Once Upon a Time...this is how most fairy tales begin. The Otsego District Library is writing a revised tale for our Summer Reading Program. Ironically, the theme for this year’s Summer Reading Programs is “IMAGINE YOUR STORY”. We all need to re-imagine the world we are presently living in.

The library is excited for you to IMAGINE YOUR STORY along with us this summer. Our program will be available online this year through Wandoo Reader. Links will be available on our website for you to register (please call the library if you need any assistance). This is an easy program to record your child’s reading progress and set personal goals. The minimum goal for children is to read 20 days, but we encourage you to set the amount of days that seems right for your story.

We will kick off our program on June 27 with registration beginning on June 22.

Library programs in the building will not be allowed this summer, but we are busy imagining what virtual programs we can offer.

We hope you and your children can “IMAGINE YOUR STORY” this summer along with the library.
Once Upon a Storytime

A virtual storytime offered weekly featuring fairy tales, princesses, knights, dragons, fairies, and unicorns.

Like us on Facebook: @otsegodistrictlibrary or Follow us on Instagram: @otsegodistrictpubliclibrary to watch each week.

Take & Make Fairy Tale Craft Kits

Craft kits will be handed out at the library weekly for kids to be able to do at home.

Supplies and ideas will be provided with each fairy tale craft.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Match) concepts kits will be handed out weekly with some including an instructional video online.

Fairy Tale STEAM

Fairy Tale Writing Challenge

Write your own fairy tale story and win a prize! Begin your story with "Once upon a time..." and end it with "They lived happily ever after!" Use your imagination for the rest of the story.

Once Upon an Adventure

Fairy Tale themed scavenger hunts will be posted online once a week. Your family will love going on these adventures together!

Grand Prizes & Finisher Prize Bags

All participants who reach their reading goal will receive an awesome finisher bag filled with a book plus activities they can do at home and in their own backyards.

Finisher Prize Bags donated by the Friends of the Library.

Finisher Prize Bags will be available for pickup late summer.

Gift cards will be awarded as Grand Prizes to some of the lucky participants donated by Meijer!

First Prize $300 Meijer Gift Card
Second Prize $200 Meijer Gift Card
Third Prize $100 Meijer Gift Card
EIGHT $50 Meijer Gift Cards
IMAGINE YOUR STORY
Saturday, June 27 - August 1

For the first time in Otsego Library history we will be offering an ONLINE summer reading program through Wandoo Reader. Get the link on our website to register at www.otsegolibrary.org. Set a goal and track your reading while participating in online challenges. The minimum goal for each teen and tween is to read FIVE age appropriate books.

We will kick off our program on June 27 with registration beginning on June 22. Library programs in the building will not be allowed this summer, but we are busy imagining what virtual programs we can offer. Check out the Children’s Summer Reading Program Page for details on Grand Prizes and Finisher Prize Bags.

ANIMAL CROSSING: NEW HORIZONS ONLINE
Get your Nintendo Switch or Switch Lite and play with us online for one hour each week!

The library staff will be meeting you online to play Animal Crossings.

CHIMERA CRAFTS
A Chimera is a monstrous fire breathing beast that resembles a lion with the head of a goat protruding from its back and a tail that ends with a snake's head. The crafts we have for you each week are more creative than this beast could ever be. Pick up supplies and instructions each week at the library.

HESTIA’S BOUNTY
HOME COOKING VIDEOS
Like us on Facebook (@otsegodistrictlibrary) or Follow us on Instagram (@otsegolibrary_teens) to watch weekly themed cooking videos.

CERBERUS’ WEEKLY CHALLENGES
Cerberus is a multi-headed hound that guards the gates of the underworld. Can you take him on and defeat his challenges?

BASILISK BOOK CLUB
The Basilisk is an ancient serpent king that can cause chaos with a single glance... and he is taking over the book club!

Join us for an open book discussion on Zoom. Check Facebook and Instagram for the invite. We will be getting together to talk about what we are currently reading and suggest some amazing new and favorite books to each other!

GREEK MYTHOLOGY WRITING CHALLENGE
Create your own short story and submit it to win a prize in this writing challenge.

Pick various characters and creatures from Greek mythology as main characters for inspiration.
ONLINE SERVICES AND ERESOURCES

Get ready to download and enjoy audiobooks, music, and video on your computer, or eBooks and audiobooks on your mobile device.

All you need is your library card and you can access tons of amazing new and popular titles! Whether you have a Nook, a Kindle, iPad, or a smartphone; you can get great books for free!

Visit www.otsegolibrary.org/read-it for more details.

Get An Otsego District Public Library Card Online
Local residents can now sign up for a library card online by submitting their information online at www.otsegolibrary.org/getalibrarycard. Residents of the Otsego District Public Library legal service area may apply.

The library’s legal service area consists of Alamo Township, Otsego City, Otsego Township, Trowbridge Township, and Watson Township. Digital services are available to resident patrons who are within our legal service area.

Not in our service area? Non-Residents can apply for an Otsego District Public Library card when the library reopens with an established account from one of the surrounding reciprocal libraries: Allegan Public Library, Kalamazoo Public Library, JC Wheeler Public Library (Martin), Parchment Community Library, Ransom District Library (Plainwell), and the Van Buren District Library. Check with your home library to access digital services.

Your Otsego District Public Library Card provides access to our Digital Collection which includes eBooks and Audiobooks via Hoopla and OverDrive/Libby apps, eMagazines via RB Digital, language learning via Rocket Languages, and access to our online services including databases through MeL.

A patron library card entitles the cardholder to use the services of the Otsego District Library subject to the rules and procedures of the library according to the Borrowing Policy.

Hoopla Digital

Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. We have hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily.

Hoopla is like having your public library at your fingertips. Anytime. Anywhere.

You can stream titles instantly through your desktop browser or our mobile app. If you use our mobile app, you can also download titles to your device for offline playback later, where Wi-Fi may be unavailable. Titles are automatically returned and removed from your device at the end of the lending period.
ONLINE SERVICES AND ERESOURCES

OverDrive Media Console
The world's leading provider of digital content to libraries and schools.
Overdrive works with 36,000+ library and school partners around the world to offer their users 24/7 access to eBooks, digital audiobooks, and streaming video.

Libby
OverDrive Media Console has a sister app called Libby. Libby makes eBook and eAudio use more user friendly than ever before. New features and a cleaner design allows patrons to check out eBooks and eAudios more smoothly and without authorization on devices.

Libby will not be replacing the OverDrive Media Console App at this time. Existing users can continue using the previous version without any worry of it being discontinued.

RB Digital Magazines
RBdigital Magazines, the world’s largest newsstand, offers full-color digital magazines for anytime, anywhere reading on desktops, mobile devices, and apps.
Your library's collection of popular digital magazines includes both new and back-list titles with no holds, no checkout periods, and no limits.
Instantly read all current and back-list magazines on desktop and mobile browsers. Download and read magazines on 95% of today’s mobile devices, including iOS (Apple®), Android™, and Kindle Fire™/HD/HDX.

Rocket Languages
Rocket Languages currently features the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Sign Language, and Spanish. Rocket Languages even features Eigo to English and Spanish to English.

MeL eResources
The Michigan eLibrary (MeL) is a statewide service of the Library of Michigan, an agency of the Michigan Department of Education.
The Library of Michigan works with the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) to provide MeL services.
There are a ton of amazing databases that you can access from home. These resources cover a variety of topics that cover auto repair, scholastic educational courses, career exploration, and so much more!
"Hoopla has been an excellent supplemental resource during the time of quarantine. My family particularly enjoys audiobooks, today we listened to, *Ninja Kid* by Anh Do. It was quick, funny, and adventurous, my kids (6, 8, & 10 years old) all wanted to listen to it again right away. Because of the extended number of checkouts we are able to get, we also began *The Boxcar Children*, a wonderful, heart-warming classic that has held the test of time."

- Abby

"I have been enjoying using my Libby App lately! I love to listen to audio books since it allows me to get those mindless household chores done while I listen to great books. I hardly know I'm working! Here are a couple of them that I have especially enjoyed *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, is a wonderfully complex story about a relationship between a brother and sister. This story has it all; celebration, sadness, mystery, and even a wicked stepmother! Top all that with the fact that the audio book is read by Tom Hanks. Hanks uses his incredible acting skills to really 'become' the main character of the book. It was such a pure delight that I listened to it twice!

I also recently listened to *The Liar's Girl* by Catherine Ryan Howard. I had a great time listening to this thrilling, fast paced mystery. There were twists and turns that I did not see coming- I could hardly put it down! Libby has both the book and audio versions of both these excellent books."

- Alicia

"I really enjoyed using the temporary ODL remote access to Ancestry. I found my Grandpa's senior yearbook photo! I loved his senior motto: 'However it be, it seems to me; tis only noble to be good.' I also discovered he was in Library Club!"

- Andrea

"If you liked the teen series *Twilight Saga* by Stephenie Meyer, you will enjoy the adult series *All Souls Trilogy* by Deborah Harkness. The titles in the series are: *A Discovery of Witches*, *Shadow of Night*, and *The Book of Life*. The first book in the series *A Discovery of Witches* is available on DVD at the library.

If you have enjoyed all of the *Shadowhunters Series* from Cassandra Clare, then you will enjoy her new series, *The Last Hours*, by reading the first book *Chain of Gold.*"

- Angela

"Over the course of the stay at home order, I have really gotten into Rocket Languages! Since I haven't spoken a lick of Spanish since graduating high school, this resource has been extremely helpful with getting me back into it. It is super user friendly and easy to learn. It even gives you sayings to learn that would help you if you were to visit a country that speaks the language you are learning, and it gives you cultural lessons too! Rocket Languages is a great resource for anyone looking to learn a new language, or brush up on an old one, and I would highly recommend it!"

- Isabel
"I never used to read historical fiction, but recently I have become addicted. A few of my favorite authors are Lisa Wingate, Susan Meissner, Ellen Marie Wiseman, and Lynn Austin. You can find several of their books on Overdrive and Hoopla. My favorite Lisa Wingate book is Before We Were Yours and I’m really excited to read The Book of Lost Friends. I recently read Waves of Mercy by Lynn Austin for a book club. It included the history of Holland, Michigan which was very interesting to me because I have a Dutch heritage. Then when I went to the Public Library Association Conference in Nashville in February, I actually met Lynn Austin and got a signed book from her. I didn’t even realize that Lynn is actually from Holland, Michigan. It was a lot of fun to chat with her about her books!

A great resource for the either seasoned or new-to-you home-schooler is MeL eResources, which can be found on our library’s website under ‘Learn It’. On the home page there is a link to ‘Learning from Home during COVID-19’. One of my favorite resources is Pebble Go. We hope these resources will be useful during this new style of learning."

- Diane

"Since we have been 'sheltering at home', it seems that my days are filled with extra time to reflect on things. It’s been the perfect excuse to get on the Library’s website and login the temporary remote access to Ancestry. Generally I would have to access it from inside the library building, but we now have access to the Ancestry website from home during this quarantine. It’s amazing what information I’ve been able to find, including a photo of my dad from his 1949 High School Yearbook. So far I’ve only researched back to 1850’s, when my great-great grandparents were born, but hoping to go back even farther. If you’ve never tried Ancestry, now is the perfect time."

- Kim

"Having a love affair with travel, a pilot husband & a teenager, I found having a Hoopla account a great benefit! Traveling with books is difficult when your goal is to NEVER check your bags so you can save time and troubles. With my ODPL card it is so easy to use the app to download our books to our iPad. With this option, we did not need to use the internet for our books and had them when we wanted them. Lightweight, space saving and handy! We love ODPL & Hoopla!"

- Leslie

"I have been reading Blood, Sweat, and Pixels: The Triumphant, Turbulent Stories Behind How Video Games Are Made by Jason Schreier. I recommend this book to anyone who has a passing interest in technology, computers, and true stories about the often grueling development of video games. The book is packed with interviews with the developers of some of the most popular games of the past decade. The audiobook of Blood, Sweat, and Pixels is available to check out for FREE on Hoopla Digital with your Otsego District Library card."

- Robbie
PHASED REOPENING PLAN

PHASE ONE
DURING SHELTER AT HOME
Public services limited to digital interactions

PHASE TWO
SHELTER AT HOME LIFTED
FIRST, the Allegan County Health Department should give the okay for staff to return to work with the proper safety and social distancing procedures in place.
SECOND, the Library must have enough PPE to protect staff: infrared thermometer, hand sanitizers, soap, gloves, masks, sanitizing wipes, disinfectant spray, to last for a minimum one month, so as to provide enough time to order more as necessary.

At the all clear on both of these, the library will open to staff the following Monday after Shelter at Home is lifted or as soon as possible, as both of these steps are all clear, if delayed by either of the first two key triggers to reopen to staff.

First Week – Staff return to building JUNE 8
• Staff return to building and work full hours on preparing for curbside, cleaning, organizing, projects.
• Book drop reopens JUNE 10. Items quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in until Phase 5.
• Patrons can begin placing holds during this week for drive up window to open the following week.

PHASE THREE
DRIVE UP WINDOW OPENS
One Week after Shelter at Home is lifted JUNE 15
• Drive Up Window in break room opens.
• Public Service hours at the window will be condensed from 58 to 45 hours with the following open curbside window hours:
  Monday - Friday · 10 AM - 6 PM and Sat 10 AM - 3 PM
• Summer Reading Program and some other programs (ie take-out crafts) will be offered through the Drive Up Window. Summer Reading Program will be done digitally via Wandoo Reader.
• All Book Returns go in thru the Outdoor Book Drop.
• Friends Store will be closed and donations not accepted during this phase.
PHASE FOUR
LIBRARY OPENS IN A SOCIAL DISTANCE MODEL

When determined safe by Allegan County Health Department and enough PPE available for community and staff use:

- Computer stations will be limited to every other station, and sanitized after each use. Time on computers will be shortened.
- Building capacity rules will be followed, patrons may be requested to limit to one family member and masks may be requested. Patrons may receive a time limit on building use.
- Staff will have two members on circulation desk, and all service points will continue to wear masks as long as advised to do so by state officials.
- Some interactive areas of the library will be closed to the public: Early Literacy Center, comfortable seating, games, coffee area, etc.
- Library use will be limited to choosing materials and picking up, study, wifi and computer use.
- Patrons will be encouraged to take materials home to read rather than linger or meet in library.
- All patrons will primarily use the self-checkout stations. Staff will assist as needed but materials will not be handed back and forth between patrons and staff.
- Friends Store will be closed and donations not accepted during this phase.
- Outdoor Book drop only. No indoor book drop use or handing materials to staff at desk.
- Drive Up Window encouraged and continued.
- Condensed Library Hours remain in effect.

PHASE FIVE
LIBRARY OPENS TO FULL SERVICE MODEL

When Determined Safe by Allegan County Health Department and Group Gathering Restrictions are lifted by State of MI. Some parts of phase five may return sooner than others.

- Library stops quarantining returned materials
- Friends donations are allowed again, Friends store reopens.
- Indoor Book Drop reopens, Drive Up Window encouraged and continued.
- Library comfortable seating and all computer stations available
- Reading, coffee area, Early Literacy Center and other regular library usage returns.
- Regular library programs and room rentals return
- Regular Library Hours return.

If Government restrictions are again imposed in the fall, the library may return to any of these phases as necessary to protect the health and safety of the staff and community members.
Announcing ODL’s NEW Drive Thru Pickup Window

Drive Thru Window Pickup Procedure:
Place your material(s) on hold by using the library’s online card catalog or by calling the library at (269) 694-9690. If you are able, please use the online system for placing holds. Begin placing holds online and by phone starting June 10.

*The Drive Thru Pickup Window opens on Monday, June 15!*

Open window hours:
Monday - Friday · 10 AM - 6 PM and Sat 10 AM - 3 PM.

Because we do not know the volume of cars to expect at first, we request that you enter on Platt Street and pull up to the library's marked drive thru pickup window (just beyond the drive thru book drop). Please do not block Dix Street waiting in line. Use the Platt Street entrance instead.

Library staff will be at the curbside window. There is a two-way intercom. Staff will request your library card number, please have this handy to read to them. They will not be collecting your physical card. Staff will check-out your holds to you, and deliver them to the window. Your items will be slid out the window to you in a bag inside a tub. Items requested will be held for 7 days before being returned to the shelves. Fines may not be paid at the window. Please utilize the book drop for book returns. Staff will NOT take returned items at the window. Please call the library with any issues with your library card and do not address library issues at the curbside window.

The drive thru pickup is for drive thru pickup of holds ONLY.

ABSOLUTELY NO WALK-UP or BICYCLE CHECKOUTS at the window, FOR YOUR SAFETY THE DRIVE-UP WINDOW IS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY and all patrons must remain inside of their vehicle.

Staff will only bring items to the window that are already on hold via the methods described above. Please do not pull up the window and then request your items.

Regular material limits, checkout rules, and fees for lost/damaged items apply.

We will also offer Interlibrary loan via curbside pickup when the MeLCat service returns.

Enjoy the new Drive Thru Window Pickup Service at YOUR library!

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**LIBRARIES AGAINST RACISM**

**ALA American Library Association**

ANYWHERE. EVERYWHERE.

The American Library Association and the Otsego District Library stand against racism. Find out more at this link: [https://tinyurl.com/yc6eer6h](https://tinyurl.com/yc6eer6h).

The Otsego District Library offers many excellent titles on how to be an anti-racist and for learning more about race, equality, and positive race relations.
Roof Update

We found out from our insurance company that the library would receive a total replacement of the library roof! Division 7 began this work in late May. We were very thankful to hear this in light of the damage it sustained. We were told there were 1000+ holes in the roof. The HVAC units, skylights, and roof metal work all were damaged as well.

Currently the roof work has begun, but the HVAC and skylight work has not yet begun. The adjuster said this was the second worst hail storm damage (in the buildings he has dealt with following this storm) in his 20 year career so far.

During the time of the damage, the entire contents of the building have been wrapped in plastic. We have removed probably 50 ceiling tiles during the time of damage and had dehumidifiers and air purifiers running in the building.

Next we begin a thorough cleaning of the building and collection following this work. Thankfully during all of this no damage was sustained to the library collection. We will continue to keep you posted as the repair work continues on our facility.

Friends of the Library

Twice told Tales - Friends of the Library Book Store is currently closed and the big book sales are cancelled until further notice. Please hold onto any book donations if possible and do not put donations in the library's drive-thru dropbox.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our friends members for all of their hard work.

“The man who has no imagination has no wings.”
- Muhammad Ali -

We have truly missed seeing all of our patrons in person during this time... but while we have been closed we have been busily preparing for some new services and new ways of operating safely for you. We can't wait to see you soon at the drive up pickup window to check out some new reads and participate in our virtual Summer Reading Program!

We hope that some of the offerings in this newsletter have peaked your family's interest. We know this is pretty different than our usual Summer Reading Program and it has taken the collective imagination of our staff to make this happen. They are excited to offer you a wide range of virtual programming.

We hope that this summer, you let your imagination take flight!

Andrea Estelle, Library Director