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From the Desk of the Director



Have you ever heard the saying "these are the best of times and the worst of times?" Many might say that the last decade has brought some of the biggest difficulties, obstacles, stresses and struggles for individuals and families in our world, country and right here in our local Saginaw community. Loss of jobs, health insurance, security, home foreclosure and retirement investments have had an impact on all of us in some given way. Times are tough.

We can dwell on our hardships or we can choose to make our world a better place to live, learn and love what we do. Focusing on the purpose and cause is what makes most non-profit organizations successful. Behind every good cause are the positive people who want to take action to make a difference. These people cultivate a positive emotion and seek change so that they themselves and others can achieve successful opportunities despite the challenges that surround them.

READ is fortunate to be surrounded by positive people. If you are reading this newsletter you are doing your part to help us achieve the "best of times." YOU value your own ability to read and support helping others learn to read with your volunteer time and/or your financial resources. We certainly value your support!

Our ultimate goal: To help children improve their reading skills and discover the joy of reading ... *this* is the best of times. Here's to a new decade ... one filled with peace, hope, books, knowledge ... and opportunities for children to read today, tomorrow and for a lifetime.

Carol Lechel
Director

Save the Dates:

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, May 12

5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

at Peace Lutheran Church

D.E.A.R. at the Zoo



Wednesday,

June 16

10 am - 3 pm

Book Fair

Thank you to The Children's Book Company, Memory Lane Café, the Antique Warehouse, WSGW Radio and everyone who attended the Book Fair in December!

Book Fair Drawing Winners:

JoAnn Baker - Book basket

Jim Kessler - Mid-Michigan

Children's Museum Family Pass

Laura Deisig - READ T-shirt

Camille Cleveland - READ T-shirt



Mentoring Moments

SS. Peter & Paul READ Volunteers and Students enjoy their time with a RIF book distribution day in February. READ volunteers have mentored students for MANY years at SS. Peter & Paul. We extend our thanks for their dedication and are glad many will continue on at other READ centers next year. This will be the last year for the SS. Peter & Paul READ center due to the school closing.



Send in photos of **YOUR** year end READ gatherings and we may include some in our June newsletter. Please contact the office, 755-8402, or by email, for photo release forms.

Experience the Great Outdoors... Reconnect Children with Nature

The READ Association of Saginaw County is pleased to be a part of the Saginaw community-wide initiative of organizations, businesses and individuals working together to promote local programs and resources that will help children and families spend more time outdoors, a No Child Left Inside initiative. All children should have access, opportunities and encouragement to play outdoors and connect with nature for their physical, emotional and educational well being. Despite advances in public health and medicine, children are developing chronic health conditions, such as obesity and depression, earlier and more frequently than ever before. Research shows that the decline in children's health is linked in part to their growing disconnect from nature and outdoor play.



Research shows that children who play outside:

- Are healthier physically and mentally
- Have more active creative imaginations
- Are more cooperative with others
- Are good problem solvers
- Show fewer signs of obesity
- Have higher self-esteem
- Do better in school
- Have improved attention spans and test scores
- Are engaged in helping protect our natural resources and environment

For more information visit:
www.childrenandnature.org or
Michigan.gov, then search:
No Child Left Inside Coalition

**A FREE Author
Meet & Greet
One Night ONLY!**



Jonathan Rand's
**MICHIGAN
CHILLERS**

**Wednesday, April 21
4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Mid-Michigan Children's Museum
315 W. Genesee ♦ Saginaw**

**Meet the Author
JONATHAN RAND
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Book Signing
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Books for sale onsite or bring your own.
Limit of three signed per person.

**Book Swap
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Bring a like-new book to swap with
another. Recycle your Reads!

Visit the Museum for only
**\$1.00 from
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Program brought to you by:
mid-michigan
**children's
museum**
Public Libraries of Saginaw



Celebrate National Reading Month
at the READ Association of Saginaw County's 5th Annual



Books



for

Breakfast

Saturday, March 6, 2010
9am – 11:30 am

Event Location: 940 E. Genesee - between Janes and Thompson St.
(Hunger Solution Center – home of Hidden Harvest & East Side Soup Kitchen)

\$3.00 per person (under one yr. free) For advance tickets call the READ Office at 755-8402
or visit Independent Bank, 1445 N. Center (at corner of Brockway). Tickets also available at the door.

Admission to this event includes a pancake breakfast and literacy activities
to encourage and promote Family Reading Time:



- ◆ ALL You Can Eat Pancakes
- ◆ Costume Character Visits
- ◆ Free New Book for Every Child
- ◆ Storytelling
- ◆ Literacy Activities
- ▶ Bring a canned goods donation and receive one raffle ticket
for each can for a chance to win great books!
(Donations to benefit Hidden Harvest and the East Side Soup Kitchen)

Literacy Activity Sponsors include: Mid Michigan Children's Museum
Public Libraries of Saginaw
READ Association of Saginaw County
Saginaw County – Birth to 5 Program



Special thanks to the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation for their generous support of this event.

WELCOME New Volunteers & Coordinators

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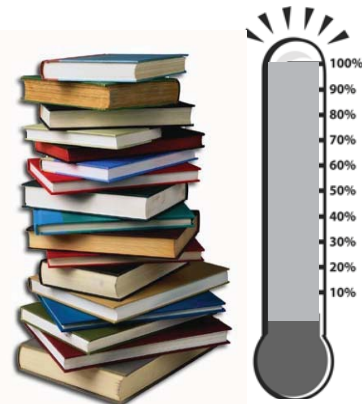
WE MADE IT— Thanks to READ Friends!

Thank you to our READ Friends who helped us exceed our goal of raising \$25,000 for our Endowment! Thanks to the generosity of 160 friends of READ, we raised a total of \$31,688 for the challenge campaign. The Saginaw Community Foundation will now reward our efforts with an additional \$10,000 Endowment Contribution.

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Amount Enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Name(s) _____

(Please list name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged)

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-Oprah Winfrey



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