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We celebrated national Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 3 with a circus-themed Big Playdate that 76 people attended. We also offered up to $10 off late fines for families who brought their children into the library that day.

STEAM Saturdays started in January. The first Saturday of each month featured a different STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) topic with activities for ages 5-8. Battle of the Books kicked off on January 11. Once again, we partnered with Grand Ledge Area District Library.

The Library partnered with the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition, WKAR, HeadStart, and area libraries for the annual Family Literacy Celebration on March 18 at the Hannah Center.

Around 100 people attended the How Do Dinosaurs Party and enjoyed crafts, games, stories, and pictures with the Dinosaur. Eaton Great Start provided free books to send home with each child.

Capital Area Reads author Imbolo Mbue presented at the Lansing Center on April 28.

The library hosted NYT Columnist Sridhar Pappu on April 7 as a part of the Michigan Notable Books Author Tour.

The new 3M self-check was installed.

Items were collected for homeless and at-risk women for the local non-profit group Helping Women Period.

The Grand Opening was held for the StoryWalk® in Sharp Park on May 16. Students from Elmwood Elementary attended.

The Annual “I Am Delta” Photo Contest was held.
The week of June 11 marked the 10-year anniversary of the building. Each day held fun and surprises in the lobby. The Library’s Concert Series began and was held through July.

Youth staff hosted four classes of Elmwood fourth graders in May and June. Windemere Park also brought students to the library. 768 youth registered for our Summer Reading Program. The theme was Libraries Rock! A new online program was also offered - Wandoo Reader. Thirty-six people participated.

Over 300 people attended AARP sponsored events including Fraud Watch Network, Social Security, and Document Shredding.

Our Monday family programs continued to bring in large crowds, including our annual LEGO Creation Challenge (82 people), Alex Thomas & Friends Puppet Show (140 people), Join the Band: Make Your Own Instruments (140 people), Tunes n’ Tales concert (90 people) and the largest, Wildlife Safari - with live animals including a fox, alligator, tortoise, and python (304 people).

Staff created a Stranger Things escape room program, based on the hit Netflix show, in which 18 teens attended.

Staff presented a 3-day Music Coding Camp in July for ages 10-18, attended by nine participants.

Over the summer, with the help of Linda Vannier and Waverly Schools, we served over 500 meals and provided over 320 weekend backpacks with supplemental food.

A mini-grant from the Woodlands Library Cooperative covered expenses for the backpacks. We hope to work with the Delta/Waverly Rotary Club for Summer 2019.

Our annual Volunteer Fair was held on September 27. Over 14 organizations signed up to participate. Patrons were able to see all of the opportunities available to them and learn how to best help their community.
Our Library of Things continued to grow at a rapid pace. We participated in the Trick-or-Treat Trail held at Sharp Park. The Lunchtime Lectures series in October was another great success with over 100 people who attended. The events included presentations/performances by the State Historic Preservation Office, Stolen Mill Productions, Prime Time Strummers, Delta Readers Theater, Waverly Music Program and the Lansing Art Gallery.

The library once again had a Food for Fines event. Over 270 pounds of food were collected, and a cash donation of $5.00. This will equate to 250 meals for those who need it in the Greater Lansing Area.

Small Business Saturday was on November 29. Participants were able to enter a raffle for great prizes donated by Delta Township Businesses. Fifty-nine people registered.

In preparation for the 11th annual Battle of the Books, the book list was announced. We are partnering with Grand Ledge Area District Library again to host the competition. Registration has reached capacity the last three years, and we look forward to a fun event again in 2019.

Recipe Club has enjoyed a bit of a renaissance under the adult services assistant Lora’s lead.
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