

## Letter to the Editor:

To whom it may concern: The Fruitport Library Board has put out a survey asking the community where they would like to see a new library built. Would the community prefer it to be built in the current location next to Pomona Park or moved to a new location? The survey came back with close to 70% preferring the library stay at its current location next to Pomona Park. Pomona Park has become a destination in Fruitport township. It has a great playground, basketball courts, covered picnic area, fishing pavilion, and a Lakeshore Trolley stop. On Thursday nights in the summer there are free live summer bands and dancing. This is just a few of the attractions that draw people to Pomona Park and isn't it great that the library is right there to utilize? Also since we own our library we have children reading programs all summer long unlike most of the surrounding libraries.

So why would the editor of FRUITPORT AREA NEWS be asking for land donations in a different area for a new library? It is almost like those making these decisions do not care what the community has voiced. Please come to a library meeting to voice your opinion, the next one is November 20, 2024 5:30 PM at the Township Hall. Maybe if the board saw some faces from the community they will take the answers from the survey seriously.

I want to add lastly, that I of course appreciate all the library board is doing for the community and I am grateful they are donating their time. With this position, as with any community leader though, comes the responsibility of listening to your constituents.

Thank you,  
Joni Olovson

**Editor's Note:** *Joni is the daughter of Pattiann Feldt*

## Fruitport District Library Adult Programming

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, Library Director

After the incredibly successful Summer Reading Program, the Fruitport District Library has more exciting programming lined up! Our Beginner Line Dancing Class on Mondays from 6-7 is ongoing as is our Beginner Yoga Class on Fridays 9:30-10:30. No sign ups are required! Just bring a positive attitude and willingness to have fun and a yoga mat for yoga. Yoga is free to attend but tips for the teachers are appreciated. We only ask that you pay the line dancing instructors \$2 per class.

Starting in March will be our Quilt Block group! Every month the group will meet to learn about the next quilt block they will make and by the end of the year they'll have enough quilt blocks to assemble a full sized quilt!

We have an Adult Book Club Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Feel free to bring a lunch!

The Sword Museum will be presenting *Japanese Swordsmanship* on November 7th at 5:30. Learn about the different swords and techniques from Japanese History.

In honor of NaNoWriMo the Fruitport District Library is hosting its second annual Author Showcase event with authors from across Michigan on November 16th from 10-4! Come and talk with authors about their books and get a copy signed for yourself or a loved one! Just in time to pick up the perfect holiday gift!

We also have movies in the evenings for teens and adults! On December 5 is *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation!* Movies start at 6pm. Pizza, popcorn and beverages will be provided! Please call ahead to let us know if you plan on attending so we know how much food we'll need.

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our community calendar on our website at [Fruitportlibrary.org](http://Fruitportlibrary.org).

## Fruitport District Library Children's Programming

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, Library Director

We are very excited about our winter children's programming! Every Friday at 11 we host Storytime with Miss Lesa for stories, songs, and crafts!! Storytime offers many valuable learning experiences for the little ones. These skills can help toddlers get ready to start school but they can also be good for lifelong learning! Skills learned include sitting still, examining behaviors in a social context, using inside voices, learning listening skills, be introduced to new words to improve vocabulary, finding new authors, and of course becoming a lifelong reader.

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In relation to Storytime we also have 1,000 Books before Kindergarten which helps parents get their toddlers ready to start school by reading 1,000 books before their child goes to Kindergarten! For every 100 books read your child gets a prize! Stop into the library to get signed up!

We also have movie nights throughout fall and winter! On November 14th we have *Jumanji* and December 5th we have *Muppet Christmas Carol!!* Movies start at 6pm and we provide pizza, beverages, and popcorn!

We even have a special Movies and Pajamas program especially for the week between Christmas and New Years! Come see *Frozen* on December 30th at 11am! No need to change out of their pajamas to enjoy the movie and hot chocolate!!

Every Monday Miss Lesa creates Take n Makes for kid's to stop in and grab to work on at home. These are put out on Monday mornings and are first come first served. Once gone they're gone. And during the holiday break the Fruitport District Library will be the return of Candyland in our community room! Check out our social media to learn more!

Our most exciting event is Crafts and Santa! On December 14 at 11am Miss Lesa and Santa Claus will be putting together crafts and hearing what you want for Christmas!!

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## Fruitport District Library Summer Reading Program 2024 Success

Matt Lubbers-Moore, Library Director of the Fruitport District Library, wants to thank the Fruitport community, the Friends of the Fruitport District Library, the Board of the Fruitport District Library, and the staff for an amazing and successful 2024 Summer Reading Program!

The library hosted 25 programs that were attended by almost 1,000 people!! We hosted the Outdoor Discovery Center twice, a mobile Planetarium, Crafts with Miss Robin, and weekly Crafts and Snacks with Miss Lesa! We are also grateful to the Fruitport Lions Club for cooking up almost 200 hotdogs for our Cook Out Party and to Huntington Bank who provided the ice cream for our Cool Down Party!

We had over 400 people sign up for the Summer Reading Program! We had over 150 kids read at least 30 days throughout summer!!! We also had 55 teens and almost 150 adults participate!

Thanks to our Friends and local businesses everyone who completed the Summer Reading Program received prizes!! The Fruitport District Library was able to hand out almost \$5,000 in prizes, everything from puzzles and books to gift cards to local businesses!!

This was also our third year that the Fruitport District Library teamed up with Feeding America in handing out lunches during summer for kids 0-18. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 12-1pm you would often see the library director outside along with community volunteers and Friends passing out lunches. From June to August over 1,000 lunches were passed out!!

What a wonderful summer and we look forward to the 2024 Summer Reading Program!

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## Fruitport District Library Homebound Service

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, Library Director

The Fruitport District Library and the Friends of the Fruitport District Library are now offering Homebound Service in which library materials can be delivered to Fruitport Township residents who are homebound.

### ELIGIBILITY

Homebound service will be provided to residents of Fruitport Township who are not able to come to the library. "Homebound" is defined as being generally confined to the residence either temporarily, due to an illness, accident, or permanently, due to age, disability, or other mobility problems.

### REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN:

-Library card  
-Fruitport township resident  
-Homebound due to injury, illness, disability, low-vision, senior with non-driving status

### SCHEDULE

-Once a month, typically the third Thursday

of the month

-Every item needs to be returned unless a renewal has been requested by phone

-A reminder call will be made by the route driver the day before

-Note: pre-contact with the patron is not needed for delivery.

-If a patron cannot participate for the month they are responsible for calling the library to cancel delivery/pick up

-A flyer/slip will be in the dropped-off bags listing the next delivery date

### REQUESTING MATERIALS

-Patrons will request specific books by phone prior to the delivery day by contacting the library through email or by phone

-A few days before is preferred

-Types of items available to request:

-books, audiobooks, movies

Please contact the library at (231) 366-6107 or [director@fruitportlibrary.org](mailto:director@fruitportlibrary.org) for more information.

## Save Money by Utilizing Library Digital and Streaming Resources

by Matt Lubbers-Moore, Library Director

The Fruitport District Library has resources for everyone to help save money on their streaming and digital services provided with your Fruitport Library card.

Libby (formerly known as Overdrive) is the staple of the library world. Access Audiobooks, ebooks, and e-magazines through the Libby app using your library card. Libby is limited to how many copies of a title they have so you may be placed on a waiting list. But we work with ten other library cooperatives across the state to limit your wait time! Check in with the library to gain access to those other cooperatives all with your Fruitport card! In the last year we had over 15,000 items get checked out through Libby!

Hoopla gains you access to e-books, audiobooks, music, comic books, TV shows, and movies all with the use of your Fruitport library card! Hoopla items are available immediately but all items cost the library per use so although the item may be available immediately, the library may have reached its daily budget requiring you to try again the following day. In the last year we had almost 4,000 items get checked out through Hoopla!! Contact the library or download the Hoopla app to discover everything Hoopla has to offer!

Our newest addition to the Fruitport Library is Kanopy! You can download the Kanopy app or access the website through [Fruitport.kanopy.com](http://Fruitport.kanopy.com) and use your library card to gain access to thousands of movies and TV shows! Every patron receives 25 tickets per month to use on movies and TV shows. All kid's programming is usable without tickets. Watch anything you want immediately! Contact the library for more information or just download the app and get streaming!



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**or 231-286-1179**

Phone  
**366-6092**

### HOURS

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| Tues. | 3:30pm-6pm |
| Thurs | Noon-3pm   |
| Sat:  | 10am-1pm   |

**268 N. 3rd Ave. Fruitport Village  
Next to Word of Hope Church**