

**Chelsea District Library**  
**Director's Report**  
*June 2014*

**Did You Know?**

- Chelsea District Library offers digital magazine collections. The service, launched May 1, 2014, is offered through a program called Zinio For Libraries, which recreates each magazine page-for-page, including high quality, full-color pictures, while adding interactive components such as key word searches, hyperlinks, and audio and video components. It is free to Chelsea District Library account holders and allows them to download magazines to their computer or favorite digital device from the Library website.
- To access Zinio digital magazines, library card holders can visit <http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/zinio> or click on the Zinio button on the Chelsea District Library homepage <http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us>. - See more at: [http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/adult\\_blog/#sthash.Ss2eHOOS.dpuf](http://www.chelsea.lib.mi.us/adult_blog/#sthash.Ss2eHOOS.dpuf)

**Questions from Last Board Meeting**

- None

**Library Board**

- Finance Committee
  - Is scheduled to meet several times in June and July to review the proposed 2015 library budget.

**Budget & Finances**

- 2015 Operating Budget Planning
  - Working with staff to draft a preliminary budget for the Board of Trustees.
  - The Finance Committee will be meeting with senior staff several times over the next month to review, provide feedback, and make recommendations to the proposed budget. We anticipate one final meeting at beginning of July before delivering the budget to the Board of Trustees at its meeting in July.
  - Budget hearing for the public is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19 and final approval of the FY 2015 will be scheduled for the Board of Trustees Tuesday, September 16 meeting.
- Library Financial Audit
  - We are pleased to announce that the 2013 audit of the library's financial statements is complete. The auditors met with the Library Board of Trustees in May.

**Staff**

- Staff Members Celebrating an Anniversary
  - Emily Meloche, 3 years
  - Ron Andrews, 12 years
- 5H Community Read
  - Last month our planning committee chose John Green's book *The Fault in our Stars* for the communities of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge as its 2014 community read. Since then, we have been making tremendous progress on planning programming and events.
  - The kick-off event will take place after Labor Day on Saturday, September 6 as part of the Heritage Day festivities in Grass Lake.
- Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens
  - The Summer Reading Program will kick-off on June 10, the last day of school. Young people can sign up for the Summer Reading game and win prizes all summer long just by reading. Some of this year's prizes include: 4 tickets to Cedar Point, a 3-month pass to the Chelsea Treehouse, a bike from Aberdeen Bikes, a variety of science kits, a child's bowling ball and bag, and a set of summer toys. Check out the library's event calendar to see what's happening all summer long! Each week we'll have a new activity at the Science Lab and Math Station inside the library where young people can experiment with magnets, play number games, and

even design your own robot. From Movie Mondays, to special story times, to Minecraft, there's something for everyone during Summer Reading.

- Summer Reading Program for Adults
  - The theme for the adult game this year is The Big 400, celebrating Chelsea's location as the gateway to 400+ acres of natural playground in the form of the Waterloo and Pinckney State Recreation Areas. Players will have a choice for their summer game – a traditional reading log game or a checklist of library-related activities. The game card will be two-sided, so people can play choose one or play both games. Players who complete the game will win their choice of gift certificates to ZouZou's, the Chelsea Bakery or \$3 off library fines. The more books you read or tasks you complete, the more entries you earn into the Grand Prize drawing for prizes that include a Trek bicycle, a Nook Glowlight e-reader, or gift certificates to Thompson's Pizza, the Garden Mill or the Common Grill. The game runs from June 10 – July 30. You can register any time after June 10 and play as much as you like. The more you play, the better your odds are that you'll be riding your new Trek bike around town this August.
- Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights
  - Sounds & Sights kicked off another year in Katie's Korner on the Library lawn with our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Showcase. The program will again bring live stand-up comedy to entertain the crowds at Sounds & Sights on Thursdays in June. The comedians start at 6:30 pm, so get here early to stake out your space on the library lawn! Many thanks to our partner in this event, the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, and to the Friends of the Chelsea District Library, whose support makes this event possible.
  - This year our line-up includes:
    - June 12 – Dan DeCapua
    - June 19 – Sal DeMilio
    - June 26 – Mark Knope

## Friends of the Library

- Barn Bash – Second Annual Party
  - The Friends have completed the invitations for the Barn Bash. Mailings will go out on June 9. The event will take place on July 19 at Elizabeth and Toni Sensoli's farm.
- New Website
  - The Friends have updated and revised their website. The launch of the Friends' website will coincide with the launch of the library's new, updated website on September 1.
- Farmer's Market Table
  - The Friends will set up a table at the market on August 2 from 8am to 12noon.

## Professional

- Michigan Library Association (MLA) Board of Directors
  - I will be attending the MLA Annual Board Retreat on June 13 at the Radisson Hotel Lansing at the Capitol.

## Outreach

- Chelsea Area Wellness Coalition
  - The Coalition met in May to finalize details for its 2014-15 wellness plan for Chelsea. The plan will provide funding for 12 "interventions" or wellness projects, including the library's community read. To learn more about the plan, please visit the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation site at <http://www.5healthytowns.org/?module=Page&SID=wellness-in-chelsea>
- Rotary
  - My presidential year as leader of the club officially ends in June. I am thrilled to announce that long-time library board trustee and fellow Rotarian Gary Zenz will be taking over my duties as President of the club beginning on July 1. Congratulations Gary!
  - Rotary District Conference 6380
    - I attended this year's annual conference at Mission Point on Mackinaw Island in May along with other members of our Chelsea Rotary Club. The conference brought delegates together from all over Michigan, Ohio, and parts of Canada to experience firsthand how Rotary is making a difference in communities all across the Midwest.

## **Meetings/Conferences Attended**

- Doug Worthington, 5/5
- Rotary, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10
- Management Meetings, 5/6, 5/13, 5/27, 6/3
- Community Read Meetings, 5/7
- Meetings with Senior Staff Members, 5/8, 5/21
- Marie Brooks, President of the Friends of the Library, 5/14
- Rotary District Conference, 5/16-18
- Rick DeTroyer, 5/19
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 5/20
- Rotary Board, 5/21
- Jill Morey, Director, Ypsilanti District Library, 5/23
- Mary Budzinski, Library Bookkeeper, 5/28
- Annual Staff Retreat, 5/30
- Jim Pruitt, editor of Washtenaw Now, 6/2
- Mary Lee Peeney, Chelsea State Bank, 6/5
- 5H Community Read Meetings, 6/6
- Finance Committee Meetings, 6/10
- Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event, 6/10
- Andy Ingall, Chelsea School District Superintendent, 6/11
- Michigan Library Association, 6/13

Respectfully,

*William Harmer*