

The Star Newsletter

Lois Wagner Memorial Library

"A Library with Time for You"

Established 1912

Richmond, Michigan

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This is a special **Good Old Days Edition** of the library's monthly newsletter. Enjoy reminiscing about your community and our library "back in the day!"



The birth of Richmond's Public Library began in 1912—thanks to the effort and dedication of the community of Richmond and the ladies of the Civic Improvement Club. The library officially opened its doors on May 2, 1913 with nearly 800 books on the shelves. Patrons were welcomed two afternoons and every Saturday evening. Library cards cost .50 cents per year. In 1998 the Richmond Public Library was renamed in memory of its long-time Librarian, Lois Jean Wagner. ♥

Genealogy: The study of your ancestry and family history

The following resources are available at the library to help you with your genealogical quest:

1. Richmond Review Newspaper CD-Rom Collection 1889-1967
2. "Past and Present of Macomb County, Michigan" By: R.F. Eldredge
3. "History of Macomb County" By: M.A. Leeson
4. "Sketches of Richmond" By: Alice Hicks Beversdorf
5. "The Voice" Newspaper, 1985—present
6. Richmond High School Yearbooks "The Echo" from 1912—present

Online resources:

www.findagrave.com
www.familysearch.com
www.seekingmichigan.org
www.heritagequest.com
www.rootsweb.com



The History of Richmond, Michigan

Richmond, Macomb County: The settlement was first called Ridgeway after its high ridge on Ridge Road and renamed Lenox after its township (which had been reorganized in 1837). In 1879 it annexed Beebe's Corners, named after Erastus Beebe. It merged and became called Richmond in 1838, after Richmond, New York.

Richmond was incorporated into a village in 1879 and was incorporated as a city on July 1, 1966.

Source: "Michigan Place Names" and Lois Wagner's notes



A "Timely" Gift

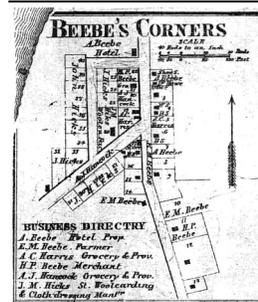
An excerpt from the original poem—printed in the July 25, 1924 issue of the Richmond Review:

In quiet dignity it stands
ticking the hours away—
The tireless sentinel of time,
faithful by night and day.
The slender hands mark silently
with slow rhythmic grace.
The restless minutes as they fly
across the realm of space.

And may each one a lesson glean
of faith and love—that he
Alone may claim the great reward
who labors faithfully—
That time waits not for any man—
Improve the hours that fly,
And we will each attain the goal
Set for us, by and by.

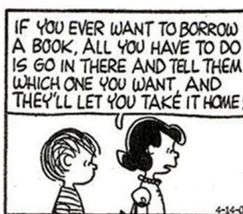
By: Nettie Ramsey

Enjoy Richmond's
**Good Old Days
Festival**
September 7-10, 2017
Festival brochures are
available at the library.



Discover more about the actual **Good Old Days** in Richmond! Our library has a collection of historic photos and resources that document past people, places, and things in our town.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month @ Your Library



"The Spirit of Richmond"

City of Richmond residents generously contributed funds to help purchase an aircraft during World War II. The above photo of **The Spirit of Richmond** was reproduced as a large, framed print—currently housed at the Richmond Area Historical & Genealogical Society Museum.



Children Read 836 Books

The Summer Reading Program was a great success, based on the number of books enjoyed! A huge thank-you to the Library Friends who sponsored this fun event for the children in our community.

Friends of the Library October Books & More Sale

Oct. 18: Preview Night 4-7pm
Oct. 19: 9am-4:30pm
Oct. 20: 9am-4:30pm
Oct. 21: 10am-2pm
Bag Day with bargains galore!



Sept. 13th
3:00 pm
Sign-up to
attend this
delightful
program.

"Bouquets from Paris"

Presented By: Barbara Warren
Peek at Paris' flower shops and create your own lovely mini bouquet.



— Friends host Book Chats —

Come and listen to local readers talk about their favorite books! Light refreshments will be served. Thursday, Sept. 21st, 7-8:30pm RSVP

The Richmond Readers are a group of voracious readers who meet at the library the third Thursday of every month to discuss their latest read. (See the calendar)



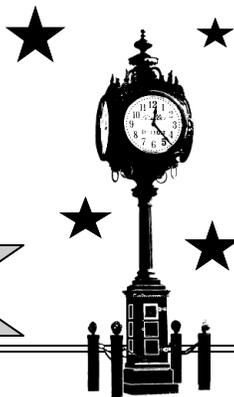


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Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:
11am-7pm
Thursday & Friday:
9am-5pm
Saturday:
10am-2pm



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
 1			 2		1 Knitty Gritty 10am (Knit & Crochet Group) 3	2 The Library is Closed in observance of Labor Day 4
 3	The Library is Closed — "Happy Labor Day!" 4	5	6 Senior Exercise 10-11am 6	 7	8	9 The Library is Closed for Good Old Days 9
10 The Good Old Days Parade 1pm on Main Street Richmond Good Old Days Festival 10	11 Senior Exercise 10-11am Library Board Meeting 7pm 11	12 Card Making Class 1-2:30pm (RSVP) 12	13 Senior Exercise 10-11am Bouquets from Paris with Barbara Warren At 3pm RSVP 13	14	15	16
17	18 Senior Exercise 10-11am 18	19 Story Time 11:30am Library Friends Meeting 6pm 19	20 Senior Exercise 10-11am 4-H Club 5-7pm 20	21 Lap Sit 10am Richmond Readers 3:30-5pm Friends Book Chats 7-8:30pm 21	 22	 23
24	25 Senior Exercise 10-11am 25	26 Story Time 11:30am 26	27 Senior Exercise 10-11am 27	28 Lap Sit 10am 28	29	30