The Road Rally is back!

Join us Saturday, September 30, at 11 am for our 3rd Annual Orion Community Road Rally! Don’t know what a Road Rally is? Think TV’s Amazing Race, but instead of touring the globe your car group solves puzzles and performs side missions to find mystery destinations throughout Orion Township. We are pleased to partner with Orion Parks & Rec, the Township Offices, Orion Art Center, Lake Orion Community Schools, Lake Orion DDA, ONTV, and multiple local businesses to bring this fun, all-ages, program to you. See page 50 for more details.

Reading Challenges for all ages, all year round!

Our Find Your Voice Summer Reading Challenge has come and gone, and we want to thank and congratulate all of this year’s participants. But, did you know that we have similar reading challenges for all age groups, even beyond summer? All you have to do is pick your challenge, read books, and win prizes!

**Adults**—Track your reading with 50 Books in 52 Weeks. Don’t worry, you don’t have to read 50 books to earn prizes. Simply complete specific challenges and activities to win badges and entries into prize drawings all year long!

**Teens**—Middle school students can sign up for 75 Books Before High School, and high school students can sign up for 100 Books Before Graduation. The best part is even books you have to read for school count towards your challenge!

**Youth**—Start their love of reading early with 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Does your little one love for you to read the same book over and over again? Each time you read it, that counts toward their challenge!

Youth—K—5th Graders can sign up for 500 Books by 5th, a fun way to keep them engaged with their reading as they develop their literacy skills throughout elementary school.

You can register for all these programs on our website at orionlibrary.org. Look for “Ongoing Reading Challenges.”

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

Sept. 2–4 for Labor Day Weekend

Monday, Oct. 9 for Employee In–Service Day

Nov. 23–24 for Thanksgiving (close at 5 pm on Nov. 22)

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

Youth Department receives grant

In the fall of 2022, we received an Improving Access to Information grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan that allowed us to upgrade our early learning computers. The upgrade allowed access to more games that appeal to a wider age audience. This proved helpful as our iPads were unavailable for older kids. Another great improvement with these new computers was the addition of one computer that offered content in both English and Spanish. This feature has allowed us to build awareness of our growing world language collection. The circulation of our world language collection has increased from 22.5 checkouts per month to over 35 checkouts per month. We are grateful to be able to provide this great resource to the Orion Township community. If you have not tried these new computers, please stop in and play a game.

Save the Date!

Our annual fun for all ages Winter Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 16. Look for more information in the winter issue of Orion Living Magazine.

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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ADULT SERVICES
Program registration opens one month prior to the program date.

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 with 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.

Thursday Afternoon Book Club
Thursdays | 1:30 pm
Sep 21: Savage Feast by Boris Fishman
Oct 19: The Daughter of Doctor Moreau by Silvia Moreno-García
Nov 16: The Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Dine, Drink, & Discuss
Join us at Opa Food & Spirits, 600 S Lapeer, Lake Orion, for this monthly book discussion.

Mondays | 7 pm
Sep 18: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
Oct 23: The Firekeeper’s Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Nov 20: The Swimmers by Julie Otsuka

Orion Historical Society (OHS)
Mondays: Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20
7 pm
Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our township’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are always welcome!

The Write Stuff Writer’s Workshop
Wednesdays:
Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 | 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.

North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)
Thursdays: Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16
7 pm
Anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history research is encouraged to attend!

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Tuesdays: Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14
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.

MAKERSPACE
Register online for all Makerspace programs

Plaster Pour and Paint
Sat, Sep 30 | 2 pm and 3:30 pm
Kids, teens, and adults are welcome at this makerspace event! Create a custom mold with the Mayku Formbox, pour your fast drying plaster, then paint and decorate your piece!

Cricut Trick-or-Treat Bags
Sat, Oct 21 | 2 pm and 3:30 pm | Tue, Oct 24 | 6 pm
Using the Cricut and Heat Press, design a Trick or Treat bag, just in time for Halloween!

Embroidered Tea Towels
Sat, Nov 18 | 2 pm | Tues, Nov 21 | 6 pm
Learn to use our Brother embroidery machine by monogramming a tea towel for your kitchen. See online calendar for available timeslots.

Makerspace Office Hours
Thur, Sep 14, Oct 12, Nov 9 | 6 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.
Empower Your Body: Yoga Blended Fitness

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm
A fun series of yoga blended fitness classes with Pushna Wellness, outside in our beautiful Reading Garden behind the library. Drop–in to any or all three classes.

Sep 13: Power Yoga: Strengthening yoga poses, holding and flowing to challenge the mind and body.

Sep 20: Flex & Flow: Light resistance bands and body toning mixed with a yoga flow to strengthen and stretch the body.

Sep 27: BOYO (no boxing bag or experience required): Boxing moves incorporated in a flow with yoga and stretching to empower and have fun while also experiencing mindfulness and stretching.

Oakland Literacy Council Information Night
Tue, Sep 26 | 6:30 pm
Learn about Oakland Literacy Council’s efforts to help adults achieve their personal and professional goals by lifting their reading, speaking, math, and digital literacy skills through a partnership with trained volunteer tutors. Find out how you can get involved in your community. It’s never too late to lift literacy levels!

Cook the Book
Tues, Oct 3 | 7 pm
Prepare a recipe from the cookbook chosen, then meet to sample and discuss recipes from that month’s selection! Call 248–693–3001 if you need assistance acquiring a cookbook.

Oct 3: Half Baked Harvest Every Day by Tieghan Gerard

The Way We Worked Traveling Exhibition
Aug 12–Nov 5 | Open library hours
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.

*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.

The Office Trivia Night
Mon, Sep 11 | 7 pm | Register online
Are you a fan of NBC’s The Office? Teams of up to five are invited to compete for the title of “Assistant to the Regional Trivia Manager” at The Office trivia night. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

Unions in Michigan: Then and Now
Mon, Oct 2 | 7 pm
Join us for this panel discussion: Carly Hammond has been active in contemporary union organizing campaigns in Michigan and will speak about what workers want, the role of unions in helping workers achieve their ends, and obstacles faced by workers and unions. Daniel Clark is a labor historian who will provide historical context for unionization in Michigan.

Oakland County and Michigan: A Current and Projected Labor Market Profile
Tues, Oct 24 | 7 pm
Evan Linskey, Research Manager at the Michigan Center for Data and Analytics, will provide an overview of the Oakland County and statewide labor markets. Job seekers, employers, school administrators, and anyone interested in the local economy will learn about the current and projected labor force, occupation, and industry trends based on the most recent statistics available.

Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes
Wed, Oct 18 | 7 pm
The library is excited to welcome Andrew Kercher, professional historian for an engaging history of shipwrecks on the Great Lakes from territory to frontier state to modern times.

Pop–up Library & Tech Help at ABeanToGo Coffee
Tue, Nov 7 | 10 am –12 pm
Drop in to ABeanToGo Coffee at 6 W. Flint St; bring your device and/or questions for our Tech and Outreach librarians to help. We will be giving away books, information, library swag and more!

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Sugar Cookie Decorating Class
Wed, Nov 8 | 7 pm | Register online
The library is excited to welcome Cakes Dreamer for a hands-on cookie decorating class! Learn the fundamentals of cookie decorating like outlining, flooding, wet on wet and more.
This class is great for beginning cookie enthusiasts or those who want to learn how to decorate sugar cookies. All tools and supplies provided.

International Games Week—Magic the Gathering
Sat, Nov 11 | 12 pm
Whether you’re a new player wanting to learn to play Magic the Gathering, or a veteran, come join others for casual play. Check the library calendar for times and registration for information.

Intro to ChatGPT
Wed, Nov 15 | 7 pm
Learn more about ChatGPT and generative AI with a demonstration and discussion with Troy, the Tech Librarian.

80s and 90s Trivia
Thur, Nov 30 | 6:30 pm
What is Madonna’s full name? Which video game console was the first to feature online play? How many days did the OJ Simpson trial last? If you know the answers to any of these questions, this trivia is right for you! Join OTPL Librarians at Ignite Tavern, 1065 Baldwin Rd., in teams of 2-5 people for an evening of totally tubular trivia!

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, audiobooks, and music—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.

Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP)
Mon, Oct 2 | 12:30 pm
Adults with special needs and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, movement, and activities.

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)
Wednesdays | 10:30 am | No meeting Sept 6, Oct 18, or Nov 22
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.

Orion Center Branch
For a slower pace and a smaller venue, the Orion Center Branch caters specifically to seniors. Located in the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd., this small but mighty space features large print books, audiobooks, movies, put and take paperbacks, puzzles, and magazines for all. Computers and a printer are also 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 Branch Library 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: Sept 8 and 22, Oct 13 and 27, and Nov 10 | 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!

Book Bunch @ Orion Center
Wednesdays | 1 pm
Sept 13: Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
Oct 11: Daisy Jones and the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Nov 8: The Library Book by Susan Orleans

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JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Tuesday
Tue, Sep 5, 19, Oct, 3, 17, Nov, 7, 21
6:30–8 pm
Teen Tuesday is a casual hang out for teens who enjoy hanging out with friends, or just enjoy the quiet of playing on their phone. We will offer 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!

Fall Learning Workshops
Tuesdays | 7 pm
It’s back to school, which means back to homework, report cards, tests, and conferences. This fall we are planning monthly learning workshops presented in partnership with the Huntington Learning Center of Clarkston, and with the guidance of long–time teacher Rob Osterman. There are four workshops centered around different themes from study skills, homework, and the new digital SAT that starts in 2024, which is scheduled for December. Workshops are for parents and students alike.
Sep 12: The Road to a Good Report Card
Nov 14: Study Skills for Success—Top 10 Tips

TEENS/ADULTS

DIY Haunted Apothecary Jars
Wed, Oct 11 | 7 pm
Make your own spooky apothecary jar to fill with your custom potions, brews, and poisons. This program is for adults and teens eager to decorate for Halloween!

International Games Week
Sat, Nov 11 | Register online
Celebrate International Games Week with escape rooms followed by Magic the Gathering. Whether you are a new player wanting to learn to play Magic the Gathering, or a veteran, come join others for casual play. Check the library calendar for times and registration of escape rooms.

DIY Zombie Barbie
Sat, Sep 30
12 pm
Eager to scare your friends this holiday season? Create a ghoulish zombie barbie just in time for Halloween. Supplies based on a first come first serve basis for patrons in attendance.

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Teen Advisory Board
Sat, Oct 7, Nov 4 | 11 am
We are bringing back our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) for teens who strive for the growth of the community through teen participation. Through meetings, library, and community activities, the TAB’s goal is to make sure every teen in the community’s voice is heard. 8th–12th graders, please join our monthly meeting to learn more about TAB. You can even achieve volunteer hours for your time. No registration required.

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Honey and Bees with Spencer’s Apiaries
Mon, Sep 25 | 6:30 pm | Families
A local Lake Orion professional beekeeper and business owner of Spencer’s Apiaries will be coming to talk about the importance of bees and how honey is made. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs to sit outside. This program is geared towards older elementary school kids.

Spooky Stroll
Tue, Oct 24 & Wed, Oct 25 | 7 pm | All Ages
Grab a flashlight and take a delightfully spooky stroll through our woods. This stroll will have a scavenger hunt element and other fun fall frights. Spook level will be friendly for elementary age and up.

Pumpkin Painting
Sat, Oct 28 | 2 pm
All Ages | Register online
Come paint a pumpkin! We will supply the pumpkins, décor, and paint. Get inspired by the season and be creative designing your pumpkin!

Family Name that Tune Trivia
Sat, Oct 14 | 2 pm | All Ages
Test your knowledge of timeless music with our family music trivia. Each family will need at least one smart device to participate. Family team costumes are strongly encouraged.

Busy Baby
Thu, Sep 21, Fri, Oct. 20, Sat, Nov 18 | 11 am | Infants
This is a meetup for infants 0–12 months old and their caregivers. Come play together and meet new friends. Best suited for non-walkers.

Halloween Storytime and Parade
Tue, Oct 31 | 10 am | Ages 0–5
Join all of your favorite youth librarians in costume as they lead you in a Halloween themed storytime with music, dancing, stories, and fun. A costume parade through the library follows this fun filled event!
**Cookie Monster’s Birthday Party**  
**Thu, Nov 2 | 11 am | Ages 2–5**  
C is for Cookie! Celebrate Cookie Monster’s birthday with stories, songs, activities, and cookies, of course!

**Intergenerational Storytime @ Pomeroy Senior Living**  
**Tue, Nov 14 | 10:30 am | Ages 0–5 | Register online**  
We welcome caregivers and children ages 0–5 to join senior residents for a storytime, encouraging social interaction between generations. Librarians will read stories, sing songs, and provide a snack, craft, and social time for all attendees. Intergenerational programs come with many benefits for both children and seniors, including decreased loneliness, delayed mental decline, and new connections, along with increasing the amount of smiling and conversation among all involved!

**Special Dino Storytime**  
**Tue, Nov 21 | 11 am | Ages 0–5**  
It is DINOvember and we want to celebrate our prehistoric friends. Join us for stories, rhymes, and activities all about dinosaurs.

**SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS**

**Doggone Readers**  
**Mondays | Sep 11, Oct 16, Nov 13 | 6:30 pm | Grades K–5 | Register online**  
Visit with Jasper, Henry, Crush, Merlen, or Woody to practice your reading skills to a silent listener—the dog! Readers can collect stamps for a free book.

**3D Print Bubble Wands**  
**Sat, Sep 16 | 11 am, 12 pm, 3 pm | Grades 3–8 | Register online**  
Back by popular demand, another 3D print class. This time design your own bubble wand. Are you tired of a typical circle wand? Come and create your own one-of-a-kind bubble maker.

**If You Give a Kid a Book Club**  
**Wednesdays | Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 15 | 1 pm | Grades K–2**  
Not your average storytime! We will get together to read from an early reader or picture book series. We will read, discuss, and do activities based on the books. Books in the series will be available to check out after the meeting to continue the reading fun. No pre-reading is required.

**Rather Be Reading Book Club**  
**Wednesdays | 2 pm | Grades 3–5**  
If you would rather be reading, then join us for this new book club. Titles for the meetings are listed below. Read the title ahead of the meeting date and then we will gather to discuss and enjoy activities based on the book.

- Sep 27—*Candy Bomber* by Michael Tunnell
- Oct 25—*Harriet the Invincible* by Ursula Vernon
- Nov 15—*El Deafo* by Cece Bell

**Reverse Book Club**  
**Wednesdays | Oct 4, Nov 1 | 6 pm | Grades 3–5 | Register online**  
You didn’t read the book? No problem! This is a book club in reverse. We will have activities based on a book and read the first chapter together. You have the rest of the month to read the rest of the book. Books will be available for checkout the night of the meeting.

**Book Buddies**  
**Tuesdays | Oct 10, Nov 14 | 6 pm | Grades K–2 | Register online**  
Kids will be paired with a teen reading buddy to practice reading aloud, help sound out words, and assist with comprehension through stories, rhymes, and games. Teen reading buddies are supportive, enthusiastic listeners who can help your child practice reading here at the library.

**The Joys of Art for Kids: Painting**  
**Fri, Oct 13 | 2 pm | Grades K–5 | Register online**  
Explore different techniques and materials while you create your very own masterpieces.

**5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff**  
**Thu, Nov 9 | 5:30 pm & 7 pm | 5th Grade**  
Register for Battle of the Books 2024 and find out more information including how to form teams, who can mentor, new 2024 activities, and more. Our 2024 featured author will also be revealed!

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Dino Day
Fri, Nov 10 | 2 pm | Grades K–5
Celebrate DINoMber with this fun interactive program. Activities, experiments, and crafts all centered around our enormously fun friend, the dinosaur.

Trolls Party
Sat, Nov 18 | 2 pm | Grades K–5
Trolls has a new movie, so let’s celebrate! Come and enjoy Trolls themed music, crafts, and fun.

Let’s Eat Dirt!
Sat, Nov 25 | 2 pm | Grades K–5
Let’s eat dirt in honor of national parfait day. Create your own delicious dirt mix to enjoy. Worms included!

Kindergarten Library Card Party
Sat, Oct 21 | 2 pm | Grade K
Designed just for kindergarten students. Come enjoy activities and crafts and learn a little about the resources available to you in the library.

The Library depends on the success of the Friends

Join today and make a difference!
Did you know that you can shop at the Friends bookstore any time you stop in the library? Our “Twice Told Tales” Gently Used Book Store located in the library lobby always has books available! The books have been generously donated and sorted by the Friends.

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Did you visit the library’s summer reading program or participate? Perhaps, you attended another program or took advantage of a Take and Make kit!
All of these programs (supplies, prizes!) and much more are generously funded through the Friends of the Library.
Here is a small sampling of Friends–funded items:

• Summer Reading Program—prizes, kickoff party, balloons, the ice cream
• Memoir Writing
• Sushi Candy

• Rainbow Art
• Under the Sea
• DIY Stickers and Buttons
• Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes
• Crochet for Beginners
• Zen Stone Stacking
• DIY Baby Sensory Hoop
• Summer Storywalk
• Porcelain Nature Pendant Class
• Lunar New Year Crafts
• T-shirts for all library staff
• Take and Make program supplies
• Battle of the Books supplies and prizes

If you want to make a difference in your community, joining the Friends is a perfect place to start! We are always looking for volunteers to help with book sales and we welcome any new members!

Membership is $10 for an individual and $5 for seniors. Check out orionlibrary.org/friends for more info.

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