December 27 - January 23

WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD!

Somewhere over the rainbow, at Otsego District Library, follow the yellow brick road with Toto to meet the Wizard of Oz! You'll meet Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, and Glinda the Good Witch, as you journey through Oz to see the Wizard. The cost to play this family-friendly fundraising interactive game is $1 per person or $5 per family (children under 2 free). Proceeds from this event will go towards new toys and literacy-based activities in the Rise & Shine Early Literacy Center. Also, shop at our fun Wizard of Oz store! Game and store open during all library open hours. Bring the fun home by checking out the Oz book series by L. Frank Baum or the classic movie!

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

This event was brought to you in part by generous donations from these awesome community sponsors: Otsego Rotary Club, Winkel Funeral Home, Tom & Diana Gilmer, Kelly Kivell (Realtor), Cornell & Associates, Mill Assist Services, Brave Industrial Fasteners Inc, Allegan General Hospital, Timothy Hutchens CPA, Hardings Market West, Friendship Wesleyan Church, Farmers Insurance - Toby Esterline, Mezzo Coffeehouse, M n S Lawn Care, First Congregational Church, Endless Destinations, Full Circle Plumbing Services LLC, and Friends of the Library. (Sponsor list as of time of printing.)

Stevens Puppets
Present Wizard of Oz
Saturday, January 25 at 10 AM

Lions and Tigers and Puppets, oh my! Help us celebrate the end of our Wizard of Oz event with this thrilling puppet show. The story will come to life with artfully hand-carved wooden marionettes and a musical score you are sure to be humming all the way home. Leaders in puppetry worldwide for over 80 years, Stevens Puppets bring this tale to life. Don't miss the grand finale of the Wizard of Oz!
**JOIN A BOOK CLUB!**

**2nd Monday Book Club**  
2nd Monday at 1 PM

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**Non-Fiction Book Club**  
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**Sizzlers Book Club**  
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**Strange Automotive Tales:**  
Old, Obscure, and Outrageous Car History  
Jay Follis, Marketing Director,  
Gilmore Car Museum  
Thursday, April 16 at 7 PM

Always engaging, informative and entertaining, Follis will share some of the more unknown and bizarre automotive stories - from the public's general response to the first motor cars, shocking auto advertising, really poor ideas, and car companies that failed. A noted historian, Follis has served as a consultant for automotive restorers and television productions including: PBS, NPR, History Channel, and more!

**Creative Cafe: Sea Glass Art**  
Soneya O'Bryant, owner of Highland Ridge, Plainwell & Island City Coffee, Plainwell  
Saturday, March 28 at 9 AM

Create a unique picture using sea glass and some creativity. Your artwork will be framed and ready to hang or set on a shelf. Class size is limited to 30 participants (ADULTS ONLY). The cost is $20 (non-refundable) and pre-registration is required. Cost covers the instruction of the class, your finished product, and refreshments, including coffee provided by Island City Coffee.

**Seniors' Club**  
1st Monday at 1 PM *(Note Date Change in April)*

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One-on-One Tech and App Help

Register for assistance with common computer tasks or learn to use library apps and free learning websites. Discover how to use your library card 24/7 to instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and more. Free library apps and services include Overdrive (Libby), Hoopla, RB Digital Magazines, and Rocket Languages. Call the library at (269) 694-9690 for availability and to schedule an appointment with library staff. Sessions are limited to half an hour and patrons may visit once per two week period.

ADULT EVENTS

Read & Dine
Adult Winter Reading Club
January 2 - March 31

Sign up to be part of our Adult “Read & Dine” Club this winter! Read ten books and you could win a Kindle Fire HD or a $25 gift card to a local restaurant.

Reading logs will be available at the circulation desk starting January 2.

Estate Planning Seminar
Ginger Titus, Edward Jones, and David "Fred" Kiel, Orton Tooman Hale McKown & Kiel, P.C.
Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM
Financial Advisor Ginger and Attorney Fred bring you a joint presentation on estate planning. There will be a basic overview of estate planning, including: account registration, beneficiary designation, will, trust, tax information, life insurance, and TOD (transfer on death).

How to Start Your Business
George Fotis, Certified Business Consultant,
Michigan Small Business Development Center
Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM
This seminar will help you assess your readiness for entrepreneurship, evaluate the viability of your business concept, understand the steps to starting a business, and take advantage of business planning tools.

Mardi Gras Brass Quintet
Kalamazoo Brass
Tuesday, February 4 at 7 PM
Come hear the Kalamazoo Brass lift the winter blues with New Orleans style Mardi Gras Music! This event is FREE Thanks to the partial funding by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

ARC Club (Art, Recreation & Connection)
4th Monday of Month at 2 PM
The library is partnering with the Arc of Allegan County, a non-profit organization supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. ALL adults are welcome to connect, create and explore some fun activities. There will be additional volunteers available to offer support to participants. If one-on-one support is needed, please bring a support person with you.

February 24 Game Day
Come play board and card games with others.

March 30 Craft Day
Get crafty with your friends.

April 27 STEAM Day
Explore some fun STEAM-focused stations.

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Tiny Tots
Tuesday Mornings
January 28-May 12
(No meetings on Feb 25 or Apr 21)
Ages 0 - 1 at 10 AM
Ages 2 - 3 at 11 AM
Songs, books, rhymes, and group play!

Rise & Shine
Early Literacy Center Themes
January
February/March
April/May
Hometown Bakery
Pet Vet
Spring Sports

Music & Movement
Tuesday Mornings at 4 PM
January 28 - May 12
(No meetings Feb 18, Apr 7 or 21)
Grades K-5th
Can science, technology, engineering, art and math be fun?
Absolutely!
Visit one or all of the STEAM stations each week for hands-on learning experiences.

Chess Club
Wednesdays at 4 PM
January 29 - May 13
(No meetings Feb 19, Apr 8 or 22)
Elementary - High School Students
Calling all students who like to play chess or are interested in learning how to play. Snacks provided!

STEAM Stations
Tuesdays at 4 PM
January 28 - May 12
(No meetings Feb 18, Apr 7 or 21)
Grades K-5th
Can science, technology, engineering, art and math be fun? Absolutely!
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Storytime
Wednesday Mornings at 10 AM
(No meetings Feb 26 or Apr 22)
Ages 0 - 5
Each session includes stories, songs, and a craft.
January 29-February 19
March 4 - March 28
April 1 - May 13

Healthy Me!
Spring Surprises!
Birds of All Feathers!

Stevens Puppets Presents: Wizard of Oz
Saturday, January 25 at 10 AM
Lions and Tigers and Puppets, oh my! In this classic heart-warming tale, children of all ages will watch with bated breath as a Kansas cyclone whisks Dorothy off to Oz where she befriends Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman, and Cowardly Lion. Together they set off on a journey to find the Wizard of Oz while evading the delightfully silly Wicked Witch of the West. World leaders in puppetry for over seventy-five years, Stevens Puppets bring this tale to life with artfully hand-carved wooden marionettes and a musical score you are sure to be humming all the way home.

Don't miss "The Wizard of Oz!"
Children's Events

Woolbur
Author Leslie Helakoski
Saturday, March 14 at 10 AM – Noon

Leslie Helakoski, award-winning children's author and illustrator, says her books are for laughing, living, and learning. If you've read any of her books (including Big Chickens), you will have to agree.

"Woolbur" is the fun-filled story of a sheep that bleats to his own beat. We will begin our morning with a presentation by Leslie, and then be able to meet a live "Woolbur," make a wooly craft, and have a snack that's not baaaaaaaaaa.....d.

Meet the Author, Leslie Helakoski at this exciting event!

Spring Break
Free as a Bird!

Bird Bingo
Tuesday, April 7 at 2 PM
Play a fun game of bingo featuring our feathered friends and win some prizes!

Angry Birds 2
Wednesday, April 8 at 2 PM
Watch the movie while munching on some special bird snacks.

Birds of Prey
Kalamazoo Nature Center
Friday, April 10 at 10 AM
KNC's educators will guide the audience into the lives and habitats of four unique birds. Program includes touchable artifacts and four different species of live birds!

Winter Break! For Kids

Celebrate winter at the library during your winter school break!

Winter Crafternoon
Wednesday, February 19 at 2 PM
Create fun winter-themed crafts. Take your creations home, but leave the mess behind.

Winter Lego Creations
Friday, February 21 at 2 PM
Use the library's Lego collection and your imagination to create winter wonderland scenes with your friends.
**TAB (Teen Advisory Board)**
*January - May*
*Third Thursday at 4 PM*
*Middle School & High School*
Do you need community service hours? TAB members receive service credit for meetings and projects. Volunteers meet monthly to brainstorm teen program and book recommendations. Snacks and refreshments provided.

**Teen Scene**
*January 31 - May 15*
*(No meeting Feb. 21 or Apr. 24)*
*Fridays at 4 PM*
*Middle School & High School*
Hang out with us each week as we play games, watch movies, and create some lasting memories. We will be featuring Xbox Kinect and Nintendo Wii gaming systems and some exciting tabletop games. We will not meet on holiday weeks.

**SPRING BREAK**
Join us over spring break for fun events just for middle school and high school students. All teens and tweens are welcome to attend.

**VSCO Jewelry**
*Tuesday, April 7 at 4 PM*
Design your own VSCO inspired bracelets and necklaces.

**Button Bookmarks**
*Friday, April 10 at 4 PM*
Get crafty as we create fun and funky bookmarks.

**Love Struck**
*Valentine’s Day Party*
*Friday, February 14 at 4 PM*
*Middle School & High School*
Single...? Taken...? Who cares. YOU’RE AWESOME!! Join us to celebrate being “in love” with your date, your friends, or just yourself! Games, crafts, prizes, and snacks.

**Pizza & Pages Book Club**
*January - May*
*Last Thursday at 4 PM*
*Middle School & High School*
Come for the pizza, stay for the fun... but mostly the pizza! Join us each month to discuss what you’ve just read or are currently reading. Pizza and refreshments.

**Dungeons & Dragons Meetup**
*January - May*
*1st & 3rd Tuesday from 4 – 6 PM*
*High School & Up*
Calling all warriors! Meet other local Dungeons & Dragons players for adventures and fun. Explore fantastic worlds, clash with dark monsters, spin lore, and complete heroic feats while playing the greatest RPG of all time!

**Anime Club**
*January - May*
*2nd & 4th Tuesday from 4 - 5 PM*
*Middle School & High School*
Come to a local Anime Meetup for fun, friends, and talk about your favorite Anime/Manga artists, shows and games. Share your own art and fiction!

**Chess Club**
*January - May*
*Wednesdays at 4 PM*
*(No meetings Feb. 19, Apr. 8, or 22)*
*Elementary – High School Students*
Calling all students who play chess or are interested in learning to play. Snacks provided!
Friends of the Library
The Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. The Friends run a used bookstore and volunteer at library programs. Your donations of gently used books and DVDs help support the many wonderful programs offered at the library!

Spring Book Sale
Thursday, April 23  9 AM – 8 PM
Friday, April 24  9 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday, April 25    9 AM – 1 PM  ($1/Bag Day)

Quarterly Friends Meeting
Monday, March 23 at 6:30 PM

BE COUNTED IN THE 2020 CENSUS!
EVERY DAY AT OTSEGO DISTRICT LIBRARY

An accurate count in the 2020 census is critically important to our nation. Our founding Fathers thought this data was so important that they mandated it as part of the Constitution. "The census ensures that each community gets the right number of representatives in government."
Because representation is based on population, an up-to-date tally is essential. Census data is used to make decisions about how and where to spend more than $800 billion each year for programs and services that communities rely on. Census data also drives both state and federal funding allocations for libraries, including grants to states under the Library Services and Technology Act. Michigan State aid payments, as well as local Allegan County penal fine payment distribution to libraries - which accounts for 13% of the Otsego District Library budget!

You can respond to the 9 easy questions of the 2020 Census by phone, online, or by mail. The library computers will have the census website bookmarked all spring! Come in anytime, even if you have fines, for computer access for responding to the census. Library staff can not fill in your census information for you, but are happy to help direct you to the correct website for submitting your response. An accurate count in our area ensures full funding for your library!

EVERYONE COUNTS!

RAINBOW OF GIVING FUNDRAISER
HELP YOUR LIBRARY THIS WINTER!
Donate to Otsego District Library

The library has set a goal to fundraise $26,500 this fall and winter. At the time of printing, we have raised $2445 from 39 generous community donors. Any amount helps! We are still seeking donations to assist with the following projects outside of our regular budget parameters:

* Add 3rd Grade Reading Booster Packs
* Replace Self-Checkout Machines and Readers
* Replace Chairs at Computer Stations
* Add Concrete Fencing and Commercial Trash Bin
* Add Current Technology

CAN YOU HELP? You can donate on the library’s website via Paypal, in person at the library, or by mailing a check made out to "Otsego District Library" to 401 Dix St, Otsego, MI 49078

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY GIVEN!
As we look toward a new year and set new goals for our lives, it is good to reflect on our own personal belief in ourselves and the confidence we have to carry out the daily lives we have chosen – in our homes, careers, and communities. Do you feel you have confidence in yourself and your abilities? We are all a “work-in-progress,” but having confidence in what you know and what you are good at can boost your self-esteem and make you a happier person in general. Maybe you are a great artist, grandpa, friend, speaker, or you are well-read and use your library voraciously.

Libraries can be great catalysts towards the power of believing in ourselves. What better place than a library for finding the resources to propel you towards personal growth and change… boosting your confidence in your abilities? Maybe you want a tidier house, a new job, to lose weight, cook healthily, read more, learn how to parent your teenager, or decide what to do or where to travel next in your retirement years… we have materials on all these topics and more!

The library is full of encouraging and positive stories and titles that will help you believe in yourself and encourage you to grow. Here are a few of my favorites. What are your favorite confidence boosting reads?

Happy New Year; we hope you will visit us often in 2020! Let us know how we can assist you and your family’s growth and learning in the year ahead – your library can give you the power to motivate yourself towards positive personal change!

Cheers to a Great New Decade!
Andrea Estelle, Library Director