

# 499 RANGE ROAD

RESA's weekly e-newsletter

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018



Students in TEC's Construction Trades program build "Little Lending Library" boxes that the Blue Water Reading Council is distributing to schools and other locations around the county.

## Little libraries come from teamwork

It's a simple mission: Take books to the people. The Blue Water Reading Council is rolling out 25 Little Lending Libraries a year for outdoor public locations across St. Clair County for the next five years. People can borrow a book for as long as they want. They are asked to return that book or drop off another, but no one's keeping track. Some lending libraries are in place around the county. The Blue Water Reading Council hopes to add significantly to those numbers and make it easy for students and their families to pick up books to read, especially over the summer months.

“We just want to make it as easy as possible to get books in the hands of people,” said Jennifer Evans, Assistant Director of Language Arts at St. Clair County RESA. “It’s a simple idea: Put these little libraries here and there and make it inviting for people to pick up a book.”

The little libraries are a team effort at RESA. The wooden boxes housing the books are built by Construction Trades students at RESA’s Technical Education Center (TEC). They are painted by students in the RESA-chartered Virtual Learning Academy’s Transition program. The libraries are then filled by the Blue Water Reading Council. “Costs are covered by membership dues to the reading council,” Evans said.

The reading council is made up of local educators and literacy-minded community members. It works cooperatively with the local school districts, St. Clair County Library System and Goodwill Industries, among others. The first wave of little libraries will be placed on school campuses. Other little libraries will be placed for easy access in the community. Ideas on placing future little libraries may be made to Evans at [evans.jennifer@sccresa.org](mailto:evans.jennifer@sccresa.org). Volunteers willing to put up library boxes on the dedicated sites are welcome.

Annual membership in the Blue Water Reading Council is \$5. Membership runs from January to January. To learn more about what the Blue Water Reading Council does, please check out its [membership presentation](#) and the [Blue Water Reading Council website](#).

One free event hosted annually is the Young Writers Conference which brings in a published author and encourages young people to write for pleasure. Starting in September, the council will coordinate free tutoring for K-8 students at county library sites during the school year. Tutors will be volunteers from high schools’ National Honor Society chapters.

To join the Blue Water Reading Council nonprofit organization and help support reading and writing locally, please mail a check to: St. Clair County RESA, attention: Tami Sly, 499 Range Road, PO Box 1500, Marysville, MI 48040. Credit card payments may be made by calling Tami Sly at (810) 455-4011.



RESA Transition program students paint the “Little Lending Libraries.”

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## Imagination Library donors make a ‘big give’

The Imagination Library received \$5,595.77 in donations during June 12’s countywide fundraising campaign called The Big Give, RESA’s Riley Alley said. She is the coordinator of the county Great Start Collaborative, which oversees the Imagination Library. The program also received \$250 for having the most total donors, and \$500 for the most women donors between 8–9 a.m. that day, giving it a grand total of \$6,345.77. The Imagination Library is supported by RESA, the United Way of St. Clair County, and many individual donors. It provides free books to county children ages 0-5.

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## Today at RESA

### MONDAY, June 18

#### Admin Building

- Central Middle School, Future Scheduling, Tech Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- RESA Board Meeting, Board Room, 5:30 – 8 p.m.

#### TEC Building

- NGSX Professional Development, Rooms 120 A & B, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, June 19

#### Admin Building

- Central Middle School, Future Scheduling, Tech Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- LearnON Teacher PD, East Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### TEC Building

- NGSX Professional Development, Rooms 120 A & B, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp, Room 120 B, 5 – 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, June 20

#### Admin Building

- Central Middle School, Future Scheduling, Tech Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Computer Science Fundamental Training, West Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Business Managers Meeting, Board Room, 8 – 10:30 a.m.

#### TEC Building

- NGSX Professional Development, Rooms 120 A & B, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp, Room 120 B, 5 – 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, June 21

#### Admin Building

- County Curriculum, East Conference Room, 8 – 10 a.m.
- Kids Can Code, West Conference Room, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Retirement Reception - Deb Mitchell, East Conference Room, 3 – 4 p.m.

#### TEC Building

- NGSX Professional Development, Rooms 120 A & B, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp, Room 120 B, 5 – 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, June 22

- No scheduled events



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## Employment opportunities at RESA

RESA has a number of job openings. Applicants for these positions may call (810) 364-8990 and ask for Human Resources. They also may apply online by going to the [RESA Employment page](#). This page also has links to available positions in the seven county public school districts.

- Information Technology administrative assistant
- Full-time caterer at TEC
- Part-time, on-call caterer at TEC
- Collision Repair instructional technician at TEC
- Teacher aide for Woodland (two positions)

Substitutes:

- Substitute teacher for Woodland
  - Substitute teacher aide for Woodland
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## Summer camps designed to make learning fun

Limited slots are still available in a series of hands-on summer camps in July at St. Clair County RESA. Week-long camps cover computer coding, introductory and advanced robotics, LEGO robotics, digital media technology and health careers. Each camp costs \$150 per student, and includes transportation from local high schools, breakfast and lunch, a T-shirt and all camp materials. Camps run from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Scholarships also are available to a limited number of students. More information is available on the RESA home page, [www.sccresa.org](http://www.sccresa.org). Or call (810) 455-4001. Registration deadline is June 22.

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## School Aid Budget now in the hands of the governor

*Source: Michigan Association of School Boards:* The House and Senate finalized their budget proposal and sent it to Gov. Rick Snyder for his consideration last week. The School Aid Budget includes a per-pupil foundation increase of \$120-240 distributed through the 2x formula and a one-year delay in accountability measures under the at-risk academic benchmarks in Section 31a. MASB and MSBO will host a *Views From the Capitol* webcast on June 25 to cover the details of the budget and its potential impact on schools. It will start at noon and is a two-way webinar that will allow you to ask questions during the presentation as well. You can [access the link to the webcast](#) and join by selecting "Enter as a Guest."

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## Dateline: Schools with Terry Harrington

**Mike Hinkley**, founder and director of the the 2Gen Learning Center in Port Huron, talks about how it is working to help improve literacy in the community.

[Watch this video and more on ebw-tv](#)

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## Morning Show with Paul Miller

RESA Superintendent **Kevin Miller** talks to Paul about the school year just ended, and looks ahead to this fall.

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