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library newsletter

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from the director's desk

**by Pamela Williams**

Yes, we are open!

We are pleased to say that we opened in June and have remained open since, continuing to provide much needed resources to our community. The reason we can stay open while other larger libraries have closed down is: YOU! By using the library within the guidelines from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, we are able to safely stay open during the pandemic. So, thank you!

The pandemic has disrupted our lives in many ways. But with disruptions come opportunities, and the library has been adjusting and stretching resources in light of the challenges of 2020. Here is what to look for:

In March we are adopting the SirsiDynex catalog system through the Valley Library Consortium which will connect us to 27 partner libraries and their collections. You will notice a wider selection of books, more copies of popular books, and a faster turnaround for books not on our shelves. With this change comes new library card numbers and a new barcode system.

Many of you experienced a crash course in downloading an ebook or audiobook during the lockdown. The library was and is still happy to help assist you in getting started with ebooks and audio downloads. With the merging of Overdrive and RB Digital, we are happy to report that your one stop for all digital content will be in your Overdrive/Libby app.

As always, your safety is very important to us. Our Pandemic Response Plan as well as our Patron PPE policy are posted on our website and available at the library. Thank you for doing your part so we can continue to be open to the public. Your response to changes we have made and your continuing support make for a great community partnership.



## Check Out New Cutting Edge Resources

by Cheri Stainforth  
Early Learning Specialist

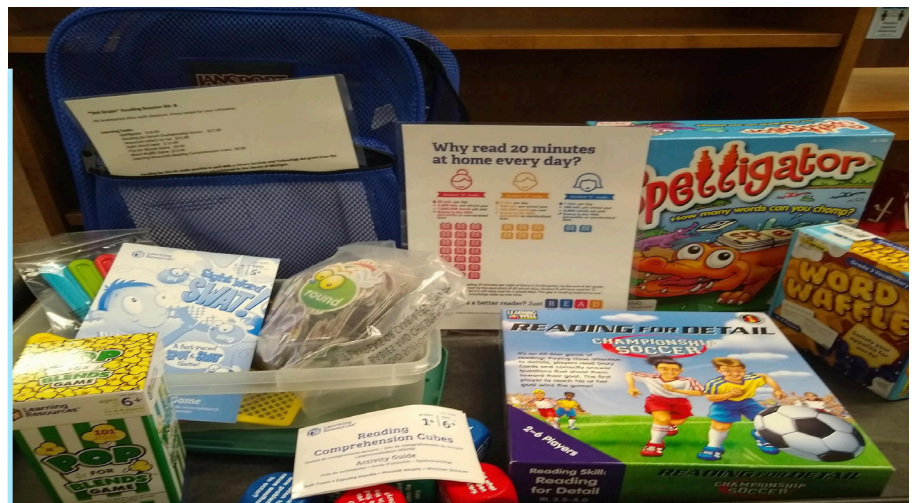


Pandemic or not, the library continues to support families. One way is through enhancements we've made to our children's collection. Thanks to a **Library Services & Technology Act** grant, administered by the **Library of Michigan**, we added **Reading Booster Backpacks** to our collection. These were developed specifically to support family literacy. Geared toward grades K-3, they address reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, phonics and phonemic awareness and are full of learning tools and fun games the whole family will enjoy.

**Sensory Backpack Kits** on the topics of Autism, Down Syndrome, How to Be a Better Me, How to Be a Better Friend, and Dyslexia were also added through a grant from the **University of Michigan School of Information**. These kits are useful tools for all, regardless of a diagnosis or abilities. You might want to try one of our new **VOX books**, a book with an audio recording built right in. Research shows pairing visual and auditory senses helps fluidity in reading and increases vocabulary. These books are flying off the shelves, so we continue to add new titles.

Finally, our **Playaway Launchpads** are the first-ever secure learning tablets created just for children. Each Launchpad is pre-loaded with high quality, ad-free learning apps grouped by age, grade level, subject area and theme. These tablets are easy to use, do not need WiFi or downloading, come in robust cases, and like all of our new resources, can be checked out for three weeks at a time.

Tweens and teens can connect with the library through our monthly activities. Every two weeks, pick up a **Take and Make** kit in the lobby. Families, go on an adventure by joining our Goosechase Scavenger Hunts, released once a month. You could win some great local gift cards!





**A Baker's Dozen of Our  
Patrons' Favorites in  
Fiction**



*Blue Moon*

by Lee Child

*The Guardians*

by John Grisham

*A Minute to Midnight*

by David Baldacci

*The Giver of Stars*

by Jojo Moyes

*Where the Crawdads Sing*

by Delia Owens

*Criss Cross*

by James Patterson

*Long Range*

by C.J. Box

*A Walk Along the Beach*

by Debbie Macomber

*The River Murders*

by James Patterson

*Treason*

by Stuart Woods

*Twisted Twenty-Six*

by Janet Evanovich

*Camino Winds*

by John Grisham

*The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

by Heather Morris

## How Adult Programming Continues During Covid-19 Restrictions



### We Look to the Future

Thanks to the Gleaners Bavarian Arbor, our small group collaboration rooms coming in the spring will include the technology to provide small groups an option for those Zoom meetings we have all come to know so well. In a little over 90 days, we can use them. Thanks for the gift of technology, Gleaners!

### We Find Silver Linings

Books for Lunch has met every month via Zoom. We discovered that people at a distance or now working from home could join us. Of course, we made time to see how we were all doing, plus discussed books - silver linings!

## BOOKS FOR LUNCH

THE NO OBLIGATION BOOK CLUB. JOIN US VIA ZOOM EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 12:30-2:00

Write to [rozatlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:rozatlibrary@gmail.com) for the Zoom invitation



join our conversations and let us know what you are reading!



We adapt: Judge Chris Nuechterlein's Constitution Series changed to a Zoom format without missing a step.



**Ways to Help:** Donate gently used books, puzzles, and games. **Remember to shop our used book sale in the basement and tell your friends.** Join the Friends of the Library who run the used book sale and sponsor special events. **Make a donation to the library in remembrance of a loved one. It is even fine to remember a beloved pet.** Remember us in your will. **Make your tax deductible donation any time of year.** Your generosity is appreciated.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday	9-7
Friday	9-5
Saturday	10-2
Sunday	closed

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## Meet Dan Wortman President of the Library Board

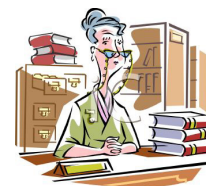
Dan Wortman might be the new Library Board President, but he isn't new to the Library Board or other public service. His occupation has long been in the insurance business and he is now on the management team at My Member Insurance agency, having sold the agency to FCU in 2017.

He has served with the FFD as both an EMT and Firefighter for 17 years, and formerly served on the School Board for 12. Currently, Dan is part of the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Board, a six county consortium, of which he is past board chair. Rounding out a variety of extensive service is his Boyne Mountain Assistant Patrol Director role as a member of the National Ski Patrol for 30 years.

Dan enjoys working with the Library Board because, as he says, "Libraries have always served as vital access points and resource providers for communities, including evolving technology resources to meet the needs of patrons of all ages." Dan loves non-fiction reading. His Favorite Author: Neil DeGrasse Tyson. Favorite Tyson book: Death by Black Hole.

Thanks for your leadership, Dan, during a time with extra challenges.

## Advice Column: Go Ask Alice



**Dear Alice - I see all these cool people reading books on their phones and tablets. Can I do that with library books? -- Jive Talker**

**Dear JT - You sure can. Overdrive will get you thousands of e-books to read and also audio books! Look for the Overdrive link on the library's website. You can also download the Libby app to make borrowing and keeping track of your Overdrive books very easy. Call or stop in if you need help. You know we like to help and are happy to see you!**

**-- Alice**