Orion Township Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 15, 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 10/18/2018 Library Board meeting
   B. Bills
   C. Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from October 2018

IV. Public Comment

V. Communications
   A. Press coverage
   B. MLA Weekly Newsletter, October 25, 2018
   C. MLA Weekly Newsletter, November 1, 2018
   D. MLA Weekly Newsletter, November 8, 2018
   E. Notice of Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Request

VI. Director’s Report
   A. Library news and activities
   B. Usage reports
   C. Advocacy news

VII. Old Business

VIII. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Policy
   B. Finance – update from meeting on 11/15/2018
   C. Fund Development
   D. Board Development – survey results – all board members
   E. Building – update from meeting on 11/1/2018
   F. Human Resources – update from meeting on 11/1/2018
   G. Strategic Planning
   H. Director Evaluation – update from meeting on 11/7/2018

IX. Discussion Items
   A. Board officer positions
   B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure statements
   C. Trustee Commitment form update
   D. SB 637 Update from ONTV

X. Action Items
   A. 2018 Budget Adjustments
   B. Appointment of officers
   C. Letter for ONTV

XI. Public Comment

XII. Trustee Comments

XIII. Adjournment
1) Call to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

3) Consent Agenda as presented: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by Abramczyk/ Quinn. Motion carries.
   a) Minutes from last meeting 9/20/18 Library Board meeting
   b) Bills

4) Financial Statement and Treasurer’s Report from September 2018
   i) Interest income is over 100% of budget for the first time in a long time. Total revenue is 96% of budget.
   ii) 63% of total 75% of the year for expenses.

5) Public Comment – none

6) Communications
   a) Press coverage –
      i) See Board packet

7) Director’s report
   a) Report on file
   b) Joint in-service day with Troy Library as very beneficial.
   c) This Saturday, a memorial will be held for Gina at 1 p.m.
   d) Continued planning for Sunday opening during the school year beginning January 2019.
   e) Board is request to complete the Survey Monkey for the Friends of the Library.
   f) Holiday basket auction held during 11/10/18 – 12/1/18.
g) OnTV is at risk for losing funding. Consider speaking with legislatures to voice concern over this possibility.

h) Comment cards submitted with proper contact information were reviewed during the meeting.

8) Old Business


9) Standing Committee Report –

a) Policy Report –
   Personnel policy updates, mainly with electronic devices.

b) Finance – Set a meeting for 2018 budget adjustments.
   11/15/18 5:30 p.m.

c) Fund Development – None

d) Board Development –
   Survey results – all Board members
   Quinn submitted 3
   Luna submitted 1

   Board members are requested to complete the surveys through the end of December to help drive some of the priorities of implementation of the strategic plan.

e) Building Update – Set meeting for meeting room phase 1 budget discussion. November 1st at 6:30

f) Human Resources – Set meeting for personnel policy handbook. November 1st at 7:30

g) Ad Hoc Committee Reports

   Director’s Evaluation – Set meeting for 11/7/18 at 5:00 p.m.

   Strategic Planning – Coasters have arrived and will be distributed.

   Advocacy – None.

10) Discussion Items


b) Report from MLA Conference - Thorndycraft and Knox

c) Calendar of Library Closings 2019

11) Action Items

a) Personnel policy update – Abramczyk moves to change the Personnel Policy as presented by the Director. Copy on file. Seconded by Phillips. No further discussion. Motion carried.

b) Calendar of Library Closings 2019 – Phillips moves to accept the Holiday Closings 2019 as presented by the director. Seconded by Quinn. No further discussion. Motion carried.

12) New meetings scheduled at the OTPL unless noted otherwise

a) Building Committee Meeting – 11/1/18 6:30 p.m.

b) Human Resources Committee Meeting – 11/1/18 7:30 p.m.

c) Finance Committee Meeting - 11/15/18 5:30 p.m.
d) Director’s Evaluation Committee Meeting – 11/7/18 5:00 p.m.

13) Questions from the Public –none

14) Trustee comments

15) Adjournment at 8:17 p.m.

Mike Luna
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Orion Township Public Library
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**Grand Total:** 76,521.54  
**22.49**
## Orion Township Public Library

### For the Ten Months Ending October 31, 2018

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The WWI and America traveling exhibit is currently on display at the Orion Township Public Library now through November 10. The exhibit consists of panels discussing WWI and its impact on the people of the time, including the political atmosphere before the war, public opinion about entering the war, and the home front.

This exhibit is part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Orion Library received a grant in 2017 to mark the 100th anniversary of the nation's entry into the war in 1917.
Community Corner

International Games Day @ Your Library

Saturday, November 10, 11:00a- 4:00p
By Becky Bolin, Patch Contributor | Nov 6, 2018 11:53 am ET

This post was contributed by a community member.

Come celebrate the end of International Games Week at the Orion Library with Tabletop Game Day! Enjoy games for all ages and abilities on Saturday, November 10 from 11:00a to 4:00p. Feel free to bring in a game from home to share!

The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.
Kid-Friendly Haunted House at the OTPL

Monday, October 22-Thursday, October 26, 6:00p-8:00p

By Becky Bolin, Patch Contributor | Oct 17, 2018 10:53 am ET

This post was contributed by a community member.

Drop in if you dare for the Orion Library's annual kid-friendly haunted house put on by teen volunteers! The haunted house will be open on Monday, October 22 through Thursday, October 25 from 6:00p to 8:00p. The Orion Library is located at 825 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.
The Orion Library is partnering with ElectroCycle (http://electro-cycle.com/) to offer free recycling of your old computer and electronics equipment. Library IT staff will be on hand to collect your equipment on Saturday, October 13 from 10:00a to 1:00p.

**Acceptable Equipment:**

Computers & Laptops, LCD Monitors, Hard Drives, Keyboards, Mice, Fax Machines, Wires, Phones, Cell Phones, Printers, Scanners, Switches, Servers and Racks, Battery Back Ups, Toner, and miscellaneous electric office equipment.
Public invited to get free eye exams at Post 108 Saturday

By C.J. Carnacchio
Oxford Leader Editor

A person’s eyes really are their windows to the world.

Every day, they’re used to help perform tasks, both simple and complex, and interpret the environment around us.

That’s why taking proper care of them is important.

To help make sure everyone can see clearly, American Legion Post 108, located at 300 E. Draper Rd. in Oxford, is inviting members of the public to receive free, comprehensive eye exams on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.


When Post 108 began hosting this annual event in 2015, the exams were for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their family members.

Now, anyone and everyone is welcome to stop in and have their eyes checked at no cost.

“Nobody will be turned away,” said Post 108 Commander Rick Moorhead.

Moorhead is hoping to have at least 200 people take advantage of this opportunity to gauge their eye health and potentially improve their quality of life.

“A lot of folks don’t have eye care as part of their (medical) insurance, so they don’t get their eyes checked,” he said. “A lot of folks think, ‘I can see OK, so why do I need an eye exam?’ But this goes way beyond that. They check for glaucoma. They check for cataracts. It’s a very comprehensive exam.”

Appointments are not required, but they are encouraged. “We are accepting walk-ins that day, but we would appreciate appointments because that way we know what to expect,” Moorhead said.

Appointments can be made by calling Post 108 at (248) 628-9081. People who wear eyeglasses or take medications are asked to please bring them for the exam.

Before or after their exams, folks are invited to enjoy a free breakfast at the post, beginning at 9 a.m., or a free lunch starting at noon.

Anyone who wants a free eye exam will be able to get one Oct. 13 at American Legion Post 108.

Cannabis Park

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November 2016; however, a 360-day delay was built in to give the state time to put in place a regulatory system.

Under Michigan law, medical marijuana facilities are legal. A ballot proposal in the Nov. 6 general election will ask voters to decide on whether or not to approve recreational use of marijuana, which would be regulated similar to alcohol.

The development comes after the Orion Twp. Board of Trustees unanimously approved the second reading of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance during its Nov. 6, 2017 meeting.

“Yes, we opted in last fall. It’s legal and there’s going to be places around us that have it,” Barnett said.

The facility should generate $250,000 - $300,000 in annual permit fees alone for the township, Barnett said. The township will also get Excise Tax sharing from the state.

There are five categories that municipalities could opt into and allow in their communities—growing, processing, testing, transportation and dispensaries. Orion Twp. opted into four of the five categories, choosing not to allow provisioning centers, a.k.a. dispensaries.

“I’m personally not inclined to promote a dispensary at this time,” Barnett said.

Under Orion Twp’s ordinance, the township will allow up to six Class C grower licenses, two processors, two safety compliance facilities (testing) and two secure transporters, according to information compiled by the state Bureau of Medical Marijuana Regulation.

The Oakland Business Park uses three of the township’s six available grow licenses.

“When we passed the ordinance, we had only one public comment which was, ‘That’s great, but where can people buy it if they want it?’” Barnett said.

Barnett also said Orion Twp.’s ordinance is more restrictive than many, and does not permit signs, facilities cannot be close to churches or schools and must be in industrial zoned areas.

Township officials have “met with 30 groups this last year” interested in developing some sort of marijuana facility in Orion Twp. "When they found out how restrictive our ordinance was, most of them haven’t come back,” Barnett said.

To provide ample power, DTE is building an on-site substation with two 13.2 kV circuits.

“The pros outweigh the cons (in approving the grow facility) but there’s a stigma with marijuana,” he said. “They’re paying their full taxes. A lot of businesses that develop in the township, we give them tax abatements for investing here. With medical marijuana we don’t.”

Barnett added that the township has the authority to inspect the facilities “24/7, 365 days a year” and take appropriate action.

“If we don’t like it we can shut them down,” he added, saying the Oakland Business Park developers presented a professional plan and are adhering to the township’s ordinances.

“They want to be here, so they want to be model citizens. They want to run a professional business,” he said. “Everybody I met and sat with was professional. This isn’t Cheech and Chong.”

Safety is another concern for the township.

“I’m in favor of the medical marijuana facility because it’s going to shut down the illegal growers,” Barnett said. “We have had two house fires in the past year that were caused by people who were growing it in their homes.”

WWI and America exhibit at Orion Township public library

The Orion Township Public Library has been very fortunate to host exhibits in their facility for many years. This year, the library will be showcasing the World War I and America exhibit for the first time starting Oct. 22 and running through Nov. 10.

The exhibit aims to bring veterans and their families closer to their community and educate on how World War I shaped our nation through readings and discussions.

This exhibit will go on for several weeks with many discussion sessions happening throughout. This involves a book discussion series, a PTSD discussion for veterans and their families and more.

“The Orion Township public library is one of the 120 institutions nationwide that was awarded a World War I and America grant in 2017 to make the 100th anniversary of the nations entry into the war in 1917,” said Becky Bolin, community relations specialist at the Orion Twp. library.

“We apply for grants like World War I and America to bring high-quality information to our library at minimal cost, and to align with our library mission "To serve and engage a thriving community of life-long learners," said head of adult services, Beth Sheridan.

“We hope that veterans and their families and any interested patrons in our community, will stop by the library to see the exhibit and explore the American experience of the war and its role in shaping the contemporary world.”

A full list of exhibit programs can be found at www.orionlibrary.org/wwiamerica -MK.
million planned for LOCS elementary schools

Community Schools has been... a major tax rate increase. A proposal for some time now, it would be used to address "in the district." Members, such as President are vocal about the impact on those who have been working, and had originally identified $300 of repairs and upgrades, but due to the cost... leave no LOCS building untouched, even Moose Tree Nature Center.

The education level with the most building in the district is elementary education.

After the close of Pine Tree, Lake Orion now has six elementary schools in the district: Blanche Sims, Carpenter, Stadium Drive, Paint Creek, Webber and Orion Oaks.

The combined total of the elementary schools is projected at $66,650,750 — more than a third of the $160 million proposed bond.

Most of the elementary schools (with the exception of Webber and Blanche Sims) each have a calculated total between $5 million and $7 million. The upgrades for each of these facilities (Carpenter, Stadium Drive, Paint Creek and Orion Oaks) would include creating a secure entry addition and remodeling, building security improvements, LED lighting and electrical improvements, interior finishes upgrades, window replacement, replace ceilings, develop STEM lab (which itself is $396,000 per building), media center upgrades, code upgrades, add instructional support areas and furnish and install equipment.

As for Blanche Sims, the district calculates a total of $25,693,321 that would be used to demolish the existing school building and completely rebuild the facility, with upgrades, further back on the property than its current location.

Webber Elementary has a proposed total cost of $15,821,941 that would be used for the same upgrades Carpenter, Stadium Drive, Paint Creek and Orion Oaks receive, as well as the demolition and rebuilding of the east wing (recreating 16 new classrooms) and playground.

The total cost Carpenter, Stadium Drive, Paint Creek and Orion Oaks combined is calculated at $25,135,488, which is $557,833 less than the entire total of just Blanche Sims.

The two Elementary schools with the biggest price tag, Blanche Sims and Webber, combined would be a total of $41,515,262 — $27,895,946 more than the combined total of the next highest priced elementary schools, Orion Oaks and Carpenter.

Total proposed cost of renovations at each elementary school:

Carpenter: $6,662,645
Orion Oaks: $6,957,035
Paint Creek: $5,584,248
Stadium Drive: $5,931,560
Webber: $13,821,941
Blanche Sims: $25,693,321

News Briefs

It's time to consider being an organ donor

The Orion Township Public Library, along with many libraries across the state, will again be participating in Michigan Libraries for Life, a seven-day campaign to inspire residents to join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. From Oct. 9-15, volunteers and library staff will answer questions, provide fun giveaways and most importantly, help library patrons sign up as organ, eye and tissue donors.

The Orion Library is at 825 Jostyn Road, between Clarkson and Heights roads. If you have any questions, please contact [email protected], Volunteer Engagement Specialist, at 248-693-3000 x 4335 or joinmichorganlibrary.org. /J.O.

Putting out a call for artists

That time of year is quickly approaching when the Orion Art Center transforms its gallery into a festive Artist's Holiday Market. This year's Holiday Market will be held from Nov. 15 through Dec. 22. The Holiday Market offers unique, handcrafted gifts great for every budget.

The art center is currently looking for artists to participate in the market and share their original work with our community at the Orion Art Center.

If you are an artist who is interested in entering your work, please call the Art Center at 248-693-9896 for more information and a list of guidelines. /J.O.

Donate to Love INC and double your money

As is common for many nonprofits this time of year, Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) is experiencing decreased donations. This is affecting the ability of the organization to help our neighbors in need.

In response, two of Love INC's beneficiaries are issuing a challenge. Now through Oct. 15, 2018, each donation made in response to this challenge will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to a total of $10,000. This means a potential to provide $20,000 to Love INC of North Oakland County.

Any donation made now will have double the impact to neighbors right here in our community. If you want to help, donations can be mailed to: Love INC of North Oakland County, P.O. Box 104, Lake Orion, MI 48361. Or if you prefer, visit their website loveincnofc.org. Choose Donate Now, and Select Campaign: Double your Dollars. /J.O.

Prevention Week: Orion Twp. Fire Dept.

residents to keep a few simple tips in mind.

Prevention Week is Oct. 7-13 and the Orion Fire Department wants to keep your families safe at home.

1. Make sure smoke alarms are functioning.

If it's older than 10 years old we recom-mend that people replace it. Smoke alarms only have a 10-year lifespan. A lot of the newer smoke alarms have 10-year batteries in them, so all you have to do is test them, you don't have to replace any batteries. But if you have a conventional 9 volt battery change those out every six months," Hagan said.

2. Sleep with your bedroom doors closed: "Close before you Doze."

"All parents and children, the young and old, should be sleeping with their door closed. With the door open you allow, wherever that fire starts, you allow that fire and smoke to travel in that direction. Even the cheapest hollow-core door will be able to withstand a good amount of fire to give you that extra time to get out of your house," Hagan said.

Approximately 50 years ago, people had about 17 minutes to get out of their homes once the fire started: now that number is down to three minutes. "That's due in part to the materials, the synthetic plastics in everything," Hagan said.

3. Practice fire drills.

"I have a big message for parents: practice at-home fire drills. In the several years I've done school events nearly 100 percent of children participate in fire drills. But only 20 percent or less participate in at-home fire drills," Hagan said. "Most of our fires here in Orion Twp. are in the residential sector." Hagan advises parents practice fire safety techniques and have an escape plan. "Tell children what they should do in the event of a fire, how to get out of the house and where to meet outside once they are out of the house. Have a meeting place so that everyone — including firefighters who arrive on the scene — know if everyone is out of the house. "Stay calm, stay together, get out, make sure everybody is out of the house and have a meeting place," Hagan said.

Parents or anyone who has a group of children — like a scout or church group — wants to learn more or should contact the fire department.

Please see Fire Dept. on page 11

Save the Date

The Orion Twp. Fire Department hosts an "open station" Oct. 14 to celebrate the renovation of Fire Station #1 at 93 S. Anderson St., downtown L.O. Activities begin at 10 a.m. with a "house-cutting" and run until 1 p.m.

See next week's issue of The Review for a preview of the fire station open house and information on the renovation details.

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What's going on?

Member-sponsored and community events

Cancer Nutrition Series:
Supporting the Cancer Process with Nutrition. Nuview Nutrition, LLC presents a free nutrition series on Thursdays, October 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, from 1 to 5 pm. This series will be facilitated by Carly Secco, BS, CNS, certified in Holistic Cancer Nutrition. Each week will build on the next discussing nutrition topics that pertain to cancer patients and caregivers, and those who want to prevent cancer. Seats are limited, call to RSVP 248-625-5143. Class offered at 7300 Dixie Hwy, Ste 500 in Clarkston.

Ride The Oaks For Holy Spokes.
ONTV Bike Rally through Orion, Oakland County Park, Sunday, October 7th. Check in at noon with Bike Rally starting at 1 pm. All proceeds benefit Holy Spokes of Lake Orion. Register through day of event (no t-shirt after 22nd). Rally begins at the ONTV Studio at 1349 Joslyn Rd., Lake Orion. Cost is $40 per team or $20 per individual. Join us for the Bike Rally Scavenger Hunt with prizes! Registration forms available at www.orionontv.org or call 248-693-3377 for more information.

LO Optimist Club Dine to Donate.
All friends, family and supporters of Lake Orion Optimist Club are invited to participate in their fundraising event on Wednesday, October 10th at Buffalo Wild Wings in Lake Orion, 770 N. Lapeer. On this day 20% of purchases accompanied by the certificate will be donated to the Lake Orion Optimist Club. Certificate can be obtained from a club member, club Facebook page and Chamber event calendar.

Made in the Mitten Art & Craft Show. #BuyNearBy and Shop Local! Start your holiday shopping early with one of a kind, unique arts and craft show featuring distinctive and classic Made in Michigan products, made by Michigan artists for Michigan families! Find exclusive birthday or just because gifts for yourself and your friends & family. Vendors will be throughout the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road, from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, October 13th with everything from one of a kind, handmade jewelry, clothing and home decor. Free admission and parking.

Fall Craft Show hosted by LOHS PTO. Visit Lake Orion High School, 495 E Scripps Road in Lake Orion on Saturday, October 13 from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission $3; ages 12 and younger free.

MI Blood Drive. Michigan Blood provides blood for hospitals in four major regions of our state. Blood is needed constantly; 1 out of every 7 hospital patients need blood. Come to the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion on Monday, October 15th from 2 to 7 pm and help save lives by donating. Contact Anna Marie Stuben at 248-391-0304 x3504 for more information.

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Coffee with Chris. Stop in at the Orion Center October 26th for an informational meeting with Supervisor Chris Barnett. Topics will include current events in Orion Township and other matters of interest. If you have a request that may take some research please submit it in advance to cbarnett@oriontownship.org or schedule an appointment. Held monthly on the fourth Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 am at the Orion Center (Orion Room), 1335 Joslyn Road in Lake Orion.

American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Making Strides walks are the largest network of breast cancer awareness events in the nation, uniting nearly 300 communities to help end breast cancer. Last year, more than 1 million participants helped raise more than $60 million. Oakland County event at Rochester Municipal Park on Saturday, October 27th. Register online at MakingStridesWalk.org/OaklandCountyMI. Questions? Call 248-663-3508.

Culver’s Kids Family Fun Night. Visit Culver’s every Wednesday from 4 to 9 pm when all kids meals (12 & Under) are just $2.99. Kids night also features free balloons, prizes, craft table, face painting, kids cartoons, hula hoop contests, kids riddles & more. Fun for the whole family at Culver’s, 4963 InterPark North in Lake Orion.

College Students Drop In Bowling. College students, visit Classic Lanes in Rochester Hills on Tuesdays between 1 and 4 pm and Thursdays between 10:30 pm and midnight to have some fun bowling. Bring your ID and $4 per person (includes bowling and shoes).

Visit the Chamber’s Events Calendar at orionareachamber.com/events/calendar for more Chamber member sponsored activities.
The Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the business community in the Orion Area.

Calling all Non-Profits and Charities!

- Are you part of a non-profit or charity focused organization?
- Do you want to grow your volunteer base and board members?
- Do you want to learn from similar organizations?
- Do you want to expand your network?

If you’ve answered “yes” to at least one of these questions, come and join us!

The group is organized by Chamber members Vito Curcuru (Consult Vito) and Patricia Duke (Love INC).

**Topic** "Strategic Planning"

**Action 10/23:** Please bring a list of planned events for the remainder of 2018 and all of 2019. We are going to begin a collaborative calendar for the non-profit group. You can also email a list of dates to communications@orionareachamber.com.

This group is FREE for anyone who wants to grow their non-profit or charitable organization. Feel free to invite a friend or fellow board member(s).
Events & Fundraisers - Oct. 15-22

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

World War I Exhibit
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ROCKit Coat Collection
Kidz1st Pediatrics are a drop off point for the ROCKit Coat collection. Donations are being accepted through October 26. For more information about the coat drive visit the event page.

College Drop In Bowling at Classic Lanes
Are you a college student? Join Classic Lanes on Tuesdays 1pm - 4PM or Thursdays 10:30pm - close, to have some fun, maybe a little competition along with low impact aerobic exercise while bowling a game or two or three.

Free Cancer Nutrition Series
Supporting the Cancer Process with Nutrition. Nuview Nutrition, LLC presents a FREE
Movies with Meaning is back!

Once a month, we will be offering all parishioners an opportunity to "come to the movies" here at St. Joseph Parish. We hope to inspire, encourage and create an atmosphere for honest, safe and open dialogue. We hope to raise each other up in friendship and fellowship and have lots of fun doing so!

Please join us for our first Movies with Meaning evening on Friday, Nov. 30th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. See details below!

St. Joseph Upcoming Events!

For more information, visit www.stjoelo.org.

For Everyone: PRAISE & WORSHIP MASS
Join us for a lively Mass with praise & worship music!
Sunday, Nov. 18 at 10:45am in church

For Women: ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT DAYTIME TEA
Our Advent by Candlelight event in a daytime format for our senior adults and those who don’t drive at night! Visit our website or call the parish office to register.
Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 1:30 p.m. in Marian Hall

For Seniors: SENIOR COFFEE
Seniors are invited to join us for breakfast and fellowship after 9 a.m. Mass.
Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 9:45 a.m. in Marian Hall

For Women: ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT EVENING EVENT
Our classic Advent by Candlelight evening event! Whether you have a table of friends or would like to come on your own, just visit our website or call the parish office to register.
Thursday, Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym, Marian Hall and Church

For Everyone: ST. JOE’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT – “AND ON EARTH, PEACE”
Join us as we experience the miracle of Christmas in song and drama. Featuring our St. Joseph Church music ministry, J-Walkers, children’s choir and members of the Macomb Symphony Orchestra. Concert is FREE, donations accepted.
Sunday, Dec. 2 at 6:00pm in church

For Everyone: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Join us as we honor our Blessed Mother on this feast day. Please note that attendance at the Saturday 4:30pm vigil Mass would not count towards the obligation for this holy day.
Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:00a.m. in the Church

For Everyone: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Join us as we honor the miracle of our the Blessed Mother’s appearance to Juan Diego. Masses at 9am and 7pm. The 7pm Mass will be a special bi-lingual liturgy in conjunction with our Hispanic community and Christ the Redeemer Parish.
Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7pm in the Church

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS
The Orion Township Public Library and the Lake Orion United Methodist Church have formed a partnership to bring you a series of conversations at Lockhart’s BBQ in Lake Orion on various social justice issues presented by experts in each topic. The next talk will be:

One Nation Under God: Faith and Government
Monday, November 12 @ 7:00pm Presented
with guest speakers Fr. Mike Verschaeye and Judge Michael Warren

All are welcome to attend and learn from experts in the field in a safe and supportive environment. Lockhart’s BBQ is located at 37 East Flint Street in Downtown LO. All are welcome!
This year's Halloween Parade had a surprise twist!

The Halloween Parade started off the same as they all have in the past. Happy kids dressed up like their favorite characters. Parents rushing to get everyone lined up on time. Chief Narsh leading the parade in a 1941 Ford, just like the cars the police used "back-in-the-day". Even the ladies from the Library brought in the bookmobile to be a part of the festivities.
Orion Township Public Library

November 2 at 8:06 PM ·

DYK if you happen to find yourself at Orion Sports Bar or Old Detroit Burger Bar - Lapeer and take a selfie holding our fancy new coasters, you can post it in the comments below? #MoreThanBooks

6 Comments
5 Shares

Lisa Russell, Carla May Tousley and 39 others

Comments
View all 6 comments

Alice Cruz This is great!
Orion Township Public Library Thanks!
Karen Rhinehardt Lee Thanks for the great excuse to visit these fine establishments!
Heather Myers Muzzy That will be posted on my Untappd app for sure!!
Norman Leon Great idea using coasters to promote our great public libraries.
MaryAnne Thorndycraft #morethanbooks. Thanks to Orion Sports Bar for being a library supporter

MaryAnne Thorndycraft
Orion Township Public Library
2 mins ·
Does your family love games? Come and celebrate the end of International Games Week at the Orion Library with our big TableTop Game Day on Saturday, November 10 from 11:00a to 4:00p. Enjoy games for all ages and abilities and feel free to bring a favorite game from home to share!

Orion Township Public Library
Yesterday at 8:53 AM ·
Stop by the library during the month of November and see paintings by Greg Zafiroff on display on the Guest Artist wall, and metal detector treasures from Mark Branton in the display case.

7You, James Pugh and 5 others
Orion Township Public Library shared an event.
November 5 at 9:06 AM ·
Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Orion Township Library’s Holiday Basket Auction at the library from Saturday, November 10-Saturday, December 1. It’s a great way to get started on your holiday shopping ... and funds raised support key programs at the library. Thanks to our local businesses for contributing wonderful basket items! It’s the most wonderful time of the year! 🎄

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Friends Holiday Basket Auction
Friends of Orion Township Library · Lake Orion

You like Friends of Orion Township Library
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Orion Township Public Library
November 4 at 11:36 AM ·
There are only 51 more days until Christmas, what?! Come check out some of the new books that just arrived for the holidays😊

9James Pugh and 8 others
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Comments
Do you know where to vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2018? Do you know what is on the ballot? Do you know who is running? We have **League of Women Voters Oakland Area** Voter Guides available that answer these as well as other questions Michigan voters may have. For additional voter information in **Orion Township, Michigan** visit [www.oriontownship.org](http://www.oriontownship.org/) and in the bottom left hand corner of the web page, you will find local information for Orion voters.

**Orion Township Public Library**

November 3 at 9:30 AM

What do you do with a broken toaster or hairdryer, a piece of clothing that needs to be altered, or a broken chair? Toss it? No way! Bring your broken items to the Repair Café at the Orion Library tomorrow from 1:00p to 4:00p and volunteer repair experts will make all possible repairs FREE of charge!

**Orion Township Public Library**

November 2 at 2:00 PM

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**James Pugh**, **Amanda Sharp** and 21 others

**Bayard Saunders** Brilliant idea.

**Crystal Cinader Pasciak** This is such a great idea, thank you for doing this!
There's still time to vote for the Dragon Award! The Dragon Award is Orion's favorite children's book as voted on by 3rd-5th grade Lake Orion Community Schools and other students. Vote for your favorite here until November 6th: orionlibrary.org/youth/dragon-award/

The winner will be announced on November 7th!

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Many thanks to the 743 people who voted in our staff pumpkin contest! The winners were:
1st place - Charlotte from Charlotte’s Web by Monica
2nd place - Cinderella’s carriage by Cherie
3rd place - Frozen by Val

They were all so good that it was hard to pick just one.
Orion Township Public Library
October 31 at 12:49 PM ·
Happy Halloween from OTPL! Our Halloween stories and parade were lots of fun this morning, and there were so many great costumes!

Orion Township Public Library
October 30 at 6:30 PM ·
PBS asked and America answered: What is America’s Best-loved Novel? Through The Great American Read, people voted and the results are in. We have the top 100 list and some titles available for you to check out. How many have you read? #greatreadpbs
Coming to our Halloween Storytime and Costume Parade tomorrow at 10am? If you would like to, please help us give back to the community with our ThanksGIVING Canned Food Drive for the Orion/Oxford FISH Food Pantry! Feel free to bring in the items listed or any non-perishable food item and drop it off in our lobby through November 14th.

Thank you for helping us give back to our community by giving a Thanksgiving meal to families in need! And thank you to the Orion/Oxford FISH Food Pantry for your work in the community.

Join Dr. Karen Miller of Oakland University tonight at the Orion Library at 7:00p for a presentation about the Detroit Riots of 1943.
This afternoon's Make It Take It - Bouncy Ball Science explained the science behind bouncy balls with slow motion videos of bouncing action. Then kids were able to design and make their own bouncy balls.

Orion Township Public Library

There’s still time to read to the dogs this morning! These adorably costumed pups will be here until 11:30. Drop in and read them a story!

Emily Kauhn Frances Albers!!!!!
Orion Township Public Library
October 26 at 9:44 AM

Tomorrow the library's going to the Dogs!

Please join us tomorrow from 10-11:30a for our Doggone Readers Group Read! We will have several dogs here for you to share your stories, practice reading out loud, and build your reading confidence. You can read to one dog or all of the dogs! The dogs will be in costume and you are encouraged to dress up, too! This is a drop in program and all ages are welcome.

2 Comments
3 Shares

10Lori Morris, Kris Remenar and 8 others
Tom Pavelich Kristi Hipple Pavelich
Kristi Hipple Pavelich I think I know where David will be at on Saturday morning! ❤️🐶❤️
Melissa Freedman Barthel I wish we could do this too, Emily Lessnau!

The dogs will be here until 11:30a! If you can't make it Saturday, look for our individual Doggone Readers sessions here: https://orionlibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar

Orion Township Public Library
October 25 at 11:38 AM

Just a reminder - tonight's Drop-In Tech Help session has been cancelled. Eric will be back next week.

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Orion Township Public Library
October 25 at 9:30 AM ·
Look at our new Kids’ Card!!! We would like to thank artist Alec Longstreth for providing us with the awesome dragon art from his webcomic Isle of Elsi! If you would like to see more visit isleofelsi.com.
Only Lake Orion students and kids under 18 are eligible for this card.

Orion Township Public Library

3 Comments
1 Share
25You, Lori Morris, Carla May Tousley and 22 others
Nadia Hillawi Bishop Do you have to be school-age to be eligible?
Karen Knox Nope. Any kid under 18.
Holly Chapp How fun!! Can we replace existing cards for the new one??
Orion Township Public Library Yes. Please see our customer service desk for all the details about replacing old cards for the new ones.

Orion Township Public Library is at Village Of Lake Orion Downtown, Lake Orion, Michigan.
October 24 at 6:08 PM · Lake Orion ·
The Halloween Parade has begun!

1 Comment
6 Shares
54You, Lori Morris, James Pugh and 51 others
Julie Froehlich That is awesome! I think he is supposed to bite your finger Joyce...
Orion Township Public Library shared a post.
October 24 at 10:46 AM ·
Does your group or organization need a place to meet? Contact Joyce at 248.693.3000 x431 for meeting room availability at the Orion Library. Free room rental for non-profits!

Orion Area Chamber of Commerce is attending Non-Profit and Charity Networking Group: Strategic Planning Like Page
October 23 at 9:43 AM ·
Packed house today! Our non-profit Members learning about Story-based Strategic Planning this morning.

Orion Area Chamber of Commerce We deeply appreciate the Orion Township Public Library allowing us to use their meeting rooms!

Orion Township Public Library
October 23 at 10:48 AM ·
It’s #nationalfriendsofthelibraryweek and we are so proud of our Friends’ group! We could not do many of the great programs we do if not for them. Stop by the table in the lobby to see all that our Friends do to enable us to better serve you, the community! (And keep an eye out for their annual silent auction fundraiser coming soon...) #friendsofthelibrary#wegetbywithalittlehelpfromourfriends #thankyouforbeingafriend#orionlibrary #morethanbooks #becauseofourfriends

MaryAnne Thorndycraft Thanks to all our current and former Friends!! We couldn’t do what we do without all their efforts and hard work!!😊
Orion Township Public Library

October 22 at 8:18 PM ·
Some great family photos from “The Witch’s Tomb” haunted house at the library! See if you can brave the terrors too, Tuesday through Thursday 6-8pm! All ages welcome!

Orion Township Public Library

October 22 at 2:40 PM ·

Orion Township Public Library

October 22 at 2:40 PM ·

2 Comments
1 Share
25You, Lori Morris, Beth Blubaugh Sheridan and 22 others
Erandy Pacheco Salazar It’s pretty cool, guys! Thumbs up! 👍👍👍👏👏
Lori Morris Great job to our Teen Librarian Dan Major and our awesome teen volunteers who made this year’s Haunted House a fantastic experience!

Alice Cruz I love this!
Orion Township Public Library
October 19 at 8:21 AM
Drop in if you dare for the library's annual kid-friendly haunted house put on by teen volunteers! Monday, October 22 through Thursday, October 25, 6:00p-8:00p

2 Comments
12 Shares
Lisa Russell, Judi Rudisill and 37 others
Matthew Shell Michelle Shell
Sue Naffziger Quattrochi Looks awesome! Always a great event.

Orion Township Public Library
October 18 at 11:32 AM
Stop by the Orion Library now through November 10 and see the WWI traveling exhibit on display consisting of panels discussing WWI and its impact on the people of the time.

2 Comments
2 Shares
James Pugh and 8 others
Governry I have fond memories of serving as a captain/medical doctor in the British army during our Great War.
Geneva Marie This looks great. Definitely coming in November.
Get in the spirit of Halloween at the Paranormal Michigan program tonight at 7:00p! Detroit Paranormal Expeditions will be at the Orion Library for a presentation about haunts in Michigan. They will discuss the types of equipment they use, as well as talk about some of Michigan's most haunted locations. Detroit Paranormal Expeditions

Our first Tech Recycle event is going well. We will be accepting old computer and electronics equipment until 1pm today. Bring your items to the back of the parking lot and we will do the rest.

Hi Julianna. We're sorry, too! But good news: we will plan another tech recycling event in the future. Keep an eye out for our newsletter that comes to Orion residents in the mail, check our website orionlibrary.org, and keep an eye on our social media sites for more info regarding this and other programs!
The Orion Library is partnering with ElectroCycle to offer FREE recycling of your old computer and electronics equipment. Library IT staff will be on hand to collect your equipment during the designated drop off period.

**Stephanie Knight**  I was going to tell you about this

**Orion Township Public Library**  Hard drives will be shredded after the company picks them up. You can request confirmation be sent to you after it's done via paperwork at the event when you drop it off.

**Jen Geczi**  We missed this! Will there be another?

**Orion Township Public Library**  Nothing set in stone yet but we're tentatively planning for another in late spring.

**Orion Township Public Library**  We will miss the 80 degree weather, but boy howdy isn’t Fall beautiful in its own right? Can’t wait for the colors to be in full swing!  #leaveschangingcolor#fallcolorsarecoming #michiganautumn #puremichigan #orionlibrary  @  Orion Township Public Library
The Orion Library is partnering with ElectroCycle to offer free recycling of your old computer and electronics equipment this Saturday, October 13 from 10:00a to 1:00p.

Acceptable Equipment:
Computers & Laptops, LCD Monitors, Hard Drives, Keyboards, Mice, Fax Machines, Wires, Phones, Cell Phones, Printers, Scanners, Switches, Servers and Racks, Battery Back Ups, Toner, and miscellaneous electric office equipment.

Michael Toth: Do you have to be an Orion resident?
Orion Township Public Library: No, we won't be checking residency.
Kristy Fox Jones: Ryan Jones
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.

All eyes are on the November 6 election. Even the pundits aren't predicting winners and losers. In part, that's because political polling has become unreliable. In the past, a telephone poll of 700 voters would garner more than 500 results. Now a poll might get a handful of folks to answer questions. As a result, pollsters are increasingly in the dark about what to expect on election day.

Michigan has a Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State and both chambers of the legislature up for election. Republicans could lose some of their majority but how much is anyone's guess. In the meantime, Lansing is eerily quiet while campaigns continue across the state.

Once elections are over, we can expect a frenzy of activity. As a result, we will be watching for assaults on penal fines, millage elections and free speech. In addition, changes to the recently passed minimum wage bill are likely.

Recently MLA distributed an email survey to candidates. Not all candidates provided us with emails nor did every candidate respond when contacted. We've included their responses in pdf format by House, Senate and Federal seats. Responses are in alphabetical order by candidate last name but can also be searched by name or district number by pressing F3.

One response stood out from all the others. Poppy Sias-Hernandez who is running for the seat in Senate District 34 included a personal note stating, "...libraries have been essential to my personal and professional journey." While MLA does not endorse any candidates for office, Poppy's response reminds us how important it is to learn about the issues and what is important to those running for election.

If you have a particular candidate you would like to hear from let us know. We will make an extra effort to contact them.

Please vote on November 6.

Read online
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.

Save the Date for MLA 2019

Mark your calendar now for next October 16-18, and plan to join us back in Novi, for MLA 2019 Annual Conference, the premier education and networking event for library professionals and library supporters throughout the state.
Thank you for letting us borrow you from your libraries for MLA 2018 Annual Conference. We hope you have returned to your organizations with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the incredible work you do in your communities!

Don't forget to check your inbox for the attendee survey and let us know how we can continue to improve your conference experience!

Session handouts are available on the annual conference website.

MLA Seeking Nominations for 2019-2020 Board

The MLA Board of Directors is seeking candidates for the 2019-2020 Board Election. In April members will vote for a MLA President Elect and two member-at-large board positions. The at-large positions will serve for a three-year term beginning July 2019 and ending June 2022.

The submission deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018. To submit a nomination, complete the 2019-2020 MLA Board Nomination Form online.

For any questions please contact Romy Fitschen, Director of Finance and Administration at rfitschen@milibraries.org.

Thank you in advance for taking an active role in your association's nomination process and for encouraging individuals to apply. More information

Spring Institute 2019 Call for Proposals

MLA Spring Institute 2019
Growing, Networking, and Inspiring!
March 27 - 29, 2019
Double Tree by Hilton in Bay City, MI

Submissions welcome through Friday, November 9, 2018.

The 2019 MLA Spring Institute Conference theme is Growing, Networking, and Inspiring, and those are exactly the experiences that the event will focus on.

All topics are welcome to be proposed. Examples could be, but not limited to: early literacy, diversity, coding/STEM, grants/fundraising, music, personal development, avoiding burnout, self-care, programming, collections and management.

To view detailed information and submit your proposal, please visit www.milibraries.org.
Call for Cool Things My Library Does Proposals

Submissions welcome through Monday, January 7, 2019.

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! More information

MLA Fundraising Webinar

How to Attract, Cultivate and Wow Sponsors
November 7, 2018
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Registration is open for MLA's upcoming webinar on attracting sponsors for your programs and events. Joanna Hogan is a Strategic Fundraising Coach who specializes in fundraising and sponsor development and is presenting this webinar to help you do just that. She will walk you through her step-by-step process to Identify, Attract, and Wow your sponsors so that the process is fun for you and for them, and gives you both the results you want.

Individual and organizational registration passes are available. Organizational purchase allows an unlimited number of participants from your organization to attend the webinar.

More information

New Library Director Academy: Survive and Thrive as a Library Director

Are you a newly appointed library director in need of support and information? Join Maxine Bleiweis for the MLA New Library Director Academy: Survive and Thrive as a Library Director. This four-session seminar begins in February 2019 and will address the many issues confronting new directors. The program includes an in-person workshop, three webinars, an individual consulting session with Maxine, and wraps up with a networking event.

Cost for the entire program including follow up sessions is $875 for MLA members and $975 for non-members. Register online

More information

Citizenship Information and Resources for Libraries

The Detroit New Americans Campaign promotes and assists naturalization for eligible lawful permanent residents and has reached out to provide information that libraries can provide to immigrants seeking citizenship. Resources including basics on qualifying, a link to the web-based service Citizenship Works and a list of nonprofit
immigration service providers throughout Michigan are available for download here. Visit the Detroit New Americans Campaign website for more resources and information.

Save the date for MLA Community Collaborations, April 14, 2019, a daylong workshop dedicated to how libraries can better serve the immigrant population.

**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**

*Spring Lake District Library - Spring Lake, Michigan*

Spring Lake District Library's Board of Trustees seek an exceptional candidate--excited and ready to lead a vibrant, well-respected Library to the forefront of library service! Serving a District of 18,260 residents. [Read more](#)

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Dear Karen,

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

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

Your MLA membership will expire on: 06/30/2019
Visit the MLA website to renew your membership or update your profile (login required).

President's Update

On the heels of the 2018 Michigan Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference and the midterm elections, many Michigan library staff members and libraries are celebrating renewed knowledge, energy, connections, and most importantly, that their levies passed. Congratulations to all the libraries who passed their levies on November 6! Let yourselves and your patrons celebrate those victories.

As we look forward, with this renewed energy, to the holidays and to 2019, the MLA Board of Directors will be conducting the search for the new MLA director. This process is progressing as we talk with possible search firms and develop a workable timeline. Not surprisingly, search firms are excessively busy right now.

It is also a time that MLA is gearing up for the New Library Director Academy. If you are a newly appointed library director in need of support and information, then the MLA New Library Director Academy: Survive and Thrive as a Library Director, is for you. Don't walk, but run to the nearest computer to sign up at www.milibraries.org.

Continue Reading

From the Executive Director's Desk
**We Survived Mid-Term Elections**

Elections are over, finally! It's been a contentious election cycle once again, but we are looking forward to some collaboration and teamwork on the part of our newly elected lawmakers. Granted, that may be optimistic, but there is certainly an opportunity for each library to connect with their elected officials. Don't wait until after the new year. Invite those folks to your library today. If they are new to the office, remind them you have space available for office hours. Host a coffee hour and invite the community to meet them. Encourage them to join you for a story time, after school program or community event. If you are planning a celebration such as a ribbon cutting, invite them to participate. It's important to have a relationship with your elected leaders. Remind them of the library's role in the community and that you can be counted on as a resource. Make them a partner in your goal to engage and serve the community.

**Lynda.com Reaching Out to Michigan Libraries**

MLA is working with Lynda.com in an effort to provide this learning program to libraries across the state at a more affordable price. The more information the folks at Lynda.com have, the easier it will be for them to offer this new option. MLA is working with Michigan-wide Lynda.com program, to combine the public library collective power to increase the number of libraries offering Lynda.com to patrons, while giving participating libraries preferable (discounted) pricing. This program is a great way for our state to provide citizens access to this valuable resource, but as you might imagine, the discount available and program viability is dependent on the number of libraries that participate.

**Thank you for Joining us at MLA 2018**

Thank you to everyone who attended, presented and volunteered at MLA’s annual conference this year. We had a tremendous turnout with close to 700 attending. The education and networking opportunities were motivating and helped us all to check out and renew. Congratulations go the MLA Annual Conference work group and work group chair Tanya Davidson for putting together a creative and engaging conference. If you missed some of the sessions, many handouts are available on the MLA Website.

**Call for Nominations: Frances H. Pletz Award**

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 2019 Frances H. Pletz Award or sharing this invitation with interested colleagues.
The deadline to submit a nomination is **January 31, 2019.**

Visit the MLA website to find out more about the [Frances H. Pletz Award](http://www.milibraries.org) or download the [nomination form here](http://www.milibraries.org). If you have questions about the award or the nomination process, please email [MLA@milibraries.org](mailto:MLA@milibraries.org).

### Michigan Author Award Volunteer Opportunity

The 2019 Michigan Author Award Work Group is seeking additional group members. The [Michigan Author Award](http://www.milibraries.org) was established in 1992 with the intention of recognizing significant Michigan authors with a lifetime achievement award. The work group will convene in-person and online as needed from December through May to help solicit nominations, review candidates, familiarize themselves with authors' works and select the winner.

If you are interested in volunteering on the work group, please contact Rachel Ash at [rfash@milibraries.org](mailto:rfash@milibraries.org). You must be a MLA member to participate.

### Spring Institute Call for Proposals Due Tomorrow

Program proposals for MLA Spring Institute 2019 are due tomorrow, Friday, November 9. Spring Institute focuses on education and networking opportunities that help youth librarians get inspired, network with colleagues and grow professionally. All topics are welcome to be proposed. Visit the [MLA website](http://www.milibraries.org) for complete details and to [submit your proposal](http://www.milibraries.org). For questions, please contact Leanne Sandoval at [lsandoval@milibraries.org](mailto:lsandoval@milibraries.org)
NOTICE

TO: Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees
    Oakland County Equalization, Assessor, Orion Township
    Robert Duke, Fire Chief, Orion Township
    Lt. Daniel Toth, OCSO, Orion Substation
    Aaron Whatley, Director of Community Programs, Orion Township
    All Taxing Units Levying Ad Valorem Property Taxes in the
    Charter Township of Orion

DATE: October 22, 2018

RE: Orion Lakes LLC, Application for Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certicate

This correspondence is to notify you, pursuant to P.A. 210 of 2005, as amended, that Orion Lakes LLC is requesting approval of their application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for real property improvements located at 47 Bluebird Hill Dr., Orion, Michigan, 48359. Orion Lakes LLC is requesting a new abatement.

This request will be the subject of a public hearing scheduled by the Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees for 7:00 p.m., on November 19, 2018, during the regular meeting to be held in the lower level Board Meeting Room at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan, 48360. You will be afforded an opportunity for hearing at that time. The Board of Trustees welcomes your input, either in writing or in person. The application is available for review and written comments can be sent to:

    Charter Township of Orion
    Penny S. Shults, Clerk
    2525 Joslyn Road
    Lake Orion, MI 48360

by e-mail: pshults@oriontownship.org.
For further information, please contact me at (248) 391-0304, ext. 4001.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk
Charter Township of Orion

PSS/jml
As the cold weather approaches, we have all sorts of fun things going on at the library!

In the Youth Department, we now have 245 children registered for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program, with 12 children having completed the program. Our new 500 by 5th program has 30 kids signed up, and 5 kids have already met the first prize level of 50 books.

Our October youth programs included LEGO (6), 2 Doggone Readers (59), Full STEAM Ahead – Eggs (21), and Make it Take it – Bouncy Balls (22). We continued our fall storyline session with 5 Baby Time (65), 14 Toddler Time (434), 9 Preschool Pals (217), and 3 special Friday Family Storytimes (95). We also continued our session of our Family Place 123 Play With Me with 4 sessions (95). Our favorite was our Halloween Stories and Parade, bringing in 194 costumed youngsters and their caregivers! In addition, our youth staff completed 11 Pre-K school visits (278), 11 K-5 school visits (713), and 12 Thinklink Book Requests.

Upon writing this report, we just completed the voting for the Dragon Award winner... Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier won by a landslide! We had a total of 106 votes and 154 comments were posted on our website by kids about their favorite book.

We also have the results of our votes for Orion Township’s favorite candy... After 168 total votes, KitKat was the winner!

Teen Services offered: Geek Club (13), Dungeons and Dragons (15), Halloween Make-up (15), and 4 Think Link After School programs (53). In addition, we had the annual Haunted House event! On setup day, 20 teens transformed the meeting room into a haunted space, and during the following week, 723 kids and caregivers went through the haunted house over the 4 nights!! The teens were really into it this year, creating a story to go along with the space. Dan did a great job leading this program.

In Adult Services, we had: 3 Book Discussions (32), 3 Tech help (16), 2 Quilting/Needle Arts groups (6), Orion Historical Society (12), Community Conversation at Lockhart’s (35), Cook the Book (13), Michigan Works (8), Detroit Riots of 1943 (20), Paranormal Michigan (59), Michigan Special Effects Artist (35), and Writers Workshop (3). We collaborated with the IT Staff for a special Tech Recycling drop-off day, which was attended by 120 people bringing in equipment to recycle! In addition, we proctored 3 tests.
Outreach Services offered: 5 ESL Conversation Groups (43), Senior Book Bunch (8), 2 Heritage Place programs (13), 9 Next Chapter Book Clubs (81), Beacon Square Memory Lane (6), Silverbell Memory Lane (12), LONC Memory Lane (13), 3 Computer Classes (9), Changes to Medicare (24), and Paper Marbling at the Orion Center (14).

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

Many staff members attended the Michigan Library Association conference in Novi October 17-19. I met with those staff on Thursday, November 8 to glean ideas and ah-ha moments that we can implement at OTPL.

On Saturday, October 20, the sun came out just long enough for us to do a ribbon cutting on the hopscotch board and memorial bench for Gina. Family, friends, and staff gathered to celebrate all that Gina contributed to our library!

On October 24, the library participated in the downtown Halloween Parade, with Monica (dressed as Dorothy) riding the Bookbike, Joyce (as the Witch) and her dog (Toto) also with the Bookbike, and then Becky and I handed out treats to the kids at the end of the parade. It was fun for all!

In October, taking the lead from our staff FISH! Committee, staff volunteered to decorate small pumpkins, which were then displayed for the public to vote for their favorite. We had 23 staff members participate, and we collected 743 votes from the lobby display – amazing and fun!

I met with the building committee on November 1, and have continued to move forward on initial projects in the library meeting room, regarding paint and flooring. Starting with paint, I’m trying to schedule the work yet in late November/early December. We’ll figure out the flooring after that.

On Monday, November 5, I had a leadership book discussion program, where I selected the book The Ordinary Leader, and invited leaders and aspiring leaders in our community to read and discuss with me. Only five community members came to the program, but it was a very engaged group, and we had a great discussion. The group would like to meet again, so I’m working on setting that up after the new year.

Due to increased theft of our videogames, we are moving the games out of the public area. The empty cases will stay on the shelves, but the game cartridges/disks will be behind the customer service desk. They will have to be
checked out by a staff member and cannot go through the self-checkouts either. These items are not cheap, and we need to do what we can to maintain access to them for the community.

The job postings for additional hourly staff to cover Sundays have closed, and I am working with department heads to schedule interviews this month. I anticipate we will train new staff in December and have them ready to take shifts starting in January.

I have analyzed the 2018 budget and have a few recommendations for adjustments to shift funds that I will discuss with the finance committee on November 15. Generally, we are in great shape again this year!

The Friends of the Library had their last board meeting on October 25. They are continuing their Strategic Planning process for the Friends organization. They are getting ready now for their Holiday Silent Auction, which will be on display in the library from November 10 to December 1 – they have close to 80 items for this auction! The board will meet again on Wednesday, November 28.

Reminders and other notable upcoming events for the Library:
- November 10 – December 1 – Friends Holiday Silent Auction
- November 21 – close at 5p for Thanksgiving holiday
- November 22-23 – closed for Thanksgiving holiday
- November 26 – Researching Your Family Tree, 7p
- December 8 – Winter Workshop, 10a-3p
- December 10 – Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30a-6:30p
- December 20 – Library board meeting, Board meeting calendar for 2019, Annual board evaluation
Tell us what you think! Complete this card or complete the online survey at:
orionlibrary.org/survey/

**COMMENTS:**

Non Fiction (New) DVD's are on the bottom shelf, making it difficult for patrons to peruse the videos without getting on hands and knees— an impossible task at times for patrons with disabilities.

If you would like a response, please provide contact information below:

**DATE:** 8-1-18
November 7, 2018

Dear Patron:

Thank you for taking the time to complete a comment card at the Orion Township Public Library. Your input, ideas and suggestions are important to us!

I checked the kiosk where we keep the New Non Fiction DVD's, and at this time they are displayed on the second to top shelf, about eye level. You are right, though, that we do have to utilize the bottom shelf for some of our materials as we do not have enough shelving space otherwise. However, if at any time you have a difficult time reaching for or accessing any material – please feel free to ask any librarian for assistance.

Thanks for bringing this to my attention, and thank you for using the Orion Township Public Library.

Sincerely,

Karen Knox
Director
Tell us what you think! Complete this card or complete the online survey at: orionlibrary.org/survey/

COMMENTS:  

The Arts & Entertainment section of the Sunday, Oct 14, edition of the NY Times is missing.

DATE: 

If you would like a response, please provide contact information below:

Name: 

Phone:  Email:  

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  orionlibrary.org

Tell us what you think! Complete this card or complete the online survey at: orionlibrary.org/survey/

COMMENTS:  

Sorry to be a pain, but the October 14, 2018 Sunday NY Times Book Review is still missing.

DATE: 10/16/18 

If you would like a response, please provide contact information below:

Name:  

Phone:  Email:  

ORION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY  orionlibrary.org
November 7, 2018

Dear Patron:

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 learned that several sections of the October 14, edition of the New York Times was missing when it was received from the publisher. 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
Tell us what you think! Complete this card or complete the online survey at: orionlibrary.org/survey/

**COMMENTS:**

Every seat was taken. Knowledgeable, practical, experienced presenter on a topic of vital importance & lots of complexity.

**DATE:** 10/23/18

If you would like a response, please provide contact information below:
Tell us what you think! Complete this card or complete the online survey at:

orionlibrary.org/survey/

COMMENTS:

NYTIMES BOOK REVIEW, OCTOBER 21, 2018!

The cover reviews Susan Orlean's new book, The Library Book, which starts with the 1986 fire in the L.A. central library (one million books destroyed) then catapults into an appreciation of libraries and their impact, sounds great.

Pp 16-17 of the BR is devoted to reminiscences of their childhood experiences in libraries by big name, published authors, (remember what the library meant to you as a child, and presumably does even today?)

More authorial tributes are available at:

nytimes.com/books

DATE: 10/20/18

If you would like a response, please provide contact information below:
# Statistical Report - Usage for the month of October 2018

## Circulation

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## Number of Items in our Collection

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<td>Non-Residents</td>
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Name of surveyor:__________  Name of surveyed:___________________  Approx age:___

We are working to keep the Library relevant and to ensure that our Library meets our Patron’s needs.

1. **If at a library event,** why did you attend the event today?

   • How did you hear about it?

2. What do you like most about the library?

3. What do you wish we would offer that we currently do not?

4. How could we improve?

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As one of our important patrons, may we have your phone number or email address? This will allow us to keep you included in future planning.

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Orion Township Public Library

Building Committee Meeting

10/31/2018

Meeting called to order at 6:35

Attendance: Thorndycraft, Abramczyk, Phillips, Pergeau, Knox

- Meeting room project – Phase I, walls and flooring, budgetary bids received at:
  - $13,500 – 16,000 for flooring (statewide contract – bidding already accomplished.
  - $4,650 for walls. This amount is under the need for competitive bidding.
  - The director recommended a not-to-exceed budget of $25,000 for Phase I, walls and flooring.
- The director presented a short demo of a cell phone app that would enable patrons to interact with the Polaris system via their personal device.
- The director is considering additional door locks that use scan cards to open.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

James J. Abramczyk
Orion Township Public Library
Human Resources Committee Meeting
10/31/2018
Meeting called to order at 7:35
Attendance: Thorndycraft, Abramczyk, Phillips, Quinn, Knox

- The committee reviewed Personnel Policy Manual from the beginning through section 3.04. Minimal changes were recommended. Changes will be brought to the board for approval once the entire manual has been reviewed.

Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

James J. Abramczyk
Trustee Conflict of Interest Disclosure
Adopted: 5/15/2014

Trustee Name: ___________________________   Date: _______________

A conflict of interest, or an appearance of a conflict, can arise whenever a transaction or an action of the Orion Township Public Library conflicts with the personal interests of a board member, an immediate family member of a board member, or the board member’s employer (Personal Interests).

Please describe below any relationships, material interests, or positions you hold (volunteer or otherwise), or circumstances that you believe could create a conflict of interest, now or in the future, between the Orion Township Public Library and your personal interests:

1. _______________________________________________________
2. _______________________________________________________
3. _______________________________________________________

Or check the box below:

___ I have no conflicts of interests, or potential conflicts of interest, to report.

I have reviewed the Orion Township Public Library’s Trustee Conduct Policy and I understand that it is my obligation to disclose a conflict of interest, or appearance of a conflict, to the chair of the board when a conflict, or appearance of a conflict, arises, and that for transaction for which I have a conflict, I should abstain from any vote on the matter involving the conflict.

Trustee Signature: ___________________________   Date: _______________
I pledge to dedicate my efforts to serve as an active member of the Orion Township Public Library trustees.

I will, without fail make every attempt to attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, committee meetings, and specially scheduled meetings and activities. In the event I am unable to attend, I promise to notify the Director.

I will make at least one financial contribution each year to the Library or Friends.

Most importantly, I will make a commitment to the role as an advocate for our Library, sharing our story, mission and ongoing news and progress within my personal, community and work-related networks.

MaryAnne Thorndycraft, President

Date

Mary Pergeau, Vice President

Date

Jim Abramczyk, Trustee

Date

Jim Phillips, Treasurer

Date

Mike Luna, Secretary

Date

Bert Quinn, Trustee

Date
Library Board members,

ONTV would like our help. Please see the message below from them and perhaps we can do something at our November meeting?

Karen Knox
Director
Orion Township Public Library
825 Joslyn Road
Lake Orion, MI 48362
(248) 693-3000 x430
kknox@orionlibrary.org

From: Ian Locke [mailto:ilocke@orionONTV.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 10:21 AM
To: Ernest Timms <erstimms@gmail.com>; George Sinnott <sinnott4@gmail.com>; Joseph Patrick Belanger <jspblng66@gmail.com>; Ralph Painter <barodaskip@aol.com>; Sarah Paine <sarah.l.paine@gmail.com>; Tom Watson <tdubwattson@gmail.com>; Lisa Sokol <lsokol414@gmail.com>; Chris Barnett <cbarnett@oriontownship.org>; Marion Ginopolis <Marion.Ginopolis@lok12.org>; Penny Shults <pshults@oriontownship.org>; Donni Steele <dstelee@oriontownship.org>; Joseph Young <youngj@lakeorion.org>; Karen Knox <kknox@orionlibrary.org>
Subject: SB 637 Update - FCC Complaint Letters- HELP

Hey all-

PLEASE take a moment to read this message FULLY.

Here's a letter from PROTEC regarding SB637.

It responds to industry complaints that local communities are spreading inaccurate information about the bill.

Please take a look.

I've also included a link to a detailed analysis of the FCC rules/order changes by Blair Levin, an expert on national digital roll-outs. It clearly shows that the FCC is making rules without concern for the impact on local governments/communities.

https://www.benton.org/blog/fcc-ignores-reality-5g-proposal?utm_campaign=Newsletters&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email
The FCC comment period is now OPEN. **We are on the clock to oppose these rules. December 14th is the cut off date to file!**

Our local government bodies MUST respond. This FCC does listen to elected officials and boards! They do not take individual complaints seriously (per our reps in DC).

A Township response is in the works...thanks Chris!!!
Village...we need your help!!
LO School Board...we need your help!
Library Board...we need your help!

If all of our board chairs, directors, managers etc. sign these prepared documents LO could speak in one voice.

I've included a sample letter (for review) Township is using to send to the FCC Chairman, AND an official FCC filing document that each board should endorse. We will be attaching local letters of support for ONTV on these letters as well!

I have drafted the responses for comment on our local use and services ONTV provides. PLEASE send any additions or modifications! Remember...I'm a video producer by trade, not an English major!! :)

ONTV can only ask for your help. It's up to you all to follow through...or not.

Thanks

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Ian Locke

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Does Senate Bill 637 Affect Franchise and PEG Fees?  
The Myths and The Facts

PROTEC and Michigan NATOA response to FALSE claims by industry about SB 637, including an explanation of the correlation between SB 637 and Cable Franchise fees.

1. **Industry will tell you that SB 637 does not put Cable franchise fees at risk and connecting the two is an attempt to confuse people.**

   **FALSE:** The link between SB 637, other similar state legislation and identical FCC action favoring telecoms is directly related to the recent FCC cable franchise proceeding and specifically requested by the cable industry to cure “the disparate treatment of cable operators as compared to other broadband providers”.

   Cable industry letter to the FCC June 11, 2018: 

   SB 637 also gives cable a freebie for use of the Right-of-Way (ROW) for Cable’s own wireless equipment.

2. **Industry will tell you that these are “small” cells.**

   **FALSE:** These small cells are not small. These cells are 31 cubic feet of “wireless facilities” per provider, per pole. They are the size of an industrial refrigerator. The bill allows wireless providers to attach these ‘small cells’ and related equipment (31+ Cubic Feet per provider per pole) to streetlights or lampposts, 3rd party poles such as DTE/Consumers poles and new poles.

3. **Industry will tell you that there were dozens of meetings held with workgroups and local governments all of whom were represented.**

   **FALSE:** Ask which particular local governments were at the table. Ask which technology professionals were at the table other than industry. Individual local governments, PROTEC and Michigan NATOA were not invited to the table to draft the bills or amendments.

4. **Industry will tell you that SB 637 will pave the way for future deployment of next generation 5G wireless technology.**

   **FALSE:** There is NO obligation for buildout in SB 637. There is no requirement in SB 637 for any provider to “provide” any “future deployment of next generation 5G wireless” or any other technology – anywhere – to anyone - ever, in exchange for this give away. Industry wants the benefits of “utility” status with none of the obligations, such as build out minimums, service standards and at least some assurances on rates in exchange for this give away of the public ROW.
FALSE AGAIN: Industry reported to Wall Street that they have **NO intention** of doing anything different in light of these ROW giveaways.

Verizon Communications Inc. Q3 2018 Earnings Call Transcript (Oct. 23, 2018), available at https://seekingalpha.com/article/4213544-verizon-communications-inc-vz-q3-2018-results-earnings-call-transcript?part=single “...we were glad to see the FCC rules around the small cell adoption, doesn’t necessarily increase the velocity that we see. Our teams have been engaged with municipalities across the country on getting permits to put up small cells whether for 4G or 5G. Certainly like the fact that they are providing a little more guidance for how quickly that should happen.

But I don’t see it having a material impact to our build out plans. We are going as fast as we can. And while the federal level rules are helpful it is still a very local activity municipality-by-municipality. So a lot of good work going on there.”


“I wouldn’t look at that and assume that we’re going to see a material change in our 18 to 24-month deployment cycle. In fact, we don’t believe that will result.”

5. **Industry will tell you they have to go in the ROW to build out their 5G system.**

**FALSE:** They can go on private property. Why do they want to avoid that? Because they do not want to pay market rent to the private sector. They want to enter the public ROW virtually **FREE.** Then they want to charge market rate prices to other providers as well as to their customers: Our local residents.

**Industry claims the allowed fees are “the Best”**.

**FALSE:** SB 637 sets the standard fees for public ROW access and attachment to government owner structures at $20 per year. **These fees are 1% of market rates in states NOT passing such legislation.**

**FALSE AGAIN: The right-of-way is the public right-of-way; NOT the telecommunication company’s right-of-way.** Michigan Constitution Article 7 Section 29 provides absolute franchise rights to local communities for anyone seeking to use Rights of Way, in order to assure that taxpayer property is not given away at his and her further expense.


6. **Industry will tell you SB 637 is not a giveaway.**
FALSE: SB 637 is a simple rent negotiation. Industry wants to occupy our public ROW - rent free. We need to stand our ground and demand fair market value rent so our residents don’t end up subsidizing the telecom industry.

Established in 1996, PROTEC (The Michigan Coalition To Protect Public Rights-Of-Way) was formed by several Michigan cities interested in protecting their citizens’ control over public rights-of-way, and their right to receive fair compensation from those industries that use public property.

Michigan NATOA is the state Chapter for national NATOA. Founded in 1980, NATOA is the premier local government professional association that provides support to members on the many local, state, and federal communications laws, administrative rulings, judicial decisions, and technology issues impacting the interests of local governments. Michigan NATOA actively analyzes and addresses emerging issues in areas such as local government communications and internet policy; broadband planning best practices; cable franchising; wireless zoning; new technology initiatives and advancements; and operation of public, education and government (PEG) access channels.
In the Matter of

Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

MB Docket No. 05-311

COMMENDS OF [NAME OF ORGANIZATION]

Charter township of Orion and Orion Neighborhood Television appreciates the opportunity to file comments on the Second Further Notice and Proposed Rulemaking ("FNPRM") in the above-referenced docket. Community Television has been thriving in Lake Orion Michigan for over 30 years and now it’s at risk with the proposed rules changes. Our community of 33,000, are active users of the Public Access, Education, and Government channels. Weekly, monthly, and quarterly programs are produced to this day totaling 800 programs per year. Franchise fees also support our local school district’s award winning video production program to the tune of $250,000 in the last two years alone. These students now work throughout the U.S. as producers, reporters, and content creators. These are real careers that were started with cable franchise fees and PEG funding.

Besides local programs, our local media center supports non-profits, religious institutions, food drives, community awareness projects, public safety videos, candidate nights, training videos, media literacy camps, newscasts, and gavel to gavel government meeting coverage that draws over 19,000 views per year.
We strongly oppose the tentative conclusion in the FNPRM that cable-related in-kind contributions, such as those that allow our programming to be viewed on the cable system, are franchise fees.

The Orion community has long had a fine relationships with our local cable providers. Over the past 30 years, our three PEG channels, and the access to them, has never been categorized as a franchise fee. During negotiations to renew our recently signed franchise agreement with Comcast, not once did the access to the mandated channels be discussed as a franchise fee and that in-kind services would be a charged service.

The loss of franchise fees for our community would cripple our ability to provide the video services Orion Township residents have used weekly for the past 30 years. It’s unbelievable that such rules changes would site that PEG services do not offer value to the public or cable consumer! In Orion Township our viewers watch gavel to gavel meeting coverage weekly, school sporting events, local news not covered by our regional news outlets, and our local senior citizen produced program titled “Active Living”. Roughly 800 local programs annually are produced for local consumption at Orion Neighborhood Television.

Franchise fees also offer our local school district the much needed funds to maintain their award winning high school video program. These funds are used to purchase equipment and support internships at our public access studio. These funds help students earn scholarships, develop a trade, and establish real careers. This program would be in jeopardy if funding ceases.

Our local library, churches, and nonprofits also rely on our community television studio to help promote their services and missions. Support to community food drives, fundraising, and community initiatives will be impacted directly without funding.
As demonstrated above, Orion Township and Orion Neighborhood Television provide valuable local programming that is not otherwise available on the local cable system or in other modes of video delivery such as satellite. Yet the Commission tentatively concludes that non-capital PEG requirements should be considered franchise fees because they are, in essence, taxes imposed for the benefit of LFAs or their designated PEG providers. By contrast, the FNPRM tentatively concludes that build-out requirements are not franchise fees because they are not contributions to the franchising authority. The FNPRM then requests comment on “other requirements besides build-out obligations that are not specifically for the use or benefit of the LFA or an entity designated the LFA and therefore should not be considered contributions to an LFA.” PEG programming fits squarely into the category of benefits that do not accrue to the LFA or its designated access provider, yet the Commission concludes without any discussion of the public benefits of local programming that non-capital PEG-related provisions benefit the LFA or its designee rather than the public at large.]

In summary, PEG funds only address a small portion of Orion Neighborhood Television funding. Orion Township decided long ago that any funds collected via the franchise agreements would be put to use informing, teaching, supporting our resident’s right to free speech, and supporting the community at large. Government meeting coverage alone offers unique programming our community greatly values. Open and transparent government is supported and encouraged when meetings are televised. Our community's collective history has been recorded for future generations to reflect on as well. The hungry in our community have been assisted with our food drive television programs, our students have been taught a trade, our resident shut ins can see their nieces and nephews, grandsons and daughters, compete in sports, perform in a concert, and walk across the stage at graduation because of community television. There is a direct
community impact with the services from PEG centers. Communities will lose a uniquely local and community based entity with this funding loss. To say otherwise is disingenuous at best, supremely selfish at worst.

We appreciate the opportunity to add to the record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
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11/05/18
Date: 11/05/18

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

We write to express our concern about and disapproval of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC’s September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

[Describe your community and its relationship with PEG]

[Describe the value of PEG in your community and which communities and interest groups view programming on the cable channels]

This local presence enablees the residents of our [town, city, county] to watch uniquely local programming about their community and local events and issues of interest to them. And that was the intent of the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act – to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. By defining “franchise fee” in an overly broad fashion to include “in-kind” support, the FCC’s proposals will shift the fair balance between cable franchising authorities and cable operators and will force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, – something that was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and hope you will protect PEG channels in our community and others by choosing not to adopt many of the proposals in the Further Notice.

Sincerely,

CC: The Honorable Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner