



# OTSEGO DISTRICT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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WINTER/SPRING 2025



# ADULT PROGRAMS



## Singing the Good Old Songs Again

Jackie Davidson and Gary Brandt

~~Thursday, February 13, at 6:30 PM~~

**Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 PM (rescheduled)**

Classic and original songs and stories are featured from the Folk Era of the 1960's into the 70's. This show is loaded with lively audience interaction, participation, sing-along, and comedy.

Jackie was an original member of the Grammy award winning New Christy Minstrels, and Gary is a folk performer and published songwriter. You will find this to be an entertaining, educational, humorous, fun, and memorable experience!

## PaperGator Recycling Challenge

### Celebrate Earth Day by recycling!

January - April 11

The library has the opportunity to earn exciting rewards by increasing our paper recycling volume. Plus the library will earn double the usual payouts during the contest period.

The library could win \$5,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Prize), \$2,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize), \$1,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> Prize), or double earnings for the entire year of 2025 (beyond the contest period). Winners will be selected based on the largest percentage increase in paper recycling. The winners will be announced on Earth Day 2025.

The PaperGator is located behind the library past the staff parking area. All paper products including old damaged books can be recycled (no cardboard or plastics accepted).



# PAPERGATOR

KEEPING THE EARTH GREEN

## An Ocean Without

### Sarah Steele

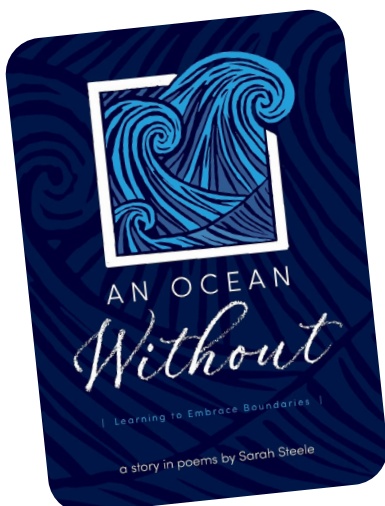
Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM

Sarah Steele is a dynamic artist and spoken word performer whose powerful voice and rhythmic delivery bring emotions and stories to life.



Her ability to weave complex ideas into relatable experiences comes through in her Amazon #1 Top New Release poetry memoir, **An Ocean Without**.

Walk with Sarah as she shares her story of losing herself in people-pleasing, battling the anxiety that came with setting boundaries for the first time in her life, and finally finding healing in faith and community.



## Michigan Hidden Trails

Ron Rademacher

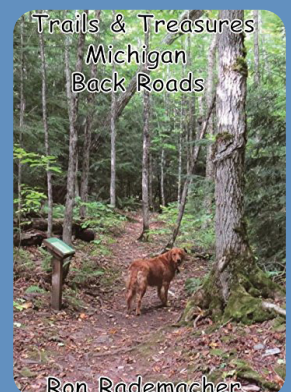
Thursday, March 20 at 6:30 PM

Discover a group of walking trails in Michigan that are low on difficulty but way up there on fun and history.

Most trails are gentle and family friendly, some are handicap accessible, and no special equipment is needed.

All of these trails have unique characteristics and are perfect for a wilderness walk with children or those who struggle with difficult trails.

This program is based roughly on his book, **Trails & Treasures**.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Creative Café Fused Glass Candle Holder

Beth Tidd

Friday, April 4 from 10 AM - Noon and 1 - 3 PM

Saturday, April 5 from 10 AM - Noon and 1 - 3 PM

Beth will teach you the art of fused glass. Fusing glass is fun and makes great gifts! Class size is limited to 25 participants (ADULTS ONLY).

The cost is \$25 (non-refundable) and pre-registration is required. The cost covers the instruction of class, your finished product (including the candle), and refreshments.

Visit Beth's Facebook page at [Beth's Glass Creations](#) to see more of her creations.



## The Healing Power of Handwork

Carla Chase with CanDo Acres

Thursday, April 24

6:30 PM

Using your hands in a creative way that allows you to give your mind a break, even if only briefly, can be beneficial in many ways.

In this presentation we will explore the science behind this concept through a little experiment and learn ways to incorporate these ideas more fully into our lives.



## Local Author's Fair

Thursday, May 1 from 3:30-6:30 PM

The library is hosting an Author's Fair and you are invited to join the fun. Discover just how many local authors are in our community!

Authors will have a table and space to promote their work, sell books, and discuss writing with the community.

If you are a local author and are interested in joining the fair, please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.



## The Otsego Art Competition 2025

Sponsored by the Otsego Arts Council

Saturday, May 3 - Saturday, May 10

The Otsego Art Competition 2025 will take place in the library's large program room May 3-10. The public is welcome to view the art all week during open library hours.

Each person may vote for their favorite piece in both the adult and junior divisions. Voting will end Saturday, May 10 at Noon and the Awards Ceremony will take place immediately following from 1 - 2 PM.

Artists may contact Carmen Moore, [cncmoore91@yahoo.com](mailto:cncmoore91@yahoo.com), (269) 286-9494 or Elizabeth Abbott, [elizabeth.joy.abbott@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.joy.abbott@gmail.com), (269)-355-0947.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Read & Dine Adult Winter Reading Club January 1 - March 31

Sign up to be part of the Read & Dine: Adult Winter Reading Club!

Read ten books to earn an entry for a drawing to 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.

Participants who finish reading 10 books will receive a cookbook (*while supplies last*).

Thank you to the Friends of the Library (Kindle Fire and cookbooks) and local restaurants for sponsoring this program!



## American Red Cross Blood Drive



Monday, March 3 from 11 AM - 4:15 PM

You can make a difference by donating blood! Make your appointment at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## Book Clubs

*Newcomers are always welcome!*

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

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

January 13	<i>Eggsecutive Orders</i> Julie Hyzy
February 10	<i>Wards of Faerie</i> Terry Brooks
March 10	<i>Sanibel Flats</i> Randy Wayne White
April 14	<i>One True Loves</i> Taylor Jenkins Reid
May 12	<i>The Dollhouse</i> Fiona Davis
June 9	<i>This Tender Land</i> William Kent Krueger
July 14	<i>South of Superior</i> Ellen Airgood
August 11	<i>The Hate You Give</i> Angie Thomas

### Non-Fiction Book Club

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

January 8	<i>Killer of the Flower Moon</i> David Grann
February 12	<i>Father Lincoln</i> Alan Manning
March 12	<i>The Forgotten Man</i> Amity Shlaes
April 9	<i>Of Time and Turtles</i> Sy Montgomery
May 14	<i>Killing Crazy Horse</i> Bill O'Reilly
June 11	<i>The Demon of Unrest</i> Erik Larson
July 9	<i>The Wager</i> David Grann

## Coffee and Conversations

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

February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

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 at 1 PM

February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

Who doesn't like free? Join your friends and make a fun, free craft. Each month we'll have a different craft to make and take home to display. Up and coming crafts will feature spring and Americana themes that incorporate coffee filters, felt, seaglass, paint and so much more!

*Note: These are adult only events.*



## One-on-One Tech Help

Schedule a session with library staff for help with common tech tasks. Learn anything from how to use library apps such as Libby or Hoopla to creating custom designs with the library's Cricut Maker and Heat Press.

Sessions are limited to a half hour and one visit every two-week period. Call to schedule or sign up at the circulation desk.



# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

## All You Need Is Love Valentine Craft & Snack Party Friday, February 14 @ 4 PM

Get your friends together to celebrate Valentine's Day with a little extra love! Create a custom Valentine's Day craft at this LOVELY event. 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

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 4 PM  
February 6, March 6,  
and April 3

Hang out with us! Play games, watch movies, and eat snacks. Featuring

Nintendo Switch consoles and some fun new tabletop games.



## Spring Break Programs



### Awesome LEGO Challenge Monday, April 7 at 2 PM Grades 3 - 12

Challenges will be given throughout the hour to make some awesome LEGO creations using the Library's LEGO collection!

(Note: This program is for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - high school.)

### Morse Code Bracelets Tuesday, April 8 @ 2 PM

Make fun and fashionable bracelets that have a deep and inspirational meaning.

### Acrylic Bookmarks Wednesday, April 9 @ 2 PM

Use your imagination to create beautiful custom designed bookmarks.



### The LEGO Movie Thursday, April 10 @ 10 AM Fun for the whole Family

Come and watch *The LEGO Movie* while munching on popcorn. Discover how an ordinary LEGO construction worker is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant and makes everything awesome again.

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

## Creative Writing Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 4 PM  
February 13, March 13 and April 10

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 at 4 PM  
February 20, March 20,  
and April 17

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!



## Sweet & Salty Book Club

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 4 PM  
February 27, March 27, and April 24

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 at 10 AM  
February 4 - April 29  
(No meet up on April 8)  
Ages 0 - 24 months*

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

## Music and Movement

*Wednesdays at 10 AM  
February 5 - April 30  
(No meet up on April 9)  
Ages 0 - 5*

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

## Storytime

*Thursdays at 10 AM  
February 6 - May 1  
(No meet up on April 10)  
Ages 0 - 5*

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

## Construct and Create

*Tuesdays at 4 PM  
February 4 - April 29  
(No meet up on April 8)  
Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Graders*

Join your friends after school to build great structures and create beautiful art projects. Each week there will be different building sets and art/craft materials so you can use your imagination and get your creative juices flowing!



## Make & Take Valentines

*Saturday, February 8  
10 AM-Noon  
For Kids Of All Ages*

Children of all ages can drop in during this time to create valentines for their friends and loved ones.

The library will provide all of the materials and clean up the mess! Special valentine snacks will be provided.



# INSIDE OUT PARTY

*Saturday, March 15  
10 AM-Noon  
Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Get "INSIDE" the Library to help children identify and explore their emotions so they can learn to let them "OUT"!

A sweet mix of emotions will be in the spotlight during this colorful, emotion-filled party.

Drop in any time during this two-hour event to participate in crafts, activities, snacks, and fun - all centered around emotions!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## “Everything is Awesome” LEGO Spring Break Events

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### LEGO Construct and Create

Tuesday, April 8 at 10 AM

4 year olds - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Construct with LEGOs and use LEGOs to create some fun art projects.

### LEGO Bingo

Wednesday, April 9 at 10 AM

4 year olds - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Play a fun game of LEGO Bingo and win awesome prizes!

### The LEGO Movie

Thursday, April 10 @ 10 AM

Fun for the whole Family



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## GARFIELD'S GLOW GAMES

### Early Literacy Fundraiser

Open Now through Saturday, January 25

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

Garfield's Glow Games has taken over the library's program room. Celebrate the beloved American comic, “Garfield” created in 1978 by Jim Davis.

Garfield and his friends will bring you a neon glow adventure during this winter's Early Literacy Fundraiser. There are multiple “glowing” games to play with your family and friends. 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.

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## COLOR OUR WORLD - Summer Reading Program

Coming Summer 2025!

June 21 - August 2

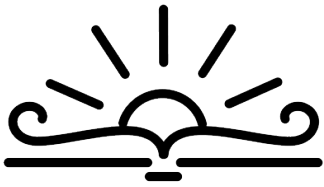
Birth - High School

The Otsego District Library invites you to join us on this colorful journey filled with art and creativity, celebrating the myriad of ways in which art enriches our lives. 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 16-20. The kick-off event is Saturday, June 21 from 10 AM - Noon.

Get ready to *Color Our World* this summer! More details are coming soon.





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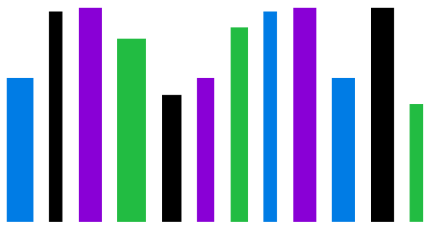
### Holiday Hours

The library will be CLOSED for the following holidays:

Clerk Training Day ----- February 17  
Easter ----- April 19  
Memorial Day ----- May 24 and May 26  
Independence Day ----- July 4 and July 5  
Labor Day ----- August 30 and September 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 on social media to receive updates or emergency closings.



## FRIENDS

of the Otsego District Public Library

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Otsego District Library are essential in supporting our cherished library. Each year, they raise thousands of dollars to sponsor beloved programs such as the Summer Reading Program and Lyrics on the Lawn. The library thanks the Friends for donating money to the library this fall!

Joining the Friends of the Library is simple! Stop by the front desk to sign up and discover the many opportunities to make a meaningful impact on our library community.

#### Friends Meetings

Monday, March 17 @ 1 PM  
Monday, May 19 @ 1 PM

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

Friday, April 25 ----- 9 AM - 6 PM  
Saturday, April 26 ---- 9 AM - 2 PM (\$3/Bag Day)

### NEW - Libby Magazine Rack

The Magazine Rack is now available on your Libby App!

Enjoy magazines, ebooks, and audiobooks all in one place. The library is excited to offer Magazine Rack access with over 4,000 popular titles in the Libby App! The Magazine Rack has no circulation cap and unlimited simultaneous use, so you can enjoy every issue of every magazine.

With smart tags in Libby, you can be notified when each new issue is released. You can subscribe to magazines when a new issue is released and it will automatically be added to your Magazine Rack. Try this new service today in the Libby App!

