

Winter 2019

Tecumseh District Library

Shelf Life: Beyond The Stacks



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Closing Dates

Christmas Eve

Tues., December 24, 2019

Christmas Day

Wed., December 25, 2019

New Year's Eve

Tues., December 31, 2019

New Year's Day

Wed., January 1, 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mon., January 20, 2020

President's Day

Mon., February 17, 2020

Hours

M-Th 10-8

F-Sa 10-5

Su 1-5 (Oct-Apr)

3-Year Strategic Plan for Tecumseh District Library

The Board, plus several staff and community members met in June and September to work on a 3-year Strategic Plan for Tecumseh District Library. The plan was approved by the Board on November 17, 2019 and contains the following 10 goals:

1. Create a Community Engagement Liaison Position and an Annual Marketing and Publicity Plan. Staff members currently working on community engagement may continue with their responsibilities.
2. Update the TDL website.
3. TDL phone system upgrade: research to determine the best plan for TDL and implement.
4. Create a 3-year Technology Plan: plan for purchase of new and replacement items, increase e-resources.
5. Create a 3-year Capital Improvement Plan: History Room upgrade, increased parking, more quiet study spaces.
6. Develop a plan to track patron visits to the library and analyze patron visit statistics to determine traffic flow and adequacy of library hours.
7. Annual review of TDL policies by the Library Board.
8. Create a Volunteer Coordinator role and increase the number of library volunteers. Staff members currently working with volunteers may continue with their responsibilities.
9. Work with Tecumseh Public Schools to create a pathway for each child to have a library card from TDL.
10. Continuing education on an ongoing basis for staff and Trustees.

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Spotlight on Graphic Novels

Tecumseh District Library is proud to offer a varied Graphic Novel collection. Comics and Graphic Novels are illustrated stories and there are as many genres and styles in graphic form as there are in prose fiction. TDL offers superhero comics, horror, traditional comic strip collections, manga (a specific form of Japanese comics), adaptations, autobiographical comics, and much more.

The first widely circulated western comics were political cartoons dating as far back as the 1700s. In

the late 19th century, comic strips (short, illustrated jokes and stories in multiple panels) started to appear in newspapers. In 1938, a comic book series called *Action Comics #1* launched, featuring a costumed hero named Superman and launching the Golden Age of superhero comics.

The world of comics and graphic novels goes far beyond the superhero and newspaper genres, however. Whatever your interest, from thrillers to fantasy to slice-of-life stories, graphic novels

have it all. For more information about comics and graphic novels, check out the websites below, ask your friendly local librarian, or take a look through the collection here at the Tecumseh District Library.



Comic Book Resources - For news, reviews, and resources on comics:

<https://www.cbr.com/>

Comics Worth Reading - Comic news and recommendations:

<https://comicsworthreading.com/>

No Flying, No Tights - Recommendations and in-depth resources on comics and graphic novels: <http://www.noflyingnotights.com/>

Community Survey Feedback

In May, we offered a survey to gather opinions and suggestions from the community. The information was used to inform decision-making during the Strategic Planning process. Some findings of the survey were:

- 34% of respondents visit the library weekly ; 39% of respondents visit monthly.
- 31% of respondents come to the library for books or audiobooks; 14% come for programs.
- Requests for children’s programs were evenly divided between story times, craft activities, and performances. Saturday mornings or afternoons were the most requested times for children’s programming.
- Requests for adult programming included healthy living, local/state history, craft programs and musical performances. Weekday evenings at 7:00 p.m. were the most requested times for adult programs with weekday or weekend afternoons a close second.
- 37% of respondents use digital resources on a monthly basis.
- 93% of respondents said the open hours of the library work with their lifestyle.
- 52% said having the library open on Sunday year around would be the most helpful change in library hours - it’s currently open Sundays from October through April.
- The largest majority of respondents learn about library programs through the e-newsletter or the website.
- 83% of respondents rated customer service at a 5 on a 1-5 scale.
- 97% of the respondents have a library card.



We’ve read and considered the survey suggestions carefully and have already implemented some of them.

- Our Children’s Librarian, Mrs. Reasoner, has begun a series of daytime storytimes.
- Reference Librarian Chuck Harpst has added some programs to the TDL Adult Programming schedule based on survey suggestions, such as Travel Tips and Plant-Based Diets.
- We have increased the number of audio books, e-books, and large print books we purchase.
- We are in the process of updating our website to make it easier to navigate. Our catalog was recently upgraded so it’s easier to search by title, author or keyword.
- We are gathering statistics on library visits and will use them to make a decision regarding any change in library hours.

If you participated in the survey - thank you so much! If you were not able to participate, please try to catch the next one in 2021!



RAZZLE-DAZZLE!

News about the Children's
and Tween Sections from
Mrs. Reasoner, Children's Librarian

GIFT OF READING

is a joint holiday book project with the Tecumseh Service Club. Patrons purchase brand new children's, tween, and teen books from their favorite bookstore and bring the unwrapped items to the library. Staff members then pass them on to the Service Club for inclusion in their traditional Christmas baskets of food, clothing and toys. Brochures with more details and title suggestions are available at the library and on the website.

STORYBOOK ARTVENTURES

is designed for children 18 months to 5 years of age and their caregivers. We travel through a storybook and into an art project! On Monday, January 27th at 10:30 a.m., Caryn Sieler and Valorie Veld from Lenawee's Heart and Soul will read the story *The Lion and The Little Red Bird* by Elisa Kleven and show us how to make lion masks out of paper plates and yarn. Registration is required.

MOSAIC MANIACS

is designed for fifth through seventh graders with a valid library card. We spend two hours every third Thursday of the month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. creating a variety of scenes with peel-and-stick mosaics. Each session begins with a brief refreshment time and team-building get-acquainted conversations. Registration is required and the Tweens get to take their completed mosaic designs home. More information is available on the website's Tween Page.



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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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