



September 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday September 15, 2021 @ 10 a.m.

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. We are meeting via Zoom until our library addition is complete this fall. [Contact us](#) to have zoom information emailed to you, or check the library's [website](#) prior to the program.

Future Programs & Services

As we anticipate the completion of our expansion and renovation, we'd like to hear from you! Let us know what kind of programs and services you would like to see once we have our new spaces. Please take a moment to complete this short [PROGRAM & SERVICES SURVEY](#). Thank you!

As we plan services and programs for the fall, please keep in mind that construction and COVID status may affect what we can offer. For current information, visit the [library's website](#) or follow us on social media.

UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Monday September 6, 2021

The library will be closed in observance of Labor Day. Have a safe and happy holiday!

September 10-12th, 2021

In anticipation of large crowds in close proximity to the library due to the Ironman, the library will be CLOSED September 10-12th. We apologize for the inconvenience. Regular hours will resume Monday, September 13, 2021. [TRAFFIC IMPACT](#) information as well as race information may be found at <https://www.ironman.com/im703-michigan>.

THANK YOU ALL FOR AN
AMAZING SUMMER OF



Tails and Tales

163 CHILDREN AND TEENS
READ OVER 1,500 HOURS THIS SUMMER!



We have reached the tail end of the summer and what a summer it was! Thank you to all of our Summer Reading Participants and the Collaborative Summer Learning Program for making this year a wild one! We cannot wait to welcome you back next summer to a new space and new adventures.!

COVID Information

Visit the [Benzie Leelanau District Health Department](#) for current COVID information, including vaccine and booster shot information. Michigan.gov's COVID-19 Hotline 1-888-535-6136. Or email COVID19@michigan.gov.

Local COVID case and hospitalization data can be found at [Munson Healthcare COVID FAQ](#)

Monitor COVID hospitalization data for Michigan at [Statewide PPE and Hospital Bed Tracker](#)

Visit [Munson Healthcare's COVID-19 Tracker](#) site for helpful information on the impact of COVID on our region.



OUTSTANDING EXPANDING!

We are so happy to see the roof work complete and that staff job duties no longer include "put buckets out for leaky roof." We should see the addition complete by late fall, followed by interior renovations on the existing building. We extend a huge thank you to all that have donated to make this dream a

LIBRARY LIKEABLES (a.k.a. staff picks)

Enjoy this sampling of what your favorite librarians are currently reading, watching, scrolling, and streaming.

Julie

I recently read Bradbury's [ZEN IN THE ART OF WRITING](#). I borrowed a favorite PBS NOVA episode from MelCat, [INSIDE EINSTEIN'S MIND](#). I was happy to see it once again. I then read [SIDELIGHTS ON RELATIVITY](#) by Albert Einstein. After watching the NOVA video, I was eager to read a few of Einstein's own words.

Kaitlin

This month's focus is on Miniatures. This all started with [THE BOX IN THE WOODS](#), the most recent Truly Devious book by Maureen Johnson. It is a fantastic YA crime thriller with notes of classic slasher films BUT that led me to order [THE NUTSHELL STUDIES OF UNEXPLAINED DEATHS](#) through MELcat. "The Nutshell Studies" were created by Frances Glessner Lee. Lee came from a well to do family, and was part of all the east coast socialite circles which introduced her to the man that would become Boston's chief medical examiner. Not one to shy away from details and seeing a need for would-be detectives to practice their observational skills Lee created a series of dollhouse style dioramas inspired by true cases related to her by her police and medical contacts. These macbree dollhouses are reminiscent of the Thorne rooms (which also have a book tie-in called [THE SIXTY-EIGHT ROOMS](#) by Marianne Malone) with their stunning detail rendered in miniature. Frances Glessner Lee and her contributions helped further forensic science to such a degree she is often known as "the mother of forensic science" and she even helped found the Harvard Department of Legal Medicine. Her life is truly amazing and you can learn even more about her life in her biography [18 TINY DEATHS: THE UNTOLD STORY OF FRANCES GLESSNER LEE AND THE INVENTION OF MODERN FORENSICS](#) by Bruce Goldfarb. I would also recommend the book [THE MINIATURIST](#) by Jessie Burt if you are looking for a book about stunning miniatures that are less morbid.

Jennifer

I am currently reading [THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. It is a great fiction read with historical undertones.

Nancy

I just started reading [THE PUMA YEARS](#) a memoir by Laura Coleman. It is an unusual choice for me as I don't usually read memoirs...but something about the synopsis on the book jacket intrigued me. The book is reading like a very engaging novel and I am hooked.

Laura is in her twenties and her life has no direction, having just quit another job she decides to travel. While in Bolivia she volunteers at a wildlife sanctuary. One of her care assignments is a puma named Wayra but the other animal residents add entertainment to daily life at the sanctuary. Laura's inexperience is comically obvious but you can sense that the relationship she is forming with the puma, Wayra will be beneficial for both. Her description of the jungle in all its cruel beauty transports you there. Hard to know how the story will develop but I expect that I will cry.

Stacy

After several friends recommended Matthew McConaughey's [GREENLIGHTS](#) to me, I finally indulged. This is not a typical celebrity tell-all, but rather an insightful read that is just as much life advice as memoir. For an authentic experience, download the audiobook, in which the one and only McConaughey narrates. And if you want more McConaughey, you'll find several of his films at the library, including [DALLAS BUYERS CLUB](#) and the classic [DAZED AND CONFUSED](#). Alright, alright, alright...

Molly

This month, I have been reading children's picture books! It's a good thing the library covers the picture books with plastic, because otherwise our whole collection would be tear-soaked by yours truly. If you're looking for a kid's picture book that will turn you into a sniffing mess, here is a list for your consideration: [THE PHONE BOOTH IN MR. HIROTA'S GARDEN](#) by Heather Smith
[IDA, ALWAYS](#) by Caron Levis
[WE WILL LIVE IN THIS FOREST AGAIN](#) by Gianna Marino
[MY NAME IS YOON](#) by Helen Recorvits
[MOM'S SWEATER](#) by Jayde Perkin
[THE RABBIT LISTENED](#) by Cori Doerrfeld

[THE CHRISTMAS TREE SHIP](#) by Judith Flesvig Merwald
[MAMA, DO YOU LOVE ME?](#) by Barbara M. Joosse
[10 BEAUTIFUL THINGS](#) by Molly Beth Griffin.
Have your tissues handy!

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August Shares

[LAST THING HE TOLD ME](#) by Laura Dave
[WHEN THE STARS GO DARK](#) by Paula McLain
[MEET ME AT THE MUSEUM](#) by Anne Youngson
[WE BEGIN AT THE END](#) by Chris Whitaker
[PALE RIDER](#) by Laura Spinney
[WHERE ARE THE CUSTOMER'S YACHTS?](#) by Fred Schwed
[SHOULD WE STAY OR SHOULD WE GO](#) by Lionel Shriver
[HIDDEN LIFE OF TREES](#) by Peter Wohlleben
[STRANGE GODS](#) by Susan Jacoby
[THE SHELL COLLECTOR: STORIES](#) by Stories Anthony Doerr
[THE WOODS](#) by Harlen Coben
[THE OTHER BLACK GIRL](#) by Zakiya Dalila Harris
[MOTHER MAY I](#) by Jocelyn Jackson
[GOOD SISTER](#) by Sally Hepworth
[AND NEVER LET HER GO](#) by Go Ann Rule
[SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER](#) by Ashley C Ford

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