It's Summer Reading Time!
We hope you all have another incredibly successful and fun year of summer reading programming! If you need anything from Lakeland, please let us know how we can assist you during the busy season!
A national grant will help the Ionia Community Library better serve people with disabilities. The Ionia Community Library received a $20,000 national grant to help provide better physical access for all patrons. The ICL was one of 240 libraries to participate in "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities," according to a news release. (via the Ionia Sentinel-Standard)

Newaygo Area District Library was awarded a $5,000 Great Lakes Energy People Fund Grant for updated computers for public use. The seven new public computers and monitors were installed May 17! Great Lakes Energy members help to enhance the quality of life for people in our communities through the People Fund. Bills of participating members are “rounded up” to the next dollar amount and grants are awarded to non-profit organizations for charitable activities throughout their service area.
White Lake Community Library hosted bestselling author Wade Rouse on Monday, May 22nd, as part of the Library of Michigan's 2023 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour sponsored by the Library of Michigan, the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Humanities, Michigan Center for the Book, EBSCO, MSU Federal Credit Union, and locally by the Friends of the White Lake Community Library.

Here’s some pictures of some Lakeland Youth Services folks at Spring Institute. This was our table for team trivia, the team name was ‘LLC_All re: Shelf Check’ sadly we didn’t win but we had fun!
For the 2nd year in a row, Spring Lake was able to ride their Book Bike in the Spring Lake Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29. Staff and members of their Friends of the Library group also marched; they handed out bookmarks with Summer Reading info and candy to the parade watchers. They were a big hit!
On Saturday, May 6, the Fennville District Library held a dedication ceremony for the unveiling of the sculpture “Reaching for the Stars” by artist Hector Vega.

The Saugatuck Douglas Fennville Arts Initiative, along with the city of Fennville, collaborated with Hector on a piece of art that would represent the lives of migrant workers in our community.

Refreshments were provided by local restaurants, as well as the Fennville Friends. Guests were also entertained by the Fennville band, Grupo Fierro.
UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT TO DO WITH PATRONS THAT ARE MAD ON ARRIVAL

In this interactive and informative program, attendees will learn specific verbiage to set boundaries and de-escalate patrons’ situations, as well safety techniques and procedures to use to create more consistent responses to difficult behaviors.

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DIGITAL COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP WITH WEBJUNCTION

Creating and sharing digital collections is an important way that libraries can share and preserve unique local history, culture, stories, and artifacts. Digital collections offer an opportunity to represent a diversity of experiences and voices in your community that may be missing from your physical collection.

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