Orion Township Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 25, 2018
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. Consent agenda
   A. Minutes of 12/21/2017 Library Board meeting
   B. Bills
IV. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from December 2017
V. Public Comment
VI. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, December 21, 2017
   C. MLA Weekly Newsletter, January 4, 2018
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, January 11, 2018
   E. MLA Weekly Newsletter, January 18, 2018
VII. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news
VIII. Old Business
   A. New sculpture update
   B. Annual Board Evaluation
   C. Unique Management update
IX. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy – report from meeting on 1/18/2018
   B. Finance
   C. Fund Development
   D. Board Development – Mike Luna
   E. Building
   F. Human Resources
   G. Strategic Planning – report from meeting on 1/18/2018
X. Discussion Items
   A. Record retention policy report to board by director
   B. Review Patron-NonResident fee from Fines & Fees Policy
XI. Action Items
   A. Set Patron-NonResident fee from Fines & Fees Policy
XII. Public Comment
XIII. Trustee Comments
XIV. Adjournment
Orion Township Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes, December 21, 2017

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1) Call to order at 6:34 p.m.

2) Approval of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Abramczyk / Phillips. Motion carries.
   a) Discussion Items: Disability and Life Insurance

3) Consent Agenda as presented: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Abramczyk / Luna. Motion carries.
   a) Minutes from last meeting 11/16/17 Library Board meeting
   b) Bills

4) Public Comment - None

5) Communications
   a) Press coverage –
      i) Nice press coverage of the new sculpture.
      ii) MLA leadership class is being offered.
      iii) Net Neutrality was briefly discussed.
      iv) Director Knox is on the slate to be elected on the Board of MLA.

6) Director’s report
   a) Report on file
   b) Sculpture dedication will be rescheduled to January.
   c) Library Link in process of being sent to Patrons
   d) Over $4,100 was made in the silent auction held by the Friends of the Library.
e) $1,000 received for the Ingram Room.

f) VEBA: draft of actuarial analysis. Major changes $5,521 was contributed. Draft is estimating $80K of a Library contribution. GASB changes are having an affect on the VEBA calculation.

g) Statistics were reviewed. Discussion regarding number of residential library cardholders of 24K compared to 35K residents of Orion Twp.

7) Old Business

8) Standing Committee Report –
   a) Policy Report –
      Set meeting January 18th at 6:30 p.m. purpose to final draft policies to bring to the Board for approval. Appeals process policy to be written. Review what lawyer stated at conference attended by Thornycraft.
   b) Finance –
      VEBA $5,251 contribution typo previously reported. Actual $5,521.
   c) Fund Development – None
   d) Board Development –
      a. Luna to present next month results of previous months skills evaluation.
   e) Building - None
   f) Human Resources – None
   g) Ad Hoc Committee Reports
      Strategic Planning – Set retreat for February 3rd at 9 a.m. Planning meeting for Committee on 1/18/18 at 7:30 p.m.
      Director evaluation – None
   h) Advocacy – None.

9) Discussion Items
   Board Meeting 2018 Calendar – Date of January Board meeting changed to 4th Thursday for January only.
   Annual Board Evaluation – Complete before Strategic Planning Committee meeting on 1/18/18.
   Disability and Life Insurance – Switching to Principal due to favorable terms of pricing.

10) Action Items
   a) 2018 Calendar of Library Board meetings - Motion by Phillips to accept the Calendar as presented, supported by Abramczyk. No further discussion. Motion passes.
   b) Liquor License application for Passport for Spring – Motion in packet, moved by Phillips, supported by Abramczyk. No further discussion. Motion carries.

11) New meetings scheduled at the OTPL
   a) Policy Committee – 1/18/18 at 6:30 p.m.
b) Strategic Planning – 1/18/18 at 7:30 p.m.

12) Questions from the Public – None

13) Trustee comments

14) Adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
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| 7125  | S TISON         | S TISON/STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY  | VO        | 12-17       | 027575   | 12/14/2017    | EXPENSE   | 14.72        | 0.00          |
| 7125  | S TISON         | S TISON/STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY  | VO        | 12-17       | 027576   | 12/14/2017    | EXPENSE   | 108.35       | 0.00          |
| 7125  | PETTY CAS$      | ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY | VO    | 12-17       | 027603   | 12/20/2017    | CK REQUEST | 6.97         | 0.00          |
| 7125  | SAMS CLUB       | SAMS/SCULPTURE CELEBRATION  | VO        | 12-17       | 027604   | 12/20/2017    | STATEMENT | 19.98        | 0.00          |
| 7125  | FOA             | PNC/HOLIDAY STAFF PARTY      | VO        | 12-17       | 027617   | 12/26/2017    | STATEMENT | 99.12        | 0.00          |
| 7125  | FOA             | PNC/SCULPTURE DEDICATION     | VO        | 12-17       | 027617   | 12/26/2017    | STATEMENT | 39.62        | 0.00          |
| 7125  | KROGER          | KROGER/STAFF HOLIDAY PARTY   | VO        | 12-17       | 027673   | 1/11/2018     | STATEMENT | 3.17         | 0.00          |
| 7125  | KROGER          | KROGER/SCULPTURE DEDICATION  | VO        | 12-17       | 027673   | 1/11/2018     | STATEMENT | 16.96        | 0.00          |
|       | **Account Total**|                           |           |             |          |               |           | 316.87       | 0.00          |

|       | **Contingency Professional**|                                |           |             |          |               |           |              |               |
| 7129  | KNIGHT TEC      | KNIGHT TECHNOLOGY GROUP, INC  | VO        | 12-17       | 027540   | 12/7/2017     | 10321     | 720.00       | 0.00          |
Orion Twp. Public Library
Account Distribution - Standard
Period: 12-17 As of: 1/16/2018

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## Orion Township Public Library
### For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2017

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<th>Revenues</th>
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## Orion Township Public Library

**For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2017**

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## ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - TREASURER’S REPORT - PLANT FUND ACTIVITY
### DECEMBER 2017

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(1) Credit Union Money Market .50% interest
(2) Credit Union Savings
(3) CD maturing 2/19/18 @ 1.125% interest
(4) CD maturing 2/27/2018 @ 1.200% interest
(5) Money Market Account, CD
(6) CD maturing 9/5/17 @ .80% interest, cashed
(7) CD maturing 9/14/2018 @ 1.150% interest
(8) CD maturing 9/7/2018 @ .95% interest
(9) CD maturing 2/7/2018 @ 1.00% interest
(10) CD maturing 3/20/2019 @ 1.50% interest

* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
## General Fund Activity - December 2017

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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

* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
OCHN is the public mental health system responsible for identifying, influencing, and delivering services and support to approximately 25,800 Oakland County residents. These include individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, adults with mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, and persons with substance use disorders. Most of these individuals have Medicaid-funded services.

All OCHN crisis and public mental health services are remaining at the Resource and Crisis Center located at the County Campus, 1200 Telegraph Road, Building 32E, Pontiac.

OCHN’s administrative offices are being housed on the fourth and fifth floors of the new building. Plans for the second and third floors include leasing office space, built to suit, to community organizations that provide important services like employment, housing, and substance use prevention, to name a few.

The first floor has multiple training rooms, a wellness center, and a large conference room to host OCHN Board meetings, as well as other community events.

“"We already have more than a dozen network and community events scheduled at OCHN’s new home in Troy, and we haven’t even moved in yet,” adds Brooks. “Watching this vision become a reality and knowing that people’s lives are going to be positively impacted by the move is extremely rewarding for everyone who has been involved in this project.”

More information is available on the agency's website at www.oaklandchn.org or by contacting Customer Services at 800-341-2003.

OTPL hosts reception to view sculpture

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View the sculpture at the Orion Township Public Library, located at 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

The library is open 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. MondayThursday and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For other Library happenings visit orionlibrary.org or call 248-693-3000.
This event was originally planned for December 13th, 2017, but was postponed due to a snow storm on that evening.

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Kids share cookies and milk with local cops during L.E.A.D. event

Susan Carroll
Review Writer

Law enforcement officers were treated to milk and cookies at the Orion Township Public Library on Saturday. To show appreciation for the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the Lake Orion Police Department on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.), the library held a family program, Cookies with Cops, and 98 adults and children were in attendance.

Emily Ellison, youth services librarian who organized the event, said, "We wanted to celebrate the officers in the community for all that they do, we really appreciate it." L.E.A.D. is held on Jan. 9 each year to call the nation's citizens to action in support of law enforcement and to be a part of recognizing the difficult public service career officers have chosen. Ellison reached out to both the Lake Orion Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office and they were willing to come in and share safety tips, with one officer reading a storybook to the audience.

In the book, Officer Buckle and Gloria, Officer Buckle tries to teach safety to the town of Naperville, but no one would listen because he was so boring. Until, the day when the police department brought in a dog named Gloria. The story mesmerized the children as they listened and had some milk and cookies.

The kids also got to witness first-hand how the police have to stop what they are doing when called to duty. The Oakland County sheriff's deputies received a radio dispatch and had to leave the event shortly after it had started. L.E.A.D.'s motto is: "If you see a police officer, thank a police officer."

Wesley, 7, works his magic as he unlocks his handcuffs. His mother, Erica, said they visit the library weekly. "We love it here, it's better than Costco, and the people that work here know the kids by name."

Sasha, 7, and her sister Reva, 5, beta attend Orion Oaks and had a serious conversation with Officer Todd Stanfield of the Lake Orion police department. Photos by Susan Carroll.

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Friends of the Library host used book sale next week

The Friends of the Orion Township Library are hosting their annual winter gently used book sale from Jan. 23–27. The Friends Book Sale has thousands of books to browse through and the prices are a bargain for booklovers.

Hardcover and large paperback books are $1 each; paperbacks and children’s books are 50 cents each.

For more information visit their website: www.orionlibrary.org/friends. The library is at 825 Joslyn Rd. in Lake Orion. — S.C.
s public to hearing on electric bikes

and cross country skiing in the winter. Most of the trail is coated with crushed limestone with the exception of certain areas in Oxford and Addison that have asphalt surfaces.

Electric bicycles (also called e-bikes) are defined under the law as devices equipped with a seat or saddle for use by the rider, fully operable pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor of not greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower). State law identifies three classes of electric bicycles.

Class 1 has an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and disengages, or ceases to function, when the bicycle reaches 20 miles per hour.

Class 2 is equipped with an electric motor that propels the bicycle to a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not and disengages when the rider stops.

Class 3 has an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and disengages when the bicycle reaches 28 miles per hour.

As of Jan. 1, manufacturers and distributors of electric bicycles sold in Michigan are required to “permanently affix in a prominent location” on them a label that bears “the classification number, top assisted speed and motor wattage.”

For those who already own e-bikes, there is no requirement to obtain a label, however, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance stated it’s a “good idea” to get one.

Under PA 138 and 139, people are allowed to operate Class 1 electric bicycles on linear and rail trails, but the local authority or state agency having jurisdiction over the trail has the power to “regulate or prohibit” them. Class 1 bikes can be used on these trails as soon as the law takes effect.

Class 2 and 3 electric bicycles are also permitted on linear and rail trails, but only “if authorized” by the local authority or state agency with jurisdiction over the trail. Unlike Class 1 bikes, Classes 2 and 3 require specific action be taken to allow them otherwise they’re not permitted.

Proponents of electric bikes say they will expand recreation and transportation opportunities for senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, folks who don’t own a car and give people accurate information. We need to be a united force against this. The whole community at all levels—from parents to grandparents to clergy and coaches, everybody needs to be involved. They all need to know the signs of human trafficking so that we can protect the community,” said Ames, who also serves as Family Ministries

“We have enough enforcement problems now just trying to keep the ATVs and snow-mobiles off the trail.”

Polly Ann Trail
Manager Linda Moran

p seeks to tackle human trafficking

how members of the community can band together to fight human trafficking.

The guest speaker on Jan. 11 will be Chaplin Don DesNoyers, who is a U.S. Army veteran and has served as a crisis trainer at Common Ground for the last 22 years.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which someone exploits another person using force, fraud or coercion for financial gain.

The Lake Orion-Oxford group is being spearheaded by Oxford residents Linda Noaker and Pam Brooks, along with Lake Orion resident Dawn Ames—who have each worked to reduce sex and human trafficking through charitable organizations, such as Esters Children in Clarkston and the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, in recent years.

Their mission, Ames said, is to promote awareness of the issue, to help combat the spread of misinformation, and to cultivate an improved network of resources and serve as an entry-point for community members to get involved.
Cookies with Cops
Saturday, January 13 @ 10:00a
Help us show appreciation for the Oakland County Sheriff's office and the Lake Orion Police Department on National Law Enforcement Day! Hear about what police officers do, listen to a story, and learn safety tips. Milk and cookies will be served and there will be a surprise visitor! All ages, drop in.

Project KidSight Vision Screenings
Saturday, January 13, 10:00a-12:00p
The Lake Orion Lions Club is partnering with the Orion Library to offer FREE vision screenings to children over 5 months old.

Winter Gently Used Book Sale
Do you like to curl up with a good book on those chilly winter days? You won't want to miss the Friends of the Orion Library's gently used book sale where you can stock up on great books for your winter reading list!

Tuesday, January 23, 10:00a-8:30p
Friends Members Only. (Memberships available for purchase at the door)
Wednesday, January 24 & Thursday, January 25, 10:00a-8:30p
Open to the General Public
Friday, January 26, 10:00a-4:30p
Open to the General Public - All books half off
Saturday, January 27, 10:00a-2:00p
Open to the General Public - $5 bag day (fill a bag supplied by the Friends for $5)

Concert: Escaping Pavement
Saturday, January 13 @ 2:00p
Local singer/songwriter duo Emily Burns and Aaron Markovitz will perform their unique blend of American folk with stringed instruments. All ages welcome!

Virtual Reality Experience for Teens
Wednesday, January 17 @ 6:00p
Join Escape VR for a hands-on virtual reality experience! Participants will learn some of the basics on how virtual reality video games are created and then have the chance to experience their custom virtual reality booth. Register online at orionlibrary.org/calendar.

Pick Up STEAM - Cars
Friday, January 19 @ 10:00a
Pick up STEAM is a preschool-friendly science, math, and learning series. There will be experiments, fun, crafts, and math about CARS. Ages 3-6, drop in, limit 25.

Community Conversations
The Orion Library and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church have formed a partnership to bring you a series of lectures on various social justice issues, presented by experts in each topic.

Understanding Gender Identity in Children & Teens
Tuesday, January 23 @ 7:00p @ Lockhart's BBQ (located in downtown Lake Orion)
Dr. Daniel Shumer, Professor in the Department of Pediatric Endocrinology at the University of Michigan's Comprehensive Gender Services Program, will discuss his research that has specifically focused on improving mental health disparities in the transgender community. All are welcome to attend and learn from experts in the field in a SAFE and SUPPORTIVE environment.

Big Game Day @ the OTPL!
Bringing the whole family to the library on Saturday, February 3 between 1:00p and 4:00p to celebrate Super Bowl LII 2018! We have indoor/outdoor fun planned for all ages with games, activities, refreshments, creative projects, and entertainment.

Activities will include a Madden Tournament, virtual reality demonstrations with Escape Arcade, and meet and greet opportunities with Raymond Hayes, former player of the New York Jets Super Bowl III winning team, and former Detroit Lions player Rich Strenger. Also learn how to make recipes for your own party refreshments!

For a complete list of activities happening that day visit orionlibrary.org.

Full STEAM Ahead - Math
Friday, January 26 @ 11:00a
This is a new series geared for school age students that focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math through games, activities, and crafts about MATH. Gr K-5, drop in, limit 25.

Seniors: Online Safety and Avoiding Scams
Thursday, February 1 @ 2:30p
An officer from the Oakland County Sheriff's office will demonstrate how to avoid being a victim of scams and how to be safe online. Geared towards seniors, but appropriate for all adults.
Free Christmas tree recycling Jan. 1-29, Orion Oaks, 2301 Clarkston Rd, L.O. Drop off trees 9am-4pm. Plastic, tin, wire must be removed. No commercial trees accepted. 


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Oblituaries

Poole, Danny, 58, of Lake Orion

Danny Poole; of Lake Orion; passed away suddenly December 22, 2017 at the age of 58. Danny is survived by his daughter, Jacquelin Irons; grandchildren, Alicia, D.J. and Jade; and siblings, Theodore (Doris) Morgan, Michael (Valerie) Morgan and Deborah (James) Coomer. Danny had a heart of gold and was a loving father, grandfather and brother. He was a dedicated 30 year member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #108 and outdoorsman who loved to hunt and camp.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post #108 in Oxford.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family www.sparksgriffin.com

Kirsch, Jason M.; 45, of Lake Orion

Jason M. Kirsch; of Lake Orion; passed away suddenly on December 30, 2017 at the age of 45. Jason is survived by his son, Aidan Kirsch; step-daughter, Samantha Bowalter; wife, Tory Kirsch; parents, Jon and Sherry Kirsch; and siblings, Judy (Charlie) Miller, Jacqueline (Joe) Linklater and Julie Hoen sheid. He was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Jason loved the outdoors and spending time in nature.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home, Lake Orion. The family received friends on Tuesday January 2, 2017 from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment Square Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations suggested to the Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac or The Power Company Kids Club, Pontiac. Reflections may be shared by visiting www.sparksgriffin.com
Dragons devour Cardinals, beat down the Bulldogs

The Lake Orion Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Davison High School 58-51 on Dec. 19 at home in a non-conference game.

Center Nate Talbot scored 7 of the first 9 points of the game to put the Dragons up 9-0, but the Cardinals (3-1) responded and battled back.

The Dragons (2-1) led 11-10 after the first period but were outscored 14-7 in the second to go into halftime with a six-point deficit.

Lake Orion turned up the pressure in the second half, outscoring Davison 40-27, including scoring 30 points in the fourth period. Jamie Lewis' ignited for an explosive 23-point 4th quarter showing.

Overcoming a barrage of fouls called against them, the Dragons won it at the stripe shooting 77 percent (20-for-26).

The Dragons were led by Senior Jamie Lewis with 27 points in the game. Nate Talbot with 16 points and Hunter Sites 7 points.

The Dragons then traveled to Romeo Thursday and bunted their season to 4-1 with a 71-50 win over the Bulldogs.

From the beginning, Lake Orion controlled the game and led in all four quarters.

The Dragons were too much for the Bulldogs as contributions went deep into the bench with nine Dragons getting on the board.

The hustle was obvious in the ball movement as the boys worked together to find the best shot, controlling the tempo with solid defense and rebounding.

The team was led by senior Jamie Lewis and junior Nate Talbot scoring 16 points each. Junior Hunter Sites had 14 points, senior Pierce Burke and junior Lake Rydzik contributed eight points each, rounding out the scoring for the team.

Public Safety

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individual skating on the pond behind her residence and then twenty minutes later, the skater was gone and all she saw was a large hole in the ice.

Firefighters from the Orion Township Fire Department entered the hole in the ice and conducted a surface search for the subject, but were unable to locate anyone. The Oakland County Sheriff’s Dive Team was requested to respond to the scene.

Deputies canvassed the neighborhood and located a family that had been on the ice earlier.

The caller’s description of the lone skater did not match the description of any of the family members who had been on the ice earlier.

Divers from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office entered the pond and conducted a line search, but found no one in the water. Deputies checked several homes surrounding the pond and the adjacent area.

No one was reported missing. The investigation revealed that the hole in the ice had been there for some time.

Young man gets caught on video

At 9:31 a.m. Dec. 23, deputies responded to the 1000 block of Seneca for a suspicious circumstance. A subject had intentionally vomited at the front and rear doors of the residence.

The suspect had also dumped 20-30 beer cans on the lawn in the 200 block of Chippewa.

Both homeowners had video from surveillance systems.

Deputies identified the subject in the video as a 19-year-old Orion resident.

The subject was located and admitted to both incidents.

He was cited for disorderly person conduct and released at the scene with a court date.

Stand with Trans- support group for parents of transgender youth held 1st Tuesday of month, Jan. 2, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Mary’s In-She-Hills Episcopal Church, 2912 Jolly Pl, L.O. 248-330-4839.


Catching Fire 7pm Jan. 6, A Bean to Go, 16 W. Flint St, downtown. Local musicians Jerry Zuhlb and Johnny Heaton play a mix of blues, folk, classic rock.

K4 Knitters/Crochet Club 12:30-3:30pm Mondays, Orion Center, 1335 Jolly Rd. Ages 50+. Get together to work on projects for charity. 248-391-0304, 2500.

Orion Historical Society meets Monday, Jan. 8, 7pm, Orion Library, 825 Jolly Rd. Join the Orion Historical Society to learn about Orion Township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past.

Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7pm at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Village, Clarkston Rd, Clarkston. Topic: "Emotions After the Holidays." Walk in front of charges. Questions: 248-625-5231.

School Board Meetings, 7pm Jan. 10, 24. Admin Bldg, 315 N. Lapeer St, downtown L.O.
Obituaries

Kissel, Darlene; 70, formerly of Lake Orion
Darlene Kissel, of Oronville and formerly of Lake Orion, passed away December 18, 2017, at age 70.

Darlene was the dear wife of the late William Kissel; loving mother of Ann Norgrove; (Daniel) and Paul (Reylozel) Kissel; beloved sister of Lloyd LeForge, Gene LeForge, Tim LeForge and the late Lynn LeForge; and adoring grandmother of one grandchild.

Darlene was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Darlene enjoyed gardening, art, bird watching and was also very good with word games.

Funeral Services for Jim were held at Spark’s Griffin Memorial Chapel, with visitation on Friday, December 22, 2017 from 4-8 p.m. with service on Saturday, December 23, 2017 at 11 a.m. in St. John’s Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in St. John’s Lutheran Cemetery in Oronville. In lieu of flowers, donations suggested to the American Heart Association. Reflections may be shared with the family by visiting www.sparkstrafford.com.
Lake Orion Meetings:

On December 3rd at 10am-Jan. 13, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Bring your kid for a free eye screening. The Lions Club takes a picture of your child’s eyes with a special camera and gives you a report about their eyes to take to an eye doctor for further evaluation. 

Parents Night Out - Kids can attend the 7th Annual Parents Night Out, Jan 13th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Orion Library. Join them at the Orion Community Center for a special event. 

Around Town: A calendar of things to do in the area.

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**Full Steam Ahead! Light Up!** 11am Dec. 21, Orion Library, 825 Jocelyn Rd. Create your own lighted card and explore snap circuits and little safety tips. Focus on science, technology, engineering, art and math. Ages 7-12, drop in.

**Grace Lee concert w/ Michelle Rohner and Gabe Gibbs** 7:30-9:30pm Dec. 21, 20 Front St. Grace Lee concert w/ Michelle Rohner and Gabe Gibbs. After, follow candy cane lane to the lights of the great estate. Experience holiday magic. Tickets: $15.

**Historical Preservation for Life.** every Tuesday 12pm Collier Bowl, 315 N. Lapeer St, downtown L.O. January meet-ups are: Jan. 10, 24.

**General Federation of Women's Clubs - Lake Orion** Jan. 11, noon-4pm, Orion Library, 825 Jocelyn Rd. Join a group of civic-minded women who unite in service projects that enhance lives of others as well as improving our community.


**Oxford/orion FISH needs volunteers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the food pantry, 847 First St, Oxford, from 10am-noon.** Call 248-628-3933 if you can help.

**Escaping Pavement** 2-4pm Jan. 13, Orion Library, 825 Jocelyn Rd. Concert of unique blend of American folk with stringed instruments. No-shush prayer service Tuesday Jan. 17, Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon, L.O. Non-denominational prayer service for family members with special needs. Celebrate with music, instruments, and interactive Scripture stories. Children and adults of all abilities welcome. All are welcome to express their joy in their own individual and unique way.

**Cubin Fever 6:30-8:30pm Jan. 19, Orion Center, 1335 Jocelyn Rd. Chase the winter blues away with a catered dinner with entertainment by The Paint Creek Boys. Ages: 50+; $24/person; $42/couple. Call 248-391-0304 x3500.


**Career Expo** 3-8pm Jan. 22, Orion Center, 1335 Jocelyn Rd. Visit with local business owners about their job openings. Bring copies of your resume. 248-391-0304 x3500.

**Culver's Classic Car Cruise Card Contest** (chance to win $100 Cash every Tuesday night) Visit the Culver's wheel for a FREE $5 Culver's Coupon.

**Steve's Raffle** 6:30-8:30pm Jan. 20, Orion Center, 1335 Jocelyn Rd. $50/person includes continental breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, 6-ft table space. 248-721-1647.

**Free PTSD Treatment** for current & former military service members. Call 248-932-9490.


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Hurry, hurry Webster dear... autumn's ending, winter's near!

Hurry, Webster! Winter is here!
(Winter officially begins Dec 21.)
What is news & how does it relate to holidays?

Peace on earth and good will to men. Holidays always seem to get mucked up because some jack-wagon somewhere is hellbent to make a point by blowing something up or someone up. (I don’t know why the world isn’t on Dandy Don Rush’s blue-sky and sunshine outlook plan. It cotta be, but alas, it ain’t – dammit.)

I got to thinking – well, thinking a couple of things, actually. One, the ancillary thing is: Yepp there is craziness in the world and yep, there is evil, too. More importantly, however, there is goodness on this earth and even in this century. Unfortunately, goodness doesn’t get good play or even play well. Let’s face it, goodness, kindness and down-to-earth groovieness is not sexy. Every day, little acts of kindness go on with nary a blink of an eye. Everyday, acts of bravery, compassion and courage are carried off by one person for another with no fanfare. It is in a word, common. We don’t concentrate on acts of mercy or humility, but we sure as Charles Dickens dwell on evil perpetuated by one or some on one or others. I get it, badness is hot.

Here’s the thing about news most folks forget: NEWS is only NEWS because it is not the norm, it is different, out of the ordinary. Therefore, I report. I think we forget that. As adults, I think we also forget to “report” on acts of love. Instead, we fall into the easy action of regurgitating whatever we hear from the hunky TV news dude. Lately we re-tell bad news we have heard, without even a thought or a balance of good.

Okay, be honest. . . how many of you on your social media posts, repost things which attack the opposing side or do have I thought how, as the day had come, so promptly did the hope in his soul to put these beautiful words together? I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Peace on earth, good will to men. And thought how, as the day had come, so promptly did the hope in his soul to put these beautiful words together? I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Peace on earth, good will to men. Till ringing, singing on its way The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men. And in despair I bowed my head “There is no peace on earth,” I said, “For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth He sleep, The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men”

My own person lament about being labeled a Michigander by state government brought these reader responses: Don, since your recent column concerns how people identify themselves, I think you should think again about referring to any newscaster as “the TV news babe.” It is particularly timely given the number of prominent people who have been caught in the trap of thinking that the way they solve their lives as “babes.” I don’t know what the women who are near and dear to you for doing a living, but how would you respond to someone who referred to them as “the teacher babe” or “the doctor babe” or even “the supermarket checkout babe?”

Although I have lived here almost 24 years, I am not a Michigan native so I don’t feel I should have a vote in our identification nomenclature but, in this case, I think you have been a Michigander. You might need a Yiddish dictionary to get the implication.

With your best interests at heart, Bob And, from Delores, “I am not a goose - I am with you Don. We’re all Michiganders.”

Send your thoughts about this or other topics to DonRushDon@gmail.com

Good news:

Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell ringers. If you’re available, please go to ringbells.org to find a time and location that fits your schedule.

The Giving Tree: Bring gently used mittens, hats, scarves to decorate the tree at Orion Center, 1335 Jolyn Rd. until Dec. 17 and they will be donated to area residents in need.

Holiday Market Nov. 16-Dec. 23, Orion Art Center, 115 S. Anderson St. Downriver L.O. Holiday shopping for one-of-a-kind local works of art. orionartcenter.org

Donate blood: 9:30am-6:30pm Dec. 14, Orion Library, 825 Jolyn Rd. 1-7pm Dec. 21, Oxford Free Methodist Church, 790 S. Lapeer. 8am-2pm Dec. 24, Great Lakes Athletic Club, 2800 Baldwin Rd, Orion Twp. 10am-4pm Dec. 27, KofC Council #4764, 1400 Orion Rd, L.O. Schedule aptt. at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins welcome.

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Orion/Oxford. Call 248-391-0304 x350 for volunteer for week days, x3508 for weekend.

Knee-High Naturalist Classes for 3-4 yr olds Thursdays or Fridays 10-11:30am Seven Ponds Nature Center, 3854 Crisfield Rd, Dryden. Hands-on learning through stories, games, crafts, hikes, treatments. $7/child. Pre-registration required at 810-796-3200.

The Mitten: Dec. 14 or 15 -Boxelder Jan. 18 or 19

NOCC Families Against Narcotics meet 2nd Thursday of every month, Dec. 14, at 7pm at Woodsie Bible Church (within Canterbury Village), 2900 Jolyn Rd. All are welcome. 248-221-7101.

Free Senior (ages 50+) Movie Club 1pm Dec. 15, Christmas in Connecticut, Orion Center, 1335 Jolyn Rd. Popcorn will be served. Pre-register at 248-391-0304 x3500.

Kid Workshop 10am-Dec. 16, Orion Library, 825 Jolyn Rd. Be an elf and make presents for loved ones. Decorate an ice-cream cone tree and visit with Santa. All ages, drop in.

Project Kidlight 10am-Dec. 16, Orion Library: 825 Jolyn Rd. Bring kids for a free eye screening. The Lions Club takes a picture of your child’s eyes with a special camera and gives you a report to take to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

Bake Sale 10am-4pm Dec. 16, Oakland County Animal Shelter, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Bldg 42E, Pontiac. All proceeds to support family of Oak City Sheriff Deputy Eric Overall who was tragically killed in the line of duty early Christmas morning.

Galetic Holiday Celebration Lighted Parade 6:30pm Dec. 16, downtown Clarkson. After parade, visit Depot Park to interact with live reindeer, give Santa your letter, enjoy thousands of lights, and a cup of hot cocoa.


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And in despair I bowed my head “There is no peace on earth,” I said, “For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor doth He sleep, The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men”

My own person lament about being labeled a Michigander by state government brought these reader responses: Don, since your recent column concerns how people identify themselves, I think you should think again about referring to any newscaster as “the TV news babe.” It is particularly timely given the number of prominent people who have been caught in the trap of thinking that the way they solve their lives as “babes.” I don’t know what the women who are near and dear to you for doing a living, but how would you respond to someone who referred to them as “the teacher babe” or “the doctor babe” or even “the supermarket checkout babe?”

Although I have lived here almost 24 years, I am not a Michigan native so I don’t feel I should have a vote in our identification nomenclature but, in this case, I think you have been a Michigander. You might need a Yiddish dictionary to get the implication.

With your best interests at heart, Bob And, from Delores, “I am not a goose - I am with you Don. We’re all Michiganders.”

Snow Dash SK Dec. 17, Orion Center, 1335 Jolyn Rd. Registration opens at 7:30am; race starts 9am. Cost: $5. Pre-register at oriononthewhip.org


Concert for Hope: A Hope Water Project Benefit featuring Detroit Voice (A Cappella) and Clarkson Jazz 7:30-9:30pm Dec. 20, 20 Front St, downtown L.O. Tickets: $10, www.20frontstreet.com; 248-783-7105.

Help homeless veterans. Now thru Jan. 6, new or gently used coats, suits, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, pants, underwear, socks, warm hats, gloves or mittens are being collected for the Michigan Veterans Foundation in Detroit to give to homeless veterans. Men and women sizes M-3X are needed. Drop off at Modetz Funeral Home, 100E Silverbell Rd, L.O. 248-371-3777.

Please see Around Town on page 17
DIY Glass Ornaments for Teens
Tuesday, December 12 @ 7:00p
Create a custom ornament that will make the perfect holiday gift or decoration! All supplies will be provided. Registration required at orionlibrary.org/calendar.

Beach Fun
Wednesday, December 13 @ 10:00a
Ready for a break from the cold weather? Listen to a story and play with sand and water! Ages 2-5, drop in, limit 20

OTPL Team Trivia Tourney
Wednesday, December 13 @ 7:30p
Gather a team and test your knowledge at the C-Pub! Call 248.693.3001 to register your team of 2-6 people. Gift cards to the C-Pub will be awarded to the top three teams along with a trophy. The C-Pub is located at 2325 Joslyn Rd in Canterbury Village in L.O.

Author & Illustrator Fair
Saturday, December 9, 10:00-4:00p
Meet authors from the Metro Detroit area at the library! Books for readers of all ages will be available for signing and purchase. This is the perfect opportunity to find holiday gifts!

Blood Drive
Thursday, December 14, 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.

Elf Workshop & Santa
Saturday, December 16 @ 10:00a
Be an elf and make presents for your loved ones! Make holiday crafts and visit with Santa. The whole family is invited!

Teen Gingerbread Houses
Saturday, December 16 @ 2:00p
Join your fellow teens for a delicious gingerbread house decorating program and holiday-themed movie! All ingredients and supplies will be provided. Registration required at orionlibrary.org/calendar.

Animal Dance Party
Tuesday, December 19 @ 10:00a
Show off your dance moves with our groovy tunes! Filled with the storytime favorites and new jams to enjoy. Dress as your favorite animal and don’t forget your dancing shoes! Ages 1-6, drop in

Full STEAM Ahead-Light It Up
Thursday, December 21 @ 11:00a
This is a new series for school age kids that focuses on science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Join us to create your own lighted card, and explore Snap Circuits and Little Bits. Ages 7-12, drop in, limit 20

Life-size, Bronze Sculpture Donated to the OTPL
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Winter Break Movie
Wednesday, December 27 @ 2:00p
Tired of your presents already and looking for something to do? Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, and cozy cushion, and join us for a recent release movie. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. All ages drop in.

National Card Playing Day
Thursday, December 28 @ 10:00a
Spend a fun morning playing a variety of card games! Grade 5-8, drop in.

The library will be closed Friday, December 29 through Monday, January 1. Enjoy this special time with family & friends!
Attention Amazon Shoppers! If you use the following link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5102527, Amazon donates 5% of the purchase price to Love Inc Of North Oakland County.


Local author/illustrator fair 1-4pm Dec. 9, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Books from more than 20 local authors and illustrators available for sale and signed by them.

Sip & Shop 4-6pm Dec. 9, Orion Art Center, 115 S. Anderson St., downtown LO.


Lego @the Library 10am Dec. 9, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Gr. K-5. Drop in. Use their imagination with their colorful bricks to make amazing objects.

The Giving Tree. Bring new/gently used mittens, hats, scarves to decorate the tree at Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. until Dec. 17 and they will be donated to area residents in need.

Oxford/Orion FISH needs volunteers on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the food pantry, 487 First St, Oxford, from 10am-noon. Call 248-628-3933 if you can help.

Project Kisdight 10am-noon on 2nd Saturday of month, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd.

Bring your kids for a free eye screening. The Lions Club takes a picture of your child's eyes with a special camera and gives you a report on their eyes to take to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

Be a Mentors Plus volunteer. A little of your time can make a big difference for someone 5-16yrs. old. Training available 10am Dec. 9, Oak. Cty. Executive Office, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford. Learn more at 248-858-0041.

Dog adoption day held second Saturday of every month 11am-3pm at Pet Supply Harvest Time, 1125 S. Lapeer Rd. Oxford. Loving dogs of all shapes and sizes looking to find a forever home. www.doggsaver.org/9s9s/ for photos of dogs.

The Giving Season: Author Fair 1-4pm Dec. 9, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Books for all ages will be available for signing and purchase. Perfect chance to find holiday gifts.

248-693-3000.

No-shush prayer service Sunday, Dec. 10, 1pm. Christ (the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon, LO. Non-denominational prayer service for family members with special needs. Celebrate with music, instruments, and interactive Scripture stories. Children and adults of all abilities welcome. All are welcome to express their joy in their own individual and unique way.

Holiday Program Candle Lighting Service 7pm Dec. 12, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkson Rd. Hosted by Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group. 248-625-5231.

Holiday Market Nov. 16-23, Orion Art Center. A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do.

works of art. orionartcenter.org

Landmark in Lights Nov. 24- Dec. 23, Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Dr, Rochester. Stroll through the elegant decor and sparking lights of the great estate and experience the holiday magic. After, follow candy cane lane to the Land of Santa and Sweets. Info: 248-364-6200.

Alzheimer Support Group 1-2:30pm Dec. 13, Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. Hear how others are meeting the challenge and what resources are available. Respite care provided. Free. 248-391-0304 x3500.

Upcoming School Board Meetings. Interested in what's happening in the Lake Orion School District? Board meetings typically held at 7pm on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of month at the Administration Building, 315 N. Lapeer St, downtown LO. December mtg: Dec. 13.

Donate blood. 9:30am-6:30pm Dec. 14, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Schedule apt. at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Walk ins welcome.

Meals on Wheels Drivers needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Orion/Oxford. Call 248-391-0304 x350 to volunteer for weekdays; 3x508 for weekends.


-The Mitten: Dec. 14 or 15

-Ice-Skating: Jan. 18 or 19

NOCF Families Against Narcotics meet 2nd Thursday of every month, Dec. 14, at 7pm at Woodside Bible Church (within Canterbury Village), 2500 Joslyn Rd, LO. All are welcome. 248-221-7101.

Free Senior (ages 50+) Movie Club 1pm Dec. 1, 90 Minutes in Heaven. Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. Popcorn will be served. Pre-registration at 248-391-0304 x3500.

Elf Workshop 10am Dec. 16, Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Be an elf, make presents for your loved ones. Decorate an ice-cream cone tree and visit with Santa. All ages, drop in.

Bake Sale 10am-4pm Dec. 16, Oakland County Animal Shelter, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd, Bldg 42E, Pontiac. All proceeds to support family of Oak. Cty. Sheriff Deputy Eric Overall who was tragically killed in the line of duty early Thanksgiving morning.

Christmas in Detroit 7:30pm Dec. 16, 20 Front Street, downtown LO. Tickets: $20. www.20frontstreet.com; 248-783-7105.


Take a walk. During the winter months the snow plowed. Be careful. The path may still be icy.

Public library.

Library receives second sculpture

The Orion Township Public Library has anonymously received a second donation of a life-size, one-of-a-kind, bronze sculpture of a little girl carrying a book and school bag. "Read Aloud Gather Around," created by local sculptor Suzanne Young, is currently on display in the entrance to the youth area of the library.

There will be a Welcome Celebration on Dec. 13 at 7 pm in Mtg. Room B at the library to celebrate the new sculpture at the library. All ages are welcome.

Come see the sculpture at the Orion Township Public Library at 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Twp.

Lake Orion Review's Weekly Crossword Puzzle

7. Moved along a surface.
10. Charity.
15. Farm animal.
17. Give a nickname to.
19. Uses up.
20. Type of missile (abbr.)
24. Midwife.
25. Entwined.
26. Supervises interstate commerce.
27. A way to convert.
28. Female sibling.
29. TV network.
30. Tropical Asian plant.
31. Line on a map.
32. Denotes songbirds.
33. Made publicly known.
34. He devised it.

CLUES ACROSS
1. Female deer.
4. Unfashionable people.
8. Entranceway.
10. Courteous.
11. Level.
12. Dell meat.
13. Details.
15. Stole.
17. Experienced as digits.
18. Your child's daughter.
21. _____ and flow.
22. Small amount.
23. Revolutions per minute.
24. Criticize.
25. Snake-like figure.
27. Inquiry.
28. Engage in political activity.
29. The lowest adult male singing voice.
30. The most advanced artist.
31. The highest parts.
32. Kinomo sashes.
37. 1970s series.
40. Builders.
41. Mentally healthy.
42. Used to traverse.

CLUES DOWN
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Answer's To This Week's Puzzle Will Be In Next Week's Paper!
ORION TWP

Library hosts Big Game Day

The Orion Township Public Library is hosting their first Big Game Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

Activities will include a Madden Tourney for teens, virtual reality demonstrations with Escape Arcade, and meet and greet opportunities with Raymond Hayes, former player of the New York Jets Super Bowl III winning team, and former Detroit Lions player Rich Strenger.

For a complete list of activities happening that day visit orionlibrary.org.

The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Township.

TROY

Community Coalition honors ‘Incredible Kids’

The Troy Community Coalition will honor “Incredible Kids” during the month of February.

Nominate a child, between the ages of 5 and 12, who has made a positive impact in the city of Troy. These young people will be honored at a special ceremony on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois Road.

For a nomination form, visit www.facebook.com/troycommunitycoalition. Submit the form by Feb. 1 to mwiwel@troy.k12.mi.us.
Friends of Orion Township Library host used book sale

Monday, January 15, 2018

Friends of the Orion Township Library will host the Friends Gently Used Book Sale Wednesday, Jan. 24 through Saturday, Jan. 27.

“We are looking forward to welcoming book lovers to our library for our winter sale,” said Martha Wheeler, president of the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “It’s a great place to stock up on winter reading materials while helping the Friends raise funds to support key programs for our library.”

There will be an exclusive preview to “Friends” members from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and membership is available at the door. The sale will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 26 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 27. Saturday is $5 Bag Day – which means customers can get as many books as they can fit in a bag for $5.

Gently used book donations are accepted all year long at the library in the lobby. Anyone who would like to help with the book sale is asked to reach out at friends@orionlibrary.org or orionlibrary.org/friends.

The Orion Township Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Township.

—Submitted by Jan Thomas


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Orion Township Public Library to host welcome celebration for bronze statue donation

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

Friday, January 5, 2018

The Orion Township Public Library will hold a welcome celebration for the public to view a bronze sculpture that was anonymously donated to the library.

The library anonymously received a second donation of a life-size bronze sculpture of a little girl carrying a book and school bag.

“Patrons are welcome to come see this beautiful addition to the library,” said Karen Knox, Orion Library director. “This is such a wonderful way for someone to leave their legacy in the community.”

The welcome celebration will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 in meeting room B. All ages are welcome.

The Orion Township Public Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.

The library is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

More information about the library is available at orionlibrary.org.
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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

• **Drop-In One-on-one Technology Help** is 6-8 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Township. [orionlibrary.org](http://orionlibrary.org), 248-287-8019, adults.

• Computer Club is 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 4 at White Lake Township Library, 7527 E. Highland Road, White Lake, 248-698-4942, ext. 2, [whitelakelibrary.org](http://whitelakelibrary.org).

• Library book group discussion of “Frankenstein”, by Mary Shelley, is 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at White Lake Township Library, 7527 E. Highland Road, White Lake, 248-698-4942, ext. 2, [whitelakelibrary.org](http://whitelakelibrary.org). Books are available at the library.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY EVENTS

• The 33rd annual MLK Peace Walk is 9:30 a.m., Jan. 15, beginning at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, followed by a program at the Southfield Pavilion at 11 a.m., 248-790-0057, [www.mlktaskforcemi.org](http://www.mlktaskforcemi.org).

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is 3-4 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill St., Birmingham, 248-647-1700, registration required, [www.baldwinlib.org](http://www.baldwinlib.org).

• Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birthday celebration is 1-7 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Farmington Hills Community Library Main Branch, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 248-848-4307, [www.farmlib.org](http://www.farmlib.org), free.

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Jan. 15 at the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods, [huntington-woods.lib.mi.us](http://huntington-woods.lib.mi.us) free.

OUTDOORS/SPORTS

• **Animal Investigators** presentation is 2-4 p.m. Jan. 13 at Red Oaks Nature Center, 30300 Hales St., Madison Heights. Examine tracks, scat and other animal clues to tell that animal’s story. Make an investigator guide to take home for future animal mysteries, then don snowshoes and head outdoors for a wintry walk to discover which animals have been active this season. Snowshoes are provided. Participants must wear boots, ages 5+. Cost is $5 per person. Register at 248-858-0916 weekdays or 248-585-0100 Saturdays.

• **Youth Abilities – Saturday Sports Special** is 9:30-11 a.m. Jan. 13 at the Boys & Girls Clubs, 1545 East Lincoln Road in Royal Oak. Designed for children with disabilities ages
Oakland County community calendar

Friday, January 5, 2018

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

• Library book group discussion of “Frankenstein”, by Mary Shelley, is 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at White Lake Township Library, 7527 E. Highland Road, White Lake, 248-698-4942, ext. 2, whitelakelibrary.org. Books are available at the library.

• Adult Movie Matinee is 2 p.m. Jan. 11 at White Lake Township Library, 7527 E. Highland Road, White Lake, 248-698-4942, ext. 2, whitelakelibrary.org. This month’s film stars Judi Dench as Queen Victoria. Free popcorn. Bring your own pop or water.

• Cookies with Cops event geared to children is 10 a.m., Jan. 13 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Township. Event is to show appreciation for the Oakland County Sheriff’s office and the Lake Orion Police Department on National Law Enforcement Day. Attendees may hear about what police officers do, listen to a story and learn safety tips. Includes milk and cookies and a surprise visitor, orionlibrary.org, 248-287-8019.

• Water Bottle Penguins craft for K-5th graders is 4-4:45 p.m. Jan. 18 at Brandon Township Public Library, 304 South St., Ortonville, www.brandontownship.org, 248-627-1460.

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Oakland County community calendar

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

• Wrapping Party is 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Dec. 18 at White Lake Township Library, 7527 E. Highland Road, White Lake. Drop in to use our large tables to wrap personal holiday gifts. Wrapping paper, scissors, tape, and ribbon will be available. Donations welcomed. Adults only, 248-698-4942, ext. 2, whitelakelibrary.org.

• “Adventure on the Appalachian Trail” presentation by Ortonville resident Lynne Wummel is 7-8 p.m. Dec. 20 at Brandon Township Public Library, 304 South St., Ortonville, www.brandonlibrary.org. 248-627-9880.

• Drop-In One-on-one Technology Help is 6-8 p.m. Dec. 21 at the Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Orion Township. orionlibrary.org, 248-287-8019.

— Submit community events on The Oakland Press submission form online at bit.ly/iiUM73e.
Office Closed

We are closed today, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Events & Fundraisers

Welcome Celebration for Bronze Sculpture at the Orion Township Public Library

Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. The Orion Township Public Library has anonymously received a second donation of a life-size, one-of-a-kind, bronze sculpture of a little girl carrying a book and school bag. "Read Aloud Gather A Crowd," created by local sculptor Suzanne Young with the Fine Arts Sculpture Centre, is currently on display in the entrance to the youth area at the library. All ages are invited to the Welcome Reception in Meeting Room B to celebrate the new sculpture at the library.

ONTV 8th Annual Food Drive

ONTV is now accepting donations for the raffle, to be held during the LIVE Food Drive telethon on February 10th benefiting the Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry. Any business willing to donate a raffle prize will be a sponsor for the food drive. They will be included in all of the print advertising, and will sponsor a 1/2 hour of the LIVE event, and also be mentioned throughout the day when talking about the raffle. The raffle will be held LIVE on the air. If interested, please contact...
Join us this Saturday, January 13th at 2:00p as we welcome local singer/songwriter duo Emily Burns and Aaron Markovitz, also known as Escaping Pavement to the library stage! They will perform their unique blend of American folk music. As you can see, they perform at many venues around Oakland County and beyond. Hope to see you there!

Escaping Pavement is with Aaron Markovitz and Emily Burns
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January 5 at 2:30pm

#michigan friends! There are only a few more chances to catch us before we disappear to the #south half of the country for the rest of the #winter. These are ou...

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Orion Township Public Library

January 5 at 8:35am

Please join us on Thursday, January 18 at 7:00p for a celebration to welcome our newly-donated, bronze sculpture 'Read Aloud Gather A Crowd' in Meeting Room B at the Orion Library. This event was originally planned for December 13th, 2017, but was postponed due to a snow storm on that evening.

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7 Carla May Tousley and 6 others

1 Share
Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos.
January 3 at 4:37pm ·
We're starting the new year with a new philosophy! Learn more about FISH! at http://www.fishphilosophy.com/fish-philosophy-story/

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8 Lori Morris and 7 others

Orion Township Public Library
January 3 at 2:07pm ·
New month, new year, and a new January guest artist. Come see this gorgeous collection of watercolors by guest artist Ken Canavan - Scenes of Ireland.

6 You, Lori Morris and 4 others
1 Share
Comments
Jennifer Hawkins Beautiful!
Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.

January 3 at 11:21am -

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Lisa Branon, Halli Zalesin and 35 others

Liz Goble
Think Spring!

MaryAnne Thorndycraft
Love the library!!

Orion Township Public Library

January 1 at 6:02pm -

Remember: If you want to succeed at keeping your New Year's Resolutions, keep them simple! (Also, that we reopen tomorrow for regular business hours)

Shout out to Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Instagram for the photo.
**Orion Township Public Library**

December 28, 2017 at 9:57am ·

We are open until 9 PM tonight, then closed until next year. Looking forward to serving our community in 2018 and beyond!

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**Orion Township Public Library** Let's be honest. You don't really want to visit us in weather like this anyway. If you're in desperate need of library-provided information and entertainment, don't forget about [https://orionlibrary.org/downloads/](https://orionlibrary.org/downloads/).

**eBooks & Downloads - Orion Township Public Library**

Paula Antoniou I love my library! Enjoy your break! I've got my books, a warm blanket and lap cat ready for this cold spell.

**Orion Township Public Library** Thank you, Paula! It sounds like you have the perfect weekend planned-enjoy!

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**Orion Township Public Library**

December 27, 2017 at 2:26pm ·

Kids in grades K-5 and their families are welcome to celebrate National Card Playing Day with us tomorrow! Drop in any time from 10:00a-12:00p.

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6 Halli Zalesin and 5 others

1 Share
Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.
December 27, 2017 at 11:53am

Happy Holidays from all the staff at the Orion Library!

32Carla May Tousley, Lori Morris and 30 others
Comments
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Orion Township Public Library And then this happened!Manage

Jean Kozek Thank you for your visits to the Dog Park.

Orion Township Public Library We like that idea! Thanks Holly.
Manage

Reminder: We are open today until 9 pm then back on Tuesday, Dec 26th. Happy Holidays everyone!

9Lori Morris and 8 others
1 Share

Paula Antoniou I'm ready! Got my stack of books for the long library closure weekend. 😊📚

Holly Chapp I think you should extend your closing over those three in between days 😊 Our library is wonderful you all deserve it!
Orion Township Public Library
December 21, 2017 at 9:07am
Looking for something to do with the family next week during winter break? Join us for Family Yoga on Tuesday, December 26 at 2:00p. YMCA-certified yoga teacher Sasha Salvador will host a family-based yoga experience that will explore sequences, balance poses, and breathing techniques. Yoga mats will be provided. Gr K-5 with parent/guardian.

Orion Township Public Library added 5 new photos.
December 19, 2017 at 2:50pm
Our animal dance party this morning was tons of fun! Everyone danced like animals.
Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.
December 19, 2017 at 1:26pm ·

3Lori Morris and 2 others

Orion Township Public Library added 4 new photos.
December 16, 2017 at 3:09pm ·

Our Holiday Spectacular continued today with our Teen Gingerbread Houses program! They turned out pretty great! 🎅🎁🎄☃🍬🍭🎁

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9You, Lori Morris, Halli Zalesin and 6 others
Album Elf Workshop 2017
Our Elf Workshop was another success! Thank you to all of our Teen Volunteers who helped out (you’re awesome!), thank you to the LOGFWC for providing cookies, thank you to all who came, and of course THANK YOU SANTA!!! 🎅❤️🎁🎄

Lori Morris, Halli Zalesin and 5 others

Comments

Lori Morris Our Teen Volunteers are such a great group! Thanks for sharing your time and talents with us today!

SANTA’S HERE!!!! He’ll be here until noon, so stop in and tell him what you want for Christmas!

Lori Morris, Halli Zalesin and 6 others
Don't forget to join us tomorrow at the Orion Library at 10:00 a.m. for the Elf Workshop and a visit with Santa!

Our updates on the self checkouts in the lobby are completed with a new sidebar of information that can be emailed or printed for you to take home. There's also a handy link to sign up for programs! You're welcome 😊

Correction - We're not done yet. Book Recommendations are coming soon!

Wow, that's awesome! So many upgrades, much more activities and community events since I worked there.. 👍 keep up the great work!
The Orion Library will be closing at 5:00p today due to the worsening weather conditions. The Welcome Reception for the new sculpture that was scheduled for 7:00p tonight will be postponed to a later date. Safe travels!

Blood Drive tomorrow (Thursday) at the Orion Library! Since September of 2000 the library has had 49 blood drives and collected 1,825 pints of blood! Life’s a gift. Give more of it. Donate blood. Sign-up online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: orionlibrary, or call 1.800.733.2767.
Orion Township Public Library added 5 new photos.
December 12, 2017 at 7:36pm ·
The teens decorated ornaments at the library tonight! Our last teen program of 2017 is gingerbread house making which is this Saturday at 2:00 pm.

Orion Township Public Library shared their event.
December 11, 2017 at 4:37pm ·
You better watch out,
You better not cry!
You better not pout,
I'm tellin' you why...

DEC 16
Interested
2nd Annual Elf Workshop
Sat 10 AM · Orion Township Public Library · Lake Orion
You like Orion Township Public Library

24Lisa Branon, Kris Remenar and 22 others
Orion Township Public Library added an event.

December 11, 2017 at 4:33pm

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.

DEC 16

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2nd Annual Elf Workshop
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2 Halli Zalesin and 1 other

Orion Township Public Library added 8 new photos — with Steven Harms.

December 9, 2017 at 2:28pm

The Author Fair is in full swing! Authors will be here until 4:00 signing books.

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Lori Morris, Halli Zalesin and 9 others

Comments

R.L. Herron It was a good day. I enjoy meeting all the people.
Lake Orion High School students singing Christmas songs, and the book and author fair is about to start. It’s a hopping day here at the library!
Don't forget The Giving Season: Author & Illustrator Fair is at the Orion Library tomorrow from 1:00p-4:00p! Books for readers of all ages will be available for signing and purchase - this is the perfect opportunity to find holiday gifts!

Orion Township Public Library

December 7, 2017

***UPDATE***

Please join us on December 13, 2017 to welcome our newly donated bronze sculpture ‘Read Aloud Gather A Crowd’ at 7:00-8:00 pm in Meeting Room B at the Orion Township Public Library.
Orion Township Public Library added 2 new photos.

December 7, 2017 ·

Our Guest Artist for December is Cathy Nova. Stop in and see her lovely photography!

Orion Township Public Library added 4 new photos.

December 5, 2017 ·

Just a reminder that our annual Author Fair will take place this Saturday from 1:00-4:00 pm. Stop by and meet some great local authors!
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Academic Libraries 2018 - Registration Now Open

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View the full schedule, event details and session descriptions.

Early Bird Registration expires February 12, 2018. Register Today!
Plan Now for Spring Workshops

Mark your calendar for MLA’s spring workshops on topics ranging from homelessness in libraries to fundraising and advocacy.

Visit the MLA Events web page for program details and mark your calendar now. Registration will open in January.

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Frances H. Pletz Award for Excellence in Service to Youth

The Michigan library community is filled with caring, compassionate and devoted youth librarians and we’d like to recognize one who stands out from the crowd. If you know of a deserving youth librarian who has made outstanding contributions to the field of library service for youth, please consider nominating them for the 2018 Frances H. Pletz Award or sharing this invitation with interested colleagues.

Nominations are due January 31, 2018. Visit the MLA website to find out more about the Frances H. Pletz Award or download the nomination form.
Grant Application Deadline Approaching

If you wish to apply for continuing education support from the Library of Michigan for MLA Leadership Academy, Spring Institute 2018 or Academic Libraries 2018, the deadline is the last business day of December.

More Information

Help Celebrate Michigan Talent

MLA is now accepting nominations for the 2018 Michigan Author Award. Established in 1992, the award recognizes significant Michigan authors with a lifetime achievement award. To submit a nomination, fill out the form online or download the nomination form and email to MLA@milibraries.org. Nominations are due February 28.

More Information

Kars4Kids Small Grants Programs

Kars4Kids has grants available for furthering children's welfare and education. The purpose of these grants is to encourage continued education and welfare outside of the school setting, enriching the education of future citizens and leaders of the community. Grants range from $500-$2,000. Find out more and apply at: www.kars4kidsgrants.org

MLA 2018-19 Board of Directors Election

MLA will hold elections for the Board of Directors April 9 - April 23. This year MLA members will vote for a MLA President Elect, MLA Treasurer, ALA Councilor and one member-at-large board position. These positions will serve for a three-year term beginning July 2018 and ending June 2021.

View the MLA 2018-19 Board of Directors election slate.

Stay Connected

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Lansing, MI 48911
517-394-2774
Dear Karen,

Happy New Year and welcome to this month's round up of resources to build stronger libraries and library professionals. In the spirit of networking, feel free to share information on programs or articles you feel would be of interest to MLA members. Email MLA@milibraries.org to suggest a topic or idea.

Just Lunch Networking Lunch at Spring Institute

Does networking make you uncomfortable? We've got you covered.

Register for Spring Institute 2018, this March 22 - 23 in Grand Rapids, and join us Friday, March 23 for Just Lunch. This table vs. table trivia challenge will offer opportunities to collaborate, connect and engage with your fellow librarians. Winners take home bragging rights but everyone leaves a networking champion!

Early Bird Registration ends March 5. Register Today!

Visit our website to view detailed conference information, the schedule at a glance, featured speakers and special events.

Member Feedback Requested

Let us know how we might better serve you in the future and you could win a MLA webinar voucher. The MLA Board of Directors is looking for your feedback to assist with the development of the MLA 2019-2022 Strategic Plan. Your responses are extremely important to the future direction of MLA. Please take a moment to share
your input. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes and will be open until January 31.

MLA Member Survey

MLA Program Seeks Mentor Candidates

The MLA Mentor Program provides a method of introducing and encouraging librarians and other library professionals to work together and network within the community.

If you are a public, academic or special library professional who has a desire to help others grow through your experience, please consider applying to the MLA Mentor Program.

More Information

Big Talk From Small Libraries Online Conference

The call for speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2018 is now open. This free one-day online conference will be broadcast Friday, February 23, 2018 and is open to library staff from across the country. Small libraries of all types are invited to submit session ideas through Friday, January 12, 2018.

For more information on the event visit the Big Talk website.

Cool Things My Library Does Proposals Due Monday

Do you have a great project you've implemented at your library, but don't think the information would fill a whole breakout session time slot?

Consider submitting a proposal for the Spring Institute 2018 presentation session: Cool Things My Library Does.

Submissions due Monday, January 8, 2018. Submit your proposal today.

Revisiting the Founding Era

Public libraries are invited to apply for Revisiting the Founding Era, a nationwide project that will use historical documents to spark public conversations about the Founding Era's enduring ideas and themes and how they continue to influence our lives today.

Up to 100 U.S. public libraries will be selected to host programs related to the American Revolution and the early years of the nation.
Read the full project guidelines and apply online by January 31, 2018. Public libraries serving rural or underserved communities are especially encouraged to apply.

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**LTC: Small, Mid-Sized and/or Rural Public Libraries**

Public libraries that serve small or rural communities are invited to apply for a travel stipend to attend a [Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Models for Change](https://www.ala.org/ala/conferences/alaannual/ltcmodelsforchange) workshop at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans on June 22, 2018. LTC: Models for Change Series 3 highlights dialogue and deliberation models most useful for public libraries serving small and rural communities. Participants who complete all online sessions will be invited to participate in the one-day pre-conference workshop. Twenty-five public libraries serving small and/or rural communities will be selected to receive an $800 travel stipend. Read the full project guidelines or [start your online application](https://www.ala.org/ala/conferences/alaannual/ltcmodelsforchange).

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**Initiative to Combat Opioid Misuse**

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Discovery Education have joined forces to create [Operation Prevention](https://www.operationprevention.com) - a comprehensive youth initiative developed to educate students and families about the true impacts of opioids and kick-start lifesaving conversations about the science of addiction. Operation Prevention is available at no cost for use in every school, after school and community-based program in the United States. [More Information](https://www.operationprevention.com)

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**Free Training: January 2018**

Visit [WebJunction](https://www.webjunction.org) for a list of upcoming free education opportunities. The list is provided by the Wyoming State Library and is updated monthly on [WebJunction's Free Training page](https://www.webjunction.org). For additional training, check out the [WebJunction Catalog](https://www.webjunction.org/catalo...).
MLA Leadership Academy offers training in the fundamentals of effective leadership and the opportunity to develop a close network of colleagues from across the state.

Leadership Academy 2018 begins in February. Don't miss the opportunity to develop your leadership skills while forming the professional relationships you can call on for support, advice and inspiration as you navigate your career. Register today and secure your spot in the Leadership Academy class of 2018.

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

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

Your MLA membership will expire on: 6/30/2018
Visit the MLA website to renew your membership or update your profile (login required).

President's Update

If you haven't heard the wonderful news, Lance Werner, Executive Director of Michigan's Kent District Library, and former President of the MLA Board of Directors, has been named Library Journal's 2018 Librarian of the Year! Lance is certainly a change agent, like I was talking about last month. The LJ article on Lance notes that he says he's just a regular guy that cares about his constituents. If you know Lance, beyond his gregariousness he has a greatness for getting the job done. This is all part of why Lance was also named the MLA Librarian of the Year for 2017!

Lance's work inspires me to think about what each of us gets done in the library. Lance has been noticed because he is the Loud Librarian but the problem with a lot of library work is that many people do not even know all that gets done in libraries. A recent widely distributed USA Today article inaccurately stated that library work and libraries are on the decline! The information on libraries was retracted only once libraries supplied them with the real data on our work!

My New Year's challenge to each of us is to let people know what we do in libraries and everything that libraries have to offer. What if we each shared a public note, tweet, or post every week this year that said "Today at the library I . . . " There are all kinds of things we can put in that " . . . " along with our hashtags #atthelibrary #librarywork #librariestransform. Each post will be a story of our great work and the individuals and communities that we serve.

Continue Reading
From the Executive Director’s Desk

It’s Time to Update Your Professional Development Plan

A successful career takes time, effort and planning. The new year is a good time to review your professional development plan. Your blueprint should include a summary of your ambitions, objectives and goals. According to the global talent solutions company, Hudson, a career development plan is designed to outline your interests, values and skills, and to help you think about:

- Where you are now, and where you want to be
- Your likes, dislikes, passions, strengths, skills, experience and personality, and how closely they align with your chosen job
- Your short-term and long-term career goals
- Any skills, qualifications and experience you might still need to acquire
- The current labor market, where the work is, and any other job requirements you might need to research.

Define your career goals and write out the steps needed to reach those goals. This way you can see how you are progressing. The 2018 Spring Institute work group is bringing in a career coach to the conference to help youth librarians identify their skills and how those skills transfer to a director or other position. They will receive feedback on how to articulate their experience in a way that highlights their abilities and strengths. This is valuable information at any career level.

Michigan Star Libraries

Four Michigan libraries named Star Libraries in the tenth edition of the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service, a national rating system designed to recognize and promote America’s public libraries.

Ann Arbor District Library, Richland Community Library, West Bloomfield Township Public Library and Genesee District Library were among 259 U.S. public libraries to receive star ratings in 2017 out of a total of 7409 libraries scored. Ann Arbor District Library is one of only 69 libraries to receive star ratings in all 10 editions of the LJ Index and one of only 13 public libraries to receive a five-star rating in every edition.

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More Information

Spring Institute 2018

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Free Gale/MeL Webinars

DemographicsNow: How to pull business or household information to create mailing lists!
January 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Register

DemographicsNow: How to pull demographic data, consumer spending data, and more!
January 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Register

Meeting the Needs of Middle School Students with Gale’s Research In Context
January 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Register

Staff Development Grant and Award Opportunity

The H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant is an annual award consisting of $3,500 and a 24k gold-framed citation given to a library organization whose...
application demonstrates greatest merit for a program of staff development designed to further the goals and objectives of the library organization.

Deadline to apply is February 1. More information and apply.

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**ALA GLBTRT Seeks Nominees for Awards**

Every year, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT) of the American Library Association seeks to honor librarians, library related organizations (including libraries, library staff, library boards, library friends), and other individuals or groups (public or private) that have demonstrated excellence in the area of responding to the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

**GLBTRT Award for Political Activism - Nomination Form**

**The Larry Romans Mentorship Award - Nomination Form**

**Newlen-Symons Award for Excellence in Serving the GLBT Community - Nomination Form**

Deadline to apply is February 1. More information

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**Financial Development Award Opportunity**

The Gale Cengage Learning Financial Development Award recognizes an innovative, creative, well-organized project which successfully generated new income, in any amount, from alternative sources, such as individual gifts, foundations, endowments, "challenge" grants and related efforts. Academic, public and school libraries are eligible to apply. The winner receives a $2,500 award and a 24k gold-framed citation.

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**Survey Request and Last Call for Reporting Challenges**
You may have seen communication from the American Library Association about reporting censorship challenges for 2017 and we are helping them get the word out.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) wrote a blog post about the importance of reporting challenges and answers questions that often come up this time of year. Please take five minutes to report any challenges that your library or institution has encountered in 2017 to the ALA online challenge reporting form before January 31, 2018. This information is important for all of us.

To further help MLA, we’d sincerely appreciate it if you could also answer these five questions.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and report censorship incidents directly to OIF. We want to make 2018 a really great year and your responses to the survey will help us better support you.

**Featured Jobs**

View these jobs and more at the MLA Career Center.

**Director of Resource Management and Discovery**  
*Missouri State University Libraries - Springfield, MO, United States*  
The Missouri State University (MSU) Libraries seeks an experienced, user-centered leader who has extensive knowledge of library technical services, including best practices and latest trends in the evolving role of libraries. [Read more]

**Director**  
*Tecumseh District Library - Tecumseh, MI, United States*  
Due to the retirement of the current director, the Board of Trustees of the Tecumseh (MI) District Library is seeking an accomplished and passionate librarian to serve as the next Director and leader of a committed team. [Read more]

**Michigan eLibrary Coordinator, Library Consultant**  
*Library of Michigan - Lansing, MI, United States*  
The Library of Michigan, located in Lansing, seeks a highly collaborative and experienced project coordinator to join their team to oversee the administration of the statewide virtual library known as the Michigan eLibrary, MeL. [Read more]

**Library Associate- Adult Services**  
*Portage District Library - Portage, MI, United States*  
Overview: The Adult Services Library Associate position performs highly technical work involving the delivery of library services to library patrons of all ages. Incumbents in this category are expected to develop and maintain a collection. [Read more]

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**Stay Connected**

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Closing out 2017 gives me a chance to look back on the year and review what we accomplished for the community. I think our huge addition this year was the Bookbike which interacted with almost 1000 patrons out in the community and was even in a couple local parades. We offered a number of programs and improved services to our community, had a successful Summer Reading Program, and upgraded some of our technology. We also created a new strategic plan and have the tools we need to look ahead and implement even more in the coming years.

December brings the whole family out to the library for a couple special programs. First we had our Author Fair, which drew over 430 people to the library to meet with local authors and purchase new books. The following weekend we had our Elf Workshop where we trained about 200 young patrons (and their caregivers) to be Santa’s elves.

In addition, in Adult Services, we had: 2 Book Discussions (14), Cook the Book (10), and 4 Tech help (11).

Outreach Services offered: 4 Computer Classes (7), 3 ESL Conversation Groups (19), LONC programming (20), Senior Book Bunch (4), 2 Heritage Place programs (11), 6 Next Chapter Book Clubs (31), and a Silverbell program (10).

Teen Services offered: 2 Geek Club programs (24), Gingerbread Houses (35), and DIY Glass Ornaments (15).

In the Youth Department, we now have 202 children registered for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program, with 5 children having completed the program. Youth programming in December included a Minecraft LAN Party (10), Pick up STEAM – Space (27), Animal Dance Party (31), Full STEAM Ahead – Lights (17), Winter Break Movie (25), 2 Doggone Readers (8), Family Yoga (9), Cozy Up Storytime (22), Beach Fun (23), National Card Playing Day (7), and Lego (12). We also had a Battle Coaches Meeting (22), and a SNAP Stories program for adults with special needs (32). We also had a passive program for our young patrons, which was a Winter Scavenger Hunt in which children searched for popular winter characters that were placed around the youth department. They received a small prize for finding all 8 characters. Finally, our youth staff fulfilled 6 ThinkLink book requests, and completed 10 Pre-K school visits (272) and 3 K-5 school visits (167).

In case you haven’t seen it, the January/February ONTV show, Orion @ Your Library, is available here: https://youtu.be/lJfgz4qjfn0.
We had a few staffing changes that went into effect in 2018: Mary is now working 25 hours/week, so five days a week at the Orion Center. Kate is now the Outreach Services Coordinator, and Kathleen is the Adult Services Librarian. We have interviewed and extended an offer for the Teen Services Librarian position and are working through the paperwork for that, hoping to have a new person on board by the end of January.

I attended the Innovative Directors Symposium earlier this week and will provide a brief update on the conference at the board meeting.

Our new sculpture, “Read Aloud Gather a Crowd,” was installed in December and dedicated with a reception on January 18. Many came out for the reception, where we celebrated with the donor, the artist, and many others. Thanks to all of you for attending!

The Friends of the Library are having their next Used Book Sale on January 23-27, and they are working hard on the planning for their Passport to Spring event, which is coming up on April 21. The Friends board will meet again on January 31.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:
- January 23-27 – Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
- January 27 – Middle School Battle of the Books, Waldon Middle School, 9a
- February 1 – Online Safety and Avoiding Scams, 7p
- February 3 – Board Retreat, 9a
- February 3 – Big Game Day Party, 1p
- February 12 – Orion Historical Society, 7p
- February 12 – Community Conversation with LOUMC, Lockhart’s BBQ, 7p
- February 17 – Teen & Adult Makerspace, 1p
- February 21 – Preschool Fair, 4p
- February 15 – Board Meeting, 6:30p – Presentation on VEBA changes
## Statistical Report - Usage for the month of December 2017

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<td>Program attendance for children</td>
<td>634</td>
<td>1,243</td>
<td>10,843</td>
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<td>Program attendance for teens</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>135</td>
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<td>Attendance school visits Think Link</td>
<td>440</td>
<td>728</td>
<td>10,555</td>
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<td>Attendance bookbike</td>
<td>0</td>
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### Technology Usage Statistics

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<td>Computer signups</td>
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<td>Web site hits - desktop users</td>
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<td>Web site hits - mobile users</td>
<td>6,291</td>
<td>5,677</td>
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### Other Usage Statistics

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<tr>
<td># Visitors to Main Library</td>
<td>10,942</td>
<td>12,556</td>
<td>184,050</td>
<td>195,745</td>
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<tr>
<td># Visitors to Orion Center branch</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>246</td>
<td>3,680</td>
<td>2,244</td>
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<td># Volunteer hours</td>
<td>449</td>
<td>361</td>
<td>6,586</td>
<td>6,311</td>
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<td># Notarized documents</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>451</td>
<td>484</td>
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<tr>
<td># Think Link requests for books</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>159</td>
<td>191</td>
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Cumulative Recovery:

Orion Township Public Library
September 2016 through December 2017

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<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Accounts Submitted:</td>
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<td>Dollars Submitted:</td>
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<td>Cash Recovery:</td>
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<td>Material Recovery:</td>
<td>$8,751.92</td>
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<td>Waives:</td>
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<td>Recovery Total:</td>
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Total Invoice Amount: $7,229.81
Total ROI: 4:1
Asset ROI: 3:1

Please note, for the purposes of these reports the term 'Asset' will refer to the recovery of Materials and Cash.
# Monthly Recovery Statistics: Orion Township Public Library

1/2017 Through 12/2017

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<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Cash</th>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Waives</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Assets Only</th>
<th>Invoice Amount</th>
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<td>$490.98</td>
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<td>October-17</td>
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<td>$11.19</td>
<td>$902.65</td>
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<td>September-17</td>
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<td>March-17</td>
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<td>$888.51</td>
<td>$79.40</td>
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<td>February-17</td>
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<td>$2,192.74</td>
<td>$2,072.74</td>
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| Total      | $9,085.97| $6,156.70| $552.74| $15,795.11| $15,243.57  | $551.54        |
| Average    | $757.14  | $513.06  | $46.06 | $1,316.26 | $1,270.20    | $46.06         |

Total ROI: $6:1

![Average Monthly Recovery and Cost](chart.png)
CIR-5: Fines and Fees Policy
Adopted: 10/17/2013; Last revised: 2/16/2017 1/25/2018

Policy Statement
A public library exists to serve the community and is based on the concept of sharing resources. When one person violates that principle by retaining materials beyond the established limits, that person takes unfair advantage of the community as a whole. Additionally, some library resources require additional funding support.

Regulations
1. To encourage the prompt return of materials, the library charges a per day overdue fine based on the type of item:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library Material Type</th>
<th>Daily Overdue Fine</th>
<th>Maximum Fine</th>
<th>Default Replacement Fee for Material (subject to adjustment)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Print Materials</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Book</td>
<td>$0.15</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Book Discussion Kit</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>VOX Books</td>
<td>$0.15</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Magazine</td>
<td>$0.15</td>
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<td>$5.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Non-Print Materials</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audiobook on CD</td>
<td>$0.15</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
<td>$45.00</td>
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<td>Audiobook on Playaway</td>
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<td>Blu-Ray/DVD</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<td>Board Games</td>
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<td>Canvas Bags</td>
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<td>CD Book Kit</td>
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<td>Chromecast</td>
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<td>iPad</td>
<td>$5.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kill-A-Watt Meter</td>
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<td>VHS</td>
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<td>Videogame</td>
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<td>Youth Theme Kit</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$250.00*</td>
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*Please refer to the schedule within each kit for the replacement cost of individual items lost.

1 Default price is used when the exact price is not available.
In the Library Only

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library Material Type</th>
<th>Hourly Overdue Fine</th>
<th>Maximum Fine</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cricut Machine</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<td>Graphing Calculator</td>
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<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$125.00</td>
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<td>Monitor (large external)</td>
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<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$350.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sewing Machine</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Videogame Console</td>
<td>$1.00</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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2. On the day after the due date, all materials will be considered overdue if they have not been renewed or returned.
3. No fines will accrue on days that the library is closed.
4. The library will notify patrons of the overdue materials via email or United States Postal Service in compliance with state law.³
5. When the maximum fine level shown above has been reached, the item status will change and the Default Replacement Fee for Material will automatically be added to the patron account balance, along with a $2.00 Processing Fee.
6. The Maximum Outstanding Fee Limit is $10.00 or more than one lost item. Any patron whose account equals this limit shall forfeit borrowing privileges until materials are returned and fines are paid. Patrons experiencing unusual difficulty in returning their materials or paying their fines should contact the library circulation staff.
7. When a patron claims an item returned, staff will continue to look for the item for six months. If the item is not found and the claim is the second one for the patron, there will be a Processing Fee of $15.00 added to the patron account.
8. Accounts with a balance of $25 for more than 30 days shall be turned over to a collection agency. Notification will be sent to patrons before the account is turned over to the library’s collection agency. A service fee will be automatically added.
9. Customers should resolve disputed fees before paying for them. Once payment for library fees has been accepted, monetary refunds will not be issued.
10. Library services listed below require the specified fees:

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<th>Library Service</th>
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<td>Printing, Copying, Faxing</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black &amp; White printing/copying</td>
<td>$0.10 per page</td>
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<td>Color printing/copying</td>
<td>$0.25 per page</td>
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<tr>
<td>Patron print/copy account pre-pay limit</td>
<td>$25.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Faxes sent at the library</td>
<td>$1.00 per page</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library Cards (see Library Card Policy for definitions)</td>
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² Default price is used when the exact price is not available.
³ MCL 397.603 et seq. Library Privacy Act
| Patron – Resident, Student – Non-Resident, Business, Lake Orion Teachers, TLN home library card | No Charge |
| Non-Resident | $200.00 |
| Replacement of lost library card | $1.00 |

**Meeting Rooms (see *Meeting Room Policy* for more details)**

| Commercial Use – Meeting Room A, B, A&B, Youth Activity Room, and James Ingram Room | $35.00 per hour per room |
| Therefore, Meeting Rooms A&B combined | $35x2=$70.00 per hour |
| Commercial Use – Computer Lab | $100.00 per hour |
| Cleaning Fee – Beverages only served | $10.00 |
| Cleaning Fee – Food of any kind served | $50.00 |
| Use extending outside normal library hours | $25.00 per 15 minutes |

**Advertising (see *Displays and Distribution of Non-Library Materials Policy* for more details)**

| Lobby TV slide (commercial) | $100/week |
| Lobby TV slide (non-profit) | $50/week |
| Lobby TV slide setup (optional) | $50 |