



Just Between Friends

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

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Fall 2022

LIBRARY HOURS

SUNDAY

12 - 6 PM

MONDAY

10 AM - 7 PM

TUESDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

WEDNESDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

THURSDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

FRIDAY

9 AM - 8 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 7 PM

Capital Area District Library Upcoming Closings:

September 2 -5, 2022
Labor Day Weekend

November 24 & 25, 2022
Thanksgiving

Forgotten History: Uncovering the Story

Finally! We are just weeks away from the Friends of the Okemos Library's **Fall Event** which we announced in the Summer 2020 newsletter! To refresh your memory, I refer to the celebration of the First Nations' peoples. Please join us as the world of the Anishinaabe of the Great Lakes opens up to us, and we hear the history of the Three Fires People long before Michigan was a state. We hope to reunite with you at this annual "Thank You to the Friends Members" as we learn of the strong cultural heritage that the First Nations of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi share, as well as some of their differences.

Patricia Shackleton, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of the Chippewa (Ojibwe), will be our speaker at this Light Brunch on **Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the Okemos Library.** Patricia did her graduate work on the effects of the clash between the dominant White Culture and the Native peoples. She will guide us on a tour of both the positive aspects of the Native culture, as well as the more modern issues exemplified by the abduction of native American children, the role of Indian Boarding Schools in suppressing the cultural heritage and its long-reaching effects even today, and the results of some of the official government policies. She will also touch on a modern version of the traditional birch bark cutwork, and talk about the craft of Native American storytelling.



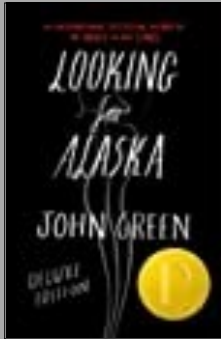
As always, attendees at this Friends' Membership Thank You event will enjoy light refreshments featuring tea and other tasty delicacies. The event is **free** for current Friends' members, and **\$10.00 for non-members**. Space is limited, so *make reservations early*. This can be done either by mail or at the library. Make checks out to Friends of the Okemos Library and mail them, or drop them off at the Library, 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos. Reservations are needed by Friday, September 9.

The doors to the event will open at 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13th. If you have questions, please call Cecelia Kramer, 349-3297, or the Library at 347-2021, ex 3.

Friends Book Group Reading

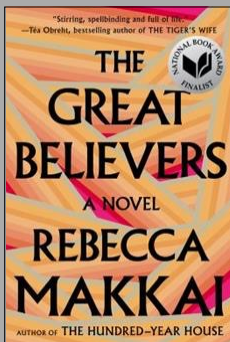
Group meets 1st Thursday of the month at 12 p.m. in the Library Community Room for casual discussion.

SEPTEMBER



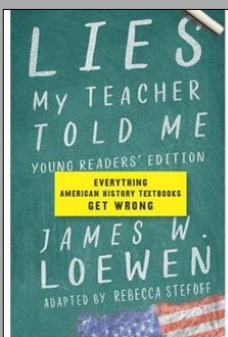
Looking for Alaska
by John Green

OCTOBER



The Great Believers
by Rebecca Makkai

NOVEMBER



Lies My Teacher Told Me
By James W. Loewen

From the Librarian's Desk



My name is Tom Moore. For the past two years I have served as the Head Librarian for CADL's Haslett Branch. Following Betsy Hull's retirement, I will be taking over as the Head Librarian for both the Haslett and Okemos Libraries. For many, news of this change has caused some concern and so I would like to take a moment to provide some background and introduce myself a bit.

In 2019 we began restructuring the leadership positions for the Lansing Branches (Downtown, South and Foster) to unite the three libraries under a single regional manager position. To support this position, we hired Public Services Heads that serve as building managers for each location. We believed that we could better serve the Lansing community through better coordination and collaboration between the branches. We could reduce some of the duplicated efforts of the staff to deliver services, avoid overlapping outreach services, and share the talents of our staff across the three buildings.

Following the model of the Lansing Libraries, I will oversee operations of both the Meridian Libraries and coordinate the direction and services our two libraries are offering. We will be evaluating the staffing levels and needs to determine what will be necessary for this new model to be successful.

I believe strongly that libraries are places of community and connections. Libraries help connect people to resources and information, to educational and entertainment materials, but also to each other. Libraries help tie the community together by giving our residents a place meet and connect through our ability to help foster connections between residents, resources, and organizations we can help our community thrive.

I have been working in libraries for 15 years, starting as a library page at our Mason Branch in 2007, then a library assistant here in Meridian at the Haslett Branch in the old building, then for ten years as the Head of Adult Services for the Delta Township District Library before returning to serve as the Head Librarian of the Haslett Branch in 2020.

I know big changes like this can cause a great deal of concern and anxiety. I am anxious myself, but I am also excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. If you have questions, concerns, comments, or even a little advice I would love to hear from you. I have always felt that the Library Friends are the library's greatest allies in the community, from your financial support to your advocacy, you play an essential part in our success. I know for you to be successful you need to have accurate information and a good sense of where the library is heading. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions. I always welcome your input.

Tom Moore
Head Librarian



From the Friends President

Cecelia Kramer, Friends' President

Closing One Chapter, Opening Another...

It was with great sadness that the Okemos Library at the end of July bid "good bye" to Betsy Hull, Head Librarian for the last 13 years. With her usual self-deprecating humor, Betsy requested no major social events mark the end of her tenure at Okemos. Instead, the Friends shared ice cream with Staff, Friends, and Patrons alike in a small but heartfelt celebration of thanks for her service to us.

Betsy was lots of fun, a 'perpetual motion machine' it often seemed, who gladly lent a helping hand wherever she could manage it, especially at the quarterly book-sales. We are going to miss Betsy's active, hands-on, "always-there-when-needed" presence, and we wish her the best of everything in whatever she gets into.

We don't exactly see Betsy whiling away her retirement time with Mai-Tais at poolside, but we do see success in her future and wish her well in whatever direction she chooses to go.



Andre Rodriguez, Cecelia Kramer, Betsy Hull (retiring Librarian), Mo McMullen, and Peggy Kelly



Marla Holle, Lois Neves, Karen Fraserand
Cecelia Kramer



Jim Tellner, Peggy Kelly, Sandy Drake and
Scott Duimstra (CADL Director)

Moving Ahead

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Tom Moore as the new Head of the Okemos Library. Tom has been appointed to head our library as he continues his work as the Head of the Haslett branch, too. Tom's first task is to meet our top-notch Okemos staff, then, along with other administrative procedures, begin interviewing for his Right-Hand Person, someone who would help him interview for other staff openings to provide the continuum of helpful, quality assistance to which our Okemos Patrons are accustomed.



New Head Librarian Tom
Moore with Marna Wilson

Stay tuned as the administrative adjustments and staff are evolving. Additional details will be revealed in the upcoming weeks and months. The Friends look forward to helping Tom adjust and doing whatever we can to make his tenure with us a success. Welcome, Tom!

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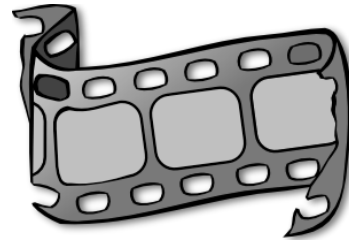
FRIENDS MEETINGS

Second Thursday of each month
September through May

7:00 p.m. Business meeting.
Board meetings are held via
ZOOM. To register, call Cecelia
Kramer, 517-349-3297.

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 2022 schedule:



The Third Wife (Vietnamese-Vietnam) – Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

In late 19th century Vietnam, fourteen-year-old May becomes the third wife to a wealthy landowner. She quickly learns that she can gain status and security if she gives birth to a male child, but her burgeoning attraction to Xuan, the second wife, puts her fragile standing in jeopardy. As May observes the unfolding tragedy of forbidden love and its devastating consequences, she must make a choice, to either carry on in silence, or forge a path towards personal freedom.

Zombie Child (French & Creole - Haiti) – Thursday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Haiti, 1962. A man is brought back from the dead only to be sent to the living hell of the sugarcane fields. In Paris, 55 years later, at a prestigious all-girls boarding school, Melissa, a young Haitian teenager, confesses an old family secret to a group of new friends - never imagining that this strange tale will convince a heartbroken classmate to do the unthinkable.



Jasper Jones (English - Australia) – Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m.



A riveting and moving Australian coming of age story about Charlie Bucktin, a bookish boy of 14. On the night that Jasper Jones, the town's mixed-race outcast shows him the dead body of young Laura Wisheart, Charlie's life is changed forever. Entrusted with this secret and believing Jasper to be innocent, Charlie embarks on a dangerous journey to find the true killer. Set over the scorching summer holidays of 1968, Charlie defeats the local racists, faces the breakup of his parents, and falls head over heels in love as he discovers what it means to be truly courageous.

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 1: *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

October 6: *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai

November 3: *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James V. Loewen

ESOL Reading Group for Adults

Wednesdays, Sept. 14- Dec. 14 • 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Practice your English reading and speaking skills by reading articles, books and short stories aloud. This group is not formal English instruction. (Skip Nov. 23).

Mind Benders (Virtual)

Thursdays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13 & Nov. 10 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us online via Zoom for word games and puzzles to stimulate your brain and help you to remain sharp and alert. *Registration required by emailing: stantone@cadl.org You will receive instructions on joining our Zoom session. This program is a collaboration between CADL-Okemos and The Meridian Senior Center.

Beading101 (Adults & Teens Only)

2nd Fridays, Sept. 9, Oct. 14 & Dec. 9 • 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Bring your own imagination to create your own jewelry with our supplies. Teens and adults only. Limited to 8. Get ticket at info desk one hour before program.



Online Citizenship Test Prep

Tuesdays, September 13 – October 25 • 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join us online on Tuesdays to practice for the USCIS Naturalization Test in a relaxed setting. *Registration required, call 517-367-6350 or visit www.cadl.org/events. Registrants will be emailed a link to our Zoom meeting prior to the event.

Forgotten Michigan: Ghost Towns, Forgotten Places and People of the Past

Thursday, October 27 • 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Explore Michigan's early pioneers, industrialists, innovators, legislators, native tribal leaders and legends with author and historian Dana Kenneth Johnson.

Virtual Ukulele Strum-n-Sing (Adults) **3rd Saturday of the month**

September 17, October 15 & December 17

• 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Strum-n-sing along with the Michigan Capital Ukulele Players. Monthly theme and tunes posted on MICUP Facebook page. Contact Jack at jack.nolish@gmail.com for a link.



Virtual Fall Cooking Series:

Korean Bulgogi

Sunday, September 25 • 3 – 4 p.m.

This fall, we will continue our fun in the kitchen by exploring Korean cuisine and potentially some new favorites or new twists on favorites. Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project will provide the recipe, list of ingredients and all you need to know to make these delicious Korean specialties. All ages are welcome, but adult supervision is needed for younger participants. *Registration required. To receive a link, call 517-367-6312 or visit www.cadl.org/events.

Tales of Michigan Hauntings and Other Unexplainable Things

Wednesday, October 5 • 6:30 p.m.

Learn how author Kat Tedsen has researched hundreds of reported hauntings and legends of paranormal activity to get to the truth behind myth and unsolved mysteries.

Halloweenza Trunk or Treat!

Wednesday, October 26 • 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Wear your Halloween costume and come enjoy games, treats and hot cider during our outside event.



Election Results ~ Tip of the Hat



The Friends, patrons and supporters of the Capital Area District Libraries have done themselves proud! A big **THANK YOU** for the positive election results at the polls that demonstrate the voters' unqualified support of good quality library programs, staff, and services.

The millage restoration vote on August 2 provides CADL with almost \$12.5 million for the first year which equates to 90% of the Library's budget. It is no exaggeration to say that should this millage have failed there would be no CADL library by the end of the first quarter of 2023. The results demonstrated an enthusiastic support of just over 2 to 1 in favor of the millage proposal. Final vote count was Yea: 33,957 votes, versus Nay: 15,550 votes.

Our hearty congratulations, thanks and a *Tip of the Hat* to all faithful fans of our library!

Calling ALL Friends - We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are the backbone of an organization like the Friends of the Okemos Library. No paid officers or staff do the work of the Friends. All people involved have a love of the library and a desire to do their part to make this institution better.

It takes "people power" to carry out many of the Friends' programs. Your time and effort help this organization accomplish its goal to support the Okemos library.

Currently there are several voluntary opportunities open in the Friends:

- Manual laborers and strong backs are needed to haul about 280 boxes of books from storage space to sales venue the Friday before the book sales start. There is a morning shift and an afternoon shift: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. is the morning truck loading shift and the afternoon shift unloads the truck from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Dollies are provided.
- Many individuals are needed to sort, set-up and sell about 10,000 books at each of our quarterly used book sales. Also required is staffing for checking-out functions during sales time. Three - and two-hour shifts are available.
- Third need is for Friends who have some extra hours a month to consider becoming active through the Friends' Board. It's a fun group! We meet once a month during the school year. For an investment of limited volunteer time, you benefit by making a commitment to a community facility you use and value.



While dues and donations are important to the budget and allow the Friends to be responsive to library needs, "*many hands make light work*" is vitally important to keep all library events running.

Please sign up. As a volunteer, you will add the warm touch and spirited participation that makes library events memorable. If you have questions about how to volunteer or what part you can play, please contact Cecelia Kramer at (517) 349-3297.

Upcoming Book Sales



September 10-11, 2022 (Okemos Masonic Center)

December 3-4, 2022 (OMC)

March 4-5, 2023 (OMC)

June 3-4, 2023 (OMC)

July 29-30, 2023 (Meridian Old Farmer's Market)

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 support the Friends with an extra **DONATION** for (please indicate)

Framing & Artwork, Staff Kitchen Project, Books & Display Shelving, Any Friends' Project, or

Other _____ Amount \$ _____

I would like to support the Friends by **VOLUNTEERING** for: (please circle) *Book Sale

*Hospitality *Grounds & Gardens *Programs *Membership *Communications

*Curatorial & Decorations *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.

Library Little Free Pantry Needs Donations

In these times of both health and economic uncertainty, having a free food pantry available 24/7 is a marvel for those who find themselves in need of a few additional food items to stretch their budget to make a meal for their families.



The Little Free Pantry location is Library Sponsored/Community Supported. As such there is an on-going need for food to be available in the pantry. Food donations are being accepted from both Friends of the Library members and Okemos area residents.

Pantry items that have been popular are: breakfast cereals, Pop Tarts, protein products such as peanut butter, protein bars, canned tuna or canned chicken. Other items needed include crackers, rice, boxed sides or entrees (other than Mac & cheese), pasta, pasta sauces, microwaveable entrée cups, canned fruits, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, face tissue, and dish soaps.

Donate with Wisdom, being mindful of how your donation of goods can tolerate the weather. This Pantry, while available 24/7, is not weather resistant. Depending on the time of year placed in the pantry, fresh fruit, eggs, and vegetables will either freeze or cook, considering the climate extremes of late. Farm produce in season can be displayed on cardboard outside the Pantry. The Pantry cannot accept cans, bags, or bottles that have

been opened or partially used, nor products with an outdated Use-By Code.

If you have a large quantity of donations or case-lots of products, please call: Cecelia at 517-349-3297, or items can be dropped off in the Okemos Library Friends' Room Pantry shelving during library hours. Thank you, contributors, for helping to make this a most successful community project.

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