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**HOURS**

Monday/Wednesday  
 10am-7pm  
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 10am-5pm  
 Sat  
 10am-2pm

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**—BOOK NOOK—**

Friends of the Library used  
 & collectable books for sale.

**Hours**

Monday-Friday  
 10am-4pm  
 Saturday  
 10am-2pm

100% volunteer staffed—  
 please call ahead for exact  
 hours



*The library will be **CLOSED**  
 Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018*



Our library **"ROCKED"** this summer's reading program

This summer, we had 245 children, tweens and teens, sign up for our summer reading program, which is up from last year. Of those 245 readers, we had 64 complete the program and read the full 10 hours or more and a total of 107 active readers. Our total number of reading hours reached just over 900 hours!!! We offered 11 different programs and events throughout the month of July that were family friendly and fun for all ages. There was a total of 558 attendees for these programs!! Thanks for participating with YOUR library on another fabulous summer reading program!!

**From the Director's desk**

Here at the library, we celebrate the New Year twice...once in January with the rest of the world, and once in July with the arrival of our new fiscal year! With that arrival, we're able to look back at some of our statistics and compare what we did in the last year with previous years. Our collection numbers remain pretty consistent (we offer about 35,000 non-digital items, as well as 9,470 digital e-books and audiobooks for our patrons to enjoy). We averaged over 22 users per day on the library's public access computers, and even more on the library's wireless, which is available 24 hours a day. Additionally, the library's website averaged nearly 90 users a day! The library offered 252 programs throughout the year, which brought in 7,336 people! That is a significant increase over last year's program attendance, and we are very proud of that. The staff works hard to bring exciting, worthwhile programming to all in our community. We are proud of all we do for the patrons and community of West Branch! Thank you all for your support!

**CHECK OUT WHAT OUR EMPLOYEE AND AUTHOR,  
 AMANDA BARRATT, IS READING THIS SUMMER!!**

One of my favorite parts of hanging out on social media is being able to share my love of awesome books!! I've been anticipating Rachel McMillan's *Murder at the Flamingo* for some time, and was sooooo excited to finally get my hands on a copy!!!



If there's one word I could use to describe this book, it would be "immersive." This story dropped me right into Boston of the 1930s, a world of glittering nightclubs and dark mystery. And did I mention the classic film references???? As a huge classic film fan, I loved the references to 1930s movies and actors.

The hero, Hamish DeLuca, struggles with an anxiety disorder and I loved the way Rachel wove his struggle throughout the novel. It's not something I've read a lot about in fiction, and it was such a breath of fresh air. Hamish and Reggie are totally lovable characters and their witty interactions made me laugh out loud more than once.

My only complaint is that the sequel isn't out yet!!!



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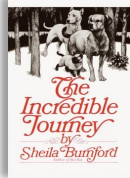
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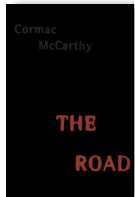
August 7, 2018

# ELECTION DAY



This month, our Let's Discuss JR. book club is reading *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford. Copies are available at the desk in audio and book form. Stop by to get your copy and join us on **Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 pm** for a light dinner and a fun discussion.

BOOK CLUB



Join us for our Let's Discuss book club the 2nd Thursday of every month. We are currently reading *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. Pick up your copy at the front desk, and join the discussion on **Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm!!**

## Teddy Bear Picnic

Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1pm

Kids, grab your teddy bears and join Mrs. Warnecke for a Teddy Bear picnic!! This event will be held at Iron's Park, on the stage, during the Victorian Art Fair. She will read stories and have a snack available.



Fiction

- THE OTHER WOMAN—DANIEL SILVA
- THE PRESIDENT IS MISSING—BILL CLINTON/JAMES PATTERSON
- SHARP OBJECTS—GILLIAN FLYNN
- COTTAGE BY THE SEA—DEBBIE MACOMBER
- ORIGIN—DAN BROWN
- THE OUTSIDER—STEPHEN KING
- THE PERFECT COUPLE—ELIN HILDERBRAND
- ALL WE EVER WANTED—EMILY GIFFIN
- THE ROOSTER BAR—JOHN GRISHAM
- SPYMASTER—BRAD THOR
- ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE—GAIL HONEYMAN

## Best Sellers

Non-Fiction

- EDUCATED—TARA WESTOVER
- CALYPSO—DAVID SEDARIS
- THINGS THAT MATTER—CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER
- KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON—DAVID GRANN
- HILLBILLY ELEGY—J.D. VANCE

## Calendar of Events

- Wed, Aug 1 5:30pm Let's Discuss JR.
- Mon, Aug 6 6:30pm Library Board of Trustee Meeting
- Tues, Aug 7 1:00pm Tech Tuesday
- ELECTION DAY**
- Thurs, Aug 9 2:00pm Let's Discuss
- Sat, Aug 11 1:00pm **Teddy Bear Picnic—Iron's Park**
- Mon, Aug 13 6:30pm Mid-Michigan Writers
- Tues, Aug 14 1:00pm Tech Tuesday
- Wed, Aug 15 1:00pm Friends of the Library meeting
- Tues, Aug 21 1:00pm Tech Tuesday
- Mon, Aug 27 6:30pm Mid-Michigan Writers
- Tues, Aug 28 1:00pm Tech Tuesday



Books for Lunch will return on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12pm. This is a great place to have lunch, learn about our new books, and listen to what other patrons are reading.



Mrs. Rau brought music, singing, and dancing to our library this summer for our youngest patrons. She inspired those creative minds to make music in a variety of ways. We were very fortunate to have her participate in this awesome programming!

## Adult Reading Program

We will be bringing back our Adult Reading Program in September! This program will last 3 weeks and be filled with fun, games, and prizes, just for reading!! Stay tuned for more information.



You don't spend your life hanging around books without learning a thing or two.  
~Lemony Snicket