From the Director

Marching into 2020

As we march further in 2020, spring must be just around the corner. Which means new and exciting things are underway at the Orion Township Public Library!

In partnership with the Orion Community Cable Communications Commission by way of a grant, we are planning to upgrade the audio–visual equipment in our large meeting room space. This room is frequently in use by so many different groups of people for so many different purposes. We know the technology in the space is outdated, so we have plans to upgrade it and make it more accessible to all who use the space. Watch for these improvements in 2020.

We are also working on adding a “family movie collection” to our youth services room. These are titles selected by our librarians as fun for all ages and great to watch together as a family. We are adding some shelving to accommodate these titles, and we hope you ask at the youth services desk if you have any questions.

For those leaders in our community, I want to personally invite you to join me on Wed, March 18 at 7 pm for a leadership book group. We’ll be discussing one of my favorite authors, Brené Brown, and her latest book from 2019, Dare to Lead. Register online for this discussion, and ask at the adult services desk for a copy of the book. I’m excited to learn from all of you on this important topic.

Finally, in closing, I must offer my condolences to the family of Linda Sickles. Linda was the director of the Orion Township Public Library for over 31 years, having retired in early 2012. As her successor, I had big shoes to fill. Sadly, Linda passed away on December 15, 2019. I know Linda put her heart and soul into this library, and she is missed.

As always, if you ever have any questions or suggestions for us, please call or email me, 248–693–3000 x430 or kknox@orionlibrary.org. I look forward to seeing you at the library!

Karen

Library Blood Drive
Wed, Mar 25
10:30 am–6:30 pm
Since September of 2000, the library has had 58 blood drives and collected 2,240 pints of blood! Remember, there is always an urgent need for blood so please give—Be A Lifesaver!! Sign up online at redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: orionlibrary, or call 1–800–733–2767.

General Federation of Women’s Clubs—Lake Orion (GFWC)
Do you like to have fun? Do you like to volunteer in your community?
Come join the GFWC! We meet at the Orion Library the 2nd Thursday of the month from 12–3 pm. For more info, contact Renee at 248–701–8821.

General Info

Notary Services
Notary services by appointment only. Contact Joyce at 248–693–3000 x431 or jbecker@orionlibrary.org.

Online Room Rental
Does your group or civic organization need a place to meet? Why not meet at the Orion Library? Sign up online at orionlibrary.org, click on ‘Services,’ then ‘Meeting & Study Rooms.’ Once you make a reservation you will receive an email confirmation.

Upcoming Library Closings
Easter: Fri, Apr 10, Sat, Apr 11, and Sun, April 12
Mother’s Day: Sun, May 10
Memorial Day: Sat, May 23, Sun, May 24, and Mon, May 25
Sundays during the summer

For a calendar of all library events please visit the Events tab at orionlibrary.org or stop in the library for a printed copy.

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Outreach 248–693–3000 x411
Teen 248–693–3000 x414
Youth 248–693–3002

Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 19–25, 2020
Find Your Place at the Library
Don’t forget to check out our Library Wishlist! This online webpage lists some of the many things that the library would like to purchase, but they are beyond the scope of our budget. If any of the items on the list are of interest to you, perhaps you could donate to the cause. Donating is easy and can be done right online. Check out our Wishlist at orionlibrary.org/library-wishlist.

In memory of Linda Sickles (1947–2019)

Linda was the Director of the Orion Township Public Library for over 31 years, from Nov 3, 1980 to Jan 31, 2012. She began her career at OTPL when the library was located on Lapeer Road (where Northern Flooring is today).

Linda held many leadership positions within community organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center, Downtown Development Authority, and Cable Commission, working to increase the visibility of the library in the Orion community. She believed in community; she strove to provide good customer service and what the community wanted and needed. She stayed current and viable in changing ways to access information, and made the library into the “hub” of the community where residents come to socialize, get information, and enjoy activities.

Linda has been a beloved member of our Orion Township Public Library family, and she will be missed.

Leave your mark

Personalize a stepping stone in the Orion Library’s Reading Garden

Stepping stones in the Reading Garden at the Orion Township Public Library can now be engraved with a personalized name or thoughtful message. Proceeds will benefit the library. There is a limited number of engravable stones in the Reading Garden, and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The library director will approve all requests before orders are placed. After an order is placed, a proof will be sent for final approval before the stone is engraved. A 50% deposit is due when order is placed, and balance due with final approval. You can submit an order by completing the form online at orionlibrary.org/donations, or stopping in the library to get a form. Look for new engraved stones in the Reading Garden this spring!

Two million checkouts!

Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) recently announced that they achieved a record-breaking two million digital book checkouts in 2019, a milestone for this library consortium consisting of Ann Arbor District Library, Capital Area District Library and other local libraries in the Michigan and Indiana including the Orion Township Public Library whose patrons read over 43,300 titles! This accomplishment illustrates the continued growth and importance of library lending of ebooks and audiobooks along with the creative ways libraries have served their communities with digital services. MCLS is one of 73 systems around the world—including standalone libraries and consortia—that surpassed one million checkouts through Rakuten OverDrive, the leading digital reading platform and its award-winning app Libby.
FAMILY FUN!

Scrapstastic Designs
Fri, Mar 13 | 2 pm | All ages, drop in
Using leftover “art scraps,” this open-ended art program will encourage attendees to create something amazing with little more than their own imaginations.

Thornapple Woodlands Maple Syrup Seminar
Sun, Mar 29 | 2–3 pm | All ages
In this maple syrup seminar, you will learn the legend of how people first “discovered” maple syrup and how sap has been collected, stored, and boiled down to produce syrup throughout history. Participants will also learn how to identify a maple tree with or without its leaves, what sap is, why sugar is in it, and what makes it flow inside a tree. All participants are allowed to try tapping a tree with the spiles and small hammer provided. To close the program on a sweet and tasty note, maple syrup is served drizzled on top of vanilla ice cream for all to enjoy (to the first 100 patrons).

Nature Family Concert with Joe Reilly
Sun, Apr 26
2 pm | All ages, drop in
Celebrate Earth Month with a fun nature-themed family concert that will get you up and moving! Joe Reilly loves nature so much that he writes songs and sings about it, and he hopes that you and your family will sing along too.

Free Comic Book Day!
Sat, May 2 | All day
Free Comic Book Day is a single day—the first Saturday in May each year! Children, teens, and adults are welcome to stop by the library and select a free comic book of their choice. While supplies last.

Fandom Fest
Sat, May 2 | 10 am–4 pm
All ages, drop in
A celebration of anime, comics, movies, gaming, and cosplay! Join us for great events like free comics, geek crafts, retro gaming, a cosplay contest, escape rooms, trivia, a presenter, and more! Vendors and food truck will be available.

Bees in the D
Wed, May 20 | 6:30 pm
The library is excited to welcome Bees in the D, a Detroit based non-profit organization whose mission is to contribute to both the health of honey bee colonies and the education of their importance to our environment. In this presentation individuals will get an introduction to the variety of bees, benefits of bees and the practice of honey beekeeping. Enjoyable for kids through adults.

Intergenerational Storytimes
Tue | May 5 | 10:30 am
Heritage Place Senior Apartments
All ages, drop in
Tue | May 12 | 10:30 am
Pomeroy Living Orion
All ages, drop in
We’re taking storytime on the road! Held at various senior living centers around Lake Orion, this story and activity time promotes welcoming environments and social interactions with community members in all phases of life. A small craft and snack will be provided. See more on page 50.

Summer Reading Kickoff is Saturday, June 6, 11 am to 2 pm
Look for more details coming soon for the whole family to enjoy!

Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
ADULT SERVICES

Note: In the case of inclement weather, check the library website or call 248-693-3001 for program cancellations.

Immigration: an American Story
On display through Wed, Mar 18 during open hours.
This traveling display, created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, presents documents, maps, and images to tell select stories of those who came to America, some by coercion and others by choice, in search of a better future for themselves and later generations.

Adult Dungeons and Dragons
Mondays | Mar 2 and May 4 | 6:30 pm
Beginner and veteran adult players can join us to create a character and play the world’s most popular tabletop role playing game.

Michigan Works
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11
9:30 am–1 pm
Oakland County Michigan Works will assist you with upcoming workshops, youth and adult programs, resume ideas, job searches, interview skills and more. They can point you in the right direction for inquiries about local resources, Department of Health & Human Services and much more.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11
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 Michigan Alzheimer’s Association. Come to a support group meeting and hear from others who really understand.

A Community Conversation
Mon, Mar 9 | 7 pm | 313 Pizza Bar, downtown Lake Orion
Childhood Immunizations: should they be mandatory?
Dr. Erica Harding MD and a representative from the Michigan For Vaccine Choice organization will present on this important topic. Join us upstairs at 313 Pizza Bar located at 37 East Flint Street for this discussion.

Adult Murder Mystery
Fri, Mar 13 | 7 pm | Register online
Will you be lucky at Casino Fatale on unlucky Friday the 13th? Patrons will be assigned roles from a cast list and work together to figure out who–dun–it. Light refreshments will be provided at this after–hours event.

MAKERSPACE

Introduction to Tinkercad
Sat, Mar 21 | 10 am | Register online
Using our online learning service, Lynda.com, learn drafting skills to design 3D objects, great for 3D printing and laser cutting. No prior design skills needed!

Indoor Herb Gardens
Mon, Mar 30 | 6:30 pm
Register online
Get a head start on growing season by making your own indoor herb garden.

Family Maker Night
Thurs, April 9 | 6 pm
All ages, drop in
Families with kids of all ages are invited to experiment in a variety of creative technology projects.

Glowforge Leather Bracelets
Thu, May 7 | 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm
Register online
Create and print a custom leather bracelet while learning how to use the Glowforge laser cutter.

To reserve equipment or make an appointment visit orionlibrary.org/makerspace. Makerspace reservations are 2–hour blocks. Training is available on all of the equipment by appointment only. Appointments will be scheduled within 48 hours, no walk–ins.
Pierogi Making 101
Sat, Mar 14 | 2 pm | Register online
The library is excited to welcome Irena’s Pastry and Bistro from Sterling Heights for a hands-on class demonstrating how to make the traditional Polish dumpling. Participants will get to taste and make their own pierogi with a variety of fillings. Space is limited.

North Oakland Genealogical Society (NOGS)
Thursdays | Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21 7 pm
Anyone with an interest in genealogy and family history research is encouraged to attend!

Orion Quilting Group
Thursdays | Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28 6:30 pm
All quilters or needle artists are welcome to drop in to work on and share their projects, expertise, and each other’s company! Meetings will be held in the cozy warmth of the James Ingram Room.

Ask a Gardener
Tuesdays | Mar 24 and Apr 21 | 6:30 pm
Master gardener, Cheri McCallum, will be available on a drop-in basis to help you with your gardening questions. No sign up is required. Just stop by the table in the lobby and bring a photo or video of the area or plant in question.

Let’s Grow Herbs at Fogler’s Greenhouse
Mon, May 4 | 6 pm | Fogler’s | Register online
Come to Fogler’s at 559 S Lapeer Rd and learn a few dos and don’ts for growing and harvesting fresh herbs. Along with some knowledge, you will leave with an herb garden in a pot. There is no cost for attending this class due to a partnership between Fogler’s and the library.

Seed Saving Sunday
Sun, May 17 | 3 pm
Join other libraries around Michigan in the “One Seed, One State” program by participating in our new seed library! Pick up your seed packets, learn about planting, harvesting, and how to dry and return your seeds to the library at the end of growing season.

Spring is Here!

Meet Your Elected Officials
Representative John Reilly
OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Mar 16 | 7:30–8:30 pm
Meeting Room A

Monday, Apr 20 | 7:30–8:30 pm
Youth Activity Room

Monday, May 18 | 7:30–8:30 pm
Meeting Room A

Oakland County Executive David Coulter
MEET & GREET
Monday, Apr 6 | 6–7 pm
Meeting Room A

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Adult Battle of the Books
Thu, April 16 | 6:30 pm | C–Pub
The Orion Township Public Library in partnership with the Auburn Hills Public Library and the Clarkston Independence District Library will hold its first Adult Battle of the Books program on Thurs, April 16 from 6:30–8:30 pm and will take place at C–Pub in Canterbury Village. Teams will read four books and participate in a trivia tournament covering the titles. Amazon gift cards will be awarded to the top teams! The library will have multiple copies of each book available for checkout. For more information, visit orionlibrary.org/adult–battle.
Guardians of Detroit
Thu, Apr 2 | 7 pm
This presentation by Author Jeff Morrison, *The Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*, will feature more than 100 spectacular photos of architectural sculpture from throughout Detroit. You will also learn about the symbolism behind the ornamentation and hear some of the untold stories of the artists, artisans, and architects involved in their creation.

OTPL Team Trivia Tourney
Thu, Apr 23 | 7:30 pm | C–Pub
Register by calling 248–693–3001
Gather a team and test your knowledge! We partner with the C–Pub to host trivia nights; register your team of 2–6 people. The C–Pub is located in Canterbury Village at 2325 Joslyn Rd.

Tech Recycling Drop–Off Day
Sat, Apr 25 | 10 am–1 pm
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. For information regarding acceptable and unacceptable items, please see orionlibrary.org/techrecycling.

DIY Pallet Signs
Sat, Apr 25 | 2 pm | Register online
Stop by to create a beautiful custom painted pallet sign for your home. All supplies including wood, paint, and stencils will be provided.

Book Discussions

*New members are always welcome to our book discussions!*

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Next Chapter Book Club

Mondays or Tuesdays | 10 am
| ABeanToGo, downtown Lake Orion (no meeting Mon, May 25) |
| The library hosts book discussions for developmentally or intellectually challenged adults. Register by calling 248–693–3000 x411. |

Leadership Book Discussion for Orion Community Leaders and Aspiring Leaders
Wed, Mar 18 | 7 pm
Register online
Join our Library Director, Karen Knox, to discuss the book *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts* by Brené Brown. This discussion will be geared towards local community business leaders and aspiring leaders of all kinds. The library will have some copies of the book available by the beginning of February at the adult reference desk.

Cook the Book
Mon, Apr 6 | 7 pm
Select and prepare a recipe from *Detroit's Eastern Market: A Farmers Market Shopping and Cooking Guide*, Third Edition by Lois Johnson and Margaret Thomas, bring enough to share, and meet to discuss and sample recipes.
OUTREACH SERVICES

Orion Historical Society
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11 | 7 pm
Come to an OHS meeting to learn about our community’s history and work on projects to preserve the past. Newcomers are welcome!

Special Presentation! Michigan Women
Mon, Apr 20 | 7 pm
This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote! Prominent and lesser-known ladies in Michigan’s history will be featured, women who have rocked the boat and the cradle! Refreshments provided.

Springtime Fundraiser
OHS is hosting a “Springtime Classical/Dixieland Jam” fundraiser on Sunday, May 17 at the Orion Center. It will be an afternoon of music, food, fellowship and fun! Proceeds will help renovate the historic Howarth Church and School for use as a community museum.

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.

One–on–One Technology Help for Seniors
Wednesdays | 10 am
Orion Center Library (by appointment only) | Register at 248–693–6840
Seniors, do you need help with your computer, tablet, cell phone or other technical device? Do you need assistance with email, texting, surfing the internet or eBooks? Our volunteer technology expert, Dr. Bob Hazzard can help!

English Language Learning Conversation Group (ELL)
Wednesdays | 10:30 am
The group is open to all who wish to practice their English language skills in a relaxed and informal setting. The topics vary widely, and it is a great learning experience as well as an opportunity to meet people.

ELL Small Group Class
Thursdays | Mar 5–Apr 9 | 11 am
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Led by an Oakland Literacy certified ESL tutor, this 6–week class for the English Language Learner will focus on bolstering conversation confidence, increasing listening skills, and expanding vocabulary. Weekly homework assignments will include reading and writing skills. Open to all levels.

Coloring and Coffee with the Classics
Thursdays | 11 am–12 pm
Orion Center Branch
Treat yourself to some free time, color a page or two, and enjoy a cup of coffee while socializing and listening to calming classical music. Adult coloring sheets and pencils will be supplied.

Senior Moments Activity Hour
1st and 3rd Thursdays | 1:30 pm | Orion Center Branch
Join our conversation group for trivia, games, and fellowship. Any senior is welcome to this fun, casual program.

Special Needs Adult Programming (SNAP)
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Adults with special needs and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, movement and activities.

The Census is coming
See page 6 for help programs at the library.

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JUST FOR TEENS
Note: If schools are closed due to inclement weather, library teen programs are canceled.

Think Link After School
Mondays  |  Mar 2, 23, Apr 13, 27 3–5 pm  |  Register with school LOCS 6th–8th graders can register with their school and receive a special bus pass to come to the library Mondays after school. Middle schoolers can socialize, study, use the library, and participate in the day’s planned activity, like art projects, video games, book discussions, makerspace projects and more!

Teen Advisory Board
Mondays  |  Mar 2, Apr 13, May 4 4–5 pm
Want to earn extra volunteer hours just for spending time with other teens? Join the newly established Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and have exclusive opportunity to plan events and programs, suggest improvements to the Teen department, and talk about books, movies, and video games with other teens.

Geek Club
Tuesdays  |  Mar 3, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 5, May 19  |  6:30–8 pm  (no meeting April 7)
Geek Club is a casual hang-out for teens who enjoy anything from anime, comics, video games, board and card games, D and D, crazy YouTube clips and more! Even if you’re curious, stop by and meet some new friends. Snacks always provided and new faces always welcome.

SAT Practice Test
Sat, Mar 7  |  10 am–2 pm
Register online
Get ready for test day! If it’s your turn to take the SAT, let the Orion Library guide you in preparation for the start of the 2020 SAT dates. Sign up to take a practice test and come back a few days later to view your results, all courtesy of Sylvan Learning Center of Troy. SAT test results and presentation, Thur, Mar 12, 7–8 pm.

Painting with a Teen
Sat, Mar 21  |  2–3:30 pm
Register online
Whether you are a budding artist, or need a more step by step approach, join OTPL Teens as we learn how to paint acrylic canvas paintings with a step by step painting tutorial!

Murder Mystery
Fri, Mar 27  |  6–9 pm  |  Register online
There was a murder in Casino Fatale! Bring your detective skills and sixth sense as we try to uncover a list of suspects. Teens will be assigned rolls from a cast list and work together to figure out who—dun—it. Light refreshments will be provided at this after-hours event.

Edible STEM
Sat, Apr 18  |  2–3:30 pm
Register online
We love playing with slime, but what about eating it? Let’s see what kind of flavors we can make and put our taste buds to the challenge!

Oreo Taste Test Challenge
Tue, Apr 21  |  6:30–7:30 pm
Register online
Do you know how many different flavors there are of Oreo cookies? You think you know all the Oreo flavors by taste alone? If you’re up for the challenge, test your taste buds with “America’s Favorite Cookie!”

Eagle Scout project brings two new Little Libraries
Nick Bennett from Boy Scout Troop 186 has built and installed two little libraries for us as his Eagle Scout Project! The new little libraries are located on the Paint Creek Trail and the Polly Ann Trail. Please look for all of our little libraries in the community at orionlibrary.org/locations. Our little libraries are stocked with books for you to take and read; bring them back when you’re done or donate some great books to share with others.

Teen Book Club
Sat, May 16  |  2–3 pm  |  Register online
Informal book club where we talk about our favorite reads, genres and get recommendations from others. Pizza will be provided.

Disney Terrariums
Sat, May 30  |  2:30–3:30 pm
Register online
With spring in the air, terrariums are a cool and simple project where teens will become botanists as they recreate a scene with some of their favorite Disney characters.
Note: If schools are closed due to inclement weather, library youth programs are canceled.

New Early Literacy Kits at the OTPL
The Orion Township Public Library’s youth department has been working with the literacy coaches at the Lake Orion Community Schools to develop new early literacy kits, called Lit Fit Kits. Recently, the Michigan Legislature passed a law that requires schools to identify and provide help to learners in grades 3 and under who are struggling with reading and writing. This law requires student to be evaluated on their reading level at the beginning of the year. Those that are behind their grade level will receive an Individual Reading Plan (IRP), which includes extra practice reading in school and in the home.

Our Lit Fit Kits can be used to supplement these reading plans. We are calling these early literacy kits Lit Fit Kits because we want kids to find a good fit learning reading and writing skills. Available now are kits are geared for younger students in DK & 1st grade. The topics for these kits include fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, phonics, and phonemic awareness. Each kit contains books and hands on learning tools for each reading topic. Lit Fit Kits are located by the STEM Kits just past the graphic novels. Kits for 2nd & 3rd graders will be available soon.

Parent Program: Tips and Tricks to Improve Reading Comprehension
Tues, April 28 | 6 pm | Parents
Create and learn some tools to help your student build understanding with any material that they read.

Lions Club Vision Screenings
The Lake Orion Lions Club offers FREE vision screenings to children over 5 months old. The test is quick and painless. If caught early, 95% of vision issues can be corrected.
Saturdays | Mar 7, Apr 18, May 9
10 am–12 pm | James Ingram Room

Books bridge the generations
Orion Library to host intergenerational storytimes
American society has become more and more “generationally segregated,” a phenomenon that libraries are trying to address by presenting programs that are aimed at bringing generations together. A new programming series at OTPL plans to offer just that.

Put together by the Outreach and Youth Services departments, the library is hosting an Intergenerational Storytime series off site at local senior living facilities. Itsy Bitsy Babies and Friends welcomes parents and their children of all ages along with senior residents to a storytime environment that will encourage social interaction between generations.

“A lot of our senior residents are faced with families that live far away, and this is a way to enrich the lives of everyone all around,” stated Head of Youth Services, Ashley Lehman. “Our young attendees and their parents will benefit from the wisdom and experience of our older neighbors.”

OTPL librarians will read stories, sing songs, and provide a snack, a craft, and social time for all attendees. Intergenerational programs come with a host of benefits for seniors, including decreased loneliness, delayed mental decline, and new connections, along with increasing the amount of smiling and conversation among all involved!

Tue, May 5 | 10:30 am | Heritage Place Senior Apartments | All ages, drop in
Tue, May 12 | 10:30 am | Pomeroy Living Orion | All ages, drop in
Spring Storytimes

Bring your child for age-appropriate stories, songs, finger plays, puppets, and activities. Regular storytimes will run the weeks of March 16–April 27. Siblings are welcome.

Itsy Bitsy Babies
Tuesdays | 10 am
Birth–12 months | Drop in, limit 20
Babies experience the sounds and structure of language through rhythm, rhyme, and repetition. First time baby attendees will receive a welcome bag!

Toddler Time
Mondays and Thursdays | 10 am
Tuesdays | 11 am | Ages 1 & 2
Drop in, limit 20
Ones and twos develop social, emotional, and language skills through movement, stories, songs, and rhymes.

Preschool Pals
Mondays and Thursdays | 11 am
Ages 3–5 | Drop in, limit 20
Preschoolers build vocabulary, language development, and listening comprehension with stories, rhymes, songs, movement, and creative expression.

Friday Family
Fridays | 10 am | All ages
Drop in, limit 20
Storytime fun for all ages promoting early literacy with books, songs, activities and dancing!

Sleepy Storytime
Mondays | Mar 9, Apr 13 | 6:30 pm
All ages | Drop in, limit 20
Bring your jammies, blanket, and favorite stuffed animal for evening storytime fun. Just like our morning storytimes, but at night!

Storytime Yoga with Miss Jess
Sat, Mar 21 and May 30 | Ages 0–5
Drop in, limit 30
Join certified yoga instructor, Jess from Pushna Wellness for a yoga and storytime session focusing on mindfulness.

SENSEsational Storytime
Fridays | Mar 27, Apr 17 | 12 pm
All ages | Drop in, limit 20
An inclusive storytime with a focus on stories, songs, rhymes, group activities, sensory exploration, and crafts appropriate for children with special needs.

Bounce and Boogie
Saturdays | Mar 14 and Apr 18
10 am | Ages 0–5 | Drop in
A music and movement-based program just for ages 0–5! Join us as we dance, groove, jump, and move to our favorite songs and rhymes!

1, 2, 3 Play with Me
Wednesdays | April 29, May 13, 20, 27
10 am | Register online (opens Mar 29)
Spend time together at this parent child workshop. Have time to play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Each week a Community Resource Specialist will be on hand to answer questions about their early childhood topics. Please plan on attending all 4 weeks.

Going Buggy
Mon, May 11 | 11 am | Ages 2–5
Drop in, limit 20
Join us for a mini–storytime followed by playtime with bug-themed activities.

Pick Up STEAM—Rainbows
Thurs, May 21
10 am | Ages 3–6
Drop in, limit 20
Pick up STEAM is a preschool-friendly science, math, and learning series. This session we will look at rainbows. There will be experiments, fun, crafts, and math all centered on these colorful masterpieces.

Pete the Cat Storytime
Tues, May 26 | 11 am | All ages
Drop in
Join Pete and friends for a groovy storytime! Come ready to read stories, sing songs, and enjoy activities.

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**SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS**

**Friendship Crafts and Fun**  
**Sat, March 14 | 2 pm–4:30 pm**  
**Grades 3–5 | Drop in**  
Join NHS students as they lead an afternoon of fun craft making and creating friendship connections, including friendship bracelets and tie blankets. NHS students will provide younger students friendship advice and fun conversation.

**Doggone Readers**  
**Wednesdays | March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 30 | 6:30 pm**  
**Saturdays | March 28, April 25, May 30 | 10 am | Grades K–5**  
Register online  
Practice your reading skills with our lovable dogs, and receive a stamp for each time you read. Receive a free book of your choice after you have earned four stamps.

**LEGO® @ the Library**  
**Saturdays | March 7, April 4 | 2 pm**  
**Grades K–5 | Drop in, limit 25**  
Calling all builders! A fun and creative time to use your imagination and our colorful bricks to make an amazing object!

**Kids Create: Knitting**  
**Thursdays | April 9, 16, 23, 30**  
**4:30 pm | Grades 3–6**  
**Register online (opens March 9), limit 10**  
Create a fun project learning multiple stitches during our 4–week Kids Create session on knitting. A knowledgeable instructor will walk attendees through creating a project, where yarn and knitting needles will be provided. Please plan on attending all 4 weeks.

**Pizza Garden Kickoff**  
**Sat, May 9 | 11 am | Grades K–5**  
**Drop in**  
We’re starting a garden with ingredients to make a pizza, including tomatoes, bell peppers, basil, and oregano. At this kickoff event we will plant the vegetables to grow at the library all summer, and create a craft and plant to take home.

**Scooby Doo: Let’s Party with You!**  
**Sat, May 16 | 2 pm | All Ages**  
**Drop in**  
Celebrate the new movie with some Scooby-themed crafts, games, and fun! Be ready to enjoy some Scooby snacks as well.

**5th Grade Battle of the Books**  
**Battle of the Books: Tips and Tricks Study Session**  
**Sun, March 1 | 2 pm OR 3:30 pm**  
**Register online (opens Feb 1)**  
Last minute Battle study session with a seasoned battle coach, the Tutor Doctor! Sign up your team for only one session.

**5th Grade Battle of the Books Competition**  
**Sat, March 7 | 10 am**  
Waldon Middle School Gymnasium  
Registered teams of 5th graders from the Lake Orion area will compete in a live quiz–show competition to test their knowledge of the 12 books that were assigned. Doors will open at 9:30 am.

**Awards Ceremony**  
**Tues, March 10 | 6:30 pm**  
LOHS Auditorium  
Winners of the 2019 Battle of the Books will be announced and everyone will get a chance to meet Michael Spradlin, author of *Into the Killing Seas*. All teams will be called on stage to receive their certificates, prizes, and applause for a job well done! Books by Michael Spradlin will be available for purchase and signing after the ceremony.

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Spring has sprung; work has begun!

Many of us have an annual spring-cleaning ritual. It’s a great time to deep clean and declutter our homes and donate items we no longer need. As you delve into your decluttering duties, remember the Friends of the Orion Township Library accept donations of gently used books and other materials.

We welcome your book donations! Gently used book donations are accepted all year long in the bins against the wall by the Twice Told Tales shelves in the lobby of the library.

Thank you, and good luck with your spring cleaning!

Spring into action!

Spring is a time of renewal as we shake off the winter chill. If you’re looking for something new to do as the days grow longer this spring, volunteering with the Friends of the Orion Township Library could be a growth opportunity for you!

We can accept

Hardcover and paperback books
CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks
Computer software
Puzzles and games (intact)

We are unable to accept

Magazines
VHS tapes
Records
Books with missing covers
Dirty, moldy, or smelly books

Volunteer with the Friends Board

The Friends have an opening on the board for a PR/Marketing Chairperson. Duties include leading development of an annual PR plan and PR committee; creating multi-channel content to promote our events, tell our story in our efforts to support the library and engage with the community.

Serve on a committee

Share your time and talent with periodic committees...fundraising, PR, membership.

Volunteer for a book sale

We need help with set up, tear down, staffing during the book sale.

If you would like to get involved with the Friends of the Orion Township Library, email us at friends@orionlibrary.org, or visit orionlibrary.org/friends.
About the Friends
The Friends are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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.

Thank You!
Thank you to our Friends members and volunteers for your support of the Friends and the library we love. Your sharing of time and talents is so appreciated and makes a difference in our library and our community!

Four favorite programs funded by your support of the Friends
1. Battle of the Books
2. Summer Reading Program
3. Community Conversations
4. Makerspace Programs
These are just a few favorite programs out of the hundreds of programs that are made possible each year by funds from the Friends. What are your favorite programs?

Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards
Remember you can designate the Friends of the Orion Township Library as your charity of choice with your Amazon Smile & Kroger Rewards accounts.

Become a Friends member!
Membership is also an easy way to support your local Friends group. If you are not a Friends member, please join by using our website, visiting us at a book sale, or by filling out an application in the lobby of the library. Senior memberships are $5, individuals $10 and families $20.

Friends of the Orion Township Library Board. Back: Michelle Jerome, membership chair; Carla Tousley, treasurer; Shae Smith, secretary; Jan Thomas, president. Front: Mary Duenow, fundraising chair; Bob Bambach, deputy treasurer; Dale Bell, book sale chair; Don Walker, vice president

Friends Spring Book Sale

Tue, May 5
10 AM–4 PM
Friends of the Library Member Day & Teacher Day
(Membership will be available for purchase at the door)
4–8:30 PM
Open to the Public

Wed, May 6 & Thu, May 7
10 AM–8:30 PM
Open to the Public

Fri, May 8
10 AM–4:30 PM
Open to the Public
1/2 off books day

Sat, May 9
9:30 AM –1 PM
Open to the Public $5 bag day
(fill a bag supplied by the Friends for $5)

Mark your calendar for our Friends Fall Book Sale on Tuesday, September 15–Saturday, September 19, 2020.
Community Spotlight: Orion Veterans Memorial

A red, white and blue day to honor our heroes

While most of us are making plans for a long holiday weekend, members of the Orion Veterans Memorial are busy organizing a number of events to make sure our community rightfully honors those who have given their lives for our freedom.

Memorial Day was originally observed in 1868 to honor the sacrifices of those who fought in Civil War and has since been a national holiday to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives in all military conflicts since. Memorial Day is Monday, May 25 and the Orion Veterans Memorial encourages you to wear your best red, white and blue and come participate in the series of events they have planned for that day.

Run or walk

The day begins at 9 am with a patriotic 5K Run/Walk, which starts on Anderson Street and winds through downtown Lake Orion and onto the Paint Creek Trail. Last year over 170 participants of all ages, including kids and mothers pushing strollers, took to the streets to honor our Vets. Dog tags are given to all participants to further enhance the Veteran theme of the event.

Local businesses are invited to get involved in the Run/Walk; sponsorship opportunities are available for those interested. Proceeds raised from the Run/Walk support the long-term sustainability of the Memorial.

Ceremonies

A Wreath Ceremony at Children’s Park starts at 10 am, where a wreath will be laid in the adjacent creek to commemorate all veterans.

The Memorial Day Parade travels down Broadway at 11 am. At 1 pm, the community is invited to gather at the Orion Veteran’s Memorial on South Broadway at Odanah for their Memorial Day Ceremony.

“The community is very supportive of our events,” says Orion Veteran Memorial Board Member Brian Penz. “They come out in force for our events. It is good to see the participation; Lake Orion is about community.”

Let’s show our veterans that we honor and support them by participating in this year’s Memorial Day festivities.

Learn more about the Orion Veteran’s Memorial and their Memorial Day activities at orionveteransmemorial.com.

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