March Calendar

March 2 - Dr. Seuss’s Birthday!!
March 2 - Writers’ Group 6pm
March 2 - Yoga with Nick at 7pm
March 3 - Toddler Time 10:30am
March 3 - Orangeville Twp meeting 7pm
March 4 - Martin Twp meeting 6:30pm
March 5 - Watson Twp meeting 7pm
March 6 - Color Me Calm 10:30am
March 9 - Martin Village meeting 7pm
March 10 - Toddler Time 10:30am
March 10 - Lego Club 3pm
March 11 - early release for Martin students 1pm
March 14 - K-6 Story Time w/special guest reader, Mary Whiteford
March 16 - Teen Council 3pm
March 16 - Color Me Calm 6pm
March 16 - Friends of the Library meeting 6pm
March 16 - School Board meeting 6:30pm
March 17 - St. Patrick’s Day!
March 17 - Toddler Time 10:30am
March 18 - Adult Craft 1pm
March 21 - Pop can drive (for the Founders Day celebration) at the Library 9am-1pm
March 23 - Book Club 1pm
March 23 - Movies on Main ‘The Lorax’ 3:30pm
March 23 - Essential Oils 101 6pm
March 24 - Toddler Time 10:30am
March 24 - Library Board meeting 5pm
March 30 - Movies on Main ‘The Cat in the Hat’ 3:30pm
March 31 - Toddler Time 10:30am
March 31 - Academic Showcase at Martin school 5:30-7pm

The Library is Hiring!

Do you love the library? Now is your chance to be a part of it! The Library is hiring an Assistant Director! We are looking for that one dynamic person who has a passion for the library and the community, LOVES books, flexible with hours, hardworking, likes people and has mad computer skills. This position is 21 hours a week at $10.50 an hour. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please go to our website for the job description and send your resume & references to Alicia at lovemylibrary@live.com.
Call to Order
5:03 pm
Roll Call
Alice, Alicia, Jill, Julie, Jenny, Raylene, and Dan (minutes).
Approval of Agenda
Jill 1st, Jenny 2nd. All in favor.
Public Comment
No Public present.
Approval of minutes
Jill 1st, Jenny 2nd. All in favor.
Review Bills and Budget.
Passed during meeting, no questions/discussions raised.
Directors Report.
Reports and statistics in trustee packet.
MLA updates see packet.
Stats – Library circulation is up about 1000 items in house. Ebooks are down 400, investigation to continue. MEL down as well. Toddler Time just started back up. Working to bring our numbers back up, again. Teens playing board games and had a great time. We had small numbers for our book club again this month. Next month’s book should bring some interesting discussion. We had the Martin Reformed Preschool classes in for a visit in January. Tamie had 13 kids for her painting program on Saturday. Trying a Tuesday for Lego day. We’ll be having a Saturday Lego program in hopes of boosting numbers for our Lego club in February. Junior high classes are still coming in once a month and are going well. 6th grade teachers came in to visit and it went great. Crochet & Knitting class went well. We had 6 participants. We’ll be doing another one on February 12th to see if there is continued interest.

Next Founders day meeting is on February 24th at 5:30pm. The Love your Hometown grant from the ACCF has been cancelled so we are doing a few pop can drives. First one is on Saturday, February 22nd here at the library.
We have had 2 Essential Oil classes and are planning a 3rd one on February 10th at 6pm. A yoga class with Nick is coming this Monday (Feb 3) evening at 7pm. Loleta Fyan Conference is in April (13th – 15th) need help at the library during these 3 days. ACLA meeting was moved to this Thursday. Andrea E. resigned from the President’s position because she was hired in as the Co-Op director. We will be nominating and voting on a new President. Ryan D. (Állegan) resigned his position as director and is moving to Charlevoix. Christmas Parade dinner – there were a handful of kids for Alicia for reading during these 3 days. We will be planning on being in the parade this coming year.
Festival of the Trees brought in a little over $800 with 25 trees. Still working on the BISAC project.
State Aid report is done and submitted.
We will be sending out a SRP donation letters this week. We already have one donation and I sent out a grant request to Perrigo foundation. Planning for SRP is ongoing. 2020 Goals included in packet.
Update on Staff. Abby has started a new job - in addition to the library. The balancing with the library has been good. MEL policy changes. Lots of changes. Changes available to review with Alicia. Due dates 28 days instead of 21 days. Movies 7 days to 14 days.

Old Business.
Fine Free Discussion. Information from local libraries, policy and participating locations, included in packet. We collected $300 dollars in fines in 2019. Targeting a fiscal year budget change.

New Business.
Overview of 2019 included in packet.
Motion to approve the Schedule for 2020 Jill 1st, Jenny 2nd. All in favor.
Appointment of Finance/Budget Committee.
Historically it has been the president, treasurer, and one other. Alice requested Raylene to join again in 2020 and she accepted. Committee is Alice, Julie, and Raylene.
Staff Evaluations. Staff evaluations were reviewed during the meeting. Alicia’s reviews are due at the February meeting. Hours of the library were discussed along with staffing potential requirements associated with the hour/program adjustments.
Updates on local meetings
Martin Twp meeting.
Alice did not attend the township meeting. Talked to Sue the next day, nothing library critical discussed.
Orangeville Twp meeting.
Raylene attended the meeting. Not much discussion related to the library. Raylene communicated toddler time was starting back up.
Friends Meeting.
Alicia attended the Friends meeting. Festival of the Trees was discussed. Also discussed was the 2020 wish list.
School Board.
Julie attended. They discussed the ‘love your home town grant’ falling through, but a desire to fundraise for the Founders Day party anyways.
Public Comment
No Public present.
Board Member Comment
No board member comment.
Next meeting: February 25, 2020 5PM.
Adjournment
Jill 1st, Jenny 2nd. All in favor.
5:55 pm
**Toddler Time**

Miss Alicia is having a lot of fun planning awesome activities for Toddler Time! So bring in your kiddos aged birth to preschool for some super fun at the library!

Ask us about our 1000 books before kindergarten program! This is a great early literacy program that will help your youngster get ready for school!

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**Teen Council**

The teens met this month for a corn hole tournament! Miss Abbie and Logan won best 2 out of 3. Next month, teens will be meeting on March 16th at 3pm for some minute to win it games and shamrock shakes for St. Patrick’s Day!

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**Dr. Seuss & Lego Club!**

Miss Tamie continues to offer Lego Club once a month at the library. We moved our Lego day to a Tuesday to accommodate some schedules. Our next after school Lego Club is on Tuesday, March 10th! Everyone had a lot of fun at Miss Tamie’s special Lego story time in February. We read a great book and they made some pretty awesome creations.

For the month of March we are having a Dr. Seuss reading program. Get signed up at the beginning of the month and start reading!

On March 14th we are having a special Dr. Seuss story time with special guest reader, State Representative, Mary Whiteford! Miss Tamie has a few activities planned, so mark your calendar and don’t miss out!

We’ll also have some other Dr. Seuss themed activities planned for the month so check the calendar on page 1 to plan your visits to the library!

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**After school Lego Club is on Tuesday, March 10th**
Adult Programming

Join us on Monday, March 2nd at 7 PM for another yoga class with Nick. Cost is $10 per person, please bring your own mat.

A couple of new adult programs are now being offered at the library, Color Me Calm and a knitting/crocheting class. Stop in on Mondays at 6 PM for an hour of coloring with friends (yes there will be coffee and tea available)!

Our knitting/crocheting class is for all skill levels. Stop in to learn or stop in to just finish something up you’ve been working on!

The next class will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 1 pm.

Friends’ Footnotes

The Friends met this February and discussed the different activities going on in the area and how the friends and the library could be involved. Jan brought the treasurer’s report and it was determined that Alicia would have $2,296 for her wish list.

The Craft show was also talked about and planning will continue on that. A date has not been fixed.

If you would like to be a part of this crucial group or have questions, please contact the library! Membership dues for the Friends are only $5 per year! A great investment for your community.

Book Club

Book Club went in a totally different direction this month and read a spicy romance. Opinions varied, but as always we ate some yummy food and enjoyed the company of other book lovers.

Our next discussion is on Monday, March 23rd at 1 pm. Our next book is a more serious historical novel about Italy during World War II.

If you have any questions or would like to join us, please let us know!

Don’t miss out on Yoga with Nick March 2nd at 7 pm. $10 per person
Check out the Libby App to borrow E-books & audiobooks from the Library! You can find Libby in most app stores.
March Books of the Month!

Click on the book to find more information!

Young Adults
Stain
A.G. Howard

Adults
Such a Fun Age
Kiley Reid

Bring your pop cans in to the library on March 21st from 9am-1pm for the Founders’ Day Celebration fundraiser!

Essential Oils 101

Join us for our fourth installment of our Essential Oils 101 program on March 23rd at 6pm.

Take charge of your health with the products you use! Don’t be fooled by labels that say “natural” to get your attention, but the ingredients say different. We will be continuing our look at the products we use for personal care, how they are bad for us and some better choices. Young Living products use plant based ingredients and are infused with essential oils instead of toxic chemicals. We have limited spaces available, so please register now to reserve your spot!