



## Ray Township Public Library

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### State of the Library 2021-2022

What a great year of changes for the Ray Township Public Library! The Library purchased Mango which is free with your Ray Township Public Library Card. When using the Mango app, patrons can select language courses from over 70 world languages, including English. While surfing through our website, you can now chat live with Library Staff with any questions or concerns. In changing times the Library offers new items for Patrons to check out such as a Go Pro with accessories, a Snowball Microphone and a projector with accessories. A favorite to check out are the Hot Spots. The Library currently has 4 of these items that you can check out which allows WIFI on the go. You can connect up to 12 devices to the Hot Spot and it is great for traveling. The children are also enjoying circulating Science Kits. The Library currently has 6 backpacks that can be checked out which include a Microscopic, Skeletal, Butterfly, Robotic, Electrical and Galactic Exploration.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Children enjoyed outdoor games and many crafts made with Popsicle sticks! This year the focus of the program was not to set goals for the kids but to engage, promote and share what they are reading and celebrate the fact that they are reading. The children could write, draw or talk to one of the Library Staff about what they are reading.

Two new scanners have been purchased for the Circulation Desk which allows the staff to scan the Patron's Driver's License and it automatically enters the Patron information into the computer. There are also 2 new Patron Computers available for use. The Library WIFI has been upgraded, and the WIFI does extend outside of the building and is free for the public to connect to at any time.

Library Assistant, Mary Barnes has started a Living Library. Community members come into the Library to share information on a hobby, trade or interests such as digital photography, pottery spinning and more.

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The Library Staff has also been busy. Director Christy DeMeulenaere and Library Assistant Mary Barnes both are Notary Publics for the County of Macomb and for the patrons of the Ray Township Public Library. The staff is also now certified in First Aid, CPR and using an AED.

We would like to thank Palladian Pest Control for volunteering it's time to handle our pest control.

We would also like to thank The Friends of the Ray Township Library and Historical Society for the continued support, and donation to the Library of a Cricut Air 2 for crafting and marketing. Camille Grabb stepped down as the Vice President of the group and will be missed. Ashely Stabile will be the new Vice President of the group.

Lastly the Library worked on obtaining their own EIN Number and Payroll system through On Pay. With support from the Township of Ray, the Library successfully has a current Lease Agreement and Fiscal Agency Agreement with the Township.

Thank you to the residents of Ray Township for your continued support. Please share any suggestions with Library Staff.

Respectfully,



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