



# OTSEGO DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!

FEBRUARY IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

Join us in celebrating Otsego District Library during the month of February at these special events!

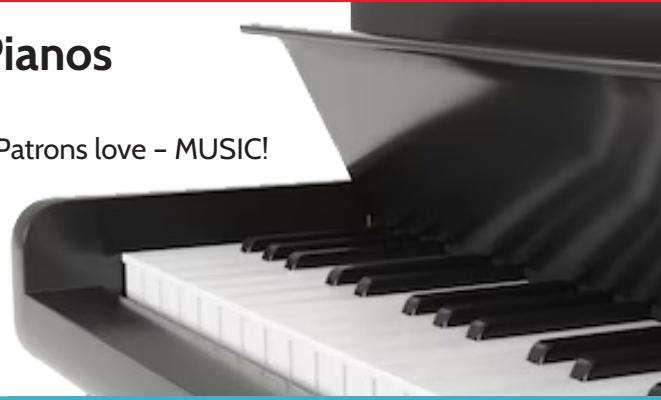
## Love Your Library with the Main St. Dueling Pianos

*Thursday, February 5 @ 7 PM*

The Library will kick off this special month with something that the Otsego Patrons love - MUSIC!

Join Joe Laureano and a dueling piano performer for a high-energy, interactive show that spans multiple decades and genres.

The audience drives the show by requesting songs, and the performers' job is to "facilitate the fun" by playing those requests. The audience will also be able to enjoy a sweet & salty snack!



## Love Your Library Kids Event

### Valentine's Day Party

*Saturday, February 14*

*10 AM - Noon*

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

The Otsego Library loves children and wants to host a fun event just for them.

Kids of all ages are invited to drop in and enjoy a festive Valentine-themed celebration. Throughout the event, children can create fun Valentine crafts, play cheerful holiday games, and enjoy a variety of special Valentine treats.

It's a sweet and simple way to spend time together, get creative, and celebrate the season of friendship and love at the library.



## Love Your Library Teen & Tween Event

### Cupid's Valentine Bash

*Middle School - High School*

*Friday, February 13 @ 4 PM*

Get ready for Cupid's Bash - the ultimate celebration of all things sweet, silly, and heart-shaped!

Make Valentine-inspired art, snack on treats that Cupid would totally approve of, and win prizes that'll make your heart skip a beat. Bring your friends or fly solo - love (and fun) is definitely in the air!



## Love Your Library Family Event Pizza Party and Ice Cream Social

*Saturday, February 28 from 11 AM - 1 PM*

The Library wants to show their love for our patrons at this special event.

Drop in anytime to have lunch on the library.

There will be pizza and ice cream sundaes - YUM!

This will be the perfect event to wrap up our "Love Your Library" month. The library is excited to show our love for all of our amazing patrons!



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Tea Blending Workshop

Presented by Kayla Jellies of the Paw Paw District Library  
Thursday, March 19 @ 6:30 PM

Express your creativi-tea as you experiment with different tea leaves and ingredients to create your own personalized tea blend! All supplies will be provided for you to make your own tea bags. Grab some friends and join this fun workshop to learn how to blend teas!



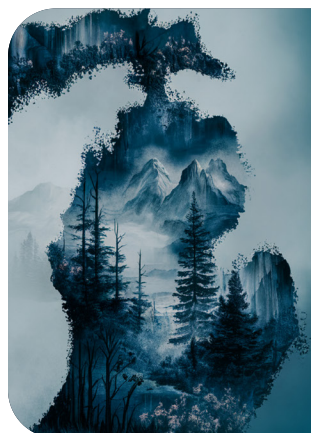
## History in Our Own Backyard

Michigan's Amazing Stories

Presented by Jay Follis

Thursday, April 2 @ 6:30 PM

In this presentation, you'll discover many little-known facts from within our state's boundaries, including things right here in Allegan County. A few highlights include why Michigan's Great Seal is dated 1835, two years before we gained statehood; why there is a Michigan state highway that cars aren't allowed on; and how Japan bombed two Michigan locations during WWII. Jay Follis is a very entertaining presenter and has done extensive historical research.



## Creative Café

Clay Earrings with Sheri Pott, @thelittlethingsbringjoy (Instagram)

Friday, April 17 from 9 - Noon or Saturday, April 18 from 9 - Noon

(A third class will open Saturday, April 18 from 1 - 4 PM if these classes fill.)

Learn beginner-friendly techniques to make clay earrings. Participants will be able to create two pairs of handmade clay earrings from start to finish! You will choose from a variety of shapes and colors. You can find Sheri's earrings and class information at **Brookside Farms** and **Joy Farms**.

Class size is limited to 16 participants (ADULTS ONLY). The cost is \$35 and pre-registration is required (non-refundable). The cost covers the instruction of class, your finished products, and refreshments.



ALLEGAN COUNTY  
**Senior Services**

## Allegan County Senior Services

Presented by Jen Garcia, Director

Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 PM

Discover the full range of senior services available through Allegan County, including the Personal Emergency Response System, Home-Delivered Meals, Essential In-Home Supports, Adult Day Services, and Senior Transportation. Learn how these programs help older adults remain independent and engaged in their community.

## The Otsego Art Competition 2026

Sponsored by the Otsego Arts Council

Saturday, May 2 - Saturday, May 9 (During Open Library Hours)

The Otsego Art Competition 2026 will be held in the library's large program room May 2-9. The public is invited to view the artwork during regular library hours and vote for their favorites in both the adult and junior divisions. Voting closes at noon on Saturday, May 9, followed by the Awards Ceremony from 1-2 PM.

Artists may contact Carmen Moore at [cncmoore91@yahoo.com](mailto:cncmoore91@yahoo.com) or (269) 286-9494. Entry forms are available from Carmen or on the library's community board.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Read & Dine

### Adult Winter Reading Club

January 2 - March 31

Sign up to be part of the 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 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!



## AARP FREE Tax-Aide Returns!

### Friday Appointments

February 6 - April 10

(No Availability February 20 or March 20)

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will prepare federal and state income tax returns free of charge. Call the library on or after Monday, January 19 at (269) 694-9690 to schedule your appointment. All are welcome.



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 2

11 AM - 4:15 PM



March is Red Cross Month! Show your support by donating blood. Make your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call them directly at 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## Book Clubs

Newcomers are always welcome!

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @ 2 PM

January 12	<i>Funny Story</i> Emily Henry
February 9	<i>The Lost Bookshop</i> Evie Woods
March 9	<i>The Housemaid</i> Frieda McFadden
April 13	<i>Bright Young Women</i> Jessica Knoll
May 11	<i>Frozen River</i> Ariel Lawhon
June 8	<i>An Echo In Time</i> Boo Walker
July 13	<i>Iron Lake</i> William Kent Krueger
August 10	<i>Back of Beyond</i> CJ Box

## Coffee and Conversations

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

January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 15

Let's build community by sharing coffee or tea, treats, and conversations!



## Get Crafty

### Make and Take Crafts for Adults

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

January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, and May 22  
(Please Note: the May meetup is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday)

Join your friends each month to create a fun make-and-take project. Upcoming crafts will highlight winter and spring themes. Enjoy hands on instruction while you create a craft to display at home.

Note: These are ADULT ONLY events.



## Non-Fiction Book Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 6 PM

January 8	<i>King: A Life</i> Jonathan Eig
February 12	<i>Lions of the West</i> Robert Morgan
March 12	<i>Kalamazoo Gals</i> John Thomas
April 9	<i>Mark Twain (1<sup>st</sup> Half)</i> Ron Chernow
May 14	<i>Mark Twain (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)</i> Ron Chernow
June 11	<i>The Underworld</i> Susan Casey
July 9	<i>The Gales of November</i> John Bacon

## One-On-One Tech Help

Schedule a session for basic tech help. Sessions are 30 minutes every two-weeks. Call to schedule or sign up at the circulation desk.

# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS



## Cupid's Valentine Bash!

Teen/Tween Holiday Party

Friday, February 13 @ 4 PM

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## Teen Scene

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 4 PM

February 5, March 5,  
and April 2

Hang out with us!

Play games, watch movies, and eat snacks. Featuring Nintendo Switch consoles and some fun new tabletop games.



## SPRING BREAK

Events for Teens & Tweens

Luau LEGO Challenge

Monday, April 6 @ 2 PM

Grades 3-12

Challenges will be given throughout the hour to make some awesome tropical creations using the Library's LEGO collection! (Note: this program is only for older kids and teens.)



## Underwater Watercolor Paintings

Tuesday, April 7 @ 2 PM

Dive into watercolor and paint a glowing underwater world of sea creatures, plants, and sunlight. Explore color, movement, and light to create a vibrant seascape.

## Creatures of the Deep: Air-Dry Clay Edition

Wednesday, April 8 @ 2 PM

Shape your own ocean creatures using air-dry clay – whales, jellyfish, mermaids, or whatever drifts through your imagination.

## Lilo & Stitch Movie Day

Thursday, April 9 @ 2 PM

Rated: PG, Run Time: 1 hr 48 mins

Catch the live-action Lilo & Stitch (2025) and see your favorite alien duo like never before! With amazing visuals, big laughs, and all the heart of the original, this movie brings *Ohana* to life in a whole new way. Enjoy FREE popcorn with your friends – don't miss this feel-good movie!



## Creative Writing Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 4 PM

February 12 and March 12

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.

## Art Hub

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 4 PM

February 19, March 19,  
and April 16

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 so much more!



## Sweet & Salty Book Club

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

February 26, March 26, and April 23

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 orientation and to begin volunteering. Once you've had your orientation, you can volunteer any time the library is open.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Tiny Tots

*Tuesdays @ 10 AM*  
*February 3 - April 28*  
*(No meetup on April 7)*  
*Ages 0 - 24 months*

Babies and their caregivers will learn fun songs, hear a story, and play with new friends!

## Music & Movement

*Wednesdays @ 10 AM*  
*February 4 - April 29*  
*(No meetup on April 8)*  
*Ages 0 - 5*

Young children will sing, dance, play interactive games, and enjoy sensory activities during this lively musical class.

## Storytime

*Thursdays @ 10 AM*  
*February 5 - April 30*  
*(No meetup on April 9)*  
*Ages 0 - 5*

Each session focuses on a fun theme including stories, songs, and a craft.

## Construct and Create

*Tuesdays @ 4 PM*  
*February 3 - April 28*  
*(No meetup on April 7)*  
*Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders*

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

Each week, you'll have a new set of building materials and art supplies to spark your creativity and get your imagination flowing!



## Stevens Puppets Presents:

### "Beauty and the Beast"

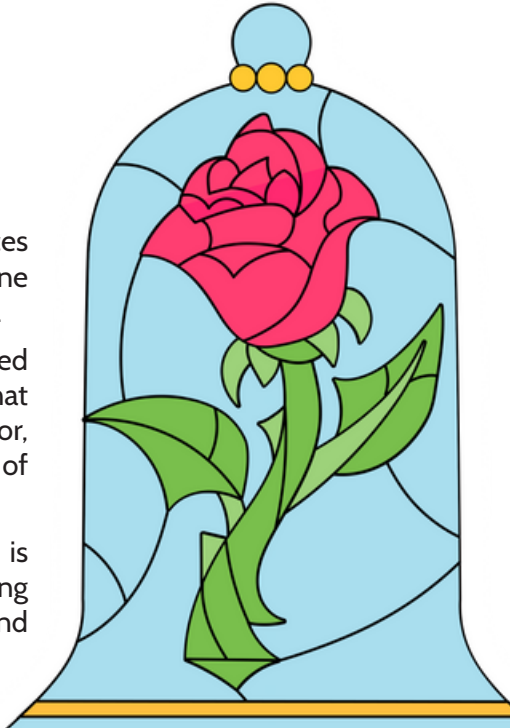
*Saturday, March 21 @ 10 AM*

#### Fun for the Whole Family!

In this timeless tale of seeing beyond appearances and divisions, a brave and selfless heroine discovers truth where others see only shadows.

Against a backdrop of luminous, hand-painted scenery and intricately carved marionettes that shimmer into being through the magic mirror, young and old alike will be swept into a world of enchantment.

Nationally acclaimed, Stevens Puppets is celebrating over 80 years of producing unforgettable, humorous, and one of a kind marionette productions for children of all ages.



## Valentine's Day Party for Kids!

*Saturday, February 14 from 10 AM - Noon*

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# BIG PAINTING PARTY

& LITTLE

*Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM - Noon*

#### Fun for the Whole Family!

Kids: Invite your favorite grown-up – Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, or any special adult to join us for a painting party!

Create something amazing by following along with our instructor for a guided design or let your imagination take over and paint whatever makes you smile.

It's the perfect chance to relax, get creative, and make some wonderful memories side by side with your special adult.

This event is completely free, but spots are limited—be sure to register and save your place!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Island Vibes

### Spring Break Events for Kids

#### Luau LEGO Challenge

Monday, April 6 at 2 PM

Grades 3-12

Challenges will be given throughout the hour to make some awesome tropical creations using the Library's LEGO collection! (Note: this program is only for older kids and teens.)



#### Tropical Luau Party

Tuesday, April 7 from 10 AM-Noon

For Preschool - 5th Grade

Shake off the winter chill at this lively drop-in celebration filled with pirates, mermaids, and tropical fun! Enjoy exciting games, creative crafts, and special treats.

#### Beach Bingo

Wednesday, April 8 at 10 AM

For 4 year olds - 5th Grades

Play a fun game of Beach Bingo and win some cool prizes!

#### Moana 2 Movie

Thursday, April 9 at 10 AM

Fun for the whole Family!

Rated: PG, Run Time: 1 hr 40 min

Come join us for the exciting new Moana movie and enjoy some delicious popcorn! In this thrilling adventure, Moana is summoned by her ancestors to set sail on a daring journey across mysterious, long-lost waters.

(Please Note: Pillows and blankets are not allowed in the Library.)

#### Big & Little Painting Party

Saturday April 11

10 AM - Noon

Get the details on the Children's Page!



## READING IS

## "SNOW" MUCH FUN!

### Early Literacy Fundraiser

Open Now - Saturday, January 24

The children's area of the library is being transformed into a winter wonderland during this winter's Early Literacy Fundraiser.

There will be fun activities set out each week - crafting, games, manipulatives, etc. - including an igloo to hang out in!

The event is open during library hours. Free-will donations will be collected to support the library.

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of our sponsors. Be sure to check out the sponsor list and thank them for supporting our library.



## Coming Summer 2026:

*Little Seeds, Big Stories - WATCH US GROW!*

*Summer Reading Program*

*June 20 - August 1*

*Birth - High School*

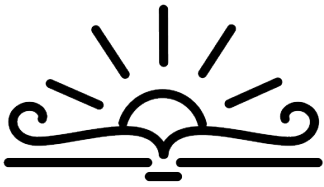
The Otsego District Library invites you to join us for a summer of growing readers!

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 15-20.

Our big kick-off event will be on Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM - Noon.





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### Holiday Hours

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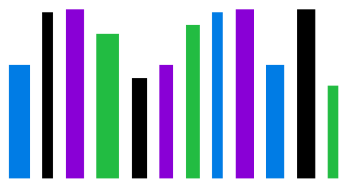
Clerk Training Day - - - - - February 16  
Easter - - - - - April 4  
Memorial Day - - - - - May 23 - May 25  
Independence Day - - - - - July 3 - July 4  
Labor Day - - - - - September 5 - September 7

### Library Hours

Monday • Wednesday • Friday 9 AM - 6 PM  
Tuesday • Thursday - - - - - 9 AM - 7 PM  
Saturday - - - - - 9 AM - 3 PM  
Check our website and on social media to receive updates or emergency closings.

### Friends of the Library

Our amazing Friends volunteers make so much of what the library does possible! Each year, the Friends' Volunteers raise thousands of dollars to fund favorite programs like the Summer Reading Program and Lyrics on the Lawn.



## FRIENDS

of the Otsego District Public Library

The library is so grateful for all the wonderful book donations received! If you'd like to donate more than what fits in the Book Donation Drop-Off Bin, please call ahead to ensure volunteers are available to accept and sort your items.

Interested in getting involved? Becoming a Friend is easy! Stop by the front desk to sign up and explore the many ways you can make a meaningful difference in the library community.

#### Friends Meetings

Monday, March 16 @ 1 PM

Monday, May 18 @ 1 PM

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

Friday, April 24 - - - - - 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, April 25 - 9 AM - 1 PM (\$3/Bag Day)

### The Canvas of Creativity • K - 12 Art Exhibit

Presented by the Otsego Public Schools

May 12 - 16 • Open During Library Hours

Opening Night Reception • Tuesday, May 12 from 6-7 PM

Join us for The Canvas of Creativity, a K-12 art exhibit celebrating the imagination and talent of Otsego Public Schools students. This annual showcase highlights a year of creative growth as students explore a variety of mediums and themes under the guidance of our dedicated art educators. From playful early artworks to advanced senior pieces, each creation reflects the unique vision of our young artists. Featured sections include:

- Primary Palette (Grades K-2): Joyful color and uninhibited expression
- Intermediate Impressions (Grades 3-5): Developing technical skills and imaginative narratives
- Middle School Masterpieces (Grades 6-8): Experimentation with complex mediums and personal themes
- Senior Showcase (Grades 9-12): Advanced techniques, portfolio highlights, and emerging artistic styles

We extend heartfelt thanks to our students, families, teachers, and school community for supporting the arts. Come enjoy the exhibit—and prepare to be inspired!

