



Just Between Friends

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

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SUMMER 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:

July 4
Independence Day

September 1, 2 & 3
Labor Day Weekend

Things to Ponder as CADL Faces August Millage



Our Okemos Library is a member of the Capital Area District Libraries (CADL). While the Meridian Township government provides the building that houses the Okemos Library, everything else - the library staff, library contents, computers and programs - all is provided through CADL.

Ninety percent of the funding for the Capital Area District Libraries comes from millage money. What does that money buy? You may think it would be lots of books, but there's much more, including music CDs, movies, documentaries, magazines, newspapers, educational DVDs, audiobooks, and downloadable e-books. Most recently they have added the Library of Things. You can borrow everything from a sewing machine to a metal detector to a bird watching kit with binoculars.



Through the power of CADL's thirteen libraries, you can order just about any book, movie, or music CD and have it delivered directly to the Okemos Library in just a few days. And our activity doesn't stop with loaning out various library materials. In addition to housing a changing collection of art from local artists in the Community Room every two months, we sponsor early-learning programs, summer reading for children, teen events, senior citizen activities, and group classes about everything from how to use your e-reader or I-pad to beer-making!

To continue providing such valuable community services and resources, a millage is requested every few years. *The upcoming millage on August 7 would extend the existing millage that will expire at the end of the year. This millage request is not asking for more money – it is a renewal request for 1.56 mills.* That's the same amount as in the last two millage elections. Through declining property values during hard economic times, CADL has endeavored to keep all its branches open, made improvements to those branches, kept them staffed, and even increased some open hours. Clearly, CADL continues to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.

PLEASE VOTE on TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2018.

Friends Book Group Reading

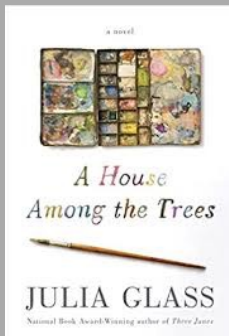
Group meets 1st Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. in the Library Community Room for casual discussion.

JUNE



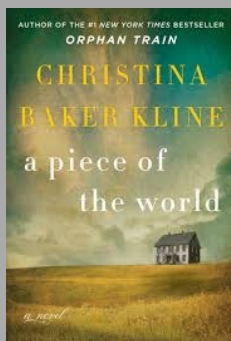
In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom
by Yeonmi Park

JULY



A House Among the Trees
by Julia Glass

AUGUST



A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline

From the Librarian's Desk



It's taken the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan Audubon, Society Ingham County Conservation District, Meridian Township and students from Okemos High School to plant flowers around the Okemos Library.

That's not a definition of bureaucracy, but rather a story of partnerships and cooperation.

First, a few weeks ago I had the idea to replace the scrubby grass and misfit irises and roses around the building with Michigan native plants.

Second, as a part of their community service project for almost nine years, Okemos High School seniors have helped clean and mulch flower beds, and load rocks to areas around the library. The Friends of the Okemos Library support the work day and buy pizza for lunch. And since Meridian Township owns and maintains the building, the township always supplies the mulch and tools.

Third, Rachelle Roake from Michigan Audubon Society, which is conveniently just down the street, approached me one day outside the library as I was kicking the dirt. She had grant money through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to create native plant gardens in the Lansing area because native plants provide better habitat for Michigan birds. She wanted to know if I was interested. The program is officially called the *Urban Bird Treaty City Grant* to support the creation and maintenance of bird-friendly communities.

Fourth, Rachelle also told me about a rain barrel project funded through the Ingham County Conservation District. I picked up two barrels at a workshop for non-profit organizations coordinated by Michelle Beloskur, executive director for the conservation district. This project is supported by the River Network, and the Coca-Cola Foundation which donated used syrup barrels to be used as rain collectors. The barrels were then painted by REACH Studio Art Center, a local art program, before being placed in local sites to be used as rain barrels.

Fifth, my library administration will supply additional funding to help complete the garden, which I call The Birds and Bees, Biology and Botany Project. That's a lot of cooperation between people and organizations just to plant some *asclepias tuberosa*, commonly known as butterflyweed.

I told my boss this project would not only provide landscape improvements for the library, but would also help create an educational garden program, where I could talk about native plants and their benefits to environment. Truthfully, I just like to look at flowers and kick dirt.

Betsy Hull

Head Librarian



From the Friends President

Cecelia Kramer, Friends' President

The Plot Thickens

In the last newsletter, we announced a marvelous event—the upcoming visit of crime-mystery author P.J. Parrish as guest speaker at our annual Fall Membership Tea. We disclosed that P.J. Parrish, nationally famous author and winner of 11 major crime fiction awards, is actually the *nom de plume* for the writing team of Kristy Montee and Kelly Nichols, a set of Detroit-born sisters.



Unfortunately, since that newsletter, we learned that the publication date of their newest book, *The Damage Done*, had been changed and thus required that we scramble to find a suitable alternative date for them to speak to us and satisfy our keen desire for juicy details about the remarkable plot twists and turns used to keep us turning their pages. With the book coming out in early October, we feel very fortunate to be able to secure a date within their initial roll out time period.

Both Kris and Kelly have promised to discuss challenges they regularly face, like writing from opposite North/South ends of the country, how they come up with new plot lines, and how they blend their different writing styles. Being able to have them both made it worth our while to find an alternative date for the Tea.

Of additional interest is that in the soon-to-be-published book P.J. Parrish puts their favorite hero, Louis Kincaid, here in the Lansing, Michigan area to solve a mystery. At this writing, both publisher and authors are keeping actual locales and story-line under wraps. However, the authors have promised us an advanced prepublication copy, so we promise that we'll know plenty of the particulars by fall and will use them to set the scene for their presentation.

With all of the schedule adjustments, we have managed to wrangle a Fall Membership Tea speaking date on both authors very busy calendar as they swing through the Upper Midwest on their book-signing tour. **Our new date is on Monday, October 22 at 2 p.m.** at the library. This is now firm. Mark your calendars, we hope all our Friends and *partners-in-crime* will meet us there!

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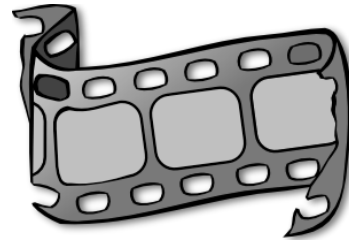
Second Thursday of each month
September through May

6:30 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. Business meeting

Upcoming Films

Film Movement Update

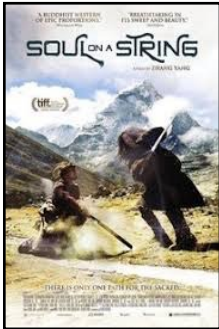


Please join us each month for another award-winning independent film from around the world. For more information contact Eric Stanton, Public Services Librarian at 517-347-2021 ext. 2029. Here is our upcoming Summer 2018 schedule:



After the Storm (Japan) – Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Dwelling on his past glory as a prize-winning author, Ryota wastes the money he makes as a private detective on gambling and can barely pay child support. After the death of his father, his aging mother and beautiful ex-wife seem to be moving on with their lives. Renewing contact with his initially distrusting family, Ryota struggles to take back control of his existence and to find a lasting place in the life of his young son.



Soul on a String (China) – Thursday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

After discovering a sacred stone in the mouth of a slain deer, a young Tibetan wanderer embarks on a difficult mission to bring the divine artifact back to the holy mountain of Buddha's handprint as a motley band of followers try to help him and black market traders and two violent brothers in search of vengeance try to stand in his way.

Moka (France) – Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Diane Kramer is led by one obsession: to find the driver of the mocha color Mercedes which hit her son and devastated her life. With a few belongings, some money and a gun, she goes to Evian, where she's learned the driver lives.



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.

June 7: *In Order to Live: A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom* by Yeonmi Park

July 5: *A House Among the Trees* by Julia Glass

August 2: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline

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.

June 21: *After the Storm* (Japan)

July 19: *Soul on a String* (China)

August 16: *Moka* (France)

See page 4 for movie descriptions

First Sunday Gallery Walk (Adults)

Sundays, June 3 and July 1 • 2 – 4 p.m.

Meet a local artist from the Mid-Michigan Art Guild. Enjoy light refreshments and friendly conversation.

Mind Benders (Held off-site)

Thursdays, June 14, July 12 & August 9 • 11 a.m.–12:30 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.

Ukulele Strum-n-Sing (Adults and Teens)

Saturdays, June 16, July 12 & August 18 • 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.

Beading 101 Bracelets & Earrings

Fridays, June 15, July 13 & August 17 • 1–2:30 p.m.

We'll provide memory wire and beads—you provide the creativity. Tea and light snacks provided *Online registration required. Click on “Register”. For adults and teens. Seating limited to 12.

No-So-Extreme Couponing (Adults)

Thursday, June 14 • 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Start saving with a coupon exchange, plus share web links and tips to make the most out of your budget. Includes book recommendations. Expired coupons can be donated to military families.

Ukulele 101 (Adults and Teens)

Thursday, July 12 – Aug. 2 • 10 – 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of this joyful instrument with maestro Jack Nolish of Michigan Capital of Ukulele Players. Instrument loaner provided or bring your own. No previous experience required.

*Registration required at cadl.org/events. Class limited to 8 musicians.



Upcoming Book Sales:

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 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Another Strawberry Delight

Friends and their guests gathered to celebrate the annual Strawberry Breakfast in May that included many dishes with tasty strawberries on the brunch menu. Heidi Butler, Local History Librarian at CADL presented a powerpoint talk on the features of the CADL Local History Library services to an appreciative audience.



A full house enjoyed the 2018 Strawberry Breakfast



Dee Becker won the centerpiece door prize



Guest Speaker Heidi Butler with fanciful family tree created by Mo McMullen



Mary Rhodes (left) and Bobbi DuByne wait for the event to start



Karen Spotts (left) in deep conversation with Quenda Story



Head Librarian Betsy Hull with guest speaker Heidi Butler



Come to the Friends Book Sale June 2 & 3 and use this Book Buck for \$1 off a purchase of \$4 or more.
One coupon per person. No duplicates permitted. Expires 6-4-18.

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.



Become a Lifer

As someone who enjoys and appreciates the services, atmosphere, and facilities offered at the Okemos Branch Library that the Friends of the Library make possible, you may want to demonstrate your appreciation. Consider taking your Friends' membership to the next level—which is the LIFETIME membership level.

“The Friends of the Okemos Library is a group committed to enhancing the experience library patrons have at our branch of the Capital Area District Library. Most recently, you can see our efforts throughout the library with the addition of a newly purchased soundproof door and study table and chairs for the Quiet Reading Room, as well as the study carrels in the Teen Section.

“Join the Friends at the LIFETIME membership level. A one-time contribution of \$300 will move your regular membership from an annual single \$10 membership to one that will allow you all the privileges of the annual membership along with the peace of mind that you will not have to remember to renew each year. Then rest in the knowledge that you are helping to sustain a group dedicated to improving and enriching the Okemos Library. Become a LIFER! Thank you.

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