Summer has always been my favorite time at the Library. From the time I was a kid, I always looked forward to summer reading and the fun challenges, programs, and prizes that came with it. That excitement has continued through my time working in libraries. Summer is a time of energy and excitement with new friends and old. As always, our wonderful staff have put a lot of time and thought into planning great programs to go along with this year’s theme: Oceans of Possibilities!

If, like me, you look back fondly on memories of summer reading but are a few years past school age, not to worry! We also have an amazing summer program for adults, complete with the programs, prizes, and challenges you love. This year, we’re excited to debut a new online component of summer reading, with mini challenges to earn badges throughout the summer. Continue reading within this newsletter for more information.

Of course, it wouldn’t be summer at Cromaine without the Summer Concert Series. This fan favorite is for library lovers of all ages, with music and food trucks on the lawn on Tuesday nights from June 28 through August 2. We have some returning favorites, and new bands this year that we think you’ll love!

See you at the library!

Mallorie DeVilbiss
Director

DON’T MISS THESE!

HARTLAND SOUP
Wednesday, July 13 @ 6:30 pm
Join the Hartland community for tasty crowdfunding at Settlers Park! Pay $5 for dinner and after hearing two to three people briefly pitch their ideas to benefit their local organization, vote on which project gets the cash collected from the meal! RSVP at bit.ly/JulySOUP2022.

CROMAINE Cares
TO LEARNING KIDS COLLECTION
Tuesday, July 19 @ 6:30 pm
Enjoy music at the Summer Concert Series AND support a great organization! Bring a substantial school supply donation for the LESA Backpacks for Kids drive and get a free slice of Tony Sacco’s pizza. For more donation? No problem! Get a slice for a cash donation of $1 or more!

CROMAINE CLOSING DATES:
Memorial Day: Saturday, May 28 - Monday, May 30
Independence Day: Monday, July 4
Labor Day Holiday: Saturday, September 3 - Monday, September 5

When Cromaine is closed, the materials return, wireless in the parking lot and virtual library services at www.cromaine.org are all open.

CROMAINE LIBRARY
3688 N. Hartland Road
P.O. Box 308
Hartland, MI 48353
810-632-5200

CROMAINE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 8 pm
Sunday Closed
Sunday hours resume September 11

WEBSITE:
www.cromaine.org

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Learn how to log your reading this summer! P6

DON’T FORGET!
Registration continues to be on a month-to-month basis. Mark your calendar for these dates so you can save your spot at our incredible programs! Register at 9:00 am on our website at www.cromaine.org, or call the Library during normal business hours to ask a staff member for assistance.

June Registration: May 26
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Scan the QR code for up-to-date information on our calendar!
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An epic afternoon of superhero fun with crafts, activities, and more!

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**Teens**

**Teen Book Club**
Thursdays, June 30 & July 28 @ 6:30 pm
Discuss a new book each month and enjoy snacks! Sign up to receive a free copy of each month’s book.

**Teen After-Hours Party**
Friday, August 12 @ 7:30 pm
Celebrate the end of Cromaine’s Summer Reading Challenge with a special after-hours event.

**Virtual Tween Book Club**
Mondays, June 27, July 25 & August 29 @ 6:30 pm
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**Teen Night**
Mondays, June 6 through July 25 @ 6:30 pm
Enjoy something fun and different each week, including themes like Spa Day, Warriors, Throw-Back Crafts, and more!

**Percy Jackson Camp**
Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 @ 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm
Find out who your godly parent is, train in Ares-approved combat skills, and go on a quest to find the legendary Helm of Darkness.

**Virtual Tween Take-Out Box**
Sign up each month to receive a box filled with one or two library books hand-picked just for you, a sweet or savory treat, and other fun surprises! Enjoy a new theme each month: Summer, Fandom, and Fantasy! These boxes are funded through the generous support of the Friends of the Cromaine Library.

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**MEDI CARE QUESTIONS? THE LIVINGTON COUNTY MMAP TEAM HAS ANSWERS!**
Monday, June 27, July 25, & August 29 @ 6:00 pm & 7:30 pm
MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) provides unbiased information/assistance to Medicare beneficiaries and caregivers.

**MICHIGAN BEER: A HEADY HISTORY**
Tuesday, June 28 @ 6:30 pm
Author Paul F. Smith leads a talk highlighting brewers from the pioneers to the end of the 19th century, through Prohibition and post WWII.

**SEASCAPES AND MORE AT THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**
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**SWORDFISH - $2,500 & MORE**
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**DON THOMPSON**

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Youth programming became more and more creative as the years progressed, and the photo documentation of it all is priceless! Did you participate in the Peanut Party in the 1980s? A whopping 25 pounds of peanuts were donated to Cromaine for the program by Kar-Nut products in Ferndale, and they were used for everything from peanut relays to peanut butter making. Or maybe you brought your child to Moose Madness in the 1990s, where songs, stories and crafts celebrated the monumental mammal. Even in 2022, we all know that there’s never a dull moment in Youth Services!

Have you heard of our former Library cat, Rachel? She was a little stray who wandered into the building one day and never looked back – and the community loved having her! She was known to sit on Library windowsills, keep readers company, and occasionally steal a Librarian’s lunch if they weren’t careful.

During the construction of the Library addition in 1979, Rachel slipped out the door and was missing for almost two weeks! Library staff held a small search party for her and created posters asking the community at large for her whereabouts. She was even in the local newspaper! Many concerned patrons called the Library asking for updates on Rachel. Fortunately, the beloved feline returned to the Library one September morning, perched on a window sill and meowing to be let inside. She never did tell us where she had run off to.

A typewriter fire in 1998 almost set the Library ablaze! The fire was quickly put out by firefighters, but library equipment and historical documents were damaged. An outpour of support and sympathy from the local community encouraged the hard-working librarians, and after a few months of clean-up, the historic Library was open once again to patrons.

Did you know that our entire Adult Services collection was once housed in the Community Room on the third floor? In fact, the tiny Friends Closet on the third floor was once the Director’s office, and the section on the second floor that is now the Teen Room used to house the entire Youth Services collection!

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Cromaine Nostalgia

MEET BEANSTACK!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE

1. Go to Cromaine’s website

2. Click on Programs and Events

3. Click on View All Events

4. Fill out the Registration form

Programs may have different requirements. Make sure to fill out all required fields!
Summer has always been my favorite time at the Library. From the time I was a kid, I always looked forward to summer reading and the fun challenges, programs, and prizes that came with it. That excitement has continued through my time working in libraries. Summer is a time of energy and excitement with new friends and old. As always, our wonderful staff have put a lot of time and thought into planning great programs to go along with this year’s theme: Oceans of Possibilities!

If, like me, you look back fondly on memories of summer reading but are a few years past school age, not to worry! We also have an amazing summer program for adults, complete with the programs, prizes, and challenges you love. This year, we’re excited to debut a new online component of summer reading, with mini challenges to earn badges throughout the summer. Continue reading within this newsletter for more information.

Of course, it wouldn’t be summer at Cromaine without the Summer Concert Series. This fan favorite is for library lovers of all ages, with music and food trucks on the lawn on Tuesday nights from June 28 through August 2. We have some returning favorites, and new bands this year that we think you’ll love!

See you at the library!

Mallorie DeVilbiss
Director