



Ray Township Public Library

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2025/2026 State of the Library

Another year has passed by. Over the past year, I am happy to say that Paige Jones was promoted to our Library Assistant position. Jones is thriving in her new position. Director Christy DeMeulenaere received a grant from the Michigan Library Association to attend their annual conference in Grand Rapids. Deena Vancamp and Trish Bloom attended the ZingTrain seminar by Zingermans based out of Ann Arbor. They learned about building a culture of great service, creating a vision of greatness and living servant leadership. which is presented by Zingermans based out of Ann Arbor.

The Suburban Library Cooperative rolled out a Passport program. The passport had a map with all the libraries within the Cooperative, patrons could travel around to the libraries and receive a stamp and prizes along the way. We enjoyed meeting all the patrons from the visiting Libraries. I heard through the grapevine that our Library was one of the favorites to visit, it's not everyday that you can ring a school bell!

A huge milestone was the opening of our food pantry. The Library created a safe and comfortable area where anyone can come in and help themselves to food. Around the holidays, we also partnered with the Ray Township Fire and Rescue Ladies Auxiliary with coordinating delivery and pickup with dinners for community members catered by Pamela's Catering.

We would also take a moment and thank the Ray Township Fire Department for Storytime with a Firefighter. Also, to Wolcott Farm for holding amazing Toddler Times! The Kiddos and adults just adore these programs.

Your Library now has 5 hotspots to check out and 2 portable dvd players. The Library also partnered with the Jean Waterloo Library with the purchase of the Bookpage magazine. Book-Page highlights the best new books across all genres, as chosen by the editors.

We are getting ready for the 2026 Summer Reading Program Unearth A Story. Stop by the Library to get additional information.

Visit our website raylibrary.org for updates, programs and information.

Thank you,



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