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For Board meeting dates and times visit our website at:
www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org

HEADQUARTERS STAFF
Kari Besancon, ALA/MLIS - Director
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Cheryl Tyler - Plainfield
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Terri Stein - Tawas City
Pam Blust - Whittemore

Branch Information

AuGres Community Library
230 N. Mackinaw, P.O. Box 146
AuGres, MI 48703
Phone: 989.876.8818
2023 Circulation - 7,160

East Tawas Library
760 Newman St.
East Tawas, MI 48730
Phone: 989.362.6162
2023 Circulation - 14,729

Mary Johnston Memorial Library
114 N. Court St., P.O. Box 698
Standish, MI 48658
Phone/Fax: 989.846.6611
2023 Circulation - 11,981

Omer Little Eagles Nest Library
201 E. Center, P.O. Box 186
Omer, MI 48749
Phone: 989.653.2230
2023 Circulation - 2,389

Plainfield Township Library
220 N. Washington, P.O. Box 247
Hale, MI 48739
Phone: 989.728.4086
2023 Circulation - 4,803

Robert J. Parks Library
6010 N. Skeel Ave.
Oscoda, MI 48750
Phone/Fax: 989.739.9581
2023 Circulation - 12,325

Tawas City Library
208 North St.
Tawas City, MI 48763
Phone: 989.362.6557
2023 Circulation - 8,379

Whittemore Library
483 S. Bullock
Whittemore, MI 48770
Phone/Fax: 989.756.3186
2023 Circulation - 3,360

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Note: The circulation numbers reported above include only barcoded items circulated through our Horizon automation system.

In the Headlines...
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- The District purchased thirteen staff and public-use computers to replace aging equipment at Headquarters and in the branches.

- The District sponsored a Local Authors Fair on June 24, 2023 at Harbor Park in East Tawas. It was a great event that was well received.

- The District approved participating with Valley Library Consortium to acquire BiblioCommons. This online catalog will replace Enterprise and greatly enhance patron’s experience in searching for reading materials. It is anticipated that BiblioCommons will be up and running by spring of 2024.

- The Tawas City Library received a face-lift with new paint and carpet. Thank you to the volunteers that helped move books and furniture out of the library and then return them at the end of the project.

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District Headquarters
120 W. Westover St., East Tawas, MI 48730
Telephone: 989.362.2651  Fax: 989.362.6056
www.ioscoarenaclibrary.org

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**Programs for Kids...**

There were 104 programs which were enjoyed by over 3,133 kids of all ages.

The 2023 Summer Reading Club theme was “All Together Now”. There were thirty-eight programs. They included Mellypop! Puppet Theater, Cirque Amongus, NERF Mobile Games, REPCO Animal Encounters, Clark Lewis Juggling Stunt Show, The Magic Bookshelf with Doug Scheer, Comedy Magician Cameron Zvara, and more. Spring Break Staycation brought loads of fun for kids with Michigan Snakes Alive, Rob the Magic Guy, the Joel Tacey Show, and more. The youngsters loved the stories, games and crafts at the Storytimes for Preschoolers. Spooky Halloween fun and magic was popular with Joel Tacey presenting Tales From Beyond, Magician Michael Pierce and Rob the Magic Guy.

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**Libraries are more than books!**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR**

We are pleased to announce that Kari Besancon took over as District Director on August 25, 2023. She was, most recently, a librarian at the East Tawas library. Kari originally hails from Las Vegas where she was an elementary school teacher-librarian for 14 years. She has a Masters of Library & Information Science degree, a Bachelor of Psychology degree and is certified with the State of Michigan. Kari lives in East Tawas with her husband John along with their dog and cat, Chelsea and Mike.

**FINANCIALS**

**2023 REVENUE**

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**2023 EXPENDITURES**

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**Fund Balance**

- **Fund Balance-Beginning of Year** | $ 982,806
- **Fund Balance-Assigned by Board** | -829,498
- **Fund Balance-Restricted by Board** | -62,128
- **Excess Revenue over Expenditures** | -1,906
**TOTAL UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE (AT YEAR END)** | **$ 89,274**

**2023 Local Authors Fair**

**… and Grown-ups, too!**

We offered a wide variety of programs and events for grown-ups. These programs were both educational and entertaining. In 2023 we sponsored 29 programs. A sampling of the programs included:

- Local Authors Fair
- Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher
- Canning and Food Safety
- History of the Soo Locks
- Gardening for Bees
- Under the Radar Michigan
- Viking Warrior Societies
- Murder and Mayhem in Michigan
- Up North in Michigan