



March 2026 Edition

February was another busy and exciting month at the Eaton Rapids Area District Library. We welcomed **over 2,054 patrons**, hosted **more than 270 attendees** at our programs, and circulated **over 2,900 materials**. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the library, participated in a program, or checked out materials. Your continued support helps make ERADL a vibrant community gathering place.

March brings the start of our **Spring Into Reading** program! This seasonal reading challenge encourages readers of all ages to stay engaged with books as we move into the spring months. Registration for the program is available **online through Beanstack only**, so be sure to sign up and start logging your reading minutes. Our **Spring program guides** are now available at the library, on our website at **eradi.org**, and at several locations throughout town. Be sure to grab one to see everything we have planned in the coming weeks.

We're also excited to welcome back **Jump Into Reading** beginning **March 16th** at the library. This popular early literacy program is perfect for young children and their caregivers, featuring stories, songs, and activities that help build foundational reading skills. In addition to our regular storytimes, we will also be hosting several **destination storytimes** in the coming months, bringing literacy fun to locations around the community.

Families should also mark their calendars for our **Firehouse Pizza Party** at the **Hamlin Township Fire Department** on **March 28th**. This fun event is sure to be a hit for kids and adults alike. **Registration is required**, and the deadline to sign up is **March 26th**, so be sure to reserve your spot early.

Our **Homeschool Hangouts** program continues to grow, and we're thrilled to share that it has officially outgrown the space at the library. Beginning this month, Homeschool Hangouts will now meet at **First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids**, in the **Pine Room**, every other **Tuesday at 2:00 PM**. This move allows us to accommodate the growing number of families who participate in this educational and social program.

Adults can also join us for **Scrabble Night on March 18th**, a fun and relaxed evening of wordplay and friendly competition.

Finally, as part of our **150th Anniversary celebration**, we are moving forward with our **Library Refresh Project**. Using saved capital funds, we will be updating several areas of the library with **new carpet, fresh paint, improved seating, and updates to staff workspaces**. To learn more about this project, visit **eradi.org**.

We look forward to seeing you at the library this March!

ERADL is proud to be **one community, one library**, serving **Eaton Rapids Township, Hamlin Township, and the City of Eaton Rapids**. To learn more, visit **eradi.org** or call **517-663-0950**.