

Just Between Friends

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

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SPRING 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:

April 1
Easter

May 26, 27 & 28
Memorial Day Weekend

July 4
Independence Day

Friends Annual Strawberry Breakfast



Everyone these days is interested in genealogy--we look for our historical roots everywhere! So, the Friends of Okemos Library lined up a speaker you will definitely want to hear. Heidi Butler, Capital Area District Historical Librarian, will speak at the **Friends' Annual Strawberry Breakfast** on Thursday, May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Butler has spent much time tracing the history of the greater Lansing area and local ancestors back to their roots a century and a continent or two ago. She will provide noteworthy facts about our locale and its people.



Ms. Butler will highlight the resources of the Forest Parke History Section of CADL. She will describe the life of Forest Parke and his lifelong passion for preservation. More importantly, we'll learn how we use his collection to discover information about our region, the city, or even a parcel of land! The Forest Parke Digital History Station can help digitally reformatting those precious audio and video resources, allowing us to preserve family histories. Butler will also share other local resources that assist with genealogical research.

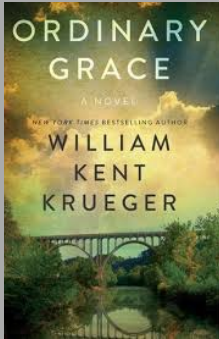
The attendees at the Spring Strawberry event will enjoy a hearty buffet including fresh strawberries. The cost is \$15.00 for Friends' members, and \$18.00 for non-members. Space is limited. Prepaid reservations are absolutely necessary. Make checks out to Friends of the Okemos Library and mail to, or drop off at, the Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. Reservations needed by Monday, May 14.

The doors to the event will open at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 17. If you have questions, please call Cecelia Kramer, 349-3297 or the Library at 347-2021.

Friends Book Group Reading

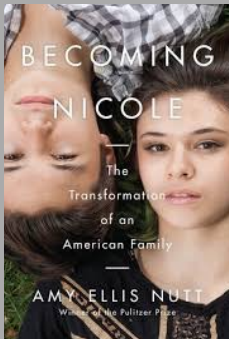
Group meets 1st Thursday of the month at 12 pm in the Library Community Room for casual discussion.

MARCH



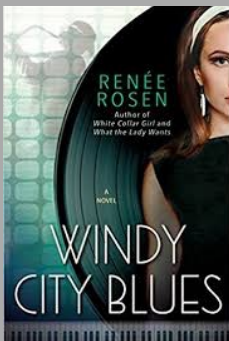
Ordinary Grace
by William Krueger

APRIL



Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family
by Amy Nutt

MAY



Windy City Blues
by Renee Rosen

From the Librarian's Desk



The only thing accurate about the Capital One Credit Card/Library commercial with Jennifer Garner is the number of people sitting at the study tables.

Come to the Okemos Library any day and you'll see all 11 tables occupied. Sometimes the people don't even know each other but are good enough share the table. Table space is at a premium at the library, and we could make a tidy sum if we could rent them by the hour. Students know they have to get here early or they won't find a seat. People walk out of the library because there is no place for them to sit. Sometimes I think I should be a *maître de* rather than a librarian.

I have been told that my library is the noisiest library on the planet. I recently asked a lady to speak quieter on her cell phone and was loudly reprimanded by another patron that I shouldn't pick on the caller as everybody else was talking, too! It does get noisy with 60 people here in the morning for story times. Then all the tables fill up after school with students getting tutoring help. People bring their own laptops to study, use our wi-fi, and charge their computers at our tables. Tutors teach students; students help other students; parents instruct children, who mostly pay attention. There is a lot of chatter.

People need help at our computers. People want help to find books and movies. This a great situation to be in because it means people are at the library, but none of this is done in the quiet. As we don't have any private study space, we truly are a public library.

The Friends of the Okemos Library are coming to the rescue with four more tables that will seat 10 more people. They are also going to install a door from the main library into the quiet reading room. I am not sure if we can find a balance between a quiet library and a user friendly one, but I do know that a busy library is better than one that is empty.

Betsy Hull
Head Librarian



From the Friends President

Cecelia Kramer, Friends' President

Friends Continue Strong Support

At this writing, the Friends are accomplishing what they do best, supporting our library by creating a warm and inviting atmosphere that benefits how our patrons experience their visits. Now that a few years have passed since our major renovation updated the physical facilities and resulted in key design changes, we can see more clearly where a few additional tweaks to the library would make it more efficient.

The Friends are purchasing several pieces of furniture for the library, adding electrical outlets where none existed before, and also installing a door. All of this will make the library more useful to its patrons.

Our Head Librarian Betsy Hull, over the last year, has received a number of concerns about “noisy voices” in what is intended to be a quiet facility. Our Quiet Reading Room was supposed to address this problem, but the archway into the large open Atrium still allows the checkout noise at the Circulation Desk and voices from the Young Children’s area to drift through the facility disturbing those in the Quiet Reading Room. The answer, we hope, is a door to the Quiet Reading Room. It will be installed this spring.

Increased patron use of the tables in the Atrium and Quiet Reading Room also convinces us that more electrical outlets are needed for electronic devices, as well as additional study and seating space. New study carrels will be added to the Teen Area and in the Atrium for individual study, along with additional lounge seating and tables in the Quiet Reading Room.

Whether you are aware of it or not, your membership in our Friends’ organization and your support of our Used Book Sales make these improvements possible. We are very grateful to you, our Friends members, for your support, and we thank you for your continued backing and participation in our remarkable organization.

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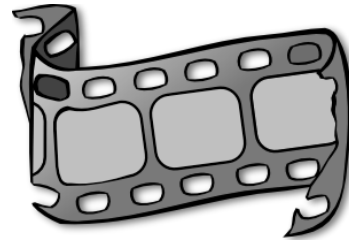
Second Thursday of each month
September through May

6:30 p.m. Social

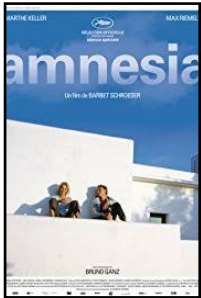
7:00 p.m. Business meeting

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 Spring 2018 schedule:



Amnesia (France/Switzerland) – Thursday, March 15 at 6:30p.m.

On Ibiza in the early nineties, Jo is a 25-year-old music composer. He has come over from Berlin and wants to be part of the nascent electronic music revolution, ideally by getting a job first as a DJ in Amnesia, the new nightclub on the island. Martha has been living alone in her house facing the sea for forty years. One night Jo knocks on her door. Her solitude intrigues him. They become friends even as the mysteries around her accumulate: that cello in the corner she refuses to play, the German language she refuses to speak. As Jo draws her into his world of techno music, Martha puts everything she had previously lived by into question.

Apprentice (Singapore) – Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Aiman, a 28-year-old Malay correctional officer, is transferred to the territory's top prison. At his new job, he is asked to become an apprentice to Rahim, the facility's executioner. Aiman tells his sister of his new position, and she becomes upset when she realizes their father was actually executed by Rahim. Aiman knew this all along. Aiman must overcome his conscience and a haunted past if he wants to become the next chief executioner.



1944 (Estonia/Finland) – Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

1944 centers on the bloodiest battle on World War II's Eastern Front. Estonian soldiers find themselves torn between two mighty powers with some heading towards the Red Army and others finding themselves pledging allegiance to the Waffen SS. Each has his own reasons for choosing sides as some believe in a better future for their beloved Estonia, others are simply trying to survive a war.

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.

March 1: *Ordinary Grace* by William Krueger

April 5: *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Nutt

May 3: *Windy City Blues* by Renee Rosen

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.

March 15: *Amnesia* (France/Switzerland)

April 19: *Apprentice* (Singapore)

May 17: *1944* (Estonia/Finland)

See page 4 for movie descriptions

Advanced ESOL Reading Group

Wednesdays March 7-May 23 • 12–1:30 p.m.

Practice your English reading and speaking skills by reading articles, books and short stories aloud.

*** Conversational Spanish**

Thursdays, March 8 & 22; April 12 & 26; May 10 • 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Do you know "un poquito de español"? Taught by native speakers, this series will help you refresh, practice and expand your knowledge. *Registration required at cadl.org/events. Seating limited to 12.

***AARP Family Caregiver Forum**

Thursday, March 8 • 1–4 p.m.

Your role as family caregiver can be stressful, even overwhelming. Hear from experts on topics such as where to find resources, common legal issues, and how to care for yourself as well as your loved one.

*Registration required; call 1-877-926-8300 or sign up at aarp.cvent.com/caregivingCADL201838.

Drop-in Tech Chat & Coffee

Fridays, March 23, April 27 & May 25 • 9–10 a.m.

Drop in to chat about any tech topics.

Ukulele Strum-n-Sing (Adults and Teens)

Saturdays, March 17, April 21 & May 19 • 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.



*** Beaded Bracelets 101**

Fridays, March 16, April 13 & May 11 • 1–2:30 p.m.

We provide memory wire and beads—you provide the creativity. *Registration required at cadl.org/events. Seating limited to 15.

***Introduction to Meditation**

Saturdays, March 10 & 24 & April 14 & 28 • 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Isha Kriya is an introductory guided meditation class that uses and simple yoga practices. Designed for beginners. *Online registration required at cadl.org/events. Limited to 15.

Ted Talk Tuesdays

Tuesdays, March 13, April 10 & May 8 • 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Watch a 20-minute TED Talk video and then discuss the subject, facilitated by library staff. TED Talks® are influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity.

Heirloom Seeds (Adults & Teens)

Thursday, March 29 • 6:30–8 p.m.

Learn the art of seed collecting and the tradition behind heirloom plants. Some seed varieties provided. Presented by Ben Cohen of smallhousefarm.com.

***Beaded Bookmarks (Adults & Teens)**

Friday, March 30 • 1–2:30 p.m.

We provide the supplies, you bring the creativity. *Registration required at cadl.org/events. Seating limited to 15.

Mind Benders (Held off-site)

Thursdays, March 8, April 12 & May 10 • 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Drop in, grab a cup of coffee, and get ready for an enjoyable "mental" workout with word games and puzzles to stimulate your brain. Held at the Meridian Senior Center inside Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Road.

Your Book Donations are Needed!



Our reserves are empty! These post-sale storage shelves are ready to receive new donations!

We thank all our Friends who came to support and participate in our December Book Sale. Despite the cold weather, our December Book Sale was successful. So successful that it depleted our supply of Fiction/Non-fiction/Children's books.

Our standard is to present an entirely new stock of donated books at each sale - no hold over's. Donations of all types of books are needed to replenish the supply of books for our next gently-Used Book Sale. Please note that we need books in good condition; **no text books, encyclopedias or National Geographic's.**

Spring cleaning is a popular activity this time of year. As you review the contents of your home library. Remember the Friends of the Library and bring any extra, unwanted books to the Friends' Book Donation Room at the Okemos Library.

The Used Book Sale is the major source of income for our Friends' organization. Please keep us in mind as you do your sorting and cleaning. The Friends of the Okemos Library is a 501(c)(3) organization so donations are eligible for a tax receipt at the time of donation. Thanks again for your support.

Upcoming Book Sales:

March 3-4, 2018

June 2-3, 2018

September 8-9, 2018

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 **9-5.**





Come to the Friends Book Sale March 3 & 4 and use this Book Buck for \$1 off a purchase of \$4 or more.
One coupon per person. No duplicates permitted. Expires 3-4-18.

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
Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00
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 _____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of the Okemos Library. Return to the Library at 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864. Friends of the Okemos Library is a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Gifts are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Pssst. Sneak Preview of Coming Attraction

Your Okemos Friends' organization just scored a major coup! We snagged the national award-winning mystery writer P.J. Parrish – winner of 11 major crime fiction awards – to speak at our annual Fall Membership Tea! But there's a twist: If you don't know, P.J. Parrish is the *nom de plume* of two sisters, Kristy Montee and Kelly Nichols who pool their talents to create suspenseful, successful mysteries. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 13, 2018, 1:30 p.m.** and save the date for their dynamic presentation.

The Detroit-born writing team has published over a dozen mystery novels. They will divulge how they craft their *whodunits* around their favorite protagonist, Detective Louis Kincaid. Their plots are always taut, tense and twisty, and they keep readers turning the pages well past midnight. The settings for their crime thrillers involve detailed locales, often from the sisters' original Michigan roots, or Florida where one of the novelist duo currently lives.



Kristy and Kelly will share with us how they develop their characters, and also writing techniques that are designed to throw readers “off the scent” and redirect their audiences' attention through insignificant details.

Their Tea-event presentation comes on the heels of the publication of their newest edition to the Louis Kincaid detective series called “The Damage Done” to be released this summer. That book will be especially significant because Lansing is one of its settings!

More information and details on the event will be available in the Summer Newsletter.

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