Letter from the New Director, Joelle Wake

I am honored and excited to be the new Director of the Lincoln Township Public Library. I hope to continue the tradition of providing excellent customer service while also making LTPL an inclusive and welcoming place for everyone! In addition to the already great programs and services that the library delivers, I aim to strengthen and add more programs, services, and resources like a Library of Things collection, new technologies, provide more outreach to the townships, and even make some large-scale building improvements to LTPL over the next few years.

In more exciting news, our Summer Reading Program got very close to our pre-pandemic numbers. More than 990 kids, teens, and adults read and enjoyed great programs and events. Thanks to everyone for making it such a great success!

And as we look forward to the beginning of fall, and the start of a new school year, remember that your library card is your passport to learning and discovery. Whether you’re working on a school project, getting help with an assignment, brushing up on technology skills for a new job, or just exploring new ideas, LTPL is a great resource to help you on your journey.

Remember that YOUR library is here for you, and I want to ensure we meet your needs. Please let me know how we’re doing, and if there is anything we can do to enhance your experience here. Whether it’s in person, online, or on-the-go... we want to provide the best service possible.

Joelle Wake
Library Director
Doorstep Program

Having trouble getting to the library because of physical limitations? LET US HELP! LTPL is proud to offer delivery service for LTPL resident cardholders (Baroda, Lincoln, Royalton Townships) who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations.

Contact Brian at (269) 429-9575 or bjohnston@lincolntlib.org for more details

Mobile Wifi Hotspots
FREE WiFi on the go from your library!

Now Available for Checkout

NEW DIRECTOR MEET & GREET
Wednesday, September 21 5-7 pm
Community Room at LTPL

Out in the Community

Kohn-Lehman Field at Al Stockman Stadium

Fall is here, which means that high school football is in full swing. On Friday nights in the fall, many members of our community flock to the grounds of Lakeshore High School to cheer on the Lancers. Players, coaches, students, parents, and fans in the stands are all making great memories that will last a lifetime.

Another great way to capture high school memories is through yearbooks, and LTPL has many past Lakeshore yearbooks available both in print in-house and digitally through our website. If you're wanting to look up an old classmate or just browse through some great memories of years past, be sure to stop in or visit our website to view our collection!
In early 2002, Library Director Virginia Bedunah (now retired) scheduled meetings to re-establish a full slate of officers for the Friends of the Library. Committees such as the Annual Used Book Sale continued to function, but there was not a full slate of officers to operate the organization.

From these meetings, officers emerged and I made the commitment to see that the executive board would continue to function, which is necessary for State and Federal recognition. I was nominated and accepted the position of President and continued the work of establishing the organization with the IRS. Over the years the organization has written numerous grants to enhance the library's programs and materials for children, teens, and adults. Plus, the proceeds from our Friends' Treasure Shoppe, which opened in 2015, helps support even more Library initiatives.

And while a lot of State and Federal paperwork goes on behind the scenes, hearing a toddler on the way out of the library yell, “I DON’T WANNA LEAVE,” makes it most rewarding!

Carol Reigle
Friends’ President

In 2002 when my children were quite small, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity. I was driving past the library one day and noticed on the sign that a Friends of the Library meeting was being held. I didn’t realize that this was a meeting to re-establish the Friends Executive Board. As we were filling Board positions, I thought that being the Membership Chairperson would be interesting.

As time went on, our secretary decided to step down and I took on that role as well as being the Membership Chairperson for several years. Last year when the role of Treasurer came up, I decided to try that. So, I have had many roles with the Friends. It has been a wonderful experience and I have met a lot of great people because of the Friends and I realize how fortunate my family is to live here and have this beautiful library in our community.

Michelle Coberley
Friends’ Treasurer

Friends of the Library Spotlight:
Carol Reigle & Michelle Coberley

Community Fun Day
Saturday, September 10th
from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
in the Community Park behind the Library
**Youth Programs**

**Children**

**Back-to-School Ice Cream Social**
Tuesday, September 6th at 4:00 pm
Families are invited to stop by between 4:00 - 6:00 pm to learn about the library’s fall programming and get a much-needed break from the hectic start of the school year. We will have games and crafts for all ages, plus free ice cream for all or until supplies last!

**Pokémon Card Battle**
Wednesdays, September 7th, October 5th, & November 2nd at 4:00 pm
Ages: 6-12
With parent’s permission, kids ages 6 to 12 are invited to bring their Pokemon card decks and join in this friendly event. Young trainers have the option to challenge our “gym leader” for badges and prizes. All skill levels are welcome to learn and watch. **Registration required.**

**Lego Bricks Club**
Tuesdays, September 27th, October 25th & November 29th at 4:00 pm
Grades: K-5 and their families
Lego bricks will be provided and a building challenge made at each meeting. Register once for your entire family/group. **A separate registration is required for each meeting.**

**Fearless Readers Tween Book Group**
Wednesdays, September 28th & November 30th at 4:00 pm
Grades: 4-6
Tweens discuss each month’s book over themed snacks and activities. A limited number of free copies of the books are available at the youth desk, provided by the Friends of the Library. **Registration required.**

**September 28th:** Words on Fire by Jennifer A. Nielsen
**November 30th:** The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

**Teen**

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting**
Fridays, September 9th, October 14th & November 11th at 3:15 pm
**Grades 6-12**
Teen Advisory Board Members meet once a month during the school year to discuss books, plan teen events, and more. **Membership is required.** Applications are available at the library in the Teen Area and on our website at: https://lincolntownshiplibrary.org/teen-advisory-board/

**D&D Club**
Mondays after 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm
**Grades 6-12**
Create characters, journey through campaigns, and learn how to be dungeon masters. **Membership is required.** Applications are available in the Teen Area at the library until the group is full.

**Teen Book Club**
Fridays, September 16th & November 18th at 3:30 pm
**Grades 7-12**
Teens meet every other month to discuss some great books and enjoy snacks. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for providing copies of the books. **Registration required.**

**September 16th:** Call Down the Hawk by Maggie Stiefvater
**November 18th:** Poisoned by Jennifer Donnelly

**Super Smash Bros. Tournament**
Saturday, October 1st at 2:00 pm
**Grades 6-12**
Compete for prizes in this exciting gaming event. All equipment will be provided by the library. **Registration is required.**

**Teen Halloween Party**
Friday, October 28th at 3:30 pm
**Grades 6-12**
Let’s have a ghoulshul time with games, food, and fun. A prize will be given to the best costume. Costumes are optional. **Registration is required.**

**Where Are We Eating?**
Friday, November 4th at 3:30 pm
**Ages 12 - 25**
Teens and Young Adults are invited to immerse themselves in a different culture as we explore various destinations. Our destination this time will be Ireland. **Registration is required.**

**Story Time Opportunities**

**Family Story Time**
Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 6th - November 22nd at 10:30 am
Ages: Geared toward 2-5
Register your family as a single group and then join Ms. Kelly as she shares stories and songs with little ones and their caregivers. The program is geared toward those aged 2-5, but all are welcome. **A separate registration is required for each week and will be open one week prior to each story time.**

**Pop-Up Story Time**
Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 am & 2:00 pm
Follow our librarians out of the library and into the community! We will have stories, songs and fun activities throughout the different parks in our townships.

**11:00 am:** Royalton Township Bicentennial Park at 957 E John Beers Rd, St. Joseph, MI
**2:00 pm:** Village Park at 1500 W. Lemon Creek Rd, Baroda, MI

**Fire Safety Story Time**
Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 am
In honor of Fire Prevention Week, meet us for story time at the Lincoln Township Fire Department to hear stories, get a tour of the station, and talk about fire safety. Meet us at the Fire Department at 2130 W John Beers Rd, Stevensville, MI.

**Haunted Gingerbread Houses**
Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 pm
Family groups are welcome to come and make haunted gingerbread houses together as we watch a family friendly film to give some inspiration. Houses will be on display until Halloween and the best house will have a book added to the collection in their name. **Registration as a family group is required.**

**Board Games and More!**
Saturday, November 19th at 12:00 pm
Do you love board games? All ages are welcome to stop in for some tabletop fun! Feel free to bring your own games or use some of ours. From a deck of cards to Scotland Yard, anything is on the table.
**Adult Programs**

**Senior Bingo**
Saturday, September 10th at 10:00 am
The Friends of the Library will host their annual Senior Bingo in conjunction with Community Fun Day.

**Yin Yoga**
Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm
Jeaninne Wilson will lead this session inside the library. Bring a large blanket or mat. Registration required.

**Card Making Workshop**
Wednesday, September 14th at 10:30 am
Hosted by Barbora Otten. Choose from over 30 types of beautiful cards, pre-cut with easy-to-follow directions. Make just the cards you like! Bring your adhesive, pop dots, and small scissors. Registration required.

**Chocolate Fountain & Discussion**
Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm
Come learn about chocolate, from the growing to the processing to the eating, in this fun-filled event. We will have an actual chocolate fountain in addition to a discussion. Registration required.

**LTPL Writer's Group**
Mondays, September 19th, October 17th & November 2nd at 6:30 pm
Bring a short (no more than two pages) written piece to share with others. Registration required.

**Tech Classes**
Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Public Services Librarian Brian Johnston will answer your commonly asked tech help questions. Patrons are encouraged to bring their own computer and to have a Google account set up in advance (for Google classes only). Registration required.

**Love Your Body! Workshop**
Monday, September 26th at 6:30 pm
Melissa Oxborrow will lead this interactive workshop where you will learn tools that will help you get answers from your body about its needs and clear energy imbalances that are stressing your body as well as teach you how to speak to and about your body in a supportive way that facilitates healing. Registration required.

**Tai Chi for Beginners**
Thursday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm
Join Tsui-Lien Chang for this session inside the library. Registration required.

**Introduction to Medicare**
Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm
Come learn the A,B,C and D’s of Medicare with Family Focused Financial. This class will help you gain knowledge and clarity about the basics of Medicare to help you make this tough life decision. Registration required.

**Medicare to Help You Make This Tough Life Decision**
Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 pm
Learn how to get started researching your family history with Patsy Miller. Registration required.

**Gentle Yoga & Meditation**
Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm
Join Jeannine Wilson for this session inside the library. Bring a large blanket or mat. Registration required.

**Life-Size Team Clue**
Wednesday, October 26th at 6:30 pm
Come experience the classic board game Clue, blown up to life size! Teams will be exploring the mansion, gathering evidence and putting the pieces together to solve the mystery. Teams will be working together to outwit and outplay their opponents. Register as a team or register as an individual and we’ll find a team for you. This event is open to ages 12 and up.

**LTPW Writer's Group**
Mondays, September 19th, October 17th & November 2nd at 6:30 pm
Bring a short (no more than two pages) written piece to share with others. Registration required.

**Team Trivia**
Tuesdays, September 20th, October 18th & November 15th at 7:00 pm
Grab a team and come on down to the library for some trivia fun! Teams will be competing for points. Whoever has the most points at the end of the night will receive a gift card generously provided by Full Circle Cafe! Registration not required.

- **Themes:**
  - September 20th: Back to School
  - October 18th: Haunted Halloween
  - November 15th: Holiday Mania

**Southwest Michigan Writers’ Conference**
Saturday, October 22nd at 10:00 am
Join us at Niles District Library, 620 E. Main St. in Niles, for this day full of great presentations for writers of all skill levels. Registration required.

**Chriss Lyon Author Visit**
Monday, November 7th at 6:30 pm
Chriss Lyon, author of A Killing in Capone’s Playground, will be here to discuss her book. Registration required.

**Candy Sushi for Adults**
Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 pm
Do you or your kids have too much Halloween candy leftover? In this class, we can teach you how to take those boring old sugary treats and turn them into fun and eye-catching desserts sure to impress at any holiday gathering. Candy will be provided for this program by the library. Registration required.
Thank you for your support to the Friends of the Library, which enables us to support the Summer Reading Program and supply books for the Youth reading programs.

We will be holding our Friends of the Library Bag Sale on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will provide bags, but feel free to bring your own.

This year, our goal is to collect 20,000 Spartan and Our Family UPC codes from labels. Be on the lookout for collection bins throughout the Library.