



## **eNewsletter**

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**Hello Brenna,**

Spring is quickly approaching, and we're so excited to be able to enjoy the warmth, sunlight, and beauty that it brings. This eNewsletter will give you information on what's happening at the library March - May.

We truly hope you all enjoyed participating in the Winter Reading Challenge this year, and we now look forward to Summer Reading Program (which is only a few months away!).

As always, we appreciate your patronage and hope to see you in the library again soon!

## **A Word from the Director**

**Hello, Library friends- and Happy March!**

While we're already well into 2023, I'd like to share a few 2022 highlights. Last year was the first year since 2019 the Library was open all regularly

scheduled hours with no pandemic-related service interruptions. It was a busy year as we welcomed back many patrons and saw increases in check outs for all types of library materials and in program attendance. Overall, patron visits went up 88%, circulation of all materials went up 17%, and program attendance went up 88%.



This year we launched an exciting new service, ***Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!***

For those not familiar with it, Imagination Library is a book-gifting program for children from birth to age five. Books are carefully selected by the Imagination Library then mailed to the child's home each month. The service is funded by Comstock Township Library and sponsored by Comstock Early Learning Academy. To register your child, please call or visit the Library.

Library staff are already busy preparing for this year's Summer Reading Program. If you're making plans for a Michigan vacation this summer, don't forget to check out the Michigan Adventure Pass (MAP) program. MAP allows Michigan residents to use their library card to check out free or discounted admission passes to hundreds of Michigan state parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts/cultural destinations, and more! To view a list of destinations and check out your pass, visit the MAP website at: <http://plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/>

Finally, if you're looking for some books to take on a summer trip, the Library will be having its next "Buck-a-Bag" used book sale starting May 1st. \$1 gets you all the books you can fit in a grocery-sized bag. It's an easy way to pick up some titles you won't have to keep track of as carefully as you do items checked out from the Library's collection. Of course, if you're looking for the latest and greatest in bestsellers, the Library has you covered there too! Come in any time we're open to browse the New Book section and find your next great read.

-Emily

*Director, Comstock Township Library*

## **We Want to Hear from You!**

This spring, Comstock Township Library will begin a strategic planning process. As part of this, the library would like to hear from



our community members!

We are looking to engage with community members through focus groups and one-on-one interviews. The knowledge gathered through these meetings will help inform Comstock Township Library's future priorities as we plan how to serve the public more fully over the next several years.

If you are interested in participating in this process, or would like to know more about it, please call Library Director Emily Kubash at 269-345-0136 or send an email to [emilyk@comstocklibrary.org](mailto:emilyk@comstocklibrary.org)

You don't need any special qualifications to participate, just a willingness to come and share your perspective!

## Winter Reading Challenge Winner



Congratulations to Christian and Morgan M., who were drawn as the winner of our 2023 Winter Reading Challenge!

Their efforts won them a \$500 Visa gift card! This program runs from January 1st - March 1st, so check back in late December for another chance to play!

## Memorial Day Closure

Comstock Township Library will be **closed May 27th - 29th** for Memorial Day weekend. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 30th.

During this closure, the book drop will remain open for returns. However, certain items are not allowed to be returned via the book drop (Discovery Kits, Hotspots, etc.). Please return these items before the closure or hold onto them until we reopen. Do not leave these items by the door or attempt to place individual items through the book drop. Thank you!

## **Tweens & Teens now have take-home crafts!**



Drop by the youth department and grab a teen/tween take home craft!

One week a month during March-May we will offer a new project for tweens (grades 4th-7th) and teens (grades 8th-12th).

One craft per teen/tween. Available while supplies last.

## **Adult Book Club**





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# BOOK CLUB

**MARCH**

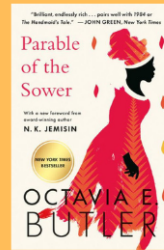


**"GET A LIFE, CHLOE BROWN"**  
BY TALIA HIBBERT

MARCH 30 @ 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 27

**APRIL**



**"PARABLE OF THE SOWER"**  
BY OCTAVIA E. BUTLER

APRIL 26 @ 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 27

**MAY**



**"MOTH"**  
BY MELODY RAZAK

MAY 31 @ 6:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 24

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. VALID CTL CARD REQUIRED TO REGISTER FOR BOOK CLUB

Join our Book Club! We have a new title every month.

Free copies of the book will be given to participants while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. Registration dates can be found on our Online Calendar of Events. Once registered, patrons can stop by the library to pick up their copy of the book.

Valid Comstock Township Library card required for registration. If you don't have a CTL card but would like to participate, please call us at 269-345-0136.

## Weekly Youth Schedule

MoNDAY	TueSDay	WeDNEsDAY	ThURSDay	FRiDAY
<b>DROP-IN PLAYTIME</b>	<b>FAMILY STORY TIME!</b>	<b>FAMILY STORY TIME!</b>	<b>MUSICAL MAYHEM</b>	<b>DROP-IN PLAYTIME</b>
All day	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM 12:30 PM	All day

**Regular storytimes end May 11th - Summer Reading Storytimes will begin in June!**

**Drop-in Playtime will continue every Monday and Friday until May 26th.\***

*\*Some March drop-in playtimes have limited hours due to school visits (see our online calendar or March-May trifold calendar for more details).*

For more information on any of these storytimes or the drop-in playtime, please inquire at the Youth Desk. You can also contact us by phone at 269-345-0136 or through any of our social media pages.

## Upcoming Youth Events

**See above for weekly storytime schedule.  
[Check our Online Events Calendar for registration start dates.]**

### **Note:**

*Teen Programs: 8th - 12th graders*

*Tween Programs: 4th - 7th graders*

## Online Events Calendar

### **MARCH**

March 1st - 5 Minute Craft Cart refilled

March 1st - Snack Challenge continues

March 2nd (6:00 PM) - Pizza & Pages \*\*  
March 14th (6:00 PM) - Teen Galaxy Snow Globe \*\*  
March 15th (2:00 PM) - Teen Galaxy Snow Globe  
March 18th (11:00 AM & 1:00 PM) - A Craft for You & Me \*\*  
March 20th - 25th - Tween/Teen Take-Home Craft (while supplies last)  
March 28th (6:00 PM) - Book Bingo \*\*



## APRIL

April 1st - 5 Minute Craft Cart refilled  
April 1st - Snack Challenge continues  
April 6th (6:00 PM) - Pizza & Pages \*\*  
April 15th (11 AM & 1 PM) - Fancy Nancy Tea Party \*\*  
April 17th - 22nd - Tween/Teen Take-Home Craft (while supplies last)  
April 18th (6:00 PM) - Teen Bookend Painting  
April 19th (2:00 PM) - Teen Bookend Painting



## MAY

May 1st - 5 Minute Craft Cart refilled  
May 1st - Snack Challenge continues  
May 4th (6:00 PM) - Pizza & Pages \*\*  
May 9th (6:00 PM) - Teen Volunteer Orientation (application & work permit required)  
May 13th (11 AM) - Teen Volunteer Orientation (application & work permit required)  
May 13th (11 AM & 12 PM) - Mother's Day Bracelets \*\*  
May 15th - 20th - Tween/Teen Take-Home Craft (while supplies last)  
May 18th (10:30 AM) - Kids Yoga  
May 20th (11 AM & 1 PM) - Kids Craft: Fairy Gardens \*\*  
May 25th (10:30 AM) - Kids Yoga



**\*\* - registration required**

## Upcoming Adult Events

***[Check our Online Events Calendar for registration start dates.]***

**\*\* - registration required**

## Online Events Calendar

### **MARCH**

March 7th (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

March 8th (6:00 PM) - Tea 101 \*\*

March 14th (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

March 15th (5:30 PM) - Vision Boards \*\*

March 18th (11:00 AM & 1:00 PM) - A Craft for You & Me \*\*

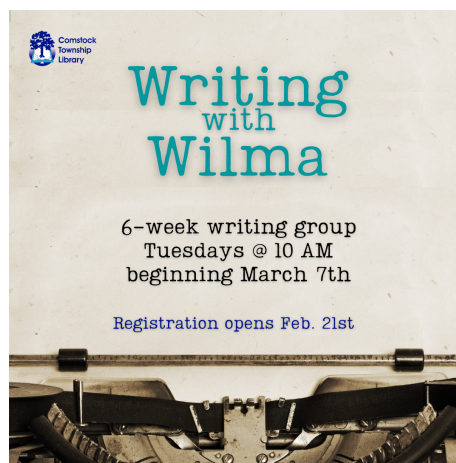
March 20th (All week, while supplies last) - Adult Take-Home Craft: Pom Pom Bunnies \*\*

March 21st (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

March 27th - Registration opens for April Adult Book Club: "Parable of the Sower"

March 28th (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

March 30th (5:30 PM) - Adult Book Club: "Get a Life, Chloe Brown" \*\*



### **APRIL**

April 4th (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

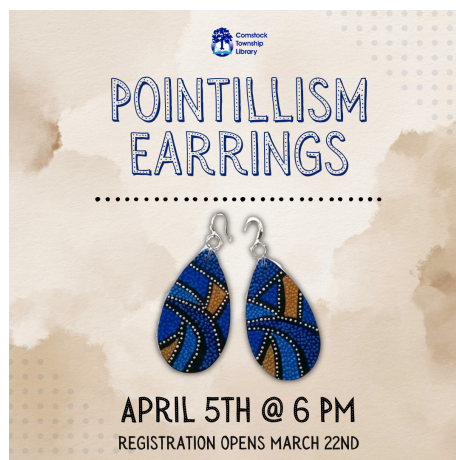
April 5th (6:00 PM) - Pointillism Earrings \*\*

April 11th (10:00 AM) - Writing with Wilma \*\*

April 17th (All week, while supplies last) - Adult Take-Home Craft: Felt Daisy Bouquet \*\*

April 24th - Registration opens for May Book Club: "Moth"

April 26th (5:30 PM) - Parable of the Sower \*\*



### **MAY**

May 1st - Buck-a-Bag Book Sale begins

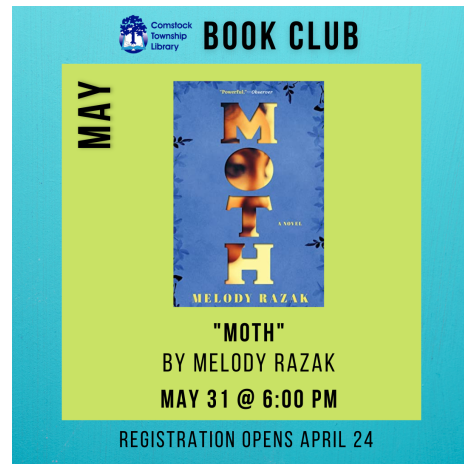
May 15th (All week, while supplies last) - Adult Take-Home Craft: Pinwheel Wreath \*\*

May 24th (6:00 PM) - Fused Glass Magnets \*\*

May 31st (6:00 PM) - Adult Book Club: "Moth" \*\*



**\*\* - registration required**



For questions about programs, services, or anything else - stop by the library, give us a call at 269-345-0136, or check out our website!

Also, be sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information! Click the icons below to visit.



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