, Friendship Park, Jesse Decker Park and Camp Agawam.
“Your board recognizes the benefit of recreation,” he said. “We have acquired another 76 acres of parkland that we will protect and will be a park forever.”

The acquisition of the parkland near Joslyn Road and across from Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Ct., took nearly five years to secure.

“We are adding yet another piece of recreation to Orion Township,” he said.

ROAD PROJECTS

Barnett also asked residents to prepare for numerous road projects to happen within the township over the next four years.

“Over the course of the next four years, our community is going to see over $100 million in infrastructure upgrades,” he said.

Waldon Road and Giddings Road will be resurfaced this year, he said, in addition to projects to widen Brown Road and Baldwin Road.

Most of the projects will be paid for with federal funds.

SAFETY AND STATISTICS

The National Council for Home and Safety Security ranked Orion Township the 15th safest community in the state of Michigan.

Barnett said per-resident costs for police services are about $110 per person, per year.

“We continue to see a growth trend in our building permit activity,” Barnett said. “This growth not only helps our tax base but helps our school district.”

Barnett also said township foreclosures are trending downward.


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Library to display historical news exhibit through end of April

By Andrea Peck, apeek@digitalfirstmedia.com , @AndreaPeck24 on Twitter

Friday, March 24, 2017

The exhibit, “The History of Michigan Newspapers,” is on display at the Orion Township Public Library now through the end of April.

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A presentation and tour about the exhibit by Frank Boyles, director of the Clarke Historical Library, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6.

The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion. The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, contact Beth Sheridan, head of adult services, at 248-693-3000 ext. 332 or sheridan@orionlibrary.org.


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Health Division program seeks nominees for annual award

Prize seeks to recognize local area's breastfeeding-friendly environments

By Mark Corvitt
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The Oakland County Health Division's Women, Infants, and Children Program is seeking nominations for its 3rd Annual Breastfeeding-Friendly Place Award.

"Businesses, employers, and pediatrician offices that support breastfeeding mothers by providing a comfortable, welcoming environment send a clear message that breastfeeding is a normal and accepted way to feed babies," said Kathy Poirier, Health Division manager/health officer.

"They are helping to develop healthy children."

Award winners will be announced during National Breastfeeding Month at the Breastfeeding-Friendly Place Awards event on August 9. Winners are announced in three categories including business, employer and pediatrician office.

Purpose of award
- Honors Oakland County pediatrician offices, employers, and businesses that are taking extra steps to support breastfeeding mothers

Nominate
- Complete an online nomination form at www.oakgov.com/health.
- Award nomination entries are due by 5 p.m., Friday, April 28.

Breastmilk keeps babies healthy
- Supplies all necessary nutrients in proper proportions
- Protecting against diseases, infections, allergies, and obesity
- Being easily digested, no constipation, diarrhea, or upset stomach

The 2016 winners included The Mind Body Collective of Waterford, Northfield Pediatric Physicians, PC of Bingham Farms and The Novi Police Department.

WHITE HOUSE

Official: Documents show no proof of wiretap claims

By Andrea Peck
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The Orion Township Public Library will offer four days of events in honor of National Library Week 2017.

Here is more information:
- Monday, April 10: Orion Library Spirit Day
- Tuesday, April 11: Friends of the Library Day
- Wednesday, April 12: Orion History Day
- Thursday, April 13: Favorite Sports Team Day

For more information, visit orionlibrary.org, call 248-693-5000 or stop by the Orion Township Public Library at 925 Jostyn Road in Lake Orion.
**Events & Fundraisers**

**National Library Week**
April 10th - 13th, Orion Township Public Library. Come to the library and celebrate National Library Week with us! See details on the [event page](#).

**Orion Township Public Library Patron Appreciation Night**
April 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Celebrate the new library renovations and Citation of Excellence Award! All patrons are encouraged to stop by the library for refreshments, entertainment, giveaways, and the chance to win an e-book reader, bestselling book, movie, board game, and more!

**Wine Tasting at Lockhart's BBQ Lake Orion**
April 13th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Join us at Lockhart’s BBQ for a wine tasting paired with small plates featuring Spanish wines! $25 per person, please RSVP to lockhartsbbqlo@gmail.com by TODAY!

**Guest House Run Over Addiction**
Guest House is hosting the third annual Run Over Addiction 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 20th. The scenic course starts on the campus of Guest House, joins up with the Polly Ann Trail, and ends in a photo-worthy finish at historic Scripps Mansion. With 300-350 runners, walkers and their families expected to attend, being a part of Run Over Addiction is a great way to connect with the community. Call Lisa Drummond at (248) 393-8967 for sponsorship opportunities. To register for the run online, [click here](#).

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**Elite Members**

- Crittenton
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Events & Fundraisers

Love INC North Oakland Fundraiser
Please join us on Thursday, April 6th at Italia Gardens, Oxford, for a Love INC of NOC Fundraiser. Just mention that you would like to support Love INC when you either dine in or carry out and 25% of all proceeds will be donated to Love Inc.of NOC.

International TableTop Day
Saturday, April 8th, from 11am to 4 pm. All ages are welcome to drop in at the library and have a blast playing board games, card games, and more! Bring the whole family!

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Firefighter Challenge at Ideal Escape Rooms
Which Fire Station has the best Escape Team? Let's find out! We're hosting a competition to see which station's team can complete Firefighter Rescue in the shortest time. Guaranteed FUN for all, plus the opportunity to be a blessing to Grace Centers of Hope. Teams can register to play on Thursdays, through May 31. Please pass it on to all firefighter friends!

Contact Us
Events & Fundraisers

Comedy Night Fundraiser for Kids Standard Publication
Friday, March 24th, 7 - 11 pm, Oakhurst Golf and Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane, Clarkston. Join us to celebrate the second fundraising event with Kids Standard's family and friends/ parents & educators! See the event page for more information.

Oxford Bank’s Free Construction Seminar
March 30, 2017, 6 pm at the Lake Orion location, 1115 S. Lapeer Rd. Everything you need to know about financing the construction of your home. More information here.

Janice Price OAC & Library Artist of the Month
The Orion Art Center wishes to present to the community Janice Price, who has been a resident of Lake Orion for over 30 years. As a child she studied acrylic painting from a local artist and went on to take classes at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. In college she studied stoneware and raku pottery at OCC, engineering at MCC, and a wood model making apprenticeship at General Motors. Moody landscapes, swamps and the occasional sandbar are sources of inspiration for Janice. Currently her medium of choice is acrylic and her landscapes have a contemporary abstract quality to them. Painting has been her lifelong passion and now that she’s retired, a second career.
Upcoming Events

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**Patron Appreciation Night**
Tue 6:30 PM · Orion Township Public Library · Lake Orion
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Posts

**Orion Township Public Library**
April 3 at 5:24pm ·

Join Frank Boyles, director of the Clarke Historical Library, as he gives a tour of the exhibit in our lobby and a detailed history of Michigan's newspapers. Refreshments will be provided. Register here: [http://bit.ly/2ov2BX2](http://bit.ly/2ov2BX2)
Minute to Win It - The Dangerous One

Minute to Win It - Ping Pong & Peanut Butter

Minute to Win It - Matchmaker

Minute to Win It - Cup Stacking Challenge
Minute to Win It - Feather Challenge

Based on the popular game show you have a minute to win it! Teens competed in crazy challenges and activities to win prizes.

Are you looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? Come ride your bike with our new Bike Bookmobile! Contact Lori Morris at lmorris@orionlibrary.org or 248-693-3000, ext. 333.
Are you planning on attending? See our Events Page for more details!

These are the giveaway prizes you could win if you attend our Patron Appreciation Night! (Notice the ereader? Pretty nice huh?) Raffle begins at 6:30!

The Clarke Historical Library exhibit, The History of Michigan Newspapers, is on display at the Orion Library now through the end of April.

Please stop by and view the exhibit any time the library is open. Save the date for a detailed presentation and tour about the exhibit by Frank Boyles, director of The Clarke Historical Library, on Thursday, April 6 at 6:30p.
The state of Michigan receives federal funding that provides everyone in the state with access to MeL and MeLCat. This funding comes from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the form of Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grants, which is now at risk of being eliminated, based on the proposed federal budget. Supporters of MeL and MeLCat are asked to review the update from the Michigan Library Association at http://www.milibraries.org/mla-advocacy---march-23-2017 and take action by contacting legislators, as directed at the end of the update. Help us save federal funding for libraries, including MeL and MeLCat!


The president's proposed budget includes the elimination of $210 million in federal funding that will directly impact the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that distributes the funds to every state in the country including Michigan. IMLS provides funds through the Library…
This morning's rain couldn't keep these young artists away.

We had rainbow fun today!
Congratulations to the Friends of the Orion Library!

The Friends are proud to receive the 2016 Outstanding Friends of the Library Merit award from the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML). The criteria for this a...

Happy National Puppy Day! We've got so many great books all about dogs for you to check out. And don't forget our Doggone Readers where kids can read to a dog. Call 248-693-3002 for more info.
Orion Township Public Library
March 22 at 4:08pm ·

Come see the Two Centuries of Michigan Newspapers exhibit in our lobby and Friends Reading Room! It has been loaned to us by the Clarke Historical Library in Mt. Pleasant, and will be here through the month of April.

Orion Township Public Library added an event.
March 21 at 12:17pm ·

Celebrate the new library renovations and Citation of Excellence Award! All patrons are encouraged to stop by the library for refreshments, entertainment, giveaways, and the chance to win an e-book reader, bestselling book, movie, board game, and more!

APR 11

★Interested

Patron Appreciation Night
Tue 6:30 PM · Orion Township Public Library · Lake Orion
43 people interested · 8 people going

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17You, Lisa Branon and 15 others
Can't wait until the Friends of the Orion Library's next used book sale? YOU'RE IN LUCK! They have gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and other items for sale in our lobby ALL YEAR 'ROUND! All proceeds benefit library programs.

Orion Township Public Library
March 18 at 4:39pm

Orion Township Public Library added 6 new photos to the album: Youth Maker Workshop — at Orion Township Public Library.
March 18 at 4:39pm

Jennifer Socia
Good work Sam & Daniel, with much determination Hayden has solved his cube twice since Sunday.
Like · Reply · 2 · March 20 at 11:34pm
Did you know that the Orion Library's Youth Department librarians regularly visit the local schools? They talked to nearly 10,000 students in 2016!!

Last night was the 5th Grade Battle of the Books Awards Ceremony. Alison DeCamp, Author gave a fantastic presentation and signed her book My Near-Death Adventures (99% True!) for her fans.

Alison Ruegg DeCamp had the BEST time! Thank you for having me! 😊

Orion Township Public Library We had the best time too! 😊

Lynn LovesScott Foss Very inspiring!

Orion Township Public Library added 4 new photos.

Chronological

17 Lisa Russell, Beth Blubaugh Sheridan and 15 others

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Orion Township Public Library
Need something to take your mind off this winter weather? Stop by the Orion Library and see the beautiful works of our March Guest Artist Janice Price, Contemporary Landscape Paintings. Spring is coming soon!

Did you know that you can check out your favorite puppets and take them home to do your own puppet show?! (Limit 3 per card, please)
Orion Township Public Library added 12 new photos to the album: 2017 Battle of the Books.
March 11 at 4:14pm ·

20Judi Rudisill, Lori Morris and 18 others

Comments

Lynn LovesScott Foss Exciting!
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March 10 at 11:23am ·

Did you know March is National Reading Month? Stop by the Orion Library and pick up a good book!!

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The Orion Library is now circulating charging cords for iPads, iPhones, Androids, and Type C devices for patron use. The cords are available within the library only and must be returned a half hour before closing. Stop by the Customer Service Desk for more information.

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Orion Township Public Library
March 8 at 11:53am ·

Congratulations to Julianne! She finished 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Amazing job! Want to sign up your kids for this ongoing program? Follow the link: http://orionlibrary.org/youth/1000-books/

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Orion Township Public Library
March 7 at 7:20pm ·

Leo is celebrating March is Reading Month with a new hat, a new friend, and a good book (Amazing Animals: Lions, of course)! #leothelion#librarylion #catinthehat #readacrossamerica
Come check out the many youth resources the library has to offer for parents and teachers! For more information visit orionlibrary.org.

The **Youth Braille Collection** provides reading materials for the blind and visually impaired. This collection contains picture books, chapter books, and nonfiction books.

**Hi Interest / Low Reading Level Books (Hi-Lo Books)** are written for students who are reading below grade level and want to read a book in which the content and appearance is age appropriate. The stories are at a higher interest level and the book covers are appealing to students in upper elementary and middle school. Students, especially in upper elementary and middle school, who are reading below grade level are more likely to want to read a book if it is not only at their reading level, but also at their interest level.

The **Youth Large Print Collection** contains books with large, easy to read typefaces to accommodate readers with vision limitations.
Dear Karen,

Welcome to this week’s round up of information on professional development programs, resources and events from MLA and other organizations serving the library community.

MLA 2017 Annual Conference Program and Poster Proposals due Friday!

MLA 2017
October 18 - 20, 2017
Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan

The MLA 2017 Annual Conference work group seeks a variety of program and poster proposals that will address topics representing the wide-range of professional responsibilities found in libraries and those that will introduce new ideas or solutions to the challenges currently facing Michigan libraries. We encourage broad participation from librarians, staff and administrators from all types of libraries.

For complete details, download the Call for Proposals (pdf) or visit the MLA website.

Submit your program or poster proposal online:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLA2017Lansing

Don’t delay, the March 17 deadline for program and poster proposals is tomorrow. Submit your proposal today to take advantage of this opportunity.

The sharing of experiences among colleagues is an essential part of enriching and improving the library community statewide. By presenting a program or poster at MLA 2017 you will help open dialogues, facilitate networking and spark new ideas for success.

Questions? Feel free to contact MLA at (517) 394-2774.

Don't miss your chance to vote in the American Library Association election. Check out your colleagues from Michigan running this year: Michigan Candidates

ALA elections open March 13, 2017 and will close on April 5, 2017.

More Information: www.ala.org/aboutala/governance/alaelection

ESSA Draft Plan Comment Period Ends Today

Last day for public comment on the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) draft Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Implementation Plan.

Individuals and organizations are invited to review the draft ESSA Implementation plan and submit comments:

Email comments to MDE-ESSA@michigan.gov

All comments must arrive at MDE no later than close of business today, March 16, 2017.

Click here to view the overview document or view the full plan here.

For more information visit: www.michigan.gov/essa

The Hybrid Librarian Workshop Registration is Open

Inspired by the Library Journal, March 9, 2016 article, Top Skills for Tomorrow's Librarians, the Hybrid Librarian Workshop is offering an experience that will blend collaboration, communication, creativity, critical thinking, and flexibility.

Engage with your colleagues while participating in strategic thinking exercises and immersing yourself in Design Think situations. Be inspired to flex your creative leadership skills with experienced leadership coaches. At the end of the day you will leave ready to explore your inner hybrid librarian.

Friday, May 19, 2017

Location:
East Lansing Public Library
950 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Register Today!
Thumbs Up! Top Ten Titles and Teen Vote

We are pleased to announce the top ten titles for the 2017 Thumbs Up! Award (pdf).

Celebrate reading month, and get teen patrons involved. The Thumbs Up! Top Ten Teen Vote is live!

Now it's time for the teens to vote! Through May 31, teens aged 13 to 18 can vote online for their favorite book from the top ten titles. Simply distribute the top ten list (pdf) with the MLA website link for voting to your teens or include the direct link to the survey on your own library website:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017_ThumbsUp_teenvote

Voting can be done online from home or from the library through May 31, 2017. The winner of the Thumbs Up! Award will be announced at the MLA 2017 Annual Conference in Lansing this October.

Academic Libraries 2017 Digital Poster Preview

For a limited time, stream the Digital Poster Sessions from Academic Libraries 2017! This exciting new poster format allows library professionals from remote locations to present on important topics trending in the library community. The poster preview will be available to view until Thursday, March 23, 2017. View the digital poster presentations here.

Real or Fake? How fake news affects society, and what libraries and librarians can do about it

Pascal Lupien, University of Guelph Library; Lorna Rourke, St. Jerome's University Library

Empowering the Youth: UM Library's Partnership with the Washtenaw County Michigan Works Summer '16 Youth Employment Program

Rachel Maddix; Tashia Munson; Monica Porter; University of Michigan Libraries

"Would You Like to Test Drive the New Library Website?" Implementing Guerrilla Usability Testing at Academic Libraries

Alex Binno; Maria Nuccilli; Wayne State University Libraries

Visit the MLA Job Board

Looking to grow your career? Employers that post jobs with the Michigan Library Association are pre-qualified to offer careers relevant to your expertise. That makes us a strong channel for the best jobs and a great way to get your resume in front of your next employer.

Visit our website to view available jobs, post your updated resume, set up email job alerts and apply for jobs.
Upcoming MLA Webinar: Managing Digital Resources

Friday, April 21, 2017
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Are you asking the right questions to get what you need out of your database?

Do you know how to manage the digital resources you have available to get what your patrons need?

Learn the latest trends in digital resources management and how you can incorporate these new approaches into your institution.

Register by Thursday, April 20, 2017

Click [here](#) for more information and [register today](#).

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National Library Legislative Day 2017

Now's your chance to speak to your lawmakers about the importance of libraries!

Gale, Cengage Learning is offering sponsorship for two librarians to attend National Library Legislative Day 2017. Visit [galesupport.com/legislateday](#) for more information and to submit your application. The opportunity is open to all Michigan librarians.

**Submissions are due March 20th, 2017.**

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Join the MLA Mentor Program

To be successful in any field, aspiring leaders require role models and guidance. That is especially true of library science, where students and emerging professionals can choose from a wide range of specialties. If you are a public, academic or special library professional who has a desire to help others grow through your experience, please consider applying to the MLA Mentor Program. Not only will you provide guidance and expanded growth opportunities for your mentee, the experience you gain by mentoring someone can facilitate your own professional growth. [More Information](#)
Registration is Open

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming educational opportunities. Visit the MLA [events page](#) for program details.

**Managing Digital Resources - WEBINAR**
April 21, 2017

**Community Collaborations - Mental Health in Libraries**
April 28, 2017

**Hybrid Librarian**
May 19, 2017

**Executive Summit**
June 2, 2017

[Register Here](#)

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**Library Design Institute Event**

Friday, May 5, 2017
9:00 AM-5:30 PM Columbus Metropolitan Library
Main Library
96 S. Grant Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215

The Design Institute is a one-day think tank that brings librarians together with leading architects, designers, and product vendors for presentations, interactive discussions, and innovative problem-solving on library space, design, and construction.

Librarians are invited to submit their real-life design challenges when they register. Those selected become the basis for one of the architect-led breakouts held at the event. Even if a library's "challenge" is not selected, the DI affords every attendee the opportunity for face-to-face time with architects and product vendors.

Register before March 17 to save 40% off the registration fee.

For more information, or to register visit: [lj.libraryjournal.com/designinstitute](#).

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**Don't Miss Cory Doctorow at Spring Institute 2017**

We hope to see you at Spring Institute 2017 in beautiful Frankenmuth, on March 29-31. Spring Institute is just a few weeks away, but registration is still open!

Closing the conference is keynote speaker Cory Doctorow. Doctorow is a science fiction author, activist, journalist and blogger - the co-editor of [Boing Boing](#) and the author of the YA graphic
novel *In Real Life*, the nonfiction business book *Information Doesn't Want to be Free*, young adult novels like *Homeland*, *Pirate Cinema* and *Little Brother* and novels for adults like *Rapture of the Nerds* and *Makers*. You can find out more about Cory at [craphound.com](http://craphound.com).

For a full schedule of events and session descriptions visit us at [milibraries.org](http://milibraries.org).

Register today!

We look forward to seeing you in Frankenmuth. Questions can be directed to [MLA@milibraries.org](mailto:MLA@milibraries.org) or 517-394-2774.
MLA Weekly

Dear Karen,

MLA is currently engaged with a number of public policy issues affecting our libraries across the state and nationally. We are working with legislators and stakeholders to ensure the library voice is heard at the Capitol.

IMLS Funding Impacts Michigan Libraries

The president's proposed budget includes the elimination of $210 million in federal funding that will directly impact the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that distributes the funds to every state in the country including Michigan. IMLS provides funds through the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) grants to state programs.

If this budget passes, the impact in Michigan would be felt most severely in the funding of MeL and MeLCat including the databases provided through the Library of Michigan. LSTA funds provide a majority of their support. The federal budget does not affect Michigan's state aid to libraries, penal fines or any funding provided to the Library of Michigan from Michigan's budget.

The Michigan Department of Education, Library of Michigan, has a line item in the Michigan budget for the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) and for the past several years has received $1.7 million for its support. Federal funding from IMLS is about $4.3 million for a total expenditure of $6 million. Without the federal money, the Library of Michigan would have to eliminate databases, possibly make changes to MeL or MeLCat or find additional funding to support the programs.

LSTA funds also underwrite early literacy programs, continuing education programs such as Small and Rural Libraries Conference, summer reading programs and E-rate training and support. Services provided by the Library of Michigan are funded by LSTA at the following rate:

- Michigan eLibrary (MeL) - 70% of costs are LSTA
- Technology programs - 100% of costs are LSTA
- Early literacy programs - 82% of costs are LSTA
- Continuing education - 92% of costs are LSTA

To remain eligible for LSTA funding the State of Michigan must both match the federal funds and maintain a level of effort through state or private funds. In Michigan, that funding is primarily State Aid to Public Libraries.

For an overview of LSTA:
For a fact sheet about LSTA:

It is important that everyone take action. Everything you need is at ALA's Legislative Action Center now and contact their congressional delegation today.

Following is ALA President Julie Todaro's message to ALA members:

Dear ALA member,

The time is NOW! If you're a librarian, a library worker, anyone who cares about libraries, does business with a library, or if you depend on your library for accurate information, then your Congressperson needs to hear from you - and at least five more people that you mobilize - TODAY! At least $210 million in federal library funding is on the budget-cutter's chopping block. Our champions in Congress need your help to save it and the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the agency that distributes most of those funds to every state in the country. Everything you need is at ALA Legislative Action Center now.

As detailed in the ALA Washington Office blog, the President of the United States effectively proposed eliminating all federal library funding and closing IMLS - the small, respected agency that administers $183 million of those funds through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). He also asked Congress to wipe out $27 million for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL), which school libraries use to buy books and other materials for the nation's poorest children. But our library champions in Congress have mobilized to fight back and they need your help to succeed.

Today, Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ3) wrote to every Member of the House of Representatives asking them to support LSTA, and Reps. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX30), Don Young (R-AK), and Jim McGovern (D-MA2) circulated a similar letter asking support for Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL). Both letters urge their House colleagues to sign letters to the Appropriations Committee supporting library funding. The first so-called "Dear Appropriator" letter asks the Committee to fully fund LSTA in FY 2018 and the second does the same for IAL.

We know from many past funding fights that these Representatives' requests of their colleagues simply will not be enough. Members of the House need to hear from their constituents before the April 3rd deadline. Please call your Representative and ask them to sign both the LSTA and the IAL "Dear Appropriator" letters our champions have circulated, otherwise the powerful Appropriations Committees will not make LSTA and IAL a priority, dramatically increasing the odds that they will be cut or eliminated next year.

ALA's Legislative Action Center has everything you - and five of your friends, patrons, relatives, employees and customers need to identify your Member of Congress and to tell him or her by email, tweet or phone to sign the LSTA and IAL "Dear Appropriator" letters to protect those critical programs in the FY 2018 federal budget.

We MUST save federal library funding and IMLS! If not you and your fellow library lovers who? If not right now, when? Please, act right now!

To read my full statement about the President's draconian budget proposals, please visit ALA's website.

Julie Todaro
ALA President
Dear Karen,

Welcome to this week's special edition of MLA weekly featuring ways you can get involved with MLA.

Nominate a Deserving Colleague

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 MLA Awards, recognized at the MLA 2017 Annual Conference, October 18-20 in Lansing. Do you know of a Michigan library professional who deserves recognition for their hard work, achievements and accomplishments? Let's celebrate them together. Submit their nomination today!

Librarian of the Year

For more than 30 years, the MLA Librarian of the Year Award has recognized a librarian's outstanding contributions and accomplishments to the library community over a long period of time. Winners of this award are strong supporters of MLA, provide innovative library service to his or her community and promote collaboration among libraries. The MLA Librarian of the Year shows evidence of personal and professional achievement as well as initiative and creativity. They are leaders who provide cutting edge ideas that inspire people. Access complete information and download the nomination form from the MLA website.

Heart of a Champion Award

The Heart of a Champion Award, established in 2012, recognizes a library supporter (e.g. elected official, trustee, community supporter or strategic partner) who has shown an exceptional commitment to libraries or the library profession. Access complete information and download the nomination form from the MLA website.

Up & Comer Award

The Up & Comer Award was established in 2012 to recognize a librarian who shows leadership early in his or her career. While new to the profession, he/she expands the role of librarian with forward-thinking; moving libraries into the future. Access complete information and download the nomination form from the MLA website.
The deadline to submit nominations for each of these awards is June 1, 2017.

Questions? Feel free to contact MLA at (517) 394-2774 or MLA@milibraries.org.

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**MLA Interest Groups**

The MLA Board of Directors launched informal Interest Groups to foster member engagement in addition to the current MLA professional development opportunities offered. By participating in an Interest Group, you can:

- explore networking opportunities with colleagues
- engage with others to discuss problems and find solutions
- keep current on trending topics
- share resources and materials with colleagues
- develop leadership skills
- create knowledge resources
- lead MLA into the future.

How is an MLA Interest Group established?
To start an interest group a volunteer coordinator should submit the MLA New Interest Group Application form with a topic description and the names of ten or more individuals with a common interest within the scope of MLA’s guidelines.
If you are ready to establish a new interest group and submit the MLA New Interest Group Application Form to MLA@milibraries.org.

Volunteer with MLA

The 2017-2018 Call for Volunteers is now open. Take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in your library community. If you're interested in growing personally or professionally, we have a place for you. Online sign up is available now!

Those interested in impacting the work of the association and strengthening the Michigan library community have a variety of opportunities to become involved.

Volunteer opportunities are available in the form of:

**Standing Committees:**
Legislative
Professional Development & Networking

**Work groups:**
Awards
Professional Development

**Communications and Membership Micro Volunteer Opportunities**

Complete the online volunteer application by April 28, 2017.

Visit the MLA website for complete details. All members are welcome to participate. Complete the Call for Volunteer sign up form today!

Connect with us:

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Dear Karen,

Here are this month's networking resources to build stronger libraries and library professionals. In the spirit of networking, email MLA@milibraries.org to suggest a topic or idea you feel would be of interest to MLA members.

Last Call to Register: Why HR Matters to Libraries

Don't miss out on the first webinar in MLA's Managing Human Resources Webinar Series: Why HR Matters to Libraries. Registration will close at 5:00 p.m.

Register Now

Friday, April 7, 2017
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

For all libraries, regardless of the number of employees, personnel administration is critical to the success of the institution and the services provided to citizens.

Why HR Matters to Libraries will cover topics including:

- The authority to manage employees
- A fundamental concept: the myth behind the distinctions between at will and just cause employment
- Discipline and termination

*Presented by Helen Lizzie Mills, Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC*

For more information visit: [www.milibraries.org/events/managing-hr-webinar-series-why-hr-matters-to-libraries](http://www.milibraries.org/events/managing-hr-webinar-series-why-hr-matters-to-libraries)
**2017-2018 Call for Volunteers**

Volunteers are essential to the work of MLA. Your time, talent, and expertise strengthen the library community and move the profession forward. For any member who wants to get involved with MLA, we have a place.

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**Friday, May 19, 2017**
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:**
Capital Area District Library - Downtown Lansing
401 S. Capitol Ave
Lansing, MI 48933

Early Bird rates expire **Friday, May 5, 2017**

[Register Today!](http://www.milibraries.org/events/hybrid-librarian) for full details.

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**Board Election Voting Opens April 19**

Shaping the board that will lead MLA is your right and responsibility as a member. Please plan to cast your vote in the 2017-2018 MLA Board of Directors Election.

Polls will be open from **9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, 2017.**


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**Participate in a Research Study**

*Whole-person librarianship: A social work approach to patron services* is a research study designed to better understand how librarians and social workers are working together in collaboration and partnership across the country. The study aims to understand what information, knowledge and skills librarians and social workers need to establish effective partnerships.

[Please view the complete information here (pdf).](#)
Librarians can assist by completing an online Qualtrics survey here: [https://tinyurl.com/survey-wpl](https://tinyurl.com/survey-wpl)

**Registration is Open**

Mark your calendar for upcoming webinars and workshops on topics ranging from the latest trends in digital resource management, human resources management essentials, Mental Health First Aid training, creative leadership skills and the future of libraries.

Visit the MLA [events page](https://www MLAevents.com) for program details or [register here](https://www MLAevents.com/register)

**Resume Critique Service**

Create a job seeker account on the [MLA job board](https://www MLAjobboard.com) to access a free resume critique service. This service gives you the opportunity to have your resume sent to a resume-writing expert and receive an evaluation outlining your strengths, weaknesses and suggestions to ensure you have the best chance of landing an interview.

Login to your job seeker account, or create a new account, by visiting: [www.careerwebsite.com/jobseeker](http://www.careerwebsite.com/jobseeker)

**Innovation in Libraries, Micro-grants from the Awesome Foundation**

Library Pipeline’s Innovation Committee has partnered with the Awesome Foundation to found an Innovation in Libraries chapter that will, each month, award a $1,000 micro-grant to a project that suggests creative solutions, proposes a new way of thinking about library services, and supports underserved and diverse communities.

To apply, submit your application on the Awesome Foundation website: [www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/libraries](http://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/chapters/libraries)

The deadline to submit for an April grant is April 15.

**Celebrate National Library Week April 9-15, 2017**

“Libraries Transform” is the theme for National Library Week in 2017. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Celebrations during National Library Week include:
- **Monday, April 10:** State of America’s Libraries Report released, including Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2016.
- **Tuesday, April 11:** National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Nominate a stellar library worker!
- **Wednesday, April 12:** National Bookmobile Day, a day to recognize the contributions of our nation’s bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who make quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities.
- **Thursday, April 13:** Take Action for Libraries Day. Read the press release.

Visit [ala.org/nlw](http://ala.org/nlw) for ideas and tools to celebrate National Library Week.

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### Community Collaborations: Mental Health First Aid

Join us **Friday, April 28** for Community Collaborations: Mental Health First Aid, an interactive workshop that will help library professionals provide effective services to patrons affected by mental illness.

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Location:**
Bloomfield Township Public Library
1099 Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

[Register Today!](http://milibraries.org)

Mental Health First Aid is a formal education program designed to give you the skills to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health problem or experiencing a crisis.

The workshop will be divided into two concurrent sessions, one designed for those who work primarily with adults, and one for those who work specifically with youth. You will be provided with learning manuals specific to your session, (adult or youth) and a certificate of completion in Mental Health First Aid.

Learn more about the program at [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org)

*During the registration process you will be prompted to select adult or youth training.*

Early Bird rates expire **Friday, April 14, 2017**.

Visit [milibraries.org](http://milibraries.org) for more information, or click here to [Register Today!](http://milibraries.org)
Dear Karen,

Welcome to this week's round up of all things membership. Read on for messages from our leadership, MLA news, member news and more.

As always we welcome your feedback and ideas at MLA@milibraries.org.

Your MLA membership will expire on: 6/30/2017
Visit the MLA website to renew your membership or update your profile (login required).

President's Update

When challenges arise that leave you scratching your head, where do you turn? My involvement in MLA and other organizations has helped me to build a network of people to whom I can turn when I have a question or an issue where an outside viewpoint or a specific expertise can help. This network has changed and evolved over the years because people come and go, but it has been invaluable in helping me to find creative solutions or just to think differently about an issue.

I strongly believe that a high-performing team can do so much more than any one individual can do no matter how talented that individual is. The more we learn to work together and share, the better everyone is for it. However, working together is not always supported in our culture when competition is high and trust is low. Sometimes working in a group or team brings more uncertainty and complexity into the process which can be intimidating and which may explain why some people have never been part of a high-performing team. While we have probably all been part of groups that have not performed well, strong commitment and leadership skills can help teams work better together and build a collective intelligence.
From the Executive Director’s Desk

Social Media, Insubordination and Other Popular, but Supremely Tricky Areas for Public Employers

This eclectic list is the subject of MLA’s Managing HR Webinar Series: Your Rights & Their Rights part two scheduled for May 10, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. MLA takes professional development seriously. It’s part of our mission to help libraries and library professionals succeed. You told us time, travel and expense were often an obstacle to effective staff development. So, recently we added webinars to the educational mix to make the process easier and more affordable. Our latest series addresses human resources issues in the library. HR attorney Lizzie Mills from law firm Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes provided the basics in our intro to HR webinar held last week.

Management and legal issues can arise in the library that could jeopardize your ability to serve your patrons. Lizzie explained that effective personnel administration is critical regardless of the type of library or number of employees. The board and management have legal responsibilities when it comes to how they treat staff. In addition, the method of personnel administration directly implicates and affects the legal rights of those employees.

Continue Reading

Take Action for Libraries Day

Celebrate National Library Week by taking action. The American Library Association (ALA) has declared today the first annual Take Action for Libraries Day, a national library advocacy effort to be observed during National Library Week.

Visit www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/federallegislation/fight-for-libraries for information on how to get involved.
2017-2018 Call For Volunteers

For any member who wants to get involved with MLA, we have a place. Visit www.milibraries.org/volunteers/call-for-volunteers to view available opportunities and fill out the volunteer form.

Important Dates to Remember

- March 22- April 28: Call for Volunteers
- May 12: Assignments confirmed by email

Thank you for sharing your time and talents to support MLA and the Michigan library community.

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ALA 2017 Election Results

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To view candidates’ bios and statements, visit: www.milibraries.org/mla-2017-18-board-of-directors-election

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2017 Frances H. Pletz Award Winner
MLA is pleased to announce Marian Rafal, Head of Youth Services at Bloomfield Township Public Library, is the winner of the 2017 Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth. The award is given annually to a Michigan library staff person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of library service to youth, ages 0-18 throughout his or her career. Marian was honored at the Spring Institute 2017 Conference on March 31 at the Bavarian Inn and Conference Center in Frankenmuth, Michigan.

Marian has served as Head of Youth Services at the Bloomfield Township Library for over 35 years. Marian's numerous contributions to the library community, including creating innovative programming and collections, dedication to service, exemplary leadership and consistent encouragement and support to the librarians around her, have distinguished her in her field.

"Marian Rafal's career epitomizes that of Youth Services Librarian who is a champion of both the profession and her colleagues. Her contributions to her community, her profession, and the library community are no less than striking." Jolee Hamlin, 2016-2017 MLA Award's work group Chair.
As the library spends this current week (April 10-15) celebrating National Library Week, we have a lot to be proud of! We celebrated our amazing staff on Tuesday, April 11, which was National Library Workers Day, and we celebrated with our patrons that night at a Patron Appreciation Night.

The library received a temporary historical newspaper display, and Beth and Mike set it up for patrons to enjoy. Beth ordered the Bookbike from Icicle Tricycle in Portland, and we hope to receive it next week. Kate received the preliminary design for Local History exhibit in the Friends Reading Room, and we are looking at a completion date at the end of May.

In addition, Adult Services had 4 Book Discussions (27), 4 Needle Arts (11), 5 Tech Help (17), Orion Historical Society (6), Septic System Maintenance (22), 5 PATH workshops (62), Team Trivia (37), and a DIY Cookbook (8). We also had a very popular Cut the Cord program by Eric which brought in 70 attendees and will likely be repeated in the fall.

Outreach Services offered a number of programs as well, including 16 Computer Classes at the Orion Center (17), 5 ESL Conversation Groups (38), 4 ESL Classes (40), 2 Quilting Groups (8), programming at the LONC (40), Senior Book Bunch (5), 2 Heritage Place programs (18), 7 Next Chapter Book Clubs (63), and programming at Silverbell (11).

Teens participated in 2 Geek Club meetings (21), Minecraft LAN party (15), and a YouTube Video Competition (7).

In the Youth Department, we now have 141 children registered for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program. We had 213 children signed up for the 5th Grade Battle of the Books, making 51 teams this year! We had a great event (drawing 530 kids and their cheering sections) and successful award ceremony (about 450 people) with author Alison DeCamp.

In addition, other programming included 3 Babytime (28), 7 Mother Goose (140), 7 Preschool Pals (126), 2 Game On (17), Dr. Seuss party (54), Lego (18), Maker Workshop (52), Fingerprint Art (12), 8 Doggone Readers (26), a final session of 1,2,3 Play with Me (20), and Pick up STEAM (43).

We had 2 sessions of visits from Planet Kids (72) and one from Pee Wee Patch (26). Youth department staff did 32 school visits (20 preschool, 12 elementary) in March, reaching 826 students. They also fulfilled 24 ThinkLink book requests.
Director’s Report
April 20, 2017
Karen Knox

In case you haven’t seen it, the March/April ONTV show, Orion @ Your Library, is available here: https://youtu.be/hVIBARYxplY. We will be taping the May/June show next week.

I have been working with the Fund Development Committee on the donation mailer for businesses and vendors. Thanks to help from Green Light Graphics and committee members, we did get all the mailers out to LO businesses and library vendors before the end of March. A handful of donations have been sent in.

I have started working with Rob & Kim from Kimberly Bolan & Associates for our new Strategic Plan. The board Strategic Planning committee met on April 7 as well. Some important upcoming dates:

- **May 2-3**: On-site visit from Rob & Kim to do focus groups and a public forum, board focus group on **Tuesday, May 2 at 5p**
- **Month of May**: have online survey available to the public
- **June 3**: On-site visit from Rob & Kim to do a retreat day to analyze the information collected in May, board members present on **Saturday, June 3 from 9a to 3p at Kruse & Muer Roadhouse**

Just a reminder that we have a Policy committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 7p and a Building committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 8 at 8p.

Staff put together the content for the next Library Link, which should be mailed at the end of April. They also helped Becky put together information for the 2016 Annual Report, which is included in this packet. Staff is gearing up for Summer Reading, with our Kickoff planned for Saturday, June 10!

The Friends’ last board meeting was held on March 27. They will be holding elections for new officers at their Annual Meeting on April 17, and they have a good slate of officers nominated. They have a new volunteer to attend board meetings as the Book Sale chair, who will work closely with Sally. They continue meeting to plan their 2017 Gala to Poland for April 29. Invitations were mailed, and tickets are now on sale for $35, both online and at the Customer Service Desk. They are also starting to plan their May Book Sale, which is May 16-20, and their Friends Member Night, which will be on Tuesday, October 17.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:

- April 14-15 – Library closed for Easter holiday
- April 17 – Friends Members Annual Meeting, 6:30p
- April 20 – Senior Care Info, 6:30p
April 22 – Silent auction in conjunction with Passport to Spring will be setup in the Friends Reading Room
April 23 (Sunday) – Karen will work with volunteers for some prep decorating for the Passport to Spring, 12noon to 3p
April 29 – Library closes at 2p to set up for Passport to Spring, event from 7:00p to 10:00p, doors open at 6:30p
April 30 (Sunday) – Karen will work with volunteers for cleanup from the Passport to Spring, 12noon to 3p
May 1-7 – Children’s Book Week
May 2-3 – Strategic Planning on-site visit with focus group, public forum
May 4 – Joan Brace Art Scholarship reception and art show, 6-8p
May 6 – Comic Book Day, Star Wars Day
May 9-17 – Karen on vacation
May 16-20 – Friends of the Library Book Sale
I attended the Battle of the Books and the Battle of the Books awards ceremony. I thoroughly enjoyed both. Great organization, fun questions. Kids really creative with team names and costumes.

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Hooray for the Orion Library

CONGRATULATIONS
Excellent staff
Excellent event.

My kids and I love it.

Name: Patricia Yanez-Carrillo 
E-mail: patyyc@hotmail.com 
Address: 

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Thank you for taking the time to complete a comment card at the Orion Township Public Library. Your input is important to us!

The 5th Grade Battle of the Books is always a popular program and this year we had 51 teams! Every year the kids seem to have a great time and I agree that they create such original team names and impressive costumes. It was nice to hear that you attended the Battle and the award ceremony and enjoyed both.

Thanks again for your thoughtful comment, and thank you for using the Orion Township Public Library.

Sincerely,

Karen Knox
Director
WE'D LIKE TO KNOW........

The Orion Township Public Library always welcomes compliments, concerns, and suggestions from our library users. The library director carefully reviews each form put in the suggestion box. Thank you for taking the time to comment. Purchase requests may also be sent to the library website at http://orionlibrary.org/purchase-request/

The newspaper display is excellent. Keep up the good ideas!

Name: Jacklyn Rolf  e-mail: J.J.ROLF 12@H.O.C. .C.O.M
Address: 174 Morgan Hill

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Thank you for taking the time to complete a comment card at the Orion Township Public Library. Your input is important to us!

The Clarke Historical Library’s exhibit, The History of Michigan Newspapers, will be on display at the library until the end of April. It was nice to hear that you thought the exhibit was excellent! Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to stop in and enjoy this exhibit and all that the Orion Township Public Library has to offer the community.

Thanks again for your thoughtful comment, and thank you for using the Orion Township Public Library.

Sincerely,

Karen Knox
Director
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Strategic Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/7/2017

Present: Mary Pergeau, MaryAnne Thorndycraft, Mike Luna, Karen Knox

Logistics:
- Committee members – library board members (3 – those present), staff members (5) – from each department, Friends board members (2)
- Consultant visit dates
  - Tuesday & Wednesday, May 2-3: Focus groups and public forum
  - Saturday, June 3: Retreat
- Retreat offsite location
  - Kruse & Muer (upstairs room)
  - Additional attendees to invite
    - All board members: Jim P, Jim A, Bert
    - All department heads: Beth, Debra, Shannon, Steve, Mike
    - All Friends board members: Rob, Bob, Jordan, Mary, Dave, Steve

Content:
- Gathering requested statistics (Joyce)
- Gathering collection analysis (Anne)
- Comparison communities – Consultants will use for benchmarking
  - Clarkston
  - Commerce
  - Birmingham (Baldwin PL)
  - Northville
  - Plymouth
  - Bloomfield Township
- Prep for focus groups, public forum
  - Schedule created (attached)
  - Invitations will be sent to community leaders, elected officials, business leaders, community partners, etc.
- Consultants will create draft presentation (PPT) to use at focus groups
- Consultants will create draft survey to make available to the community for the month of May
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2016 Annual Report

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Mission
To serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners.

Vision
Be known for more than books.
DEPARTMENT UPDATES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS/GRANTS/NEW SERVICES

The Adult Services department was updated with new carpet, paint, furniture and computers. The Ingram Room was also remodeled, and a projector and white board were added to accommodate groups using the room.

The book *James Ingram’s Time Tracs: a History of Orion* was printed and is now in our collection and available to the public to purchase.

From July 30-August 22, the library hosted the traveling exhibit *Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean to Be Human?* The exhibit was organized by the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, and consisted of panels, interactive kiosks, hands-on displays, videos, and a series of related programs, including presentations by Smithsonian scientists.

Over 60 participants of all ages biked or walked the Polly Ann Trail to the Yates Cider Mill for free donuts and cider, then returned to the library for a total of 5 miles for the *Trek or Ride the Trail with the Orion Library* program.

Over 175 people came to the library for the *Pokémon Go* program; lures were placed on our Poke stops, and refreshments were provided.

Over 300 patrons attended was our first Annual Harry Potter Day on July 30. This all-day program included crafts and activities for all ages, showing of a Harry Potter film, and a live owl presentation from the Howell Nature Center.

A Teen/Adult Mobile Makerspace was created and used it for several successful makerspace programs, where people gather to create, invent and learn. The cart consists of a variety electronics, software, crafts and tools including a button maker, sewing machine, Sphero obstacle course, Cricut cutting machine, Little Bits, and 3D doodle pens.

The Adult Services Department received 3 grants during 2016 for a total of $1,050 for programs.
Due to flooding, the Orion Center was closed for a few months in 2016. Staff cross-trained at the Main Library during this time. The Center reopened in July and our library branch was back in business.

Staff started a new Chapter Chat book group at Heritage Place, adding to our list of outreach programs.

Staff attended several community events, including the Parent Resource Fair at CERC, Flower Fair downtown, Summer Sizzle at the Orion Center, and the Senior Living Expo at the Orion Center.

The Teen room was remodeled with new carpet, paint and furniture, and the teen fiction collection was moved out of the room to allow more space for teens to gather. The room was also updated with a projector and screen.

The Haunted House, which teens decorate and manage, had the largest attendance in recent years; over 700 children went through over 4 evenings Halloween week.

Our teen department was one of the first libraries to do an Escape Room with 45 teens attending and 30 on the waiting list.

The Battle of the Books had 218 fifth graders signed up this year. Gary Schmidt, author of The Wednesday Wars, was a very popular speaker this year at the Battle Awards ceremony.

The Youth Department applied for the Oakland County Recreation grant and was granted two programs for the summer.

1000 Books before Kindergarten launched on May 2 and over 101 children registered for the program with two children completing their 1000 books by the end of the year.

The Star Wars/Free Comic Book day was very popular as 414 people attended the Star Wars activities and 236 people picked up comic books.

Doggone Readers had 6 dogs, 31 sessions and 134 kids!
1180 people attended the Summer Reading Kickoff and 868 children registered for the Summer Reading program.

The youth department reorganized the collection codes for kits into preschool kits, quilt kits, storybox kits, discovery kits, STEM kits, and large print and hi/lo books and Braille.

The Dragon Award competition had 2,945 votes this year. The winning book was Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins.

The first Elf Workshop with Santa was a smashing success with 445 people attending!

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Library staff presented programs to Orion teachers about how to use our subscription databases.

Library staff participated on special committees, including one to learn about adding special needs collections to our library.

Library staff attended Spring Institute.

Many library staff members watched various online webinars to learn new things that enhance services at the library.

Library staff attended the Michigan Library Association conference, and some even presented programs at the conference as well. Orion Library was one of the top five libraries who competed for grant dollars by presenting our idea for the Bike Bookmobile at the conference. (Unfortunately, another library won.)

Library IT staff attended technology training workshops.

Library staff members attended the Innovative Users Group conference.

All staff attended a full day in-service with multiple presentations and breakout sessions.

The library Volunteer Coordinator attended the Points of Light National Conference on Volunteering and Service in Detroit to network and bring back ideas to enhance our Volunteer Program.

The Library Director and President of the Board of Trustees attended grant-funded training to learn from the Harwood Institute about Community Conversations and collecting “public knowledge.” They held ten Community Conversations between June and November 2016.
TECHNOLOGY

The library upgraded the public computers in the Adult Computer Lab and Teen Room.

As part of our department space redesign, we introduced end-cap mounted public catalogs with more user-friendly touch capacity.

We migrated to a new wireless network solution with a better and more reliable user authentication process.

We began circulating Chromecast devices for patron use, allowing users to stream online content from many popular providers to non-Internet enabled TVs.

The library introduced Re-load charging tables, allowing patrons to charge handheld USB devices.

Staff beta-tested and helped launch MeLCat account integration into our library’s user account system so patrons no longer need to visit two separate sites to see materials checked out from the Orion Library and materials checked out via MeLCat.

The Library began working with Unique Management Services, Inc. to help us collect unpaid fines and fees from library patrons.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

The Volunteer Program continues to grow here at the Orion Library. Our team of volunteers have made it possible to offer a wide variety of programming and events for all ages. For 2016, we had a total of 321 volunteers, which includes 98 adults and 223 teens, resulting in over 6,311 hours of service!

The volunteers were an asset in our Teen, Adult and Outreach departments as well as lending a hand to our Friends of the Library. Some of the highlights include the volunteers who helped out with the Exploring Human Origins traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian, our “Bike the Polly Ann Trail” event volunteers, our partnership with Orion Township to create a butterfly garden here at the library through their “Greener Orion” initiative, and hosting the Oakview Middle School National Junior Honor Society members for their Day of Service event. Our volunteers helped us get “Outside the Lines” and bring the library to people in our community too. “Sunshine Bags” were delivered to Lake Orion Nursing Home and Silver Bell Estates filled with hand-made bookmarks and placements from our adult special needs volunteers. Our “Gardening Angels” continue to beautify our library grounds, planting and creating outdoor spaces for our patrons to enjoy.
There are many ongoing programs that couldn’t be done without the help of our volunteers including the Friends of the Library book sales, the Friends Passport to Spring Gala, Game On!, Lego @ the Library, our annual Haunted House and Summer Reading Kick-Off. We are also very proud of the relationship we have with Lake Orion High School’s National Honor Society, as they are crucial to the 5th Grade Battle of the Books.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

In 2016 the Friends supported over 80 programs and events for the Library.

In addition, they held their annual Passport to Spring Gala, three used book sales, and two basket silent auctions. The total amount donated to the Library by the Friends for 2016 was $50,000. $30,000 of that money was donated for the new furniture in the Periodical Room.

President  Diane Griffiths
Vice President  Pat Belanger
Secretary  Rob Zielinski
Treasurer  Christine Martinico
Deputy Treasurer  Bob Bambach
Book Sale Chair  Linda Jezuit
Membership Chair  Carla Tousley
Fundraising chair  Mary Duenow

NEW FACES

Below are the staff members that joined the Library team in 2015:

Lisa Branon, Librarian, Youth Services (temporary)
Nina Fancher, Hourly Librarian, Adult/Youth Services
Brian Farrell, Clerk, Support Services
Eric Hayes, IT Network & System Administrator
Julie Margerum-Leys, Shelver, Adult Services

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Director  Karen Knox
IT  Steve Saunders
Adult Services  Beth Sheridan
Youth Services  Deb Refior
Support Services  Shannon Schmidt
Maintenance  Mike Morris
2016 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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Fund Balance beginning 2016 | $2,386,328.00 | Utilizing Fund Balance | $317,335.00
Net Change in Fund Balance  | $(317,335.00)  |
Fund Balance ending 2015    | $2,068,993.00  |
STRATEGIC PLAN/RENOVATION UPDATE

In 2016, we continued to implement the priorities defined in our Strategic Plan. In our efforts to redesign our physical space, our focus was on Adult Services this year. We installed new carpet throughout the space and refreshed the walls with some new paint. We also installed new furniture to serve a variety of needs. We installed comfortable seating in the Periodical Room so patrons can enjoy reading, gathering, and looking at the view of our beautiful grounds outside the windows. We added additional comfortable seating throughout Adult Services.

We added more access to power throughout the space in a variety of ways so patrons can use and charge their own devices. We consolidated the area where the public computers are located and installed new furniture to better support patrons using the computers. We installed additional tables with plugs nearby. We also installed some booth-style seating to accommodate small groups of people as well as individuals who might want a little privacy. This seating has access to power in the table. We added “re-load” tables throughout the space which have USB chargers in the center so patrons can keep their handheld devices charged.

We moved the Teen collection to just outside of the Teen Room in order to give the teens more room to gather. In both the Teen Room and the James Ingram Room, we added large white boards and projectors to make them more conducive to groups needing to do presentations. In the James Ingram Room, we also added more flexible tables and power outlets near the tables.

We added library catalog computers along the ends of the bookshelves to provide better access for patrons looking up the materials in our collection. We moved our Volunteer Check-in area to the Adult Services space as well to provide all of our many volunteers with a designated space for them.

Although 2016 was another year focused on our physical space, we continued to make progress on the other focus areas in our Strategic Plan as well. We had a number of initiatives to improve our customer service, and we were awarded a Citation of Excellence by the Library of Michigan recognizing us as one of the top three libraries in the state for customer service! We continue to add depth to our materials collection. Usage of hoopla digital, added in 2015, continues to grow significantly in 2016. We redesigned the kits in our youth services area to better meet our patrons’ needs. All of the collections in our adult services area were touched by our renovation. Finally, we continue to expand our marketing efforts, spending more time and attention in newer markets, like social media, and reaching out around the community.
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND
THE NORTH OAKLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In an effort to arrive at a mutually beneficial arrangement between the North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS) and the Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) Board of Trustees for the responsibility, authority, and care of the North Oakland Genealogical Society's collection of books, magazines, and other materials, the following provisions are put forth, outlining the policies and proposals by which the Orion Township Library Board offers encouragement and support for both the NOGS collection and the Society itself.

I. Use of Library and Space Allocations

a. The Orion Township Public Library (herein referred to as the "Library") will allocate space for the present collection of the North Oakland Genealogical Society (herein referred to as "NOGS") and their files, records, etc.

b. The Library will provide meeting room facilities for NOGS regular meetings, as follows the Library's policy for Meeting Room Use. The Library will make exceptions regarding scheduling, allowing NOGS to schedule the room more often than other groups, as needs arise.

II. Responsibility for the NOGS Collection

a. The Library will be responsible for the maintenance, processing, and cataloging to provide access to holdings in the collection and insuring of the collection against fire and water damage, as well as providing security tagging of NOGS collection to protect against theft.
   i. The material in the collection will be available to the public.
   ii. Files, indexes, projects, and miscellaneous records kept by the Society would remain the responsibility of NOGS to maintain.

b. The Library will offer professional advice and reference service for the collection and consultation with NOGS regarding projects or the collection.
   i. NOGS members will offer assistance to the public doing genealogical research.

c. The Library will consult with NOGS officers in regards to additions to or deletions from the collection.
i. One librarian, as designated by the Library Director, will be responsible for the collection.

ii. All items in the NOGS collection are subject to the Library’s Collection Development Policy, unless exceptions are made by the librarian.

iii. All donated items accepted for the NOGS collection cannot be removed by the donor unless the items are being withdrawn from the collection.

iv. Suggestions of titles for purchase for the collection by the NOGS officers are welcome.

v. NOGS officers should consult with the librarian before making purchases for the collection to coordinate titles and avoid duplication.

III. Collection Designation

a. All material provided by NOGS will be added to the reference collection of genealogy materials. These materials will not be able to be checked out or sent through interlibrary loan.

b. The NOGS collection will be filed with the Library’s genealogy and local history reference materials owned by the Library.

IV. Ownership

a. All materials placed in the Library by NOGS belong to NOGS and are to remain at the Library.

b. Should NOGS dissolve or merge with another organization, the collection with the exception of materials deemed appropriate for museum or archival placement shall become the property of the Library.

V. Additional Provisions

a. The Library will include NOGS events in its publicity as space permits.

b. Should any disagreement or problem arise needing clarification related to policy, the Library Board of Trustees and the NOGS board shall be the parties to reach a solution.

c. In matters relating to the maintenance and care of the collection, the Library Director and designated librarian shall work with the NOGS officers.
d. Both the Library and NOGS will communicate regularly with each other about any issues that affect the collection or the organizations.

e. This agreement will be binding on both parties and will be subject to review every three years from the date of signing.

This agreement should serve to benefit both the North Oakland Genealogical Society and the Orion Township Public Library by placing the supervision, care, and coordination of a valuable and specialized resource, that is the Society's, under the umbrella of a public institution, that is the Library, for the benefit of all people interested in pursuing the heritage and history of this area.

Agreement Revised: March 2017

Signed in the spirit of cooperation and mutual support:

Date: ______________________

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MaryAnne Thordycraft, President
Orion Township Public Library
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