



Ray Township Public Library

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State of the Library 2024

The Library is always thinking outside the box!

In June the Library received a \$2,000 grant from the American Heart Association. All Library Staff are now CPR/AED certified. The Library also approved the Emergency Response Plan, and with the help of the Ray Township Fire Department, the staff had on-site training.

We welcomed three new Library Clerks, Renna Barnes, Kenzie Shaw, and Olivia Sellars. We also welcomed 2 new Library Board members, Barbara Rollins and Mary Barnes. With 2 new incoming board members, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Terry Goike and Elli Minert for all their hard work and dedication for the many years served on the library board. They will truly be missed.

Director Christy DeMeulenaere received Media Training with Thom Fladung of Hennes Communication, funded by the Library of Michigan.

December is always a busy month with a successful Elf Night. The Library started a seed library, and the garden club keeps growing!

The Little Creatures program was a huge success with over 100 in attendance. We would also like to thank the Wolcott Farm for allowing us to use their facility. Kids Crafts has expanded to 2 nights due to high attendance.

In January, the Library Staff held their first In-Service. The team learned how to work together as a team and how to incorporate that with Library Services.

Kanopy is a new service to fit all of your streaming needs! Use your library card for access to Kanopy's extensive catalog of TV, movies, and much more! The Library also now has Library IQ, which allows the library to monitor and manage collection performance, selection, acquisition, cataloging, weeding, and inventory as well as strategic assessment and planning, facilities optimization, and technology management.

At the end of the year, the Library was selected to host Delegates from Kazakhstan. This was a wonderful opportunity for all parties involved.

We are looking forward to what the next year will bring!
Thank you,



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