Orion Township Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 17, 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 4/19/2018 Library Board meeting
   B. Bills
   C. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from April 2018
IV. Public Comment
V. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, April 19, 2018
   C. MLA News You Can Use, April 25, 2018
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, April 26, 2018
   E. MLA Weekly Newsletter, May 3, 2018
   F. MLA Weekly Newsletter, May 10, 2018
VI. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news
VII. Old Business
   A. Phone system RFP update
   B. Meeting room design update
VIII. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy
   B. Finance
   C. Fund Development
   D. Board Development
   E. Building
   F. Human Resources
   G. Strategic Planning
IX. Discussion Items
X. Action Items
   A. Phone system RFP
XI. Public Comment
XII. Trustee Comments
XIII. Adjournment
1) Call to order at 6:34 p.m.

2) Presentation from Aaron M. Stevens of Stevens, Kirinovic, & Tucker P.C. on 2017 Audit

3) Approval of agenda. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Quinn / Pergeau. Motion carries.

4) Consent Agenda as presented: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Pergeau / Phillips. Motion carries.
   a) Minutes from last meeting 3/15/18 Library Board meeting
   b) Bills

   a) Majority of property tax revenue has been received.

6) Public Comment - None

7) Communications
   a) Press coverage –
      i) Spring Gala 4/21/18 – nice coverage in the media
      ii) See Board packet

8) Director’s report
   a) Report on file
   b) June 9th – Summer Reading Kick-Off
   c) Circulation is up

9) Old Business
   a) Unique Management System YTD update – Beginning 1/1/18: paid $483 for the service; recovered $2,097; recaptured approximately $1,500 in materials.
b) Phone system RFP update – 17 phone vendors; 12 bids; narrowed to 5 for presentations. Approximately $20K - $25K

c) Meeting room design update – Rescheduled for 6/4/18 at 10 a.m. with Kim..

10) Standing Committee Report –
   a) Policy Report –
      Update from meeting on 4/5/18 -
   b) Finance –

c) Fund Development – 5/24/18 8:00 a.m.

d) Board Development –


f) Building –

g) Human Resources – Minutes attached

h) Ad Hoc Committee Reports
   Strategic Planning – Minutes attached.

i) Advocacy – None.

11) Discussion Items
   a) 2017 Annual Report – included in packet and available on-line
   b) Departmental Goals – Reviewed attached summary
   c) New Strategic Plan Work Plan update
   d) Computer Lab/Makerspace

12) Action Items
   a) HR Committee – VEBA & Pension updates Policy Committee – Committee moves to change the HR policy as detailed in the Policy Committee minutes of 4/5/18, items 1 through 3. No further discussion. Motion carries.

13) New meetings scheduled at the OTPL unless noted otherwise
   a) Fund Development Committee 5/24/18 8:00 a.m.

14) Questions from the Public – None

15) Trustee comments

16) Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Orion Township Public Library
**BILLS - APRIL 1, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2018**

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### Orion Township Public Library
**For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2018**

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## Orion Township Public Library

### For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2018

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## ORION TOWNSHIP LIBRARY - TREASURER'S REPORT - PLANT FUND ACTIVITY
### APRIL 2018

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(1) Credit Union Money Market .50% interest
(2) Credit Union Savings
(3) CD maturing 2/19/18 @ 1.125% interest, cashed
(4) CD maturing 2/27/2018 @ 1.200% interest, cashed
(5) Money Market Account, CD
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
(7) CD maturing 9/14/2018 @ 1.150% interest
(8) CD maturing 9/7/2018 @ .90% interest
(9) CD maturing 2/7/2018 @ 1.00% interest, cashed
(10) CD maturing 3/20/2019 @ 1.50% interest
(11) CD maturing 1/27/2020 @ 2.150% interest
(12) CD maturing 10/21/2019 @ 2.10% interest
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(1) Business Checking  (4) Business Checking - Donation Account  (6) High Yield Money Market .65% interest
(2) Business Savings Sweep  (5) Business Checking - Donation Account  (7) Credit Union Savings
(3) Cafeteria

(8) Credit Union Money Market .26% interest  (10) Credit Union Savings  (12) CD maturing 1/25/18 interest increases from .750% to 1.300%, cashed
(9) Credit Union Savings  (11) Credit Union MM 1.26% interest  (13) Money Market, Treasury Bills, CD's
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
(14) Money Market, CD
* Change in value until the investment reaches maturity
OTPL Team Trivia Tourney

Gather a team and test your knowledge!

By Becky Bolin, Patch Contributor | May 4, 2018 9:50 am ET

This post was contributed by a community member.

The Orion Library has partnered with the C-Pub to host a trivia night on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30p. Call 248-693-3001 to register your team of 2-6 adults. Gift cards to the C-Pub will be awarded to the top three teams along with a trophy and future bragging rights for the first place team. The C-Pub is located in Canterbury Village at 2325 Joslyn Rd in Lake Orion.
Community Corner

Star Wars Day at the Orion Library

Crafts, snacks, and entertainment for all ages!

By Becky Bolin, Patch Contributor | May 2, 2018 11:29 am ET

This post was contributed by a community member.

May the Force be with you! All ages and families are welcome to drop in and eat snacks, create crafts, and share the enjoyment of this science fiction masterpiece. Come in costume for the chance to win a prize!

10:00a-12:00p Youth & Teen Crafts

12:30p-2:30p Jedi Academy with the Ring of Steel Action Theatre and Stunt Troupe

The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Rd in Lake Orion.
Passport to Spring Greece ... Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7-10 pm. Get your tickets now!

Join us for our Passport to Spring cultural fundraiser on Saturday, April 21 from 7-10 pm at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion. Get your tickets at the library customer service desk or online at orionlibrary.org/friends. Tickets are $35/person in advance or $45/person at the door on the day of the event.

Evening highlights will include:
- Live Greek music with the Levendes
- Dance performances and lessons with the Kyklos Hellenic Society
- Taste of Greece catered by the Mediterranean Station
- Historical and cultural displays; art history, language, education
- Silent auction
- Cash bar

Event Sponsors:
Cliff Hodge and Sheryl Wragg; Community Lifestyles Direct Mail Newspaper; AAA Craig Zmijewski; Golling Buick-GMC; Grant Fodor-Edward Jones; Muffler Man of Lake Orion; Oxford Smile Center.
Proceeds from the event will support needed renovations to the library main meeting room.

We hope to see you there!
Local residents can meet with Rep. Reilly on May 21


"I always look forward to connecting with members of the community at my monthly office hours," Rep. Reilly said. "Meeting residents and discussing important issues is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job as a legislator."

Office hours take place at the following times and locations:

- 6 to 7 p.m. at the Oxford Library, 530 Pontiac St. in Oxford; and
- 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Road in Orion Charter Township.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Rep. Reilly at 517-373-1798 or via email at JohnReilly@house.mi.gov.
**Medications for Mental Illness**

Presented by Alliance for Mental Illness 7:30-9:30pm
April 26, Beaumont Hospital Administration Bldg, Auditorium, 13 MIlle-Woodward, Royal Oak. 248-661-5684. Free & open to the public.

**Coffee with Chris**
9:30-10:30am Apr 27, Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. Come with questions or join in on discussions about current events in the town. Submit topics in advance to cbarnett@oriontownship.org

**Free Senior (ages 50+) Movie Club**
1pm April 27, The Intern. Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd. Pre-registration required. 248-391-0349 x3500.

**Donate blood**
2-8pm April 27, Church of Christ, 1080 Hamburg, LO. 1-7pm May 2, American Legion Post 108, 13 Mile Rd, Dryden. Schedule appointment at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins welcome.

**Wildflower Walk**
9am April 28, Seven Ponds Nature Center, 2354 Crawford Rd, Dryden. Enjoy exploring to see what ephemeral flowers can be found.

**Project Kidlight**
10am-noon April 28, 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 to take to an eye doctor for further evaluation.

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**Calling all horseshoe pitchers.** Lake Orion Horseshoe Club Tuesday night league has openings, starts May 1. Horseshoe courts in downtown LO, off Anderson St by Fire Station. 15-week league; $40 includes banquet at the end of the season. www.pitchwithus.com/lake_ornion; Run Price: 248-909-4946.

**Feustel**

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better and it set me up for success.”

Feustel received his Associate in Science degree from OCC and his Bachelor of Science in Solid Earth Sciences and a Master of Science in Geophysics, both from Purdue University.

He has a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences, specializing in Seismology, from Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Feustel was inducted as one of the inaugural Wall of Excellence recipients at LOHS in 2017.

“Best of luck in all that you endeavor to do,” signed off Feustel as he and Arnold floated out of sight.

According to his bio, his NASA experience started when he was selected as an astronaut in July 2000 at the Johnson Space Center. His training included five weeks of T-34 flight school at Naval Air Station VT-4, Stand with Trans support group for parents of transgender youth held 1st Tuesday of month, May 1, 7-9:30pm at St. Mary’s In-the-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Ct, LO.

**Scottish-Irish Research**
Presented by Oak City Genealogical Society 7pm May 3, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 500 N. Adams Rd, Troy. No charge. 248-548-1737.

**100 Years of Service at Selfridge Air National Guard Base**
History of Selfridge from WWI’s flying machines to today’s battle-tested 21st century aircraft, 7pm May 3, Rochester Hill Library, 500 Ode Town Rd. Free; open to public.

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**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo**
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**Classic Chorale**
Annual spring concert 7pm May 5, Oxford Free Methodist Church. 790 Lapeer Rd, Oxford.

**CROP Walk**
To end hunger May 6, starting from Christ the Redeemer Church, 2700 Waldon Rd, LO. Registration: 1:15pm; Walk: 2pm. 10k and 2-mile available. 25% of funds raised benefit local community-love INC. & Oxford/Orion FISH. Register, donate, learn more at crophungerwald.org/lakeornionmi

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Orion-SK Mondays & Thursdays 5-30-6:30pm starting Mar. 22. Meet at Polly Ann Trailhead by Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn. Race day is May 20. Pre-register: orionparksonline.com; 248-391-0304 x3506.

Lake Water Testing. Learn how to take weekly water samples and conduct surveys of invasive aquatic plants from mid-May through mid-Sept. Must have access to a boat. Register for required training May 5 at 734-769-5235 or email: patbrown@wtrc.org. Orion-SK Board meetings typically held at 7pm on 2nd & 4th Wednesday of month at the Administration Building, 315 N. Lapeer St, downtown L.O. April mtgs are: April 11, 25.


Passport to Spring: A Visit to Greece 7-10pm April 21, Orion Library, 225 Joslyn Rd. Live Greek music, dance performances and lessons catered by Mediterranean Station. Art history, travel/language education, historical/cultural displays, silent auction, cash bar. Get tickets at orionlibrary.org or at the library. Tickets: $35 until April 20; $45 at door. Pick up at library or orionlibrary.org.

Obituaries

Thomas, Robert R.; 98, of many places

Robert R. Thomas: of many places including Lake Orion; passed away April 12, 2018 at 98 years of age.

Bob was born in Grand Rapids on November 13, 1919 to Harry and Louise Thomas. He was the beloved husband of Yolanda Octavio and Carl Casey, both of whom preceded him in death. Bob is survived by his children Robert Matthew (Chris), John (Pat), Greg (Eva), Michael (Denn), Kathleen (Dave) Sutton and two step daughters, Patsy (Charles) Warren and Marilyn Casey. He is also the grandfather of 14; great grandfather of 12; and brother of Margaret McCabe. Bob was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother, and everybody loved Bob.

Bob was a hardworking man who always seemed to have a project. Woodworking was his passion, but he also enjoyed boating, golfing, and was a member of the American Legion and Lions Club. A private family memorial will be held this summer. In Bob’s honor, the Robert R. Thomas memorial fund has been made to the Season’s Hospice. Reflections may be shared with the family by visiting www.sparksgifinem.com.
Father and son conversations can be fun

This past weekend had another interesting conversation with my 18-year-old son, Sean. He’s a smart young man, confident in his own ability to reason and communicate. And, I like the fact he doesn’t whine. It’s good to agree with me; further he is not afraid to express his own independent ideas, without being whiny.

And, while we talked of many things — of course we talked about the weather a great deal. I mentioned some national issues in particular the 2nd Amendment issue. Sean commented on the issue of training and skating on class.

I said, “Just like when the Tea Party started to get involved, I am glad to see young people get involved.”

I wish people would stop saying, “Just because we’re young we don’t know anything,” and maybe listen to new ideas.”

The diplomat I commented, “New ideas are good and older people — just like younger people — need to always listen. Old ideas doesn’t mean they’re wrong ideas. I recollect it went something like this: “Every one looks to blame... blame the National Rifle Association, blame the mean politicians, blame the gun — but never blame the shooter, or look inward for self introspection. Most of these shootings are by teenage boys. Why? What happened? Where did we, as adults and parents, go wrong? Why are teenage boys killing themselves and others at record numbers? Why are we not talking about what has gone wrong. When my uncle was shot and killed in his home in Detroit, I did not blame the gun, I blamed the man who shot him. Why did that man shoot and kill my uncle? Did the gun make him do it? We needed to ask more questions. Harder questions — not just cast blame.”

I’m not sure he heard me. He had a glazed-over look on his face. I think he heard, “Waa, wa, wa, waaw.”

Because then he said is he still considering a journalism career or library sciences. I think he would be good at both.

What happened? Not too many years ago I received the following in an e-mail and I wrote... Americans rarely get a chance to see another country’s editorial about the USA. Read this excerpt from a Romanian newspaper. The article was written by Mr. Corneliu Nitaescu and published under the title “Oameni Americani” (meaning “Ode to America”) on September 24, 2002 in the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul Zilei (“The Daily Event” or “News of the Day”).

An Ode to America

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another — even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs. Still, the Americans’ tragedy turned three hundred million people into a ‘hand put on the heart’.

Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers.

Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts.

Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic they raised their flag over the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of their national flag.

They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car, a government official or the President was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song “God Bless America!”

I watched the live broadcasts and ran after remotes for hours, listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in her wheelchair without knowing who she was; or the Californian hockey player who gave his life fighting with the terrorist and preventing the plane from hitting on target, that could have killed another hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond, united as one human being? Imperceptible — with every word and musical note. They raised a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and mumuring phrases - with the risk of sounding commonplace.

I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion. ... Only freedom can work such miracles!

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General Federation of Women Clubs - Lake Orion meets Thursday, Apr. 12, noon. Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Join a group of civic-minded women that unite in service projects. Free Family Fun Fest 6-8 pm Apr. 18, CERC gym, 455 E. Scripps Rd. Bring the family for a night of fun - arts & crafts, canvial games, bounce house, photo booth, more! Free registration or drop in. Light refreshments served.

Dine to Donate to Love INC. 1-9pm Apr. 19, visit Italia Gardens, 1076 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford. Mention that you wish to support Love INC of NOC when you order your order to eat in or take out. Italia Gardens will donate 25% of your order to Love INC.


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Got waste?: Local communities invited to No Haz event April 27

By Elise Shire
Oxford Leader Staff Writer

Local residents are invited to safely dispose of household hazardous waste which could be harmful to humans and to the environment.

Addison Township, Leonard Village, Oxford Township, Oxford Village, Orion Township and Lake Orion Village are among the participating communities for the event, which will be held on April 27 at Oxford Middle School (1420 Lakeville Rd.) in Oxford from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The collection event is organized by Oakland County through its North Oakland Hazardous Waste (No Haz) program.

The No Haz consortium is a group of Oakland County communities that have come together to provide residents with a safe, reliable and convenient way to dispose of household hazardous waste. Oxford Township Treasurer Joe Ferrari, who serves as Oxford Township’s No Haz representative, said the event is organized annually to give Oxford Township, and other Oakland County residents, a safe and convenient way to dispose of waste.

“This is a safe and convenient way to dispose of any hazardous materials that you’d like to dispose of,” said Ferrari. “We’d much rather residents go to the No Haz collection than have the materials go to a landfill, where they can leak. These materials will be distributed to companies that can utilize some of the parts or they’ll be disposed of safely. We’d much rather the materials be disposed of correctly and in the proper place. We want to encourage as many folks to come as possible.”

Residents of participating communities get special pricing for dropping off their waste.

Each community sets the fee for its residents, which are as follows: Village of Oxford (free, with voucher), Oxford Township (free, with voucher), Addison Township ($10), Leonard Village ($10), Lake Orion Village (free) and Orion Township (free).

Residents can pay their fee by cash or check at the collection event and should bring identification with their current address to participate. Vouchers are available at city/township villages or offices at the collection event.

All liquids should be in sealed containers, accepted materials include household materials (ammonia cleaners, bleach, household batteries, electronics (televisions, laptops, cables, accessories, game systems), automobile supplies (motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, batteries), yard and garden supplies (pesticides, pool chemicals), and other waste (irritants, fluorescent lamps, mercury, needles/syringes in puncture-proof containers).

No business, contractor, commercial or institution materials will be accepted. Explosives, tires, ammunition, firearms, radioactive waste, medical waste, Foom, asphalt/concrete and appliances will not be accepted.

For a full list of accepted materials, visit nohaz.org.

Library hosts 'Passport to Spring'

The sixth annual Passport to Spring fundraiser is from 7-10 p.m. April 21 at the Orion Township Public Library.

Passport to Spring Greece is this year’s theme and promises a rejuvenated atmosphere to the library’s main meeting room.

The room is the focal area of the library to be renovated, which will include a new kitchen, carpet, paint and audio/visual equipment.

“We are looking forward to visiting Greece, right in our own library, at this year’s Passport to Spring,” said Martha Wheeler, president of the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “It’s great to have our library with the community and raise funds for key programming at the library throughout the year.”

Tickets can be purchased at the library or online at orionlibrary.org/friends until April 20. The cost is $35 a person. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event for $45 a person.

The Passport to Spring Greece event includes live Greek music, dance performances and Greek dance lessons, historical and cultural displays, a silent auction and cash bar.

The Taste of Greece is curated by Mediterranean Taverna.

For information or to volunteer, email friends@orionlibrary.org.

Oxford Township Library at 825 Joslyn Road can be reached at 248-693-3000 or www.orionlibrary.org for information about the event or library programs. — S.C.
Lake Orion 'All Class Reunion'
If you attended Lake Orion Schools, come to the All-Class Reunion being held 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (tune at noon) June 20 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 1400 Orion Rd., LO. The cost is $15/person. Send payment with your name to: June Smith, 861 W. Clarkson Rd., Lake Orion 48362.
LOHS Class of ’68 Reunion will be held June 29. For info or to help, email lakeorionclassof68@gmail.com

North Oakland Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Apr. 19 in James Ingram room of Orion Library, 825 Joslyn Rd. Come and share your recent genealogical research. Help will be available to people starting out on their genealogical searches. Visitors welcome.

Euchre Night 7 p.m. April 20, LO United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St., $5/person. Check in starts at 6:30 p.m. 248-625-2399.

A Pirate's Life for Me! 10:30am-1:30pm April 21, Wint Nature Center-Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston. Learn about piracy that took place on the Great Lakes, then head out onto the trail and put pirate skills to the test during a pirate scavenger hunt. Snack, craft. Come in pirate wear, if you would like. Cost: $7/person. Pre-registration required: 248-858-0916;

"Hearty" River Hike 11am-12:30pm April 21, Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston. Bring the family for a healthy, naturalist-led hike rain or shine. Trail snacks/water will be provided. Wear comfortable shoes; dress for the weather. Cost: $4/person. Pre-registration required: 248-858-0916;

Bike Ride & Walk 2-3:30pm April 29, 4-8pm April 30, May 5 & 25, Downtown Lake Orion. Registration for bike ride is $5/person. 248-825-3085.

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Spring Photography Hike 2-3:30pm April 29, Wint Nature Center, 9501 Sashabaw Rd, Clarkston. Grab your smartphone or DSLR and explore elements of photography including perspective and composition. A Facebook group will be created to share your best shots. Trail snacks/water provided. Cost: $5/person. Pre-registration required: 248-858-0916; 248-625-6473 Saturdays.

Weekly Car Cruise 4-8pm Tuesdays starting May 1 at Culver’s, corner of M-24/Dutton. DJ Billy D will be playing your favorite 50s & 60s on the patio, 50/50 raffle, prizes. Fun for the whole family.

Stand with Trans-support group for parents of transgender youth held 1st Tuesday of month, May 1, 7-8:30pm at St. Mary’s In-the-Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Ct., LO. 248-330-8493.

Cruisin’ for the Trails - Charity Bike Ride 9:30am-2:30pm May 5. Bike ride starts at Clubhouse BFD, 2265 Crooks Rd, Roch. Hills. Riders must start by 10:30am. Tickets: $25 in advance, $30 day of. 248-825-3085; http://MotorCityBrewTours.com. Adult participants receive 2 beers (1 at Cider Mill; 1 at MotorCityBrewTours.com). 2 fresh donuts at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Food for purchase and a Griffin Claw Brewing Company party with a live band and drink specials in the parking lot of Clubhouse BFD following the ride.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Expo 1-4pm May 5, Waldon Middle School, 2509 Waldon Rd, LO. Recharge and restore physical, mental, emotional wellbeing in our community.

Flower and Art Fair 11am-5pm May 11, 6-9pm May 12, downtown Lake Orion. Reserve space at events@downowntownlakeorion.org.

Under the Big Top prom for young adults with special needs 6:30-9pm May 11, LO United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St. Food, DJ, games. Make-up beauty bar. 5pm RSVP required: underthebigtop.eventzilla.net 248-693-6201; john.ball@lakeorionumc.org

NA Meetings 8-9:30pm nightly, LO United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St. Enter off Slater St.

AA Meetings, Oxford Free Methodist Church, 190 S. Lapeer Rd. Monday night Mens, 7-30pm. Thursday Night Open, 7-30pm.

Email events@lakeorionreview.com@gmail.com
Visit Greece at the library

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The Passport to Spring Greece event includes:

- Live Greek music with the Levendes band.
- Dance performances and Greek dance lessons with KYKOS Hellenic Society.
- Taste of Greece, catered by Mediterranean Station.
- Art history, travel and language education.
- Historical and cultural displays.
- Silent auction.
- Cash bar.

For information or to volunteer contact by email at friends@orionlibrary.org or on the web at orionlibrary.org/friends.

Orion Township Library is at 825 Joslyn Road and can be reached at 248-693-3000 or online at orionlibrary.org. –S.C.

Contract

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round of negotiations and, I think, before you have a contract that will bring stability to the district over the next three years.

The contract increases compensation for teachers at the top of the pay scale by 1.75 percent. Almost half of the teaching staff is at the top of the pay scale right now, said Jeff Faber, president of the LOEA.

The contract also raises starting pay for new teachers from $37,951 to $40,909.

The contract also institutes half step promotions. A “step” had, in the past, been equal to one-year seniority. Half steps, which have become common in districts throughout the state, allow districts to save money by progressing teachers slower up the pay scale.

A half step will translate into about a two percent pay raise each year over the next three years, which will help teachers keep up with inflation, said Faber.

The teachers’ union ratified the contract on March 27, with 70 percent of teachers supporting the contract. Turnout for the vote was 90 percent of the 425 teachers in the union, said Faber.

“I view it as a great mandate for the endorsement of the contract,” he said.

“This was a strong contract for Oakland County, right now.”

“Both the association and the district go to great lengths to try to retain our talent,” Faber said. “We’ve always had a good, mutual respect, the LOEA and the district. It takes a lot of years to establish that.”

“I think that it was probably the smoothest negotiation that I’ve seen and the camaraderie between the teachers and the admin was awesome. Literally, we had two updates throughout the process because it went so smooth,” Taylor said. “I think the teachers should be commended for understanding the positions that we’re in, and the administration should be commended for their work.”

The teachers had been operating under a one-year contract that expires this summer.

“I think three years, as far as for budgeting, for the teachers knowing that we are in it with them – I think a three-year contract for everyone involved is better. For budgeting, for forecasting, for them to be able to plan their lives,” Taylor said.

Faber said the motivation to increase starting pay is to attract qualified teachers and not lose those at the top of the talent pool to other districts.

“We wanted to make Lake Orion more attractive for teachers so we could be competitive with other districts in Oakland County,” he said.

“We’re not immune to the effects at the state and national level. Our school funding has changed so much over the last decade the big challenge has been moving younger teachers on the pay scale.

“It really does give some certainty to the staff so they can do some planning for the future,” Faber said.
**Around Town**

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do.

Entry drop-off noon-5 pm Apr. 2-6. info@orientartcenter.com 248-693-4986.


**Bingo** for ages 50+ Tuesdays 12:45-2:45 pm. **Orion Center**, 1335 Jolyn. Cards/chips provided. 248-391-0304 x500. No-shush prayer service Sunday, Apr. 8, 1pm. **Christ Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 7-9pm Walpole, L.O. No denominational prayer service for family members with special needs. Celebrate with music, instruments, and interactive Scripture. Children and adults of all abilities welcome. All are welcome to express their joy in their own individual and unique way.

**Orion-5K Mondays & Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm. Orion Center, 1335 Jolyn. Race day is May 20. Pre-register: orion5k.com**; 248-391-0304 x500.

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National Library Week
Monday, April 9 - Saturday, April 14
Come to the library and celebrate National Library Week with us! Free giveaways for patrons all week.

Orion Historical Society Meeting
Monday, April 9 @ 7:00p - Annual Election Meeting
Join the Orion Historical Society to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past.

Community Conversations
The Orion Historical Society 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. Presentations will take place at Lockhart’s BBQ located at 37 East Flint Street in downtown Lake Orion. All are welcome to attend and learn from experts in the field in a SAFE and SUPPORTIVE environment.

The Environment: Global Warming
Monday, April 9 @ 7:00p
Caley Winters, field organizer for NextGen America, will discuss the urgency of global climate change, how it intertwines with social justice issues, and what we can do about it.

Lego @ the Library
Saturday, April 14 @ 10:00a
A fun and creative time to use your imagination and our colorful bricks to make an amazing object! Grades K-5, drop in, limit 25

Repair Cafe
Saturday, April 14, 1:00p-4:00p
Get help with basic repairs this Earth Day including clothing, electrical appliances, furniture, computers, books, bicycles, etc. Bring your broken items to the library and one of our experts will fix it for you!

SNAP Stories (Special Needs Adult Programming)
Monday, April 16 @ 1:00p
Adults with special needs and their support staff can join us for a fun storytime, including music, stories, movement, and activities.

North Oakland Genealogy Society (NOGS) Meeting
Thursday, April 19 @ 7:00p
NOGS encourages anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history research to join or attend.

Grow Your Money - Current Key Investment Topics
Wednesday, May 2 @ 7:00p
The third of a 3-part series of investment education programs by Jonathan Strong CRPC, Financial Advisor and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor. Learn about tax free income and current investment themes. All adults welcome!

Star Wars Day
Saturday, May 5, 10:00a-4:00p
Save the date for the annual Star Wars Day celebration at the library! There will be snacks, crafts, and activities for all ages!

Tickets for the festival are on sale at the library and online at orionlibrary.org/friends now through Friday, April 20 at a cost of $35/ticket. There will be no ticket sales on Saturday, but a limited amount of tickets will be available to purchase at the door for $45/ticket. Due to alcohol being served, this is an adult only event. All proceeds support future meeting room renovations at the Orion Library.

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

825 Joslyn Rd, Lake Orion, MI 48362 • 248.693.3000 • orionlibrary.org • Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:30a - 9:00p, Fri-Sat: 9:30a - 5:00p, Sun: Closed
What's going on?
Member-sponsored and community events

Orion Green Up Community Action Clean Up Day. Check in on Saturday, April 14 between 8 and 9 am at Camp Agawam, Alberici Lodge, 1301 W. Clarkston Road in Lake Orion to receive projects. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes. Lunch served at noon. Check out Greener Orion on Facebook (@logreenup) and Instagram (@logreenerion). Email greenerorion@gmail.com.

Repair Cafe. Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 4 pm at the Orion Township Library. Volunteer repair experts will be available to make repairs free of charge. Bring your broken items from home: toasters, lamps, hair dryers, bikes, toys...anything broken is welcome, and can likely be repaired. The library is located at 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion.

Passport to Spring: Greece. The Friends of the Orion Township Library fundraiser featuring Greece, in Saturday, April 21st from 7 to 10 pm at the library. Live Greek band, The Levendes, dancers from the KYKLOS Hellenic Society, dance lessons, language education, travel and art history presentations, authentic Greek cuisine entered by Mediterranean Station, art wall, and a silent auction. Tickets are $35 per person in advance or call 248-783-6445. Proceeds support renovations of the library meeting room.

Career Expo. Monday, April 23rd from 3 to 8 pm at the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn. Visit over 30 local business owners to learn about job openings. Bring your resume. Seminars on resume building and interview skills.

Oakland Christian School Day Open House. Monday, April 23rd from 9 to 2 pm at 3075 Simmons Road, Auburn Hills. Tour the school, meet teachers and staff. OCS offers Preschool through 12th grade with programs including an Elementary Spanish Immersion curriculum, STEM, AP and college dual enrollment classes and extracurricular activities.

Coffee with Chris. Informational meeting with Supervisor Chris Barnett April 27th from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Bring questions or join the discussion. If your question requires research, submit it in advance to cbarnett@oriontownship.org. Held the fourth Friday monthly at the Orion Center.

GOGOP Monthly Meeting. The Greater Oakland Republican Club (GOGOP) meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at Canterbury Village, Lake Orion. Visit gogop.club for dates, topics and speakers. Meetings are free and open to the public!

Culver’s Bingo Night. Every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Indoor Car Cruise, free Bingo & Trivia and prizes. Free and open to everyone. 4963 InterPark Drive North.

BNI North Oakland Business Associates Networking Meeting. Weekly networking on Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 am at Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint Street.

Lake Orion Optimist Club Meeting. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 am, Times Square Restaurant & Deli, 500 N Lapeer Road, Lake Orion or visit the club’s Facebook page.

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

Member Profile: Something Fabulous

A place to gather, mingle and celebrate

“The atmosphere is warm, cozy and clean. The perfect place for a bridal or baby shower, or just a fun girl’s night.”

The mission of The Event Place is to gather, mingle and celebrate. Since opening in 2017, the flexible event space has hosted workshops, showers, milestone celebrations and professional meet & greets. A creative workshop called “Gather. Mingle. Paint” is held each first and third Thursday of the month. These workshops are led by local artist Veronica Díaz, who instructs participants from blank canvas to personal masterpiece. Children’s painting parties are available Saturday mornings. DIY flower arranging, oil workshops, personalized skin care solutions and school fundraiser preparations have been a big hit as well.

In April, a MINGLE series will include relationship building with “Gather. Mingle. Network.” Wedding and celebration-specific workshops are planned for early summer, led by Something Fabulous, nationally awarded “life celebration experts” and owners of The Event Place.

CELEBRATE plays a leading role in the flex space vision. The intimate space with great flexibility works well for showers, birthday parties, anniversary or rehearsal dinners. The Event Place accommodates groups up to 45.

Visit The Event Place at 715 N. Broadway, Lake Orion, at theeventplacegmc.com, @theeventplacegmc or call 248-783-6445. Contact Something Fabulous at 248-608-8820 or somethingfab.com.

Patty Burger. On March 13th the Chamber welcomed Patty Burger to the Chamber with a ribbon cutting ceremony at their location in Baldwin Square. Robert Bowles, owner, cut the ribbon for the restaurant. Marketing manager Chris Bowles and owner Matt Kopeyker are also pictured. Visit them at 4749 S Baldwin Road or order online at pattyburger.com.
Why is Sexual Violence So Prevalent in Our Society Today?

Tragically, sexual violence and abusive behavior have been prevalent throughout history. It has never been uncommon for the most vulnerable individuals, particularly women, children, and those who are handicapped to be preyed upon by perpetrators of violent and controlling behavior. And it has a long history of being ignored or dismissed.

"Sigmund Freud, for example, was a very empathic therapist. He listened to his patients, and they repeatedly told him about their experiences with sexual assault and abuse. In 1896, he wrote that "at the bottom of every case of hysteria there are one or more occurrences of premature sexual experience." But in the political and social context of his day, his observations were not supported, and he eventually dismissed his findings: "I was at last obliged to recognize that these scenes of seduction had never taken place, and that they were only fantasies which my patients had made up."

In the United States, it was not until the 1970's that the sexual and domestic exploitation of women was recognized and reform legislation was initiated in the U.S. by the National Organization for Women. In 1971, the first rape crisis center opened its doors. In 1975, in response to feminist pressure, a center for research on rape was created within the National Institute of Mental Health. Sexual assaults against women and children were shown to be pervasive and endemic in our culture.

Yet, to this very day, we continue, as a society, to struggle with prevalent sexual violence and abusive behavior. We remain a culture in which violence in movies and television is normalized, sexual harassment is tolerated, sexual assault is trivialized, and the victim is too often blamed.

As many as one-third of all high school and college-age individuals experience dating violence in dating relationships.

While there are many school and municipal programs designed to prevent sexual violence and abusive behavior, the most important education and guidance takes place in the home.

From early adolescence, teens are learning important lessons in respecting themselves by being respectful to others and not looking at others with whom they are in a relationship as a possession over whom they are entitled to make demands and exercise control.

Next month, I will share more information about talking with teenagers about healthy relationship behavior.

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- Panic Disorder
- Social Anxiety
- Depression
- Bipolar Disorder
- Trauma
- ADHD
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Stress
- Anger Management
- Co-dependence
- Self-esteem
- Addictions
- Narcissism
- Couples Therapy
- Parenting Concerns
- Other Difficulties

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Interference-Based Therapy
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Mindfulness
Somatic Experiencing
Christian Counseling

Reports to physicians, psychiatrists, schools, probation officers, and others are provided as necessary.
Orion Township Public Library celebrates Greek culture at spring fundraiser

Thursday, April 19, 2018

The Levendes band will perform at the Passport to Spring Greece cultural fundraiser from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Road.

“We are thrilled to have the Levendes with us at Passport to Spring and bring the event to life with their dynamic Greek music and entertainment,” said Martha Wheeler, president of the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “The dance floor will be the place to be with their music along with dance performances and lessons from the KYKLOS Hellenic Society.”

From metro Detroit, The Levendes have been performing in the United States and Canada since 1980. They have 14 professional recordings to their credit and play weddings, Greek festivals and Greek conventions.

Tickets for the event are currently on sale at the Orion Township Library customer service desk or online at orionlibrary.org/friends until April 20 for $35/person. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the event for $45/person. Proceeds from Passport to Spring Greece will support needed renovations to the library’s main meeting room.

For more information about The Levendes, visit levendes.com.

—Submitted by Jan Thomas


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Events & Fundraisers

All events are shown on the Chamber Website calendar. To access the complete calendar, Click Here

Passport to Spring: Greece
The Friends of the Orion Township Library are planning the 6th annual "Passport to Spring" cultural fundraiser. This year’s theme is "Greece" and will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. The library will be transformed into a representation of Greece for the evening and providing authentic Greek food, drink, art, music, and entertainment. Tickets are on sale at the library customer service desk or online until April 20th. Tickets $35/person in advance or $45 at the door the day of the event. more information contact Julie Featherston at 248 663 3508 or Julie.Featherston@cancer.org

Bad Brad's BBQ Community Appreciation Day
Come out and celebrate with Bad Brads BBQ as we give back with our Community Appreciation! All Day Tuesday receive: 50% off Dine-In, 25% off Carryout. Every Tuesday, 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. See the event page for details.

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BNI - North Oakland Business Associates
Orion Township Public Library

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Don't forget to check out our Library Wishlist! This online webpage lists some of the many things that the library would like to purchase, but they are beyond the scope of our budget. Visit orionlibrary.org/library-wishlist to see our wishes. Thanks to all who have donated these great items!
Orion Township Public Library

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Join us for the OTPL Team Trivia Tourney on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30p at the C-Pub in Lake Orion! Teams of 2-6 players can sign up by calling 248-693-3001. Prizes will be awarded!

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Orion Township Public Library added an event.

May 1 at 7:53pm ·
May the Force be with you! All ages and families drop in to eat snacks, create crafts, and share the enjoyment of this science fiction masterpiece. Come in costume for the chance to win a prize!
10:00a-12:00p – Youth and teen crafts
12:30p-2:30p – Ring of Steel Jedi Academy

Orion Township Public Library Stop by the library on Star Wars Day or any time the library is open during the month of May and check out the cool Star Wars memorabilia on display in the lobby.
Don’t forget, Free Comic Book Day is this Saturday May 5! Come in 9:30-5pm to get your free comic (while supplies last!)

We are currently looking for a TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 7, 2018, however we will hire as soon as a qualified applicant is found

Follow this link for more information: https://orionlibrary.org/library-employment/

Or call us at 248-693-3000 and ask for Joyce Becker.
Orion Township Public Library shared a post.
April 27 at 10:18am
Visit the Orion Library during the month of May to see the entries on display in the lobby.

Orion Art Center
Proudly Presents the 20th Annual
Jordan Brace Art Scholarship Competition

Exhibit Opens: Thursday, May 3, 2018
Opening Reception: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Awards: 7:30 pm
Location: Orion Township Public Library
Submit Artwork to Library Lobby, 825 Jedyn Rd., Lake Orion MI
Monday, April 30 or Tuesday, May 1 (4-6 pm)

ELIGIBILITY: Open to Senior High School Students graduating in 2018 from school districts surrounding the Lake Orion area and intending to major in the visual arts at an accredited College or University.

ENTRIES: Up to three (3) entries in any medium may be submitted. All 2-dimensional art must be suitable for hanging. Floor, pedestal, or table top is not guaranteed. All entries must be original and created solely by the artist.

CASH AWARDS: Scholarship awards are funded by the Orion Art Center with community donations. Checks will be made payable to the student and the University or College of your choice (checks are mailed within 30 days). $1,500 is available for awards to the student(s) and the college of their choice.

This COMPLETED ENTRY FORM is required when you drop off your artwork at the Orion Township Library. Small attached labels for easy identification are encouraged. Scholarship Awards will be based on review of all student’s entries and their diversity.

WINNING ARTWORK may be requested to go on tour to a secondary location for additional viewing opportunities.

PICK-UP: Artwork must be picked up from the Orion Township Public Library on Tuesday, May 29 or Wednesday, May 30 (4-6 pm). Any artwork not picked up may be transferred to the Orion Art Center. There is a risk of damage and storage space is extremely limited. Please email or call the OAC for special arrangements at info@orionartcenter.org or (248)999-4786.

Please call the Orion Art Center to make alternate arrangements for drop off or pick up. Do not call the Library.
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Orion Township Public Library
April 25 at 10:19am -
Try the new Libby app released by OverDrive for a fast and attractive digital browsing experience! It has the same collection of titles as the OverDrive app - it's just a different way to access the same digital library collection.
The latest episode of OrionONTV’s Orion @ Your Library series is now available for streaming. See what we have planned for the next couple of months, including Star Wars / Free Comic Book Day, Dungeons & Dragons, Kiddie Karaoke, and a whole lot more.

Orion @ Your Library: May - June 2018

NEW! Morningstar Investment Research Center provides real-time access to comprehensive data and analysis on thousands of investments, spanning mutual funds, stocks, and exchange-traded and closed end funds. This database is available to all patrons at orionlibrary.org.
Orion Township Public Library
April 21 at 1:13pm ·
Mango Languages will be on hand at tonight's Friends of the Orion Township Library Spring Gala fundraiser to give Greek language lessons. #DYK that with an Orion Library card, you have access to online lessons to 72 different languages, all accessible from your home computer, tablet, or smartphone?

Mango Languages - Orion Township Public Library
Mango teaches you to think critically in new languages using conversations between native speakers and culture-packed films you might see in theaters.
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Orion Township Public Library Hi Tim. Sorry for the delay. I've reached out to the Friends and will update you when I have that information.
Friends of Orion Township Library
April 17 at 6:15pm ·
We could all use some spring! Join us at the library this Saturday for Passport to Spring Greece! Check out orionlibrary.org/friends for tickets and information.

Latest News - Friends of the Orion Township Library
Help the Friends Help the Library About the Friends The Friends are a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization that was started in 1985 “to promote public support of the Orion Township Public Library and the library in the community, to promote…
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Orion Township Public Library updated their cover photo.
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Friends of Orion Township Library
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Thank you to our sponsors for Passport to Spring Greece at the library this Saturday, April 21 at 7 pm. Get your tickets at orionlibrary.org/Friends.

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Passport to Spring Greece ... Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7-10 pm. Get your tickets now!
Join us for our Passport to Spring cultural fundraiser on Saturday, April 21 from 7-10 pm at the Orion Township Library, 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.
Get your tickets at the library customer service desk or online at orionlibrary.org/friends. Tickets are $35/person in advance or $45/person at the door on the day of the event.
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Friends of Orion Township Library
February 13
Spring is just around the corner, which means we will be visiting Greece right in our own library for the 6th annual Passport to Spring! Thanks to Carla Tousley for sharing all the lastest details in this new video!

Passport To Spring 2018: Greece Promo
Learn all about the 2018 Passport To Spring Gala! For more information about the Friends Of The Orion Township…
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What do you do with a broken toaster? Or a piece of clothing that needs to be altered? Or with a hair dryer that won’t work? Toss it? No way! The Orion Library is organizing a Repair Café on Saturday, April 14 from 1:00p to 4:00p.

Various volunteer repair experts will be available to help make all possible repairs FREE of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand. People visiting the Repair Café should bring along their broken items from home.
Dear Karen,

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

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**Cast Your Vote in the MLA 2018-19 Board of Directors Election**

Don't miss your chance to vote in the MLA 2018-19 Board of Directors Election. Polls are open until **5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23**.

Read [candidate bios here](#) and [login to vote](#).

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**MLA Executive Summit**

**Friday, June 1, 2018**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

[East Lansing Public Library](#)

950 Abbot Rd.

East Lansing, MI 48823

Does your leadership team apply the elements of change management and strategic leadership to their decision making?
It has been said, the more unpredictable the environment, the greater the opportunity— if you have the leadership skills to capitalize on it. That means being a strategic leader. Join us for Executive Summit as the strategic performance consultants from MBC Training and Development, Inc. explore leadership and change.

**Early Bird Rates expire May 11, 2018.** Visit our [website](#) for complete details. [Register today](#)!

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**Hard Conversations: Hiring, Firing and Conflict Management**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Washtenaw Community College**
Morris Lawrence Building
Room ML 150
4800 E Huron River Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

[Register](#)

What's the best approach to the worst conversations? There is no painless way to handle performance issues and conflict management, but there are ways to help minimize the negative impact on staff and avoid lawsuits. Hear from an employment law attorney and a library HR expert on some of the most successful ways to deal with discord. You'll also take home a packet of useful resources including step-by-step instructions for some of the toughest HR challenges. [More Information](#)

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**2018-19 Call for Volunteers**

MLA's annual Call for Volunteers is open through **April 27**. Those interested in impacting the work of the association and strengthening the Michigan library community have a variety of opportunities to become involved. We encourage you to explore the many avenues available to connect with your MLA and your colleagues.

For any member who wants to get involved with MLA, we have a place. Visit [www.milibraries.org](http://www.milibraries.org) to review available opportunities and sign up through the [online form](#).
2018 Thumbs Up! Top Ten Titles and Teen Vote

Through May 31, teens age 13 to 18 can vote online for their favorite book from the top ten titles. Distribute the top ten list (pdf) with the MLA website link for voting to your teens or include the direct link to the survey on your library’s website:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018ThumbsUpTeenVote

Voting can be done online from home or from the library through May 31, 2018. The winner of the Thumbs Up! Award will be announced at the MLA 2018 Annual Conference in Novi this October.

ACRL Instruction Section - Free Webinar on Curriculum Mapping

Update from the Academic Libraries Interest Group:
Join the ACRL Instruction Section Management and Leadership Committee in a free webinar about Curriculum Mapping.

Creating the Big Picture: Improving Instruction Programming Through Curriculum Mapping
Wednesday, April 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Presenters: Stefanie Metko and Amanda MacDonald from Virginia Tech
Access at: https://zoom.us/j/250529323 (this link will take you directly to the presentation room, not a registration page)

More information

Community Collaborations: Homelessness in Libraries

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Mott Library at Mott Community College
1401 E Court St.
Flint, MI 48503

Early Bird Registration expires Monday, April 30, 2018. Register Today!

What is the library’s role in dealing with the homeless population? Libraries are designed to be welcoming spaces for all. As a result, they are often coping with a large number of patrons who are homeless. How can your library best serve this increasing segment of your community? More Information
Michigan Big Tree Hunt Contest

Calling all Nature-Loving Librarians! ReLeaf Michigan, a tree planting and education non-profit, is hosting its 14th biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt Contest. Beginning now and ending in Fall 2019, this contest is a call for families and friends to get outside and marvel at the big trees that surround us. Contestants may enter as many large trees as they wish. Prizes for the biggest tree are awarded by county and by age group (child & adult). The Big Tree Hunt is an excellent complement to your library’s environmental and Michigan natural history programming.

If you would like to help ReLeaf foster a love of Michigan trees, please contact Lara Edwards at ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org or call 734-717-8914. ReLeaf Michigan will send your library complimentary Big Tree Hunt Contest brochures. In addition, your library’s homepage will be linked to the “Thanks to Our Library Sponsors” page at www.ReLeafMichigan.org.

Baker & Taylor Awards for Friends Groups and Library Foundations

The Baker & Taylor Awards recognize Friends groups and library Foundations for outstanding efforts to support their library. Two winning groups will receive $1,000 each. Awards are given for a specific project culminating in the year prior to application. Applications are due May 1, 2018. For details visit www.ala.org.

Featured Jobs

View these jobs and more at the MLA Career Center.

Liaison Librarian
Grand Valley State University - Allendale, Michigan
Grand Valley State University Libraries seeks inclusive, user-oriented, and collegial applicants for a liaison librarian position. The incumbent will partner with undergraduate and graduate programs in the departments of Biomedical Sciences. Read more

Cooperative Director
Superiorland Library Cooperative - Marquette, Michigan
The Director maintains strong collegial cooperative relationships with multi-type libraries in northern Michigan in order to realize the mission: To develop and sustain innovative library programs that are cost-effective because.. Read more

Administrative Clerk
Bloomfield Township Public Library - Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
The Bloomfield Township Public Library is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic Administration Clerk. The Bloomfield Township Public Library is a class V Library, with a service population of 42,000+ people. There is strong.. Read more
2018-19 MLA Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to MLA's new directors elected by the membership. Michelle Boisvenue-Fox, Kent District Library was voted President-elect. Richard Schneider was elected Treasurer, Jennifer Dean, University of Detroit Mercy was elected ALA Councilor and Ryan Wieber, Kalamazoo Public Library was elected as member-at-large. Additionally Karen Knox, Orion Township Public Library will be completing Michelle Boisvenue-Fox's at large term through 2019. Their terms begin July 1, 2018.

Many thanks to all the candidates for demonstrating leadership by agreeing to run and to all our members who actively voted. We look forward to a great year! Please feel free to congratulate our winners.

President-Elect:

Michelle Boisvenue-Fox
Kent District Library
MLA Treasurer:

Richard Schneider

ALA Councilor:

Jennifer Dean
University of Detroit Mercy

Members-at-Large:

Karen Knox
Orion Township Public Library
(Through 2019)

Ryan Wieber
Kalamazoo Public Library
Dear Karen,

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

On Tuesday, the Senate Health Policy Committee took testimony on SB 828 and 829, which would provide liability protection for libraries when providing the life-saving opioid antidote naloxone, common brand name Narcan, to an overdosing patron.

Kristin Shelley, MLA Legislative Committee Chair and MLA President-elect gave an excellent overview of why the bills are needed. She also provided a heart wrenching story of a death that occurred at a library where she worked years ago. The committee heard first hand how a life might have been saved if naloxone had been available then.

Library of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Education and MLA have been working together to see this protection added for our libraries. It also is possible that amendments will be added that could expand the bills to provide liability protection when naloxone is administered in any public space not only libraries. We expect further action on the bills soon.

In the United States, it is reported that a person dies of an opioid overdose every thirteen minutes. While they happen everywhere, it’s been impossible to miss the stories of overdoses happening in the restrooms and parking lots of public libraries especially in New York, Philadelphia and Denver. There, librarians have administered life-saving Narcan on a weekly and sometimes daily basis.

Unfortunately, libraries across the country have become a common site for opioid and heroin overdoses. Libraries throughout Michigan have been the sites of overdoses in recent years. Luckily in those cases, law enforcement officers responded quickly enough to administer Narcan before it was too late. Those libraries now train staff and stock the Narcan kits as do many libraries across the state.
Dear Karen,

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.

Community Collaborations: Homelessness in Libraries

It's not too late to register! Join us Tuesday, May 8, at Mott Community College in Flint, for Community Collaborations: Homelessness in Libraries. This interactive workshop will explore the library’s role in serving the homeless population and provide resources and strategies on how to best serve patrons who may be experiencing homelessness.

Sessions include a presentation from Dr. Mark Giesler PhD, LMSW, Saginaw Valley State University, on his recent research on librarians’ response to homelessness, and diversity training presented by Paulette Granberry Russell, Senior Adviser to the President for Diversity and Director of the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Michigan State University. Plus, hear first-hand experiences on the challenges inherent in serving patrons experiencing poverty and homelessness during our afternoon panel discussion. Visit our website for detailed information.

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In part one of our program, our leadership experts will define strategic leadership. They will explain how to craft a vision to align the library for success, and outline the steps you should take to achieve optimal results using strategic leadership throughout your decision-making process.

Part two of our program focuses on change management and how you can apply the necessary measures to impact change. Change management is the discipline that guides how we prepare, equip and support individuals to successfully adopt change in order to drive organizational success and outcomes.

Early Bird Rates expire May 11, 2018.

Visit our website for detailed information.

Nominations for 2018 MLA Awards Due June 1

Do you know a Michigan library professional who deserves recognition for their hard work, achievements and accomplishments? Let’s celebrate them together! Nominate a deserving colleague for the 2018 MLA Librarian of the Year, Heart of a Champion or Up and Comer, to be recognized at the MLA 2018 Annual Conference this October 17-19 in Novi.

Librarian of the Year
For more than 30 years, the MLA Librarian of the Year Award has recognized a librarian's outstanding contributions and accomplishments to the library community. Download the nomination form

Heart of a Champion Award
The Heart of a Champion Award recognizes a library supporter (e.g. elected official, trustee, community supporter or strategic partner) who has shown an exceptional commitment to libraries or the library profession. Download the nomination form

Up & Comer Award
The Up & Comer Award was established in 2012 to recognize a librarian who shows leadership early in his or her career. Download the nomination form
Submit completed nomination packets to MLA@milibraries.org. The deadline to submit nominations for each of these awards is June 1, 2018.

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

National Library Legislative Day 2018

National Library Legislative Day 2018 will be held May 7-8. During this two-day event hundreds of library supporters, leaders and patrons gather in Washington, D.C. to meet with their members of Congress to champion national library funding.

Library advocates who are unable to attend in person can still participate at home! Register for Virtual Library Legislative Day to receive talking points, resources and a link to the livestream of the issue briefing taking place Monday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m. Check out this toolkit for more ways to get involved. Visit www.ala.org/nlld for more information.

Election Alert: Many Michigan Communities to Host Elections May 8

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is encouraging all eligible voters in communities hosting elections to cast their ballots on Tuesday, May 8. To determine if your community has an election or to view a sample ballot, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote. The polls are open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Save the Date: Collaborating Partners 2018 Workshop Announcement

On Friday, November 9, 2018 the Collaborating Partners - Michigan Cooperative Directors Association, Library of Michigan, Midwest Collaborative for Library Services, Michigan Library Association, and MiALA - invite you to a workshop on accessibility.

Mark your calendar, and plan to join us at the GVSU L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids for Removing Barriers: A Library Accessibility Workshop.

Equality in access for every member of your community is a core library value but it can be challenging to satisfy all of the needs of your patrons. This workshop will cover important aspects of library accessibility and provide you with new tools to help serve all patrons equally.

Registration will open in June. View the event flier here.

MiALA Annual Conference 2018: Sustainability in Academic Libraries

The Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA) annual conference will be held May 17-18 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

For detailed information, visit the MiALA Annual Conference webpage. Registration ends on May 17, 2018.

Adult Readers Advisory Interest Group Seeking Members
MLA Members interested in joining an Adult Readers Advisory Interest Group, please contact Brian Johnston at bjohnston@lincolnlib.org. The purpose of the group will be to make book recommendations to the rest of Michigan’s library staff. Specific projects for the group include self-published recommendations and nonfiction mental health recommendations, though members are welcome to suggest their own projects. Members will be asked to commit to read a minimum of six books per year, based on suggestions from the group leader and other members.

Visit the MLA website to learn more about MLA Interest Groups and procedures for establishing an Interest Group.

The Great American Read - WCMU Public Media Project Kick Off Event

On Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at City Opera House in Traverse City, WCMU Public Television launches a multi-platform project with author Jerry Dennis and a screening of the new PBS series, The Great American Read. The event is free and open to the public, to reserve tickets visit www.wcmu.org/events.

The project, implemented locally by WCMU Public Media and its community partners Traverse Area District Library, National Writers Series and Horizon Books, kicks off a national discussion about what we love to read and why, encouraging everyone to vote for their favorite work of fiction from a list of 100 of America's most popular books. A reception follows featuring displays and refreshments. View the event press release for complete details.

The Great American Read television series is an eight-part PBS series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved and shaped us.

The series broadcast premiere is May 22, kicking off a summer of reading and voting. Then in the fall, seven new episodes of the series will air as the quest to find America's most beloved book moves into high gear. Visit www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read to learn more.

Michigan Humanities Council Program and Grant Survey

The Michigan Humanities Council is seeking feedback on their programs and grants, such as Great Michigan Read, Prime Time Family Reading Time and the Arts & Humanities Touring grants. Share your input on changes you would like to see to program and grant offerings in Michigan by taking their online survey:
May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Shantalea Johns, L.M.S.W., Wayne State University School of Social Work
Monique Oldfield, MSW, MLIS, Wayne State University Library System

Since 1949, May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month in the United States. This year, we are challenging librarians to consider allying with millions of people and bring a heightened awareness to mental health through media and programming across the nation. Through intentional programming and special circulating collections, you are poised to help patrons living with mental health challenges, their friends, and families rediscover the importance of the community support found in libraries.

Libraries may not have thought of themselves in this way but libraries can be described as "protective factors" for those afflicted with mental illness. Protective factors are strengths and activities that reduce the likelihood of poor mental health outcomes. These may include help and information seeking behaviors or simply being a part of the community and increased socialization. Often people with mental health challenges report feeling isolated leading to poor outcomes.

Read online

Featured Jobs

View these jobs and more at the MLA Career Center.

Youth Services Librarian
Bloomfield Township Public Library - Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
The Bloomfield Township Public Library is looking for an enthusiastic, energetic librarian committed to high quality Library service to children and their families and ready to join the Youth Services team. Read more

Library Director
Roscommon Area District Library - Roscommon, Michigan
If you are looking for a great job in a beautiful new library just minutes from Higgins Lake and Houghton Lake, then this Director Job is for you! The Roscommon Area District Library (RADL) Board is seeking a qualified, innovative Read more

Deputy Director
Akron-Summit County Public Library - Akron, Ohio
The Akron-Summit County Public Library is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of Deputy Director. Founded in 1874, the Library consists of a 274,000 sq. ft. Main Library, 18 branch libraries and two Bookmobiles. Read more

Stay Connected
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
I was able to attend so many great events this past month and some more good ones are coming up. Both speakers for the recent human resources workshop on difficult conversations were excellent. They really knew how to focus in on helping employees succeed at doing their jobs well, and how to prevent uncomfortable situations that none of us want to encounter. There was a nice crowd at the event and we wrapped up with very engaging table talks.

The ALA Advocacy Bootcamp, sponsored by Michigan Cooperative Directors Association and MLA, and held at the Library of Michigan, was packed. The powerful session helped refocus advocacy efforts on building support networks of library champions. The presenters suggested that we each can identify individuals in our communities that we need to develop relationships with to strengthen our advocacy partnerships. Advocacy can then be a natural outpouring from community members rather than repetitive asks from our libraries.

Many of you have likely encountered the ALA Libraries Transform campaign and toolkit in the past. I am excited to report that ALA recently released a new toolkit for the campaign that will allow us to make customized Libraries Transform materials with Michigan branding. You can access the toolkit here.
From the Executive Director’s Desk

Recognition for School Libraries

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) has succeeded in having three bills introduced in the Michigan House that would require a school librarian in every school in the state. At MLA we fully support these bills and congratulate MAME on their effort and achievement. They worked tirelessly to raise awareness and garner attention to this crucial issue. These bills are recognition by legislators of the importance of school libraries and librarians to the education and well-being of our youth.

It seems obvious that we would push to have these bills passed and signed into law since it’s a fact that only 8 percent of schools in Michigan have a certified school librarian on staff and Michigan ranks 47th in the country for its students to librarians ratio. However, the key to passage of this legislation will be bipartisan support and the identification of funding sources for those schools to develop and staff the libraries. Any outreach to your legislators indicating support of these bills is a step toward that goal.

EveryLibrary, the national library support group, has made it easy to contact your representative by following this link.

Health Insurance Options for Libraries Coming Soon

Health insurance options offered by MLA partner National Insurance Services (NIS) are expected to be rolled out July 1. Final approval of bylaws by the MLA board and then certification by the state of Michigan should be completed in June. Our new NIS representative Rick Labian has been reaching out to all libraries currently signed up. If you have additional questions you may reach Rick at:

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National Insurance Services
23952 City Center Circle
Mattawan, MI 49071
Direct: 262.780.1248 / Toll free: 800.627.3660 x1248
Fax: 262.814.1248
www.NISBenefits.com
www.linkedin.com/in/ricklabian
Director’s Report  
May 17, 2018  
Karen Knox

Once again, I must thank the library staff for keeping everything going while I was out on a brief medical leave for a few weeks. They did a great job!

In the Youth Department, we now have 225 children registered for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program, with 8 children having completed the program. Youth programming in April included Crayola Day (66), Spring Break Interactive Movie (19), Earth Day Projects (46), Popcorn Party (37), Lego (15), 1 Doggone Readers session (2), and Doggone Readers Group Read (20). In addition, we continued our regular storytimes, with 4 Baby Time (47), 12 Toddler Time (304), and 8 Preschool Pals (250). We also completed our 1, 2, 3 Play with Me Family Place series with 4 sessions and 90 attendees. Finally, our youth staff fulfilled 13 ThinkLink book requests, and completed 7 Pre-K school visits (180) and 3 K-5 school visits (165).

Teen Services offered: 2 Geek Club (17) and Intro to Print Making (12).

In Adult Services, we had: 2 Book Discussions (19), 4 Tech help (12), an Orion Historical Society meeting (8), 2 Quilting/Needle Arts groups (8), 1 Community Conversation at Lockhart’s (16), and Cook the Book (15). We also had our Repair Café drawing about 50 attendees to get things repaired at the library!

Outreach Services offered: 4 Computer Classes (8), 4 ESL Conversation Groups (11), LONC Program (25), Senior Book Bunch (10), 2 Heritage Place programs (8), 8 Next Chapter Book Clubs (56), a program at Villas of Silverbell (22), a program at the new Beacon Square facility (17), and our SNAP storytime for special needs adults (39).

In case you haven’t seen it, the May/June ONTV show, Orion @ Your Library, is available here: https://youtu.be/XwUiO0LSYA4.

Debra Refior retired from her position as the Head of Youth Services. Her last day was April 20. The job was posted, and Karen K will be doing interviews this week.

MLA elections ended on April 23. Karen K came in second in votes but was asked to step up and fill a slot on the board for a current board member who was elected to the Chair-Elect position. This is a one-year term.

Lori had the Annual Volunteer lunch on May 2 to honor and thank all of our adult and special needs volunteers.
Director’s Report
May 17, 2018
Karen Knox

Steve and Eric had demonstrations/presentations by the five finalists for the VoIP phone system during the past two weeks. A recommendation will be made to the board at the meeting.

Roger is out for a 2-month leave following knee surgery on May 10. Nate, a shelver, will be helping out in the maintenance department during Roger’s leave.

A reminder that we have an onsite visit scheduled for Monday, June 4 at 10a with Kimberly Bolan & Associates to discuss the redesign of the Meeting Room. All are welcome, and if you are unable to attend but want to provide input, please send it to me prior to the June 4 meeting.

The Friends of the Library worked very hard on their Passport to Spring fundraiser, which occurred on April 21. Unfortunately ticket sales were down this year, as was attendance. Those who attended the event had a wonderful time. I missed their last board meeting in April but will try to get an update on funds raised before the board meeting on Thursday. They are also having their Spring Gently Used Book Sale this week, May 15-19.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:
- May 15-19 – Friends Spring Gently Used Book Sale
- May 26-28 – Library Closed for Memorial Day Weekend
- June 4 – Meeting with Kimberly Bolan & Associates, 10a
- June 7 – Blood Drive, 9:30a-6:30p
- June 9 – Summer Reading Kickoff, 11a-2p
- June 11 – Orion Historical Society – presentation on Amelia Earhart, 7p
- June 11 – Community Conversation @Lockhart’s – Racism, 7p
- June 14 – Roots of Music: Origins of the Motown Sound, 7p
- June 19 – Stories in the Park @Children’s Park, 11a
- June 21 – Library Board Meeting, 6:30p
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There is the Sunday New York Times, 3/11/18?

So we may respond, please print clearly.

Name: Anne Loftus e-mail loftusmi.anne@yahoo.com
Address: 750 Orion Rd #135 Lake Orion

Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362 248/693-3000 www.orionlibrary.org
April 10, 2018

Dear Anne:

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

After checking with the Support Services staff, I discovered that the publisher never sent the March 11, 2018 edition of the New York Times to the library. I apologize for this inconvenience.

Thank you for your comments Anne, we are constantly delighted to hear comments and suggestions from our patrons, and thank you for using the Orion Township Public Library.

Sincerely,

Karen Knox
Director
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If you need a source for a press release to add to the library's contact list, my son and I come often to your library and want to help you guys out. We would like to read more about your library and services.

So we may respond, please print clearly.

Name: ___________________________  e-mail: ___________________________

Address: ________________________

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www.orionlibrary.org
Cameron,

It is always nice to hear positive comments from our patrons, especially in appreciation of our staff and the services that they provide to the community. I appreciate your offer to speak to the press on behalf of the library and I will certainly keep you in mind when we next need an affirmative comment or testimonial.

Thanks again for your comments and interest in the Orion Township Public Library!

Karen Knox
Director

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From: Cameron Wright [mailto:wrightcam@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Joyce Becker <jbecker@orionlibrary.org>
Subject: Re: comment card at the Orion Township Public Library

Hi there,

Sorry for my poor handwriting, especially when I'm writing in a hurry with my son nearby.

I noticed that you were participating in library week. I'm a big supporter of libraries, and yours does an exceptional job with helping me raise my toddler. As a way to say 'thank you' I was thinking if you made a press release for a local paper or Oakland Press I could help you out by talking about how beneficial your library is and I want to engage my son, and raise him to love learning. My wife and I really can't afford to make a cash donation, or have the time to volunteer so I thought maybe that might help.

Either way my son, Elliot and I are very appreciative of your youth services' efforts to have story times and play times inside the library and see it as the highlight of our day. We also appreciate staff that clean up after us and other parents as sometimes we try our best to keep things clean but I've noticed more than once parents leave without doing their due diligence and cleaning up their messes.

All the best, and I'm sure you'll see Elliot and I around. We come at least once a week to the Thursday and sometimes Tuesday story times.

-Cameron

On Wed, Apr 11, 2018 at 12:41 PM, Joyce Becker <jbecker@orionlibrary.org> wrote:
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As a mom of 4 kids I am greatly concerned at what I saw this evening (3-20-18) in the teen room on the big screen was music videos with very bad language, gestures, etc. Also the boys in the room were talking very poorly. At that point I wasn't sure if I felt comfortable leaving my 2 boys there for the week night. Please let me know if something is going to be done.

Name: Jodi Waters e-mail: jjmail321@gmail.com
Address: 3350 Sherwood Rd

Orion Township Public Library, 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362 248/693-3000
www.orionlibrary.org
April 17, 2018

Dear Jodi:

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

I'm sorry to hear that you had a negative experience and felt uncomfortable while visiting the library. If you ever feel this way again, please ask a staff member to assist.

When the new Teen Room equipment was installed, staff and the library board came up with the following guidelines based on our concerns which are similar to yours: “Content projected or displayed on the large monitor and screen in the Teen room must be kept to PG-13 and under.” We have posted this guideline under both screens and on our website under Teen Room Guidelines, and staff monitors the room several times per hour.

In addition, we have a Patron Conduct Policy and an Internet Access and Use Policy that addresses issues related to your concerns. All library patrons are expected to follow library policies, and if they are not doing so, staff should intervene.

During Geek Club, a staff member is always in the room. Only appropriate content, PG-13 or under, will be displayed during Geek Club, so I hope that you will feel comfortable bringing your boys to Geek Club.

Please feel free to ask to speak to a senior staff member on duty, or to me directly if you feel as if a patron is not behaving in an appropriate manner. We want to make the Teen Room a safe and comfortable place for all teens.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Knox
Director
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### Number of Items in our Collection

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### Number of Library Card Holders

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### Room Usage Statistics

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<td># Programs for adults</td>
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<td># Programs for teens</td>
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<td># School visits for Think Link</td>
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<td>Program attendance for adults</td>
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### Technology Usage Statistics

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<td>Wireless users</td>
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### Other Usage Statistics

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<td># Think Link requests for books</td>
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INF-4: Internet Access and Use Policy
Adopted: 3/20/2014; Last Revised: 2/15/2018

Policy Statement
Internet access and the provision for public computing at the Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) are an extension of the library’s commitment to meeting the community’s information needs.

Regulations
1. Internet access, computing resources and online resources accessible through the library are provided to all library patrons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, disability, language proficiency, or social or economic status.
2. The library neither monitors nor controls Internet information and cannot be held responsible for its content, quality, accuracy or currency. The Internet is a worldwide community with a highly diverse user population, and its use is at the patron’s discretion.
3. Internet access is free to all patrons with a valid OTPL card or registered TLN library card. Patrons who are not eligible for an OTPL card and do not have a registered TLN library card may request a guest card that is valid for one day. Patrons will need to log into the computer with their library card number and PIN/password.
4. Workstations are available on a first come, first served basis. Patrons are granted a session for forty-five minutes of computer use. Additional time may be available if no other patrons are waiting.
5. The library offers the capability to print from its computers. The library charges for the use of its printers. See Fines and Fees Policy.
6. Staff will provide assistance to Internet patrons to the extent that time and patron demands allow. See Information Services Policy.
7. The workstations must be used in a responsible manner, respecting the rights of others and taking care with the use of the equipment. Changing workstation and/or Internet settings is prohibited. Unauthorized use of others’ passwords or identity is prohibited.
8. The workstations cannot be used for any fraudulent or unlawful purpose, including activities prohibited under any applicable federal, Michigan or local laws.
9. Patrons should be aware that material on the Internet and the World Wide Web is copyrighted. It is the patron’s responsibility to be aware of the display of any notices concerning the copyright of information on the Internet, and to respect the federal copyright laws.
10. While respecting intellectual freedom and patrons’ First Amendment rights, the library is committed to providing an environment free from sexual and other forms of harassment and hate. As defined by federal and state law, users shall not access, send, receive or print materials that can be classified as child pornography. Minors may not access, send, receive, print, or be exposed to materials than can be classified as obscene or harmful to minors. Since staff cannot consistently and effectively monitor the public’s use of the Internet, patrons are asked to be sensitive of others’ values and beliefs. Users have a right to privacy without the close scrutiny
of library staff or other patrons, but should use machines in less visible areas when accessing potentially controversial information and images.

11. Recognizing that graphic images on computer screens may be seen easily by passersby of all ages, the library has designated that all computers in open areas shall be minimally filtered for sexual content. The Computer Room shall provide limited computers with unfiltered access and shall only be used by patrons age 18 and above with a valid library card.

12. The library has implemented public access management software to manage the daily access for Internet patrons including the provision of low filtering for minors in compliance with state law.\textsuperscript{iv}

13. The Internet, even on the library’s filtered workstations, may contain information that is controversial, sexually explicit or offensive to some users. Parents or guardians, not the library or its staff, are ultimately responsible for monitoring their children’s access to Internet information.

14. Staff is authorized to terminate any patron’s session if the patron has failed to comply with the library’s Internet Access and Use Policy. The library director may impose longer or permanent restrictions for violations of the library’s policies. Internet patrons whose session has been terminated or whose access to the library has been prohibited may request the decision be reviewed by the board of trustees. See Patron Conduct Policy.

15. Internet access may be unavailable at times due to technical difficulties.

16. A patron who lives in the library service area who wishes to challenge a library policy or any portion of a library policy should follow procedures as outlined in MGT-15: Appeals Process Policy.

\textsuperscript{i} U.S. Code, Title 18, §§ 2256 (1) and (8)
\textsuperscript{ii} Michigan Obscene Material Act, P.A. 343 of 1984
\textsuperscript{iii} Michigan Harmful to Minors Act, P.A. 33 of 1978
\textsuperscript{iv} MCL 397.606 et seq. Library Privacy Act