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RAY TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY &
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

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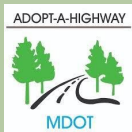
RAY TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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BOOKMARK
2024

Thurs, Feb 15th 6:00pm
Friends of the Library &
Historical Society
Meeting in the Library

Thurs, April 18th 6:00pm
*Hudson's: Detroit's
World-Famous
Department Store* by
Bruce Allen Kopytek

May - TBD



Indian Trail
Cleanup

Thurs, May 16th 6:00pm
Friends of the Library &
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Meeting in the Library

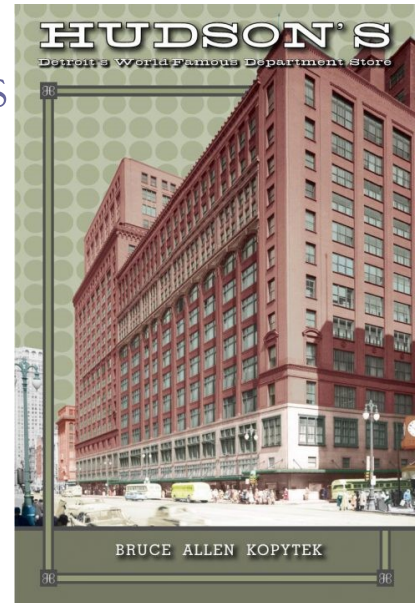
June 17th - 30th
Silent Auction
in the Library

Thurs, Aug 15th 6:00pm
Friends of the Library &
Historical Society
Meeting in the Library

Thurs, Nov 21st 6:00pm
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HUDSON'S: DETROIT'S WORLD-FAMOUS DEPARTMENT STORE

Do you remember a time when shopping was an adventure, window displays glittered, and Maurice Salads were served in gracious sky-high dining rooms. Reminisce with us at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 18th in the Ray Township Center for a free hour-long presentation on Hudson's by architect, historian, and author Bruce Allen Kopytek as he leads us on an intoxicating journey of exploration through this lost Detroit landmark. Register by April 11th at raylibrary.org/calendar/events.



PROCTER CEMETERY PHASE III

During the summer of 2023, Society members cleaned a few stones using D2 and surveyed the Procter Cemetery to determine the next course of action. Phase III will be divided into two separate projects.



The first smaller project would raise, level, and clean 34 GRANITE markers and two BRASS markers that are sinking below the grass. The estimated cost is \$2,890. The second larger project would restore 50 MARBLE tablets that are dirty, leaning, and in disrepair. At an estimated price of \$400 per marker, this portion of the project would cost around \$20,000.



Our goal is to complete the first portion in 2024 while raising additional funds over the next couple years for the larger project.



January 2024
Kyle, Davyn, Ben, and Vishal of Scout Troop 125

Our Society received some help in the conservation of Procter Cemetery from local Boy Scout Troop 125. Four Scouts spent three hours removing brush growing around the markers.

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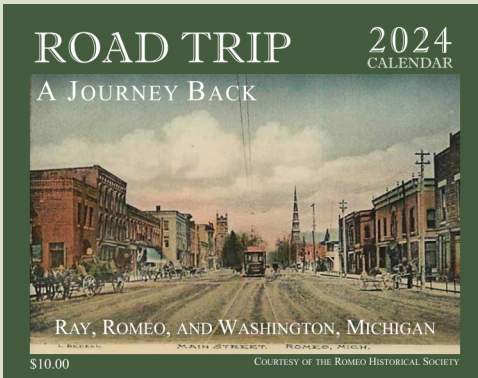


LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Society was formally organized in 2005 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and added support of the Library in 2015. Our mission is to engage passionate individuals to enrich cultural experiences, enhance literary and educational opportunities, and enliven history.



Our 2024 Calendar, **ROAD TRIP: A JOURNEY BACK**, is selling quickly. A few copies can still be purchased on **SALE** for **\$5** at the Ray Township Public Library, Ray Township Offices, Jarvis Accounting, Jarzyna Farms Fine Meats & Deli, and KO Music Studio.

Thank you to all our sponsors for covering the printing costs of the calendar. All proceeds go toward Phase III of the Procter Cemetery Restoration Project. Check out our website for a list of all our sponsors.

We are also looking for images and a theme for our 2025 calendar.

Volunteers helped the Society successfully complete three major projects in 2023 while partnering with the Ray Township Public Library.

- The 1910 MACOMB COUNTY MAP was framed and is now hanging on the Library wall.
- DOUG KOURI made a secure plastic case for the BLACKSMITH SHOP MODEL which is safely displayed in the Library. Thank you.
- The SOCIETY'S WEBSITE is now hosted by the Library. Thank you to MARY BARNES and MELISSA GAFFKE for all the assistance in getting it up and running.

Members also assisted residents research information about their homes.

Our ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION is in the planning stages for 2024. Any donations of items or baskets for the event is appreciated.

2024 MEMBERSHIP

Our annual membership drive is here. Forms to renew or become a new member are available at the Library, online at RayLibrary.org/RayHistory. You can also send us an email or attend our next meeting on Thursday, February 15.

We are open to suggestions on how we can improve our activities to promote our mission. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with events and share new ideas. We could also use creative help with our website, flyers, and calendars.

Our two Silent Auctions of 2023, held in the Library in June and during Elf Night, raised \$1,747. Once again, beautiful quilts donated by Vicki Heine and a hand-painted holiday sign by Helen Foss-Bohm were some of the highlights. Thank you to everyone for participating in our fundraising activities.



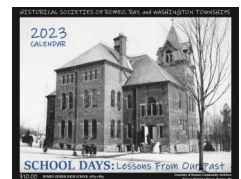
\$52.43



\$765.94



Bottle Returns
\$239.30



2023 Calendar
\$570.00