From the Director

Let's celebrate summer reading!

I’m sure we have all heard enough about COVID–19 in recent months, and we'd like to look to a brighter future together. But I would like to thank all library patrons for your continued and increased use of our online resources during the quarantine. We are so glad that we are able to provide you with access to library materials from your home. Remember that these resources are always available to you from our website at orionlibrary.org.

In fact, I would love to hear from you and know more about how you DID use our online resources. Did you find a new read in an e–book or downloadable audiobook? Did you have a virtual book group meeting? Did you find a favorite movie or some new music on hoopla? Maybe you learned a new language with mango? Send me an email or give me a call and let me know! You can reach me directly at kknox@orionlibrary.org or 248–693–3000 x430.

As summer approaches, we do hope that we get to see your faces again in the library building soon. With that in mind, we are planning for an amazing summer reading program again this year! At the time of this printing, we don’t know that it’s wise to plan the big kickoff party like we usually do, but we will definitely be celebrating reading all summer long! Sign up for summer reading will begin on June 6 on our website, and you can definitely contact us for all the information when that date gets closer.

I know many of you have missed coming to the library, for materials or socialization or refuge, during the quarantine. Please know that the staff and board have done everything we can to take care of you and ourselves during this unprecedented time. For those of you that might have felt lonely or sad or frustrated, please know that I truly understand, and if there’s anything that I or the library might be able to do for you, please reach out. We are here for our amazing Orion community.

Karen

Thank you to our volunteers!

We miss our volunteers but want to keep everyone safe. Check our website for future volunteer opportunities at orionlibrary.org/volunteering, or contact Lori Morris at lmorris@orionlibrary.org.
**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 engraveable stones in the Reading Garden, and orders will be filled in 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 soon!

**Go on a scavenger hunt to find our Little Libraries!**

Our Little Libraries are a great way for the library to bring books out of our building into the Orion Community. Visitors can take a book to read and keep it as long as they would like and also leave books for others to read. Little Free Libraries encourage sharing the joy of reading by allowing patrons to add books to the collection. Please come to area parks and trails to find our Little Libraries!

- Camp Agawam
- Civic Center Park
- Children’s Park
- Downtown Parklet
- Friendship Park
- Green’s Park
- Jesse Decker Park
- Orion Center
- Orion Oaks Dog Park
- Paint Creek Trail behind KFC on Lapeer Road
- Polly Ann Trail at Indianwood Road

Monica Zalewski, Outreach Services Clerk, missed her homebound patrons during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place, so she hand-painted a few cards to mail to them.

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Sign up for Library Programs at orionlibrary.org/calendar or call 248-693-3000
We have probably all heard the term summer slide, but what happens when “summer” ends up being twice as long? We don’t know what effect the extended time away from the classroom will have on our students, so our goal is to promote literacy in as many ways as possible over the summer. Luckily, we have our tireless teachers and parents who picked up the time away from school in the spring and we have librarians to do what they know best—SUMMER READING PROGRAMS!

This year, we will continue to offer a fun, top notch program that utilizes incentives and fun activities to promote reading and advancing literacy gains over the summer. Fantasy and Fairy Tales come alive this year with our theme “Imagine Your Story.” Whether you participate in the Read with Me (0–5), Readers (K–5), Teen (6–12), Adults, or Seniors, you will for sure expand your vocabulary, sharpen your literacy skills, and have a great time reading. All other program information and exact dates can be found at orionlibrary.org.

**Youth Summer Reading Program**

Early learners and elementary grades are invited to participate in our youth programs. In Read with Me, youth ages 0–5 are encouraged to read together 10, 20, and 30 books throughout the summer with prizes along the way.

In our Readers program, elementary age students are encouraged to read 5, 10, and 15 hours this summer for prizes. We will also have additional reading challenges throughout! Along with keeping track of your reading via our online and/or printable reading logs, we will be offering a wide variety of programming throughout the summer.

- Level 1—Fun Prize
- Level 2—Fun Prize
- Level 3—Free Book/Raffle ticket for Showcase Prize

**Teen Summer Reading Program**

Teens can read 2, 4, or 6 books to win prizes and complete the summer reading program for the chance to win the grand prize of a $100 Amazon gift card. Complete other library challenges to win additional prizes. Don’t forget to sign up for the teen summer programs like Disney Terrariums and The Hungry Games which follow fantasy themes come true! Prize pick-up deadline is August 15th.

- 2 Books Read—Assorted Candy
- 4 Books Read—Free Pass to Urban Air
- 6 Books Read—Book of your choice
- Challenge Prizes—$10 Visa gift card (random drawings)
- Grand Prize—$100 Visa gift card (random drawing)

**Adult Summer Reading Program**

Adults can read five books over the course of the summer and receive a free coffee from ABeanToGo in downtown Lake Orion. This year we have many challenges and prizes to expand your horizons and keep you reading all summer. Multiple programs like Fairy House Makerspace, Dungeons and Dragons, and Mythological Monsters follow the fantastic fantasy theme.

**Outreach Senior Summer Reading Program**

Mon, June 8—Fri, Aug 7

The Orion Center Branch Library is offering a tech free Summer Reading program especially for the senior crowd. Participants will get a bingo card to mark off the books they read or listen to and earn prizes! The more you read, the greater your chance to win! You can participate in either Senior or Adult Summer Reading— not both.
2020 SUMMER PROGRAMS

As of this printing, we are planning the following programs this summer. Contact the library or visit orionlibrary.org for exact dates and times, as the details are subject to change.

**Youth and Family**

**Family**
- Create with your Crew
- Imagine You’re on a Game Show
- Harry Potter Maker Night
- SRP Finale Party

**Early Learning**
- Kindermusik ®
- Little Dragons Mini Storytime
- Baby Buddies Storytime
- Toddler Dance Parties
- Pick Up STEAM—Fairy Tales
- Nursery Rhyme Olympics
- Outdoor Fun Storytime

**Elementary Age**
- Imagine You’re an Outlaw Games
- Sensory Free Play
- Magical Creature Crafts
- Imagine You’re a Secret Agent—NERF Games
- Party Like a Troll
- Pizza Gardening
- Minion Madness
- STEAM Academy—Fairy Tales
- Splash + Play
- Mad Hatter Tea Party
- Parkour Workshop!
- Dragon and Unicorn Party
- Backyard Olympics
- Homemade Squishes
- Dogman Afternoon

**Teen**
- Geek Club
- Oreo Taste Test Challenge
- Disney Terrariums
- Imagine You’re a Secret Agent: NERF Games for Teens
- Perler Bead Creations
- The Hungry Games
- SAT Practice Test and Results
- Parkour Workshop
- Summer Teen Lock-In
- Registration Walkthroughs
- Perler Bead Creations
- Sharpie Tie-Dye

**Adult & Outreach**
- Book Discussions
- Cook the Book
- Adult Dungeons and Dragons
- ELL Conversation Group
- Michigan Works
- Roaming Readers Walking Club
- Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group
- The Sandwich Generation: Making Health Care Decisions for Our Parents
- Community Conversations
- Bicentennial History of Oakland County
- Cutting the Cord
- Michigan Notable Book Award: “Where Today Meets Tomorrow” by Susan Skarsgard
- Indoor Herb Gardens
- Fairy Houses
- Introduction to Inkscape
- Mythological Monsters
- Melt and Pour Soap
- Self-Defense Basics
- Adult Battle of the Books
- Social Media Privacy
- Maker Space Open Hours

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ONLINE RESOURCES

Adult & Outreach Resources

The Orion Library provides its users with subscriptions to online resources that can be accessed with an Orion library card. Additional resources provided by the Michigan eLibrary can be accessed via MeL.org with a Michigan driver’s license. You can view all of the library’s databases by going to orionlibrary.org. The library has databases covering topics like crafts, finance, automotive repair, language learning, investment research, legal help and much more!

Get creative

If you’re in the mood for something creative, CreativeBug offers unlimited access to over 1,000 online art and crafts classes taught by artists and creative experts, with new videos added monthly. The library also subscribes to Lynda.com from LinkedIn which is a premier online learning resource that offers more than 3,500 courses and 250,000 tutorials covering technical skills, creative techniques, and business strategies to name a few.

Learn auto repair

For automotive repair, the library has ALLData which gives you instant access to the most complete and up-to-date automotive repair, maintenance procedures, and diagnostic information.

How about a new language?

If learning a language has always been on your to-do list you can sign up for Mango Languages where library card holders can learn over 70 languages from native speakers.

Business and investing

Finally, if you want to learn a little more about business and investing, the library subscribes to Morningstar Investment Research Center which gives you access to comprehensive financial information on stocks, mutual funds, and exchange traded funds.

Even more resources

Anyone with a valid Orion library card also has 24/7 access to streaming and downloadable content in a variety of formats.

- cloudLibrary (eBooks & downloadable audiobooks)
- Hoopla (eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, music, movies/TV)
- Kanopy (movies and award-winning documentaries)
- OverDrive (eBooks & downloadable audiobooks)
- RB Digital (magazines)

If you’re ever unsure what you want to read next you can try out NoveList Plus which is a comprehensive source of information about books that includes expert recommendations, reviews, read-alikes, articles, book discussion guides and more. You can also contact the Adult Reference Desk at 248-693-3001.

Teen Resources

While we have many databases for patrons of all ages, our Teen Services databases range from middle school specific to high school specific, so there is something for all the stages the teen years take you.

Help for students

One favorite is LearningExpress Library as it provides online tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks to help students. It offers job search and workplace skills improvement, skill building in reading, writing, math, and basic science, career certification and licensure exam prep, college and grad school entrance test prep, GED® test prep, and more. The college prep test range for the middle schooler starting their PSAT testing, to the high schooler deciding between the SAT and ACT. Such an easy way to practice right from your home, all you need is a valid library card.

Driving assistance

For the teenager getting ready to drive, we offer DrivingTests.org. This database is specific to the State of Michigan driving regulations, and consists of over 500 questions and practice tests on road signs, fines, situations and even a Michigan exam simulator. A DMV 2020 handbook is also included, as well as a section of Michigan Driver’s License and Permits FAQ.

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**Social challenges**
Opposing Viewpoints in Context is for the student who needs information on a specific issue. It features contextual information and opinions on hundreds of today’s hottest social issues. This database has continuously updated pro/con viewpoint essays, topic overviews, primary source documents, biographies, court–case overviews, periodical articles, tables/charts/graphs, and more. This is a popular resource for both middle school students as well as high school students, as social issues are taught at all levels of secondary education.

**Reference data**
Finally, we have many reference related databases to help all secondary students find the top–ranked reference collection information in magazines and journals articles, video and audio podcasts, poetry, encyclopedias, maps, images, etc. Reference databases provide information on historically significant figures to present–day newsmakers, from hundreds of countries, as well as the U.S. states and Canadian Provinces, not limited to classic literary works, important historical documents and general reference materials. The reference collection has information to match middle and high school reading levels, as well as each student’s ability.

Any questions regarding the Teen Services databases, please contact the Adult Reference Desk at 248–693–3001, or the Teen Librarian at 248–693–3000 x414.

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**Resources for Kids**

The Orion Township Public Library has a wide variety of online resources for children and families. To find a full list beyond the four highlighted here, visit orionlibrary.org/youth/student-resources.

**Hoopla**
Hoopla, a free on demand digital resource, available to all Orion Township Library card holders includes a large multi–media collection for kids of all ages. Kids can search for favorite characters and authors, finding e–books, television shows, and audio books including authors like Dav Pilkey, Beverly Cleary, and Erin Hunter, and characters like Big Nate, Garfield, and Sonic. Checkouts are available immediately with no holds, and check out times vary depending on the media. Much like Netflix, Hoopla has great television shows and movies for kids that are easy to search by clicking the “Children’s Titles Only” option. Dinosaur Train, Muzzy Language Learning, Magic School Bus, and Wayside School are just a handful of shows available. You will also find a large array of Scholastic books available as movies. All of these options are available anytime while you are at home or on the go via either a smart phone app or at hoopladigital.com. Each library card is able to check out six titles a month, so look for something new for youth to explore this summer.

**Tumblebooks**
TumbleBooks is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach children the joy of reading in a format they will love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce a digital experience where children can practice their literacy skills. TumbleBooks also offers content for older children like narrated chapter books, graphic novels, and language learning titles all designed to develop reading proficiency as they complete elementary school. Help combat summer slide this year with an interactive way to keep your child interested in reading! In an effort to help library patrons during these difficult times, TumbleBooks has generously donated access to their entire suite of online resources through August 31, 2020. See orionlibrary.org for more details.

**Creativebug**
If you’re looking for some creative fun this summer, try Creativebug, a resource created by volunteers, activists, and teachers who believe the arts deserve to be shared with everyone. Creativebug offers hundreds of classes for school–age kids in categories like Crafts, Drawing & Painting, Holiday & Party, Jewelry, Paper, Sewing, and Yarn. Classes vary in length; some are just a few minutes, while others are a few hours and can be viewed in multiple parts. There are classes offered for ages 5 and up, and ages 8 and up, with various skill levels available. There are many doodling and drawing classes, including some focused on Manga. Galaxy slime and felt animal masks are a couple of the many craft offerings. You will also find a multitude of sewing and yarn projects—including a robust pattern library for knitting and crochet projects. Classes never expire, allowing children to start and stop projects at their own pace. Sign up with your library card today and let your creativity come out to play!
Novelist K–8 Plus
Have you or your child ever been in a reading slump where you're not sure what to read next? Let us introduce you to NoveList K–8 Plus, an amazing online resource for read–alike recommendations and exploration specifically designed for kids in grades K–8. Just finished a series you loved and looking for something similar? NoveList can suggest read–alikes for authors, titles, and series. Simply search for a favorite and NoveList will suggest a custom list of recommended titles. Beyond a read–alike search, NoveList also has the ability to search by reading facets, including genre, style of writing, pace of book, themes, reading level, and recommended age groups. NoveList is linked to our catalog, so all you need is your library card to start exploring today. But don’t worry—we librarians are always available to help if you’re still stuck. You can request help finding your next favorite book by email, phone, or stopping in to see us in person. We love connecting readers with books they’ll love. We can’t wait to hear about what you’ll read next!

Free Friends Memberships
The Friends of the Orion Township Library are offering free memberships for its May 1, 2020–April 30, 2021 membership period. This offer is available to current and new members. “Traditionally we mail our annual membership renewal notices in the springtime; however, this year the Friends board decided to suspend the membership fee requirement for the upcoming fiscal year,” said Michelle Jerome, membership chairperson of the Friends of the Orion Township Library. “Right now so many people are hurting, every penny counts. We wanted to ease the burden to our members and at the same time offer up our friendship to potential new members.”

How to Join the Friends
Current memberships will automatically be renewed for the upcoming year. Those who are interested in joining the Friends of the Orion Township Library can visit orionlibrary.org/friends/membership/join.

Libraries Need Friends and the Friends Need You!
If you are able to give, we welcome your support. By donating to the Friends, you’ll help shape the future of learning and living in our community because it’s our goal to make new programs a reality at the Orion Township Public Library. Since 2011, the Friends have provided in excess of $270,000 to the library in the way of program funding, equipment and material purchases and monetary contributions. Donations are welcome at orionlibrary.org/friends/donate, or you can submit a Friends Membership & Donation Form with a check made payable to “Friends of the Orion Township Public Library” by mail to Friends of the Orion Township Library, Membership Chair, 825 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

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Youth Program Highlight
Neighborhoods of Stories
Returning for a second year, the popular traveling storytime series is back and bigger than ever! Along with local parks, we will visit downtown Clarkston and Lake Orion, a local splash pad, and the Wint Nature Center. This program aims to connect communities and nature, allowing libraries to highlight their programs and celebrate others’ neighborhoods. Librarians from Orion and Independence Townships welcome the whole family for mornings of books and activities, where everyone can spread out and have fun at our local parks. All parks and beaches will be free to enter for program attendees. Exact days, times, and locations can be found at orionlibrary.org.
Friends Fall Book Sale

Tue, Sept 15
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, Sept 16 & Thurs, Sept 17
10 AM–8:30 PM
Open to the Public

Fri, Sept 18
10 AM–4:30 PM
Open to the Public
1/2 off books day

Sat, Sept 19
9:30 AM–1 PM
Open to the Public
$5 bag day (fill a bag supplied by the Friends for $5)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friends Holiday Silent Auction
Sun, Nov 1–Sat, Nov 21

Help the Library while you shop
If you participate in Kroger’s Community Rewards Program or use Amazon Smile, you can designate the Orion Township Library as your charity of choice and a portion of your purchases will be donated to us.

Visit kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards and smile.amazon.com for details and to sign up.

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.