

Fall 2024

BOOKING FORWARD



Ogemaw District Library

Director Message

As we head towards Fall I always consider this the season of gratitude. Times are

hard for many people but we also have so much to be grateful for. We have the best patrons around. Patrons who will support us with all of our endeavors and help us reach goals.

This year we are very thankful to the Save Our Library Committee in Skidway Lake. They helped get the library on the ballot for Mills Township, they raised money to help us stay open, and they helped around the library. We are so grateful to each and every one of them.

In August, we held our 2nd National Night Out and what a great success that was. A big thank you to Colleen and the NNO committee for all you did. If you want to help with next year let one of us know. Please save the date August 5, 2025 and come out and join us.

We are getting so close to being done adding all of our items into the new catalog. If you go on our website you can search the catalog (www.ogemawlibrary.org) and see all of the items we have so far. Please watch for trainings coming up. The new system will allow you to have access to all three branches, Libby, and MeLCat. We are so excited to share all of this with you.

Thank you for being our patrons

Jeanette

Library Closings

Friday-November 1, 2024
Staff Inservice

November 28th & 29th, 2024
Thanksgiving

December 24th & 25th, 2024
Christmas

December 31st & January 1st
New Year



The Ogemaw East Branch (Prescott Branch) has just finished adding about 600 titles to our DVD & Blu-ray collection. DVDs and Blu-rays are checked out for 2 Weeks.

You can search our catalogue on our website (ogemawlibrary.org) to see what is in our collection. If the Prescott Branch doesn't have what you are looking for you can borrow from one of the other branches. Just give one of the branches a call and we will assist you.

Ogemaw District Library
107 W. Main Rose City, MI
989-685-3300 Fax - 989-685-3647
Hours Monday-Thursday: 10am-5pm
Friday: 10am-2pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Skidway Lake Branch Library
2196 Greenwood Rd Prescott MI
48756 989-873-5086 Fax - 989-873-4646
Hours Tuesday 10am-5pm

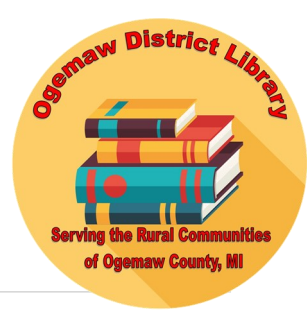
Ogemaw East Branch Library
200 Washington Prescott MI 48756
989-873-5807 prescottlibrary200@gmail.com
Hours: Monday & Wednesday 1 pm - 6 pm
Thursday 12-5pm





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Halloween Celebrations

The Main Branch of the Ogemaw District Library in Rose City will be passing out Trick or Treat goodies on Halloween from 5-7pm. The Prescott and Skidway Lake Branch will be teaming up at the Trunk or Treat in Skidway from 5-7 and plan to have a withing fun time (flyer enclosed).

Automation of the Library System!

The staff of the Ogemaw District Library has been working for about a year to make sure that every book, CD, and DVD has been added to the new automated library system. This has been a huge undertaking and by the time you receive your newsletter we will be done! The Library Board decided to automate the library system to help with insignificant things like allowing patrons to renew their own library books online from home. To address large issues like huge overdue fines, currently a patron can go from branch to branch checking out items and each branch has no idea if the person has books out from another branch or not. Our overdue books and missing books

were almost equal to the cost of using the system. Overall, this will save the Ogemaw District Library funds.

The next step or current step that is available to our patrons is being able to search for books within our 3-branch system. If you find your item, you can contact your branch and request the staff to order it for you. You can find our catalogue by going to our website (ogemawlibrary.org) and scrolling until you see the catalogue link. Click on the link and you will be directed to the search engine. There will be two levels of training offered at each branch, one in November and one in December.

Our Goal is to have an Open House at all three branches the middle of January 2025 to allow patrons to view the new system, get their new card and start enjoying the new system. Things the new system will offer:

Notifications: for items that will be do soon, let you know when a book requested is in for you, and a lot more.

Tracking the books you have read: the system will save the books you have read for up to 5 years if you choose this option.

You will automatically be able to use Libby and request books from MEL through the system. You can renew books you have checked out and so much more!

The schedule for training is in the newsletter. Please register at ogemawlibrary.org under the events tab.





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The Ogemaw District Library is happy to invite TPR. Shane Noble (Community Service Trooper) to present training on what to do when faced with an active shooter situation. This is repeat training and particularly important to our community. The training is on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, starting at 6:30pm. The location is the Logan Township Hall 4507 E Michigan 55, Prescott, MI. The event is FREE to all community members but some of the situational videos might not be appropriate for younger audiences. We are asking that individuals register so we have an account for those who will be attending. Go to our website at ogemawlibrary.org and you will see the information under the event tab.

Please Follow Us!

Your support is very important to us. Please like and follow our Facebook Pages:

Rose City Branch
<https://www.facebook.com/ogemawdistrictlibrary>

Ogemaw East Branch (Prescott)
<https://www.facebook.com/VillageBookReaders/>

Skidway Lake Branch
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071654003907>

Instagram
[ogemawdistrictlibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ogemawdistrictlibrary)

Website
<https://www.ogemawlibrary.org/>

Book Club

The book club at the Prescott branch meets on the second Wednesday every other month at 6pm. This club welcomes new members at any time. Please contact Pat Sciotti at pat@scotlandrealestate.com for more information. The club informational flyer is in this newsletter.





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From the Board President

It is hard to believe we are in our 48th year since organizing the Ogemaw District Library. Back in 1976, Russ Mason contacted Klacking Township explaining that a few residents were interested in getting the Public Library out of the Rose City Junior High. At that point I wasn't even aware that there was a public library in Rose City. The major downfall of having the Public Library in the school was that it was only open during school hours and there were very few adult books on the shelves.

Townships of Klacking, Rose, Cumming, Hill and the City of Rose City all appointed Library Representatives and we started work on making this happen. We organized as a 501C3, hired a Librarian, Barbara Sandback, purchased a building, and opened to the public in January 1977. Our budget for that year was approximately \$25,000.

Over the years we continued growing the Rose City Library with the purchase of the building next door. Much of our growth would not have been possible without the many volunteers and builders who only charged for materials.

When we had the Rose City location well established, we decided to branch out into other underserved areas of

Ogemaw County. During 1982, our discussions with Richland Township & the Village of Prescott resulted in the Ogemaw East Branch Library in Prescott. Their building, an old telephone building, needed renovations. They decided to cover all the utilities and repairs - and the library would cover the costs of the books & librarian. During construction, an addition was made to that building - bringing it to the size it is now.

Lealla Gawne, the Prescott librarian at the time, started taking books over to Skidway Lake in her trunk – becoming a bookmobile. The need was there, so we rented a small real estate office and the Skidway Lake Library was born. It didn't take long to outgrow that building, so we then bought an old ice cream shop. After a number of years there, we outgrew that too (probably long before we actually moved the library). Finally, the old VFW building came up for sale and the Library Board decided it would be a great location & size for the Skidway Lake Library. With a USDA grant and a low interest loan, Miller Construction transformed the building into an amazing library with a great kid's room.

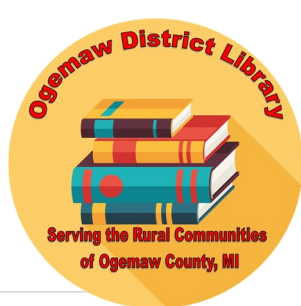
For many years, the penal fines collected from our contracted entities covered the costs of running the Prescott





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& Skidway Lake Libraries. With the reduction of penal fines over the last several years, we needed to go to the townships, asking for them to contribute keeping the two libraries open. When the money generated no longer covered the costs, the libraries reduced their hours. Richland Township is now covering costs for the Prescott Library that penal fines & State of Michigan aid doesn't cover. The Library Board is hoping that the millage Mills Township has on the November Ballot will enable us to bring Skidway Lake Library up to being open 38 hours a week.

There is no charge to get a Library card in any of the Ogemaw District Library buildings.

I want to thank all our great Volunteers in all three buildings. We depend on the generous giving of your many hours to us. Giving your time to us is the most generous gift you could give to your library.

Debra Thomas ODL
Board President

Branch Happenings!

Rose City Branch

Rose City has started their Ogemaw District Library Rocks program back up. We have rocks here that you can hide to share joy with others. We have a Facebook page for people to post their finds. We have even had some of our rocks found in foreign countries. Please help us share joy with others in this world. We do have a limited number of rocks that you can purchase to keep if you so desire. We also have greeting cards, junk journals, and bookmarks that you may purchase for gifts.



Ogemaw East Branch (Prescott Branch)

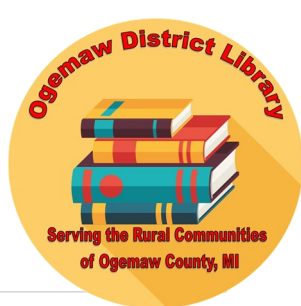
The Ogemaw East Branch Library offers many interesting activities and programs. You are familiar with our Wednesday Farmers Market, Book Club and so much more. Something that that is not known much about is





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our "Library Emporium" which is a unique boutique of items from our farmers market vendors and staff members. The Library Emporium is open during library hours or by special arrangement. The Emporium has handmade hand salves, potholders, jams, honey, hand painted cards, candles, tumblers, bags, aprons, fishing lures and even angora blend socks. More information and photos will be in the newsletter. Please stop by for a unique gift for someone special.

TOPS #1551

TOPS is a supportive group of real people who are Taking Off Pounds Sensibly. The group meets at the Ogemaw East Branch (Prescott Library) at 9:30am on Thursdays. Your first meeting is free. Come as you are and meet people just like you. Questions: Call Wendy @ (616) 302-7807. Try TOPS today!

Smart Recovery

SMART Recovery stands for Self-Management and Recovery Training. SMART teaches coping skills to get you through the maladaptive behaviors you accumulate through your addiction. SMART Recovery is based on a 4 Point program.

- 1) Building and maintaining motivation.
 - 2) Coping with urges.
 - 3) Managing thoughts, feelings and behavior.
 - 4) Living a balanced life
- Open to anyone who struggles with any type of addiction. Smart Recovery meets at 6:00pm on Thursday and Sunday nights at the Ogemaw East Branch Library (Prescott Library).

Skidway Lake Branch

The Skidway Lake Branch is open on Tuesday's from 10am-5pm. The branch still offers all the services that our other two branches but only one day a week. We offer lending of books, DVD's, computers, WIFI, nonperishable food, books for sale and more. Unfortunately, we will not be offering Halloween Costume or Homecoming Dress lending this year.





		
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IF POSSIBLE	IF ESCAPE IS NOT POSSIBLE	ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

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Training

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 6:30pm
Logan Township Hall
4507 E Michigan 55, Prescott, MI

Presented By
TPR. Shane Noble
Community Service Trooper

Hosted By:
Ogemaw District Library

The event is FREE but please register at:
<https://www.ogemawlibrary.org/event-details-registration/active-shooter-training>

Or: ogemawlibrary.org then click on the event tab

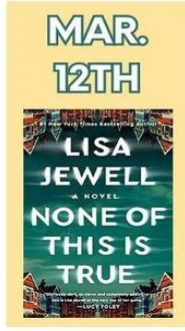
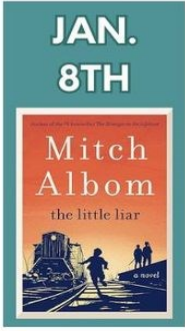
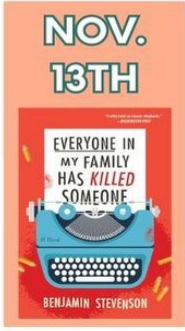


OGEMAW EAST BRANCH LIBRARY
(200 Washington St, Prescott)

BOOK CLUB

NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS WELCOME!

2nd Wednesday, every
other month at 6:00p.m.



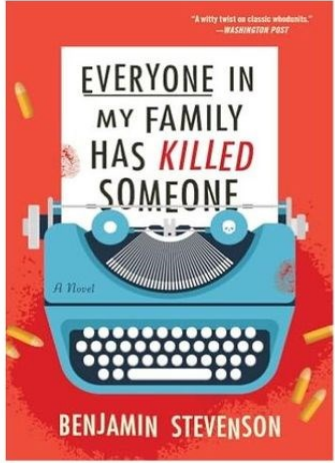
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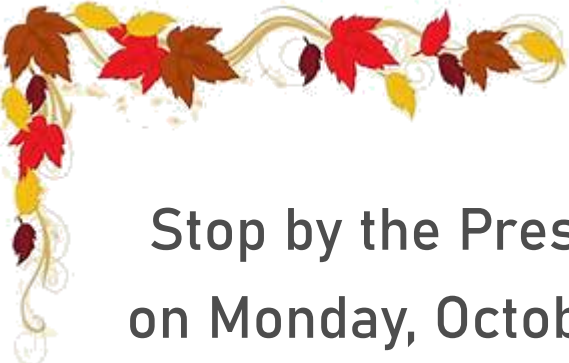
Wednesday,
November 13th
6:00p.m.

Contact: Pat Sciotti
989-240-4266
pat@scotlandrealestate.com



Ogemaw East Branch Library
200 Washington St, Prescott





Stop by the Prescott Branch on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1pm! Coffee and Connect!



COFFEE & CONNECT

Why Me?

- You are in a unique industry that can benefit from the new programs being offered
- Network with your peers

Join Us for Coffee
at the Prescott Library!!
200 Washington Street
Prescott, MI

Michigan SBDC

SCORE

MICHIGAN WORKS! REGION 7B



Ogemaw County ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

OCEA OTSEGO COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

**Meet your partners in business
and economic development!**

**October 7th, 2024
@ 1pm**

*Enjoy coffee on the
OCEA*

RSVP to Penny Payea, ppayea@michworks4u.org or
Brandy Riopelle at brandy@gaylord-otsego.com





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 31st 2024

THURSDAY 5-7



1ST, 2ND
& 3RD
PLACE
FOR
SET UPS



NO
PETS



LOCATION SKIDWAY LAKE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SIGN UP TO
PASS OUT
YOUR CANDY
WITH APRIL AT
989-578-8768
CALL OR TEXT



PARENTS
PARK AT ST.
STEPHENS
CHURCH.

Stop by and see the Library Witches from
Prescott and Skidway!



Where Our Money Comes From

LIBRARY FUNDING IN MICHIGAN

The state of Michigan has 397 public library systems and each has its own unique funding mechanisms. However, the majority of public libraries rely on three main sources of revenue.

Millages, State Aid to Libraries, and Penal Fines.

Most library funding is local and while the majority comes from millages, around 12% of libraries do not have any type of millage and are mainly funded through municipal appropriations. Most libraries also receive Personal Property Tax Reimbursement Funding. Some libraries receive Renaissance Zone payments. Funding also comes from service contracts, wind, solar, and casino revenue agreements. Other funds from things like donations, fundraisers, or grants typically make up only a small portion of library budgets.



MILLAGES

Approximately 80% of all library funding in Michigan comes from dedicated property taxes (millages) approved by voters on ballot initiatives.

Some libraries have unvoted millages (up to 1 mil) approved annually by city governments, while others have millages authorized via charter sections.



STATE AID

State Aid to Libraries accounts for approximately 5-10% of library operating income. Established by the State Aid to Public Libraries Act 89 of 1977, this funding is allocated annually by the state and administered by the Library of Michigan.



PENAL FINES

Penal fines in Michigan are constitutionally mandated funds collected from criminal law violations and allocated exclusively to public libraries. These fines are a crucial funding source, especially for smaller and rural libraries, accounting for 3% to 70% of their budgets.





All Three Branches of the Ogemaw District Library is collecting candy for Halloween.

If you would be willing to donate a bag, please drop it off at one of the branches or feel free to put it in our Drop Box!

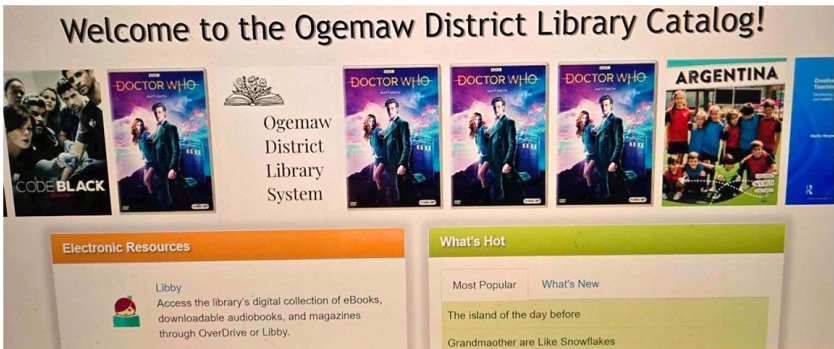
**Thank you
Happy Halloween!**





The Search Is On!

Explore your libraries Search Engine



<https://ogemaw.biblionix.com/catalog/>

Your Ogemaw District Library Catalogue is only a click away!

You can now start exploring our catalogue by using the link above or by going to our website ogemawlibrary.org and click on the link. You will be able to see what titles are available in our three branches and request titles. This is the first step in our automation process.

Two levels of Training will be offered at each branch!

Level 1 Training

Prescott Branch– November 11, 2024 1pm & 6pm
Skidway Branch– November 12, 2024 11am & 6pm
Rose City Branch– November 13, 2024 11M & 6pm

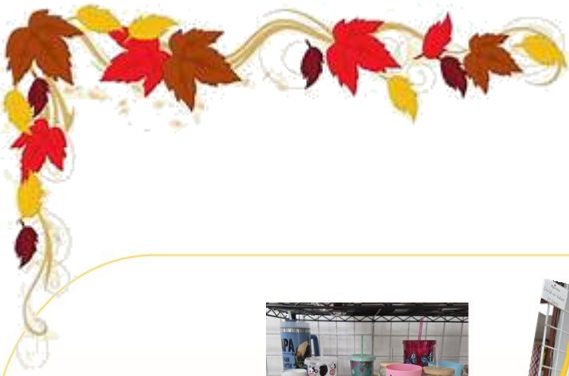
Level 2 Training

Prescott Branch– December 16, 2024 1pm & 6pm
Skidway Branch– December 17, 2024 11am & 6pm
Rose City Branch– December 18, 2024 11M & 6pm

This training is for middle school students and above.

Please bring your laptop or table is you intend on using this device when you are accessing our system.





Library Emporium

One of a kind gifts for your buying pleasure.
Presented to you by our Farmer's Market
Vendors and Library Staff!



Ogemaw East Branch (Village of Prescott)
200 Washington St. Prescott
M & W 1-6pm Th 12-5pm





Information about your Library!

Just the Facts

The Ogemaw District Library was established in 1977!

The Ogemaw District Library is an independent library system in Ogemaw County.



The Ogemaw District Library has branches in:
Rose City
Skidway Lake
Village of Prescott
to provide services to our communities!

The Ogemaw District Libraries can be used by groups or individuals with approval of the director.

But they group or individual must:
Provided a copy of your liability insurance (\$100,00) and pay a small fee to help cover expenses.

The Ogemaw District Library provides library cards to any one in the area without charging a fee!
You just need to fill out an application and have your ID with you!

The Ogemaw District Library has holding of 50,000-60,000 items for your borrowing pleasure!
All you need is a library card!

Did you know that the average New Book's price is \$30.00?
The Ogemaw District Library adds 20-50 books a month!

The Library receives a 40-46 % discount for adult book. 0- 25% discount for children's books.

MEL

MeLCat (Michigan electronic Library Catalog) is the state of Michigan inter-library loan program (ILL) of the participating Michigan libraries. The cataloged 49,346,993 items loaned between the libraries are books, DVDs, CDs, and audio-books.

All you need is a Library Card!

Libby is a free app where you can enjoy eBooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your public library. You can stream titles with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read any-time, anywhere. All you need to get started is a library card.

