

FRIENDS
OF THE
RAY TOWNSHIP
LIBRARY
AND
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

BOOKMARK

Sunday, June 25
Noon - 4:00PM
Library Reopening
Celebration,
Walt Whitman
Presentation,
Book Sale,
Bake Sale, and
Ray Day in the
Township Park

Saturday, July 8
10:00am - 1:00pm
Bottle Drive
at Fire Hall

Wed, July 19
7:00pm
Subcommittee
Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 1
2018 Calendar
Sponsorship Due

Tuesday, Aug 15
Silent Auction
Items due

Thursday, Aug 17
6:00pm
Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 17
Noon - 4:00pm
Simply Finest Fest
Silent Auction

The Back Shelf

RAY TOWNSHIP, MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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Refreshed Library Celebrates June 25

After three years of planning and fundraising, the Ray Township Public Library took in a breath of fresh air with the completion of Phase I of its "Renovation for Resourceful Spaces" project. The forest green color palate gave way to a sporty blue and white design. All the generously donated recycled furniture was replaced with custom-made light oak bookshelves, desks, and tables, reconfigured to be more open and welcoming. Comfortable chairs surround the computer desk, activity areas, and staff circulation desk.

The Reopening Celebration is Sunday June 25, 2017 from Noon until 4:00pm and coincides with Ray Township's Ray Day.

The official ribbon cutting takes place at 12:30pm. The public and everyone who had a part in the planning, fundraising, and implementation of the project is invited to attend. The Library will also host a bake sale and used book sale.



THE LIBRARY REFRESHED

The Friends of the Library and Historical Society is sponsoring a presentation on Walt Whitman by Bill Grandstaff at 2:00pm in the Library. The program is free although donations are appreciated. Proceeds benefit Phase II of the renovation project which focuses on the children's room and a custom cabinet to store the Society's archives.

The Library and the Society thank the community, Ray Township Lions Club, TCF Foundation, and Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs for their support.

More information is available at the raylibrary.org, rayhistory.org, and raytownship.org.

Spirits, Sponsors, and Silent Sale

The Society welcomed both old and new spirits at the **Sneak Peek Preview** on June 6. It truly was a "Spirited Evening in the Library" with Metro Paranormal Investigations sharing audio recordings taken during an earlier visit. Luckily, only happy spirits showed up both days.

Four dogs joined their owners at the **Pet Photography Class** on June 10, became friends with other dogs walking in the park, and posed for pictures all for just a couple treats. Thank you

Melissa Kremer for sharing your tips on capturing each dog's personality.

Yes, it's only June, but now is the time for you to become part of our **2018 calendar**. For just \$20, you can sponsor our 14th annual calendar. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Submit a business card or information by August 1st.

Silence is golden especially when it comes to our annual **Silent Auction**. Due to the Library renovations, the event has been

moved to September. Items will be displayed in the Library through the Simply Finest Fest Art in the Park on September 17th. Drop off donations at the Library by Aug 15th.

It's not work when you're having fun. Interested in helping with any of these events? Join us and share your skills and ideas.

You can stop in the Library, click on rayhistory.org, call 586-749-7130, or send an email to info@rayhistory.org for more information.

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The Society was formally organized in 2005 as a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and added support of the Library in 2015. Our mission is to engage passionate individuals to enrich cultural experiences, enhance literary and educational opportunities, and enliven history.

BOARD MEMBERS

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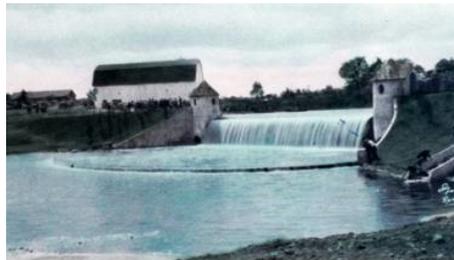
Spotlight on Upcoming Events

Our second **BOTTLE DRIVE** is **Saturday, July 8th from 10:00am - 1:00pm** at the Fire Hall/Recycling Center on 29 Mile and Wolcott. All returnable bottles and cans accepted. Not recycling? Not a problem. A recycling pass is not needed. With your support, our Society raised over \$200 for Phase II of the Library Renovation Project at the May drive. Thank you!

Our **NEXT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING** is **Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00pm in the Library**. We will be working on our two biggest fundraisers, our **annual calendar and silent auction**.

Our **NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING** is **Thursday, August 17 at 6:00pm in the Library**. We'd love to hear your ideas.

SIMPLY FINEST FEST ART IN THE PARK will be held on **Sunday, September 17th from Noon - 4:00pm** in the Ray Township Park. This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Library for Phase II of the Renovation Project. Vendors can contact the Library. The Society



Cascade Dam

will host its annual **Silent Auction** during the event to benefit the project as well.

CASCADE DAM AND GRAY HOUSE PRESENTATION is tentatively set for **Sunday, October 1st** with authors, Bob and Cherie Allen. They are compiling information for a book on the Cascade dam built in the 1920's and the proposed development on the property that once belonged to Dr. Neil and Maria Gray. The public is invited to share photographs, documents, and stories related to this historic corner at 32 Mile and Romeo Plank.

Thank you to our members who helped with our recent events, Library renovations, and updates to our website and Facebook pages. A big thank you to Library Director, Christy DeMeulenaere, for her support and assistance in coordinating the Society's fundraisers and events. Thank you as well to the Ray Township Board of Trustees and staff for their continuing support our Society's calendar sales and events.