

# White Lake Township Library

## Inspiration through Information

### Summer 2022 Newsletter

#### What's New at the Library!

- Library Millage Proposal on August 2nd Ballot
- There is a Change in Leadership at the Library!
- We have a new "Library of Things," Internet Hotspots for check out, and a Seed Library!
  - Visit the Library or [whitelakelibrary.org](http://whitelakelibrary.org) for more information.
- Summer Reading Programs and Events!
  - We have over 90 opportunities that support reading, learning, enlightenment, and fun!

#### Library Millage Proposal on August 2nd Ballot

Dear White Lake Township Community: On August 2, 2022, White Lake Township Library will ask residents to approve 0.5 mills to fund the library for eight (8) years. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized 0.42 operating mills that expired last year and a restoration of 0.08 operating mills, resulting from a reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

If approved, the millage funds will allow the library to continue current service, update continually changing technology, implement home bound delivery service and maintain our new library building.

Without this millage, the library's revenue will decrease by nearly 42% and impact our ability to serve the community. Library services that would be reduced or eliminated include hours of operation, the number of books and other materials purchased, digital subscriptions, computer maintenance, events for all ages, and information assistance.

You have the opportunity to help decide the future of the library as we strive to provide quality library service and Inspiration through Information.

Sincerely,

Rich McGlew, President

White Lake Township Library Board

To learn more about the millage proposal, please read this newsletter's frequently asked questions (FAQ) page or visit our website [whitelakelibrary.org](http://whitelakelibrary.org)

#### There is a Change in Leadership at the Library

Denise Stefanick is retiring as Director of the Library after over 20 years of service. She helped to secure stable operating funding for the library and facilitate the land purchase, funding, and construction of our new library building. Denise is a White Lake resident and plans to stay involved as an advocate for valuable library service for the community at an economical price to the taxpayers. Please wish her well in her retirement.

We're pleased to announce that the Library Board has hired April Stevenson as the library's new Director. April has ten years of management experience as the Head of Information Services at Novi Public Library and over twenty years in library services at other local libraries. She has a Master of Library and Information Science and a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Wayne State University. She is a Commerce Township resident whose adult children attended Lakeland High School in White Lake. Please extend a warm welcome to April when you see her.

## The Friends of the Library

Thank you, Friends of the Library, for donating over \$20,000 for our new patio furniture and sponsoring the Summer Reading Program again this year.

### Summer Book Sale

- Thursday, June 16 (3 - 7 pm)
- Friday, June 17 (10 am - 4 pm)
- Saturday, June 18 (10 am – 4 pm)

Friends Quarterly Meeting Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 6 pm Please bring a friend and join us in the gathering place for a meet and greet, a brief history of the Friends, and a chance to share your ideas! Pay your dues at the meeting and get a free book bag.

## Frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the Library Millage

### How is the Library Funded?

Over 95% of the library's revenue comes from property tax. The 5% of non-property tax revenue includes state aid, penal fines, donations, and interest from investments. The August 2 Millage proposal of 0.5 mills makes up nearly 42% of the property tax levied to support the library's daily operations.

How much will it cost? If the 0.5 renewal and restoration is approved, an owner of a property with a taxable value of \$100,000 (\$200,000 market value) will continue to pay \$50 per year towards the support of library service. A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of a property's taxable value, generally equivalent to half the property's market value.

### How do I register to vote?

You may easily register online to vote @ the Michigan Voter Information Center or at the White Lake Township Clerks' office. Our Librarians can also guide you through the online process via the public computers available at the library.

### Can I vote absentee without an excuse or reason?

Yes, all registered voters in Michigan can now vote using an absentee ballot. You can quickly request online an absentee ballot @ the Michigan Voter Information Center or at the White Lake Township Clerks' office. Once ballots are available in late June, you may walk into the Clerk's office, request an absentee ballot application, fill it out, and immediately be given your ballot to cast your vote.

### What is the actual millage language on the August 2 Ballot?

#### Library Millage Proposal

Shall the previously authorized increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Charter Township of White Lake, as reduced by the required millage rollback, be renewed at the reduced amount of 0.4169 mills (\$0.4169 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and,

to restore lost millage, increased by the amount of 0.0831 mills (\$0.0831 per \$1,000 of taxable value), total amount of both not to exceed 0.50 mill, for eight (8) years, 2022 through 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of operating, equipping, providing personnel, constructing and purchasing for the White Lake Township Library or any other purpose authorized by law for library services, and shall the township be authorized to levy this millage on all taxable property in the Township raising an estimated \$650,000 in the first year (2022) of the levy? The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage and restoration of previously authorized millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

## Children's Programs

Please register @ [whitelakelibrary.org](http://whitelakelibrary.org) or by calling 248-698-4942 ext. 3. Programs will be both in-person and virtual. I = In-person at the library and V = Virtual. Information on joining online programs will be emailed to you 1-2 days before the event.

Registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. The first week of registration is open for White Lake residents; non-residents may also register after one week. Programs will be presented following current local Covid recommendations and are subject to change.

### Summer Reading Challenge

Discover "Oceans of Possibilities" and participate in our 2022 Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up on Beanstack and track your summer reading progress beginning June 7th. The more you read, the more rewards you earn!

June 7 - July 30

### Tiny Art Show Contest (All Ages)

Register by June 25 to enter the Tiny Art Show! Canvases will be available to pick up from June 27 – July 2. The finished art will be due back to the library on July 30. Voting will take place August 1 - 6. Prizes for each age group!

### Kids' Make It Kits (Grades PreK - 5)

Get crafty and discover your inner maker. Kits are available starting the first of the month on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. No registration is required.

June: Salt Dough Sea Creatures

July: Jolly Jellyfish

August: Crabby Crafts

### Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 - 5) (I & V)

Join Miss Stephanie for stories, songs, crafts, and more as we get down to the serious work of play!

Tuesdays 1:30 - 2 pm

June 14 - July 26

### Family Storytime (Family) (I & V)

Gather your family to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun.

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11 am

June 15 - July 27

### Music and Movement (Family) (I)

Get the wiggles out with Miss Mallory!

Thursdays 11 - 11:30 am

June 23, July 7 & 21

### Treasure Hunters (Family) (I & V)

Ahoy mateys! Join us as we sail the seven seas looking for long-lost literary treasures from our shelves! We'll dig up stories, songs, a craft, and loads of fun!

Thursday, June 30 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Tail Waggin' Tutors (Grades K - 5) (I)

These lovable dogs make great listeners and reading to a therapy dog helps build confidence and self-esteem in a fun, non-judgmental environment. Please register for one fifteen-minute time slot.

Saturdays 10:30 - 11:30 am

June 18, July 16

Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

June 21, July 19

### Monday Matinee (Family) (I)

Come and watch a movie the whole family will enjoy on our big screen. Personal bag of popcorn provided. Bring your own drinks in containers with covers.

Mondays 2 - 4 pm

June 27, July 25

### Comic Whiz Kids (Grades 3 - 5) (I & V)

Join our book club! The first ten kids to register get to KEEP a copy of the book! We'll read and discuss GREAT graphic novels together.

Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm

June 30: Kitty Quest by Phil Corbett

July 28: The Aquanaut by Dan Santat

### Seaworthy Snacks (Grades K - 5) (I & V)

Learn how to make some delicious snacks that are as fun to make as they are to eat!

Wednesday, June 15 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Giant Bubbles (Grades K - 5) (I)

Join us on the patio to make GIANT bubbles!

Thursday, June 16 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Mason Jar Magic: Ocean Edition (Grades 2 - 5) (I & V)

Join us to explore the fun of science in a jar, Ocean Edition! We will learn about waves, make our own jellyfish, and more!

Thursday, June 23 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Summer Reading Magic Show (Family) (I)

Ann Arbor Michigan's own renowned magician, Jeff Wawrzaszek will delight us with magic! Awesomazing fun for everyone! Sign your family up today!

Saturday, June 25 10:30 - 11:30 am

### LEGO Family Challenge (Family) (I)

You asked for it, you got it! LEGO fun for the whole family is here! Registered families will work together to build a LEGO watercraft. The challenge is to make it seaworthy! One lucky family will win a gift card for the Legoland Discovery Center at Great Lakes Crossing!

Saturday, July 9 10:30 - noon

### Craftapalooza: Under the Sea (Grades K - 5) (I & V)

Craftapalooza is back, Oceans of Possibilities style! Learn to make three fun crafts and then use a combination of recyclables and our awesome craft supplies to make them!

Wednesday, July 13 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Ice Cream in a Bag (Grades 3 - 5) (I)

Do you like ice cream? Do you want to learn how to make it yourself? Join us to make ice cream in a bag! Dairy and non-dairy options are available.

Saturday, July 16 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Super Science Saturday (Grades K - 5) (I & V)

Get ready for some fun and messy science fun! Water we going to be doing? Come join us and find out!

Saturday, July 23 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Pizza & Pages (Grades 3 - 5) (I & V)

You asked for it and now it's here! A book club just for you! The first 10 to register receive their own copy of the book to keep! This summer we will be reading Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett and Brett Helquist.

Thursday, July 28 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Mermaid Party with Mermaid Molly (Family) (I)

Join Mermaid Molly for a story and some mermaid songs!

Saturday, July 30 10:30 - 11:30 am

### Preschool Open House (Family) (I)

Join us in getting to know our local preschool and early childhood organizations! There will be free giveaways and attendees will receive one entry in our raffle for an awesome goody bag! No registration is required.

Saturday, August 6 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

### Summer Reading Bash (All Ages) (I)

Join us to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge at our bash! More details to follow.

Saturday, August 6

## Teen Programs

(Grades 6 – 12, unless specified)

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### “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading

Sign up on Beanstack and earn prizes for reading this summer! The more you read, the more rewards you earn.

June 7 - July 30

### Teen Make It Kits

Visit us every month for a new Make It Kit. Each kit will contain the materials and instructions needed to create a cool craft at home! No registration is required.

June: Beaded Sea Life Keychains

July: Pompom Turtles

August: Jellyfish Bracelets

### MiLibraryQuest: Treasures of the Deep

Pirates, shipwrecks, and monsters have inhabited our oceans for millennia. Summer Quest will challenge you to complete a crossword puzzle by finding clues on Michigan library websites. Answers to the puzzle will include famous pirates, actual shipwrecks, and mythological monsters. Visit [www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest](http://www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest) to learn more! No registration is required.

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### Dungeons & Dragons (I)

Adventures await! Become a part of our D&D campaign! New characters and levels are welcome.

Fridays 2:30 - 4:30 pm

June 24, August 5

### DIY Board Games (I)

Want to make your own board game? We will provide templates, game pieces, and more for you to create your own awesome new board game!

Monday, June 27 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### No-Bake Baking (I)

Want to make delicious treats but don't want to wait for them to cook? Join Miss EmmaLee for a fun night of desserts that don't require an oven!

Tuesday, July 5 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Get Graphic! (I & V)

Join our graphic novel book group to discuss and discover great books together. The first ten teens to register can KEEP a copy of the book! Our summer book is Treasure in the Lake by Jason Pamment.

Monday, July 18 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Pizza & Paperbacks (I & V)

Join our teen book group and discuss great books while devouring pizza! The first ten teens to register can KEEP a copy of the book! Our summer book is Sylo by D.J. MacHale.

Monday, July 25 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### B.L.T.: Board of Library Teens (I)

The B.L.T. meets to hang out, play games, make crafts, talk about books and programming ideas...and eat lots of snacks. Become a member today!

Saturday, July 30 2:30 - 3:30 pm

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Saturday, August 6

## Adult Programs

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June 7 - July 30

## Idea Lab (I)

There is always something to do in the Idea Lab! Thanks to generous donations, there are lots of things available for in-Library use. Check out our website for a full list! There is also a new activity available each month. No registration is required.

June: Bubbles

July: Seashells

August: Rock Painting

## One-on-One Technology Help (I & V)

Do you need help operating your computer, laptop, or tablet? Become more comfortable with email, the internet, Microsoft Office, downloading eBooks, and more from the library. Call the Adult Information Desk or email [reference@whitelakelibrary.org](mailto:reference@whitelakelibrary.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Yoga (I)

Looking for a way to boost your health and decrease stress? Join us at the library with instructor Debbie Hamina as we explore various styles of yoga practice. Suitable for any level of yoga experience.

Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 am

June 13, July 18, August 15

## Craft Junkies (I & V)

Come and get your crafting fix! If you sign up for a virtual spot, your kit will be available one week before. In-person friends, your supplies will be waiting for you on the evening of the program.

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

June 6: Pinwheel Wreath

August 1: Book Pages Garland

## Theater Thursdays (I)

Join us each month for a movie day, closed captioning displayed. Please call for the movie title. You are welcome to bring your own beverage in a closed container. Popcorn will be provided in limited quantities.

Thursdays 2 - 4 pm

June 9, July 14, August 11

## Read and Discuss (I)

Adults of all ages are invited to join this group! Read the librarian's pick of the month and join us for a lively conversation.

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm

June 13: Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

July 11: Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen

August 8: The Giver by Lois Lowry



### Senior Book Group (I)

Looking for a daytime book group? Readers aged 50 and over are invited to join the Dublin Book Group.

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30 am

June 16: Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

July 21: Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen

August 18: The Giver by Lois Lowry

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### Paint & Sip (I)

Join a step-by-step painting night and enjoy delicious mock-tails! Two dates are offered but will be the same painting, please only register for one day.

Tuesday, June 14 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, June 18 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Lake Monsters of the Great Lakes (I)

Join cryptozoologist Shetan Noir to learn more about historical sightings and legends of monsters in the great lakes.

Tuesday, June 28 6:30 - 7:30 pm

### Craft Junkies Afternoon Edition! (I & V)

The 4th of July prevented us from having our regular Craft Junkies program this month, so join us for a special, Friday afternoon Craft Junkies! We will be creating amazing sunflowers out of bottle caps!

Friday, July 22 2:30 - 3:30 pm

### Blood Drive (I)

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in The Gathering Place. Limited space and times are available, so you must make an appointment. Please go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: WLTL or call 1-800-733-2767.

Tuesday, August 23 Noon - 6 pm

### Summer Reading Bash (All Ages) (I)

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Saturday, August 6

### Family Concert on the Patio!

#### The Smokin' 45s Rock and Blues Revue (I)

Formed from veterans of the Detroit music scene, the Smokin' 45s deliver their special heart-pumping, foot-stomping, and at times humorous brand of Rock and Blues! The Smokin' 45s high energy live show

features original music heavily influenced by the British blues-rock scene of the 60s and of course, the traditional American blues that influenced those very same British bands. The show will be inside if there's inclement weather.

Tuesday, July 26 6:30 - 7:30 pm

## Library Hours

Monday–Thursday 10 am to 8 pm Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

The library will be Closed

July 4, Fourth of July

## Board of Trustees

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The Library Board of Trustees is an elected body of six unpaid volunteers who generally meet at 6:45 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The public is welcome!

## Library Department Heads

April Stevenson, Library Director

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Kimberly Sharp, Support Services

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