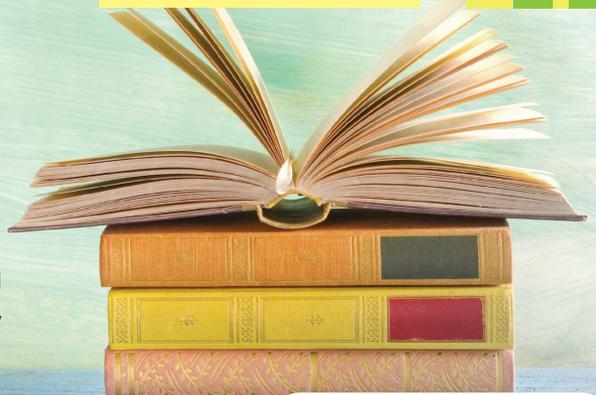


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from the director's desk

by **Pamela Williams**

The "Why" of Libraries

A wise man once asked me in the wee hours of the morning, "What's your Why?" It was early, so I was a bit confused as I struggled to get out of bed and get ready for my day at the library. It wasn't until the water hit my face in the shower that I understood what he was asking, and I thought, what is my why? At that moment my response was: Someone is going to need a book today, and I'm going to make sure they get it. By the time I was dressed and heading to open the library, I realized my "Why" is so much more than that book. At almost a year on the job, I have an answer to the "Why."

Don't get me wrong, books are the bread and butter of the library, but it's not the physical books that drive the important work of the library. It's also not the computers, the ebooks, the community bulletin board, the digital content, the programs or community room. The "Why" of the library starts with the letter A. **Access is the why.**

Specifically, it is access to information and the tools to obtain that information. This includes access to resources regarding literacy, historical documents, political discussions, jobs, welfare, support groups and creative outlets. Access is what levels the playing field in communities, regardless of age, income, educational background or any other demographic. Access is also a reflection of the community. Each library selects books, digital content, programming, and information that reflects the culture and values of its community. We mirror all the good things happening in the schools, businesses and neighborhoods of Frankenmuth.

The library staff takes this role seriously as we take on our "Why" each morning.



This Summer's Universe of Stories

by Cheri Stainforth
Early Learning Specialist



Blast off into a **Universe of Stories** with our annual Summer Reading Program June 1 - August 24. There are reading challenges for all ages. Space-themed events and activities begin with our opening day **Ice Cream Social** on June 17. Enjoy face painting, crafts, ice cream and the always popular, **Bubbleman**.

Families are welcome to attend scheduled entertainment including **Acting Up Theater**, **Hawk Hill Raptors** live animal show, and the amazing performance of magician **Cameron Zvara**.

Reading Buddies, a hit from last season, returns this year with our guest readers and appearances from **Frank, the therapy dog**. Students will have a chance to read to Frank and participate in additional creative building and literacy fun during our **Explorer Challenges**. Check out our **Make It Missions** for cool space projects and don't forget about our **Story Time** sessions and **movies**.

Teens and Tweens can look forward to a **mosaic art class**, **galaxy slime making**, **movies**, and **FOOD!** They also have the opportunity to apply for a **Summer Reading volunteer position**. Applications, due June 1, are available at the library and the schools for students entering 5th-12th grades.

The library continues to be your summer reading school assignment headquarters, striving to keep reading skills progressing when school is out.

Adults will also find reading challenges and events geared toward their interests. So check out our calendar, pick up a reading challenge, and start earning prizes while joining us on this amazing adventure into Space!



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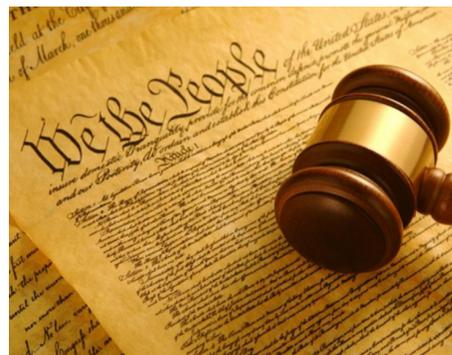
Adult Programs Are Going Strong -- a skunk, our gardens, the law and more



Lauren Zoet presented a three part series of Nature on the Go, opening with a wealth of information on coyotes, bringing her own pet skunk (while explaining why we probably don't want one and it's a tough legal process to get one), and finally closing with the most popular one yet on hummingbirds. Her well-attended talks were science oriented with a focus on habitats and behaviors.

Abele's Annual Spring Gardening Workshop showcased ideas for this year's gardens

Nancy Birdsall of the Friends of the Library, Matt Bouvy of Abele's Greenhouse, and Pamela Williams, Library Director, display a flat of Gerbera daisies, one of the many beautiful plants given away at the annual Spring Gardening Workshop. Over 90 people learned the newest plants for this summer season.



After a winter hiatus, the popular seminars, **Our Living Constitution**, have resumed. Judge Chris Nuechterlein leads a discussion focused each time on a particular current issue of Constitutional law, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of April through June.





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Ways to Help

- Donate gently used books, puzzles, and games.
- Drop off used ink cartridges.
- Remember to shop our on-going used book sale in the basement.
- Make a donation to the library in remembrance of a loved one.
- Join the Friends of the Library.
- Make your tax deductible donation any time.

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Meet Mary Anne Ackerman Library Board Member



The newest member of the Library Board is no stranger to the community. Mary Anne Ackerman, our new Mayor, continues in her role on the library board. Libraries have always been important to her. She tells us, "When I grew up in Reese, we had no library. My mother hauled six kids to the library in Vassar. The resources seemed endless, and I soaked up everything, like all the Nancy Drew mysteries and more. I have a long love affair with libraries." When it comes to our library, she states, "I love that it's relevant, vibrant, and multi-generational. There are unending opportunities for everyone, from the collections to the workshops and fun events." She loves the chance to promote literacy in her role. Mary Anne enjoys reading historical fiction in her spare time.

Board President Sue Piesko says, "We are delighted to have her and happy she can stay on the board since becoming mayor."

Advice Column: Go Ask Alice



Dear Alice - I hear that dogs are allowed all over the library this summer! I'm very excited because I have five dogs, active pitties. Let me know best slow times as my girls can be a bit nippy. Your fan. -- Jive Talker

Dear J.T. - You heard all wrong. There will be one well-trained comfort - reading dog at the library one day per week. No other animals will be allowed in. (Your homeowners insurance guy might want to be informed about the nippy girls thing. Good luck.) -- Alice