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**From the Director**

New Year, new carpet! This January, we will be replacing all the carpet at the Imlay branch: the first major project possible by the recently passed millage. We wish to thank our voters once again for their generosity and support. We also have lots of activities planned to get you out and about, avoiding cabin fever. Take part in our Silent Auction fundraiser, participate in the Blizzard of Books winter reading program (and get a free DQ Blizzard) or bring the little ones to a new program to help them burn off some energy; Shimmy, Shake, and Sing with Ms. Mandy. And we’ve got the holidays covered with a Christmas Story Nite and a New Year’s Early Eve Craftnoon. Be sure to make visiting the library part of your New Year’s resolutions!

**Coat Drive**

December - February

Share a little warmth this season at the library with our Winter Coat Drive. Bring in gently used coats or jackets for all ages and sizes, and they will be made available to anyone that may need them, free of charge. We thank everyone who makes this program so successful with their generosity!

**Blizzard of Books**

January 2 – 31

Winter is the perfect time to sit and read: we’re usually snowbound anyway, so there’s no guilt! And this year your library and the Imlay City Dairy Queen have teamed up to make it really snow a Blizzard of Books! Stop by the checkout desk for a Blizzard of Books card, and bring it with you as you check out 20 items in the month of January (every 5 items will earn you a snowflake punch to your card.) Once you’ve received all four punches you can return it to the Imlay City Dairy Queen for a free mini Blizzard treat, and you’ll also be entered into a drawing to win a $50 Dairy Queen Gift Card!

**Fines Forgiveness Day**

January 9

New Year, new start: get a clean slate with our Fines Forgiveness Day! Call or stop in anytime during regular library hours at either branch to clear overdue fines from your account. Please note: items must be returned first, and fines forgiveness does not cover fees for lost or damaged items, nor does it cover the $10 non-refundable collection agency fee.

**Can We Talk? Don’t Be Afraid of Those Three Little Words: How to Have Hard Conversations While It’s Still Easy**

January 15 & 22 @ 6:30 PM

We all know what awaits us at the end of our life’s journey, and most of us tend to avoid thinking or talking about it. But there are conversations we can have now with our friends and families that can make these topics less daunting.

Join us for two special evenings as we learn how to have these conversations in a light hearted way. Attorney Barb Yockey will be here January 15 to share her experiences helping people navigate these challenging topics, followed by Bob Muir on January 22. These events are in memory of Bob Stroebel, father of Library Trustee Cynthia Stroebel.

**‘Love Your Library’ Silent Auction Fundraiser**

February 5 - 12

Our annual Silent Auction fundraiser will take place February 5 – 12. It’s a great opportunity to find a perfect gift for someone special while also showing your love of the library. We will be accepting donations of new items, handmade, collectibles, themed baskets, gift cards, and services of any kind. Please consider a donation to help support the library, and stop by often to bid. Thank you for loving your library!

**No Winter Book Sale**

Due to the carpet installation project, we will not be able to have a book sale this quarter. The book sale will return in the spring.
**Advent Craft Night: Glammed-Up Birdhouses**
February 24 @ 6:30 PM

We’re looking forward to spring at this late winter adult craft night! Join us as we glam up birdhouses with jewels, paint, and whatever else Diane can find in her bag of tricks. All supplies are provided, but space is limited, so registration is required. Registration will open starting February 1; please call 810-724-8043 or stop by to sign up.

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**Holiday Programs**

**Shimmy, Shake & Sing**
January 27, February 24 @ 10:30 AM
Parents and little ones are invited to feel the groove and beat cabin fever at this all new Music and Movement program! We’ll shake our sillies out with a mad mix of singing, dancing, fingerplays, fun and games. Comfy clothes are suggested, bottled water will be provided.

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**New Year’s Early Eve Crafternoon:**
Celebrate the Roaring Twenties

December 27, 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Stop by this afternoon to help usher in another wonderful year at your library! It will be 2020, so we’ll be taking advantage of a ‘roaring twenties’ theme. Enjoy some light treats and make some fun crafts that you can use on New Year’s Eve!

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**Leap Day All Day Crafternoon**
February 29, All Day
Little Orphan Annie may have exclaimed “Leaping Lizards,” but we’re all about frogs at this fabulous Leap Day event. Hop on down for some fun frog crafts to celebrate a day that only comes around every 4 years!

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**Imlay City Winter Playground**

December 7, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
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**Mark your Calendar for Some Special Dates**

**December 4**
National Sock Day: wear your coolest socks today!

**December 11**
National App Day: learn about the great apps you can use with your library card

**December 21**
Short Person Appreciation Day (on the shortest day of the year)

**January 25**
Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat

**January 27**
Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day: “Pop” in to the library to pop some bubble wrap today! we’ll have a big roll out!

**February 19**
Chocolate Mint Day: The two together = yummy; try our samples and see!

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**Library Shelfie Day**
January 22
Founded by the New York Public Library in 2014, it’s a great way for bibliophiles (and the scientific name for book lovers) to share their love of books by taking a selfie with their bookshelves and who has better stocked bookshelves than your library? Stop in, find your favorite book or spot in the library, snap a pic, and post it online using the hashtag #LibraryShelfieDay. Tag us if you post on Facebook, we would love to see them!

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**Advanced D&D Nite**
January 9 & 23, February 6 & 20 @ 5:00 PM
Dirt under our nails, a few scars with wild stories and the thrill of victory in our hearts: we are the experienced Dungeon Questers and we’re looking for a few seasoned gamers to join our ranks! Whether you are a Teen or an Adult, past D&D experience is encouraged and sign up is required so stop in or call 810-724-8043 to reserve your spot today.

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**Beginner D&D Nite**
January 16 & 30, February 13 & 27 @ 5:00 PM
Elves, Orcs, Barbarians and Bards, answer the call! Have you ever wanted to give Dungeons and Dragons a try but didn’t know where to start? Then this is the group for you! Our DM (Dungeon Master) will skillfully lead us through a map teeming with surprises and adventures alike! Whether you are a Teen or an Adult sign up is required so stop in or call 810-724-8043 to reserve your spot today.

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**Poinsettia Pens Crafternoon**
December 12 @ 4:00 PM
Let’s celebrate National Poinsettia Day by creating a gift that is simple to make and stunning to look at! Using just a pen and different types of tape we will make a completely one-of-a-kind item perfect for giving… or keeping. All supplies are provided but space is limited so stop in or call 810-724-8043 to reserve your spot today.

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**Coach Delisa: Find Your Direction in Your Quiet**
January 13 @ 6:30 PM
Feeling frazzled after the rush of the holidays? Hoping this new year won’t seem as busy and overwhelming as the last? Looking for ways to bring more peace and serenity into your life? Then join us for a special evening with Coach Delisa Deavenport as she teaches us a technique to use quiet to tap into the self-conscious mind, finding your inner truth, direction, purpose, and joy in life. Delisa is the founder of Healthy Evolutions coaching company and has worked for United Way and Catholic Social Services. She recently wrote about her experiences with an undiagnosed anxiety disorder in her published book, Find Your Direction in Your Quiet: Sharing My Experience Living with Anxiety.

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**Christmas Story Nite**
December 23 @ 6:00 PM
As the Grinch said, “Tomorrow is Christmas, it’s practically here!” So let’s curl up and read a few Christmas favorites, both new and old, and feel the joy of the season with some Christmas tunes. Afterwards we’ll channel some holiday magic into a few crafts- of course you have room for more decorations!

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**Storytime**
See calendar for exact dates, times and themes
Join us for Storytime, our beloved times of the week where stories are shared, songs are sung, ASL is learned, friendships are made and silliness happens. We hope to see you there!

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