Orion Township Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, September 28, 2017
6:30 p.m. – Library Conference Room

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

I. Call to order
II. Approval of agenda
III. Introduction of new employee
IV. Consent agenda
   A. Minutes of 8/17/2017 Public Hearing on the 2017 Millage Rate
   B. Minutes of 8/17/2017 Public Hearing on the 2018 Proposed Budget
   C. Minutes of 8/17/2017 Library Board meeting
   D. Bills
   E. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from August 2017
V. Public Comment
VI. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, August 17, 2017
   C. MLA Weekly Newsletter, August 24, 2017
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, August 31, 2017
   E. MLA Weekly Newsletter, September 7, 2017
   F. MLA Weekly Newsletter, September 14, 2017
   G. Letter from the Patriot Week Foundation
VII. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news
VIII. Old Business
   A. Sculpture update
   B. Upcoming Strategic Plan presentations
IX. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy – report from meeting on 9/11/17
   B. Finance
   C. Fund Development
   D. Board Development – article: “The E’s of Libraries"
   E. Building
   F. Human Resources – report from meeting on 9/7/17
   G. Strategic Planning – report from meeting on 9/6/17
X. Discussion Items
XI. Action Items
   A. 2018 Employee Health Care
XII. Public Comment
XIII. Trustee Comments
XIV. Adjournment
Orion Township Public Library
Board of Trustees
Public Hearing on 2017 Millage Rate, August 17, 2017

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1) Call to order @ 6:30 p.m.

2) No public.

3) The 2017 Millage Rate

   a) The resolution is to set the millage rate at 1.3798. A decrease from 1.398 in 2016 was discussed, however it is an expectation the revenue will eventually increase as a result of property values increasing along with the increase in new home building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Orion Township Public Library
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Board of Trustees
Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018
August 17, 2017

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1) Call to order @ 6:39 p.m.

2) No public.

3) Presentation of the 2018 Budget. State Aid, Penal Fines budgeted lower based on historical run rates. Budgeted revenue of $2,490,000, a slight decrease from the 2017 budgeted revenues. Expenses: largest line item is salaries and fringe benefits at $1.69M, approximately 67.9% of expenses. Proposed Fund Balance use is $200,000 for 2018, $100,000 for 2019 and $50,000 for 2020.

Discussion occurred regarding understanding the impact of Orion Twp growth.

$91,500 is allocated to Capital Improvements for future improvements and strategic plan implementation. Roof, meeting room and some staff areas are next to be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Orion Township Public Library
Orion Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2017

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

1) Call to order at 6:54 p.m. (after 2 public hearings)

2) Approval of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Pergeau / Abramczyk. Motion carries.

3) Consent Agenda as presented: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Phillips / Quinn. Motion carries.
   a) Minutes from last meeting 7/20/17 Library Board meeting
   b) Bills


5) Public Comment - None

6) Communications
   a) Press coverage –
      i) Jason Abbott, magician, drew a large crowd.
      ii) Friends received additional press coverage for the $10,000 donation
      iii) State Aid has increased for 2018.
      iv) Final distribution from the James Ingram Estate: $6,383.60.
      v) Trustee Alliance, 10/13/17.

7) Director’s report
   a) Report on file
   b) Bookbike was out for 5 days in July, spoke with approximately 163 people.
   c) Over 1,273 patrons attended Summer Reading Program. The Board appreciates all of the hard work and volunteers who continue to invest into our community.
   d) Linda Pannuto’s last day was 8/4/17.
e) Friends Member Night – 10/17/17.

f) Orion History Reception hosted by the Historical Society will be held on 9/11/17 from 6 to 7 p.m.

8) Old Business

a) Unique Management update –Began with Unique Management after Labor Day 2016. We get a monthly status report. Through the month of July: $12,212.65 in cash received, Paid $5,833 to use the Unique Management thus far plus over $6,600 of materials returned.

   This will be reported on a quarterly basis going forward.

9) Standing Committee Report –

a) Policy Report –

   Set a meeting to review various policies. 9/11/17 at 7 p.m.

b) Finance –

   Reviewed Budget and Minutes.

   Audit – 6 bids received for the OTPL audit. Committee recommended to hire Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker for the audit.

c) Fund Development –

   None

d) Board Development –


e) Building –

   None

f) Human Resources –

   Set up a meeting to review health care options for 2018. 9/5/17 at 6:30 p.m.

g) Ad Hoc Committee Reports

   Strategic Planning – 9/6/17 at 6:30 p.m.

h) Advocacy – None.

10) Discussion Items

a) Little Free Pantry – Board agrees to respectfully pass on this opportunity.

b) VEBA investment institution.- Comerica Bank is our current investment institution. Comerica declined to complete the necessary report for compliance with GASB and actuarial analysis. Board recommended to send a letter to Comerica and consider moving the investment to a different institution who can provide the service required by GASB.

c) Partnership for programming with Lake Orion United Methodist Church (LOUMC) – Board agrees to move forward with the 4 months of partnership with LOUMC for the Community Conversations programs.

11) Action Items
a) Resolution on the 2017 Millage Rate was read into the record by Trustee Phillips. Motion by Quinn, seconded by Pergeau. Motion carries.

b) Resolution on the Proposed 2018 Budget was read into the record by Trustee Abramczyk. Motion by Abramczyk, seconded by Phillips. Motion carries.

c) Review Succession Plan for the Replacement of the Director – Luna motions to approve the plan as presented / 2nd by Pergeau. No further discussion. Motion carries.

d) Review Emergency Plan to Appoint an Acting Director – Quinn motions to approve the plan as presented / 2nd by Pergeau. No further discussion. Motion carries.

e) Review Bank Institutions & Authorized Singers list - – Abramczyk motions to approve the signers list as presented / 2nd by Phillips. Question regarding staff signing, mitigated by dual control. Motion carries.

f) 2017 Auditor award, 3 year engagement – Committee recommended engaging Stevens, Kirinovic & Tucker, CPA’s. No further discussion.

12) New meetings scheduled at the OTPL
   a) Policy Committee – 9/11/17 at 7:00 p.m.
   b) Human Resources – 9/5/17 at 6:30 p.m.
   c) Strategic Planning – 9/6/17 at 6:30 p.m.

13) Questions from the Public – None

14) Trustee comments

15) Adjournment at 8:32 p.m.

Mike Luna  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Orion Township Public Library
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|      | CRAFTY VIN CRAFTY VINE LLC | | VO        | 08-17  |         | 027029    | 8/24/2017  | 0000004    | 195.00    | 0.00       |
|      | E SHERIDAN E SHERIDAN/ADULT | | VO        | 08-17  |         | 027032    | 8/24/2017  | EXPENSE     | 63.60     | 0.00       |
|      | KROGER MICHIGAN CUSTOMER CHARGES | | VO        | 08-17  |         | 027038    | 8/24/2017  | STATEMENT   | 273.72    | 0.00       |
|      | FOA PNC/TEEN ROOM | | VO        | 08-17  |         | 027034    | 8/24/2017  | STATEMENT   | 109.71    | 0.00       |
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|      | FOA PNC/YOUTH | | VO        | 08-17  |         | 027034    | 8/24/2017  | STATEMENT   | 16.99     | 0.00       |
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# Orion Township Public Library

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### Orion Township Public Library  
**For the Eight Months Ending August 31, 2017**

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(1) Credit Union Money Market .50% interest
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(3) CD maturing 2/19/18 @ 1.125% interest
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(5) Money Market Account, CD
(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
(9) CD maturing 2/7/2018 @ 1.00% interest

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## ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL FUND ACTIVITY
### AUGUST 2017

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### RECEIPTS

- Interest
- Realized/Unrealized Gain/Loss *
- Operations
- Transferred

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**Notes:**
- (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
- (14) Money Market, CD
Celebrate the end of the Youth Summer Reading Program with Jason the Magician on Saturday, August 12 at 11:00a at the Orion Township Public Library! In his action-packed, family magic show Jason will amaze the audience with his tricks and wit. This is a must-see event! Following the show there will be prize drawings for those youth that participated in the Summer Reading Program (participants must be present to win a prize). The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Rd in Lake Orion.
Students age 10 and up are invited to sign up for a two-day Hunting Safety Course at the Orion Township Public Library on **Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15 from 10:00a to 4:00p**. Participants will learn responsible behavior, safe gun skills, and gun handling with respect to the sport of hunting. This course does not contain live fire training. Students will have a written exam and firearm handling exercise, and will receive a DNR Hunter Education Card upon successful completion of the classes.

Each participant will need to pick up a free *Today's Hunter Manual* available at the Orion Library located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion. The Parent/Guardian Agreement and all chapter review must be completed by the first class. **Register online at orionlibrary.org/calendar.**
Orion History Exhibit Ribbon-Cutting

Orion Township Public Library

By Becky Bolin (Patch Contributor) - Updated September 5, 2017 12:54 pm ET

The Orion Library has been working hard to preserve and share local history with the community and it’s time to celebrate! Everyone is welcome at the Orion Library on Monday, September 11 at 6:00p for a belated ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Orion History Exhibit and “Enjoy Lake Orion” sign! Meet the people involved with these projects, enjoy refreshments, and have any questions answered. Join the Orion Historical Society meeting at 7:00p for even more local history! The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Rd in Lake Orion.
Behind the Scenes Library Tours

Have you ever wondered what happens behind those closed doors at the Orion Library? Join Library Director, Karen Knox, for a tour and see what it takes to run the library. Tours will be happening on the following days and times:

Monday, September 11 @ 10:00a

Tuesday, September 12 @ 7:00p
Join us at the Orion Library on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00p for an informational and inspiring discussion about the September 11 terrorist attacks, and how they changed American history and our future. The discussion will include a review of the ideology of the terrorists, the changes to American law and culture, and how the nation can move forward today. The program will be presented as part of Patriot Week by Judge Fred Mester. The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.
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“We will be having a variety of events and programs during the week,” said Karen Knox, library director. “We are excited to be out in the community with our new Bookbike talking to residents and signing up new patrons for library cards, and of course, handing out library freebies!”

In addition, students who visit the library September 11 through September 16 will receive a FREE flag or sticker in celebration of Patriot Week (while supplies last.)

September is also National Library Card Sign Up month! If you do not have an Orion Library card sign up during the month of September and be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local restaurant.

**Monday, September 11**

10:00a “Behind the Scenes” Library Tour (register at orionlibrary.org/calendar)

5:00p-6:30p Bookbike @ Community Free Meal @ United Methodist Church in downtown Lake Orion

6:00p Orion History Exhibit Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony @ the Orion Library

**Tuesday, September 12**

11:00a-1:00p Bookbike @ Civic Center Park

7:00p Teen International Taste Test @ the Orion Library (register at orionlibrary.org/calendar)

7:00p “Behind the Scenes” Library Tour (register at orionlibrary.org/calendar)

**Wednesday, September 13**
2:00p “Behind the Scenes” Library Tour (register at orionlibrary.org/calendar)

5:30p-6:30p Bookbike @ Main Street Bikes

7:00p Remembering 911 and How It Has Changed America @ the Orion Library

**Thursday, September 14**

5:00p-7:00p Bookbike @ 20 Front Street Creamery

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*Originally published August 31, 2017. 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.*
Bike or walk south from the Orion Library on the Polly Ann Trail to the Yates Cider Mill for FREE donuts and cider on Saturday, September 16, then return to the library for a total of 5 miles. An officer from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office will give a short bike-safety talk at 10:00a for those interested, and Holy Spokes, a charity that repairs used bikes and donates them to families and organizations, will also be present to help with last minute repairs on bikes before you ride! Stop at the library after the ride or walk and receive a participation prize. Bring the whole family to this fun event, or come on your own! The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.
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EVENTS AT THE ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY:

WWI and America
Veterans, their families and the public are invited to attend programs which will explore the American experience of war and how it has shaped the contemporary world.

World War I and America Book Discussion Series
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location: Meeting Room B
Students Adult Senior Citizens
Join Oakland University's Dr. Karen Miller as she moderates a series of three discussions of readings drawn from the book "World War I and America. Told by the Americans Who Lived It."
The writers provide unique insight into how Americans perceived the war and how the conflict transformed American life.

DIG Men's Group
Bring on the bagels, Bibbles and bros.
Connect with other guys and dig into Christ-centered recovery atmosphere. No home work! Come start your Tuesday mornings off strong with coffee and bagels on them. Questions? Contact Brian at btabert@gmail.com or 248-840-9894.
DIG campus meeting locations:
Orion: 4844 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion (Room 1101). Contact Brian Tabert at 248-840-9894.

K9 Stray Rescue League of Oxford
A Dog Adoption Day is held every second Saturday of every month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Pet Stuff & Harvest. Time in Oxford, corner of Drahner and M-24. Looking to bring a furry friend into your family? Visit them at Pet Stuff or visit their kennels at 1120 Motorama Road, Oxford. Check out the website for open hours and look at photos of the available dogs at www.copsaver.org/k9s/

Oxford American Legion Post #108
The American Legion has been serving veterans and this community for 97 years; their post is located at 130 E. Drahner Road. They have over 200 uniforms and hundreds of artifacts on display at their American Legion Museum. It is always free and open for everyone to look at and enjoy. There are many groups in the American Legion family. If you would like to join one of them, call American Legion's Rick Morhead at 248-582-6855, the American Legion Auxiliary's Linda Tope at 248-391-2699, AMVETS (American Veterans) and Sons of American Legion's Lee Tope at 248-391-2699, American Legion Riders' Grumpy at 248-760-2975, or Young Marines' Cees Cameron at 248-582-5765. For hall rental, call Rory at 248-582-9081.

Oakwood Community Church
Celebrate Recovery is a Christian 12-step recovery ministry that provides a safe place to share your experiences, strengths and hopes in a Christ-centered recovery atmosphere. This ministry is designed to help anyone struggling with life's hurts, habits or hang-ups such as alcohol, drugs, sexual addiction, food, broken relationships, gambling, financial issues, abuse and depression.
We meet every Monday night 7-9 p.m. at Oakwood Community Church, 5791 Oakwood Road, Ortonville. You do not need to be a member of the church to attend. Free child care for ages 1-12 is provided with advanced notice.

Rochester North Oakland Elks #2225
The Rochester North Oakland Elks #2225 is a service and social organization dedicated to helping people and enriching our community. For more information, call 248-572-7118 or find them on Twitter @RNEOElks2225, on the web at www.RNEOElks2225.org or via email at RNEOElks2225@gmail.com.

Veteran housing services through VA grant
Training & Treatment Innovations, Inc. (TTI) has been offering the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program since October of 2013. Under the program, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awards grants to nonprofit organizations committed to providing housing stability and related community coordination services to veteran families.
TTI serves veteran families who meet criteria in Genesee, Jackson, Leaper, Macomb, Oakland and Saginaw counties. For more information, call 800-877-8734.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 334
VFW Post 334 is moving its meetings from the American Legion Hall to Oxford to Christ the King Church at 1550 West Drahner Road in Oxford.
The post and its auxiliary will assemble together for dinner in the church's Family Life Center Room from 6:45 p.m. at 7 p.m. the auxiliary will remain in the Life Center Room and the VFW post will conduct its meeting in an adjoining room.
Veterans interested in joining the post are encouraged to call Ed Cline at 248-879-6851.

GFWY Christian Women's Network Group.
This group meets to equip women to be whole, holy and authentic in their marketplace. Different types of meetings are held each month: Networking & Masterminding; Empowerment Lunch; Bible-based Business Book Club; and more. Attendance is FREE to first time visitors. For more information and to register for any of these events go to www.GrowFromYourOverflow.com/events Contact De neen Troupe-Burtrage 248-568-4606 Most meetings held in Auburn Hills.

Oakland Family Services
Oakland Family Services is a non-profit human services agency which provides foster care and adoption services to children ages birth to 18 years old. There is an urgent need for more individuals who are willing to open their homes to care for these children. Intensive training and ongoing support are provided. Call 248-858-7766, ext. 206, for more information.

The Michigan Accordion Society
The Michigan Accordion Society meets every third Tuesday of the month at various locations throughout southeast Michigan between 7-10 p.m. These events include music performances by several local and guest musicians in a variety of musical styles. All ages welcome! For more information about each month's location and performers, call 586-692- 0498 and leave a message and phone number. Visit online at www.michiga­ncord soccy.org/

The Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group
The Alzheimer's Association invites the community to a Caregiver Support Group the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Community Center. Led by Alzheimer Association-trained facilitators, the group provides an opportunity for caregivers and families to share how their lives have been affected as they care for someone with Alzheimer's. For more information, call Annette Werner at 248-819-8699 or Cindy Morley at 248-875-2052.

East Oakland County MEA-Retired Chapter Members
The East Oakland County MEA-Retired chapter is accepting new members. Any retired MEA school employee is welcome to join. They have five informative meetings per year with guest speakers and group outings for all members to enjoy.
The East Oakland County MEA-Retired Chapter is affiliated with the MEA-Retired and NEA-Retired organizations. EmailOakland.retirees@yahoo.com for membership information.

The Metro Detroit Center for Attitudinal Healing
The Metro Detroit Center for Attitudinal Healing, a local nonprofit, offers free adult personal growth (support) groups open to everyone. These groups are safe places to talk about your human challenges from the mind-body-spiritual perspective of the 12 attitudinal healing principles, by Dr. Gerald Jampolsky. For information: 248-652-7993, email ahdetroit@att.net; www.amedetetroit.com and on Facebook.

COMMUNITY CHORUS SEeks NEW MEMBERS
The Community Chorus will be placing new members beginning Monday, Aug. 28 at 7:45 p.m. at St. Mary of the Hills on John R. Road in Rochester Hills. For more information and practice as well as audition times, visit www.RochesterCommunityChorus.org or call 248-743-7418.
A Taste of Auburn Hills

Photo courtesy of MG Photography & Design

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FALL SHOPPING!

September 10th, 6pm
CELEBRATE FALL YOGA
September 16th, 10am 1pm
WHEELS and TEAL
September 23rd & 24th
FALL FASHION WEEKEND
by Ryan James

Sometimes you feel like taking a road trip to support a good cause, hear some great music or enjoy quality art.

CL’s own Ryan James has rounded up a sampling of engaging events for your enjoyment.

- 9/16 - 11th Annual Garden Party at Belle Isle - An annual event to raise funds benefiting the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory @ Belle Isle.
- 9/16 - Rockstars for the Kids: Auction & Gala Join Yotee’s Foundation dressed as your favorite rocker! You can be a rockstar in the life of a kid who has lost a parent. Help benefit over 300 kids in the 2017/18 year with financial assistance, crisis support, grief counseling, legal assistance and more @ Royal Park Hotel.
- 9/16 - Meet Your Best Friend at the Detroit Zoo - Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for adoption from the Michigan Humane Society. No charge for admission or parking for the adoption event.
- 9/16 - Gilda’s Family Walk & 5K Run This event features a beautiful walk & 5K run through Royal Oak. Last year, Gilda’s Club had more than 1,100 people raising more than $190,000 for the courageous cancer community in Metro Detroit! @ Royal Oak High School.
- 9/16 - Tour de Troit Ride A bike ride that explores some of the city’s historic areas, takes in many of its most breathtaking sights, and provides bicyclists a unique opportunity to legally “take over” the streets of Motown. The primary Tour de Troit is a leisurely ride of approximately 25.6 miles with police escort @ Roosevelt Park in Detroit.
- 9/17 - Little Heroes 5K Run/walk and 10K Run This event benefits the Children’s Tumor Foundation, which is a non-profit dedicated to raising awareness and funding research for neurofibromatosis @ Addison Oaks in Leonard.
- 9/17 - Orange Out the Park - Help paint Comerica Park orange by teaming up with the Tigers and the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society as $5.00 from every ticket sold will be donated to the MS Society and you will receive a Tigers/MS Society t-shirt @ Comerica Park.
- 9/22 - DIY Street Fair 12-3, 3-night event where local artists, crafters, businesses, groups and organizations, musicians, craft brewers and others who live and work with a do-it-yourself ethic converge for one big celebration @ Woodward & 9 Mile in Ferndale.
- 9/23 - Michigan’s Great Lakes Bat Festival This festival celebrates the unique role of bats in the Great Lakes ecosystem, and works to dispel the myths surrounding these amazing creatures @ Michigan Science Center in Detroit.
- 9/23 - 16th Annual Clinton River Watershed Cleanup Join other volunteers from businesses, local governments and organizations from around the watershed to help clean up the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair contact 248-601-0606.

World War I and America at the OTPL

The Orion Township Public Library is one of 120 institutions nationwide that was recently awarded a World War I and America grant to host a series of events about the impact of WWI in America. The grant marks the 100th anniversary of the nation’s entry into the war in 1917.

“We apply for grants like World War I and America to bring high-quality speakers to our library at minimal cost, and to speak about subjects of interest to our patrons that align with our library mission ’To serve and engage a thriving community of life-long learners,’ says Beth Sheridan, head of adult services at the Orion Library. “We hope that veterans and their families, and any interested patrons in our community, will attend these programs, which will explore the American experience of the war and its role in shaping the contemporary world.”

Following are just a few of the events Orion Library is hosting this fall.

Discussion Series Join Oakland University’s Dr. Karen Miller as she moderates a series of three discussions of readings drawn from the book, “World War I and America: Told by the Americans Who Lived It.”

Register for the whole series or any of the evenings online, and stop by the library to pick up the readings being discussed to read ahead of time.

Discussions will also include other forms of media related to each evening’s themes.

Why Fight? The Experience of War, Race and WWI, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.; “American Women at War, The Home Front: Selling Unity, Suppressing Dissent”, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.; “The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joblyn Road, Lake Orion. For more information visit orionlibrary.org/worldwar1.
Crates Coffee House bids a fond farewell and Orion returns the sentiment
By scarroll on August 3, 2017 No Comment

Coffee connoisseurs may have wept when Andrea Rank announced she would be closing Crates Coffee, but the community showed up in droves to say goodbye on Sunday and enjoy one last round of brew.

Friends and loyal patrons poured into the shop to say goodbye, chat and reminisce. Families played board games at the tables; kids ran around the coffee shop playing and laughing.

“It’s overwhelming. It’s awesome to see how much love there is in this community. It’s been really emotional, but at the same time it’s been really great seeing everyone come out and be so supportive, said Rank, who opened Crates Coffee on Lapeer Road in January 2014.

“And I’m probably going to have to kick my staff out of here tonight because they don’t want to leave,” Rank said. “They’re refusing to turn in their keys. Even today, they’re volunteering their time to come in and work. It’s crazy cool to see that they love this place so much, and they make it their own.”

Lee Smith, a friend of Rank’s and fellow Orion Chamber of Commerce member, visited the coffee shop on its last day with a group of friends and their children.

“I started coming her about two years ago and this has been one of those places that’s been like a central hub for us to come together, have business meetings, sit back and relax,” Smith said. “I’ve had a fantastic time here and I’m sad to see it go. It’s not a chain (business). Blood, sweat and tears went into this as long as it’s been open.”

Rank said she decided to open the coffee house after she and her family moved to Orion. She was spending too much time commuting to work and wanted to do something locally.

“Owning a coffee shop is something I’ve always wanted to do. So, it just seemed like the right fit once we moved to Lake Orion and realized there weren’t too many independent coffee houses. I had to follow my dream and get out there and do something fun and definitely challenging.”

The 16-hour days were part of Rank’s decision to close Crates, as was “being able to spend more time at home with my daughter and kind of get back on a normal schedule.”

Rank is on the boards of the Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, Blessings in a Backpack, and the Orion Fireworks Association. She runs the events committee for the chamber, helping oversee the special events like the upcoming business expo this fall.

She also believes in giving back to the community, having done so personally as an active member or providing support through her business.

Crates Coffee has supported the library’s reading program; the North Oakland Community Coalition’s efforts to keep drugs out of schools; Christmas Mansion; The Daisy Project; as a sponsor for A Mother’s Wish golf outing; as well as allowing individuals and groups to use the coffee shop for fundraisers, book signings, and sports teams meetings.

And as Crates Coffee bids farewell, Rank wants the community to know that she and the employees will never forget their time serving the community.

“We are so, so happy and blessed by all the love and support we’ve had over the years. The countless memories we’ve shared in the community, in house and out. I’m going to miss being out there so much in that role of doing the coffee for events. But, at the same time I know I’ll always be out there in the community giving back.”

Even though she’s saying goodbye to Crates Coffee, Rank will still be a part of the local business community, already joining a locally-owned insurance agency.

“I’m happily going to State Farm, at Nick Horvath’s office. I have done insurance in the past for five years, so it will be nice to get back to something I know and a more 9 to 5 job.”
Webster, The Village Mouse, rides into town this weekend on the Lake Orion Dragon. Thank you to Lake Orion artist Cherie Meyers for her depictions of all things Lake Orion.
Go Outside the Lines with the local library

The Orion Township Public Library invites the Orion community to experience the library in a whole new way. Outside the Lines is a global initiative designed to celebrate the creativity and innovation happening in libraries.

From September 10-16, organizations from across the world will host events and campaigns designed to get people thinking and talking about libraries in a whole new way. "We will be having a variety of events and programs during the week," said Karen Knox, library director. "We are excited to be out in the community with our new Bookbike talking to residents and signing up new patrons for library cards, and of course, handing out library freebies."

**Monday, September 11**
- 10 a.m.: “Behind the Scenes” library tour
- 5-6:30 p.m.: 5:00p-6:30p Bookbike will be at Community Free Meal at LO United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St.
- 6 p.m.: Orion History Exhibit Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

**Tuesday, September 12**
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Bookbike will be at Civic Center Park, 2525 Joslyn Rd.
- 7 p.m.: Teen International Taste Test
- 7 p.m.: “Behind the Scenes” library tour

**Wednesday, September 13**
- 2 p.m. “Behind the Scenes” library tour
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Bookbike will be at Main Street Bicycles, 622 S. Lapeer Rd.
- 7 p.m.: Remembering 9/11 and How It Has Changed America

**Thursday, September 14**
- 5-7 p.m.: Bookbike will be at 20 Front Street Creamery, downtown LO

**Friday, September 15**
- 6-8 p.m.: Bookbike will be at the Lake Orion High School football game, 495 E. Scripps Rd.

**Saturday, September 16**
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Trek or Ride the Trail from Orion Library to Yates Cider Mill (Safety Talk at 10 a.m.: start ride between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.)
- 10 a.m.: National Play-Doh Day

All events take place at the Orion Township Library unless noted otherwise. To register for the tour or taste test, please visit orionlibrary.org/calendar.

September is also National Library Card Sign Up month. If you do not have a library card, sign up during the month of September and be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local restaurant.

The Orion Township Public Library is at 825 Joslyn Road in Orion Township. The library is open 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. --J.O.
September is National Library Card Month!
If you sign up for a library card throughout the month of September, you will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card to a local restaurant. Come explore all that the library has to offer!

Teen & Adult Makerspace
Saturday, September 9 @ 11:00a
Enjoy this DIY space to create, invent and learn using a variety of electronics, software, crafts, and tools.

Outside the Lines
Outside the Lines is a global initiative designed to celebrate the creativity and innovation happening in libraries. From September 10-16, 2017, organizations from across the world will host events and campaigns designed to get people thinking - and talking - about libraries in a whole new way. The Orion Library will be having a variety of events throughout the week in the community. Visit orionlibrary.org/otl for more details.

In addition, students who visit the library September 11 through September 16 will receive a FREE flag or sticker in celebration of Patriot Week (while supplies last.)

Orion History Exhibit Ribbon Cutting
Monday, September 11 @ 6:00p
Everyone is welcome to join us for a special ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Orion History Exhibit and “Enjoy Lake Orion” sign at the library! Meet the people involved with these projects, enjoy refreshments, and have any questions answered. Join the Orion Historical Society meeting at 7:00p for even more local history!

International Taste Test for Teens
Tuesday, September 12 @ 7:00p
The library will gather snacks from all around the world and have teens compete to identify where they are from. Expect spicy, sweet, and unique treats! Prizes will be awarded to the top teens. Registration required.

Remembering 9/11 and How It Has Changed America
Wednesday, September 13 @ 7:00p
Come to the library for an informational and inspiring discussion about the September 11 terrorist attacks, and how they changed American history and out future. Presented as part of Patriot Week by Judge Fred Mester.

National Play-Doh® Day
Saturday, September 16, 10:00a-11:30a
Drop in to explore and create with Play-Doh®. All ages welcome!

Trek or Ride the Trail
Saturday, September 16, start between 10:00a and 12:00p
Bike Safety Talk @ 10:00a (Oakland County Sheriff’s Office)
Bike or walk south on the Polly Ann Trail to the Yates Cider Mill for FREE donuts and cider, then return to the library for a total of 3 miles. Stop at the library and receive a participation prize. Bring the whole family!

Friends Fall Gently Used Book Sale
Get ready for fall reading! Come browse the thousands of books available. Hardcover and paperback books in all genres are available for purchase.

Tuesday, September 19, 10:00a-8:30p
Friends Members Only (memberships may be renewed or purchased at the door)

Wednesday, September 20 & Thursday, September 21, 10:00a-8:30p
Open to the General Public

Friday, September 22, 10:00a-4:30p
All Books Half Off

Saturday, September 23, 10:00a-2:00p
Bag Day! Fill a bag provided by the Friends for $5

Dragon Award - Vote for Books!
Monday, September 18 - Tuesday, November 7
Read the five nominated chapter books and campaign for your favorite at orionlibrary.org. Starting the week of October 30, cast your vote online. The winner will be announced online November 8.

Blood Drive
Tuesday, September 26, 9:30a-6:30p
Remember there is always an urgent need for blood so please give - Be A Lifesaver! Sign-up online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code orionlibrary, or call 1.800.733.2767.

Animal Communicator
Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30p
Reverend Kathleen will communicate with your pet whether living or no long with us. Please bring one photo, or other article used by the pet. Please do not bring living pets. All ages welcome!
What's Going On?
Member-sponsored and community events

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

GOGOP Monthly Meetings. The Greater Oakland Republican Club (GOGOP) meets the first Tuesday of each month at King's Court Castle in Canterbury Village. Visit gogop.club for dates, meeting topics and speakers. Meetings are free and open to the public.

9th Annual Classic Car Cruise Season at Culver's Lake Orion. Enjoy Oakland County's largest classic car cruise showcasing 250 to 500 cars every Tuesday from 4 to 8 pm. Over $250 in prizes, D.J. Billy D playing your favorite music, 50/50, free prizes and $1 cone per Cruise Discount Card. Culver's is at 4988 Interpark Drive N in Lake Orion.

BNI North Oakland Business Associates Networking Meeting. Join us every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 am for networking. BNI is a diverse networking group with the guiding philosophy based on the idea of Givers Gain®. By giving business to others, you will get business in return. Only one person from each professional specialty is accepted into a chapter of BNI. Speak with any of our BNI members and see how BNI is helping them. Weekly meetings held at Buffalo Wild Wings, 770 N. Lapeer Road in Lake Orion.

LO Palooza. You are invited to Wildwood Amphitheater on Saturday, September 9 from 12 to 9 pm to hear live music, play cornhole, participate in kids activities and visit the beer tent. Proceeds from this event benefit the special needs playground/inclusive baseball field, Let Them Play.

Love INC Fundraiser. Visit Times Square Deli, 500 N Lapeer Road in Lake Orion between Monday, September 11 and Sunday, September 17, for a fundraiser supporting Love INC. Times Square will donate 15% of all sales to Love INC of North Oakland County. Print the required coupon from the Chamber Events Calendar at orionareachamber.com.

Dinner with a Doc. Dr. Silvia Operti of Kidz1st Pediatrics presents "Tough Parenting Situations" at Ascension Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, 1101 W. University in Rochester on Wednesday, September 13 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Her talk will focus on the frustrations and solutions of parenting children ages 0 through 6. The event is free and dinner will be hosted by Great Oaks Country Club. Register by September 8.

Golling Super Cruise. Visit Golling Buick GMC Saturday, September 16 from 9 am to 4 pm for the Super Cruise Charity Car Show benefiting Orion Area Youth Assistance (OAYA). Live bands, entertainment, music by Rockin Ronnie, food, ladies boutique and more. All makes and models are welcome and 50 cruiser trophies and 75 big trophies will be awarded. Donations are being accepted. Rain date is September 23. Golling Buick GMC is at 1491 S. Lapeer Road. For details call 248-435-3091.

Gently Used Book Sale. The Friends of the Orion Township Library's Fall gently used book sale is at the library September 17 to 23. Preview day is September 16 for members of the Friends. Visit orionlibrary.org/friends for information and daily sale times.

Tommystock 2017. Join the Friends of Camp Agawam for Tommystock 2017 with 3 days of music at gorgeous Camp Agawam, located at 1301 Clarkston Road in Lake Orion. Live music all day Friday, September 22 through Sunday, September 24 with special live acoustic performances after hours at the Tommystock Firebowl, and the debut of "Electric Agawam," an after-hours electronic dance stage featuring City Air Detroit DJs and Special Guests. Early bird tickets on sale through Eventbrite.

Toy and Comic Expo. Buy, sell or trade comic books, collectibles and memorabilia at the annual swap meet on Saturday, September 23 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road. Vendor fee is $25 per table and set up opens at 8:30 am. Spaces are limited. Parking and admission is free.

GOGOP Oktoberfest Fundraiser. The Greater Oakland Republican Club (GOGOP) hosts its annual Oktoberfest fundraiser Friday, September 29. The festive German-themed party starts at 6:30 pm at King's Court Castle at Canterbury Village. Enjoy a full meal, open bar, musical entertainment and a Chinese raffle. Proceeds benefit local Republican candidates who will run in 2018. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit gogop.club/oktoberfest.html

Pins for Pups. Join Do Only Good Animal Rescue for a fun night of bowling at Avon North Hill Lanes on Friday, September 29. 100% of proceeds support animal rescue. Registration begins at 7 pm and bowling is from 8 to 10 pm. Bowlers and non-bowlers welcome. Visit doonlygoodrescue.com for more info. Advance registration required by September 10th.

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WWI and America
Veterans, their families, and the public are invited to attend programs which will explore the American experience of war and how it has shaped the contemporary world.

For details visit orionlibrary.org/wwiamerica.

Haunted House
Monday, October 23
Thursday, October 26, 6:00p-8:00p

Drop in if you dare for the annual, kid-friendly Haunted House put on by teen volunteers!

Ages birth to 5th grade are welcome.

The Giving Season:
Author/Illustrator Fair
Saturday, December 9, 1:00p-4:00p

Meet authors and illustrators from the Detroit Metro area. Books for readers of all ages will be available for signing and purchase. This is a perfect chance to find holiday gifts!

Elf Workshop and Santa
Saturday, December 16 @ 10:00a

The whole family is invited to be an elf and make presents for your loved ones! Decorate an ice-cream cone tree and visit with Santa. The whole family is invited!

For more program details or to register, visit orionlibrary.org/calendar

MADE IN THE MITTEN

Art & Craft Show
Saturday, October 7
10:00-5:00 pm
Orion Center
1335

Vendors will throughout the Orion Center with everything from one of a kind, hand-made jewelry to clothing and home décor.

Free Admission & Parking
Events & Fundraisers

Full listing of events and fundraisers can be found on our Calendar page.

Friends Gently Used Book Sale
September 19 - 23, Orion Township Public Library. Come browse the thousands of books available at the Friends Gently Used Book Sale. Hardcover and large paperbacks are $1.00, paperbacks and all children's books are $0.50. See the event page for more details.

Ladies' Night at JAE Jewelers
It's Ladies' Night at JAE Jewelers! Come out for a free wine tasting courtesy of Oxford Wine and Beverage, yummy snacks, great deals, an awesome raffle and more! Bring your friends and have a fun time while supporting local small businesses. Thursday, September 21st, from 5 - 8 pm, 1390 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford.

Tommystock
Join us for Tommystock 2017 with 3 Days of Music and Camping at gorgeous Camp Agawam in Lake Orion Michigan. Live music all day Friday September 22nd through Sunday 24th with special live acoustic performances after hours at the Tommystock Firebowl, and the debut of 'Electric Agawam' - an after hours electronic dance stage featuring City Air Detroit DJs and Special Guests. Full musical line-up on the event page.

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Orion Township Public Library
The Friends of the Orion Library are having their Fall Used Book Sale this week so stop on by...

Friends of the Library
Fall Used Book Sale
Tuesday, Sept 18, 10:00am-8:30pm
Friends Members Day
Wednesday, Sept 19 and Thursday, Sept 20
10:00am-8:30pm
Open to the Public
Friday, Sept 21, 10:00am-4:00pm
All Books 50% OFF
Saturday, Sept 22, 12:00pm-2:00pm
Play of Books Day – Fill a bag promised by the Friends for $5

Orion Township Public Library added 3 new photos — at Yates at Canterbury Village.
September 16 at 4:27pm · Lake Orion ·

Last day of "Outside the Lines" with the Orion Library at Yates Cider Mill! #getOTL

Beth Blubaugh Sheridan, Lori Morris and 13 others
It was a busy morning here at the Orion Library. Oakland County Sheriff's Office was here to give a short bike safety talk and Holy Spokes took care of some last minute maintenance and repairs before patrons headed out for a 5 mile cruise to and from Yates at Canterbury Village along the Polly Ann Trail with free donuts and cider at the halfway point.

While that was going on, we also celebrated National Play-Doh Day in our Youth Activity Room.
Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. for Remembering 9/11 and How it Has Changed America. This program will be presented by Judge Fred Mester as part of Patriot Week.

We had an international taste test program for teens tonight. The hazelnut cookies from Italy were a hit but the wasabi peas from Japan were too spicy!
Orion Township Public Library
September 12 at 11:19am ·

Day 2 of "Outside the Lines" week at Civic Center Park in LO! #getOTL

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15Lori Morris, Suzanne Radabaugh and 13 others
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Comments
Kim Combs Urbanowski Two of my favorite people!

Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos — at Lake Orion United Methodist Church.
September 11 at 5:23pm · Lake Orion ·

We are getting "Outside the Lines" at the Orion Library at our first stop of the week at the United Methodist Church of LO! #getOTL

6Beth Blubaugh Sheridan, Lori Morris and 4 others
Comments
The General Federation of Women’s Clubs - Lake Orion (GFWC) did a fantastic job volunteering at the Dragon Boat Races last month. If you are interested in joining the GFWC to help make a difference in the community, their next meeting is this Thursday, September 14 at 1:00p at the Orion Library in Meeting Room B. New members welcome!
We have not one, but TWO awesome displays this month in our front lobby. First, our guest artist is Janet Almstadt-Davison with bright acrylic and oil canvas paintings. Next we have Colleen Avery's personal American Girl Doll collection in the display case. Stop by and check out these exquisite displays!

Want to be featured as a guest artist or have questions about the display? Contact Joyce Becker in the administrative office at 248-693-3000 ext. 302
**Orion Township Public Library**

September 6 at 3:19pm ·

Next week, we'll be participating in Outside the Lines, a global initiative designed to celebrate the creativity and innovation happening in libraries. Join us for a behind the scenes tour of the library on Monday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. Sign up here: [https://orionlib.evanced.info/](https://orionlib.evanced.info/)

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**Orion Township Public Library**

September 5 at 12:57pm ·

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month! When you sign up for a new card this month, you will be entered into a drawing to win a $25 gift card to [Lockhart's BBQ - Lake Orion](https://lockhartsbbq.com)! Not to mention all the excellent materials you can check out! Stop in today!
The Friends of the Orion Township Library are in need of volunteers for their upcoming September Book Sale. If you’re able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. There are slots available for loading and setup, cashiers and roaming sale help, sale tear-down, and more. To volunteer, please sign up online.

Welcome friends of Orion Library. We are now organizing sign up for ALL book sale volunteers here in one spot, online and everyone can see available needs. Please sign up for any shifts or assignments…

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Orion Township Public Library
August 30 at 1:54pm

We will be closed Saturday, September 2 through Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day Holiday. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy the holiday weekend!

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5 Suzanne Radabaugh and 4 others

Orion Township Public Library
August 29 at 7:57pm

Our next newsletter should be hitting mailboxes any day! Take a peek inside to read about all the exciting programs and activities we have scheduled for the fall. You can also check out the online version of our newsletter on our website here: https://orionlibrary.org/library-link/newsletter.pdf

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9 Lori Morris and 8 others

Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.
August 28 at 12:41pm

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9 Lori Morris, Lisa Branon and 7 others
**Orion Township Public Library** added 5 new photos.
August 27 at 12:40pm

Dragon on the Lake! This is a fun charity event in Lake Orion that benefits the Orion Arts Center. We are proud to share a boat this year with Lockhart's BBQ - Lake Orion! Come to Downtown Lake Orion today for the Dragon boat races, stay for the art fair!

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25Lisa Russell, Lisa Branon and 23 others

Comments
Geoffrey Seymour Jules!

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**Orion Township Public Library**
August 24 at 7:38pm

Are you going to watch the Dragon Boat Races this weekend? Be sure to cheer on The Barbarians and Librarians Powered by Lockhart’s BBQ on Sunday and look for some familiar library staff faces!

LikeShow more reactions
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14Beth Blubaugh Sheridan, Judi Rudisill and 12 others
**Orion Township Public Library** added 7 new photos to the album: **2017 Solar Eclipse**.

Wow that solar eclipse was awesome! We had a great group join us to watch the NASA livestream, enjoy snacks, and view the eclipse. #solareclipse#eclipse2017

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**Orion Township Public Library**

August 18 ·

We get to see a Partial Solar Eclipse (about 80% coverage) on Monday, but you can join us for the live streaming of NASA’s feed for the Total Solar Eclipse. On a large screen! Drop in anytime between 12-4 and stay as long as you want. There will be popcorn.

**Please be advised that we are completely out of solar eclipse glasses and will not be getting any more.**

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Types of Solar Eclipses

- Partial
- Annular
- Total

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Orion Township Public Library added 7 new photos to the album: Douglas Dragon.

This summer we invited kids to Build a Colorful Dragon on the bulletin board in the Youth room, by asking for a sticker each time they visited the library. Douglas Dragon is almost all colored in, and will be up through Saturday, so be sure to bring your kids in to add more stickers!

6 Lisa Branon and 5 others
Comments
Paula Cohen Zalesin So cute!!!

Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.

17 Lisa Branon, Suzanne Radabaugh and 15 others
Orion Township Public Library

August 14 ·

We had an AMAZING Summer Reading Program this year! Thank you so much to all our local business partners, sponsors, and of course the participants who helped to "Build a Better World"!

SUMMER READING REPORT CARD

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Orion Township Public Library

August 12 ·

After a busy Summer Reading finale, we have officially run out of Solar Eclipse glasses. If you did not get a pair, here are some links to help you build your own viewer out of recycled materials:

https://www.nationalgeographic.org/.../build-a-solar-eclipse.../
https://www.timeanddate.com/ecl.../make-pinhole-projector.html

Build a Solar Eclipse Viewer

Students use everyday items to build a solar eclipse viewer. They use it to examine the sun's corona and storms from the sun, such as solar flares and Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs).

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Chronological
5Suzanne Radabaugh and 4 others
Comments
Carol Mason Just wondering who are the 2 people who won the adult prizes?
Manage
Orion Township Public Library: Hi Carol. The winners have been notified and provided they have no objections, we'll post pictures when they've claimed their prizes.

Orion Township Public Library: added 22 new photos to the album: Youth Summer Reading Finale 2017.

Orion Township Public Library: Thank you Jason Abbott Magician for a great show, and thank you to everyone who attended!
Orion Township Public Library added 15 new photos to the album: Youth Summer Reading Prize Winners 2017.

August 12 ·

Congratulations to our prize winners, and to all of the amazing readers who completed the Summer Reading program!

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20Lori Morris, Lisa Branon and 18 others

Orion Township Public Library was live.

August 12 ·

Our Summer Reading finale is positively magical! Jason Abbott Magician is putting on a great show!

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12Lori Morris, Lisa Russell and 10 others
Orion Township Public Library
August 11 ·

Solar Eclipse glasses are here! But you should know:

1. We only received 300 pairs of glasses
2. They will be on a first come first served basis. No reservations or holds
3. THEY WILL BE ONE PAIR PER ORION RESIDENT LIBRARY CARD...

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Chronological
25Beth Blubaugh Sheridan, Lisa Russell and 23 others
Comments
Leslie Marie Johnson Do you have any more?
Orion Township Public Library Unfortunately, our limited supply ran out on Saturday.

Orion Township Public Library
August 11 ·

Some things are too important to leave in the general lost and found in the entrance of the library. That's why we have a "Lost Items" bin in the back. If you have misplaced a flash drive, FitBit, phone, or keys please see someone at the customer service desk.

Like Show more reactions
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9Lisa Russell, Suzanne Radabaugh and 7 others
Orion Township Public Library shared their album.

August 10.

Over the summer, Kindermusik at the Clarkston Conservatory of Music visited us three times with lots of fun songs, music and movement, dancing, and play-learning. Thank you so much for stopping by ladies! We'll see you next time!
We've had a lot of calls and questions about solar eclipse glasses so here is some information you need to know:

1. The solar glasses are on order.
2. SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED, so glasses will only be offered to library patrons with ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY RESIDENT CARDS. Reciprocal borrowing library patrons will not be issued glasses.
3. **ONE PAIR OF SOLAR GLASSES PER ORION TOWNSHIP RESIDENT CARD** Since supplies will be limited, we want to make sure as many people get solar...

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Orion Township Public Library

Unfortunately, no. Any time between now and next week. Stay tuned to our website/social media for announcements of when they arrive.

Orion Township Public Library

Super Sand Crafts was super fun yesterday! We love creative kids!

Orion Township Public Library added 22 new photos to the album: Super Sand Crafts.

Lori Morris and 10 others

Karla Knapp Rybak Lesli Gross... 😊 addison is standing right behind her

Lesli Gross That is so funny! They didn’t see each other?
Orion Township Public Library shared OrionONTV’s post.
August 9

Thanks OrionONTV for the News Break feature!

OrionONTV to Orion Township Public Library
August 9
On Saturday, July 29th the Orion Township Public Library hosted its annual Harry Potter Day!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_Sk2E8iAAC

ONTV News Break: 2017 Harry Potter Day
On Saturday, July 29, 2017, the Orion Township Public Library hosted its annual Harry Potter Day.

Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos.
August 8

Summer Reading is almost over! To celebrate we have Jason Abbott a local magician scheduled to appear on Saturday, August 12 at 11:00a. The teen lock-in will be Friday, August 11 at a new time, 7:00p and will end at midnight. Contact the library with any questions!

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4 Suzanne Radabaugh and 3 others
The last week of Build a Better World Summer Reading Program started off with a bang! Thanks to everyone who came out and built some very whimsical Enchanted Gardens!

Stop by the Orion Library during the month of August and see the Orion Art Center's Dragon display on the Guest Artist wall in the lobby.
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.

Early bird registration ends Friday, September 8
Register now to enjoy maximum savings

MLA 2017 Annual Conference provides a unique assortment of professional development and education opportunities from traditional breakout sessions to Spotlight Presentations, new extended Deep Dive education sessions, poster presentations and the new Idea Exchange. Hear from experts and colleagues in more than 50 programs on topics ranging from advocacy to accessibility, creative programming, customer service, legal issues, marketing, community outreach and engagement and much more.

It's all happening this October 18-20 at the Lansing Center. Escape the ordinary, visit the MLA website to see the full schedule of programs and register today!

Spotlight Presentations
How Would You Like to Be Remembered? Expanding Your Pedagogy and Professional Practice.

In Thursday's Spotlight Presentation, Nicole Cooke, PhD, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will detail efforts in the graduate LIS program at the University of Illinois' School of Information Sciences to offer a suite of classes dedicated to issues of diversity, social justice, race, gender, and sexuality, and attempts to infuse these concepts and sensibilities throughout the curriculum. More Information

The Path Forward: Justice, Compassion and Dignity for All

Guided by their belief that all persons deserve to live free from oppression and to be treated with justice, compassion and dignity, Freedom House Detroit offers a continuum of care and services to their residents and refugees in need. Join Executive Director Deborah Drennan in Friday's Spotlight Presentation, as she advocates for systemic change that recognizes the rights of asylum seeker and see how your library can make a difference in your community. More Information

NLA Announces 2017 Community Reads Book Selection

The Neighborhood Library Association (NLA) has announced their eighth annual Community Reads book, *Underground Airlines* by Ben H. Winters. The NLA is a group of six libraries located in southeast Michigan. The Community Reads program aims to bring community members together to read and discuss the same literary work, and take part in events hosted by the participating libraries.

Visit the NLA Community Reads website for more information on the program and upcoming events.
MLA Mentor Program Accepting Applicants

The MLA Mentor Program is an excellent opportunity for students and budding professionals seeking to learn more and experienced librarians and library professionals in the field to share their expertise.

Experienced library professionals have the opportunity to share wisdom, create new relationships and learn the new technologies and trends emerging in the library community from students and young professionals.

Budding professionals gain invaluable experience and the chance to expand their professional network and knowledge.

More Information

Internet Archive Launches Program for Local Libraries
From Associations Now:

With financial support from a federal agency, the Internet Archive is launching a program for libraries around the country to archive community websites in much the same way the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine does. Continue Reading

New Online Course Available in Personnel Management

Personnel Management for Public Libraries, led by Josie Parker of the Ann Arbor District Library, is now available on EdX.org.

This course will explore skills needed for hiring and evaluating personnel to reflect your library's mission through an organizational culture that will thrive in your community. Learners will understand the legal considerations when managing a diverse workforce.

The Public Library Management Series Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is an initiative between the University of Michigan School of Information in collaboration with public library leaders that offers free practitioner oriented courses for public librarians in a MOOC format.

More Information

IMLS Grants: Deadline Approaching

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced the availability of two grant opportunities for libraries through the National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) and the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian (LB21) programs.

National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG) support projects that address challenges and opportunities, as well as potentially advance theory and practice.
The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) provides grants to libraries for professional development and education.

The deadline to submit grant proposals is September 1, 2017. For more information visit IMLS’ NLG or LB21 webpage.

NLG and LB21 programs are funded through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administered by IMLS.

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**ALA Accepting Applications for 2018 Class of Emerging Leaders**

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the 2018 class of Emerging Leaders (EL). The ALA EL program is a leadership development program which enables newer library workers from across the country to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts participants on the fast track to ALA committee volunteerism as well as other professional library-related organizations. For more information visit the Emerging Leaders web page.

The deadline to apply is August 31, 2017. Apply now.

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**Attend MLA 2017 Annual Conference for Free**

Don’t let financial issues stand between you and an enriching education opportunity. The Library of Michigan offers the Library Continuing Education Program to provide continuing education stipends to public, academic and school library staff. MLA has a scholarship fund to assist individual members with defraying costs for attending association sponsored education events.

- **Library of Michigan Stipend**
  - Please visit the Library of Michigan’s website for more information on criteria and application questions.
- **MLA Scholarship**
  - Visit our website for more information and to apply.

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- Michigan Library Association | MLA@milibraries.org | http://www.milibraries.org
- 3410 Belle Chase Way, Ste. 100
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.

Who needs advocacy?

An even more compelling question: Whose responsibility is advocacy? The simple answer to both questions is everyone. It gets a little more complicated when we try to sift down to our day to day lives, embrace the fact that we need to practice advocacy every day in our libraries, in our communities and in our personal lives and then try to determine how best to achieve it.

Before you say you don't get involved in politics, what we are calling advocacy and how you are already involved may surprise you. As you know, public libraries depend on millages, penal fines, state aid and myriad other sources of funding. What you may not realize is that for every dollar funneled into your library budget, someone advocated to see that funding was not taken away.

The lobbying done by MLA, lobby firm GCSI, MLA Legislative Committee and numerous engaged librarians has resulted just this year in increased state aid to libraries, relief from tax captures, continuing availability of the May, August or November ballot for library millage questions and the ability to communicate freely with your community.

This fall we will once again be fighting a legislative initiative that would force all millage proposals onto the November ballot. We fully expect another assault on free speech similar to SB 571 which earlier this year would have prevented libraries and others from communicating with their patrons for 60 days prior to an election. Additionally, we expect an attempt once again to sneak this in under the radar without full public review.

So working directly with legislators and the administration to secure positive results is one way to advocate. But advocacy starts well before MLA and GCSI meet with a legislator in Lansing. It starts with educating and building relationships.
Dear Karen,

August gave us a bonus Thursday this year, so we took this opportunity to supplement our regular MLA Weekly schedule with a special edition dedicated to the upcoming MLA 2017 Annual Conference. Here you'll find the information you need to plan a successful conference experience. Registration is open - early bird discounts expire September 8. [Act now](#) for maximum savings!

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**You Can Help Texas Libraries with Hurricane Harvey Recovery Efforts**

[ALA President Jim Neal shares ways to support libraries affected by Hurricane Harvey](#).

The Texas Library Association Disaster Relief Fund provides grants to libraries to assist in recovery efforts. You can support your colleagues in Texas by purchasing a [TLA coloring book](#) or donating to the [TLA Disaster Relief Fund](#).

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**Early bird deadline is September 8**

[Register now to enjoy maximum savings!](#)

**MLA 2017 Location and Hotel Accommodation Information**

**Conference Location:**
Lansing Center  
333 E. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933  
517-483-7400
Hotel Accommodations:
Radisson Lansing at the Capitol
111 N. Grand Ave
Lansing, MI 48933
517-482-0188
www.radisson.com/lansingmi

Reservation cutoff date: October 2, 2017
Promotional code: MLA117

More Information

MLA 2017 Food and Beverage Included with Registration

- Wednesday night Opening Reception
- Thursday morning Your Professional Connection and Poster Continental Breakfast
- Thursday Keynote Lunch
- Intersection Reception at East Lansing Public Library
- Afternoon snack breaks
- and of course, plenty of coffee and chocolate

These extras are included FREE with registration but be sure to register for any special events and meals you plan to attend!

MLA Scholarship deadline is September 2

Apply Today!

MLA has a scholarship fund to assist individuals with defraying costs for attending MLA workshops, educational events and the association's annual conference. Applicant must be an individual member of MLA to qualify for an "Individual Member Scholarship." Organizational members may apply for a scholarship on behalf of any staff member, if that person is an individual member of MLA. Visit our website for more information and to apply.

Tips for a Successful Conference

Whether you are a First Time Attendee or a seasoned conference vet, check out our tips for making your MLA Annual Conference a success: www.milibraries.org/prof-development-networking/annual-conference/first-time-attendees

Poster Sessions

Opening Reception Poster Preview:
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Your Professional Connection and Poster Continental Breakfast
*Sponsored by Library Design Associates*
Thursday, October 19, 2017
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

- Building Basic Reads: Creating Effective Adult Literacy Collections
- Data Management and Sharing Culture at the University of Michigan Biological Station
- Genesee District Library: It’s Not What You Think
- Have A Heart - How Your Library Has the Power to Save Lives
- Library Services to Persons with Dementia
- Library SOUP 2016 Winner
- Taking the Show on the Road...Adapting Story-Time on a Dime for Special Needs
- Teen Expansion Project

More Information

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**Keynote Speakers You Won't Want to Miss**

**Opening Keynote**
Manoush Zomorodi
Host & Managing Editor, WNYC’S Note to Self

Wednesday, October 18
Connect with Manoush @manoushz

More Information

**Thursday Lunch Keynote**
Pat Wagner

Thursday, October 19
Connect with Pat @pat2pattern

More Information

**Closing Keynote**
Jack Lessenberry
Political Commentator, Michigan Radio, NPR

Friday, October 20
Connect with Jack @JackLessenberry

More Information

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"Break In" at the Opening Reception

Opening Reception
*Sponsored by: Capital Area District Libraries*
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The MLA 2017 Annual Conference work group invites you to "break in" to the box at the opening reception. Be the first to solve the puzzles and open the locked box in the middle of the exhibit hall - win prizes, ribbons and bragging rights! Relax with colleagues, visit with vendors and enjoy live music by jazz pianist Tony Viviano. Food and a cash bar will be available during the event.

NEW IN 2017! Deep Dive Sessions

You responded to our conference surveys last year looking for more in-depth sessions. This year we are offering three Deep Dive Sessions on Wednesday, October 18. These extended sessions span the length of two traditional breakout sessions and offer an in-depth look at library advocacy at the board level, the South East Asia Book Award winners and the importance of diversity in publishing and promoting social justice in the library through relationship building, collaboration and advocacy.

More Information

What does an idea look like? Find out at the Idea Exchange!

Open during exhibit hours, the Idea Exchange is your chance to hear from colleagues as they share their interesting projects and programs and hear from member Interest Groups as they showcase who they are and what they are working on.

MLA Escape Rooms

Escape the ordinary breakout session and participate in an MLA Escape Room hosted by Escape Rooms Portland. MLA Escape Rooms offer a unique opportunity to network with your colleagues while using teamwork, collaboration and problem solving skills. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required. Register early to reserve your spot!

Michigan Author Award Luncheon

Join us on Wednesday, October 18 for a luncheon in honor of the 2017 Michigan Author Award Winner Doc Fletcher. A book signing will follow the luncheon presentation.

Tickets for the luncheon are available for $35 (via registration).

More Information
After-Hours Fun

MLA Game and Craft Night
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
MLA Game night is back for the second year! Join gamers and crafters at the Radisson for an evening of fun.

Intersections Reception @ East Lansing Public Library
Thursday, October 19, 2017
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join the staff from East Lansing Public Library as the showcase their newly renovated library. The evening will be filled with food, fun and let's not forget drinks!

Visit our website for more information.

Make the Case to Attend

How can you obtain support to attend the MLA 2017 Annual Conference? The key is to understand the professional benefits of attending and ultimately what this means from your employer’s perspective. The question will then shift from "Can I afford to attend?" to "Can I afford to miss it?"

More Information

Funds Available for MLA 2017

- Library of Michigan Stipend
  - The Library Continuing Education Program provides continuing education stipends to public, academic and school library staff. Please visit the Library of Michigan's website for more information on criteria and application questions.

Additional Resources

Follow these links for additional information that will help in your annual conference planning:

- Schedule at a Glance
- Registration Rates
- First Time Attendees
- Register
- Sponsors

Questions? Contact us at MLA@milibraries.org or (517) 394-2774. We look forward to welcoming you to Lansing!
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.

MLA 2017 Early Bird Deadline is Tomorrow

MLA 2017
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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Escape the Ordinary.

Register Today!

Save the Date: ALA Advocacy Bootcamp
MLA and the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association are joining forces to bring the ALA Advocacy Bootcamp to Lansing on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Library of Michigan. This training is for library staff, trustees and friends. The focus of the day-long work shop is on developing an advocacy plan you can implement in your library. It will empower librarians with skills to tell their library’s story and secure funding and teach practical tips on how to be a respected and effective voice in your community. Intellectual Freedom basics will also be covered. Registration opens soon.

More information on ALA Advocacy Bootcamp.

Save the Date for Banned Books Week 2017

September 24 - 30, 2017

Banned Books Week is an annual event that highlights the value of free and open access to information and celebrates the freedom to read. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community - librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

Check out available resources from ALA and begin planning for Banned Books Week now. Consider becoming a Rebel Reader Twitter Tournament partner or support the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom by signing up to share the message.

More Information

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

This September, crime-fighting DC Super Heroes, the Teen Titans, will team up with the American Library Association (ALA) to promote the value of a library card. As
honorary chairs, DC's Teen Titans will remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. Visit the ALA website for free resources, tips and ideas to help promote library card sign-up in your community.

More Information

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day is September 10th. Join the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) to focus public attention on the needs of people at risk of suicide, suicide attempt survivors and people bereaved by suicide, with diverse activities to promote understanding about suicide and highlight effective prevention activities. Initiatives which actively educate and involve people are likely to be most effective in helping people learn new information about suicide and suicide prevention. By displaying information in your library, you can play an important role in supporting people at risk of suicide.

More Information

Michigan Humanities Council Accepting Applications for Prime Time Family Reading Time

The Michigan Humanities Council is now accepting applications for libraries and schools interested in hosting Prime Time Family Reading Time.

Any public library system or public school library in the state of Michigan is eligible to apply to host a six-week Prime Time series. A library system or public school library must commit to hosting a minimum of three Prime Time series over a three-year period. The second and third series may occur in the same library or at another library within the same system.

The application period for Spring 2018 sites is currently open and applications will be accepted until November 1, 2017.

More Information

Nominations Now Accepted for the I Love My Librarian Award

The I Love My Librarian Award recognizes the service of 10 exceptional public, school, college, community college or university librarians who have transformed lives and communities through educational opportunities and lifelong learning.

Each winner receives a $5,000 cash award, a plaque and a travel stipend to attend
the awards ceremony and reception in New York City, hosted by Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Nominations accepted through September 18. Submit a nomination online now. Winners will be announced on November 30, 2017.

For more information and tools to promote the award, visit www.ilovelibraries.org/lovemylibrarian.

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**IMLS Is Accepting Nominations for the 2018 National Medal**

Each year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services recognizes outstanding libraries and museums that have made significant contributions to improve the well-being of their communities. The winning museums and libraries are presented with the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for community service. IMLS is now accepting nominations for the 2018 awards. Anyone can nominate an institution.

Nomination forms are due October 2, 2017.

More Information

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**FOML Fall Workshop**

Join the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) at their Fall Workshop, "Good to Great: Becoming High-Achieving Friends"

Thursday, October 12, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Kent District Library Service Center.
814 W River Center Dr. NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321

Registration deadline is Friday, September 29, 2017. Register Here.

More Information

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**Escape the Ordinary**

**MLA 2017**
October 18-20, 2017
Lansing Center, Lansing, Michigan
Register Today

MLA 2017 Annual Conference is designed to offer you opportunities for both formal and informal networking. Spend time with hundreds of professionals who share your
passion for libraries. Make connections with colleagues from across the state at fun events, discussion dens, interactive poster sessions, the Idea Exchange and more! Visit our website to check out our lineup of special events and start planning your conference today.

Follow these links for additional information that will help you plan for annual conference:

- Schedule at a Glance
- Featured Speakers
- Programs
- Make the Case to Attend
- Location/Hotel
- Registration Rates

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Financial support is available!

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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.

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President’s Update

The end of summer is nigh and we’ve made it past the eclipse fever. My kids were ready to start school this month, even if they didn’t want to let go of the laid-back schedule they enjoyed the past several weeks. At least we were able to fit in one last hurrah on the holiday weekend.

During orientation at our kids’ school we had the opportunity as parents to volunteer for work in our children’s classrooms. Since my wife, Sarah, teaches at the school, she didn’t fill the form out. I guess she already has lots of opportunities to serve at the school. I signed up to be a class librarian for my daughter’s classroom. Hope I didn’t steal the opportunity from someone else that was eager to take on the role.

For those of you who care about these things, the Harry Potter future timeline has now caught up to reality. At the end of the series there is a flash-forward to the year 2017 and Harry and friends are sending their kids off to school. In the future, Harry’s friend Ron looks a bit podgy at the end of the film adaptation and I told my friends the other day that my middle-aged "dad body" was not unlike Ron's. To gear up for school this fall I started my new 5 a.m. regimen of working out with Gloria Estefan each morning, taking purposeful action for positive future outcomes I hope!
From the Executive Director's Desk

Sometimes you should do nothing

As executive director for the Michigan Library Association for almost five years I can tell you one thing for sure, this job is never boring. It's like people in Michigan say if you don't like the weather wait five minutes. It's very similar at MLA. New issues crop up daily or sometimes it's the same issue but from a different perspective. For instance, a short time ago we fought and won a hard and expensive battle against assault on the first amendment and the right to educate our patrons. We also successfully fought back an effort to move all millages to November. Now, this fall we're facing both those obstacles again. Sounds like same old same old. But this time we not only have new legislators to educate but we're more knowledgeable about the issue and the purpose behind it. Libraries are rarely the target, but we are often the collateral damage. So same issues but often a whole new way of handling and looking at them.

But not being bored at your job is different than the phenomenon of needing constant distraction from our digital devices. I'm a firm believer in the need for down time to renew and create. However, that can be a difficult challenge when faced with constant email, social media and other distractions demanding our immediate attention.

MLA Annual Meeting

Please join us for the MLA Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 19 at 4:45 p.m. at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.
August 9, 2017

Orion Township Public Library
825 Joslyn Rd,
Lake Orion, MI 48362
Attn: Ms. Karen Knox, Library Director

Dear Ms. Knox,

On behalf of the Patriot Week Foundation and the Oakland County Bar Foundation we thank you for your library’s participation in the Second Annual National Library Initiative!

Your participation along with some 40+ public and private libraries in Michigan is the first of its kind in the country to pay tribute in this unified manner to the history of our country, to our veterans and current military personnel as well as the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001.

When you get a chance please go to the Patriot Week website at www.patriotweek.org and Facebook page in the next several weeks where you will find an acknowledgement of your library along with others who joined in this initiative. Your library has also been recognized in a recent press release in the various Detroit area newspapers.

In addition, as a token of our appreciation, please accept the enclosed donation of $100.00 for the purchase of American history related books for your library.

Thank you, once again, and we eagerly look forward to your participation in 2018!

Sincerely,

Rose Ann Gordon
Director, National Library Foundation
Patriot Week Foundation
Director’s Report
September 28, 2017
Karen Knox

The OTPL Bookbike was on the road for 6 days in August, and we estimate that we spoke to over 300 people at those events. Overall, the Bookbike continues to be well-received by the community!

Final Summer Reading numbers… We had 880 kids, 179 adults, and 284 teens registered for the program, for a total of 1,273 patrons! Adults logged 724 books, and teens logged 4728 hours of reading. 141 kids in our “Read to Me” program (ages 0-5) listened to 2282 books, and 739 older kids read for 285,759 minutes (that’s over 4260 hours)! 450 children earned at least the first prize this summer. All children who signed up this year made at least one entry in their reading log. (In 2016, 331 of 870 recorded 0 minutes and only 126 kids earned the first prize. This year was much more successful.) The Bingo sheets were very popular with the kids this summer too. 102 children participated, and 37 children completed the whole sheet and 65 children earned one Bingo. We brought our Summer Reading program to a close on Saturday, August 12. We had 45 teens at the lock-in the evening of August 11 and about 210 people for the finale program (Jason Abbott, magician) for the kids on August 12.

In addition, Adult Services offered: 3 Book Discussions (22), 4 Needle Arts (18), 4 Tech help (16), a Candle Making program for teens and adults (14), DNR Hunter Safety (22), Orion Historical Society (6), and a viewing of the Solar Eclipse stream (166).

Outreach Services offered: 5 ESL Conversation Groups (17), 2 Quilting Groups (6), LONC programming (28), Senior Book Bunch (6), 3 Heritage Place programs (21), 9 Next Chapter Book Clubs (71), a Silverbell program (16), and our second SNAP Stories program (8) aimed at adults with special needs.

Teen Services offered: Geek Club (8) and Summer Reading Finale Lock-in (45).

In the Youth Department, we now have 186 children registered for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program, with 4 children having completed the program. Youth programming included Edible Architecture (16), Outdoor Fun (28), Build an Enchanted Garden (40), Lego (11), Super Sand Crafts (39), 4 Dragon Summer Nights (170), 2 Doggone Readers (11), 3 Kindermusik (67), Game On! Favorites (21), Pick up STEAM – Bubbles (46), Baby & Me Playtime (6), and Clean out the Closet Crafts (45). We also did a preschool visit to (55).

Emily Ellison started as a new Youth Librarian on August 21.

The Youth Department just announced the slate of books up for votes for the 2017 Dragon Award. They are: Star Wars Jedi Academy by Jeff Brown, The Land

In case you haven’t seen it, the September/October ONTV show, Orion @ Your Library, is available here: https://youtu.be/6iqNytYIvpQ.

Members of the OTPL staff teamed up with Lockhart’s BBQ to create the “Librarians and Barbarians” team for Dragon on the Lake boat races at the end of August. We did very well, coming in sixth place out of 24 teams! Much thanks to Becky Bolin for her leadership and all who participated.

I had a follow-up meeting on August 30 with the department heads and the staff involved on the strategic planning committee to set priorities for the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan Work Plan. I also have scheduled to make presentations to the Orion Township board (October 2, 7:00p), Village of Lake Orion council (October 9, 7:30p), and Lake Orion Community Schools board (October 11, 7:00p) about the library’s new Strategic Plan. An update on the board’s strategic planning committee meeting will follow at the board meeting as well.

I am also working with staff and our consultant to order the signage for the Adult Services area. This will be similar to what we installed in the Youth area, with plans to install by the end of the year. We are also planning to reupholster the benches in the booth of the Teen Room, as the fabric has been cut and stained. The A/V equipment in the Youth Activity Room has been installed, which includes a projector and whiteboard for use by staff and patrons in this space.

Margie Wood and I met with Daly Merritt to go over the health care plan for the upcoming year. I met with the board’s HR committee about it as well and we’ll provide the details at the board meeting.

I continue to work with the board’s policy committee to review all the library’s public policies. We will likely have them completed after one more meeting in October. Mostly the proposed changes are minor and administrative in nature. All revisions will be presented to the library board at an upcoming board meeting.

With a request in the latest Library Link, we had families step forward to “adopt” all of our Little Libraries that are installed around the community. With this new program, patrons will now help us ensure that our little libraries are stocked and in good shape, providing free books to our residents.
The library celebrated Outside the Lines week from September 11-16. I offered “Behind the Scenes” tours on 3 separate dates/times, and I had a few attendees for each tour. All attendees were very excited (kids and adults alike) to learn more about how the library operates and what goes on in the staff areas of the library. We also had the Bookbike out at different locations all weeklong, including my own trek with it to Civic Center Park. I will have all the stats in next month’s report, but I was able to talk to a number of preschoolers and their parents at the park on a beautiful September morning.

Many of our regular programs started back up at the library this week, including our weekly storytimes and our adult ESL class (for a fee). More details about how they go next month!

I am working with a committee to plan our annual Staff In-Service day, which will be on Monday, October 9. The library will be closed to the public, and the staff will have a day of learning with guest speakers, technology tips, and a variety of activities.

The Friends of the Library have new board officers in place – Marty Wheeler is now the President and Don Walker is the Secretary. They are having their Fall Used Book Sale this week, September 19-23, 2017. Their next board meeting is on September 27, 2017. They will soon be sending out invitations to their Friends Member Night reception, which will be on October 17.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:

- Karen K on vacation Sept 21-27, 2017
- September 26 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30a to 6:30p
- September 27 – Animal Communicator, 6:30p
- October 2 – Cook the Book, 7:00p
- October 5 – New to Medicare, 2:00p
- October 5 – Shop Local Chamber Expo @LOHS, 4-7p
- October 9 – Library Closed for Staff In-Service Day
- October 11 – WWI and America series begins, 7:00p
- October 14 – Cheese Making, 11:30a
- October 17 – Friends Member Reception, 6:30p
- MLA Conference is October 18-20 in Lansing, MI.
- October board meeting will include setting the calendar of library closings for 2018 and scheduling a finance committee meeting (in November) to review and revise the 2017 budget
### Statistical Report - Usage for the month of August 2017

#### Circulation

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#### Number of Items in our Collection

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#### Room Usage Statistics

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<td>Meeting Room bookings (public)</td>
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<td>19</td>
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<td># Programs for teens</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td># School visits for Think Link</td>
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#### Technology Usage Statistics

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<td>Computer signups</td>
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#### Other Usage Statistics

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<td># Notarized documents</td>
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<td># Think Link requests for books</td>
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<td>100</td>
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Committee reviewed **Circulation Services** and **Group Services** policies.

- CIR-1: Library Card Policy – no changes, notes to review Non-Resident fee in January of each year and check retention policy in regards to deletion of patron records
- CIR-2: Loan and Renewal Policy – no changes
- Loan, Renewal and Hold Schedule – no changes, updated as needed by staff
- Claims Returned Form – no changes, working well
- CIR-3: Holds Policy – no changes
- CIR-4: Lost or Damaged/Missing Pieces Policy – no changes
- CIR-5: Fines and Fees Policy – remove “Maximum” from “Maximum Outstanding Fee Limit” in line 6, Knox to draft chart of fees to include all processing fees and such outlined in lines 5-8

- GSV-1: Library Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Programs – remove “necessarily” from “does not necessarily endorse” in line 12
- GSV-2: Community Presentations Policy – remove line 11
- GSV-3: Proctoring Examinations Policy – no changes

No recommendations to the board at this time. Committee will meet again to review the Information Services policies.
The E's of Libraries®:
Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, Engagement

What do today's libraries do for our communities? It's a simple question, but one that has more answers than ever before. The services libraries provide now revolve not just around stacks of books, but also around internet connection and cutting edge digital technologies that help people fulfill basic needs and pursue a wide range of interests. ALA is on a mission to raise awareness of this reality. In pursuit of this goal, ALA coined The E's of Libraries® trademark to promote public awareness of all that today's libraries, with the expert assistance of library professionals, help facilitate: Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment, and Engagement for Everyone, Everywhere:

Education

Library contributions to education and learning range broadly from getting every child ready to read, to K-20 library services for students, to GED classes, to research skills-building, to continuing education and online certification courses. In short, libraries are critical in helping all ages ASCEND through education.

- A – All educational activities and advancement are supported at libraries. 32.5 million people use library technology resources to help them achieve their educational goals in a year.
- S – Students, K-20, are greatly supported with respect to homework and information technology access. 70% of parents report their children use the public library; 77% of student library users ages 12-17 use the library for homework.
- C – Continuing adult education is a hallmark of libraries. Many libraries offer both traditional and digital literacy programs aimed at helping the approximately 36 million U.S. adults have low literacy, numeracy or digital skills.
- E – Early learning at libraries is important to families. Many libraries dedicate a specific area of the library building to children, and provide parents with recommendations of appropriate materials, including Apps for young children and other digital resources — and in FY 2010, libraries in the United States offered more than 2.3 million children's programs. These programs accounted for nearly two thirds (61.5%) of all library programming.
- N – Non-traditional students, i.e., home-schoolers, those seeking GEDs, are supported. For example, many libraries provide computers and other resources to the hundreds of thousands of individuals who take the GED each year, and some are registered as GED testing centers.
- D – Digital literacy and traditional literacy training are offered by information experts. 98% of libraries provide formal or informal technology training to patrons.

An everyday example:

"Students of every age — from kindergarteners in home school through post graduate university candidates — use our reliable connection to view webcasts, participate in seminars, upgrade their skill levels for work, and have their (online) tests proctored by our library staff" (Joyce McCombs, Director of Alaska's Delta Community Library in ALA E-rate comments 9/16/13).

Employment and Entrepreneurship

Libraries provide programming and services for job search and the improvement of job skills. Many libraries also serve as centers to establish, sustain, and promote entrepreneurship and small businesses.

- Every day 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help at their public library.
- 30 million people use library computers and internet access for employment or career purposes in a year.
- 92% of libraries provide access to online job databases and resources.
- 76% of libraries help people complete job applications online.
- According to the University of Maryland's Digital Inclusion Survey, most public libraries (in the 99%) report providing economic/workforce services. Of those, about 48% report providing entrepreneurship and small business development services.
- Business owners and employees use resources at public libraries to support their small businesses 2.8 million times every month.
- Entrepreneurs are increasingly using 3D printers in libraries to build prototypes of new products.

An everyday example:

The Brooklyn (N.Y.) Public Library's (BPL) Entrepreneur Assistance Program provides participants with 15 weeks of intensive classroom training, as well as one-on-one instruction, in how to write a business plan.

Empowerment

Libraries everywhere empower people by providing them with access to information and helping them to fulfill needs related to health, government services and community engagement. In short, libraries help people RECEIVE what they need.

- R – Resources that patrons can use
to access information and pursue interests are preserved at libraries. Librarians use their information seeking expertise to help address a wide variety of needs.

• E – Educational opportunities of all kinds are available to people of all ages at the library. For example, more than half of library patrons who used library computers to seek financial aid received funding.

• C – Libraries are the Community on-ramp to the world of information. Internet access is now one of the most sought after public library services.

• E – Libraries provide important E-government services. 97% of public libraries help people apply for government services online.

• I – Libraries facilitate patrons’ interactions with other members of the community. 60% of library computer users in a year reported using library resources to maintain personal connections. Among these users, 74% reported using library computers to connect with friends or family, 66% communicated with family or friends in the local community, and 35% reported connection with family outside of the United States.

• V – Libraries provide an exceptional variety of resources to patrons. U.S. public libraries circulate nearly as many materials every day (7.9 million) as FedEx ships packages worldwide (8 million).

• E – Libraries facilitate E-health activities. In a year, 37% of library computer users, an estimated 28 million people, researched health and wellness issues, including learning about medical conditions, medical procedures or diet and nutrition, finding health care providers, and assessing health insurance options.

An everyday example:
Staff at the Cochise County (Ariz.) Library District helped a diabetic patron install needed software on a library computer that enables him to regularly send reports of his medical condition to his doctor.

Engagement

Libraries provide people with information, networking and technology expertise, and vast numbers of programs across numerous disciplines and interest areas. Additionally, as public spaces where all are welcome, libraries offer people opportunities to meet and socialize with others in their community, whether at a children’s story hour, an English as a Second Language class, or a technology meet-up.

• Public libraries offer 3.75 million public programs per year.
• Many library staff members interact daily with a wide range of the public, and as a result have insight into community needs. As a result, these staff tailor programs, resources and library facilities to meet the needs of the community.
• Library technical staff have expertise in managing public internet networks and devices.

An everyday example:
The Austintown Library in Youngstown, Ohio, hosts a “Facebook for Seniors” class, which helps elderly members of the local community connect with friends and family across the country and around the world.

Everyone Benefits

Libraries assist people of all backgrounds, ages, and financial means, in every part of our country.

• There are approximately 16,000 public library buildings across the U.S. today, including both central libraries and branches, which are organized into about 9,000 administrative units.
• Public libraries offer a wide variety of resources, services and benefits all for free to users. As a result, library benefits are available to all, regardless of income level, background or locale.
• 40% of people living with a disability state that library help applying for government services is “very important” to them.
• 91% of Americans ages 16 and older say public libraries are important to their communities; and 76% say libraries are important to them and their families.
• American adults of all age group visited libraries in the past year, including 62% of those aged 16-17, 57% of those aged 18-29, 59% of those aged 30-49, 51% of those aged 50-64, and 40% of those aged 65+.

The above article can be found at www.ala.org/advocacy/ppe (plus sources for the featured statistics), and is reprinted with permission from ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy (www.ala.org/offices/oitp).

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Visit www.ala.org/united/trusteezone and sign in with your login and password. If you need help logging in, please, call (800) 545-2433, ext. 2161, or email united@ala.org.
Meeting Minutes
Orion Township Public Library

Human Resources Committee Meeting
September 7, 2017

Present: Thorndycraft, Quinn, Abramczyk, Knox

Call to Order:  6:30 p.m.

Discussion:

The director presented health care benefit package information:

Medical and Hospitalization

- The current plan, “Simply Blue PPO Gold”, price to the library for the 2017 plan year is $119,059.41 for full time employees, eligible part-time employees, and retirees. This compares to $119,951.62 for 2016 plan year and is a slight cost reduction.
- The 2017 plan year is from December 1, 2017 to December 1, 2018
- Competing plans from other providers were higher in cost.
- Alternate plans are available at a lower cost to the library, but require significant benefit reductions for the employees.

Dental

- The current plan, Delta Dental, price to the library for 2017 plan year is $12,014.88 for eligible employees. This compares to $12,465.24 for 2016 plan year and is a 3.6% cost reduction.

Board Action:

1. Approve employee health care benefit plans for the 2017 plan year:
   a. Simply Blue PPO Gold at $119,059.41 for full time employees, eligible part-time employees, and retirees.
   b. Delta Dental at $12,014.88 for eligible employees

Adjourned:  6:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

James J. Abramczyk, Trustee
Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017

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

- Knox presented a summary of discussions she’s had with staff on project ideas for the new strategic plan, and specifically on priorities for 2018 (notes attached).

- Committee went through focus areas and discussed ideas presented.

- Additional discussion ensued about budget and options for increasing revenue in order to accomplish new projects for the new strategic plan.

- Committee asked Knox to:
  - Follow up with township Treasurer about future local tax revenue
  - An estimation for a Headlee override millage
  - Costs for the items listed on the priorities that were discussed
Strategic Planning 2018 priorities

Exceptional Resources

- Goal: Add one new collection and one new program
- For January-April, departments meet to ensure entire library programs are coordinated
- Provide analog-digital audio/video media converting (I.T. to investigate who owns current conversion machine and how much to purchase new one)
- Launch Circulation of Roku device with library Netflix account and digital movies (I.T. to research)
  - Add program to introduce new collection and have video of program available as instructional reminder to anyone who checks out device
  - Roku soon to have app for hoopla
- Additional ideas:
  - Collections: wireless hotspots, bikes and other trail-friendly collections
  - “Repair café” programming idea
  - Outdoor winter program

Community Awareness

- permanent OTPL sign on building
- Investigate staff for graphic arts, fundraising
- New marketing ideas: bar coasters to market the library available in local restaurants
- Additional idea: Transportation to/from schools with book dropoff

Customer Satisfaction

- Staff training/webinars
- Cross departmental training
- IT volunteer to help with tech questions

Easy & Convenient Library Access

- Traffic flow issue in parking lot, including book drop location
- Outdoor space:
  - Pave path to trail
  - More outdoor seating outside with WiFi and power, possibly enclosed by fence
  - Play area out back