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September is Library Card Sign Up Month: "One Card Endless Possibilities"

Your library card unlocks more than just books! Sign up for or renew your Lincoln Township Public Library card, then show it at participating local businesses from September 1–30 to receive discounts and special offers. It's our way of celebrating the value of your library—and supporting the local businesses that make our community great.

Participating Businesses:

Biggby (Stevensville location): 50% off any size specialty beverage on September 6 and 7 only.

Culvers (Stevensville location): 10% off

Red Coach Donuts: 10% off

South Shore Health & Racquet Club:

Waive membership fee for new members **Crazy King Burrito:** Buy one, Get one of

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You're Invited! Thursday, September 25 at 6:30 PM

The Lincoln Township Library Foundation proudly invites you to the unveiling of our new Donation Wall. This special tribute honors the generous individuals and organizations whose support helps our library grow and thrive. Join us as we celebrate the power of community giving!



Celebrate our Friends! October 19–25

Join us for National Friends of Libraries Week as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of this special week honoring the Friends groups who support libraries nationwide. Stay tuned—details about our local celebration are coming soon!



IN THE COMMUNITY

Michigan Legal Help at Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library

9/19, 9/26, 10/10, & 10/24 from 1 to 3 pm

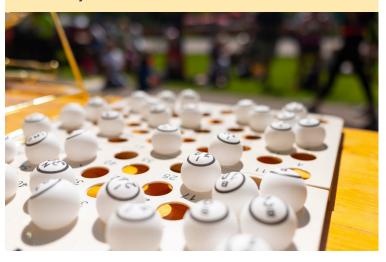
Sit down with Lincoln Township Public Library navigators who are trained to assist individuals in accessing legal information, completing forms, and identifying community resources through the Michigan Legal Help website.

Location: Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market St., St. Joseph



Community Fun Day at Lincoln Township Park Saturday, September 13 from 11 am to 4 pm

Join us for a day full of family fun, games, food, and activities for all ages! Come early to the library—Bingo starts at 10 AM. Don't miss this great community celebration!



Victorian Tea Party Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

By popular demand, we are hosting another Victorian-style tea party at Ruggles Cemetery. Dress in your best (or most comfortable) attire and learn some fascinating history of Michigan residents of the past. Tea will be provided by Apothica Teas. **Teens and Adults only.**



Trail and Treat

Saturday, October 25 from 2-5 pm Rain Date: Sunday, October 26 from 2-5 pm

Bring the family for a fun fall at Baroda's Trail & Treat! Kids can dress up and collect treats along the trail while enjoying festive activities. Don't miss this safe, community-centered Halloween celebration!



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ADULTS

Downton Abbey Tea Monday, September 8th at 6 pm

Celebrate the new Downton Abbey movie with tea, scones, and stories from Highclere Castle. Hear from Barbara Gulley of Barb's Tea Service and bring your favorite teacup!

Yarn & Yak 1st Thursday at 5 pm starting Sept. 4th

Knitters, Crocheters, and yarn lovers of all skill levels are welcome to stop in for some casual crafting time. You can bring a project from home or learn to make something new!



50 Years of Saturday Night Monday, September 8 at 7 pm

Saturday Night Live is celebrating its 50th anniversary on the air in 2025. Come learn about the show's history and relive some of its greatest moments at this presentation.

Casual Canvases 2nd Wednesday at 6 pm starting Sept. 10th

Get your creativity on and stop in to paint whatever you like with acrylics. Please wear clothing you don't mind getting paint on. Painting tutorials courtesy of Step-by-Step Painting LLC.

Stretching, Strengthening, and Stability Tuesdays: September 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10 am

Join Armor Physical Therapy for a 4-week series on stretching, strengthening, and stability with PT Hannah Miller. Learn simple exercises to stay strong, stable, and active at home.

An Alliance Physical Therapy Partner

Chai & Paint ● Thursday, September 11 at 6 pm

Unwind with a calm, beginner-friendly mandala painting session accompanied by warm chai and good company. No experience necessary, just bring your creativity and enjoy a relaxing evening of art and connection. All supplies provided.

Medicare Explained Monday, September 15 at 6:30 pm

If you have Medicare or are nearing eligibility, join licensed independent agent Jeff Armstrong to learn the essentials. This educational event will not include planspecific details or benefits.

Tax Reduction Strategy Class Thursday, September 18 at 6:00 pm

Think your 401k or IRA is all yours? Think again—those funds are fully taxable. Join Ryan Lannigan of Family Focused Financial to learn how to reduce your tax liability in retirement and keep more of what you've saved.

Book Talk: *The Lost Message* with Gil Herman Saturday, September 20 at 2 pm

Join author Gil Herman for a talk about *The Lost Message*, a new novel featuring an IT expert, a mysterious woman, and a mission to save humanity. Hear behind-the-scenes stories and grab an autographed copy or themed swag!

LTPL Writing Group Mondays 9/22, 10/20, & 11/17 at 6:30 pm Need a creative beginning.

Need a creative boost or feedback on your writing? Join LTPL's monthly writing group to connect with local writers, explore prompts, and get support on your projects. Whether you're stuck or just starting, all are welcome!

The Foundations of Weight Loss in Building a Healthy Lifestyle

September 25th at 6 pm

Join Weight Loss & Mindset Coach Noah Tanner—who lost 110 pounds—for an inspiring talk on the keys to lasting weight loss and better health. Whether you're starting out or need a boost, you'll gain practical tools and motivation to reach your goals.

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ADULTS

Unpacking the Magic: Three Disney Vacation Destinations - Land, World & Sea

Monday, September 29 at 6:30 pm

If you're thinking of planning a family Disney vacation, don't do it alone! Learn the tips and tricks to make the most of your time - and budget - with travel agent Nikki Miller.

Rocky Horror Party Friday, September 26 at 6:30 pm

It is the 50th anniversary of The Rocky Horror Picture Show! Join us for an after-hours interactive film viewing with refreshments and fun. This program is for adults 18+ only.

Ballroom Dancing Class Monday, October 6 at 7 pm

Discover the fun and health benefits of partner dancing with an introductory Rumba lesson led by Tom Catania and our own Shiloh Pawelski. No partner needed-just bring danceable shoes and enjoy time to learn and practice.

Crushed Glass & Resin: Fall Pumpkin Art Night Tuesday, September 30 at 6 pm

Join us for a fun and creative crafting night! Using crushed glass and resin, you'll design a beautiful fall pumpkin artwork on a smooth wood base with step-by-step instructions. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity!



Trivia Nights at Chill Hill Winery

Join us at Chill Hill Winery for these two fun-filled trivia nights! Come as a team or as an individual. We'll have a prize for the winners!

Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 pm: 1970s Trivia Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm: Christmas Trivia

Location: 8986 1st St., Baroda

Before Veteran's Day Was the Armistice Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm

Novelist Cherisse M. Havlicek will share a brief history of November 11th and how America helped turn the tide in The Great War. Learn why the U.S. entered the conflict and made a difference in just one year. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Thanksgiving Centerpiece Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm

Add a cozy, handmade touch to your home just in time for Thanksgiving! In this festive workshop, you'll create a beautiful centerpiece with kernels, candles, and fall stems. All materials are provided—just bring your creativity!



The Game: Michigan vs. Ohio State Monday, November 24 at 6:30 pm

It's called "The Game" because no other explanation is needed. As Michigan and Ohio State prepare to meet for the 121st time, learn and reminisce about the history of college football's greatest rivalry by attending this presentation!

Felting Fun: Snowman! Tuesday, December 2 at 6 pm

Join us for a cozy, creative evening of beginner-friendly needle felting as we make our own snowmen! All supplies are included, along with a stepby-step guide. No experience needed.



Gift Wrapping Party Monday, December 8 from 5 to 7 pm

Bring your gifts, and we'll supply the wrapping paper, bows, tape, scissors, festive music, and cozy hot drinks. We'll also have some CreativeBug tutorials on creative gift wrapping and craft paper to practice with!



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BOOK DISCUSSIONS

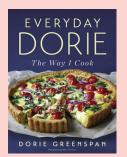
Dish It Up Book Group 4th Tuesdays at 6 pm

*Check specific months due to holiday scheduling

The Book Club with food! Grab a copy of this month's selected cookbook at the Circulation desk a month before the discussion. Make one of the recipes and bring it to share that night.









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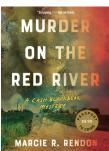
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Tuesday Morning Book Group 3rd Tuesday at 10 am

Join our book discussion for lovers of all genres, exploring compelling stories and unforgettable characters together. Books are available at the main desk a month before the discussion.



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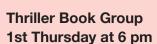




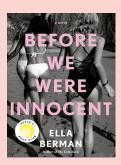
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Join our book discussion that has suspense, excitement, surprise, and anticipation! Books are available at the main desk about a month before the discussion.



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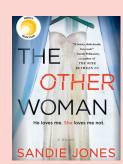


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2026 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Sponsored by Shoreline Garden Club & LTPL

Children from first through fifth grade are invited to participate in this annual drawing contest featuring fire prevention icon, Smokey Bear, and conservation icon, Woodsy Owl.

Pick up your packet at the library starting November 1st or visit the National Garden Club website to learn more about participating. Deadline for submission to the library is Friday, January 9th.

ALL AGES

PokéClub Every 1st Wednesday at 6 pm

Celebrate all things Pokémon! Join us each month for a different activity based around this popular franchise with cards, crafts, and more!

September 3: Pokémon GO Route Walk

October 1: Card Tournament

November 5: Movie Night - Detective Pikachu (2019)

December 3: Pokémon Snow Globe Craft

Drop In Chess Club 1st Tuesday of the Month from 6-7 pm

Stop by to play chess in a welcoming space for players of all ages! Whether you're learning the basics or looking to sharpen your strategy, drop in for casual games, friendly competition, and a chance to improve your skills in a relaxed, supportive environment.

Digital Discoveries Saturday September 13th from 10-11am

Did you know your library card gives you access to dozens of free online services? Stop by and learn how to explore our many digital databases—perfect for research, learning, and more!

Show Your Lancer Spirit! Friday, Sept. 22 to Monday Sept. 26

The Lakeshore Lancers take on our biggest rivals, the St. Joe Bears, this Friday, September 26 at 7 PM! To show your team spirit, stop by the library this week and pick up a free Lancer Foam Finger—while supplies last. Let's go, Lancers!





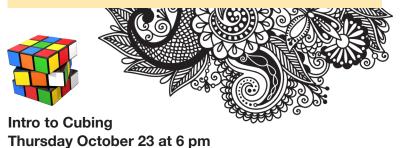
Halloween Costume Swap Drop Off: Sept 27 to Oct 3 (Swap Voucher; see below) Event: Saturday, October 4 from 9 am to 1 pm

Looking for a new Halloween look without the cost? Exchange your gently used costumes at this Halloween Costume Swap! Bring a *clean*, **gently used** costume and pick out something new to you. All leftover costumes will be donated to a local charity after the event.

Each donation will be awarded a swap voucher to be used during the swap day for a "new" costume. All donations are final. Costumes will vary in style and size, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Sizes range from infant to adult.

Diwali Celebration Wednesday, October 22 from 5 to 7 pm

Help us celebrate Diwali! Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is a holiday celebrated in India. Participants can make mandala sand art, a clay diya, and get a temporary henna tattoo from Henna Design House!



Want to learn how to solve a Rubik's Cube? This beginner-friendly program will guide you through the basics step by step—perfect for first-time solvers ready to take on the challenge!

Monster Mash Saturday, October 11th at 12:30 pm

Wear your costume and join us for the Bubble Witch Show—full of spooky fun, tricks, and surprises! Enjoy candy, games, crafts, and Halloween excitement for the whole family.

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Family Pumpkin Painting Party Saturday, October 18 from 12 to 3 pm

Get into the fall spirit with a cozy afternoon of pumpkin painting! We'll provide mini pumpkins, paint, and festive fun for the whole family. Don't forget to snap a pic at our autumn-themed photo spot! While supplies last.



A Charlie Brown Halloween Party Monday, October 27 at 6 pm

Celebrate Halloween *Peanuts*-style with a story time, craft, snacks, and trivia. And who knows, maybe The Great Pumpkin will make an appearance!



Soldier Donation Drive November 3 – 15; Card making open house on Saturday, November 15

Starting on Monday, November 3, LTPL will be collecting donated items for Fisher House Michigan, who will distribute them to our soldiers this holiday season. The drive will run through Saturday, November 15, when we will open our Lawrence Room for patrons to come in throughout the day and make greeting cards to send with the supplies.



Fisher House Michigan Amazon Wish List

For Good: A Wicked Celebration Thursday, November 20 at 6 pm

Celebrate the upcoming release of Wicked: Part Two with enchanting crafts and activities inspired by the beloved musical! Join us for a spellbinding time in the world of Oz.

Family Gingerbread House Making Thursday, December 11 at 6 pm

Join us to decorate your own gingerbread house! All supplies are included. Take your candy covered creation home or leave it with us to display in the library for a bit of holiday cheer! Fun for the whole family! While supplies last.



A *Home Alone* Christmas Party Saturday, December 20 from 12 to 4 pm

Celebrate the season with back-to-back screenings of *Home Alone* and *Home Alone* 2! Enjoy a cheese pizza, make festive cards, and get into the holiday spirit. Merry Christmas, ya filthy animal!

Family Crochet Fun Monday, December 22nd at 5 pm

Crocheters of all skill levels are welcome to drop in for some casual crafting. Learn some new skills, or simply stop in and meet with other crocheters. Start a new project, or bring your own. Open to ages 8 and up.

MUSH with Noggin the Sled Dog (and her human, Karen)!

Friday, January 2nd at 11 am

Ever wondered what it's like to race a sled dog team across the Alaskan tundra? Meet musher Karen Land, a three-time Iditarod participant, and her husky Noggin as they visit the library with real sled gear and arctic clothing!



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Homeschool Hangout Every Wed. from 10 am to 12 pm starting Sept. 10th

Each week homeschool families have a chance to get together, learn new things and make quality connections. We have another amazing line-up of presenters including the Curious Kids' Museum, 911 Dispatch, Quinlan & Fabish, 4-H as well as many more. Check our online calendar for specifics of each meeting.

Drama Buddies ● Tuesday, September 2 at 10:30 am

Toddlers and their caregivers explore storytelling, music, imaginative play, building creativity, connection, and key developmental skills in a joyful welcoming space. **Ages 1.5/2 + parent.**



Toddler Dance Party 2nd Thursday of the Month at 10 am

Join us for a high-energy toddler dance party filled with music, movement, and fun! Designed for little one's ages 2–5 and their caregivers, this program encourages active play, rhythm, and coordination through kid-friendly songs, dance moves, and lots of wiggling and giggling.



Sticker Club: Stick, Swap & Share! 3rd Monday of the Month at 4 pm

Love stickers? Join the club! Bring your collection, trade with friends, and create fun sticker art. Each child will get their very own sticker book to start collecting. We'll have tons of stickers to share—plus special themes each month. Perfect for kids who can't get enough of those sticky little treasures!

Flight Camp September 22-26 (MWF) from 5:30-7 pm

Soar into science at Flight Camp with hands-on experiments and high-flying fun! Explore the basics of flight with radio-controlled planes and quadcopters, guided by licensed instructors. **Grades 1 and up.**

Location: 1201 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph

Lego Zipline Tuesday, September 29 at 4 pm

Join us to test your Lego building skills and see if your Lego creation can survive a trip on the Lego Zipline! All supplies are included. **Grades K-5.**

Dinosaurs! Digging up the Past Thursday, October 9 at 6 pm

Curious Kids' Museum will be here with their amazing dinosaur fossil collection with over a hundred touchable dinosaur bones, teeth, eggs and more! Families will learn about fossilization, how this accrues in nature, and where the most dinosaur bones are found in America.



Hands-On Science ● 3rd Thursday of the month at 4 pm

Get ready for some science fun! We'll explore exciting STEM topics through stories, hands-on activities, and simple experiments perfect for curious kids. **Grades K-5.**

September: Weather Wonders

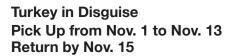
October: Oobleck November: Owl Pellets December: Snow Science

Spaghetti Tower Building Competition Monday, November 3 at 4 pm

Can you build a skyscraper with only spaghetti and marshmallows? We intend to find out! Grab a team or be a solo engineer and compete to find out who can build the tallest free-standing tower. The winning team will receive a prize! All supplies are included. **Grades K-5.**

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Our turkey is in trouble and needs your help to escape Thanksgiving dinner! Pick up a blank turkey in the Children's Room and give him the best disguise you can dream up—superhero, rock star, taco, astronaut... the sky's the limit! Return your disguised turkey and we'll proudly display your creative masterpiece at the library until shortly after Thanksgiving. Let's save some turkeys!

Monthly Kids' Scavenger Hunts

Stop by the library each month for a fun, themed scavenger hunt—perfect for curious kids! Find all the hidden items and earn a small prize.

Themes:

September – Detective Mystery October – Spooky Creatures November – Turkey Trouble December – Holiday Hide & Seek



No registration needed- just drop in and play!

STORYTIME

Storytime Registration Now Required

We're excited to welcome so many families to Storytime! Due to the large turnout last winter and spring, registration is now required to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Space is limited—sign up early!





Join us for a joyful blend of stories, songs, and rhymes perfect for children ages 2–5 and their grown-ups! This interactive program supports early literacy and is a fun way to start your morning together.

Baby Bouncers Fridays starting Sept. 12 until Dec. 5 at 10:30 am

Join us for Baby Bouncers, a joyful early literacy program designed just for babies ages 0–18 months and their caregivers. Each week, we'll share sweet stories, bouncy songs, playful rhymes, and plenty of fun to help your little one grow and bond with you. This gentle, interactive storytime is a great way to support your baby's development while connecting with other families in a relaxed, supportive environment.



Stuffie Storytime 1st Thursday of the month at 6 pm

Grab your favorite fuzzy friend and join us for our cozy Stuffie Storytime! This program is a chance for children ages 2-9 and their families to enjoy interactive stories, songs, and activities as they wind down together before bedtime.

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TEEN

Teen Loot Box ● Tuesday, September 29 at 4 pm

Teens in grades 6-12 can sign up each month to receive a loot box with different kinds of goodies.

September: Bookworm October: Decode November: Tabletop December: Swiftie



Teen D&D Club Every 1st and 3rd Saturday at 1 pm

Roll for initiative! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month to play D&D. Create your own characters and play in an ongoing campaign. This program is intended for teens in grades 6th - 12th.

Teen Library Cafe Every 2nd Friday at 3:15 pm

Drop in and hang out with us in the teen area! Enjoy some refreshments as we chat about our favorite books, programs, and do a fun, passive activity. For teens in grades 6-12.



VolunTeen Meeting Every 3rd Friday at 3:30 pm

Get involved at your library. Teens between the ages of 14-17 are invited to attend monthly meetings where we decide what books to order, what programs to host, and do volunteer work. Please visit our website for more details on how to become a VolunTeen.

Teen Game Night Wednesday, September 24 at 5 pm

Come and play some board games, Switch games, and more at our Teen Game Night. Intended for teens in grades 6-12.

Manga Club Fridays, September 26th and October 24th at 3:15 pm

Come and chat about your favorite manga or graphic novel while making themed crafts and games!

Paint & Potions Wednesday, October 22 at 5 pm

Stop in to make a Halloween-themed painting with us and create your own spooky mocktail! Intended for teens in grades 6-12. Supplies and space are limited. Painting tutorials courtesy of Step by Step Painting LLC.



Escape the Dreamscape! • Wednesday, October 29 at 5 pm

Can you escape the clutches of Bill Cipher? Join us for a *Gravity Falls* inspired tabletop escape room where you are trapped within the dreamscape and must wake up before he finds you. This program is intended for teens in grades 6-12.

DIY Ugly Sweater Party Wednesday, December 17 at 5 pm

Bring in a sweater to decorate and make it "ugly" in this fun crafting workshop! This program is intended for teens in grades 6-12.



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DIGITAL LAB

Crafting with Cricut 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Come and learn about Cricut and make a fun and easy project with us! Supplies will be pre-cut and ready for the program. Patrons will be asked about customization options during registration.

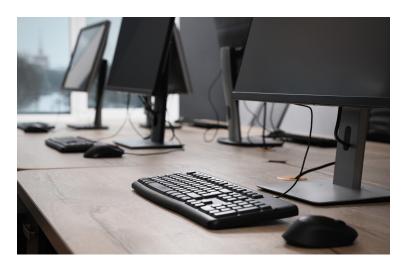
September 17: Library Tote November 19: Holiday Ornament

Computer Classes at St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Service Center

Wednesdays at 10 am

Join us at the St. Joseph-Lincoln Senior Service Center, located at 3271 Lincoln Ave. in St. Joseph, for these classes. Sign up for as many as you would like. A limited number of computers will be available for use, or you may bring your own. Space is limited and advance registration is required by calling the senior center at (269) 429-7768.

September 17: Intro to Social Media October 22: Intro to Researching Online November 19: Intro to Microsoft Word December 10: Intro to Microsoft Excel



Basics of Photo Editing Tuesday October 14th at 6 pm

Learn how to bring your photos to life! This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to the essentials of photo editing. Whether you're touching up family photos or creating content for social media, this hands-on session will help you gain confidence and creativity with your images. *Taught by Ali Schrubba Photography.*

Using Social Media Safely Wednesday, October 15 at 10 am

While using social media can be a lot of fun, it can also be discouraging and even flat-out dangerous! Join us for this presentation to learn about how to identify fake profiles and false news stories, as well as how to be careful about what you say and do online. A basic knowledge of how common social media platforms work (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, etc.) will be assumed.



How to Make Video Slideshows Wednesday, December 3 at 10 am

Are you wondering how to make those video slideshows that you often see at birthdays, anniversary parties, graduations, and memorial services? If so, come learn how to make one using Canva! A limited number of computers will be available for use during the presentation, or you can bring your own.



Intro to Al: What It Is and Why It Matters Tuesday, October 7 at 6 pm

Curious about Artificial Intelligence? Join us for a beginner-friendly class presented by Berrien Resa that demystifies AI, explores its real-world uses, and helps you understand how it shapes our future. No tech experience needed—just bring your questions and curiosity!

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Board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public.

HOURS

Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm Fri & Sat: 9am-5pm Closed on Sunday

CLOSED

September 1 - Labor Day

October 13 - Indigenous Peoples Day

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 27 - Thanksgiving

November 28 - Thanksgiving

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 - New Years Eve

January 1 - New Years Day

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From the Friends

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Library through memberships, donations, and shopping at the Treasure Shop and Bag Sales. The Friends were able to support the 2025 Summer Reading Program with funding just under \$10,000 and are hoping to contribute similar funding to the 2026 Summer Reading Program. We're planning ahead and your contributions make this possible!

- Carol Riegel, Friends President

Next Bag Sales:

Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 am to 5 pm Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 am to 5 pm



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