New library logo symbolizes community values

Keep an eye out this summer for the library’s new look! We are modernizing our logo to show our commitment to being forward-thinking and creative, and not only with our programs and services.

Orion Township is “where living is a vacation,” with a variety of outdoor recreational activities on the lakes, in the parks, or on the trails. Our new logo captures that essence with a tree overlooking a lake, symbolizing the values of our community. Orion Township Public Library is the community’s hub of knowledge, discovery, and creativity. We strive to fulfill our Mission to serve and engage a thriving community of lifelong learners, offering such innovative programs and services as our Makerspace and More Than Books Collection.

As we refocus our strategies to better serve you, now is the perfect opportunity to update our logo to reflect our commitment to our Vision: connecting the community through information, technology, and partnerships. Come for the brand new look, stay for all the innovative programs and services.

Chase

Summer reading fun

Summer is always an exciting time of year for us at the library. Not just because the weather is warm and school is out, but of course because it is time for the annual Summer Reading Program. On the next few pages, you can read about the many wonderful events for all ages that our librarians have planned this summer. Of course, we will be kicking Summer Reading off with a big celebration on Saturday, June 10 from 11 am to 1 pm. Everyone is welcome, and we hope to see a crowd.

The library is also in the middle of our strategic planning process. Earlier this year we were able to listen to what the community had to say about library services through focus groups, interviews, and a community-wide survey. I want to truly thank everyone that shared their thoughts with us. We had a tremendous turnout, and we have a lot of information to dig through. We can now start on the fun part, designing services that our community needs the most and will make the greatest impact. Look for a completed plan in the early fall.

For those that may have missed the official process, I still invite you to share your thoughts with us by giving me a call at 248–693–3000 x430, sending me an email at cmcmunn@orionlibrary.org, or leaving a comment card in the lobby. Strong community support is always the best indicator of a strong library, and we thank you all for that support.

I will also use this space to remind you that nothing goes better with leisure time and vacations than a good book (or e-book). Please stop by the library and find your next summer read, a board game to share with the family, a giant lawn game to play at a backyard BBQ, tools to tackle a pesky home problem... the list could go on and on. Have a wonderful summer, everyone.

Chase

From the Director

General Info

Notary Services available

Notary services are provided at no charge for patrons at OTPL, but an appointment is necessary. Please call 248–693–3000 to make your appointment.

Upcoming Library Closings

July 4
Sundays during the summer

For a calendar of all library events please visit the Events tab at orionlibrary.org.

Department Numbers

Adult 248–693–3001
Outreach 248–693–3000 x411
Teen 248–693–3000 x414
Youth 248–693–3002
IT 248-693-3000 x540

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2023 Summer Reading: Find Your Voice!

Find Your Voice in a new book this summer! Library patrons of all ages can register for summer reading using our new reading tracker Beanstack, to track their reading and activities, and win great prizes. A print option will also be available. Each book or activity corresponds to a square on a bingo sheet; get a bingo for a chance to win big! Beanstack Tracker is available to download to your preferred smart device or can be accessed online from our website.

Prizes for adults range from library swag to gift cards, and even a Kobo Libra 2 eReader! Teen prizes include free books and a variety of gift cards. Youth participants can win free books, LEGO, and a chance to win a showcase prize. Summer Reading registration begins at our Kickoff event on June 10 from 11 am–1 pm. Be sure to check for all programming listed here, including our amazing end-of-summer reading celebrations!

Orion Center Library Branch and home-bound patrons can participate starting Monday, June 12.

All prizes must be picked up by Saturday, August 12.

Summer Reading Kickoff
Sat, Jun 10 | 11 am—1 pm
Celebrate with the library as we kick off a summer of reading. This outdoor party offers fun for all ages, including inflatable games, climbing wall, balloon animals, henna for teens, kids face painting, and more, like free ice cream from the library Book Bike! Attendees can also visit with local organizations, businesses, and nonprofits. All kickoff attendees who register for summer reading can enter to win a family pack of tickets to a special summer event.

Summer Reading Finale with Cameron Zvara
Sat, Aug 5 | 11 am | All Ages
Enjoy an outstanding magic show outside with Cameron Zvara to celebrate a summer of reading! Summer Reading showcase prize raffle will begin promptly after the show.

Teen Summer Reading Party
Fri, Aug 4 | 6–8 pm
Urban Air Adventure Park
See page 43 for details.

Registration for programs opens one month prior to the program date at 9:30 am unless stated otherwise.

Many of our programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Orion Library

ADULT SERVICES

Glowforge: Stained Glass Suncatchers
Tue, Aug 8 | 7 pm
Sat, Aug 12 | 2 and 3:30 pm
Register online
Using our Glowforge laser cutter, make a colorful suncatcher with wood and acrylic.

The Write Stuff Writer’s Workshop
Wednesdays: Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9 7 pm
Meet the second Wednesday of each month and connect with a group of like-minded writers to learn from each other, share ideas, and practice your writing skills.

Formbox: Custom Molded Soap
Thur, Jul 13 | 7 pm
Sat, Jul 15 | 2 and 3:30 pm
Register online
Create your own molds for custom shaped and scented soap on the Mayku Formbox.

Makemakers Office Hours
Thursdays: Jun 8, Jul 20, and Aug 17 6–8 pm
Interested in learning about makerspace equipment? Have a question? Need some guidance or inspiration for your project? Drop in and meet with our makerspace librarian and start creating. Assistance will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Orion Historical Society (OHS)
Mondays: Jun 12, Aug 14 7 pm | No July meeting
Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are always welcome!
Tech Help at OTPL
Do you have general tech issues or want to learn how something works? Schedule a tech help session with an OTPL staff member! We provide stress-free troubleshooting for basic-to-intermediate needs such as mobile device assistance or learning how to use the library’s digital platforms like Libby, hoopla, and Kanopy. Book an appointment at orionlibrary.org/tech-help or by calling 248–693–3000 x540.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Tuesdays | Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8 10:30 am
This monthly support group for individuals who care for those with Alzheimer’s disease and other related dementia is led by a trained facilitator and sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association Michigan Chapter.

Beers of Summer @ Oat Soda
Mon, Jun 12 | 7 pm | Register online
As summer arrives, we transition to outdoor activities and look for a refreshing beverage to quench our thirst. The Craft Beer industry provides a wide range of styles, both traditional and experimental for the summer. Join us at Oat Soda, 197 S. Broadway to explore the many options while learning a bit of history. You may discover your new favorite beer of summer! The presentation does not require the purchase of alcohol, but should you wish to enjoy a beverage (and are 21 or older), it will be available for purchase. Snacks will be provided.

Ways to Avoid Scams: Pass it on...
Wed, Jun 21 | 2 pm
Developed by the Federal Trade Commission, this program will cover strategies for dealing with common scams, and ways to spot them. Together, we can be stronger than the scammers. An officer from the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office will be joining us to discuss scams seen locally.

Boating Safety
Wed, Jun 21 | 7 pm
The Oakland County Sheriff will be at OTPL to discuss boating safety. Topics covered will include boating certificate requirements, safety equipment, Jet Ski/personal watercraft rules, and more.

Introduction to Memoir Writing
Thur, Jun 22 | 6:30 pm
Join author and playwright Susan Berg in this guided memoir writing workshop. Be sure to bring a pen and paper or laptop to write with!

Managing Money: A Caregiver’s Guide to Finances
Mon, Jun 26 | 6:30 pm
This program presented by the Alzheimer’s Association will help caregivers learn about the costs of caregiving and the benefits of early planning. Learn how to avoid financial abuse and fraud, start a conversation about finances, assess financial and legal needs, and find support.

Estate Planning
Wed, Jul 19 | 7 pm
Local attorney Greg Kudela will teach you the basic principles of estate planning (wills, trusts, probate, estates, power of attorney, etc.) so that you have the knowledge to decide how your property will be passed down to your loved ones. Adults at any stage of life will find this presentation both informative and enjoyable.
Motown Eagles Tribute Band Concert
Thurs, Aug 3 | 6:30 pm
Motown Eagles, Detroit’s premier Eagles tribute band since 2016, performs iconic hits of the Eagles. Join us as they share the timeless music of the Eagles outside on the library’s back lawn. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors.

DIY Plaster Art
Wed, Aug 9 | 7 pm | Register online
Make a modern, textured piece of art with untraditional materials.

Adult Battle of the Books
Thur, Aug 10 | 6:30 pm | Register online starting Jun 1
Adults can finally join in on Battle of the Books fun! Our first Adult Battle of the Books will take place at Fork and Pint (51 N Broadway St, Lake Orion). Teams of 2–5 people will read four books over the summer. The battle will take place on August 10 and teams will answer questions about the titles in quiz show format. The event is free to attend, but participants purchase their own food and drink. Titles will be available for checkout at the library starting June 1 and circulate for two weeks with no renewals.

Fiction: Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin
Nonfiction: Dark Side of the Mitten: Crimes of Power & Powerful Criminals in Michigan’s Past & Present by Tom Carr
Graphic Novel: This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki, Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
Young Adult: Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

THE WAY WE WORKED TRAVELING EXHIBITION
Aug 12–Nov 5 | Open library hours
Exhibit Reception and Presentation
Mon, Aug 14 | 6–8:30 pm
Be among the first to explore the exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in the library lobby! The exhibition explores the places Americans worked, from farms to factories and mines to restaurants, as well as in homes. It examines not only the effects of technology and automation, but also how workers striving for better working conditions, wages, and hours changed America’s work history.

Work in Southeast Michigan: A Tour of the Past 150 Years
Mon, Aug 14 | 6:30 pm
Professor Dan Clark’s talk will focus on trends in labor in this region over the last century and a half. From agriculture to industry, from carriages to automobiles, from non-union to union jobs, this overview will provide local context for The Way We Worked exhibition.

Look to our fall newsletter for more programming based on the theme of our exhibit, which is that work is part of every American’s life, whether for professional satisfaction and personal growth or to ensure the well-being of their families.*The Way We Worked, an exhibition created by the National Archives, is adapted for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and made possible with the generous support of the United States Congress.

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OTPL Book Bike

Staff members pedal our Book Bike to parks, parades, community events, and on bike trails in our township. We answer questions, talk about upcoming programs, and give away books, treats, and library swag; sometimes we even have crafts! Our Book Bike has been a terrific opportunity to bring the Orion Township Public Library outside our walls to where our residents are. Look for us when you are out and say hello!

OTPL Little Free Libraries

Our Little Libraries are located throughout the Orion community; on trails, at parks, and the Village of Lake Orion, and are stocked with books available for you to take and read. You can also add books to share with others. Little Libraries provide a terrific way to grab a book when you cannot make it to the library and are fun opportunities for children to discover books! A list of Little Library locations can be found at orionlibrary.org/locations.

Outreach

Home Delivery Services
If you or someone you know is unable to physically visit the library, even for a brief time, let us know. We offer delivery services for books, and audiobooks—give us specific titles or let us know what you like, and we can introduce you to new favorites! Material is delivered either by car or through our Books by Mail program.

Orion Center Library Branch
For a slower pace and a smaller venue, the Orion Center Library Branch caters especially to senior citizens and is located in the Orion Center at 1335 Joslyn Rd. Large print books, audiobooks, movies, put and take paperbacks, puzzles, and magazines are available for all. There are also computers and a printer available.

Basic Tech Help for Seniors @ the Orion Center Branch

Wednesdays | 10:30 am–12:30 pm

By appointment

Make an appointment at the Orion Center Library Branch by calling 248–693–6840. Whether you bring your device or use our computers, our Branch Associate Kurt can troubleshoot basic technology questions and needs. No grandchild needed!

Senior Social Hour @ the Orion Center Branch

Fridays | Jun 9 and 23, Jul 14 and 28, Aug 11 and 25 | 11 am

Join us the 2nd and 4th Fridays of most months for a chance to get out and socialize. Each week will feature a different topic so that participants can enjoy the company of other seniors!

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)

Wednesdays | 10:30 am
No Jul 5 meeting

The group is open to all who wish to practice their English language skills in a relaxed setting. Topics vary widely, and the group offers a great learning experience and an opportunity to meet people.

Geri–Fit Exercise Program for Seniors

Tuesdays | Jun 13–Jul 18 | 10:45 am
Register online | No July 4 class

Have fun with others while exercising in a chair with weights. Following videos and led by a trained coach, Geri–Fit classes combine strength and balance training to rebuild strength that has been lost through the aging process.

Exam Proctoring

School doesn’t always stop in the summer and the Orion Library is here for all of your academic needs. We proctor exams up to four hours in length for students studying all fields for free. Email reference@orionlibrary.org for more information or to schedule an exam.

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JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Tuesday
Tuesdays | 6:30–8 pm | No meeting Jun 27 or Jul 18
Teen Tuesday is a casual hang out for teens who enjoy anything from video games, board and card games, D&D, crafts and more! If you are looking for something to do with some friends, crash with us for a bit. Snacks always provided and new faces always welcome!

Candy Sushi
Sat, Jun 17 | 2–3 pm
June 18 is International Sushi Day! What better way to celebrate than making our own candy sushi lunch! Bring your sweet tooth and appetite! Teen programming supplies based on a first–come first–serve basis for patrons in attendance.

Teen Craft: Zen Stacking Stones
Tue, Jul 18 | 6:30–7:30 pm
There is something deeply satisfying about stacking stones. Come to an evening of art creating your own Zen motif to take home! Teen programming supplies based on a first–come first–serve basis for patrons in attendance.

Teen Summer Reading Party
Fri, Aug 4 | 6–8 pm | Urban Air Adventure Park
Register online
Orion Township Public Library is taking the teen summer reading party outside its doors to Urban Air Adventure Park! If you participated in summer reading, please sign up to celebrate with 2 hours of Urban Air activities, a game of laser tag, and pizza. Jumping socks included. Waivers required by parents and can be found at this QR code. Please email the teen librarian with any pizza allergies at shalsey@orionlibrary.org.

Henna Art
Sat, Aug 12 | 2 pm | Register online
Join Dreaming in Henna’s Sandy Rippetoe for a take on traditional designs with a modern feel. Teens will learn about henna’s history, uses and traditions. After a hands–on art activity each participant will receive henna handouts and a henna cone to keep.

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YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Summer Learning Workshop Feature
Avoid the Dreaded “Summer Slide”
Mon, Jun 5 | 7 pm
While there may be less than 104 days of summer vacation, there is still a lot of time for our childrens' academic skills to slip. Let’s get together and, with the guidance of long–time teacher Rob Osterman, talk about some tricks and tools we, as parents, can use to keep young minds sharp. Presented in partnership with the Huntington Learning Center of Clarkston. This workshop is for adults with children in grades K–8.

Summer Reading Kickoff
Sat, Jun 10 | 11 am—1 pm
See page 39 for details.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Neighbors of Stories
Fridays | 10 am | All Ages
This summer we continue to expand our partnership with Clarkston Independence Library for our park storytime series! Find and explore your surrounding area when we pop up in new and exciting nearby parks, entertaining the whole family with live book performances, storytelling, and silly dancing. Meet us out at the following parks:
6/16: Clarkston Family Farms, Clarkston
6/23: Camp Agawam playground, Orion Township
6/30: Depot Park, Clarkston
7/14: Children’s Park gazebo, Lake Orion
7/21: Sashabaw Plains Park, Independence Township
7/28: Friendship Park play structure, Orion Township
Under the Sea
Tue, Jun 20 | 2 pm | All Ages
Celebrate the release of the live action Little Mermaid with this party. Games, activities, and experiments will help us learn and appreciate life under the sea.

Mobile Petting Zoo
Thu, Jun 29 | 2 pm | All Ages
Come meet a variety of farm animals like bunnies, ducks, chickens, goats, and even an alpaca! You will have a chance to pet each of these cute animals from Chamberlin Mobile Petting Zoo.

Sing–Along Disney
Wed, Jul 12
2 pm | All Ages
Singing is more fun with friends! Bring all your friends to this fun sing–along program that will have you belting out your favorite Disney tunes. All talent levels are encouraged to participate.

Color Run
Sat, Jul 22 | 11 am | All Ages
Add some color to your life with this fun run activity. Wear a white outfit and trek a few times around the library and get doused with color, creating a wearable masterpiece. This is a non–competitive stroll/run that is about enjoying the mess. Color powder is safe and washable, but it is best to keep your favorite fancy clothes at home for this one.

Family Twilight Yoga
Thu, Jul 27 | 7 pm
Join us for a relaxing evening version of family yoga with Pushna Wellness. Certified yoga instructor Jess Dues will lead this multiage group through a fun event outdoors in the library Reading Garden. This event is open to all ages, and patrons are encouraged to bring the entire family! Please bring a yoga mat or towel for each participant.

Summer Reading Finale with Cameron Zvara
Sat, Aug 5 | 11 am | All Ages
See page 39 for details.

Family Book BINGO
Mon, Aug 7 | 6:30 pm | All Ages
Enjoy this classic game with books as prizes.

Watch It! Outdoor Movie
Wed, Aug 16 | 8 pm | All Ages
Grab a blanket, camping chairs, and your family and attend this outdoor evening movie and outdoor games event in our Reading Garden. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase to support the Friends of the Library. Movie selection TBD.

Community LEGO Village
Sat, Aug 19 | 11 am | All Ages
Have you ever wanted a Ferris Wheel in your town? You can build it with LEGO! Come and build pieces of a village of our own creation together. All the buildings, structures, and people created will be displayed in our display case for the month of September. Let’s build a village!

Bubbles and Splash
Mon, Jul 10 | 11 am | Ages 0–5
Thu, Aug 3 | 11 am | Ages 0–5
Lots of outdoor bubble and water fun for our youngest patrons!
Whoooo’s Awake Storytime
Wed, Jul 19 | 10 am, 11 am | Ages 0–5
Join us in the Reading Garden for stories, songs, and activities about animals who are awake while you sleep!

Sing a Story
Wed, Jul 26
10 am, 11 am
Ages 0–5
Limit 20
Bring your singing voices to this musical storytime for children ages 0–5 and their families. Limit 20 children.

Family Place Free Play
Thursdays: Aug 10, 17 | 10 am
Parents/caregivers with children ages 0–5
Stretch out and enjoy a time of open play with our family place toys in our large meeting room—a great chance to meet new friends and explore gross motor skills.

Themed Storytime Week
Monday–Friday, Aug 21–25
10 am, 11 am | Ages 0–5
Join all your youth librarians for a special themed storytime week. Storytimes will follow the same theme, and each will have unique songs, books, and exploratory activities. Friday’s session will be a fun Bounce & Boogie event, following the same theme!

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

Rainbow Art
Thu, Jun 15 | 2 pm
Grades K–5
Explore all the colors of the rainbow with fun arts and crafts projects.

Doggone Readers Summer Picnics
Mondays: Jun 19, Jul 24, Aug 14 | 6:30 pm | Grades K–5, Register online
Visit with Jasper, Henry, Merlen, Crush, or Woody to practice your reading skills to a silent listener—one of our certified therapy dogs picnic-style outdoors! Readers can collect stamps for a free book. Readers will be assigned a 15-minute timeslot upon arrival.

Sing a Story
Wed, Jul 26
10 am, 11 am
Ages 0–5
Limit 20
Bring your singing voices to this musical storytime for children ages 0–5 and their families. Limit 20 children.

Find Your Voice: Songbook Theatre
Mon, Jun 26 | 2 pm | Grades K–2, Register online
Younger kids will enjoy exploring characters, stories, settings, problems, and big feelings. Join us for a story, a simple craft, and a mini (not stressful) performance.

Find Your Voice: Improv Theatre
Mon, Jun 26 | 3 pm | Grades 3–5, Register online
Learn how to portray a character and improvise dialogue while playing fun games and watching everyone’s creative scenes.

DIY Stickers and Buttons
Tue, Jun 27 | 2 pm
Grades 3–8
Use the sticker maker and button machine from our Makerspace to bring your designs to life. Three stickers and three buttons for each participant will be provided.

Kids Yoga
Tue, Jul 11 | 2 pm | Grades K–5
This fun Pushna Wellness yoga class for elementary age students includes games, songs, and fun partner poses. Please bring a yoga mat or towel for each participant.

Outdoor Games
Sat, Jul 15 | 2 pm
Grades K–5
Drop in for this fun outdoor game event for elementary ages including frisbee golf, partner races, and oversized lawn games. Participants will compete to be crowned the champions of the Reading Garden!

Emoji Extravaganza
Mon, Jul 17 | 2 pm | Grades K–5
It’s World Emoji Day and we’re ready to celebrate with crafts, activities, and snacks!

Star Lab
Tue, Jul 18 | 2 pm | Grades K–5, Register Online
Be immersed under the night sky in the middle of the afternoon with Wint Nature Center’s Star Lab! This traveling planetarium is stopping by the library for a fun filled afternoon. Be sure to register as this program will fill up!

DIY Squishies
Part 1: Tue, Jul 25 | 2 pm
Grades 3–8, Register online
Part 2: Wed, Jul 26 | 2 pm | Grades 3–8
Using the Formbox in our Makerspace we are going to create our own squishies. Bring an object that has a wider bottom than top to create your squishie form. We will add flex foam to create the squishie. Then join us for Part 2 to paint your squishie creation.

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Everyone is welcome to be a Friend

Love to support the library but don’t have extra time? No problem; you can still join!

Did you know...

- An annual Friends membership is only $10—roughly two coffees! That is IT!
- The Friends has many volunteer positions available! Work a book sale or help sort materials!
- Many library programs and unique collections were funded from the Friends!
- Volunteering and helping others boost your mood! Join us and get ready to smile!
- The Friends do accept monetary donations, anytime and any amount!

Get involved. Be an active member of the Friends!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Friends are always looking for help on our committees, board of directors, and with events. It’s a great way to serve in the community, meet new people, pitch in and also have some fun. If you, your family or service groups have an interest, please reach out to the Friends via e-mail at friends@orionlibrary.org.

About the Friends of the Orion Library

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 reading, literacy and lifelong learning, and to maintain an association of persons interested in the library.” Friends act in cooperation with the library board and staff, serving as a liaison between the community and library. All money raised by the Friends, except for minimal administrative costs such as postage and printing, is donated directly to the library in the way of program funding, material purchases and monetary contributions.
Longtime Friends Board member shares memories, encourages others to use their skills

Meet Carla Tousley

The Friends would like to thank Carla Tousley for her many years serving on the Friends board and monumental efforts with this group.

Here is a little bit more about this extraordinary Friends volunteer, whom we cannot thank enough!

Carla has been serving on the Friends board for eight years, most recently as the treasurer. She works full-time as a lead technical program manager at Mastercard and has been enjoying libraries since her youth. In her free time, she is an avid reader, scrapbooker and jigsaw puzzle enthusiast—all supervised by her cat! She also enjoys photography while traveling with her husband, son and daughter.

How did you initially become part of the Friends Board?

I joined the Friends in spring 2015 and was invited to the annual meeting where I was appointed membership chair. During 2016 I used time between employers to help the Friends and the Passport to Spring fundraiser. I was the project manager for the Japan, Poland and Greece Passport to Spring events and over the years have helped with membership events, book sales, fundraising and public relations.

To you, what does it mean to be a Friend of the Library?

A Friend is a supporter and cheerleader for the library and all it has to offer. A Friend advocates, volunteers, and shares opportunities.

What has been your favorite memory of being involved with the Friends?

My favorite memory is working with library staff to quickly spend a $10,000 grant the Friends were awarded during Covid to enhance book sale operations and ensure the health and safety of patrons while visiting the library.

My most fun memory is handing out popsicles at Summer Reading Kickoff and getting sunburnt.

What is something you hope for the future of the Friends group? The Library?

I hope the Friends continue to be pioneers and use technology to increase efficiency in their operations. We’ve already made great strides by implementing a membership database, cash register, email marketing and volunteer signups. I hope the library continues to be the go-to place in the community for learning through books, programming, tools and more! We are so lucky in Orion to have the Makerspace, More Than Books collection, teen room, and age-appropriate programs and events. I love stopping by to put a piece in the jigsaw puzzle!

Book sales: Tell us a funny story. Or a strange/rare find.

I found a vintage copy of Alice in Wonderland and gifted it to my neighbor.

Advice for anyone wanting to get involved.

My advice for anyone wanting to get involved is jump in—use your skills and time to help others. Volunteering enriches your life by stretching & challenging you and it brings new people into your circle. I have made many lifelong friendships through this group as well as acquaintances in the community.

Just for fun—If you were an ice cream flavor, what would you be?

Coffee almond fudge.

Favorite local place to eat.

Anita’s Kitchen

Favorite place to read.

At our family cottage on Gun Lake.

Also, a HUGE thank you to Carla’s employer Mastercard! During the last four years, Mastercard has donated $3,500 in grants to the Friends as a result of Carla’s accumulated volunteer hours!

Book Sale in September!

Tuesday, Sep 19th through Saturday, Sep 23rd
Come to Orion Library and get your holiday shopping done early at the Friends’ Book Sale! Looking for the perfect recipe for that friend that loves to bake? Need some books for children, fun fiction and factual nonfiction? Want to stock up on your favorite genre?

The Friends accepts book donations to supply our book sales. Drop off donations at the library. Thank you! Your donations are what make our sales a true success!

Come support your local library. Join the Friends to gain early access to the sale before the general public! More details at orionlibrary.org/friends.

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