

LAKELAND NEWSLETTER



WELCOME!

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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!



STRATEGIC PLAN



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.

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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.

LIBRARY NEWS



NEWAYGO

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!



LIBRARY NEWS



FENNVILLE

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.

IONIA

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.



LIBRARY NEWS

MUSKEGON



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."

Jim Dewald Jr.
Muskegon
Muskegon Area District Library Bookmobile
Librarian



"I get to be a librarian to people who don't have one."

First things first.

Yes, he has a lot of tattoos and piercings. Yes, he wears funky jewelry. Yes, he has a beard that takes on a life of its own. Yes, he rides a Harley off hours and belongs to a motorcycle club.

And yes, he is a librarian.

Not just any librarian. Jim Dewald Jr. is the guy who drives the bookmobile for Muskegon Area District Library, spreading his love of reading from one end of the county to the other.

If he breaks a few stereotypes along the way, so be it. He uses who he is — non-conventional, unorthodox, oh-so-talkative — to his advantage to draw in people who might not frequent a traditional library.

"My goal is to get books into the hands of people," he says.

His road toward library science as a career is as unique as he is. When he was in college, an English major, Jim was arrested for shoplifting. His sentence? Community service at the local library. When he'd served his time, the lead librarian called him into her office — and urged him to consider being a librarian.

"It completely changed my life," Jim says. "I'm not proud of what I did, but I believe in second chances. I am a librarian because of second chances."

So, the guy with the tattoos reads to kids at his stops, and they see a man who loves books. He seeks out the dads and the moms who stand back, hesitant, while their kids check out things. He suggests lesser-known authors, not just best-sellers, to newcomers and regulars alike.

"A book is a wonderful thing, but I'm also there to connect with people," he says. "All people."

Scan the QR code to see an interview with Jim Dewald from the Muskegon Area District Library's 'Humans of Muskegon' project



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.

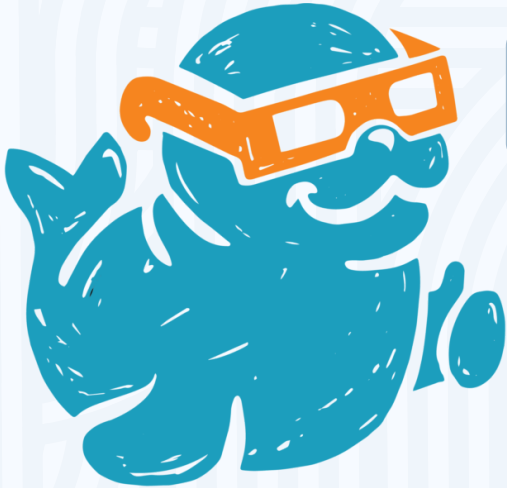
PCI WEBINARS

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



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**Solar Eclipse Activities
for Libraries**

STAR NET

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 LIBRARIES

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



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