

# OTSEGO DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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WINTER - SPRING 2024



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Strange Automotive Tales

### Old, Obscure, and Outrageous Car History

Jay Follis, Historian with the Gilmore Car Museum

*Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 PM*

As always, Jay Follis is engaging, informative, and entertaining. He will share some of the lesser known 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 plus more!



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

*Monday, March 4 from 11 AM – 4:15 PM*

Be a hero and donate blood! Make your appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



## Landscaping with Native Plants for Pollinators

Gary Miller, Certified Green Industry Professional - Wedel's Nursery

*Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 PM*

Native plants - we hear the term, but what exactly does it mean? In this green thumb program, you will learn the benefits of using native plants in your home gardens and landscapes.

Native plants are low maintenance, conserve water, and provide the necessary food and habitats for wildlife. Many of our beloved butterflies and pollinators depend on very specific plant species.

Learning about and incorporating these native plants in your yard will help to support these nature superstars!



## Spring Into Organization

Susie Marsh with Susie's Organization Solutions

*Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 PM*

This presentation will help kick start your de-cluttering and organizing projects as the winter fades and the anticipation of spring is in the air!

Susie Marsh will share tips & tricks for organizing spaces in your home.

She will also show you how to utilize organizing products and give you strategies to maximize the functionality of your spaces. Let's get organized!





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Handbell Musicians

Larry and Carla Sue

*Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 PM*

Larry and Carla Sue are West Michigan's smallest handbell choir! They both started playing handbells in 1987 and have played throughout the US and Europe, both individually and as a married couple.

They have a wide repertoire of pieces arranged for just eight bells and arrange all their own handbell duets. Larry and Carla Sue aim to demonstrate that handbell performances are not only beautiful to listen to, but can also be graceful and interesting to watch.

You can find out more about them on their website: [www.larryandcarla.com](http://www.larryandcarla.com), and connect with them on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/larryandcarla](https://www.facebook.com/larryandcarla).



## Creative Café

Barn Quilts with Barb Bennett of ABC Barn Quilts

*Friday, May 3 from 1-3:30 PM and*

*Saturday, May 4 from 9-11:30 AM*

*A third class will be offered on Saturday from 12:30-3:00 PM if classes fill.*

Back by popular demand! We are excited to have Barb back to help you create your own painted quilt block. Guided instruction will take you through the process of barn quilt painting from beginning to end.

All supplies included: 18"x18" primed board, paints, tools, patterns, AND cheerful instruction. Barn quilts will get framed and returned so they will be safe to display outdoors.

Class size is limited to 25 participants (ADULTS ONLY). The cost is \$40 and pre-registration is required (non-refundable). The cost covers the instruction of class, your finished product, and refreshments.



## Adult Winter Reading Club

*January 1 - March 30*

Sign up to be part of Read & Dine Adult Winter Reading Program this winter! Read ten books and you can enter a drawing to possibly win a Kindle Fire or a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant.

Reading logs will be available at the circulation desk or at our drive-thru pickup window.

ALL Participants who finish reading all 10 books will receive a cookbook (while supplies last). Thank you to the Friends of the Library (Kindle and cookbooks) and local restaurants for sponsoring this program!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Coffee and Conversations

January - May

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

Let's build community by sharing coffee and conversations!

Coffee and refreshments (provided by the Friends of the Otsego Library) will be ready for you to enjoy at the library while we discuss current topics or anything else you would like to discuss.



## Get Crafty - Make & Take Crafts

February - May

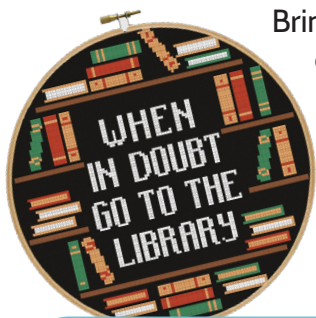
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 1 PM

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.

## Crafting Corner

January - May

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



Bring your knitting, crochet, coloring, needlepoint, cross-stitch, or other personal crafting projects from home.

Enjoy a cup of coffee while you are working and sit by the fireplace crafting with friends.

## Cricut Maker + Cricut Heat Press

Have you used the library's Cricut Maker or Heat Press to create custom cut cardstock, permanent vinyl, or heat transfer vinyl?

A variety of supplies are available to purchase from the library or you may provide your own.

If you need assistance, please call the library to schedule an appointment - otherwise these devices are available for patron use any time the library is open.

## BOOK CLUBS

Join one of our monthly book clubs where newcomers are always welcome!

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

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

January 8

*Project Hail Mary*  
Andy Weir

February 12 *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*  
Kim Michele Richardson

March 11 *The Great Alone*  
Kristin Hannah

April 8 *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore*  
Marianne Cronin

May 13 *Lilac Girls*  
Martha Hall Kelly

June 10 *Born a Crime*  
Trevor Noah

July 8 *The Nickle Boys*  
Colson Whitehead

August 12 *Rainy Day Friends*  
Jill Shalvis

### Non Fiction Book Club

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

January 10 *Rubicon*  
Tom Holland

February 14 *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*  
Richard Rhodes

March 13 *Becoming Charlemagne*  
Jeff Sypeck

April 10 *Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power*  
John Meacham

May 8 *The Rise & Reign of the Mammals*  
Steve Brusatte

June 12 *The Last Castle*  
Denise Kiernan

July 10 *The Year of Lear: Shakespeare in 1606*  
James Shapiro

August 14 *Blue Highways: A Journey into America*  
William Least Heat-Moon



# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

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

## Valentine's Day Art Party

*Thursday, February 8 @ 4 PM*

Get your friends together to celebrate Valentine's Day with a little extra pizzazz! Create a custom Valentine's Day craft, enjoy valentine themed treats and refreshments provided by the library. Attendees will also be entered in a drawing to win prizes - you don't want to miss this fabulous event!



## Teen Scene

*February 1 and March 7*

*(Special Spring Break Event - April 4)*

*1st Thursday at 4 PM*

Hang out with us - play games, watch movies, and eat snacks. Featuring Nintendo Switch consoles and fun tabletop games.

## Art Hub

*March 14 and April 11*

*(Special Valentine's Day Art Party - February 8)*

*2nd Thursday at 4 PM*

Create beautiful and fun pieces of art at this art club! The crafts at these meetups are more advanced and picked for teens/tweens - drawing, painting, crafting and more!



## Spring Break for Teens/Tweens

### LEGO Challenge

*Monday, April 1 at 2 PM*

Compete in a LEGO building competition to win a prize for your creation! Build something fantastic that you are proud to show off! LEGO builds will be displayed in the library throughout Spring Break!



*Chula Vista*



*Garden Club*

### Garden Sparklers

*Tuesday, April 2 at 2 PM*

Learn garden basics with the Chula Vista Garden Club. Use glass, mirrors, and teardrop gems to create a beautiful garden sparkler you can hang!

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

*Wednesday, April 3 at 2 PM*

Do you like to have fun while helping others? Young patrons are dropping off their favorite stuffed animals to "spend the night" at the library. You'll get to help at an epic "sleepover" event - take pictures of these stuffed animals getting into all sorts of shenanigans all while having fun!



### Custom Wood Bookmarks

*Thursday, April 4*



Create your very own personalized wooden bookmark! Use permanent markers, craft paper, stickers, and more to customize your own bookmark.

## Creative Writing Club

*February 15, March 21, and April 18*

*3rd Thursday at 4 PM*

Do you LOVE to write? Join us as we write together and share short stories, original writing pieces, and ideas. All writing styles are welcome.



## Sweet & Salty Book Club

*February 22, March 28, and April 25*

*4th Thursday at 4 PM*

Discuss what we are reading over snacks! Choose any book to read and share with the group! Ask a staff member about new/popular book suggestions!



## VolunTEENS

*Middle School - High School*

Earn service credit hours for school or building a resume for future job searches. Stop by during library hours for a training session and to begin volunteering.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Tiny Tots

January 30 - May 7  
(No meet-up on April 2)  
Tuesdays at 10 AM  
Ages 0-24 Months

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

## Music and Movement

January 31 - May 8  
(No meet-up on April 3)  
Wednesdays at 10 AM  
Ages 0-5

Relieve cabin fever with singing, dancing, movement activities, and sensory play!

## Storytime

February 1 - May 9  
Special Pajama Storytime  
April 3 - See Spring Break Info  
Thursdays at 10 AM  
Ages 0-5

Each session includes a fun theme with stories, songs, and a craft.

## Construct and Create

January 30 - May 7  
(No meet-up on April 2)  
Tuesdays at 4 PM  
Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Each week will include a construction activity using the library's fun building toys (i.e. Lego's and Straws and Connectors). The other side of the room will offer a fun art project. Join the fun each week as you construct and create with your friends!

## SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### Flower Scavenger Hunt

April 1-6

The library will be in full bloom during Spring Break! Come to the library anytime during the week of Spring Break and search for flowers. When you find them all, you will get a prize!



### LEGO Challenge

Monday, April 1 at 2 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - High School

Compete in a LEGO building competition to win a prize for your creation! Build something fantastic that you are proud to show off! LEGO builds will be displayed in the library throughout Spring Break!

### Gardening and Flower Pots

Chula Vista Garden Club

Tuesday, April 2 at 10 AM  
4 Years Old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Learn the basics of gardening with the Chula Vista Garden Club members. Kids will paint a beautiful flowerpot and then be able to add their own plant to watch grow.



### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Wednesday and Thursday, April 3 & 4  
Birth - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Stuffed animals will spend the night at a special library sleepover! Kids can drop off their stuffed animal on Wednesday, April 3 by 2 PM.

Teen/tween volunteers will "babysit" your animals. They will

take pictures of the activities the animals will be doing and provide you with a special book of their adventures the following morning.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 4 AT 10 AM

Kids can return (pjs are optional) to "wake up" their animal and have a special PJ Storytime including stories, songs, and craft.



### Home Depot Birdhouse Workshop

Friday, April 5 at 10 AM  
4 Years Old - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Home Depot will be bringing their workshop to the library! Kids will be able to build and decorate their own birdhouse to hang in their yards to house our feathered friends.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Charlotte's Web

**Tuesday, December 26 – Saturday, January 20**

Come on down to the farm this winter and enjoy *Charlotte's Web*, the game! Inspired by the classic 1952 children's book by E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web* is coming this winter to the Otsego District Library. The event is sponsored by generous donations from local businesses.

The library's program room will be transformed into a lifesize game inside Zuckerman's barnyard and the county fair! This year's game is a stuffed animal tossing game. A web will mark the spots kids can claim with their farm animal of choice. Whoever claims the most pieces of *Charlotte's Web* wins! The library collects free will donations during the event which will go toward new children's materials. Bring your whole family to come see Zuckerman's famous pig, and Charlotte too, during all library open hours!



## Bluey Party

**Saturday, March 16**

**10 AM - Noon**

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

*"What's up, party people?!"*

Bluey is the wildly popular Disney+ cartoon about an Australian dog family of four. If your child is a fan of the Heeler pup family and their crew of lovable pals, then you will definitely want to attend (Mum and Dad too!).

Drop in to have some fun with Bluey and Bingo at this lively party. Celebrate with the whole Heeler family while you enjoy games, crafts, activities and snacks.

This is going to be a whackadoo party – hope to see you there, Matey!



## Coming Summer 2024

### Adventure Begins at your Library

### Summer Reading Program

**June 15 – July 27**

**Birth – High School**

*"Reading is an adventure that never ends."* – Charlie Brown

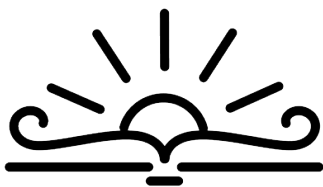
When it comes to adventure and imagination, look no further than the Otsego District Library! This year's Summer Reading Program will offer many aspects of adventure, excitement, and fun programs. All participants who finish the reading program will win prizes, coupons for free food, and a book. Plus some will be lucky grand prize winners!

Sign up week is June 10-15.

The kick-off event will be on Saturday, June 15 from 10 AM – Noon.

Get ready for a great summer and let the adventures begin!





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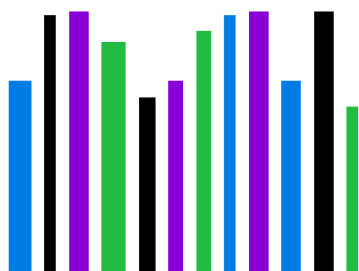
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### Holiday Hours - Library Closed

Clerk Training Day/President's Day - - - - - February 19  
Easter - - - - - March 30  
Memorial Day - - - - - May 25 - 28  
Independence Day - - - - - July 4  
Labor Day - - - - - August 31 - September 2

### 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 Library

The Friends of the Library extend heartfelt thanks for immense community backing. A generous \$3000 donation from the Evergreen Foundation has made way for an engaging Story Walk project at the library. Made possible by generous contributions, this immersive addition aims to enthrall patrons with captivating storytelling experiences during each library visit. We can't express enough our gratitude to all supporters, ensuring a delightful environment for everyone as we enter the new year.

#### Friends Meetings

Monday, March 18 @ 1 PM  
Monday, May 20 @ 1 PM

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

Friday, April 26 - - - - - 9 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday, April 27 - - - - - 9 AM - 2 PM

### Meijer Community Giving Campaign Donation

The Otsego District Library was honored with a \$5,000 donation from the local Plainwell Meijer Store #191. The library is thankful for the staff and team members for choosing the library as part of their Meijer Cares community giving campaign. On Monday, October 23, 2023 Meijer team members Angie and Rachel, and store Director, Nate, came and presented the library with an honorary check. ODL Assistant Director, Diane DeVries, helped develop an amazing partnership with our local Meijer. The Plainwell Meijer store has also provided many of the library's past summer reading prizes, helped with supplies, and sent volunteers for library programs.

Nate Holloway, Meijer Store Director, said, "We are committed to strengthening and enriching lives in the community we serve".

Library Director Andrea Estelle states, "This donation was a wonderful surprise from our community Meijer. We are thankful for their partnership and how they support the library's endeavors to keep our community reading. We can tell that the Meijer's team truly cares! Their support is very much appreciated by our staff, patrons, and board. We hope to use some of the funds toward a refresh of our Early Literacy Center."

Thank You Meijer for this generous donation!

