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# LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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## ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2019 - MARCH 31, 2020





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# DIRECTOR REPORT

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*We are here to SERVE you!!!*

Although Fiscal Year 2019-2020 ended on March 31 in an unusual way, with the Library closed to the public due to the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, upon reflection, it was a very successful and active year!

Some highlights included, hosting a Michigan Notable Author-Lee Zacharias; flower arranging with Jackie LeFebre; a robust Summer Reading Program; several Painting classes; an Estate Planning Seminar with Jessica Brandow; Fall Festival; 1763 Living Michigan History Presentation with Don Cochrane; canvas painting with Gail Suess-Brandow; string art; wooden personalized name signs; the Country Cat Lady; Macramé with Cathy Jager; local author Paul Jackson; a four week Mindfulness series by MSU; Maple Syrup presentation with Don Snoeyink; and our adult Winter Reading Program!

We discovered that the community enjoys crafting and painting, and is very creative. My staff has done a wonderful job designing and providing instructions and finding current craft trends that are appealing to the community. We will continue to provide creative activities for families.

The Leighton Township Library is an important resource for the community. We are here for you! We support families that are the first teachers when they read to babies in arms with the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. If you have a baby to Pre-K child at home, please ask for the materials to get started on reaching this important milestone with your child.

We provide services! Computer stations are available to check e-mail and print documents. The Wi-Fi is available both inside and outside the building. Faxing is free! Postage stamps are sold at the Library's front desk, and mail pick-up is available. Laminating can be requested at a low cost. Ask the staff and we will help you get what you need to have done!

Our goal is to serve you! Please ask questions, and make suggestions of services that you would like to see us provide. We are open to recommendations of reading materials, and will consider those recommendations with regard to our budget. We are here to SERVE you! Do you have a Library Card? If not, please contact us to make arrangements to get one, as your tax dollars pay for many of the services that the library can provide.

**Karen  
McKinnon**

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

# BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

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On behalf of the Library Board, it is my honor to write to you for this Annual Report. The Leighton Township Library (LTL) has one of the best circulating library collections inside the cooperative. Before COVID hit, operation at the library was averaging more than 6,000 items per month being checked out by patrons of Leighton Township. That is a great number for a library of our size. The staff is always looking for innovative ways to provide great programs for the community. Movie nights, art classes, and teen parties are just some of the programs that have been offered and will continue to be offered to Leighton Township patrons.

The LTL staff is one of the best in the state. When state orders mandated that the library be closed, the staff found innovative ways to continue to bring programs to the community. Through social media, they announced programs and explained how patrons could still check out materials through the e-book program. If you have not done so already, follow/like the LTL on Facebook and Instagram. I am extremely proud of the staff for their dedication to providing community library support even during this pandemic. One day things will return to normal. This brings me to the future of the LTL.

The LTL Board recently began planning to expand the library. This plan was something that had been shelved a few years back but was revisited so that LTL can continue to meet and provide quality programs and collections to the community it serves. When the project is completed, the library will have increased space for collections. This will mean more books and DVDs to borrow. The increased space will also include two study cubicles that can be used for private tutoring and testing; the library currently does not have this capability. The expansion will also include something that staff and board members are very excited about -- a maker's space. This will allow the library to offer more arts and crafts programming in a dedicated, larger room. This means more members of the community can participate. The LTL fiscal plan to pay for this space is still in the works, but it does include the LTL paying any debt at an accelerated rate to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

It is my privilege to serve this community as a Library Board member and as the President of the Board.

**Michael  
Mulligan, MLIS**

PRESIDENT, LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD