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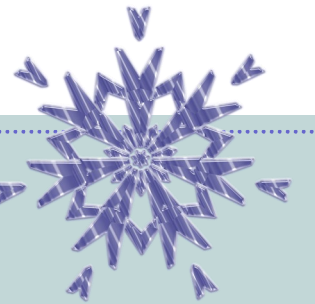


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Library News 101

White Cloud Community Library



Silent Auction fundraiser—2019

The Friends group and the Lion's Club sponsored a great Christmas Silent Auction and dinner this past December 6th at the Lion's Den in White Cloud. There were over 50 items (decorated trees, wreaths, gift baskets, holiday decorations, and even decorated gnomes available for people to silently bid on. It was great fun. The swiss steak dinner offered by the Lions Club was very good also. If you weren't able to attend this year, plan on doing it next year, since this is an annual event—always the first weekend of December before the White Cloud Christmas Walk activities downtown.



This year's Christmas Silent Auction. Many beautiful trees, wreaths, and other items.

Please consider becoming a "Friend of the Library" and be a part of fundraising activities. The group will always welcome new members at anytime. The Friends meet the first Thursday of each month at 1 pm in the library's meeting room.

Their next project will be a day bus trip to a casino, most likely in March, depending on our Michigan weather.

5 Good Reasons to Take Your Kids to the Library Today

1. When you visit the library, you can expose your children to more books than you can afford to buy.
2. When you visit the library, you can expose your children to more DVDs and magazines than you can afford to buy.
3. Your local children's librarian can recommend books that you may not know of or think to suggest, broadening their tastes and expanding their minds and vocabularies.
4. Library time is active, not passive.
5. Owning a library card teaches kids responsibility.

From Christine French Cully's blog

Special points of interest:

- Revisiting a bond issue for a new building
- Check out coming activities at the library.
- Made in Michigan program—Jan. 16, 6:30 pm.
- Check out the new Winter Reading program.

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UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS



Adult Winter Reading Program

Monday, January 6th–Monday, March 30th

Warm up with a good book!



Storytime (Ages 0-5)

Friday, January 10th @ 10:30 AM

Friday, January 24th @ 10:30 AM

Light snacks, a story, and a craft!



After School Movie– Maleficent 2

Tuesday, January 14th @ 3:30 Pm



* Made in the Mitten

Thursday, January 16th @ 6:30 PM

Dianna Stampfer, president of Promote Michigan, will be in to show attendees all of the different products made locally in Michigan... and she will be bringing samples!



Sing-along Movie

Friday, January 17th @ 12:30 PM

Stay tuned for more information!



Food Friday (Youth Event)

Friday, January 24th @ 3:15 PM

Stop in after school to enjoy a meal at the library!



Craft Night:Acrylic Pour

Monday, January 27th @ 6:00 PM

Tracy Kehr will be in to lead a group in an acrylic pour. This event will have a charge of \$10, due upon signup, in order to help cover supply costs. There are only 12 spots available, so make sure to reserve a seat!



Winter Comedy Magic Show

Tuesday, January 28th @ 3:30 Pm

Joel Tracey will be in to entertain everyone with his winter-themed routine!



* Live Band: Uneven Ground

Thursday, February 20th @ 6:00PM

— This event will be held at the —
Commission on Aging Building

Make sure to put this date on your calendar, because Uneven Ground, a traditional Celtic band, will be in to preform!

*This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs

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Salutations from the History Section



The wreath for this years auction featured the wooden windowsill blocks that are hand painted by Susan J. Pouthier and sold by the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The “Welcome to White Cloud Where The North Begins and Pure Waters Flow” is the original black and white wooden sign that stood from 1936 to 1969.

The “Co-Op” was on Newell Street from 1912 until it was dismantled a few years ago.

Newaygo County Road Commission operated out of their building from 1933 until 1976, and is now the Commission on Aging.

The White Cloud High School was on the corner of Williams and Newell streets from 1884 until it was demolished in 1960.

The old courthouse was built as the City Hall in 1908. It became the county seat in 1910 and was torn down in 1994.

The White Cloud Depot was where the little league fields are show Billy McGogan and his goat cart.

The wooden railroad trestle, built in 1875, is one of the last still in use today.

The Mill Pond, where many of us learned to swim, displays the life guard stand and the high and low diving boards.

St. Joseph’s Catholic Church was built in 1891, and the Seventh Day Baptist Church on the corner of Wilcox and North Streets has been standing there since 1921.

You can still order these historical blocks by contacting Norma Rudert @ 231-689-6703.

Until then, Pam



Library Holidays

To kick off the festivities, we held our 2nd annual literary themed haunted house on Halloween night. This year's theme was Scary Stories To Tell In The Dark and teens from The Stage Door Players helped bring those stories to life. Though it was terrible weather outside, 225 people stopped by looking for a scare! In November, we met Fred the miniature horse for a special storytime and played bingo as we watched the movie Elf. At the Elf showing, we tried "dessert spaghetti" and bingo winners won special winter prizes. December was the busiest! We made graham cracker houses and paint pour ornaments for our loved ones. For Christmas in White Cloud, we made polar bear ornaments as well. Our last craft was a unique one- Baby Yoda Snowglobes! All these programs were made possible through a grant given to us by the Youth Advisory Committee of The Fremont Foundation!



Looking Ahead

It's a new year with new plans for Youth Services. Instead of storytime once a month, we now plan on holding it twice a month! Due to patron input, we hope this decision brings more kids into our storytimes and gets the word out that we are all for early childhood literacy. We also hope to bring in more teens with a new grant from the Youth Advisory

Committee of The Fremont Foundation. This year we had such success with interactive movies and food programs, that we would like to repeat these again. We will also like to add more S.T.E.A.M. related programs in the future. And as we look forward to warmer months, our summer reading program will be so much fun with "Imagine Your Story."

Moana Singalong @ Stage Door Theater January 17th @ 12:30 PM
Winter Comedy Magic Show with Joel Tacey January 28th @ 3:30 PM

GREETINGS FROM THE CIRCULATION DESK

Welcome to 2020! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! A new year always brings the opportunity to restart and recharge ourselves in some manner. Whether it's starting that New Year's resolution of losing a few pounds, reading that book you've been wanting to get to, or starting a new hobby....we can help you with it. We have a wide variety of health DVD's to help you get started with a walking routine, yoga or a new exercise regimen like Zumba. If you really want to go hardcore, we now have the *Insanity: total body conditioning DVD* set and Charlene Johnson's *PiYo workout DVD's*.

If you would rather go the opposite direction



and learn how to relax and unwind, try our meditation and relaxation cd's and DVD's like *Blue Seas: the relaxing sounds of nature*, or *Cascades: beautifully blended scenes of nature with relaxing music and natural sounds*. Just the ticket to unwind after the busy holidays!

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Library Happenings

If you were not able to attend our program in October, **Donut Dolly: an American Red Cross girl's war in Vietnam** with author Joann Puffer Kotcher, you missed a wonderful program. She was a fascinating lady and presented a very interesting program.

Fortunately, we have more programming coming up in the next 8 months. On January 16th @ 6:30 p.m. we have a program called **"Made in the Mitten: Savoring Michigan's Rich Foodie & Agricultural History"**. Dianna Stampfer

from Promote Michigan will be talking about Michigan sourced foods and products, and major Michigan manufacturers like Kellogg's, Jiffy Mix, American Spoon Foods and more. Audience members will get to sample some Michigan-made products!

On February 20th we have a traditional Celtic band called **Uneven Ground** coming to give a concert. The program will be at the Commission On Aging building at 6:00 p.m. This is an outstanding group of talented musicians, a must-see con-

cert! Here is their website:
www.unevengroundceltic.com/

These programs are made possible by a grant from the **Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs**.



Bits & Pieces

January is National Blood Donor Month, National Braille Literacy Month and National Hobby Month!

February is Black History Month, National Bird Feeding Month and National Library Lover's Month!

March is Irish-American Heritage Month, National Women's History Month and National Music In Our Schools Month!

*Jan. 1st-New Year's Day

*Jan. 2nd-National Science Fiction Day

*Jan. 18th-National Michigan Day

*Feb. 2nd-Groundhog Day

*Feb. 9th-National Pizza Day

*Feb. 17th-National Random Acts of Kindness Day

*March 2nd-Reach Across America Day (Dr. Seuss)

*March 14th-National Pi Day

*March 17th-St. Patrick's Day



