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## MEMORIALS

The White Cloud Community Library would like to extend our gratitude to the families of Robert Dickinson, Alice Maike, and Elsie Pykonen for selecting the library endowment fund as a lasting memorial in their loved one's memory.



Robert Dickinson



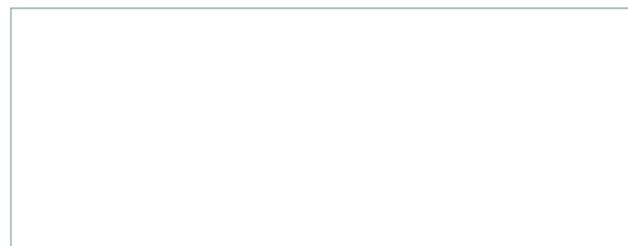
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# Friends of the Library Newsletter

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I begin my 6th month in the Director's chair, I realize that it feels like yesterday that we said goodbye to Nancy and Jessie. I cannot begin to describe the void that they left behind, but I hope that they are enjoying their well deserved retirement! In the last newsletter, you were introduced to Anna and Sara, our new circulation staff. I hope that you have had a chance to stop in and meet them. If you have stopped by in the last month, you have seen our recent change in the adult non-fiction section. KDL was kind enough to share a shelving unit with us that we used to replace 2 of the tables to create a new standing workspace/additional table top display for new materials. I would like to thank Stan and Liz Opal for helping us assemble it.

Some of you reading this may live in Sherman Township or have heard about the recent changes. The entire history behind this reads like a novel, so I will give you the Cliffs Notes version. The White Cloud Community Library and the Fremont Area District Library had a contract that WCCL would service the residents of the White Cloud school district in Sherman Township and FADL would reimburse WCCL for doing so. On December 31, 2020, the Fremont Area District Library withdrew from that contract and now the residents of the affected area now receive their library services from FADL. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me. I want to reiterate that the White Cloud Community Library welcomes all Newaygo County and Lakeland Library Cooperative patrons to visit and utilize our library!

## END OF QUARANTINING MATERIALS

Mid March, Lakeland Library Cooperative voted to end the quarantining of returned materials due to the CDC advising that there is not a high risk of spreading the virus through surfaces like book covers. So, because of the ending of quarantine, this allows us to get items to patrons more quickly. However, it is understood that some patrons may still need to take precautions and quarantine items before reading them so libraries will remain fine free through September to accommodate. While we are fine free, we do have many honest patrons who are adamant that their materials were late and they owe a fine, so we instituted a fine jar!

We usually generate roughly \$4,000 in overdue fines each year and 2020 was a hard year on our budget between being closed for 3 months and being fine free due to the virus for a year. So now if a patron is sure that they should have a fine, we offer them the fine jar and say that they can donate their fine money back to the library. So far it is going extremely well and I can't wait to update you in the next newsletter.

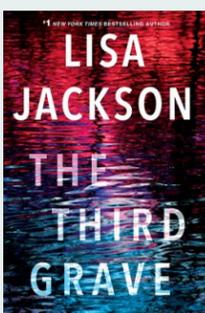
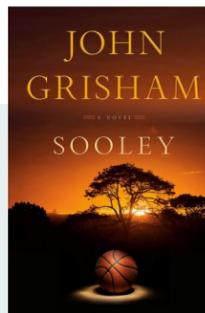
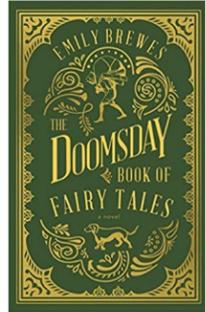


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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- All Patrons are welcome
- Summer Reading is Coming
- Virtual Events on Our Website
- The Establishment of White Cloud
- May 4th is Star Wars Day!
- Friends Meeting on May 12th



## NEW BOOKS COMING SOON TO YOUR LIBRARY!

### APRIL

Braced for Love by Mary Connealy  
Death With a Double Edge by Anne Perry  
A Distant Shore by Karen Kingsbury  
A Dusty Donkey Detour by Mike Nawrocki  
Finding Ashley by Danielle Steel  
A Gambling Man by David Baldacci  
The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth  
Is It Any Wonder by Courtney Walsh  
Legacy of War by Wilbur Smith  
Lover Unveiled by J.R. Ward  
Merle of Nazareth by Mike Nawrocki  
Mother May I by Joshilyn Jackson  
Ocean Prey by John Sandford  
A Piece of the Moon by Chris Fabry  
The Robin's Greeting by Wanda Brunstetter  
Sooley by John Grisham  
Stargazer by Anne Hillerman  
Three Missing Days by Colleen Coble  
Turn a Blind Eye by Jeffrey Archer  
21<sup>st</sup> Birthday by James Patterson  
When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain

### MAY

Arctic Storm Rising by Dale Brown  
Basil's War by Stephen Hunter  
The Final Twist by Jeffery Deaver  
Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian  
Legacy by Nora Roberts  
The Saboteurs by Clive Cussler  
That Summer by Jennifer Weiner

### JUNE

Beyond by Mercedes Lackey  
The Bullet by Iris Johansen  
Castle Shade by Laurie King  
A Death Valley Christmas by William W. Johnstone  
The Doadsday Book of Fairy Tales by Emily Brewes  
Dream Girl by Laura Lippman  
The Eagle's Claw by Jeff Shaara  
Governor by David Weber  
Jackpot by Stuart Woods  
The Kobalt Dossier by Eric Van Lustbader  
Million Dollar Demon by Kim Harrison  
Murder at Sunrise Lake by Christine Feehan  
The President's Daughter by James Patterson  
The Third Grave by Lisa Jackson  
Unfinished Business by J.A. Jance

# CALLING ALL FRIENDS

With the COVID-19 precautions initially implemented last Spring and continuing throughout the year, The Friends of the White Cloud Community Library have been unable to meet. With the meeting restrictions loosening, it is our hope to once again get the Friends group back in the swing of things!



## Wednesday, May 12th at 6:00 PM Friends Meeting at the Library!

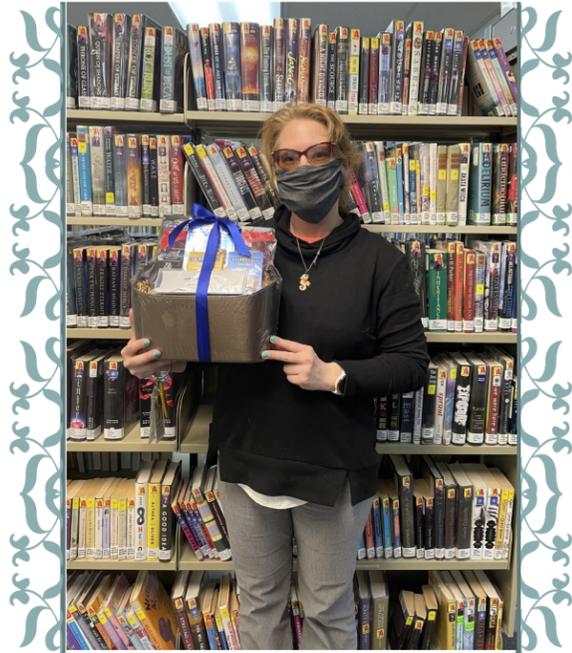
Past, present, and prospective Friends members are encouraged to attend! We will be discussing the past year in review as well as what the future will hold.

Past Friends fundraising events have included an Annual Pig Roast, Summer Book Sales, Ice Cream Socials, and Casino Bus Trips.



# WINTER WRAP-UP

With the arrival of Spring, our Winter Reading Program (Readopoly) and the Winter Movie Marathon have come to an end. For Readopoly, we had a total of twenty-three signups with four people completing the board. Readopoly started January 4th and ran through March 31st. In total, two-hundred and eighty-five squares were completed. Congratulations to our grand prize winner: Aubrey Bitson!



As for the Winter Movie Marathon, which began February 1st, we had a total of eighty-six reviews turned in from twenty-four different participants. Every week, three reviews were drawn and each of those patrons would win a free movie rental and a bag of popcorn! If you would like to see any of these reviews, they are posted on our Facebook page (anonymously).

For Youth Programming, Readopoly for Kids and March Mammal Madness have recently ended as well. Kids Readopoly had a total of nine participants while March Mammal Madness had four. Youth programs are listed on our website, on Facebook, and on bookmarks at the library every month, so make sure to check in on what's happening at the library!

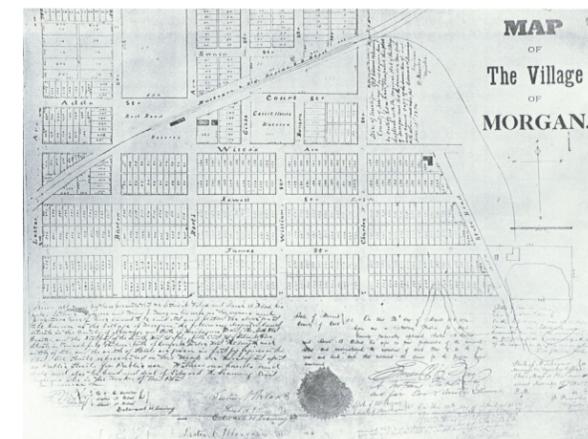


**Make sure to keep an eye out for our Adult and Youth Summer Reading Programs!**

## Salutations from the History Section

There has been quite a bit of chatter about the origins of White Cloud lately. Our sesquicentennial is coming up and I'm just not sure when it should be.

The picture to the right is what Morgan Station looked like in 1873. The Big Rapids/Muskegon Rail Road Reserve was the block of Wilcox to North to Adda to Barton streets. Lester Morgan established a post office near the tracks on June 22, 1873.



The map of the Village of Morgan was platted out in July 1874. We still use this map for surveys, i.e. Lot 77 of the Village of Morgan.

On September 1, 1873, Lester Morgan's son James L. Morgan became the postmaster. James also had an Inn on the northwest corner of Adda and North Street, pictured below.

The Inn was later moved by the Branch Brothers and turned into a sanitarium.

On March 26, 1877, while James M. Smith was the postmaster, the name of the post office was changed to White Cloud. The vote to incorporate White Cloud was taken on March 11, 1879, officially establishing the town of White Cloud.

White Cloud celebrated our First One Hundred Years of White Cloud (1873—1973) in July of 1973.

I believe our 150th celebration should be in July of 2023, how about you?



*Until then,*

*Pam*

# We want to hear from you!

With the library once again being open our regular hours and the meeting requirements beginning to loosen, in-person adult programming is once again looking possible in the near future. While we wish to provide patrons with quality programming, it is important for us to make sure that patron safety remains our top priority. That is why we would like to ask a few questions here to better gauge the community's feelings towards in-person programming at this time. There is no need to return this page to the White Cloud Community Library, simply let us know your thoughts the next time you happen to stop in!

- » Do you feel comfortable attending any in-person programming at all?
- » Would you be interested in virtual programming for adult programs?
- » What venue style are you more comfortable with? (eg. outdoor, smaller groups in a smaller venue, larger groups in a large venue, etc.)
- » What past programming would you like to see something similar to? (eg. Gardening Workshops, History Presenters, Michigan Presenters, Color Me Calm, Movie Days, Craft Nights, Cemetary Walks, etc.)
- » Do you have any programming suggestions?
- » Would you be willing to follow precautionary measures put in place by the library?
- » Is there any other input you would like to share with us about future programming?



By providing us with your input, you are helping us make a more informed decision on what types of programs we should pursue and what types of added precautions we will have to take to make sure that everyone in attendance feels comfortable and safe. If you do not feel comfortable with in-person programming or would just like to explore what else we have to offer, make sure to check out the "Virtual Events" tab on our website for virtual classes and tours!

## Youth Library

# Earth Day Fest

On April 22nd, we will be hosting our 3rd annual Earth Day Fest at Storybook Forest. Participants will get to create an Earth Day keepsake by visiting various interactive stations throughout the property. We also are partnering with Neighborhood Forest to supply saplings for the children to take home!

## Ready For Better Weather!



Last summer we were so fortunate to have Storybook Forest aka the future site of White Cloud Library. When other libraries were closed for indoor programming, we had wide open spaces for the outdoor kind. We had

so much fun last summer and we want to take that energy and create new activities as the weather warms up. Prepare for new Storybook Trails, owl pellet dissections, a Dog Man Party, and much more! See you there!

