This month, we're focusing on change! Between Patron Point and our Strategic Plan, we're shaking things up and working towards a brighter future for all of us at Lakeland. Let's spring into spring together!
VISION
Leading, Learning, and Lending: libraries working together to empower, enhance, and enrich our communities.

MISSION
We strengthen libraries through expertise, services, and shared resources for the benefit of communities and individuals.

LEADING
Support member libraries by connecting them to LLC and each other and demonstrating the value of the cooperative to their communities in supporting lifelong learning and expanded worldview.

LENDING
Work together to create efficiencies and access to resources in cost-effective ways to increase individual member library capacity and reciprocal lending, borrowing, and improved user experience.

LEARNING
Ensure member library staff are confident in their skills to provide exceptional, consistent service to their patrons.
NEWAYGO LIBRARY 3rd ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS BOOK EDITION
What is March Madness Book Edition? It is a bracket-style tournament that matches select books one-on-one. The winners each week will be decided by a simple vote. After each round of voting the bracket will be updated and the winner will progress to the next week’s round of voting. Until there is one final winner! Be sure to stop in to the library every week to vote for your weekly pick!

REYNOLDS
On Sunday, February 12th, the Timothy C. Hauenstein Reynolds Township Library had not one, but TWO staff members get married in the library in back-to-back ceremonies. We wish both sets of newlyweds the best!
Fennville District Library trustee Kathleen Yankee has been appointed to the Library of Michigan’s LSTA Advisory Council. The council provides feedback on current and possible new programs and is also part of the peer review for grant programs. The advisory council terms are for two years, and members can serve up to 3 terms.

The Ionia Meijer donated $5,000 to the ICL to recognize its service to the community in 2022. ICL will use the funds to purchase a new all-in-one microfilm scanner to replace an old, unserviceable unit. The new equipment allows ICL users to easily read, scan, print and convert images to use in their research projects. The gift helps the ICL in its mission to preserve local history and genealogy for the community, helping patrons' better access and use information.
From the Muskegon Museum of art - a piece from one of our own!

"A community is a group of people living in a specific place and our region on the beautiful lake shore of West Michigan is no different. This exhibition is a celebration of our diverse community, sharing the unique stories of people that grow it every day. We invite you to meet these members of our community through art and the art of storytelling. The striking black and white photography of Jennifer Green and the storytelling of local journalist Susan Harrison-Wolffis combine to showcase and celebrate our community. The Muskegon Museum of Art is proud to present Through Our Lens: HANDS. Our staff organized this exhibition in partnership with a community committee to tell our collective lakeshore story."
UPCOMING EVENTS

CAPIRA DEMO

Join us for a webinar with OCLC on March 16th! We will be going over upcoming changes and enhancements to the capira app.

This webinar will be recorded but we strongly encourage live attendance in order to facilitate active Q and A. See the Lakeland calendar to register.

PCI WEBINARS

Library staff in Michigan all have access to People Connect Institute webinars through the Library of Michigan! There are tons of interesting, engaging, and informative programs available at the LoM Continuing Education page: Michigan.gov/LibraryCE.

Some examples include: Bringing Readers Back, Spring Into Action, and Living and Working Energetically.
Two solar eclipses are coming to North America—and it’s time for public library staff to get ready! Thanks to a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and a supplement to the NASA@My Library Project, the Space Science Institute’s STAR Net team is providing 5 million solar viewing glasses, in-person training workshops, solar science circulation kits, print resources, ~10,000 public libraries and 55 state library agencies across the nation. To learn more about the project visit: www.starnetlibraries.org/about/our-projects/solar-eclipse-activities-libraries-seal/.

Let’s Move in Libraries is an international initiative to get people of all ages and abilities on the path to health. During the month of April, Let’s Move in Libraries will host a series of online conversations on community collaboration and community health. Each conversation takes place on a Thursday in April, 2023. Learn more: www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/cultivating-relationship-driven-library.html