

Just Between Friends

Friends of the Hope Borbas Okemos Library
4321 Okemos Road, Okemos Michigan 48864

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FALL 2018

LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY
1 - 6 PM

MONDAY
9 AM - 9 PM

TUESDAY
9 AM - 9 PM

WEDNESDAY
9 AM - 9 PM

THURSDAY
9 AM - 9 PM

FRIDAY
9 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAY
9 AM - 7 PM

Capital Area District Library Upcoming Closings:

September 1, 2 & 3
Labor Day Weekend

November 12
All Staff Conference

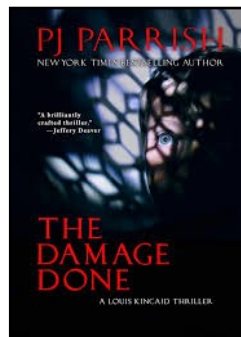
November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving



The Plot Unravels at the Friends' Fall Membership Tea

It's no mystery! Our featured speaker at the Friends' **October 22 Membership Tea at 2:00 p.m.** will be **P.J. Parrish**, nationally famous author and winner of eleven major crime fiction awards. P.J. Parrish is actually the *nom de plume* for the writing team of Kristy Montee and Kelly Nichols, a set of Detroit-born sisters.

Their presentation at our event coincides with the publication of their latest book, "The Damage Done," featuring popular detective Louis Kincaid. Of special significance to us is that Lansing is one of the locations in the book.



The P.J. Parrish writing team will discuss the creation of "The Damage Done," and of cold-case detective Louis Kincaid's digging into a series of horrific unsolved Michigan crimes. Despite gruesome details, this writing duo seems easily able to pivot from dark prose to poignant family fare while still keeping the suspense gripping. They pay close attention to accurate location portrayal, something we here can appreciate, as their settings are often in their original home of Michigan, or Florida where one of the novelist pair currently lives.

The Fall Friend's Membership Tea is an annual tribute to all the Friends, and it thanks them for their support of the Okemos Library. In addition, the Tea provides an opportunity for guests to get acquainted with the Friends organization.

The Friends Board of Directors invites all members of the Friends of the Okemos Library to join us. **The event is at The Okemos Library** and is **free** for current Friends members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends, please join us at this event. Bring a friend. The cost is **\$7.00 for guests** and if they join, the cost will be applied toward the annual membership dues.

Please be aware that the number of people the Okemos Library's Community Room can accommodate is limited. **Reservations are mandatory.** Call the Okemos Library Information Desk at 347-2023 to add your name to our event registration list. If you have questions, contact Cecelia Kramer, 349-2397.

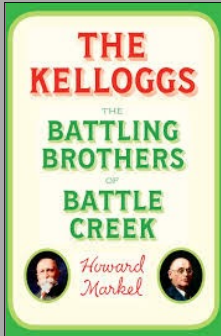
From the Librarian's Desk



Friends Book Group Reading

Group meets 1st Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. in the Library Community Room for casual discussion.

SEPTEMBER



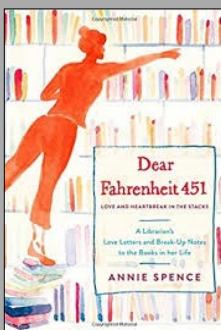
The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek
by Howard Markel

OCTOBER



Bless Me, Ultima
by Rudolfo Anaya

NOVEMBER



Dear Fahrenheit 451
by Annie Spence

Thanks to the 46,673 visitors who came to the library during June, July and through mid August. Approximately 2,906 people came to the 97 programs the Okemos staff provided. During those eight weeks, we logged 227 sessions where library staff provided individual tech assistance with computers, phones and other devices. Some patrons returned multiple times to use the computers. The summer months are the busiest time for year for us and those numbers reflect that.

As head librarian, I get called upon to do the glamour job of conducting interviews with local TV, radio, newspapers, and other media outlets. I also get to plunge plugged sinks and toilets, haul out the recycling, and climb on ladders to adjust light fixtures. Depending on the website, plunging a toilet is a lot easier than completing an online job application or other form. No matter how many times I have replaced bulbs, I still curse the engineer who designed these florescent fixtures as I am not patient with hand-to-eye coordination. Truthfully, because I get tangled in cords, I would rather plunge a toilet than vacuum carpets any day.

This summer marked CADL's 20th year in existence. It was created as a system with a dedicated millage from libraries within the Lansing School District and Ingham County. The millage affords us a stable source of income that comprises about 90 percent of our budget. In August, our 4-year millage was renewed by 72 percent of the citizens who voted on the library millage. That's a strong indication that people understand libraries provide a sense of community, a foundation for literacy and technical help that no other business does. Thank you to the 37,097 voters who approved another 4-year library millage to keep this 13-branch system open.

The Friends of Okemos library supported the millage campaign and are always advocates for the library. As a group, they can always be counted on to the right thing for the community the library serves. I may not appreciate light fixtures but I always appreciate the Friends.

Betsy Hull
Head Librarian



Above: Teens enjoyed Nerf ball games inside the library on a 95 degree night.

Left: Sidewalk chalk self-portraits promote creativity

From the Friends President



Cecelia Kramer, Friends' President

A Tip of the Hat to You



In past newsletters we have occasionally used our *Tip of the Hat* space to honor individual Friends of the Library for their service to our organization. This time, though, I'm breaking tradition to give a heartfelt *Tip of the Hat* salute to all who were so instrumental in pushing this summer's library millage over the Finish Line!

With deference, gratitude and pride, we thank you. This successful effort might have seemed a modest proposal in years past—that is, not so much a millage increase as a request to taxpayers to renew what we were already paying. Yet, when viewed against the hardship of today's economy, and especially when added to a multitude of other big money requests on the ballot (i.e., various schools bonding and millage requests, and the Ingham County Justice millage facing voters countywide), the passage of CADL's library millage is positively reassuring. The endorsement of this initiative at the 72.2% level countywide speaks volumes about the value the Ingham County community places on Capital Area District Library (CADL) and its services.

Credit for the success of the library millage renewal goes first to the folks who made it happen—the voters. Thanks to all voters who filled in the YES oval on their ballots! The voters of Meridian Township can take particular pride in the precinct-by-precinct vote totals. It passed in every precinct with most of the precincts in the mid-70's to low-80's percent! Now that is what I call support!

Additional thanks goes to the volunteer supporters of Library Now! Committee. Their work to get the informational brochures prepared, and information handed out or mailed was awesome. The creation, ordering, distribution and placement of library yard signs was in itself of major help, and deserves our recognition and praise.

And so again, I thank each of you who put us over the top, and I proudly, humbly, and joyfully give a *Tip of the Hat* to you!

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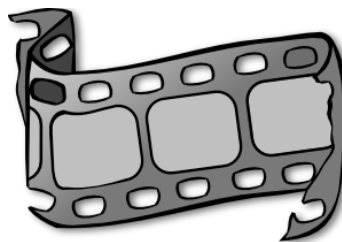
Second Thursday of each month
September through May

6:30 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Business meeting

Upcoming Films

Film Movement Update



Please join us each month for another award-winning independent film from around the world. For more information contact Eric Stanton, Public Services Librarian at 517-347-2021 ext. 2029. Here is our upcoming Fall 2018 schedule:

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Culture Through Film

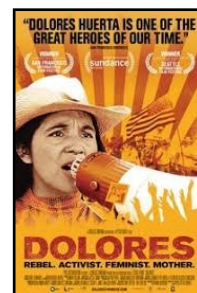


Under the Same Moon (USA-Drama) – Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Tells the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. In Mexico, her mother cares for Carlitos. Unexpected circumstances drive both Rosario and Carlitos to embark on their own journeys in a desperate attempt to reunite. Along the way, mother and son face challenges and obstacles but never lose hope that they will one day be together again.

Dolores: Rebel, Activist, Feminist, Mother (USA-Documentary) – Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

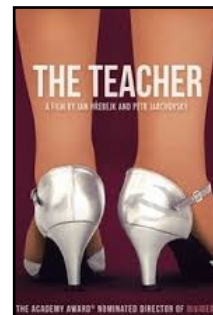
Dolores Huerta is among the most important, yet least known, activists in American history. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with Cesar Chavez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognized. Dolores tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the twentieth century--and she continues to fight to this day, at 87.



Film Movement Update

The Teacher (Slovakia/Czech Republic) – Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

In a middle school classroom in Bratislava in 1983, a new teacher, Maria Drazdechova, asks each student to stand up, introduce themselves and tell her what their parents do for a living. It slowly becomes clear that perhaps the pupils' grades are related to how willing their guardians are open to helping her out. When the director of the school tries to get parents to sign a petition to remove her, they become hesitant because Ms. Drazdechova is also a high-ranking official of the Communist Party. In a classroom behind the Iron Curtain, the future of all the families are at stake, as the film examines how each family must wrestle with standing up for what they believe in or silently keep the status quo.



The movie descriptions are provided through the library's subscription agreement with Film Movement. For more information, visit www.filmmovement.com.

Okemos Library Events

FOR ADULTS

Friends Book Group

1st Thursdays • 12 p.m.

Our group meets first Thursday of each month for a lively discussion about books we've read. New members always welcome.

September 6: *The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek* by Howard Markel

October 5: *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya

November 1: *Dear Fahrenheit 451* by Annie Spence

See page 2 for book descriptions

Film Movement Series (Adults and Mature teens)

3rd Thursdays • 6:30 p.m.

View a recently released, award-winning, foreign or independent film.

September 20: *Under the Same Moon* (USA)

October 18: *Dolores* (USA)

November 15: *The Teacher* (Slovakia/Czech Republic)

See page 4 for movie descriptions

Mind Benders (Held off-site)

2nd Thursdays, Sept. 13 Oct. 11 & Nov. 9 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for word games and puzzles to stimulate your brain and help you to remain sharp and alert. Grab a cup of coffee and get ready for an enjoyable "mental" workout. Held at the Meridian Senior Center inside Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Road.

Virtual Travelogue (Held off-site)

Wednesdays • 1 – 2 p.m.

Visit the planet in real time using Google Earth. Discuss your adventures with other travelers.

September 12 – New Zealand

October 10 – Japan

November 14 – China

December 12 – Russia

Held at the Meridian Senior Center inside Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Rd.

ESOL Conversation Group

Wednesdays, September 5 – December 19 • 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Practice your English with casual conversation. Learn about American culture and develop confidence by reading aloud articles, books and short stories. Not a formal grammar class.

Ukulele Strum-n-Sing (Adults and Teens)

Saturdays, September 15, October 20 & November 17 • 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Strum-n-sing along with the Michigan Capital Ukulele Players.

Bring your own uke. Monthly theme and tunes posted on MICUP Facebook page.

Come-Write-In Weekend

Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, Nov. 18 • 12 – 6 p.m.

The Okemos Library is an official Come-Write-In site for National Novel Writing Month. During the weekend writers are welcome to drop by the library's event room to work on their novels. Tea and coffee will be provided. For aspiring writers interested in participating in National Novel Writing Month, visit nanowrimo.org for more information.

Beading Bracelets 101 (Adults & Teens)

Fridays, September 7, October 12 & November 16 • 1–2:30 p.m.

We'll provide the supplies and you provide the creativity. Tea and light snacks provided *Online registration required. Seating limited to 12.

Homemade Holiday-Mason Jar Gifts (Adults & Teens)

Sunday, December 9 • 1-2:30 pm

Need a gift for the holidays? Don't break the bank! Join us and create a gift your friends will love. We provide the Mason jar, the recipe ingredients, tags and ribbon.

*Online registration required. Class size limited to 20.



3D Print Lab (Adults and Teens)

Wednesdays, Sept. 26, Oct. 17 & Nov. 21 • 4 – 5 p.m.

How to design, print, and finish 3D objects. *due to 3D printing times, objects will have to be picked up at a later time*

Senior Strength and Balance

Thursdays, October 4 – November 8 • 2 – 3 p.m.

Improve posture, strength and balance with exercise and stretching techniques taught by Certified Personal Trainer Lauren Warshaw. All fitness levels welcome; come to as many sessions as you can. Limited to first 20 to arrive.

Holiday Cheer (All Ages)

Thursday, December 13 • 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Turn your art into an act of kindness.

Put your creative mind to work and make holiday cards for patients at McLaren's Breslin Cancer Center. Supplies provided.

Your Membership Renewal is Vital

You may have noticed that we included a self-addressed envelope in this newsletter as a courtesy to encourage you to renew your subscription to Friends of the Okemos Library.

Without your ongoing support, the Friends cannot hope to fund the routine costs and increases involved in printing, typesetting, and postage in getting the newsletter to you. Your continued support also allows the Friends not only to augment support for regular library programs, but also to provide refreshments at children and teen programs (*you may have heard: teens eat a lot!*)

Check the mailing label for your renewal date. Those whose memberships do not need renewal at this time could still use the envelope for an additional contribution to the Friends of the Okemos Library. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, meaning gifts are tax deductible. Moreover, your generous contributions above regular membership renewal can be made any time during the year to count as a tax deduction that year.

Those who subscribe electronically to this newsletter will receive information on renewing their membership via snail mail or email.

A Sneak Peak

Stay tuned. Once again the Friends of the Library and the Friends Book Group will combine to sponsor another Annual Holiday Book Review. We will have the latest in fiction and non-fiction book offerings to top off all your Holiday gift lists. The reviews make it easy for you to find the perfect book gift for those who are “hard-to-buy-for.” It will be held late Fall at the Library. Date and time to be announced.



Mr. Tom's scavenger hunt for Library Rocks encouraged people to explore outdoor venues such as Meridian Township parks. Finders were keepers and took home the small painted rocks.



Upcoming Book Sales:



September 8-9, 2018

December 1 & 2, 2018

March 2 & 3, 2019

Mark your calendar for the Friends Used Book Sales dates. Each Book Sale is a two-day event, Saturday and Sunday, and held at the Okemos Masonic Center from **9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



Come to the Friends Book Sale September 8 & 9 and use this Book Buck for \$1 off a purchase of \$4 or more.
One coupon per person. No duplicates permitted. Expires 9-8-18.

Your Membership Counts! Annual dues are an important part of the funds that the Friends donate to the Library in the form of books, furniture, programs and services. Please use the coupon below to renew or join.

Be a Friend of the Hope Borbas Okemos Library!

Membership Application: Renewal New

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

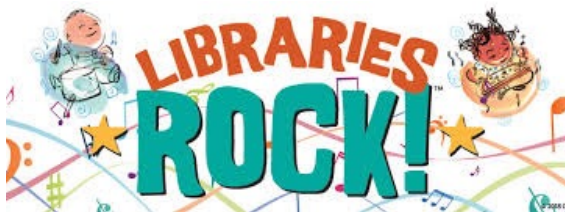
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$10.00
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00
Patron	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00
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Lifetime	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300.00
Contribution	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$_____

I would like to **VOLUNTEER** for : Book Sale Art Sale Hospitality Membership
 Communications Curatorial & Decorations Grounds & Gardens History
 Programs Other _____

I am providing an extra **DONATION** for: Framing & Artwork Small Patron Furnishings Initiative
 Books & Display Shelving Any Friends' Project Other _____

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The “Sound of Music” was the theme for the 2018 summer reading program. Under the title, *Libraries Rock*, violins, trombones, and trumpets all made an appearance, and there were good vibes for everyone. Don’t tell the kids, but summer programs are designed to be not only fun but to keep them interested in reading until school again in the fall. The Friends help fund this event and other special activities during the year. Here are just a few pictures from the 97 programs we provided in June, July, and August.



Top Left: Marshall Music provided an instrument zoo for students to try.
 Top Right: Aparna Krishnamurthy added music to Mr. Tom’s story times.

Bottom Left: A young student tries the bells.
 Bottom Right: Sariah and brother Allen pose with cutouts created by artist Paola Sanchez.

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