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Escanaba Public Library Announces Summer Calendar

The Escanaba Public Library announces its summer calendar of special events and activities for all ages. The Friends of the Library Annual Ice Cream Social and Book Sale will kick off the season on Wednesday, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. at the library with entertainment by the Escanaba City Band, cake and ice cream and a selection of gently used books.

The children's summer reading club, "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read," begins June 20th and involves weekly activities, contests and special guest performers, including *Cirque Amoungus*, *Bubble Wonders* and the *Michigan Science Center*. Children may register for the program at the library starting on Monday, June 13th.

Teens and adults are invited to participate in "Booked for the Summer," a series of classes on re-purposing old books into new objects, such as cards and envelopes, boxes and bows and a scrolled paper key. Classes are free and all materials are supplied. Space is limited and registration is required. Programs will be held on July 19, 26 and August 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library, in cooperation with the Bonifas Art Center, present "The Writer in the World," an artist talk on the intersection of writing, art and social good on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. Author and artist Suzi Banks Baum will speak about how her daily writing practice and hand bound journals have changed the way she lives.

Summer events will conclude with a regional author fair on August 18th from 5:00 – 7:30p.m. Space will be provided in the library for the public to meet local authors who will be on hand to discuss their work and sell copies of their books.

In addition to a calendar of special events, the library will remain open for regular business on Saturdays throughout the summer. "Whether you come for an event or stop in to pick up a book for the beach, the library promises to be a pleasant place to be in summer," said library director Carolyn Stacey.

All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library and are free to the public. For more information on library programs and services, call 906-789-7323 or visit the library online at www.escanabalibrary.org.