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Spring
2023

SHELF LIFE

BEYOND THE STACKS

NEWS FROM TECUMSEH DISTRICT LIBRARY

Twenty years! It's hard to believe we are celebrating Tecumseh District Library's 20th Anniversary this year. It seems such a short time ago that we were celebrating the 10th Anniversary. In the last 10 years our library directors, staff, and dedicated supporters have worked tirelessly to create a library that serves our community as an educational, cultural and social hub. The library is a comfortable and welcoming space for all, offering materials, services, and technology. Dynamic programming has developed due to partnerships with area businesses and community organizations. Susan Bach, Library Director, and the Board of Trustees have been good stewards of funding while planning for future improvements.

With the celebration of another decade of growth comes the responsibility to ask the community for a renewal of our ten year millage. The library will put a millage request on the May 2023 ballot. This is a reauthorization of the millage that was passed in 2013 for 1.35 mills. It has provided the majority of funding for the library during the past 10 years.

**The election will be held Tuesday, May 2
and is a reauthorization of the 1.35 mills that was approved ten years ago.
It is critical to our future work.**

Thank you for your support of TDL in whatever form it takes. We look forward to the next ten years and the upgrades and advancements that they bring.

LEARN

EXPLORE

INTERACT

CREATE

ENJOY

Our Vision Statement:

The Tecumseh District Library strives to be a premier facility offering a welcoming, accessible community resource where all people can learn, explore, interact, create, and enjoy.

Seed Library



Spring is here which means the return of TDL's Seed Library!

The seeds are free, so make your choices and try them out. We hope that once the plants are grown, some of the seeds will be dried and returned to the library for others to plant next year. We received many generous donations from seed companies and we also purchased some seeds to get the project started.

Stop in and see what you might like to grow this summer.



Flowers Vegetables Herbs

MEET OUR FRIENDS

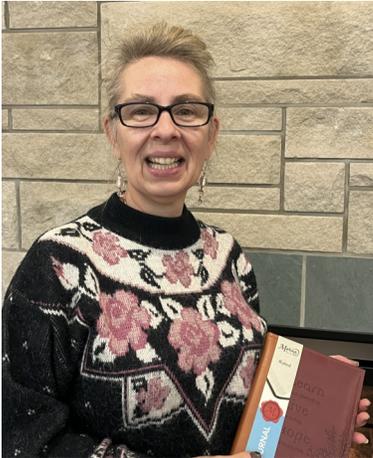


Back Row: Jane Poczatek, Stan Legenc, Kenneth Knorp, Jan Salsberry, Mindy Dunn, Debralee Gilbey

Front Row: Carolyn Feldkamp, Jeanne Knight, Ginger Poczatek, Wendy Van Geison

We are so fortunate to have the support of a wonderful Friends of the Library group at TDL. Our Friends raise money through monthly book sales and donate that money to the library in the form of special purchases. In the past year they have donated funds toward a new Reference desk, digitization of early *Tecumseh Herald* newspapers and election campaign expenses. We appreciate their contributions and their hard work, and also their wonderful sense of fun. What a great group!

THE PLEASURE OF KEEPING A BOOK JOURNAL



I was introduced to the concept of keeping a book journal in the summer of 2003 while sorting books in the basement of the library.

Looking over my journals of almost 20 years now evokes a chuckle. In the beginning, I was enthusiastically composing my own summaries and was meticulous in recording the time it took me to read a book. As my life got busier, I ended up copying summaries from Amazon or Goodreads. A few years back, I stopped writing down summaries all together. If I needed a memory jog, so I reasoned, I can always look the book up at one of those sites. What I will always record though, is the murderer in a murder mystery. It irks me to no end, when I remember most of the book, but not who did it!

My first book journals are big ole' binders in which I filed the typed pages of all the books I read. When the binder was full, I started a new one. Then about 5 years ago, I received my first store-bought book journal as a gift. I was intrigued by all the different prompts and I quite enthusiastically excerpted quotes, copied favorite passages, and added my thoughts in all the appropriate places. I particularly liked the aspect of starting a new journal each year. Now it has become a cherished tradition that I will always receive my book journal for the next year from my co-workers during our Christmas party. That in itself makes each book journal incredibly meaningful from the start.

To me, the most appealing aspect of keeping a book journal is looking back in time and reading my entries. I do quite often reread books and it never fails to surprise me to revisit the thoughts and feelings I had when I first read a book years ago. For instance, I recently reread a German classic which I commented on in my journal 15 years ago as "...so stuffy and dry you need a glass of water nearby while reading it!" This time around, my comment was quite different. Actually, I enjoyed the book very much. I was surprised and, to say the least, pleased with myself and my literary growth.

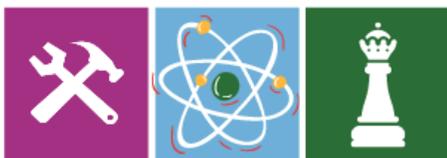
As people reflect on the past year at the beginning of a new one, I look through my book journal and measure my life alongside the books I read. Since to me, some books are very personal companions, my book journal often crosses over into being a personal diary.

At the beginning of this new year, I feel the familiar excitement of starting a new book journal. I take my time selecting a brightly colored pen which will be my designated book journal pen (orange, this year). I will look around for a meaningful quote which I will put at the beginning of the journal. And then I sense the tingling thrill of anticipation - what book titles will fill its pages?

I cannot express the pleasure my book journals have given me over the years. I am thinking back with so much gratitude to that afternoon in the library basement and the conversation about book journals that started it all.



INTRODUCING THE LIBRARY OF THINGS



THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

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We've been working on a Library of Things for a while now. We had to place the project on hold with the pandemic and concerns for safety, but now we've officially opened our non-traditional collection.

We will be adding to the collection as we learn which items are most in demand, but currently our collection contains a CD/DVD player, cordless drill, paper shredder, therapy light, STEM kits and board games.

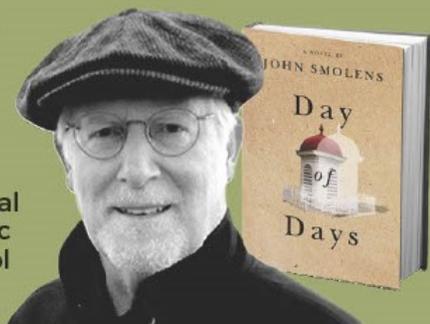
The items go out for two weeks, there are no renewals, and items need to be returned inside at the circulation desk.

SPRING AUTHOR SERIES

THE STORY OF THE BATH SCHOOL MASSACRE

TUE, MARCH 21
7-8pm on Zoom

John Smolens discusses his fictional telling of the historic 1927 Bath, MI school bombing



THE CLASH OF CULTURES: Tecumseh, the Prophet and William Harrison

TUE, APRIL 25

7-8pm

Frank Kuron explores strategies and pivotal players

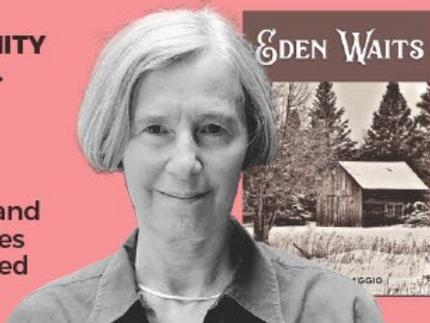


EDEN WAITS: A UTOPIAN COMMUNITY IN MICHIGAN'S U.P.

TUE, MAY 9

7pm on Zoom

Maryka Biaggio discusses political and economic challenges the community faced in the 1890s



PRIVATE LOVE, PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

*Gay Teacher
Under Fire*

TUE, JUNE 6

7-8pm on Zoom

Author Christine A. Yared discusses the life of a music teacher and his partner



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