

From the Director -Julie Grynnich-

Happy Fall, everyone! October is such a great month, with the cooler temps, colorful trees and pumpkin everything! With the cooler weather it's time to cozy up with a great book. Come in and check out the great new titles we have! We have something for everyone and we are open to your suggestions. October is Banned Book Month, but since we don't ban books here you'll find what you're looking for...promise! If we don't have it, we can get it!

We celebrate our Friends of the Library organization for all that they do for our library. National Friends of the Library Week is October 18th - 24th. What better way to celebrate our FOL (Friends of the Library) than to become a member!

Our FOL is looking for active members. What is an active FOL member? Those who attend quarterly meetings, share their ideas and help with fundraisers, activities and programs. Of course, not every member can help with every event or program, but we would be grateful for your effort and your participation!

Our FOL provides funding for the majority of our library programming, including our FOL Film Group. They also provide funding for special requests from the library such as supporting our technology, collection, furniture and equipment needs. This year they funded our Library of Things, which I encourage you to check out!

If you cannot attend physically, we appreciate your support as well! If you, at anytime, can join us for a meeting to see what we are all about, you are welcome! You can pick up a membership card at our library or visit our FOL page on our website.

From Youth Services - Kristy Good -

Fall is finally here and we are ready with amazing programming, celebrations and events. After our short break from programming in September, we are ready to dive back in.

To kick off October, we will be celebrating Banned Books Week from October 4th - 10th. Banned Books Week is one of the most important events in the library world. Utilized to spread awareness against censorship and the freedom to read. Most books that are targeted fall into the young adult and youth categories. Luckily, New Buffalo Township Library has everything available to our patrons that they would like to continually have access to. We will have information and displays available to educate and to make aware of how important it is to fight censorship. We always want to ensure that everyone has access to read what they would like and to gain knowledge.

We are halfway through Hispanic Heritage Month! Make sure to drop in to grab fantastic books that focus on the Latinx community and books written by Latinx authors. We love celebrating all heritages and cannot wait for you to celebrate with us!

October also brings some of our favorite programming with Halloween on the way. We will be hosting a Spooky Terrarium Workshop for youth ages 8 - 18. We have limited space left for this program, so be sure to call us to reserve your spot!

We will also host our second Stuffie Sleepaway Camp! Bring your Stuffies to the library to enjoy a few nights at our Haunted Library Sleepaway Camp. We will be sure to send home a photo book with your stuffie friend when they are picked up from camp! Don't forget their Halloween costume!

We have so many more spooky programs planned, be sure to grab one of our calendars or check them out on our website!

From Teen Services - Elana Sitrin -

Back by popular demand, our little free costume library will run from September 4th through October 31st, while supplies last. We welcome donations of gently used, clean children's Halloween costumes. Community members can drop off and browse costumes until Halloween! While we do rely on gifts of costumes from the public, it is not necessary to donate in order to shop.



LITTLE FREE COSTUME LIBRARY



Take or leave gently used costumes
September 4 - October 31
(while supplies last)

Costumes are free to take and do not need to be returned.





Favorite Books

- *The Wonderful Things You Will Be*
 - Emily Winfield Martin
- *We Are the Gardeners*
 - Joanna Gaines
- *Hello Lighthouse*
 - Sophie Blackall
- *Farmhouse*
 - Sophie Blackall
- *Backyard Fairies*
 - Phoebe Wahl
- *Little Quack*
 - Lauren Thompson
- *The Night Before Kindergarten*
 - Natasha Wing
- *Goodnight Moon*
 - Margaret Wise Brown
- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*
- *Beauty and the Beast*
 - Cynthia Rylant
- *The Book of Maps*
 - Evi Triantafyllides

Favorite Genres

Fairytales and geographical books that contain maps and pictures!

Kid Librarian

KINARA



Age 5

“The Library
is a fun place
to learn and
play!”

BANNED BOOKS WEEK[®]

OCT 4-10, 2026

LET BOOKS BE

PROTECT THE
FREEDOM TO READ

ALA American Library Association

[ALA.ORG/BBOOKS](https://ala.org/bbooks)

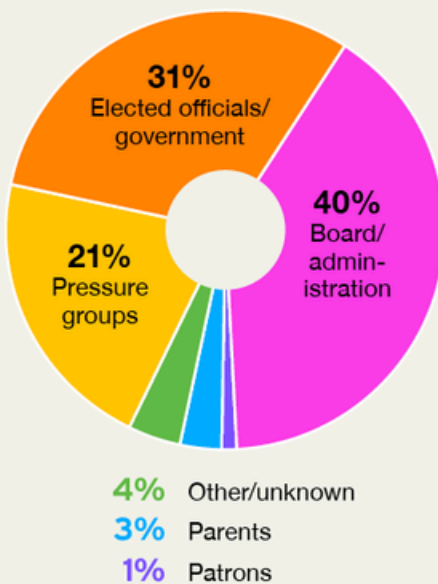
CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025, the American Library Association documented the second highest level of book censorship attempts ever and the continuation of an organized effort to systematically suppress voices and ideas that began in 2021. Last year, **4,235 unique titles** were challenged, only five titles short of the highest number ever documented by ALA and significantly exceeding the annual average of 273 unique titles over the period from 2001–2020.

LEARN MORE AT [ALA.ORG/BBOOKS](https://www.ala.org/bbooks)

WHO CHALLENGES BOOKS

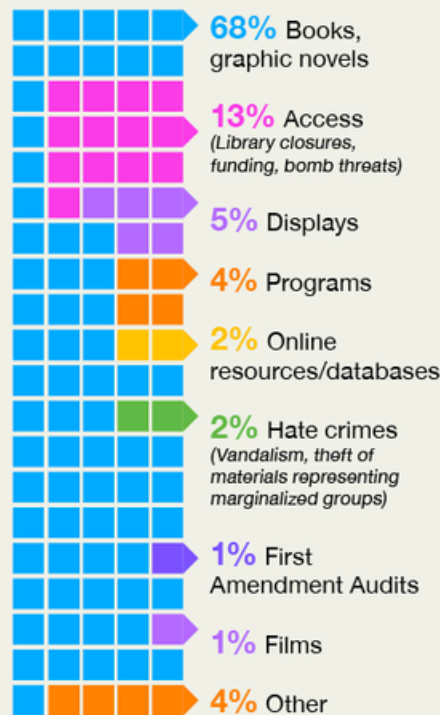
Nearly **92% of censorship attempts** in 2025 were initiated by pressure groups and decision makers swayed by them. This marks a 20-point increase over 2024.



Statistics based on 8,596 total titles targeted for censorship.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **713 distinct censorship incidents** in 2025. Here's the breakdown:



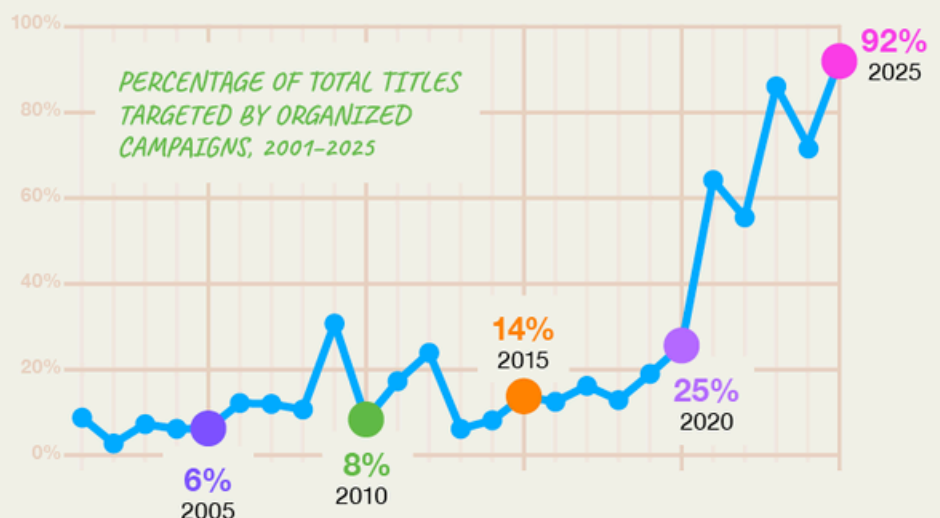
WHERE CHALLENGES HAPPEN



Statistics based on 696 incidents with known locations and include challenges to all materials and services. About 1% of censorship attempts took place in other locations.

CENSORSHIP TRENDS

The majority of library censorship remains tied to organized campaigns. Pressure groups and the decision makers they influenced targeted **7,884 total titles** in 2025. From 2001–2020, this constituency tried to remove an average of 46 titles per year. From 2021–2025, they targeted an average of 5,238 total titles annually.



CENSORSHIP
STATISTICS
COMPILED BY:



OFFICE FOR
Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association

TOP 11 MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2025

The American Library Association documented **487 attempts to censor** books at libraries, schools, and universities in 2025. The reasons most commonly cited for censorship were false claims of illegal obscenity for minors; inclusion of LGBTQIA+ representation; covering topics of race, racism, social justice, and diversity; and presenting political or religious views with which the challengers disagreed. Of the **4,235 unique titles** that were challenged or banned in 2025, here are the top 11 most frequently targeted.

1



SOLD
by Patricia McCormick
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/soldBR

2



THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER
by Stephen Chbosky
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/wallflowerBR

3



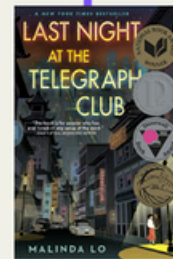
GENDER QUEER: A MEMOIR
by Maia Kobabe
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/genderBR

4



EMPIRE OF STORMS
by Sarah J. Maas
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/empireofstormsBR

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(TIE)

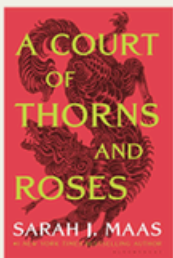


LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB
by Malinda Lo
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/telegraphclubBR



TRICKS
by Ellen Hopkins
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/tricksBR

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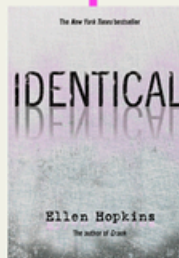


A COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES
by Sarah J. Maas
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/thornsBR

8
(TIE)



A CLOCKWORK ORANGE
by Anthony Burgess
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/clockworkorangeBR



IDENTICAL
by Ellen Hopkins
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/identicalBR



LOOKING FOR ALASKA
by John Green
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/alaskaBR



STORM AND FURY
by Jennifer L. Armentrout
Why this book matters:
bit.ly/stormBR



OFFICE FOR
Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS



Weekly Adult Programs

October
2026

Every		Mahjong Club
MON		1:00 - 3:00 pm

Every		Essentrics
FRI		10:00 am

Every		Stretch & Movement with Jeannine
SAT		9:15 am

10/1
THURS | Tech 101
Internet Theft
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

10/15
THURS | Tech 101
Smartphone Basics
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

10/19
MON | Outdoor Fall Adventures in Berrien County
6:00 pm

10/26
MON | Harbor Country Film Group
Pan's Labrynth
6:00 pm

10/29
THURS | Tech 101
iPads
10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Adult Program Technology Series

“TECH 101 for SENIORS”

Presented by Greg Serrano

The New Buffalo Township Library is pleased to announce our continuing education series “Technology 101 for Seniors”. The program will start in September 2026 and run through December 2026

- Internet Safety - Thurs Sept 17th 10am
- Internet Theft - Thurs Oct 1st 10am
- Smartphone Basics- Thurs Oct 15th 10am
- iPads - Thurs Oct 29th 10am
- Apple and Android Accessories
Thurs Nov 12th 10am
- Editing Photos on your Smartphone
Thurs Dec 3 10am

*No registration needed,
Just drop in!*

Classes at New Buffalo Library 2026

Thursday's 10-12pm

Internet Safety: Sept 17th

Like all powerful tools, the Internet and mobile technology are very helpful. Using the Internet comes with some risk. These risk can be managed as long as you follow some basic rules. This presentation will help you safeguard your privacy and finances on the Internet.

Identity Theft: Oct 1st

With the record number of security breaches happening on the Internet, how can you protect yourself? This presentation on Identity Theft will help you identify, prevent, and recover from Identity Theft.

Smartphone Basics: Oct 15th

If you are new to Android or Apple smartphones or want to increase your knowledge about your phone. This presentation will help give you insight to your phone. The class will cover basic Android and Apple features, applications, settings, and security.

iPads: Oct 29th

New to the Apple iPad? This presentation is designed for beginners and will cover the basics of the Apple iPad. Beyond the basics there will be tips that will help you get the most out of the iPad

Apple and Android Hardware / Accessories: Nov 12th:

Looking for ways to improve your productivity's at home and work? This class we will cover accessories such as types of chargers, cables, hubs, keyboards, monitors, external storage, and cases.

Editing Photos on your Smartphone: Dec 3

Editing photos on smartphones is easy and accessible using built-in tools in Apple Photos or Google Photos. In this class you will learn how to perform simple cropping, using filters for brightness, contrast, saturation adjustments, and automatic enhancements.

Adult Program

*Friends of the
Library Present*



Monday, October 19th 6pm

“Outdoor Fall Adventures in Berrien County”

Berrien County’s diverse hiking trails provide a front-row seat to an incredible ecological story, where distinct natural features shape and sustain vibrant plant and animal communities.

Exploring Berrien County, Michigan, is truly "The Adventure," offering hikers a journey through global-caliber freshwater dunes, pristine river valleys, ancient hardwood forests, grasslands, and unique wetland ecosystems.

Tonight's presentation covers the ecological highlights of these environments, guides you to the premier trail locations across the county, and outlines essential gear and safety rules for your next outdoor excursion.



Adult Program

Friends of the
Library Presents

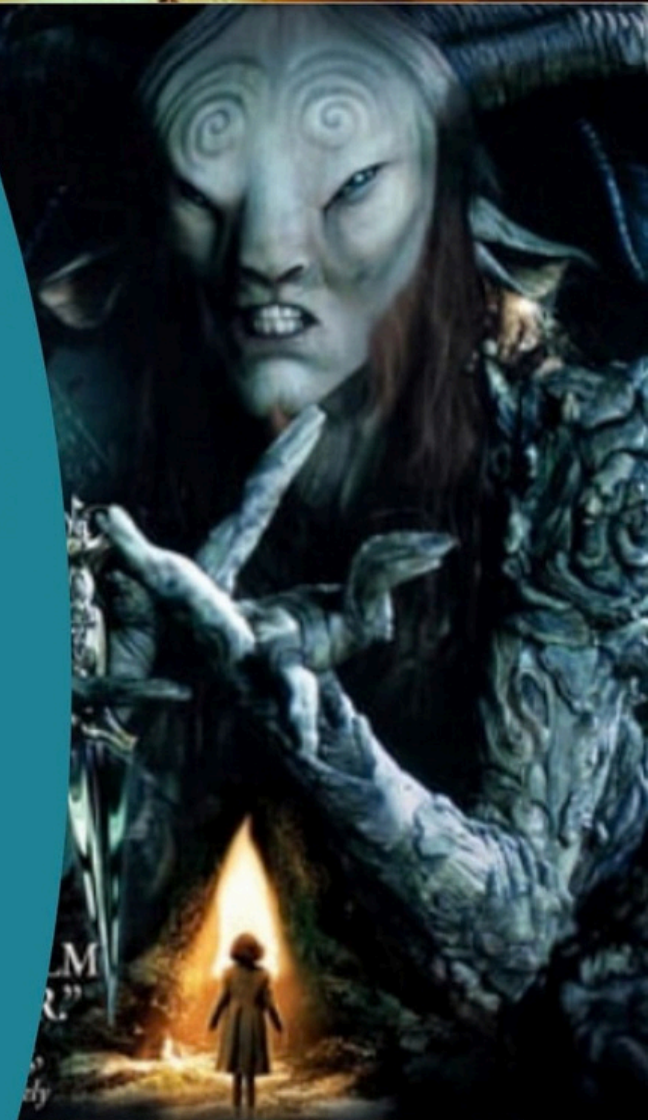
Harbor Country Film Group
with Eve Moran

Monday, October 26th 6pm

“Pan’s Labyrinth”

In a dark time for a young girl,
Spain and the entire world,
the haunting fantasies within
her mind merge into reality,
giving birth to a land of
fantastical creatures and
secret destinies.

From acclaimed director
Guillermo del Toro (Cronos,
Mimic) and produced by
Alfonso Cuarón, director of
Harry Potter and the
Prisoner of Azkaban and
Y tu mamá también.



Every
MON**Story Time**
10:00 am

Every
TUES**Read to a Dog**
10:30 - 11:30 am

Every
WED**Craft Time**
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Read to a Dog
4:00 - 4:45pm

Every
FRI**Lego Club**
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Every
SAT**Lego Club**
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

10/6
TUESHaunts Make-up with Caitlyn Harlow
5:00 - 6:00 pm - Ages 8-18 - RSVP**10/8**
THURSSabor Latino Food Tasting
5:00 - 6:00 pm - Ages 11 - 18**10/15**
THURSTeen Volunteer Day
12:00 - 2:00 pm**10/16**
FRITeen Volunteer Day
12:00 - 2:00 pm**10/20**
TUESSpooky Terrarium Workshop
5:00 - 6:00 pm - Ages 8 - 18 - RSVP**10/26**
MONHaunted Library Stuffie Sleepaway Camp
Drop-off Day**10/26**
MONHalloween Story Time
10:00 am**10/29**
THURSHaunted Library Stuffie Sleepaway Camp
Pick-up Day**10/31**
SATLibrary Trick or Treat
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Youth Program

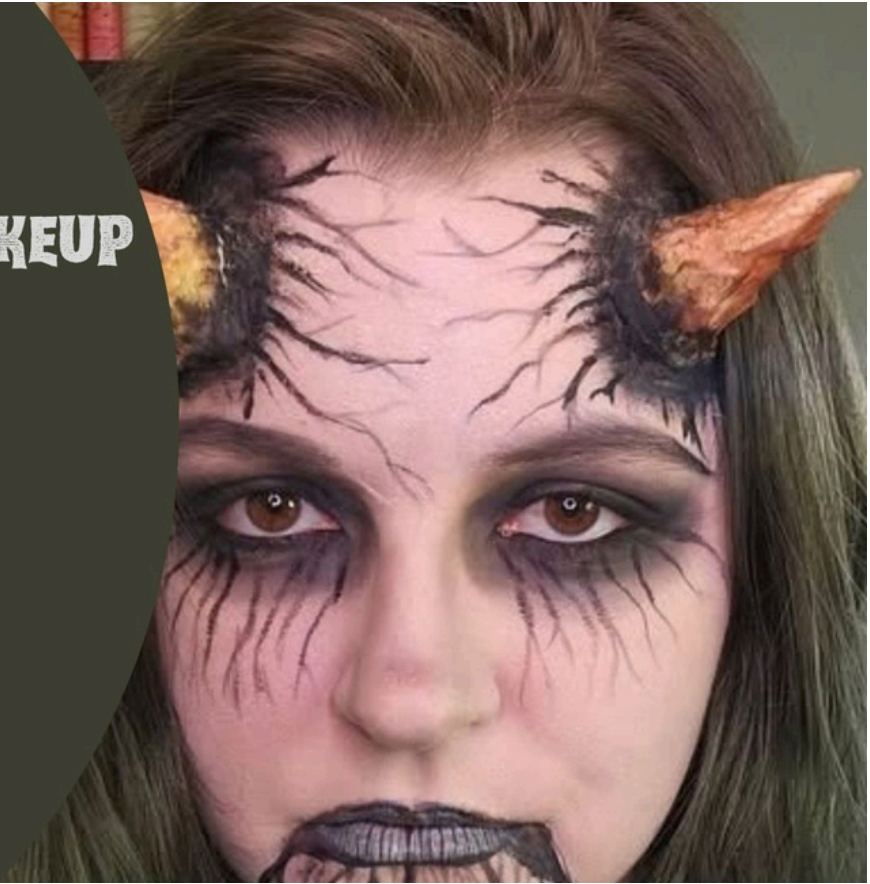
HALLOWEEN HAUNT MAKEUP

WITH CAITLIN HARLOW

Tuesday, October 6
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ages 8-18

To sign up:
269-469-2933 ext.3
nbtlesitrine@gmail.com



Sabor Latino

Come sample flavors from across the Americas, from salsa to sweets!

Thursday, October 8, 2026
5:00-6:00 p.m.
New Buffalo Township Library

Ages 12-18

Service hours available!

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

TEEN VOLUNTEER DAYS

Thursday, Oct. 15, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Come one or both days and earn up to 2 hours each day.

**Work permit required. More details upon registration*

WHERE?

*New Buffalo Township Library
33 N. Thompson St., New Buffalo, MI 49117*

WHO?

Middle and high school students 14 and older

WHAT?

*Organizing, creative projects, community outreach,
and more. No experience required!*



SIGN UP HERE:



SIGN-UP ONLY
CALL OR EMAIL TO
SIGN-UP

AGES 8+



5:00 PM

TUESDAY

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OCTOBER

Youth Program



HAUNTED LIBRARY STUFFIE SLEEPAWAY CAMP

DROP OFF DAY
MONDAY OCTOBER 26TH

PICK UP DAY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

Drop off your stuffie friends at the library for a spooktacular sleepaway camp! They will have a Halloween adventure at Camp Library! When you pick your friend up, they will have plenty of stories and their very own photo book from thier stay! Stuffies in costumes are encouraged!



Halloween Story Time

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
10:00 AM



Wear your costume to
the Library and get a
treat!

9:00 am - 2:00 pm | **31 Oct** | New Buffalo Township Library
Youth Services





Friends of the New Buffalo Library



At the heart of every great library is a community that believes in it.

The Friends of the New Buffalo Library is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization that helps support programs, resources, and opportunities that enrich our library and community.

From programs for children and families to special events and community experiences, the Friends help make the library a welcoming place for readers and learners of all ages.

The Friends organization brings together people who care about libraries, learning, and community. Through their support, the library continues to grow, connect neighbors, and create opportunities for generations to come.

READY TO GET INVOLVED?



MEMBERSHIP

Join to show your support and help the library thrive.



DONATIONS

Every gift—big or small—makes a meaningful impact.



VOLUNTEER

Share your time and talents in our community.



PROGRAMS

Your support helps fund programs for all ages and interests.



LEARN MORE

Visit our Friends of the Library page to learn more about the organization, volunteer opportunities, printable membership forms, and ways to support the library.



<https://newbuffalolibrary.org/friends-of-the-new-buffalo-library/>



JOIN & DONATE ONLINE

Join the Friends or make a donation easily and securely online.



<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/support-the-new-buffalo-library>

Thank you for supporting our library and strengthening our community!



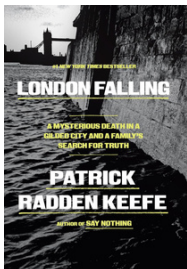
LIBRARIAN BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Kristy's Pick

Dead Beat

Leigh Bardugo



Joe's Pick

London Falling

Patrick Radden Keefe

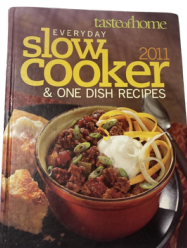


Emily's Pick

The Woods are Waiting

Katherine Greene

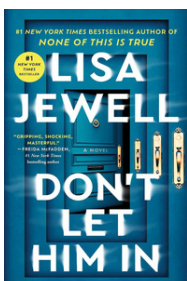
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Nicole's Pick

Everyday Slow Cooker & One Dish Recipes

Taste of Home



Renate's Pick

Don't Let Him In

Lisa Jewell

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

LIBRARY SERVICES

SERVICES

- Computer Access
- Wi-Fi
- Printing
- Copying
- Faxing
- Notary (by appointment)
- Laminating
- Material Check Out
 - Books
 - Books on CD
 - Playaways
 - DVDs
 - Magazines
- Online Resources
 - Ebooks
 - Libby (Overdrive)
 - Hoopla
 - MeL-Michigan Electronic Library
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Databases
 - & More!
 - ProQuest
 - & More!

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