A Letter from the Director

Dear Reader,

We are so very glad to be back! Getting to see you walk through our doors and be among our stacks of books again is the highlight of our summer. In return, we’re happy to share good news of two well-loved services coming back!

**The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)** program restarted July 15th with 401 active partner destinations! As is the case with much of today’s world, MAP destinations are operating under circumstances unique to our lifetimes. To ensure a smooth experience, patrons are encouraged to check in with a destination ahead of time to confirm park availability, wear a mask, and be patient with staff. To learn more, go to: [http://www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/](http://www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/)

**Interlibrary Loan through MeLCat** will return August 10th. The decision to start was based on 70-80% of participating libraries reopening. With the anticipation of a high number of requests and initially fewer libraries lending, things may be slower than normal to start. Be sure to check out something from LTPL to hold you over until your ILL item comes in!

Just as is the case for all of the other challenges libraries (and everyone!) are currently facing, patience, flexibility, and planning ahead are key tips to enjoy familiar services with new procedures.

We cannot express enough our gratitude and appreciation for your support and willingness to help keep us safe and open. From the LTPL Family to yours: Thank you! Stay well, wash your hands - and welcome back! We missed you.

Jessica Ishmael,
Library Director

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We’re on Instagram!

Instagram is one of our new social media outlets! Follow us at [@lincoln_township_library](https://www.instagram.com/@lincoln_township_library) for fun photo ops and even more updates!
**Children’s Programs**

**Check It Out: Overdrive**
Have you explored the children’s books offered on Overdrive lately? What is Overdrive you ask? It’s our downloadable audio and ebook service. You can check out books from the comfort of your home -- no mask required! In order to serve you better, we have been purchasing picture books, early readers (some are even read-alongs), chapter books, and audiobooks for youth that are only available to LTPL cardholders. When the items are due, returns are automatic so there are never any fines. If you do not have an overdrive account yet, see our website for details or download the Libby by Overdrive app. Libby will walk you through the set-up. Checkouts are limited to seven items per card at a time. Library card accounts are available to everyone living in Lincoln, Baroda, or Royalton Township regardless of age, so it may be time to get everyone a library card!

**Zoom Family Story Time**
Fridays at 10:30 am
**August 7th - Sptember 25th**
Enjoy stories, music, and movement during this virtual story time with a familiar LTPL face. We will be using Zoom, an online meeting platform which will allow for some interaction with your little ones. Registrants will receive an email with the link needed to join.

**Creation Station - To Go**
**August 1st - September 30th**
When you’re at the library getting a fresh supply of books to read, be sure to stop by the Youth Services desk to say, “Hello!” and pick up your Weekly Take & Make Craft.

Get smart AND be crafty!

**Books with Friends - Online Book Club**
**Wednesday, September 30th at 4:00 pm**
**Grades 4-6**
Readers are invited to enjoy a good book, meet some friends (both old and new) and learn a new skill--how to take part in an online Zoom meeting. Those who sign up will receive a free copy of the book while supplies last. We’ll be reading “Bailey’s Story: A Dog’s Purpose Puppy Tale” by W. Bruce Cameron.

**Teen Programs**

**Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)**
**Fridays at 3:30 pm**
**August 14th & September 11th**
**Grades 6-12**
T.A.B. meets monthly during the school year to discuss books, plan events, and volunteer at the library. Membership is required. Applications are available in the library and on our website at www.lincolntownshiplibrary.org.

**Adulting 101: Your Crock-pot is Not Just for Dinner**
**Friday, August 28th at 3:00 pm**
**Ages 12-20+**
Did you know that a crock-pot can do more than just prepare dinner for you? You can bake a cake, make fun snacks for parties, dye yarn, make candles, and more. We’ll share some tips and recipes with you via Zoom. Registration with a valid email address is required.

**Virtual Teen Book Group**
**Friday, September 18th at 3:30pm**
**Grades 7-12**
By request, we will be discussing a true crime novel. We will discuss this book via Zoom. A link to the event will be emailed the day before. Registration with a valid email address is required. We’ll be reading “The Year We Disappeared” by Cylin Busby.

**Check It Out: Free Practice Tests!**
The Lincoln Township Public Library has partnered with an excellent website called Driving-Tests.org to bring our patrons DOS permit and DL practice tests for car, motorcycle, or commercial vehicle licensing. This site offers handbooks, tests on fines, insurance questions, and road sign tests. This is a fantastic resource for visual learners. Several different tests are available and cover all areas of driving and safety. The questions are random and will change each time you take the tests. The site includes a large database of questions. If you miss a question, the website highlights it for you for further study. Find out the laws for driving in Michigan, and polish your test taking skills before you head to the Secretary of State for your license. A section with frequently asked questions about starting and completing the entire process of obtaining your license is also available. Find out about the different types of licenses and the requirements to obtain each one. Visit https://ltpl.driving-tests.org/michigan/ to start practicing now.

Staff members Kelly Duffer (left) and Brian Johnston (right) participate in our Book Face challenge.
**Adult Programs**

**Gentle Yoga and Meditation**
*Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm*

Jeannine Wilson has been practicing yoga for over 10 years and teaches Hatha, Gentle Yoga, SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) Yoga, Private Yoga, and Yin Yoga. She is a 200 E-RYT (Registered Yoga Teacher). This program will be through Facebook Live, and patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Increase Your Credit Score and Prevent Fraud**
*Monday, August 17th at 6:30 pm*

United Federal Credit Union would like to help you increase your credit score and achieve your financial goals. Good credit is key to saving thousands of dollars. While understanding how to increase your credit score we will help to ensure that you do not fall victim to fraud. This program will be run online via Zoom, and patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Safe & Comfortable Hiking**
*Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30 pm*

Pat Fisher, President of Harbor Country Hikers, will walk you through prepping for an upcoming hike, how to be mindful of your surroundings, and what to do if you run into an unexpected situation. Before signing off, Pat will reveal when and where some of his most treasured adventures happened! This program will be run online via Zoom. Patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Football Picks Contest**
*Mondays, August 31st, 2020 - January 2nd, 2021*

Throughout the season, predict the winners of upcoming college and professional football games for a chance to win prizes! New contest starts every Monday via Facebook; form must be completed by noon each Saturday.

**Birdwatching & Birding**
*Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 pm*

From Birdwatching in your backyard to Birding across Michigan, Greg Bodker’s beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds and demonstrate the joys of birding you can have in your backyard and in the field. Novice and aspiring birders will especially benefit from the program. This presentation will be run online via Zoom. Patrons can participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Backyard Beekeeping**
*Monday, September 21st at 6:30 pm*

Join David Putt as he shares his knowledge of beekeeping for beginners. This program will take place online via Zoom. Patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Tidying Up: The KonMari Method™ w/ Kate Sood**
*Monday, September 28th at 6:30 pm*

Kate Sood is a certified KonMari consultant and teaches people how to use the KonMari Method to declutter and tidy their home. Her presentation is a short version of the book “The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up”, and she will go through why organizing is important, simplify the method, and provide tips for organizing. This program will take place online via Zoom. Patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

**Mark Twain Book Discussion Series**
*Wednesdays, August 19th & September 16th at 6:30 pm*

Join us for thought-provoking discussion in an informal environment. Books will be available about one month in advance and mailed to participants. Discussion will take place online via Zoom, and patrons may participate from their homes. Registration is required.

- **August 19th** - “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer”
- **September 16th** - “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”

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**Check It Out: DemographicsNow**

Are you looking to start your own business? If so, it requires a lot of work, which includes learning about your potential customers and competition in your area. Thankfully, Michigan residents have access to Gale Business DemographicsNow, free through the Michigan eLibrary!

There are several great features from this database:

- **People & Companies** - Look up statistical information on businesses around the country or in a specific area. You can also look up household information from here.
- **Demographics** - Run lots of different reports on statistical information for residents of your area.
- **Maps** - Change the area you are searching and also to get traffic information for roads in your area.
- **Reports** - Learn more about the business market in your area
- **Click on Tutorials to learn more about how to use the database.**

To access Gale Business DemographicNow, go to MeL.org and click on eResources at the top of the page. Be sure to take advantage of this great resource!
Did You Know?
Banned Books Facts

This year, Banned Books Week is happening from September 27th - October 3rd. As a public library, we celebrate everyone’s freedom to read. Here are some facts about the history of this week.

- Since Banned Books Week began in 1982, more than 11,000 books have been challenged.
- The most challenged/banned book from 2000-2009 was the entire Harry Potter series.
- Most often, books are challenged by parents than they are by religious groups or other organizations.
- In the early 1900s, “Ulysses” by James Joyce was banned in four different countries including the US and England.
- Judy Blume was the most challenged author from 1990-1999, with five of her novels consistently making the list.
- In 2019, the most challenged book was “George” by Alex Gino.

For more information, visit ala.org to see how you can get involved and report any challenges/bans in your area.

(Sources: ala.org, buzzfeed.com, and parade.com)

Friends of the Library

We thank you for supporting the library during this uncertain time. We are currently not able to accept book donations at this time. While we don’t know if we’ll have our big book sale this year, we want to assure everyone that the Treasure Shoppe remains open with the best deals we can offer.

Also of note, we are accepting “Our Family” UPC codes from labels and they can be dropped off at the library.

Endowment Fund

The Lincoln Township Public Library is proud to offer programs for all ages. To sustain this high level of service, we creatively search for alternative funding. Our long term financial stability for the future is the Endowment Fund. Established in 1995 by the Board of Trustees, the fund was transferred to the Berrien Community Foundation in 2003 where it is maintained in perpetuity, drawing solely on interest subject to the foundation’s guidelines. Please consider donating to the Library.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Library at: 2099 W. John Beers Rd., Stevensville, MI 49127.

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