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SHELBY AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES



Shelby Area District Library has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in round three of Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library improve accessibility to the facility with automatic door operators installed at the library's north entrance.

As part of the grant, Shelby Area District Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about the importance of accessibility. If you are interested in getting involved or taking part in the conversation, please contact Tiffany Haight at 231-861-4565 or tifhaight@shelbylibrary.org.

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has re-imagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types have utilized free dialogue and deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)."

Upcoming Meetings

Friends of the Library Thursday, April 10 at 5pm in the meeting room

Library Board of Trustees Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30pm in the meeting room

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LIBRARY CLOSED



The library will be closed to the public on Thursday, April 3 for carpet cleaning. The library's book drop at the south entrance will be available for returns.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Impactful Use of \$4.8 Million LSTA Federal Funds

Allotted by IMLS through the Grants to States Programs

MeL Michigan eLibrary Supporting Michigan Libraries **\$3.5 Million LSTA/ \$1.7 Million State Funding**

Administered by the Library of Michigan in partnership with Michigan's libraries of all types, the Michigan eLibrary will provide all Michigan residents with free access to online full-text articles, full-text books, digital images, and other valuable research information at any time via the Internet; and provide an easy-to-use interlibrary loan system (MeLCat) to allow Michigan residents to borrow books and other library materials for free from participating Michigan libraries.

1 Million MeLCat Items Loaned in 2024 **10 Million** MeLCat Items Loaned since 2015 **19.2 Million** Trusted Articles and Journals Accessed **\$26.96** For every \$1 spent

\$384,715 Awarded to Libraries Directly **101,127** Internet Hotspots Borrowed **WiFi 10.7 Million** WiFi connections at the Library



NOTES FROM FRIENDS

Have you picked out your seeds from our new “Seed Library?” Spring is definitely in the air for the Friends of SADL. Thank you, Amanda Mazur and her volunteers who obtained, organized, and put together this free seed sharing program for our community. We also hosted Garry McKeen, a Master Gardener who conducted a workshop March 26 at the Shelby Library! Thank you, Garry for giving so generously of your time and knowledge to us gardeners! Speaking of gardens, the Friends of SADL will discuss our next community event, the “Anything Goes Garden Sale and Free Plant Exchange,” scheduled for Saturday, May 31. Volunteers are needed to donate plants, pots, garden tools, yard art, or anything related to gardening. Helpers are needed to set up on the morning of the event. Learn more about volunteering for this activity at our next quarterly meeting of Friends of SADL, Thursday, April 10 at 5:00 in the meeting room. Refreshments will be served. More info about this event will be in the May newsletter, on SADL Facebook and website.



Happy National Library Week! National Library Week April 6 – 12 is celebrated all over the country with special events taking place. The Friends of SADL are sponsoring Soap Making Classes at the Shelby Library which are already booked to full capacity! This year, the Friends of SADL celebrate 35 years of service to our library!

More than ever, libraries need our support. Think of the many ways your lives are enriched by having a librarian assist you to select books, offer computer and internet advice, supply materials to help you do your taxes, research, print, apply for jobs, or create a resume. From Story Time for kids to Arts & Craft Classes, these are just a few of the many free programs and resources available for you, your family, and neighbors. The Friends of SADL is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, dedicated to helping our library with fundraisers, activities, and volunteer opportunities. We thank the SADL staff, the Library Board, and the many volunteers in the community who share our love for the Shelby Library. While the Friends of SADL raise money to help stretch the library budget, the Shelby Library depends on grants, awards, your local tax dollars, plus state and federal funding to continue offering the kind of services you expect from your library. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is the only independent federal agency dedicated to funding library services. The American Library Association (ALA) is fighting for IMLS to be preserved. Learn more about how you can support and advocate for IMLS at <https://ala.org>.

During the month of April when you visit the Shelby Library, be sure to say, “Thank you!” to our dedicated staff and library director, Tiffany Haight. We appreciate all you do!

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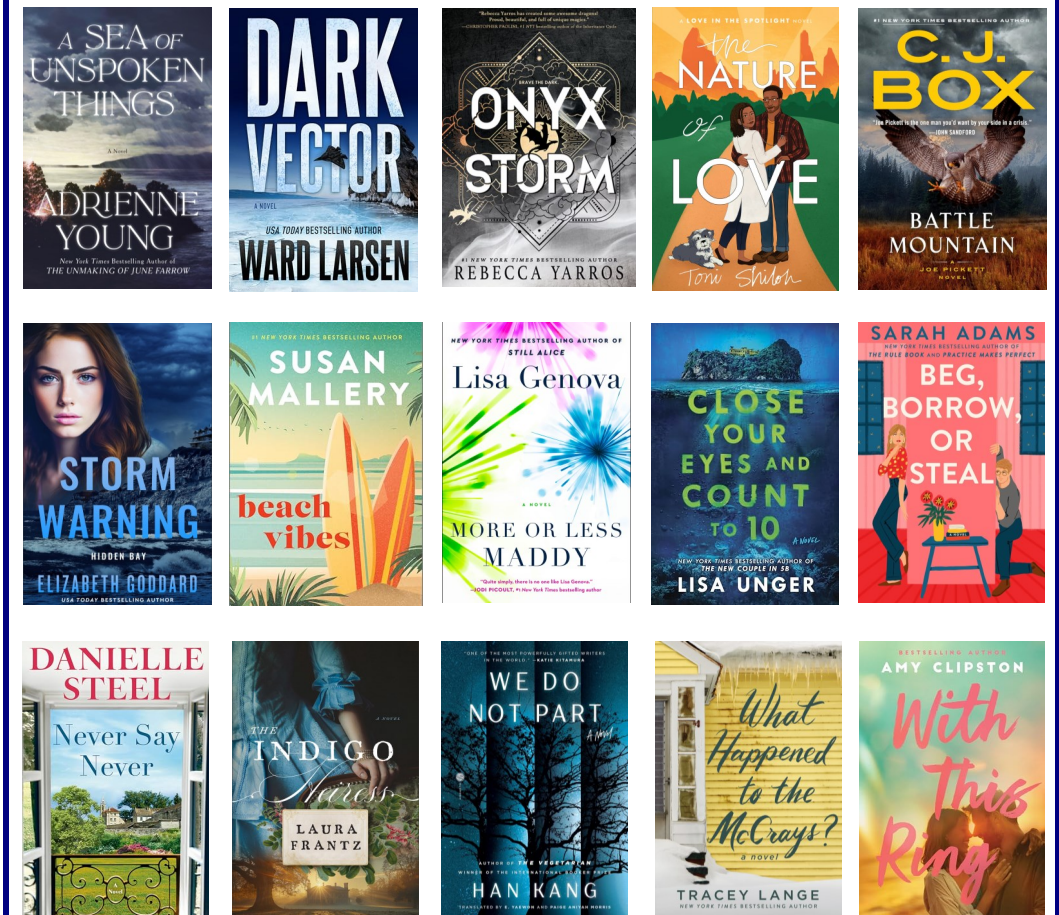
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Mondays 9am-5pm
Tuesdays 9am-5pm
Wednesdays 9am-7pm
Thursdays 9am-5pm
Fridays 9am-5pm
Saturdays 9am-1pm



NEW ARRIVALS



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