



# OTSEGO DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# LYRICS ON THE LAWN

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS IN AUGUST AT 7 PM

Visit the library FOUR Thursday evenings in August for an outdoor concert on the lawn. (No performance on Thursday, August 29.) Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family and friends to enjoy some great FREE entertainment. Popcorn provided by the Friends of the Library and bottled water for \$1.

### BEST OF THE BEST

Celebrate a DECADE of brilliant performers at Otsego District Library! This summer we have invited back some of our top favorite bands over the years. A patron vote has invited back Otsego Jazz Ensemble.

#### MAIN STREET DUELING PIANOS

August 1

Joe Laureano has been performing rock & roll professionally his entire adult life. He is well known all across the country and has an impressive repertoire of 1,000+ songs, spanning more than seven decades of music.



#### OTSEGO JAZZ ENSEMBLE

August 8

These local musicians: five saxes, four trombones, four trumpets, and a full rhythm section will perform music from the big band era.

You don't want to miss this performance of these top notch musicians.

#### OUT OF FAVOR BOYS

August 15

Out of Favor Boys is one of Southwest Michigan's premier contemporary blues bands. They've been the house band at two of Kalamazoo's longest-lasting Thursday Blues Jams at Wonderful's Funky Basement and The 411 Club.

The band has had the opportunity to play with some national blues musicians like Tab Benoit, Watermelon Slim and Robert Bradley.



#### GREAT SCOTT

August 22

If you enjoy the Main Street Dueling Pianos, come back for Joe Laureano's full cover band, "Great Scott." Great Scott performs the greatest songs from the 1950's to the new hits of today. Joe will come with a five piece band.

This band is guaranteed to have you laughing, toe-tapping, and dancing along!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Blades of the Civil War

Presented by Jerry Berg, Swordsmanship Museum

Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 PM

Join Swordsmanship Museum and Academy historian Jerry Berg as he leads us through the history of the use of swords, bayonets, cutlasses, sabers, pikes, and more as they were used in the American Civil War. He will help uncover the hidden history of the actual military use of these weapons of war by utilizing artifacts and replicas from the museum's collection.



## Home Buying 101

Ashley Sayles, Real Estate Agent with Berkshire Hathaway

Stephany Stowell, Senior Loan Officer with First Community Mortgage

Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 PM

The home purchasing process can feel daunting and confusing, but when you are armed with knowledge and local professionals on your side, homeownership is an achievable goal! Please join us to learn everything you need to know about the home buying process (financing, purchasing process, and closing) with local experts. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

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## The All-American

Michigan Notable Author, Susie Finkbeiner

Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 PM

In this 1950s coming-of-age story, two sisters are left reeling when their father is accused of being a member of the Communist party. Both sisters discover how much good there is in the world, even in the hardest of circumstances.

Susie Finkbeiner is the author of *The All-American* and *All Manner of Things*, which were each selected as Michigan Notable Books. Signed books will be available for purchase.



## Creative Café - Alpaca Wet Felting

Carla Chase with CanDo Acres

Friday, November 1 from 1-3:30 PM

Saturday, November 2 from 9:30 AM - 12 PM

A Saturday class will open from 1 - 3:30 PM if the above classes fill.

Learn the technique of wet felting using fiber from alpacas. You can turn fiber into fabric by using warm, soapy water and a little friction. You will create two small vessels that you can use for succulent planters or decorations.

Class size is limited to 25 participants (ADULTS ONLY). Cost is \$20 and pre-registration is required (non-refundable). Cost covers instruction, supplies, your finished products, and refreshments.



## Understanding and Creating Your Estate Plan

Elizabeth Robinson, Attorney at Law

Ginger Titus, CFP® Financial Advisor - Edward Jones

Thursday, November 7 at 6:30 PM

Everyone has an estate. What happens to your estate when you pass at any age can either be decided by you or by others. Come and learn how to understand all of the options to create your estate plan!

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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## BOOK CLUBS

Join one of our book clubs - new members are always welcome!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Book Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 2 PM

July 8 *The Nickel Boys*  
Colson Whitehead

August 12 *Rainy Day Friends*  
Jill Shalvis

September 9 *The Handmaid's Tale*  
Margaret Atwood

October 14 *Tin Camp Road*  
Ellen Airgood

November 11 *On Mystic Lake*  
Kristin Hannah

December 9 *Choose A Holiday Book*

January 13 *Eggsecutive Orders*  
Julie Hyzy

### Non Fiction Book Club

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6 PM

July 10 *The Year of Lear*  
James Shapiro

August 14 *Blue Highways*  
William Least Heat-Moon

September 11 *A Walk in the Woods*  
Bill Bryson

October 9 *Guardians of the Trees*  
Kinari Webb

November 13 *The Splendid and the Vile*  
Erik Larson

December 11 *Choose Your Own Book*

January 8 *Killers of the Flower Moon*  
David Grann

## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, September 9 from 11 AM - 4:15 PM

Make a difference in someone's life by donating blood. Schedule your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



## Tiny Pumpkin Art

Create pumpkin-themed art on a tiny canvas to display at the library. Win prizes for *Best in Show* or *Most Creative* in your age category. The details can be found on the ANNOUNCEMENTS page.

## Cricut Maker 101 Classes

Wednesday, October 9 at 2 PM

and Wednesday, November 13 at 2 PM

Attend either of these classes to learn about the library's Cricut Maker, Heat Press, and the Design Space software. This beginner's level class will feature permanent vinyl and heat transfer vinyl.



## One-on-One Tech Help

Schedule a session with library staff for help with common computer tasks or learn to use library apps like Libby and Hoopla. Sessions are limited to a half hour and patrons may visit once every two-week period.

## Get Crafty - Make & Take Crafts

3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 1 PM

September 20, October 18, and November 15

Create a fun craft for free! Each month you will be able to make a fun decoration that you can proudly take home to display.

CRAFT SCHEDULE:

September - Button Flowers

October - Paint Pouring (*Dress Accordingly*)

November - Holiday Home Decor



## Sit & Stitch

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 1 PM

September 25, October 23, and November 27

Bring your knitting, crocheting, embroidery, coloring, or other lap projects and sit by the fireplace creating with friends.

## Coffee and Conversations

3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 10 AM

September 20, October 18, and November 15

Join your community friends for some coffee, tea, and yummy treats while having lively discussions.





# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

Teen/Tween events do not meet on holiday weeks or if Otsego Public Schools are closed.

## Ghostly Gala Halloween Party

After-Hours Event

Friday, October 25 from 6 - 8 PM

Beware and attend if you dare! You're sure to have a hauntingly good time with pizza, refreshments, games, hide-and-seek in the dark, costume contest, and of course... CANDY!

This special after-hours ghostly gala is just for teens and tweens - all are welcome - no registration necessary.



## Teen Scene

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 4 PM

September 5, October 3 & November 7

Play games, watch movies, eat snacks, and create some lasting memories. We will be featuring several Nintendo Switch consoles and awesome new tabletop games.



## Creative Writing Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 4 PM

September 12, October 10, & November 14

Do you LOVE to write? Let's write together and share short stories, original writing pieces, and ideas. We welcome all writing styles - poetry, memoir, non-fiction, fiction, and prose.



## Let's Get Ugly!

Ugly Sweater & Sock Party

Friday, December 6 at 4 PM

Wear your best ugly holiday sweater and socks to celebrate the holiday season! Enjoy cookie decorating, treats, and all things jolly!

Bring a small inexpensive gift for the white elephant gift exchange - if you cannot provide a gift, please let us know and we will make sure you can participate.



## Art Hub

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 4 PM

September 19, October 17, & November 21

Create beautiful and fun pieces of art at this art club! Join us for drawing, painting, crafting, and more! These crafts are more advanced for teens and tweens.



## Sweet & Salty Book Club

4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 4 PM

September 26 & October 24

Let's get together and discuss what we are reading over snacks! Not everyone likes to read the same books, so we let you choose the book you want to read and share.

Need a few new book suggestions? Ask a staff member about new and popular book titles in the juvenile and young adult sections!



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## VolunTEENS

Middle School - High School

Volunteer at your library to earn service credit hours for school or building a resume for future job searches. Stop by during library hours to get a training session and begin volunteering any time the library is open.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Tiny Tots

*Tuesdays at 10 AM  
September 10 - November 19*

*Ages 0 - 24 Months*

Sing, read, and play with your little ones and friends!

## Music and Movement

*Wednesdays at 10 AM  
September 11 - November 20  
Ages 0 - 5*

Movin' and Groovin' fun with songs, stories, interactive play, and sensory activities.

## Storytime

*Thursdays at 10 AM  
September 12 - November 21  
October 31: Special Halloween  
Storytime - Wear your costume!  
Ages 0 - 5*

Stories, songs, and a craft all focusing on a new weekly theme.



## Construct and Create

*Tuesdays at 4 PM  
September 10 - November 19  
Ages 4 Years Old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Join your friends after school to build great structures and create beautiful art projects.

Each week there will be different building sets and art materials so you can use your imagination and get your creative juices flowing!



## Pumpkin Party

*Saturday, October 19 from 10 AM - NOON  
Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Drop in to celebrate the harvest season with a variety of pumpkin projects and activities. Several stations will be set up to do pumpkin painting, crafts, and games. Plus there will be special pumpkin snacks!



# DINOVEMBER

**DINOSAURS WILL TAKE OVER THE LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER!**

*Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

## Dino Dance Party

*Saturday, November 23 from 10 AM - NOON  
Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Get ready to party, because everyone knows dinosaurs love to dance! A fun and active dinosaur-themed dance party will have dinosaur crafts, activities, snacks, and of course, dino dancing!

## Dinovember Scavenger Hunt

*Saturday, November 23 - Wednesday, November 27  
During Open Library Hours*

Find all of the dinosaurs hiding around the library and you will win a dinotastic prize!



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## Tiny Pumpkin Art

Adult • High School • Middle School

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade • Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade • Preschool

Tiny Canvas Pickup

September 3 - October 31

Canvas Dropoff

October 1 - 31

Voting

November

Create pumpkin themed art on a tiny canvas. Choose your preferred medium to design your Tiny Pumpkin Art piece - paint, mixed media, clay, sculpture, etc.

There will be six age categories (listed above) and two prize categories (Best in Show and Most Creative). Library patrons and artists will vote for their favorite art pieces and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each age group and category.



## Garfield's Glow Games

Early Literacy Fundraiser

December 26 - January 24

*"The most active thing about me is my imagination"* - Garfield, Jim Davis

Join us this winter for Garfield's Glow Games! Celebrate the beloved American comic, "Garfield" created in 1978 by Jim Davis. Garfield and his friends will bring you a whole new neon glow adventure during this winter's Early Literacy Fundraiser.

There will be multiple "glowing" games to try this year. Free-will donations will be collected to support the library. Bring your whole family during all open library hours to play Garfield's Glow Games!

## Calling All Authors!

The library is hoping to host an author fair in the spring. Authors will be able to come and have a table to promote their books. If you are a local author or know of an author, please contact the library to get on the list for the author fair (date TBD).



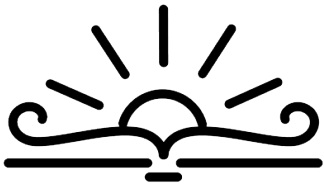
## Adventure Begins At Your Library

Summer Reading Program Update

The library has had grand adventures during our Summer Reading Program this year. Kids ages 0-18 have been reading and participating in library programs, which makes the library very busy and fun! We could not offer this wonderful program without our awesome sponsors:

- Friends of the Otsego Library - Finisher Prize Books and sponsor for our Kick-off event
- Meijer - Gift cards for our Grand Prizes and other prizes/supplies.
- Downtown Otsego Businesses and Organizations - Adventure Hike scavenger hunt participation
- Jungle Joe's - Grand Prize Pick donation
- Arby's, Culver's, Dairy Freeze, and Pizza Hut - Free coupons for finisher bags





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### Holiday Hours - Library Closed

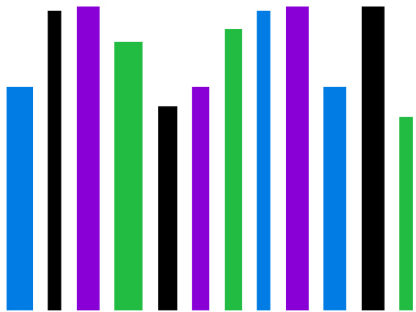
The library will be closed on the following holidays.

*Labor Day* ----- August 31 - September 2  
*Thanksgiving* ----- November 28 - November 30  
*Christmas* ----- December 24 - December 25  
*New Year's* ----- December 31 - January 1

### Library Hours

*Monday • Tuesday • Friday* - - - - 9 AM - 6 PM  
*Wednesday • Thursday* - - - - - 9 AM - 7 PM  
*Saturday* - - - - - 9 AM - 3 PM

Check our website and social media for updates or emergency closings.



## FRIENDS

of the Otsego District Public Library

### Friends of the Otsego Library Making A Difference

The Friends of the Otsego District Library play a vital role in supporting our beloved library. Each year, they raise thousands of dollars to fund popular programs like the Summer Reading Program and Lyrics on the Lawn.

Becoming a Friend of the Library is easy. Just inquire at the front desk to join and explore the many ways you can help make a meaningful impact on our library community.

#### Friends Meetings

Monday, August 19 @ 1 PM  
Monday, November 18 @ 1 PM

#### BIG Fall Book Sale - 2 Days!

Friday, October 11 - - - - - 9 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday, October 12 - - - - - 9 AM - 1 PM

### Gratitude for Memorial Donations

We would like to thank the community for the many wonderful memorial donations to the Otsego District Library in memory of cherished local teacher, Mrs. Arnoldink. We appreciate the Arnoldink family remembering Ann in a way that champions the literacy of the community's youth! All the materials added to the collection in Mrs. Arnoldink's legacy will have a nameplate honoring her. As the materials get added to the collection, you can search the library's online card catalog with "Ann Arnoldink" to find the many children's materials added in her honor, including new Vox books! (Picture books that read out loud.)

If you would like to honor your loved one through memorial donations, reach out to the library. Nameplates will be placed in the materials purchased for the library with their donations. Funds can be designated towards specific collections, programs, or services at the library if your loved one/family desires.

