



The Fremont Area Community Foundation will match memorial donations dollar for dollar for up to one year after a person's passing.

Memorials

The White Cloud Community Library endowment fund received memorial contributions as a lasting memorial on behalf of Ellen Buttleman, Leon McGowen, and Joe Raymo.



Library News

Glad to Be Back

I hope that you have had a chance to stop in and check out the new carpet and see the paint. The face lift to the library has been a huge morale booster as the staff are enjoying all of the compliments. It is hard to think that just a few short months ago we had the entire library torn apart. The staff and volunteers were absolutely amazing! The days were long and sometimes back breaking, but everyone pulled together and worked hard to get us



Santa Even Came to Help!

reopen again on January 10. Thankfully we have all gotten over the fatigue of moving every single book in the library and we enjoy books again! It was a little touch and go there for a few days. I was lucky enough to be the first person to vacuum the new carpet...and then a few weeks ago, I got to scrub animal poo out of it. It is safe to say that being a Library Director is never boring!



The Front Desk Area!

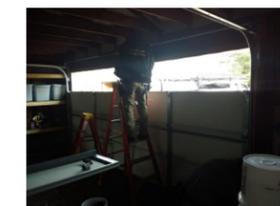
New Garage Door

The Friends of the Library gifted a new garage door to us for the garage at the future library site. Last summer, we attempted to have a book sale at the garage and our old door was not functional and frankly a safety hazard. Pure Michigan Garage Doors generously donated the labor to install the new door. Be sure to drive by and check it out!



Middle/High School Outreach

We are hoping to start visiting the school once or twice a month to reach our middle and high school friends who might not be able to make it into the library. We plan to bring snacks as food is the key to engaging teenagers! If anyone is willing to donate money towards this project, please stop and see myself or Katie!



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Special points of interest

- Watch our Facebook page for fun facts information
- Color Me Calm Second Tuesday of each month 11 am-1pm
- Adult Summer Reading coming soon!



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New Books Coming Soon to Your Library!

April

- Amish Midwives by Various Authors
- The Baxters by Karen Kingsbury
- Beautiful By Danielle Steel
- The Bookseller's Promise by Beth Wiseman
- The Element of Love by Mary Connealy
- Death of the Black Widow By James Patterson
- Dream Town By John Baldacci
- The Investigator By John Sandford
- Letter Keeper by Charles Martin
- Lover Arisen By J.R. Ward
- Maxine Justice: by Galactic Attorney by Daniel Schwabauer
- One You're With by Lauren Denton
- The Sacred Bridge By Anne Hillerman
- Shadow Fallen By Sherrilyn Kenyon
- Sons of Thunder By William W. Johnstone
- The Souls of Lost Lake by Jaime Joe Wright
- The Spark of Love by Amanda Cabot
- Sugarcreek Surprise by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- Three Debts Paid By Anne Perry

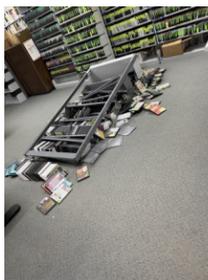
May

- Countdown to Midnight By Dale Brown
- Every Cloak Roller in Blood By James Lee Burke
- The Lioness By Christopher Bohjalian
- Old Cowboys Never Die By William W. Johnstone
- Omega Rules by Eric Lustbladder
- Overboard By Sara Paretsky
- Nightwork By Nora Roberts
- A Rip Through Time By Kelley Armstrong

- Sparing Partners By John Grisham
- The Summer Place By Jennifer Weiner
- Thrill of the Hunt By Rita Mae Brown
- 22 Seconds By James Patterson

June

- Escape By James Patterson
- A Face to Die For By Iris Johansen
- The Girl Who Survived By Lisa Jackson
- Long Way Home by Lynn Austin
- Monkey in the Middle By Loren D. Estleman
- The Omega Factor By Steve Berry
- Red on the River By Christine Feehan
- Soul Taken By Patricia Briggs
- Storm Tide By Wilbur Smith
- Sunburst by Susan May Warren
- Suspects By Danielle Steel
- A Time to Bloom by Lauraine Snelling
- Trouble with the Cursed By Kim Harrison
- Unfailing Love by Janette Oke



CALLING ALL FRIENDS

Of the White Cloud Community Library

The White Cloud Community library is in need of volunteers for our future Friends events and fundraisers! If you are interested in helping us with any Friends programming, either by actively being present at the event or passively by helping us prepare, please let us know! Below you can find a short list of known upcoming events, some with dates, and some TBA. If you would like to help us with any of these events, please either return the bottom of this sheet or stop in or call to let us know!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. What events would you be interested in helping with?

- Bake Sale
- Book Sales
- Pig Roast (Friday, August 19th 5:00-7:00PM)
- Cemetery Walk (2023: Sesquicentennial Celebration)

2. If we have future Friends of the Library meetings, what days would work best for you?

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday



Greetings From The Circulation Desk!

Winter Reading Program Recap

The winter reading program was off to a bit of a rocky start this year due to the carpet instalment taking up the first part of January, but we were able to get things back on track! We had 15 people sign up for our Adult Winter Reading Program and three winners were drawn at random from the reading log slips to receive gift cards to the Zion Café. Keep an eye out for information on our Adult Summer Reading Program this year as well as other adult programs!

Hotspots Available for Checkout



Thanks to a generous grant through the Emergency Connectivity Fund, The White Cloud Community Library has received 30 hotspots powered by T-Mobile that are available for check out! To check out a hotspot, you must be 18 or older and sign a lending agreement. Check outs are for one week and they cannot be renewed. Once the hotspot is returned, you must wait a full 24-hours before you may check out another one. These hotspots do not have a data limit, but internet availability is based off of the T-Mobile coverage area. If you are interested in checking out a hotspot or if you have any questions about them, stop in and let us know!

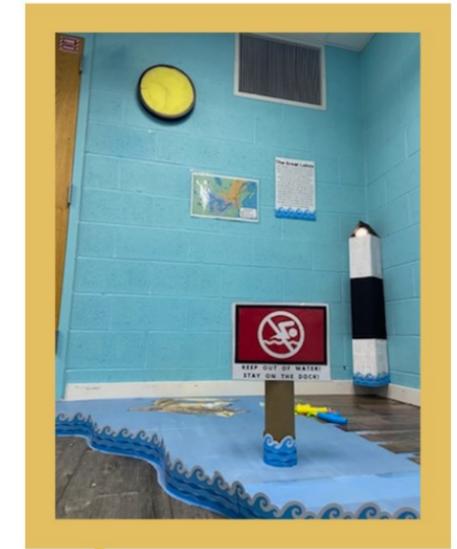
Tucktec Folding Kayaks Returning to Circulation

Froggy and Bluegill, our green and blue kayaks, will once again be available for checkout soon! It was quite late in the season when we could begin circulating them last year, so we are hoping to get an early start this year. We will be doing some assemblies of each to make sure they remained sturdy over winter storage and then they will be “back on the shelf”. Kayak rentals are limited to one week and cannot be renewed. A usage agreement and copy of the check out rules must be signed before check out to protect the library and to inform patrons on proper kayak assembly and use. When returned, a staff member will do a quick inspection of the kayak and accessories and we ask you to fill out a short survey.



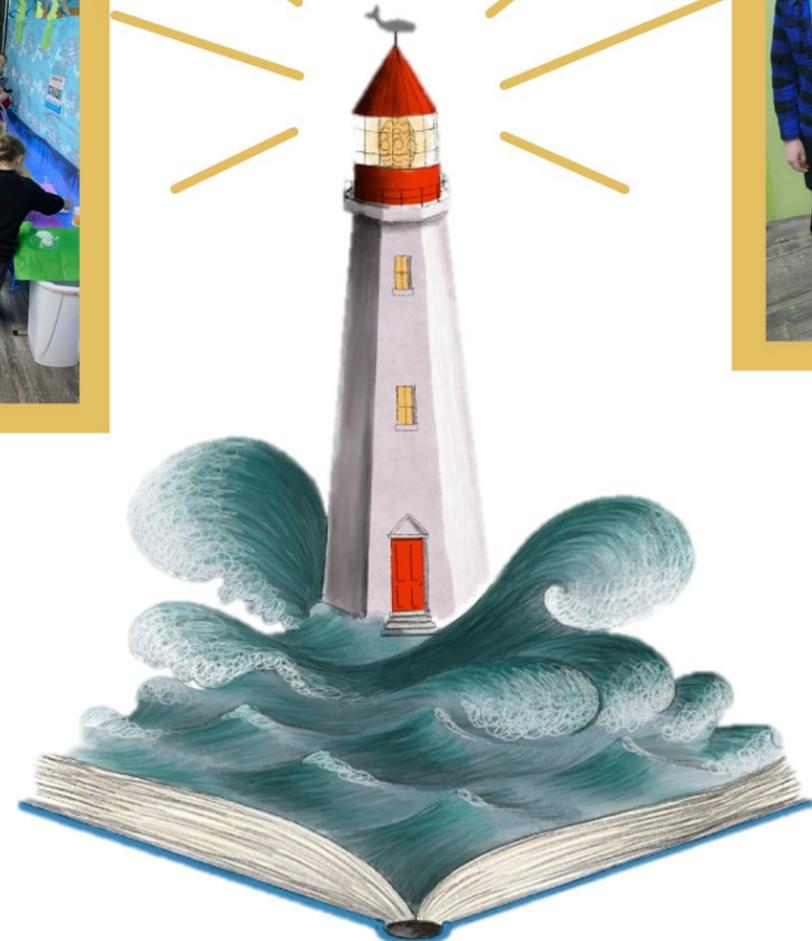
Youth Library

We held an Under The Sea Pop-up Museum from February 15th to March 4th. Families called to sign up for a 45 minute self-guided walkthrough of the museum. These exhibits included comparing yourself to a life size painting of a blue whale heart, fishing for critters that live in Lake Michigan, a touch pool, bioluminescent circuits, and more! The community response was positive and we plan on doing another one next year with a dinosaur or outer space theme.



8

Interactive Exhibits



17

Attendance at two programs inside the museum.

83

Total attendance at our museum.

Salutations from the History Section

On October 18, 1886, the Village of White Cloud voted to borrow five thousand dollars to be exchanged for the water works power plant owned by S.W. Wilcox Lumber Company. In today's value, that would amount to about \$149,546.81. When Consumers Energy put in the hydro electric dam in Big Prairie Township, the City ceased producing their own electric.



This dam was built in 1872. It was rebuilt in 1920. The dam built in 1920 stood until the flood in September 1986. During the Flood of 1986, the dam broke and flooded the White River. The dam was not replaced until 1990, with the dam and spillway you see today.



Today we have a beautiful park, courtesy of the Rotary Club. The pavilion, walking track, kayak launch, fishing pad, playground and picnic area are all great assets and our little secret hideaway.

There is a dam inspection report done every 3 years. The last inspection requires \$140,040.00 of repairs be done by the close of 2022. Trout Unlimited did a feasibility study into the removal of the dam and presented their findings at a Council meeting on March 1, 2022.

The City Council had a meeting on March 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the White Cloud Elementary School cafeteria for the public to voice their opinion as to keep or remove the dam. The Council voted to do the repairs rather than remove the dam.

*Until them,
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CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IS APRIL 3-9, 2022

"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

Molly Shannon
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
HONORARY CHAIR



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