A letter from Glenn Rossow - Library Board President

To the Citizens of White Lake,

I would like to thank all of you who supported the 2016 initiative for the new library building. To those who did not, I still thank you for your input and I can only hope you will visit the new facility and be pleased by what you find.

I also would like to publicly thank the staff for the last year of extra effort in getting us to where we are in the process. The land that was in the proposal has been secured. The layout of the 30,000 sq. ft. building is completed. We are now working with McCarthy and Smith, our construction manager, and C2AE, our architects, to complete the project within budget. From selecting these consultants, to picking out the sink faucets, the team has been focused on keeping this project on the timeline of opening in the Spring of 2019.

Over a year has passed since the proposal to build a new library was successfully voted on. Unfortunately, we have a problem that no one could have anticipated and we need your support. Whether you voted for this proposal or not, the voting process is being circumvented by the majority of the White Lake Board of Trustees. It is the duty of the Trustees to implement the wishes of the voters, but so far they have not passed a resolution to issue the bonds to pay for the project that was approved by you the voters. Trustees have said many things including: “We don’t have to issue the bonds if we don’t want to”, “I have a better idea”, “I don’t care if the library has to close due to the lack of funds” and many similar comments.
The current township building is approximately 14,000 sq. ft. and they plan to expand by building a new township hall. They claim they want to save the taxpayers money, but there are at least two problems with this line of thinking. First, they do not say how they will obtain the millions and millions of dollars needed to build this. It will have to be paid for, and the only way is to increase tax revenue, which has not been voted for by the community. Secondly, if they really wanted to save us, the taxpayers money, why not utilize the current library building once it is vacated? This building is paid for and represents the largest savings to taxpayers.

However, the discussion should not be about costs or savings, but delivering on what the voters approved. If, as a voter, you cannot vote on a proposal and expect the results to be implemented, then why do we vote? The actions by the township board are not the type of government that America stands for. I will work with the rest of the library board to use the voter approved funds only for what was described in the proposal, a 30,000 sq. ft. library building on the land we have already purchased.

I urge you to keep up to date on the status of the new library building with information available at the library and by checking for updates on the library website (www.whitelakelibrary.org). I also request your support by letting Supervisor Rik Kowall & the rest of the Township Board know your opinion about their actions or in this case, inaction. The next White Lake Board of Trustees meeting is on Tuesday, September 19, where you can ask them to issue the bonds.

Thank you for your continued support,

Glenn Rossow
President, White Lake Township Library Board

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**Key dates to put on your calendar:**

- **September 9-10, 11 am- 4 pm at the Fisk Farm Festival** - Friends of the Library Book Sale
- **September 11, 8 pm at the library. Public information meeting - Status of the new library**
- **September 13, 7 pm at the Lakeland High School Auditorium – front entrance**
  - Analysis - Community Presentation - Township Campus/Civic Study
- **September 19, 7 pm – White Lake Township Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **October 17, 7 pm – White Lake Township Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **October 18, 7 pm at the Lakeland High School Auditorium – front entrance**
  - Ideas and Concepts, Community Presentation - Township Campus/Civic Study
- **November 8, 7 pm at the Lakeland High School Café - football field side entrance**
  - Draft Concept, Community Presentation - Township Campus/Civic Study
The White Lake Township Library Board is partnering with the White Lake Township Board of Trustees, Fire, Police, Senior Center and municipal services departments; in a study of a possible White Lake Township Campus & Civic District. The purpose of the study is to galvanize the development interests of municipal, educational, and commercial entities into a synthesized concept that works together for the betterment of the White Lake Township community. The study will include three distinct phases: Analysis, Ideas and Concepts, and a Draft Concept Plan over a period of twelve weeks. The entire study includes a significant community input process that will consist of a series of meetings with Impact Groups and Community presentations. Watch your US mail for a postcard invitation to the three community meetings.
**Fall Story Time** (limited enrollment)
Stories, songs, finger plays and a craft.
**Session 1: Sept 12 – Nov 1**
Registration required beginning Tuesday, September 5

**Session 2: Nov 14 – Dec 20**
Registration required beginning Monday, November 6
**No Story Time November 21 & 22**

**Toddler Story Time**
For children ages 2 – 3.
Approx. 30 minutes.
Tuesday at 10:30 am or Wednesday at 11:30 am

**Preschool Story Time**
For children ages 3 – 5.
Approx. 45 minutes.
Tuesday at 1:30 pm or Wednesday at 10:30 am

**Baby Play**
Birth to 24 months with caregiver
Enjoy a morning of play at the library with music, songs, finger-plays, books, and toys.
Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 am
September 8 & 22, October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 and December 1 & 15

**Yoga for Kids**
Grades 2 - 5
Come build strength, flexibility, and coordination in a fun, playful way! You are invited to learn how to stretch and relax through the use of simple yoga poses. Please bring a yoga mat or towel with you for this program.
Wednesdays, 6 – 6:30 pm
September 13, October 18, November 15 and December 13

**Tail Waggin’ Tutors**
Ages 5 and up
These lovable dogs make great listeners and reading to a therapy dog helps build confidence and self-esteem in a fun, non-judgmental environment.
Thursdays, 6:40 – 7:40 pm
September 21, October 5, November 2 and December 14

**Family Craft Time**
Ages 6 and up with caregiver
We invite your family to come get crafty at the library.
STRETCH your imagination and create warm memories together!
Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am • September 23, November 4 and December 16 • Saturday October 21, 3 – 4 pm

**Storybook Bingo**
Grades K – 2 with caregiver
Join us for family story time, snacks, a unique game of bingo, and of course - PRIZES!
Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
September 28, October 19 and November 16

**Nelson’s Wildlife Safari**
Ages 5 and up with caregiver
Join us for an up-close look at creatures both great and small from around the world.
Saturday September 30, 11 – Noon

**1st Annual Literary Pumpkin Contest**
Create your favorite book character from a pumpkin and enter our contest! Paint and embellish your pumpkins in any way that you desire. However, CARVED pumpkins will NOT be accepted, thank you! Stop by the library for more details.
Monday October 9th – Saturday, October 28th

**Pizza Pages**
Grades 2 – 5
Join our fall book club! We’ll read and discuss *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle while enjoying pizza and an activity. The first 15 kids to register get to KEEP a copy of the book! Pick up your book at the youth desk. Registration begins Wednesday, September 13.
Wednesday October 11, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

**Brick Builders**
Ages 3 and up with caregiver
We provide the bricks; you provide the creativity! Imagine and engineer a masterpiece by following the monthly theme or do your own thing.
Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 pm • October 14 and November 11

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**Caregiver must be present in the Library if children are 12 years of age and under.**
**Drop-In Halloween Craft**
All ages with caregiver
Stop in to create something spooky for Halloween. No registration required.
**Monday October 23 – Tuesday, October 31**

**Creepy Crawlies with Dan the Creature Man**
Ages 5 and up with caregiver
Come to the library to see live spooky spiders and tons of other creatures that are sure to creep you out!
**Thursday October 26, 6:30 – 7:30**

**Haunted Gingerbread Houses**
Ages 5 and up with caregiver
Join us as we create the spookiest and tastiest haunted houses around! Costumes are encouraged!
**Saturday October 28, 10:30 - Noon**

**Make It Glow**
Grades 2 – 5
Light up your world and join us as we construct handmade LED creations.
**Wednesday November 1, 6 – 7 pm**

**Gingerbread House Contest**
Pick up a flyer at the library for details.
**Monday November 13 – Wednesday November 29**

**Drop-In Thanksgiving Craft**
Celebrate the holiday by making a decoration for your home. No registration required.
**Friday, November 17 – Wednesday, November 22**

**KAB (Kids Advisory Board)**
Grades 3 – 5
Calling all 3rd – 5th graders! The library needs you! If you have any ideas on how to make the library a better place, come hang out, share ideas, make crafts and enjoy snacks as you help shape the future of your library.
**Wednesday November 29th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Holiday Window Decorating Party**
All ages with caregiver
Bring the whole family to the library and decorate a window to celebrate the season!
**Thursday November 30, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**White Lake Community Tree Lighting**
Fisk Farm – Near Walmart
The Staff and Friends of the White Lake Township Library will again be participating with a gingerbread house contest and children’s crafts. Entry forms and rules will be available at the library.
**Friday December 1, 6 – 8 pm**

**A Visit with Santa!**
Remember to bring your camera and get some great pictures! Space is limited. Sign up for one of the following times:
- 10 am – 10:30 am • 10:30 am – 11 am
- 11 am – 11:30 am
**Saturday December 2, 10:00 – 11:30 am**

**DIY Spa Night**
Grades 2 – 5
Create your very own spa products to pamper yourself with or to give away as holiday gifts.
**Wednesday December 6, 6 – 7 pm**

**Family Movie**
All ages with caregiver
Come and watch a movie the whole family will enjoy on our big screen. Popcorn provided. Bring your own drinks in containers with covers. Call the library for the movie title.
**Saturday December 23, 10:30 – 12:30 pm**

**Save the Date! Preschool Open House**
Come to our open house where you’ll have a chance to find out what each school offers and if it’s right for your child. Preschools who would like an opportunity to showcase their facility must call by January 8 to reserve a table.
**Saturday January 13, 2018, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**
Library Card Sign-up Month
September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Show us your library card or sign up for one and you’ll receive a scratch off ticket. Prizes include buttons, books, and more!

Ages 10 and up
Calling all gamers! Come play games on our Wii U Tuesday nights! Bring your amiibo!
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

BLT (Board of Library Teens)
We meet Tuesday nights once a month to hang out, play games, make crafts, talk about books and programming ideas…and eat lots of snacks! Call or register online today to become a member.
Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Animeniacs
If you are anime-obsessed, our Anime Club is definitely for you! We meet Saturdays to watch different shows, craft, snack, and chat about all things anime. Cosplay welcome!
Saturdays, 2:30 – 4 pm

Pizza & Paperbacks
Come discuss our fall book with other teens while devouring pizza! The first 10 teens to register will get a copy of the book Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson to keep! Registration begins Saturday, September 16
Saturday October 14, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Checkmates!
(Ages 10 and up)
Looking to play chess with other teens or interested in learning the game? All levels are welcome.
Tuesday October 17, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

John Green Fandom Party
2017 Teen Read Week is all about John Green. We’ll be watching video clips, making crafts, and talking all about his latest book! Trivia and prizes included.
Friday October 20, 6 – 8 pm

Haunted Gingerbread Houses
Bring a friend to the library and create spooky gingerbread houses for the season!
Saturday October 28, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Rice Krispies Sculpting
Rice Krispies aren’t just for breakfast anymore! Come get creative with this unconventional art material. Who will be crowned the cereal sculpting champion?!
Tuesday November 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Holiday Window Decorating
Come into the library and help decorate our windows for the season.
Tuesday December 5, 6 – 7:30 p
Adult Programs

Registration requested for all programs, unless otherwise noted. Space is limited, so register online @ whitelakelibrary.org or by calling 248-698-4942 ext. 2.

Computer Club
Get help in this supportive environment with computer and technology questions. Experienced users are invited to share tips & expertise. Special topics begin each session, but questions are always welcomed. No registration required - just drop in!
First Thursday each month: 2:00 – 3:30 pm
– Note new time!
September 7: Etsy
October 5: Smartphones
November 2: Windows 10
December 7: Podcasts

Read and Discuss
led by OCC Professor Emerita Sandra Sutherland
Second Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Our fall titles are part of our on-going World War I and America series of programs. Copies are available at the information desk. Adults of all ages are invited to join the discussion!
Sept 12: The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien
Oct 10: The Spy by Paulo Coelho
Nov 14: Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain

Computer & Technology Assistance
Get individual help with using your ereader, Kindle, tablet, or computer. Register for a free half hour of individual support from a librarian. Subject to staff availability. Please call 248-698-4942, ext 2 to schedule a help session.

What’s Cookin’ @ the Library?
Try a new recipe, eat lunch and make friends. Choose a recipe from a cookbook at the reference desk, prepare a dish to share at our meeting & enter the drawing for a new cookbook!
Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
September 9: Harvest & fresh produce recipes
November 18: Brunch recipes

Movie Matinee for Adults
Join us each month for a newly released film, closed captions displayed when possible. Please call for movie’s title and to register. Free popcorn! You’re welcome to bring your own soda or water.
Second Thursday each month at 2:00 pm
September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

Preserving Memories
Bring a friend or loved one to the library to share life stories. We’ll record your conversation and give you a cd to keep. Inspired by StoryCorps, this project promotes listening as an act of love. Call for more information.

Family Concert (Part of the WWI and America series of events)

The Music of Weapons and Plowshares
An all ages concert by veteran folk and blues musicians Matt Watroba & Rev. Robert Jones explores how music was used through America’s history to support and protest wars. Enjoy the banjo, harmonica and guitars, plus sing-a-long with your favorites! Registration not required. Part of the WWI and America series of events.
Monday November 13, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
World War I and America Series: Through December

These programs are part of World War I and America, a two-year national initiative of The Library of America presented in partnership with The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and other organizations, with generous support from The National Endowment for the Humanities.

World War I and America
Readings from the book with a panel discussion of veterans and families from any service or time. For more information or to volunteer to participate, please contact Denise Harris-Fiems at 248-698-4942, ext. 2 or email dharris@whitelakelibrary.org.

Monday September 11, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Camp Library Service
During WWI, the American Library Association provided millions of books and magazines to soldiers in training camps and serving overseas. Reenactors/librarians Erin Kinnee and Lawrence Ostrowski share the way this service became a precursor to many library services today.

Thursday September 14, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Donut Dolly: An American Red Cross Girl’s War in Vietnam
Joann Puffer Kotcher shares her experiences being in combat zones at the beginning of the war, highlighting the changing roles of women in the military. The award winning book, Donut Dolly, will be available to purchase.

Tuesday October 3, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Three part WWI history series
with OCC Professor Emeritus of World History, Dennis Fiems. Join us for any or all of the talks.

The Shot that Killed Millions – a look at the events that led to the beginning of the Great War.

Monday October 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Like Lambs to the Slaughter – why weren’t the soldiers “home by Christmas” as they hoped?

Monday October 16, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

The Yanks Are Coming! – why did the U.S. enter the war and decide to go “over there?”

Monday October 23, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Books with Background
Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting by Jim Murphy
Our final program of this series is part history talk by OCC’s Dennis Fiems and part book discussion. Discover the facts about the first Christmas of the war. Books will be available at the information desk after November 14.

Tuesday December 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Detroit 67: The Myth of the Model City
Explore the history of the uprising of 1967 and dispel myths about the conflict. Understanding what led to the uprising is imperative to understand the unrest. Presented by the Detroit Historical Society.
Monday September 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Michigan Libraries for Life
Most people support organ donation, but only 59% of Michigan adults are registered to donate. Learn how you can save lives. Show a librarian the heart on your license or register to donate and receive a small gift.
October 10 – 16

Blood on the Mitten: Michigan Murders
Interested in true crime? Michigan history? Mapping Michigan murders? Veteran journalist Tom Carr shares true stories of bizarre or historically significant murders of the past 250 years in Michigan. Books will be available to purchase & have signed.
Thursday October 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Let’s Talk About It: Dementia, Communication, and Changing Behaviors
Learn about new models of care for persons living with dementia from Carol Waarla, certified specialist in aging and dementia care. Explore changes in communication and behaviors along with positive ways to maximize independence, personhood and dignity for all.
Monday October 30, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Crafty Saturday
Learn how to use royal icing & buttercream to decorate your own cookies in this hands-on workshop taught by staff from Klever Kreation. Space is limited, registration required, adults only please.
Saturday November 4, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Holiday Recipe Exchange
Prepare your favorite holiday recipe and find new ideas for the season. Submit your recipes to the library by Friday, December 1 to be included in the handouts. Come hungry! Registration required. Adults only, please.
Monday December 4, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Wrapping Party
Need space to wrap your holiday gifts? Drop in and use our large tables. Wrapping paper, scissors, tape, and ribbon will be available. Donations of supplies welcomed. Adults only, please. Registration not required.
Monday December 18, 10:00 am – 7:30 pm
LIBRARY HOURS
Monday–Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
Sept 2 - 4, Labor Day Weekend
Nov 10, Veterans Day (Inservice Day)
Nov 23 - 26, Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec 25-26, Christmas and the day after Christmas Day

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