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YOU MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER SUMMER!

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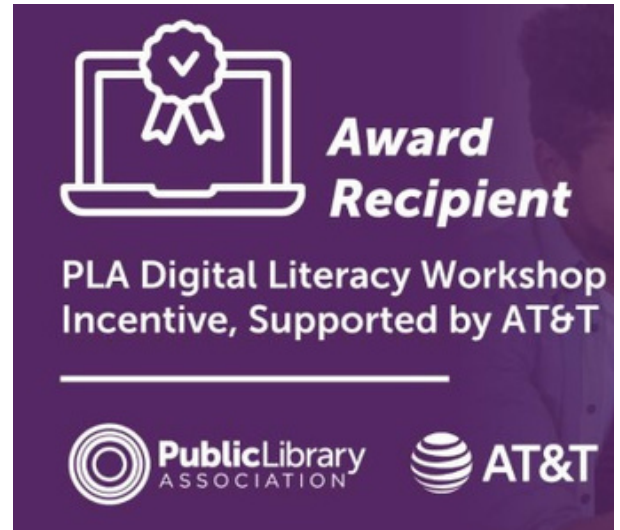
Congratulations to everyone on completing yet another year of Summer Reading! As you wind down for fall and winter programming, start thinking of new projects for your library, and continue to grow - remember Lakeland is here to help!



LIBRARY NEWS

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hastings Public Library is thrilled to announce we were awarded two grants in August. We are proud to be among the 160 libraries selected by PLA for the Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T. We are so excited to host digital literacy training in our community to help close the Digital Divide. Classes will start in October and run monthly for six months. We were also among the 40 libraries and institutions selected for this year's Save Michigan History Visiting Archivist Program, sponsored by the Archives of Michigan, the Michigan State Historical Records Advisory Board and the National Archives. Our site visit was just completed, and through the end of the year, a professional archivist from the Archives of Michigan will advise on priorities, organization and assist with some projects.

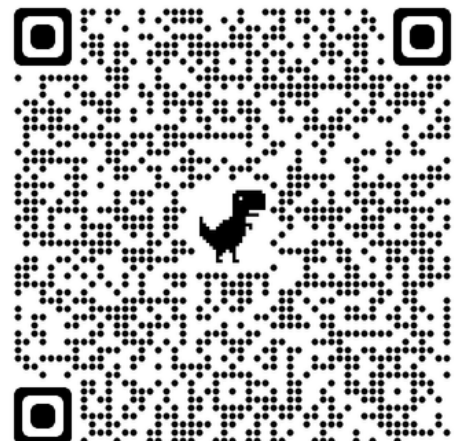


PATMOS LIBRARY

Patmos Library's millage proposal was shot down in the August primaries due to hateful and bigoted rhetoric within the community, and has since received national attention. Two Gofundme campaigns have raised a total of over \$258,000 as of the writing of this newsletter, with acclaimed and prolific author Nora Roberts donating \$50,000, and author Neil Gaiman using his social media to bring attention to the issue.

IONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The recent millage proposal for the Ionia Community Library's new building was defeated by only 36 votes in August. Fox 17 ran an excellent story outlining the culture surrounding this years-long struggle faced by the staff and board, why a new building is necessary, and the culture within Ionia that is perhaps keeping it from passing. Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the story.



LIBRARY NEWS

SPRING LAKE DISTRICT LIBRARY

The SLDL Leadership Team went on a field trip on Wednesday, August 24 to visit seven area libraries. We are looking for ways to streamline and improve our current procedures, and looking for ideas for our future building refresh. We loved visiting with the staff and getting so many of our questions answered! Thank you to KDL Grandville, Georgetown, Howard Miller, Saugatuck-Douglas, Herrick Main, and Herrick North for hosting us and allowing us to peek behind the scenes of your libraries.



Spring Lake
District Library

CEDAR SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

These are the kind of stories we love to hear! Ella, pictured attached, attended our Quilling Class during our Summer Reading Program. She took her new skills and started teaching her cousins and friends. Ella also checked out some books for inspiration! We love being the source where creativity and literacy come together.



Below is a short write up from Ella's mom
"My daughter, Ella, signed up for the quilling class offered this summer through Cedar Springs Public Library. She knew nothing about quilling when she walked in the door. She quickly fell in love after learning so much from the class!! The following day she begged me to take her to Hobby Lobby for new supplies and we checked out a few books from the library for ideas. Now she teaches her cousins and friends how fun her new craft is Thanks so much!!!"

STAFF NEWS

HOWARD MILLER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Amanda Hanson starts as the Director of the Howard Miller Public Library in Zeeland on September 6! Amanda was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and comes to us from Naperville, IL.

In Naperville, she worked for the Naperville Public Library as the Children's Librarian and as a Supervisor. She has two children named Nathan and Anneliese, a cat, and a dog. Her favorite authors include Shirley Jackson and Stephen King, and her favorite movies are Casablanca and the Empire Strikes Back. Amanda brings years of experience in public libraries and a passion for serving the community to Howard Miller.

MEET NICKI AT LAKELAND!

Hello all! My name is Nicki Johnson and I have recently started working at LLC as a Digital Services Specialist. Some of you may know me as the lead of the Overdrive Purchasing Committee and I have been with Georgetown Township Public Library for over 14 years. As a Digital Services Specialist, I am here to help you, the member libraries. My first project is to help organize group purchases which will allow us to get better pricing. I am also planning to offer instructional and marketing resources that any library can use to help support its patrons. So, if there is anything I can help you with, don't hesitate to contact me at nicki@llcoop.org.



PROGRAM NEWS

LOUTIT DISTRICT LIBRARY



Loutit District Library is maximizing our use of Beanstack by trying a Banned Books Challenge for September 2022! This challenge will be focused on educating and informing patrons. The library will feature eye-catching displays of frequently challenged or banned books throughout the building and an educational exhibit. Patrons must earn 250 points and two activity badges to win a banned books magnet and a spin on the library's prize wheel for an additional prize. Each activity badge encourages patrons to learn, read, and stand up to censorship.

LAKE ODESSA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Lake Odessa used LSTA funds (thank you Library of Michigan and Institute of Museum and Library Services!!) to purchase sewing machines and supplies for their summer sewing classes, which were a hit! Now that the program is over, sewing machines can circulate out to patrons. Participants used literacy skills, math skills, listening skills, and deductive reasoning to complete the projects and also learned the fine art of sewing. It was great to see the final projects come together but the biggest reward was the smile and satisfaction on the kids' faces (and some adults!). We plan to use the machines again in the fall for a teen program.

We had 15 sewing classes, 5 different projects, and 44 volunteers. It was a big deal for our library. We sewed 230 projects in total.



NEWS FROM GRPL

TYBRARY

We partnered with a local art gallery to provide art instruction to teens and adults. Local artists in different disciplines guided attendees during this interactive experience.



MOVIES ON THE LAWN

As a way to further activate our Libraries on the Lawn, we offered outdoor movie screenings 3 times throughout the summer. With hundreds of neighbors in attendance at each experience, the library celebrated the summer with guests who were invited to bring a chair or blanket, snacks, and loved ones to this free event for all. The event also featured craft activities, giveaways, and an opportunity for guests to play on our ground mural.



COMIC GEEK OUT

Another experience which exceeded our attendance expectation, Comic Geek out celebrated all things comics. During this day-long event, attendees were invited to dress up, participate in workshops, experience a conversations with celebrity guests, and enjoy hands-on activities.

