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November 2022 Newsletter

Letter from the Director...

In October, I had the privilege of attending the Michigan Library Association Conference in Port Huron utilizing a scholarship for education and training. I learned several useful facts about financing our library as well as funding and grant opportunities available. I have several ideas to continue the growth of our library and to become an awesome resource for our community. We will continue to offer the current services, and I hope to add even more.

The first task I decided to tackle was updating our website with FREE resources for the community. When you visit our webpage, and I hope you do, you will see at least two new options: Resources for Children and Resources for Tweens and Teens. There are a plethora of resources available to brick-and mortar-students as well as home school and virtual learners. Under these tabs, students can find encyclopedias, book lists, tutoring, career development resources, test prep, exercises for early readers, and more. There is so much available for you. I am also willing to assist you if you have questions. In addition, you can visit our Facebook page where I have been loading video tutorials showing how to utilize these resources. And guess what...They're FREE!

Within the next month, I plan to update the resources for adults. These include e-magazines, recipes, job and career development, health, ASVAB and GED test prep, and so much more. The list of resources is large; so I am tackling the adult resources, as I am able. Again, I will create how-to videos for you on Facebook to assist with utilization.



Scan with your phone camera
to open our webpage

A Very Victorian Christmas

On December 3, you are invited to the Greenfield House to attend a *Very Victorian Christmas* to enjoy live music, crafts, kid's games, and refreshments. The cost is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. Space is limited for performances at 1 pm, 2:30 pm, and 4 pm. Tickets are available before show time or in advance at Athens Community Library.

HEALTH REMINDER

- If you are sick, have a fever or cough, are congested, or ill in any way, please do not enter the library and utilize the Curbside Service
- This is to ensure the safety and health of our patrons as well as our staff.

CURBSIDE SERVICE

- View our online catalog on our website: www.athenscommunitylibrary.org or scan this code with the camera on your phone
- Call the library at 269-729-4479, and ask them to check the books out to you. Leave your number in case they have any questions.
- When you arrive at the library, please call again and let them know you have arrived.
- Library staff will bring your requests out to you.
- Please allow staff enough time to pull the items for you, as well as ample time to serve other patrons in the library.



PLEASE HELP...

We are seeking volunteer board members to assist with making decisions for the library, if you are interested, please contact Missy Irons at athens_library@sbcglobal.net.

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Library Card Changes....

Beginning January 1, 2023, all patrons are required to fill out a new patron application. It will also be available on the web page. When filling out your application, please plan to have some form of **PROOF OF RESIDENCE**. This may include a Michigan Driver's License or Michigan ID Card with your current address, a utility bill with your current address, a rent invoice/receipt with your current address, or an Athens Township tax bill or receipt showing that you pay Township taxes. Students may use their school ID card or a print out of their information from the school grade system/attendance program.

Residents who live within and pay taxes to Athens Township receive a library card for no additional charge as each pays a millage with property taxes to support the library (this includes those who rent, as taxes are included in your monthly rent fees).

However, non-residents (those who do not pay Athens Township property taxes) are not assessed a millage to support the library through a millage. Therefore, they will be assessed a yearly fee of \$10 per patron with a cap of \$30 per family residing at the same address. Again, these must be assessed yearly to avoid unfair taxation. Please note: If you live in East Leroy or Fulton, etc. but own property in Athens Township, you are a resident as you pay property taxes on at least one Athens Township parcel. Please bring a tax bill or receipt to explain your residency.

Athens Community Library Board:

President, Jeannie Goodrich
Secretary, Hannah Klein
Trustee, Shirley Damrow

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Library Staff:

Library Director, Missy Irons
Assistant Director, Nathaniel Mottinger
Librarians, Cindy and Rosie

"I have always imagined the Paradise will be a kind of library."

~ Jorge Luis Borges ~

Hours of Operation

Mondays	9 am – 6 pm
Tuesdays	12 pm – 8 pm
Wednesdays	9 am – 6 pm
Thursdays	12 pm – 8 pm
Fridays	12 pm – 6 pm
Saturdays	9 am – 1 pm

CLOSED... November 24, December 24, and December 31

BOOK DROP REMINDER...

You may return your books in person during open hours or via the drop box by the main entrance. When using the drop box, **please place your books in a plastic bag to prevent water damage**. Also, please do not leave books on the ramp or on the stair entrances; even if they are in plastic bags, they will incur damage.

Unattended Children Policy

It is the current policy of the library that an adult, preferably a parent or a guardian, who is at least 18 years old or older, must accompany children under the age of 9. We have had several children in the library who have created a disturbance for other patrons. We will appreciate parents/guardians/adults coming into the library with their children. Unfortunately, we have found it necessary to dismiss unattended children, who repeatedly cause a disturbance or are destructive, from the library. In addition, several middle- and high-school aged youth have been fraternizing in front of the library. They have left messes for others to clean, and police have been called more than once to break up fights and to settle arguments. We will appreciate it if you will discuss these problems with your children so the library can be a pleasant surrounding for everyone in the Athens Community.

Coronavirus Policy

- If you are sick, have a fever or cough, please stay home or utilize the curbside service.
- Masks and gloves are optional but strongly recommended.
- Maintain a distance of 3 - 6 feet between you and others to avoid human contact.
- Please use hand sanitizer and/or disinfecting wipes when you enter the library, use technology, or touch surfaces.

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