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# LAKELAND NEWS

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## LLC RETIREMENT: DON REYERS

BY TERRY CROSS



Please join us in extending best wishes to Don Reyers, who has made it official and will retire from Lakeland this month. Don has provided us with over 9 years of devoted service, and he will surely be missed. Don started as a Sorter/Driver in March 2012 and we were fortunate when he accepted a Driver position in August 2012. Over his tenure as a Driver, he easily drove over 400,000 miles and delivered a countless number of book bags. Don was always dependable and could be relied on in driving safely through all the diverse weather conditions that Michigan has to offer. Driving in the winter is not easy for anyone, yet Don did it consistently and reliably for 9 years. As a further tribute to Don, to help ensure a smooth transition and uninterrupted delivery service, Don referred us with an excellent candidate for his replacement. Jeff Reyers, whose 35-year career in tool and die ended due to COVID-19, was hired as Don's replacement. Don's dedicated service will be missed. Please join us in wishing him a long and wonderful retirement.

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# SO, YOU WANT TO BE A LIBRARY DIRECTOR?

MAY 18 & JUNE 1, 2021



This two-part workshop will feature topics on the facets of the career of a library director and how to prepare for your interview. If you've been thinking about your future as a library director, then this workshop is a must for you! There will be Q&A after.

# FOML ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 8, 2021



If you are a member of the Friends of Michigan Libraries, don't forget to register for the meeting! If you are not yet a member, browse the site for information.

# MILIBRARYQUEST

SUMMER 2021 LIBRARY SIGN-UP



The Quest begins June 1st, but sign up now to participate. Many Michigan libraries participate and it is a fun way to engage teen patrons. Libraries will embed an image on their website for teens to find. Click on the image to sign up this month.

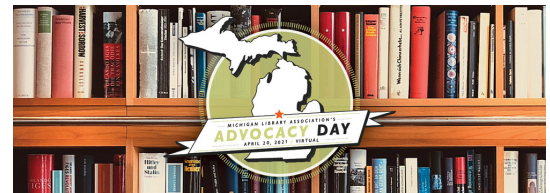
# LIBRARY DIRECTORS TRANSITIONS

Salem Township Library - Sharon Engelsman

Sharon will be retiring April 15th after 44 years of service and dedication. She wants to say a great big thank you to all the Cooperative libraries and staff, as well as a big thank you to Lakeland Staff. Sharon will be missed.

# MICHIGAN LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

APRIL 20, 2021



Michigan Library Association (MLA), the Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA), the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME), as well as others from all over Michigan will be meeting with legislators virtually. Please consider joining in and sharing the value of our libraries and the positive impact we all have in our communities.

# LIBRARY HUMAN RESOURCES: DRAFTING POLICIES THAT WORK

APRIL 21, 2021



This workshop can be especially helpful to libraries that do not have a Human Resources department, or who just want to get a better understanding on best practices moving forward. "As library services grow and change, are your library policies in line with your needs and mission? Are your policies inclusive and equitable? Carefully developed policies ensure high-quality library service."

# MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

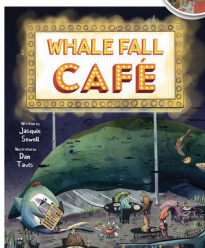
## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?



**Cedar Springs Public Library:** The kids at Cedar Springs Public Library recently completed a LEGO Challenge program put on by their Youth Services Coordinator, Melissa Dubridge. Kids and teens, ages 4-17, were able to draw cards with random LEGO Challenges that they then had to build using only their imaginations and LEGO's at home. They then submitted pictures of their masterpieces and received an entry into a raffle for a Grand Prize! Participants could then pick another challenge at a chance to earn more raffle entries until the program was completed. For being a smaller rural library, CSPL had 98 LEGO entries! Staff was so excited to hear about the high participation number and claimed this program as a huge success! Pictured are only a few of the 77 children and teens that participated in this challenge. CSPL had a great Winter season and are certainly looking forward to their Spring and Summer programs in the coming months! - Cassie Hall



### THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK MAY LOOK FAMILIAR!



Ms. Jacquie came on board as a Youth Services librarian in 2017 and is currently on staff here at the Fennville District Library as a sub. As a seasoned librarian she has brought years of book knowledge to our library, but did you know that she is an author too? Look for her new book to arrive in April.

#### Whale Fall Café

One medium-size whale carcass delivers as much food to the dark, cold ocean depths as 4,000 years of sinking food particles. When a dead whale arrives, the café opens for business, and who better than illustrator Dan Tavis to show us the bizarre deep-ocean diners who show up?

Hagfish, zombie worms, sleeper sharks—this group of patrons is stranger than the denizens of the Mos Eisley Cantina in Star Wars. A fish in a lab coat, piloting a deep-sea submersible, is our guide to the weirdly fascinating goings-on miles beneath the ocean surface.

Supplemental information includes rare whale-fall photos from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Dr. Robert Vrijenhoek of MBARI and Dr. Craig Smith, a deep-ocean ecologist at the University of Hawaii, have helped Jacquie Sewell to ensure scientific accuracy.

Whale Fall Café is Jacquie's second book. Stop in and check out *Mighty Mac: The Bridge That Michigan Built*.



**Fennville Area District Library:** The author of this book may look familiar! Ms. Jacquie came on board as a Youth Services librarian in 2017 and is currently on staff here at the Fennville District Library as a sub. As a seasoned librarian she has brought years of book knowledge to our library, but did you know that she is an author too? Look for her new book to arrive in April. - Excerpt from FDL Newsletter from Michele Overweg-Spans

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# LAKELAND CALENDAR

[lcoop.evanced.info/signup](http://lcoop.evanced.info/signup)

APRIL 2  
BARCODE ORDERS DUE

APRIL 8  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 15  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 16  
ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES)

MAY 3  
PPE AND POLY BAG ORDERS DUE  
YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 13  
BOARD MEETING  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 20  
CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 26  
CIRCULATION FORUM MEETING

MAY 31  
MEMORIAL DAY - LLC CLOSED

JUNE 1  
DELIVERY DOT ORDERS DUE

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



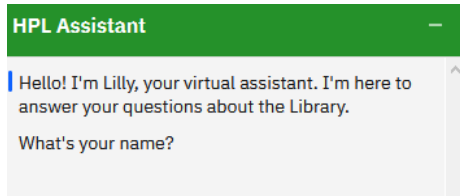
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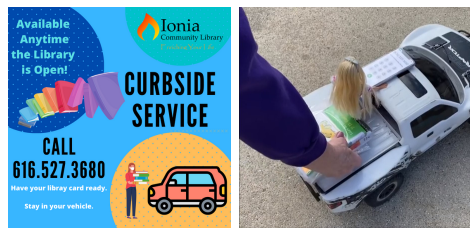
**Hastings Public Library:** The Hastings Public Library is excited to introduce its newest team member. She loves to talk with patrons, is always willing to answer questions, and best of all, she works for free! Meet Lilly, the new virtual assistant on our website.



Click the blue message icon on any page of the site at [www.HastingsPublicLibrary.org](http://www.HastingsPublicLibrary.org) and she is ready and willing to answer questions.



She knows about services offered, hours of operation, library features, programming and so much more. She can even tell you a joke if you ask. If she can't answer a question, we can give her more information for the next time that comes up, plus she's smart and learns on her own. Say Hi and let us know what you think. - David Edelman



**Ionia Community Library:** The library staff created a fun video to show how easy it is to use the curbside service. Click the images for a link to the Facebook video. - Dale Parus



**Loutit District Library:** The library has hired Amy Bailey to be our new Head of Reference and Information. Amy graduated with a Master of Library and Information Sciences with a specialization in User Experience in April 2020 from Wayne State University. Amy's impressive resume includes time working at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, the Bad Axe Area District Library, Kent District Library and most recently at the Mary Idema Pew Library at GVSU.



**Loutit District Library continued:** We're also excited (and proud) to announce that our Library Director, John Martin, is a recipient of the 2021 Visionary Award from the City of Grand Haven Human Relations Commission. The Human Relations Commission, an all-volunteer commission of Grand Haven residents whose members are appointed by the mayor for 3-year terms, created this annual award to honor and celebrate individuals who demonstrate courage in the face of resistance to change by affirming diversity and advocating for justice in the civic and social arenas of the community. Check out the video announcement (click the image) as it details why both award recipients are visionaries in our community! - Chelsea McCoy

**Muskegon Area District Library:** MADL continues to update and remodel its branches. Since the Summer of 2020, the Muskegon Heights, North Muskegon, and Norton Shores branches have been completely remodeled and transformed. In January 2021, the brand-new Muskegon Township Branch opened its doors at a new location in a highly visible area in one of Muskegon's busiest retail corridors. Renovations are now underway at the Holton and Montague Branches. The Holton branch will be expanding its library area after an internal wall is removed to provide more space for collections, computers, and people. And, we will be replacing all of the carpeting at the Montague branch. The Egelston branch is also being renovated with new carpeting, paint, and furniture. Our library upgrades are now providing our community with better space utilization, enhanced technology areas, and an overall better user experience for all to enjoy. - Karen Blackledge



**Saugatuck-Douglas District Library:** The Saugatuck-Douglas District Library offered a take and make program for adults/families: Paint Along with Bob Ross. We provided painting kits and used Zoom to watch a Bob Ross video on YouTube and paint along together. This picture was sent in by a mother who participated with her teen daughter. It was a lot of fun! - Hannah Mason

# OTHER EVENTS

[www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml](http://www.ilcoop.org/cedlinks.shtml)

APRIL  
SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

APRIL 4-10  
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 8  
FOML - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 10-17  
MONEY SMART WEEK

APRIL 12  
DROP EVERYTHING AND READ DAY

APRIL 16  
ALA - ANNUAL CONFERENCE EARLY  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE

APRIL 20  
MICHIGAN LIBRARY ADVOCACY DAY

APRIL 25 - MAY 1  
PRESERVATION WEEK

APRIL 30  
DÍA-CHILDREN'S DAY/BOOK DAY

MAY 3-9  
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

MAY 5  
MCLS - MELCAT BASICS

MAY 19  
MCLS - MELCAT PROCESSING,  
POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

JUNE 1 - JULY 31  
MILIBRARYQUEST: SUMMER 2021

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2021

APRIL 4-10, 2021



Celebrate your library, library workers and more! The theme is "Welcome to Your Library." It "promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building - and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs." There is also a day-by-day guide available when you click the image to view more.

## LIBRARY JOURNAL'S DAY OF DIALOG

MAY 6, 2021



This is free to attend and virtual! If limits are reached, recordings will be made available, so don't hesitate to register for this event. Talk with authors and do some networking. Click the image for more details.

## ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION - VIRTUAL

JUNE 23-29, 2021

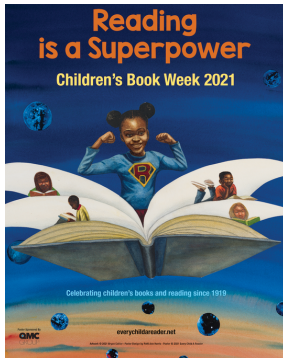


Early registration discount is April 16th! This event will include featured speakers Stanley Tucci and Areli Morales, with more to be announced soon. Take a look at some of the event highlights by clicking the image above.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

### MAY 3-9



The theme is "Reading is a Superpower." Click the image to sign up, receive materials and more. "Children's Book Week, established in 1919, is not only a celebration of books, but of connection. It is a vehicle to unite kids and adults with books, authors, and illustrators in order to foster a love of reading."

## MONEY SMART WEEK

### APRIL 10-17, 2021



Money Smart Week has gone virtual! Events are open to the public and libraries are encouraged to create their own programs. Click the image to see a tentative list of programs and find resources.

## DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

### APRIL 12 AND ALL MONTH LONG!



Celebrate D.E.A.R. with Beverly Cleary's wonderful, blunderful Ramona Quimby—all month long in April. Just grab a book, take a seat, and let the reading begin!



Inspired by Beverly Cleary's *Ramona Quimby*, everyone is encouraged to "drop everything and read." Visit the site for reading lists and activities. What a beautiful way to honor Mrs. Cleary this year (and always).

## DÍA-CHILDREN'S DAY/BOOK DAY

### APRIL 30, 2021



Día is celebrating 25 years! "El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration every day of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on April 30. The celebration emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds."



*"There are many little ways to enlarge a child's world. Love of books is the best of all."*  
*— Jacqueline Kennedy*