

Fruitport Writes

by Matt Lubbers-Moore

Starting in January of 2026 the Fruitport District Library began accumulating entries for a short story anthology from local residents. The premise was for kids, teens, and adults to submit a short story no longer than 2,000 words. The library received many wonderful submissions but the publisher wanted to limit the stories to just 10 submissions for this first outing to see how well the book will be received.

The judges and editors believe there is a well-rounded selection of entries and the book has been sent to the printers! Physical copies will be awarded to the authors, one will be added to the physical collection, and others will be available to be purchased for \$15 at the Fruitport Library or online. Sales of the book will help the library pay for additional programming, materials, and will go towards the future new library.

To purchase an e-book you can visit <https://a.co/d/06zg4kXK> If you have Kindle Unlimited the book is available through there or \$4.99 to purchase a copy.

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The library is grateful to our judges, editors, the authors, and the community.

The authors included are Brittany Aldridge, Janel Eikenberry, Sarah Eikenberry, Kim Holtrop, Julie Luick, Zefania Martinez, Amelia Nelson, Judy Pruiam, Harper Toft, and Brielle Rylee Vallette and range from nonfiction to fiction, dystopian futures to Victorian England, to children's stories to wilderness safety advice.

The library is also thankful to Lubore Publishing for their willingness to publish the book and donate all proceeds back to the library.

Discover a World of Free Digital Entertainment and Learning at Your Fruitport Library

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In the digital age, the public library continues to be a gateway to knowledge, entertainment, and lifelong learning and now it's more accessible than ever. The Fruitport District Library is proud to offer a wide range of digital resources that cardholders can enjoy anytime, anywhere, completely free of charge.

Leading the way is **Libby**, a user-friendly app that connects readers to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. Whether you're into bestsellers, classic literature, or children's stories, Libby offers something for everyone. Simply download the app, sign in with your library card, and start reading or listening instantly. Contact the library regarding additional resources available through cooperative sharing.

For movie buffs, binge-watchers, and music lovers, **Hoopla** delivers a treasure trove of content right to your device. With no waitlists and a wide variety of audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music albums, eBooks, comics, and more, Hoopla is perfect for families and individuals looking for instant access to entertainment.

And if you're a fan of movie classics, modern pictures, thought-provoking documentaries, indie films, or international cinema, **Kanopy** is your go-to platform. Known for its high-quality, curated collection, Kanopy is a favorite among educators and film enthusiasts alike. From classic cinema to modern masterpieces, it offers streaming options you won't find on typical platforms.

These resources really expand what the library can offer. You don't have to come into the building to enjoy your library—you can access all of this from your couch, your commute, or even on vacation.

All you need to get started is a library card. Not sure how to use the apps? The library staff is happy to help set up accounts and walk patrons through the process step by step.

From books to movies, music to magazines, the Fruitport District Library is your all-in-one digital destination; free, easy, and always open. For more information, visit fruitportlibrary.org or stop by the library to learn more.

Fruitport District Library Homebound Service

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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, pregnancy, or permanently, due to age, disability, or other mobility problems.

REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN:

- Library card
- Fruitport township resident

SCHEDULE

- Once a 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

REQUESTING MATERIALS

- Patrons will request specific books by phone or online 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 for more information.

Fruitport District Library Teen and Adult Programs

by Matt Lubbers-Moore

Chair yoga on Mondays at 11am invites community members of all ages and abilities to enjoy a gentle class designed to promote wellness, flexibility, and peace of mind. Led by a certified instructor, this free program offers easy, seated stretches and calming breathing techniques which are perfect for seniors, beginners, or anyone looking for a safe and supportive way to stay active. Join us weekly and experience the benefits of movement and relaxation in a welcoming environment. No special equipment or experience needed.

Gentle Yoga continues throughout summer at 9:30am on Fridays. Gentle Yoga class is designed to help participants unwind, stretch, and recharge. This all-levels class focuses on slow, mindful movements and simple poses to improve flexibility, balance, and relaxation. Whether you're new to yoga or looking for a peaceful way to stay active, all are welcome. Bring your own mat and join us to discover a more centered, healthier you.

The Fruitport Library invites you to kick up your heels at our Line Dancing class! This lively, no-pressure program is perfect for all ages and fitness levels. No partner or experience needed. Learn basic steps to classic country favorites and modern hits while enjoying great music and friendly company. Come dance, laugh, and move your way to a good time! This event is \$2 per person per class.

Join the Fruitport District Library on the second Thursday of every month at 1pm for a fascinating journey through the past with our ongoing History Lecture Series. Each session features engaging presentations by local historians and experts, covering a wide range of topics from regional stories to major world events. Whether you're a lifelong history buff or just curious to learn more, these free lectures offer something for everyone. All are welcome! June we're exploring the Black Death, July we're learning about the prehistoric animals of Michigan, and in August we'll discuss the Mound Builders of the Grand River Valley!

Stay up to date with fun crafts, programs, and events throughout the year with our monthly community calendar available in the library!!

Progress at the Fruitport Library

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In the last few years the Fruitport District Library has been making strides towards a new library building. Although we are still in the beginning stages we have a few things we would like to share. There are a few locations that we are deciding between; our current location in Pomona Park, a shared space on Pontaluna and Quarterline, our own owned property on Harvey and Mt. Garfield, and our own owned property on Farr Road. Each have the advantages and disadvantages and we would love to hear from the public! We will be hosting a listening session at 6pm on May 14th at the Fruitport Township Hall. If you are unable to make it, we will have printed materials in the library to see the information regarding the spaces and a QR code for you to take the survey digitally or we'll have printed surveys if you want to submit your thoughts that way instead.

Until we are able to have a brand new building the Fruitport Library is looking at new and revolutionary ideas on how to better serve our community. Our first way is by placing lockers around Fruitport Township that will allow the patrons of Fruitport to be able to access their holds 24/7. Locations are currently being sought in the Cloverville and Harvey Street Corridor areas but the way they will work is patrons can contact the library through fruitportemail@gmail.com or by calling (231) 366-6107 and asking for a book to be placed on hold and which location pickup you desire. The library staff will deliver the item(s) to the lockers and will contact the patron when they're ready for pickup. The patron will go to the location, insert their code, and retrieve their materials. Once finished with their materials patrons can return the items to any library drop box in the Muskegon and Ottawa Counties. These lockers were paid for by a grant from the American Library Association's Disability Grant.

Our second concept to better serve Fruitport is by having a Fruitport Library Activity Space and Used Bookstore in the Lakes Mall. Negotiations are still ongoing with the mall but we have high hopes of opening this space prior to the start of the Summer Reading Program. The space will host a Storytime on Wednesday mornings, a Beginners Line Dancing class on Wednesday afternoons, and a Chair Yoga on Thursday mornings. The other half of the space will be given over to the Friends of the Fruitport Library to be a used bookstore where funds raised will help the Fruitport Library pay for programming, materials, and the future library space.

Once open we are hoping to further increase the amount of services we offer at the location based on usage and needs which will include a socializing event for senior citizens, movie nights, teen hangout events, and lecture series. The Fruitport Library has raised roughly \$20,000 to help pay for the space and its programming so that little to no tax payer dollars will be used for this second Fruitport Library space as we continue to be frugal caretakers of the taxes we receive.

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