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Rawson Reporter

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Summer Reading Program 2012

Dream Big - READ!

Children and Youth are invited to join us at the library this summer for the 2012 Summer Reading Program, "Dream Big - READ". Registration begins on Monday, June 4 from 10 a.m. until noon with a spectacular pajama party fair. This fun sign up event will feature a night time theme and will include face painting, a craft, drawing of the winning ticket for the Schwinn Sting Ray bike and other fun activities. You won't want to miss the fun, but if you are unable to attend, registration will continue at the circulation desk.

Upon enrolling, each participant will receive a book bag, bookmark, pencil, and rules for participating. They will also receive a reading page with a registration sheet that will be turned in after the first week of the program, to record the minutes read for that week. After turning in that initial sheet, each participant will receive a Rawson Reading Dream Log to complete the rest of their Summer Reading Program adventure.

A calendar of events will be distributed at registration, but some highlights are:

☞ Story Times for children are set for 1:30 p.m., Thursdays from June 7 through July 19, except for July 5th.

☞ Movie Mondays will begin June 11 and be held at 1:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A list of films and the dates will be distributed at registration.

☞ A Pajama Party Program for the whole family is being planned for 7p.m., June 18th. Be on the look out for more details about this exciting event!

☞ At the suggestion of one of our young patrons, we are hosting an annual special evening event for children ages 8 to 12. This will be a fun filled evening full of games, snacks and prizes. More information will follow about this upcoming event!

☞ All participants are invited to join us as we wrap up our summer reading program with a celebration at the park. This picnic will be held at the Cass City Recreational Park on July 26th.

Reading is the single most effective summer activity to prevent

Dream Bigger - READ!

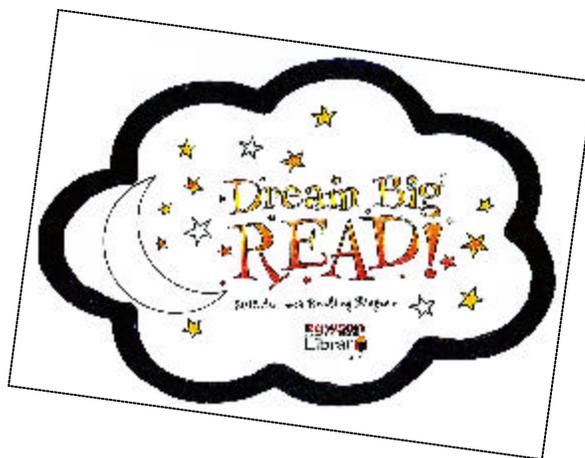
Rawson Library invites you to join us for the Adult Summer Reading program entitled "Dream Bigger - READ".

This is a very simple program, not requiring much time or effort on the part of the participant other than reading. For each book read during the Summer, the participant fills out a small slip of paper that requests the Title and Author of the book as well as a rating on how well they like the book. These

summer learning loss! Research shows that students who read as few as six books during the summer months gain or maintain reading skills achieved during the preceding school year, while students who do not read during the summer fall back as much as a grade level in their skills. We hope you will use the library's summer reading program to encourage your children to read this summer!

slips are turned in when the books are returned and then entered in a drawing to win one of three prizes. Don't miss your chance to win a great prize!

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Facebook Promotion with Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC & Rawson Memorial Library

Mark your calendars and get online! The Law Office of Biddinger & Bitzer, LLC located in Cass City are generously donating



for each



on



their page to Rawson Memorial District Library! The online fundraiser will run from Monday, May 14 through Friday May 18. Search Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC on Facebook and click the "Like" button. For every "Like", the library earns \$1.00 up to \$500.00. So here is the challenge...can we get to \$500.00? Contact all your friends and neighbors and have them "Like" Biddinger & Bitzer, PLLC! While you are at it, visit the Rawson Memorial District Library Facebook page and "Like" us too!

Personal Property Tax On Businesses (PPT)

Michigan State government is proposing the elimination of the Personal Property Tax on businesses. For an entity that has a dedicated millage, like Rawson Memorial Library, this means a loss of nearly \$20,000 in revenue. We are not alone. Many other entities will lose revenue with elimination. At the State level, the Michigan Library Association has been fighting very diligently to encourage the legislature to "Replace, Don't Erase" the PPT. Again, we are not alone. An alliance has been formed to encourage the "Replace, Don't Erase" platform and includes the Michigan Library Association, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of Chiefs' of Police, Michigan Professional Fire Fighter's Union, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Michigan Sheriffs' Association, and the Michigan Association for Local Public Health. Legislation was introduced in mid-April and continues with ongoing discussions as of the date of this newsletter. Please consider contacting your legislators and encouraging them to "Replace, Don't Erase" the PPT. For more information go to www.replacedonterase.com

New Medicaid Estate Recovery Law Seminar (as of July 1, 2011)

Join us on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 as the Law Office of Biddinger & Bitzer presents a program on Medicaid Estate Recovery and what it might mean to you and your estate. Estate recovery is a process whereby the Michigan Department of Community Health will try to recoup expenses it paid on behalf of a Medicaid

recipient if they are 55 years or older. The recovery will come from their "estates" once they die. The Michigan Department of Community Health is going to try to recover the amount that Medicaid paid for nursing home services, home and community based services, home health, home help, hospital services, and

Notes from the Friends of the Library My Trip to Windsor Castle by June Brooks



In February I was near London, England staying with my daughter's family in Slough, which is on the outskirts of London. One day I made a trip to Windsor Castle which is the Queen's favorite residence. And since it is Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee, 60 years of being the ruler of England, there are many special events occurring. One of these events is a special tour of Windsor Castle. During the tour of the castle where I saw many wonderful things, such as this wonderful, handsome, tall, and strong guard... who refused to speak no matter what I asked.....sigh.



Middle School Book Club

March 27 was the last Middle School Book Club for the year and we had a great meeting! The books that the group read were their own selections and many of the members not only discussed their books, but also made dioramas and other projects to help further explain the stories. Some of the selections included *Tentacles* by Roland Smith, *I am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore, and the very popular *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. We played an exciting team trivia game based on the books we read this year. As always, Rawson Memorial Library and Cass City Middle School are so grateful for the monetary donations by United Way of Tuscola County and the Cass City Public School's Parent Teacher Organization. Due to their continued financial support, every member of the book club receives the book club selections for free. Look for next year's start up meeting date in the September/October newsletter.

You Can't Do That @ The Library

Saturday, March 24 saw "Olympic-Sized" fun at the library! There were 24 middle school aged teens that came to the library for an exciting night of *You Can't Do That @ The Library-London Olympics 2012*. From The Royal Race through the stacks to the Olympic Relay in the meeting room, all in attendance had a great time, ate good food, and left exhausted! Much thanks to Joann Osantowski, a member of the Friends of the Library, who became the official photographer at this event.

prescription drug services under the Medicaid program. This seminar will discuss how estate recovery works and what property is subject to estate recovery. Contact Biddinger & Bitzer at 989-872-5601 if you have questions and to register for this seminar.

Kate's Korner

Spring is a time for new beginnings and I think we are off to a great start with these upcoming programs:



✦ **Orange County Chopper**

Sting Ray Bicycle Drawing

May 1-June 4...tickets 1/\$1 or 6/\$5

✦ **Facebook fundraiser with Biddinger & Bitzer**

May 14-18...Help us raise \$500!

✦ **Poetry Reading with Cass City native**

(Traverse City transplant) Teresa Scollon

May – Date To Be Announced

✦ **“Dream Big - Read” Summer Reading Program**

Sign up June 4 from 10 a.m. until noon

I hope you plan on joining us

for one or all of these events!

Kate

Friends Plan Trip

Be among the first to experience the excitement of Hollywood Casino! Friends of Rawson Memorial District Library are sponsoring a bus trip to Toledo, Ohio's brand new casino on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

The cost is \$45 and includes round trip motor coach transportation, five hours of gaming at the casino, and a cash drawing on the bus.

Hollywood Casino boasts 2,000 slot machines, 60 table games, and 20 live poker tables. Restaurants include: Final Cut Steakhouse, Epic Buffet, The Game, and Take Two Deli.

Participants must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid I.D. to attend.

Eager to enjoy the excitement of a new casino? Contact Gail Smith (989-872-3121) and tell her you want to “Go Hollywood!”

Meet our new Work Study Library Clerk, Nick Smith!

Many of you probably know Nick. He is a lifelong resident of Cass City who attends Highland Pines. He has done Work Study at Erla's Grocery Store, the Tuscola Technology Early Childhood Center's Rainbow Preschool, Small Wonder's Day Care, and he is also currently also doing work study at Campbell Elementary in their Media Center. When not at school or working, Nick LOVES to read! Nick is a past member of the Young Adult Book Club at Rawson and some of his favorite books include Junie B. Jones, The Box Car Children, and many junior and young adult books. The Pirates of the Caribbean series are his favorite movies. He loves to ride bikes with his family around Cass City and he enjoys hanging out with his girlfriend, too. In the summer, Nick can be found swimming, boating and tubing in Caseville along with his mom and dad, Kelly and Kelly Ann Smith, and his sister Ali, who is a senior at Cass City High School. Nick also has a cat, Misty, who rounds out his family. We welcome Nick to the Rawson Library family!

SENIOR CITIZEN MOVIES

Movies are shown in the library's meeting room on the third Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Movies for March and April are:



Friday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.

Country School - One Room One Nation: From immigration issues in early schools to the controversial demise of their widespread use in the 1950s and 1960s, “Country School” combines visually stunning images of a myriad of restored and decaying buildings with surprising, humorous and heartwarming stories from former teachers and students. More than just nostalgia, “Country School” also delves into the dark side of the one-room school experience and dispels the myths behind the revered institution that helped bind a young nation together. (72 minutes)

Alaska – Land of the Midnight Sun: Enter the wintry world of Alaska – a vast, wild landscape where bears and wolves roam the forests, whales swim in the icy seas and the proud bald eagle soars above the frozen tundra. Discover a land shaped by powerful forces of nature, from explosive volcanoes and rumbling earthquakes to the steady march of glaciers that have carved the land into great valleys and fjords. Marvel at the tenacity of the Alaskan Native peoples who struggle to maintain their ancient traditions in the face of climate changes that threaten the very existence of their way of life. (45 minutes)

Friday, June 15, 1:30 p.m.

Lost Fleet of Columbus: In 1494, Christopher Columbus made a second journey to the Americas – this time with more ships, more men, and a grander mission. His goal: to build the first European colony in the New World. But in just a few short years, this settlement would perish – one-fifth of its inhabitants dead, at least six ships sunk in the bay, and the legacy of Columbus permanently marred. What happened at this ill-fated settlement remains a mystery 500 years later. (50 minutes)

Arabia - Travel to an Exotic and Extraordinary Land: With breathtaking cinematography, go deep into the heart of this exotic land to experience the great mystique of Arabia. You will discover the lost city of Madain Saleh and explore its ancient tombs, travel along the early frankincense trade route, confront a wild desert sandstorm and dive among the gorgeous coral reefs and ancient shipwrecks of the dazzling Red Sea. Plus, in a series of stunning time-lapse images, join the largest single human gathering on Earth for an incredible pilgrimage. (46 minutes)

Schwinn Sting-Ray Orange County Chopper Bicycle Donated For Fundraiser!



Elaine Thies, past employee and fabulous friend of Rawson Memorial Library, recently donated a brand new 20" Schwinn Sting-Ray Street Series OCC Bicycle valued at \$200.00 for a drawing with the proceeds going to Rawson Library. The bike features V-back drag bars, a custom-stretched chopper frame with gas tank gusset, low-rider riveted Schwinn-embossed logo saddle with built in sissy bar, a unique wishbone double leg kickstand, and the signature motorcycle-style Big Boa tire. The bike is on display at the library. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Ticket sales began May 1 and the winning ticket being drawn at the Summer Reading Kick-Off Program on June 4. Feeling lucky? Get your tickets today!

We're on the Web!
www.rawson.lib.mi.us

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Rawson Memorial District Library Board

The Library Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

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Events at a Glance

May 17	Genealogy Group, 7 p.m.
May 18	Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m.
May 23	Ravenous Readers Book Club, 12 noon
May 23	Medicaid Estate Recovery Law Seminar, 6:30p.m.
June 4	Summer Reading program Sign-up, 10 a.m.-12 noon
June 7	Friends of the Library, 7 p.m.
June 7, 14, 21, 28	Story Times 1:30 p.m.
June 11, 18, 25	Movies for Children, 1:30 p.m.
June 15	Senior Citizen Movies, 1:30 p.m.
June 18	Pajama Party program, 7 p.m.
July 5	Friends of the Library, 1:30 p.m.
July 17	Friends Trip to Toledo Casino - Sign up now

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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