REED CITY AREA RCADL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Reed City Area District Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 6:00pm
829 S. Chestnut Street |Reed City, MI | 49677

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Consent Agenda
   A. Prior meeting(s) minutes:
      a. Regular Meeting: March 7th, 2023
   B. Approval of Bills and Financial Statements
      a. Expense Report for previous month's expenses
         i. March 2023
      b. Financial Statements
         i. Dec. 2022
4. Citizen's request and/or comments
5. Board President Comments
6. Standing Committee Reports
   A. Budget and Finance Committee
   B. Digital Sign Committee
   C. Building Committee
   D. Strategic Plan Committee
   E. Millage Committee
   F. HR Committee
7. Director's Report
8. Ongoing Business
   a. None
9. New Business
   a. Do-All-Doug's Mowing Proposal
   b. Agenda Changes
10. Board Dynamics
11. Adjournment

The next Library Board Meeting is scheduled for May 2nd, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Reed City Area District Library Community Room.

Reed City Area District Library Board Meeting

March 7, 2023 6 p.m.

829 S. Chestnut St. Reed City, MI 49677

Present:

Melissa Tonn, Vice President, Lincoln Township

Bette Newell, Secretary, Lincoln Township

Laura Dahlquist, Trustee, Richmond Township

Shay Thompson, Trustee, Richmond Township

Melissa Rohen, Director

Absent:

Lyndsey Eccles, President, Reed City

Kylene Nix, Treasurer, Reed City

Irene Balowski, Green Township Liaison

Cedar Township Liaison, OPEN

1. Call to Order and Attendance

   The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by M. Tonn. A quorum was present. Attendance was noted by B. Newell.

2. Approval of Agenda

   A motion was made by L. Dahlquist and seconded by B. Newell to accept the agenda as presented. It passed.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

   A motion was made by L. Dahlquist and seconded by S. Thompson to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023 and the bills for February 2023 and the financial statements of November 2022. It passed.

4. Citizen's request and/or comments

   L. Dahlquist reported a conversation she had with a patron who expressed regret at J. Thorson's departure from the library, and stated she was very helpful and accommodating.

5. Board President Comments

L. Eccles was not present but a message was relayed by M. Tonn to inform the Board that L. Eccles and M. Rohen would be meeting this month to work on grants.

6. Standing Committee Reports

A. Budget and Finance Committee- met on February 14 to discuss wages . The goal is to implement a step increase on an annual basis.

B. Digital Sign Committee-Updated quotes have been received from two vendors and passed on to L. Eccles to be passed on to TC Energy.

C. Building Committee –will schedule a meeting the latter part of April for its spring walk through.

D. Strategic Plan Committee-will wait to schedule a meeting until they can be in touch with L. Eccles.

E. Millage Committee-no updates

F. HR Committee-no updates

G. Ad Hoc Committee for creation of a float for Evergreen Parade. –B. Newell and L. Dahlquist volunteered to be on a committee to create a float for the evergreen parade promoting the library.

7. Director's Report

M. Rohen shared that although Jen's resignation has shaken things up a bit, staff members are picking up the slack and morale seems fairly good. She has several applicants for the position of assistant director and hopes to schedule interviews in later March. The entire Director's report is available at the library.

8. Ongoing Business

A. Assistant Director Job Description

A motion was made by B. Newell and seconded by S. Thompson to approve the assistant director job description provided. It passed.

9. New Business

Any new business is tabled until April 2023.

10. Board Dynamics

A discussion was had on points brought forward in J. Thorson's resignation letter.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Dahlquist and seconded by B. Newell to adjourn the meeting. It passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette Newell, Secretary, RCADL BOARD

The next RCADL Board Meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the RCADL Community Room

2023: April Report reflecting March Expenses

Expense Line Item	Expense Description	Amount
740.100 - Books		
	Ingram	$1,037.79
	8 Invoices: #72630476; #74102737; #74188209	
	#74851066; #74900633; #74689019; #74607695; #75078115	
	3/15; 3/07; 3/08;2/28; 2/26; 3/30	
		$1,037.79
752.000 - Operating Supplies		
Debit Card	*Amazon*	$37.19
	Labels for MelCat items	
	Order #: 111-2657937-3614616	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/07/2023	
Debit Card	*Social Schedules*	$14.95
	Monthly usage	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/30/2025	
Debit Card	*Uline*	$103.38
	Book labeling materials	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/01/2023	
Debit Card	*Uline*	$86.30
	Additional Seed library supplies	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/01/2023	
		$241.82
755.000 - Programming		
Debit Card	*Amazon*	$60.92
	Order #: 111-2657937-3614616	
	Prizes for passive programming	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/7/2023	
Debit Card	*Amazon*	$15.98
	Order #: 113-1119125-1676206	
	Programming supplies/prizes	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/7/2023	
Debit Card	*Amazon*	$27.64
	Order #: 113-1326638-8437014	
	Programming supplies/prizes	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/7/2023	
Debit Card	*Amazon*	$163.74
	Order #: 113-3464326-1024245	
	Programming supplies/prizes	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/7/2023	
Debit Card	*Cricut Shop*	$9.99
	Monthly Renewal	
	Date of Receipt or Services: 3/24/2023	
	Cyndi McCain	$141.06

	Story Hour supplies	
	Date of Receipt or Services: March	
Brown Donation	*Eicher Consulting, LLC*	$470.00
	Orphan Train Program	
	Date of Receipt or Services: 4/25/2023	
	Melissa Rohen	$48.96
	Programming supplies - open house	
	Date of Receipt or Services: March	
Debit Card	*Raymond Geddes*	$50.88
	Prizes for passive programming	
	Date of Receipt or Services: 3/01/2023	
		$989.17
801.000 - Professional Services		
Debit Card	*G-Suites*	$153.90
	Account #: 3184-3454-8781-2148	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/02/2023	
		$153.90
804.000 - Janitorial Services		
Debit Card	*Cintas*	$33.25
	1 Invoices: #4149911835	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/20/2023	
Debit Card	*McCloud*	$50.00
	Invoice #:49036621	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/28/2023	
Debit Card	*Service Master*	$485.00
	Invoice #: 24443	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/01/2023	
		$568.25
850.000 - Telephone		
Debit Card	*Spectrum/Charter*	$119.97
	Invoice #: 0049947022723	
	Date of Receipt or Services: 2/27/2023 - 3/26/2023	
		$119.97
920.000 - Utilities Electric		
	Consumer's Energy	$420.30
	Account #: 1030 187 9792	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 02/04/2023 - 03/07/2023	
	Total	**$420.30**
921.000 - Utilities Gas/Heat		
Debit Card	*DTE*	$318.39
	Account #: 9100 394 8255 9	
	Date of Receipt or Service: 2/02/2023 - 3/06/2023	
	Total	**$318.39**
927.000 - Utilities Water		

	City of Reed City		$39.50
	Account number: SCHT-000829-0000-01		
	Date of Receipt or Service: 02/06/2023 - 3/08/2023		
	Total		**$39.50**
930.000 - Land and Building Repairs			
	Tradition Electronic Inc		$155.80
	Light repairs on 10/31 received invoice 3/03		
	Date of Receipt or Service: 3/03/2023		
	Total		**$155.80**
991.600 LOSB Loan Payment			
	Lake Osceola State Bank Principal Balance	$	4,500.00
	Total	**$**	**4,500.00**
Monthly Payroll			
	Check Date: 3/16/2023		**$2,689.28**
	Check Date: 3/30/2023	**$**	**2,694.28**
	Total		**$5,383.56**
	Expenses Grand Total		**$13,928.45**
	Total Donations		$470.00
	Total Grants		$0.00
	Total		$470.00
	Total Actual Expenses	**$**	**13,458.45**

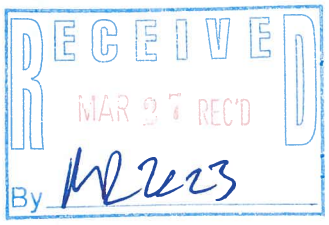
BALANCE SHEET

as of December 31, 2022

3/17/2023
10:47 am

City of Reed City

As of: 12/31/2022		Balances
Fund: 971 - REEDCITY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY		
Assets		
001.000	CASH	144,728.08
004.000	CHANGE DRAWER	55.00
123.000	PREPAID EXPENSES	1,333.43
	Total Assets	146,116.51
Liabilities		
202.000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	200.00
	Total Liabilities	200.00
Reserves/Balances		
390.000	FUND BALANCE	230,351.14
398.000	CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-84,434.63
	Total Reserves/Balances	145,916.51
	Total Liabilities & Balances	146,116.51



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City of Reed City

For the Period: 7/1/2022 to 12/31/2022	Original Bud.	Amended Bud.	YTD Actual	CURR MTH	Encumb. YTD	UnencBal	% Bud
Fund: 971 - REEDCITY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY							
Revenues							
Dept: 000.000							
402.010 REAL PROP TAX - LINCOLN TWP	37,875.00	37,875.00	2,080.88	2,080.88	0.00	35,794.12	5.5
402.020 REAL PROP TAX - RICHMOND TWP	44,688.00	44,688.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,688.00	0.0
402.030 REAL PROP TAX - REED CITY	37,900.00	37,900.00	7,778.85	7,778.85	0.00	30,121.15	20.5
410.010 PERS PROP - LINCOLN TWP	20,402.00	20,402.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,402.00	0.0
410.030 PERS PROP TAX - REED CITY	2,481.00	2,481.00	51.08	51.08	0.00	2,429.92	2.1
412.000 DELINQ. PERS PROP TAXES	75.00	75.00	16.59	0.00	0.00	58.41	22.1
495.000 NON-RESIDENT FEE	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,180.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	78.7
539.000 STATE GRANT	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,365.94	0.00	0.00	3,634.06	48.1
651.000 COPY MACHINE MONEY	2,300.00	2,300.00	1,369.65	183.45	0.00	930.35	59.6
651.500 FAX MACHINE MONEY	500.00	500.00	214.25	26.50	0.00	285.75	42.9
655.100 LIBRARY BOOK FINES	650.00	650.00	298.30	56.30	0.00	351.70	45.9
656.200 PENAL FINES - MECOSTA	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	0.0
656.300 PENAL FINES - OSCEOLA	33,000.00	33,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,000.00	0.0
664.000 INTEREST INCOME	150.00	150.00	46.00	5.97	0.00	104.00	30.7
671.000 OTHER REVENUE	550.00	550.00	251.73	52.65	0.00	298.27	45.8
675.100 CONTR - SUMMER READING PROGRAM	4,800.00	4,800.00	1,417.00	0.00	0.00	3,383.00	29.5
675.150 CONTRIB. - PROGRAMMING	750.00	750.00	1,098.48	841.80	0.00	-348.48	146.5
675.200 CONTR/DONATE-BEQUESTS-MEMORIAL	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,295.00	0.00	0.00	705.00	64.8
675.300 CONTRIB. FROM PRIV. SOURCES	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,943.59	975.00	0.00	-943.59	113.5
677.100 REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOST BOOKS	150.00	150.00	236.99	21.00	0.00	-86.99	158.0
685.500 OTHER-BOOK SALE	1,500.00	1,500.00	528.80	18.50	0.00	971.20	35.3
692.100 FUND RESERVE-OPERATING	13,097.00	13,097.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,097.00	0.0
Dept: 000.000	220,568.00	220,568.00	29,173.13	12,091.98	0.00	191,394.87	13.2
Revenues	220,568.00	220,568.00	29,173.13	12,091.98	0.00	191,394.87	13.2
Expenditures							
Dept: 790.000 LIBRARY OPERATIONS							
702.000 SALARIES & WAGES	88,053.00	88,053.00	39,068.36	6,218.06	0.00	48,984.64	44.4
715.000 SOCIAL SECURITY	5,600.00	5,600.00	2,988.77	475.69	0.00	2,611.23	53.4
721.000 WORKER'S COMP	400.00	400.00	356.00	0.00	0.00	44.00	89.0
726.000 UNEMPLOYMENT	250.00	250.00	4.62	0.49	0.00	245.38	1.8
740.100 BOOKS	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,379.87	2,069.03	0.00	4,620.13	53.8
740.101 E-BOOKS	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.0
740.200 AUDIOBOOKS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,131.10	511.65	0.00	-131.10	113.1
740.250 VIDEOS/DVD'S	1,000.00	1,000.00	150.79	0.00	0.00	849.21	15.1
740.300 SUMMER READING	2,600.00	2,600.00	3,094.49	0.00	0.00	-494.49	119.0
740.400 MAGAZINES	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.0
740.500 NEWSPAPERS	650.00	650.00	574.70	0.00	0.00	75.30	88.4
751.000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	2,000.00	321.98	42.00	0.00	1,678.02	16.1
752.000 OPERATING SUPPLIES	2,500.00	2,500.00	6,554.34	860.55	0.00	-4,054.34	262.2
755.000 OPER. SUPPLIES-PROGRAMMING	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,793.54	650.87	0.00	6.46	99.6
801.000 PROFESSIONAL SERV.	4,750.00	4,750.00	1,237.92	141.81	0.00	3,512.08	26.1
802.000 LEGAL FEES	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.0
804.000 JANITORIAL SERVICES	7,080.00	7,080.00	4,138.75	1,053.25	0.00	2,941.25	58.5
806.000 BANK CHARGES	30.00	30.00	27.43	7.12	0.00	2.57	91.4
808.000 INDEPENDANT AUDIT	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,850.00	0.00	0.00	-150.00	104.1
818.000 CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,423.42	1,164.20	0.00	576.58	91.8
850.000 TELEPHONE	1,440.00	1,440.00	703.82	119.97	0.00	736.18	48.9
851.000 POSTAGE	174.00	174.00	120.00	60.00	0.00	54.00	69.0
852.000 INTERNET SERVICE	0.00	0.00	291.60	145.80	0.00	-291.60	0.0
900.000 PRINTING & PUBLISHING	1,500.00	1,500.00	172.49	68.66	0.00	1,327.51	11.5
907.000 ADVERTISING	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.0
915.000 MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES	3,875.00	3,875.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	3.2
920.000 UTILITIES - ELECTRIC	3,810.00	3,810.00	1,542.66	311.66	0.00	2,267.34	40.5
921.000 UTILITIES-HEAT	2,500.00	2,500.00	622.04	300.00	0.00	1,877.96	24.9
927.000 UTILITIES-WATER	360.00	360.00	158.45	0.00	0.00	201.55	44.0
930.000 LAND & BUILDING REPAIRS	500.00	500.00	2,125.00	0.00	0.00	-1,625.00	425.0
935.000 LIABILITY/PROPERTY INSURANCE	2,860.00	2,860.00	3,185.42	0.00	0.00	-325.42	111.4
940.000 EQUIPMENT RENT	1,216.00	1,216.00	405.20	101.30	0.00	810.80	33.3

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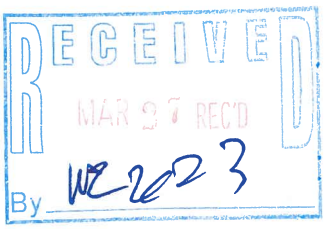
Expenditures							
Dept: 790.000 LIBRARY OPERATIONS							
956.100 EDUC. & TRAINING-DIST. MTGS.	200.00	200.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	140.00	30.0
991.600 PRINCIPAL	54,000.00	54,000.00	25,407.89	4,260.89	0.00	28,592.11	47.1
992.000 INTEREST	6,370.00	6,370.00	1,592.11	239.11	0.00	4,777.89	25.0
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	220,568.00	220,568.00	113,607.76	18,802.11	0.00	106,960.24	51.5
Expenditures	220,568.00	220,568.00	113,607.76	18,802.11	0.00	106,960.24	51.5
Net Effect for REEDCITY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY	0.00	0.00	-84,434.63	-6,710.13	0.00	84,434.63	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			-84,434.63				
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	-84,434.63	-6,710.13	0.00	84,434.63	



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Committee Updates: April 2023

Budget and Finance Committee

Research on steps has been put on the back-burner, but once the Assistant Director settles, research will return to a priority.

A meeting should be scheduled in late April to discuss a budget amendment and begin planning stages of the next FY Budget.

Digital Sign Committee

No updates to report

Building Committee

The next meeting should be scheduled for late April, after April 15th, for the Spring/Annual walk-through

Strategic Plan Committee

A meeting should be scheduled for late April, after April 15th if possible.

Millage Committee

No updates

HR Committee

No updates

Ad Hoc Committee

Is there a need for an ad hoc committee at this time?

March 30, 2023

REED CITY AREA ROADL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Director's Report

April 2023

Please note: The discussion of activities, metrics, and expenses reflect the prior month's goings on. For example, this April Director's Report reflects what was accomplished for the month of March.

- We have interviewed four candidates for the Assistant Director's position, three of whom were called back for a second interview with the staff. I will be contacting Brian Ford to offer the position and hope to have an update regarding scheduling/on-boarding by the meeting on April 4th. If Brian Ford does not accept the position, we will contact Doris Petoskey. I have included Brian's resume in the FYI section of this packet.
- Our Open House was attended well, with 37 attendees and all Board members stopping by. Five of the $5.00 coupons have been utilized in this month's Book Sale
- The dumpster has arrived and we have begun purging materials.
- The Book Sale was a great success with approximately $450 in earnings (at the time of this writing, or rescheduled $5.00-a-bag sale is currently still going).
- In addition to the Book Sale, we offered a tech sale to move computers we no longer use that have been replaced; all devices were cleaned/wiped by a supervised volunteer. At the time of this writing 9 of the 12 unites have sold.
- We have successfully inventoried the Large Print collection with the help of a dedicated volunteer; we will move on to weeding as soon as able.
- Otherwise the majority of this month was spent managing day-to-day tasks with short staff, preparing for the interviews, the book sale, and the arrival of our dumpster.
- All social media for April has been completed, as has programming.

Projects Update

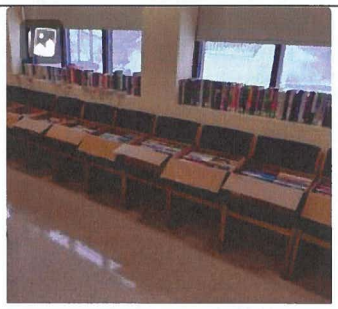
- I am pushing most projects out at another month to accommodate the resignation and hiring of the Assistant Director position. These projects include:
    - Researching the cost of asphalt vs. gravel for the employee parking lot – this will become a top priority once the Assistant Director is settled;
    - Postcard Mailing (rescheduled to late summer per last month's meeting);
    - Roof inspection/gutter inspection

Website Statics

- Between March 1st and March 30th:
    - 310 unique visitors with 712 site sessions; 261 are new visitors and 48 are returning; each session lasts approximately 4 minutes and 53 seconds – down a bit from last month, likely due to it being a shorter month
    - Visitors are finding our site primarily through the direct URL www.reedcitylibrary.org (650) and Google (62) and accessing mostly through their desktop (540), mobile devices (170) , and tablets (2)
    - The Homepage is the most frequently visited, with Events and e-resources the second and third most popular pages.
    - Tuesday is the highest trafficked day for the website.
- Within the last year, we have had approximately 7886 session with 3034 unique visitors; visitors stay an average of 5 minutes and 10 seconds.

Social Media Snapshot

- For March 1st and March 30th:

Instagram	Facebook
 Top Ranking Post: 13 Impressions	 **Top Ranking Post:** 7997 people viewed
New Posts: 29 **Total Reach:** 382 **Followers:** 192 **Likes:** 9	New Posts: 44 **Likes/Reactions:** 494 **Comments:** 73 **Shares:** 187 **Total Reach:** 27029

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Mowing Proposal for Discussion and Vote

The Board will vote on these items at the April 2023 Meeting

Do-All-Doug Mowing Proposal

For consideration:

Should we contract with Do-All-Doug for mowing for the Spring/Summer season of 2023?

- ✓ Yea or Nay

- Do-All-Doug Mowing Proposal is accepted and approved
- Do-All-Doug Mowing Proposal is **not** accepted and approved

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3/30/2023

Do All Doug

Date: 03/06/23
Invoice #: proposal

To: Melissa Rohen RC library
829 S. chestnut
Reed City, MI 49677

Salesperson	Job	Payment Terms	Due Date
Doug	lawn maintenance 2023	15 days	proposal

Qty	Description	Unit Price	Line Total
1.00	Mow and trim weekly or as needed	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
	Thank you		
		Subtotal	NA
		Sales Tax	
		Total	**$ 50.00**

Thank you for your business!

7527 S Hawkins rd, Chase, MI 49623, 231-250-4310, dougworrall@hotmail.com

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Changes to the Agenda Discussion and Vote

Changes to the Agenda Proposal

It was suggested we make possible changes to the Agenda to afford more discussion time. Please review the Current Agenda and suggested changes below

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Possible Additions

- Second Citizen's Comments prior to Adjournment
- Section/Time for Board Commentary
    - It was requested we dedicate a section of the meeting to Board Members being able to offer general commentary/feelings/ideas – this would be sperate from adding a new action item and would be a general discussion.

Should adjustments be made to the Agenda as discussed?

- ✓ Yea or Nay

Approved changes to the agenda include:

COME JOIN US FOR FUN & LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY!

APRIL EVENTS @RCADL

Please note some events require registration; all events are free

Every Wednesday @ 11:30am **STORY HOUR**

Tuesday 4/11 & 4/25 @ 2:00pm **LITTLE EXPLORERS**

Monday, 4/10 & 4/24 @ 1:00pm **SCRABBLE**

On Hiatus Until Further Notice **COOKBOOK CLUB**

Thursday, 4/20 @ 6:00pm **REED CITY READERS**
The Maid by Nita Prose

Active Programs:

Tuesday, April 11th @ 6:00pm **DIY BOOKMARKS**
Create your own watercolor and book page poetry bookmarks! For Teens to Adults

Tuesday, 4/18 @ 5:00pm **CINEMA @ RCADL**
Dead Poet's Society |PG| 2hrs 8m
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/dead-poets-society

Tuesday, 4/25 @ 6:00am **ORPHAN TRAIN DISCUSSION**
Learn why there was an Orphan Train in America, bringing 12,500 kids to Michigan between 1854 & 1927. Find out what a day in the life of these orphans was like. For all ages.

Passive Programs:

GUESS THE NUMBER...? Can you guess how many spring eggs are in our jar? If so, you may win a prize!

SCAVANGER HUNT April is National Poetry Month - can you find all of Shel Silverstein's poems? If so, you will be entered to win a prize!

DISPLAYS & TAKE AND MAKES Stop by and check out our interactive and informative displays. Grab a Take and make Craft or Stem-Kit and explore your creativity!

Closures: The library will be closed Friday, April 7th and Saturday, April 8th

Summer Reading Programming will be announced soon!

REED CITY AREA RCADL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Registration opens the week prior to the event and is accessible on our website: www.reedcitylibrary.org. Reminders will be posted on social media prior to the opening of registration.

REED CITY AREA RCADL DISTRICT LIBRARY

Monthly Events and Programing

April 2023

Month Theme: Poetry Month & Spring is Here!

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00pm

Story Hour:
Wednesday, April 5th at 11:30am: Hippity Hoppity
Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30am: Money
Wednesday, April 19th at 11:30am: Spring Babies
Wednesday, April 26th at 11:30am: Time to Paint

Wednesday, May 2nd at 11:30am: Making music
Wednesday, May 9th at 11:30am: Beautiful Flowers
Wednesday, May 16th at 11:30am: Warmer Days
Wednesday, May 23rd at 11:30am: Fun and Games
Wednesday, May 31st at 11:30am: Celebration

Little Explorers:
Little Explorers is not a themed activity
Tuesday, April 11th at 2:00pm
Tuesday, April 25th at 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 9th at 2:00pm
Tuesday, May 23rd at 2:00pm

Cookbook Club:
Cookbook Club is in hiatus until further notice.

Scrabble:
Monday, April 10th at 1:00pm
Monday April 24th at 1:00pm

Monday, May 8th at 1:00pm
Monday, May 22nd at 1:00pm

Reed City Readers Book Club
Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm - *The Maid* by Nita Prose
Thursday, April 20th at 6:00pm - *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson

Active Programming
Adult Craft Evening: DIY Bookmarks
Tuesday April 11th 6:00pm to 7:00pm

- Teens, Young Adults, and Adults 18+
- Registration opens April 4th

- Create bookmarks with book page poetry and water colors – patrons will be provided with blank bookmarks, water colors, and pages from weeded books to create poetic bookmarks

Cinema @ RCADL: Dead Poet's Society
Tuesday, April 18th at 5:00

- Rated PG
- 2hrs and 8 minutes
- https://www.commonsensemedia.org/movie-reviews/dead-poets-society
- Will be marketed towards teens and young adults

Orphan Train Presentation by Eicher Consulting, LLC
Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00pm

- Open to all ages
- This presentation will explore why there was an Orphan Train in America, with 12,500 children being sent to Michigan between 1854 and 1927. Al and Dave Eicher will portray the conditions of steamship travel, the adventures of an Irish boy, NYC in the 1860s, the Irish Ward, and Little Italy. Archival photos and films show the orphaned child's life in the city, the various child labor jobs, and sleeping in tenement "daily lodging" for 7 cents a night. There will be an emotional impact on audiences, young and old! Fortunately, for the orphans, there was the Children's Adi Society of New York and their founder's ideas for saving these children and finding homes across America, which resulted in the Orphan Train.

Passive Programming
Runs throughout the month unless otherwise specified

Guess the number…?

- Theme: How many Spring Eggs are in the jar?
- Prize: Entered to win a Michigan Birds coloring book – open to all ages

Scavenger Hunt

- Theme: Shel Silverstein Poetry
- Prize: entered to win a copy of Shel Silverstein's *A Light in the Attic*

Take Home Craft: DIY Black Out Poetry

- Patrons will be encouraged to create their own Black Out Poetry to either take home or share on our Pillar. Book pages scavenged from weeded books and Sharpies will be provided in the library, as well as several samples.
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STEM Kit Take Home Craft: TBD

- Spring into Spring with STEM Parachutes

Passive Fundraiser

- We will place our donation box in a prominent location and encourage donations for general operations

Displays

Pillar: National Poetry Month

- Black Out Poetry

Glass Case: Spring Time Flowers

- V. Higley is creating this display

Small Book Displays: Books and Reading

- Collection of staff favorites of poetry books

Closures

Friday, April 7th – Good Friday

Saturday, April 8th – Easter

Per the current policy, the Library will be closed for a three-day weekend over the Good Friday/Easter holiday weekend.

Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day

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CAREER

Director and Founder, Painted On Productions, Austin, TX, Washington, DC, MI **2011-Present**

Producer, DP, and Editor for a number of short-form docs, commercials, animations and music videos for a range of clients including Discovery, Smithsonian, UNICEF, the University of Michigan, Amazon Prime, the Clinton Global Initiative, Fannie Mae, and Dell. DP and field producer on feature work (*Ladonna Harris: Indian 101*, KIPP Schools, Ken Burns' Florentine Films) and shorts (PBS's *Independent Lens,* Flying Classroom, Clinton Bush Haiti Fund, *Movimiento por la Paz*).

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA **2017-2019**

Planned and taught weekly sections, presented course lectures, graded bi-weekly papers/assignment and term papers/assignments, provided flexible, 24/7 office hours, and provided undergraduate students at UCSC's Film and Digital Media program the most meaningful, exploratory, and learning and exploratory learning experience.

Producer/Editor, National Geographic, Washington, DC **2014-2015**

Developed and produced original video content for Nat Geo's newly launched Kids Channel. Producer, co-writer, and editor of the 2nd season of *Awesome Animals,* NGK's first broadcast series. Scripted, shot, and created original animations for bi-weekly video shorts on the channel's website.

Producer, Director, and Editor, *It's Okay To Be Smart*, Austin, TX **2012-2013**

Developed, produced, shot, and edited PBS's *It's Okay To Be Smart*. Produced motion graphics, color, sound mix, and marketing materials on the weekly digital series. Grew audience size to over 1,000,000 views and 40,000 subscribers within 7 months of pilot episode's release on top platforms including Youtube, Roku, Xbox, and Apple TV.

Editor and Assistant Editor, *Shipping Wars*, Austin, TX **2012**

Responsible for editing scenes, rough cuts, and rough assemblies on Seasons 2 and 3 of A&E's *Shipping Wars*.

English and American Culture Teacher, IES Xelmirez, Santiago, Spain **2010-2011**

Taught English and American Culture at a public secondary school. Developed lesson plans addressing the portrayal of foreign cultures in American media and the global influences of the U.S. media industry.

Videographer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI **2009-2010**

Head writer, director, and editor of promotional videos for the U-M College of Engineering.

EDUCATION

B.A. in Film and Digital Media, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor **2006-2010**

Minor in Portuguese and International Studies.

MFA Candidate, Digital Arts and New Media, University of California—Santa Cruz **2017-2019**

Focus on computationally-generated visual media, creation of virtual mediascapes and documenting current, past, and future shifts in technology as it relates to mass media consumption.

NOTABLE ACCOLADES

2018 Graduate Scholarship Research Grant, University of California—Santa Cruz

2017 Regent's Scholar (full-tuition academic scholarship) University of California—Santa Cruz

2017 Webby Awards: "Best Web Personality/Host (Film and Video)" *Joe Hanson and PBS Digital Studios*

2015 Coleman-Munger Artist in Residence, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor

2015 Webby Awards: "Best Youth Website," National Geographic Kids

2014 *It's Okay To Be Smart* featured on front pages of *Scientific American, Engadget, Gizmodo, Mother Nature Network, i09, Buzfeed, Boing Boing, and* Youtube's *Geek Week* (First week of release)

2010 Leo Burnett Communication Studies Fellowship

2010 Trueblood Film Fellowship

2009-2010 Alice Glover Film Production Grant (two-time recipient)

2009 University of Michigan Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant Recipient

2006 Scholar Recognition Award (full-tuition academic scholarship) University of Michigan—Ann Arbor