IT'S NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH!

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Welcome back and Happy November everyone! November is National Novel Writing Month - aka NaNoWriMo. It's the perfect time to display your books about writing books, and host writing parties!

This issue contains so many opportunities, as well as news from your neighbors and friends from Lakeland - so sit back, relax, and take it all in!
This month we have a staff shoutout from Herrick District Library: Thomas Hammelman has worked for the Information Technology department at Herrick District Library for the past two years. His title there is Network and Computer Support Specialist. Thomas is kind, humble, charismatic, a great communicator, a fast learner, knowledgeable, and always seeking out new ways to improve operations at Herrick. He also has an excellent track record of improving services of all kinds for both staff and patrons. Thank you to Thomas for all that you do, and thank you for being a valuable and valued member of the Lakeland family!
HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY

Quite a few staff members over at Herrick District Library have been enamored with the show *Only Murders in the Building*. They decided to make some fun social media content around the theme of *Only Murders in the Library*. You can watch their incredible music video about quiet in the library at the following link, and try to catch all the references to Hulu's *Only Murders in the Building*:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sa8ZLAeG0Js

FRUITPORT DISTRICT LIBRARY

Fruitport recently hosted Alex Thomas and Friends over Halloween weekend for a Special Effects Makeup Workshop and their patrons had a blast! Participants learned to create trauma effects like cuts, scars, burns, bruises, and more using a combination of special effects makeup, and non toxic household materials. Alex Thomas and Friends also offer puppetry, sculpture, stop-motion animation, and STEM workshops!
The Continuing Education Committee recently hosted their first event since COVID! The Youth Services Share Fair was held at the Georgetown Township Public Library, and volunteers created displays to share program ideas with their peers. The event’s purpose was to inspire and connect our incredible team of Youth Services professionals within Lakeland. See some examples of displays below!

THE CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING MORE EVENTS IN THE NEW CALENDAR YEAR, SO BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR THOSE OPPORTUNITIES!
Jump start your summer reading planning with fellow youth services colleagues! Keynote Presenter: Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant from the Library of Michigan: “Book Challenges, First Amendment Audits & More: Your Legal Library Questions Answered.” Morning round robin discussion encompasses a variety of SRP topics, including: craft ideas, reading logs, decorations, programming, presenters, and MORE! Afternoon breakout sessions cover story time behavior strategies, collaborative programming with adult services, survival tips for pulling off your first SRP, and MORE!

Register Here: https://events.getlocalhop.com/all-together-now-summer-reading-2023-workshop/event/lfKDdFYI9G/
2023 ALSC/BAKER & TAYLOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRANT

The ALSC Program and Services Recognition Committee is now accepting applications for the 2023 ALSC/Baker & Taylor Summer Reading Program Grant! This grant is designed to encourage reading programs for children in public libraries by providing $3,000 in financial assistance, while recognizing ALSC members for outstanding program development. Applications and supporting materials, including an itemized budget and the required signature form, are due by November 18, 2022. Please visit: https://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/profawards/bakertaylor

PRESERVATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR SMALLER INSTITUTIONS

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions — such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records offices, and colleges and universities — improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections. Read More Here: https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions
UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN THE LIBRARY: A FREE PLA WEBINAR SERIES

This free webinar series will cover key SEL concepts and how to integrate them into library programs and activities. Book lists and other resources will be provided, and each session will include a calming mindfulness exercise for attendees. Learn more at: https://elearning.ala.org/local/catalog/view/product.php?productid=513.

REMEMBER YOUR PATRONS LIVING WITH MEMORY LOSS

Join this webinar to hear practical advice on choosing reading materials uniquely suited to each individual, following the tenets of person-centered care. Presenters will share simple ways to create more dementia-friendly libraries and provide examples of literacy activities and programs hosted at libraries and memory cafes around the world, including oral reading, browsing through books, singing, choral reading of poetry, and word games. Registration: https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/remember-your-patrons-living-with-memory-loss.html
UPCOMING EVENTS

SUICIDE PREVENTION FOR VETERANS, SERVICE MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

Join us for this webinar with presenters from the Veterans Health Administration Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, who will provide an introduction to military culture and share how libraries can help raise awareness of the resources available to Veterans, their families, and other members of military communities.

Registration: https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/mental-health-suicide-prevention-veterans.html

SOCIAL WORK APPROACHES TO LIBRARY SERVICES

Join this webinar to explore the concept of "Whole Person Librarianship" and to learn how a range of social work approaches can be applied to improve library services. We’ll invite you to look at all aspects of your library through a social service lens, including policies, spaces, community partnerships, and programming.

Registration: https://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/social-work-approaches-to-library-services.html