

Salem Township Library

Monthly Report

September 2026

From the Director

by Lisa Vande Bunte

September was a busy and productive month for us behind the scenes. We were thrilled to hire two new team members: a Circulation & Adult Services Librarian and a Circulation, Social Media & Marketing Librarian. We look forward to getting them onboarded and introducing them to our community.

Looking briefly ahead into October, we had a staff member resign recently. We're currently preparing to post that open position soon to keep our coverage and the library running smoothly. However, there may be a few single day closures as we navigate this transition.

In addition to staffing, we've started prep work for our upcoming library book sale and hope to announce opening dates very soon.

We also consulted with our landscapers to brainstorm ideas for refreshing our outdoor landscaping, including a new special bush in recognition of the previous Director's time at the library. This is to replace the original tree that did not survive the winter.

Finally, with the Library of Michigan's annual State Aid Report opening on October 1st, we are gearing up to dive into gathering data and completing that report in the coming weeks.

Library Spotlights

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We are back in full swing with our regular library programming! Check out some of our offerings below and come join in the fun!

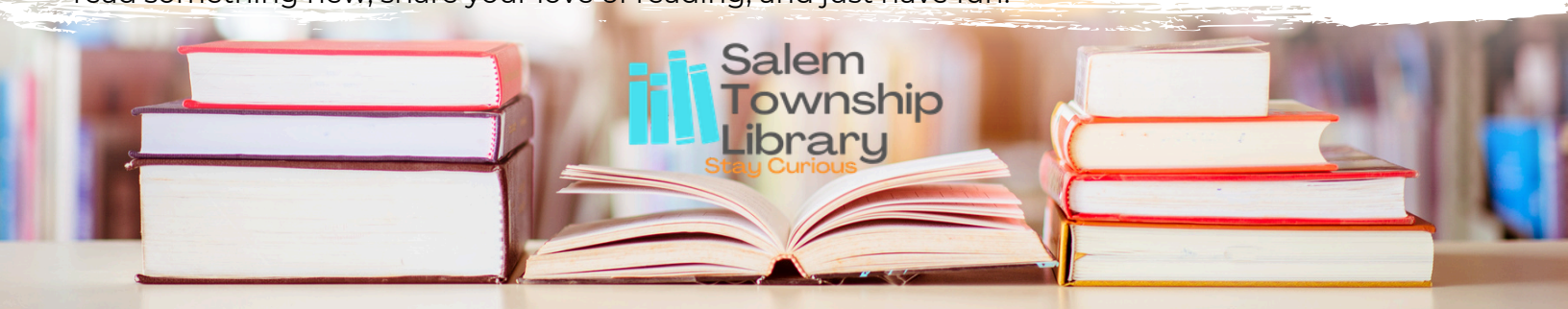
Story Time meets every Wednesday at 11am. We play songs, read a couple of books, and learn about letters, numbers and so much more. We also have a craft or activity with a snack. A few times throughout the year, we have special visitors or events. Be sure to join us for our Halloween event in October.

Lego Club meets the second Saturday of every month at 11am. Kids get creative with themed builds and we have a drawing each time for a small Lego prize.

Play N' Learn meets the second Thursday of each month at the Salem Township Hall at 11am. This is a free early literacy play group led by the Ottawa Area ISD for families with children ages birth through 5 years old. It includes stories, finger plays, crafts, and other fun activities.

Board Game Afternoons are just that - an afternoon of playing games at the library. They meet the third Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

We have two adult book clubs. Our first group meets at 7pm the first Monday night of the month. Our second group meets at 8:30am the last Monday morning of the month. Join either group to read something new, share your love of reading, and just have fun!



Activity

810 Patron Visits

96 Program Attendees

13 New Patrons

152 Items Added to Collection

Checkouts

5,539 Physical Items

1,278 Digital Items

23 Hotspots

49 STEAM Kits and LOT Items

Trending at the Library

- A Court of Splintered Harmony by Sarah J Maas
- Hallmark Binge Pass
- The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
- Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
- Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
- Pickleball

Mark your calendar

- **October 21 - 28:**
 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest
- **October 26:**
 - Animals of the Night for K-5th @ 6pm

Recurring Programs

- **Story Time** @ 11am; Every Wednesday (September-May)
- **Lego Club** @ 11am; Second Saturday of each month (September-May)
- **Play n' Learn** @ 11am; Second Thursday of each month at the Township Hall
- **Board Game Afternoons** @ 1pm; Third Wednesday of each month (September-May)
- **Adult Book Clubs:**
 - AM Group meets @ 8:30am the last Monday of each month
 - PM Group meets @ 7pm the First Monday of each month

