

# CRDL TEEN PIZZA TASTE OFF, AND THE WINNER IS...

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This past Tuesday, teens from throughout our community sacrificed their time and put their taste buds on the line to determine who, in their opinion, makes the best pizza. The tension in the room was so thick you could cut it with a pizza wheel. They nibbled, pondered, savored, made notes, and nibbled again. Some nodded, confirming their previous impression; others shook their heads as preconceived beliefs were changed. And in the end one pizza restaurant emerged victorious.

Yea, you're right, I don't think it was that torturous for a group of teens to eat a bunch of free pizza and vote for what they thought was the best. All in all it was a fun evening, a chance for teens to gather in a safe and structured environment, a chance for them to grow socially and emotionally...just don't tell them that. They still think it was all about the pizza.

Once all the tables were wiped down, and the empty boxes were thrown away (according to the [county website](#), they don't accept pizza boxes for recycling), we had our winners. Before we tell you who the teens picked, I want to say that all the pizza contributions were mouth-watering, and the results were very close. But the teens cast their votes and the award for Best Crust went to Papa John's. Domino's took home the award for best sauce. The Award for Best Cheese went to Papa John's. And the coveted Best Overall Taste award went to...here's where the drum roll goes)...Papa John's. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all the pizza restaurants that took the time and put their pizza on the line to help provide teens in our community an opportunity for social, emotional, cognitive, and cultural growth. While every pizza restaurant we could find was invited, only a handful stepped up to the challenge;

Domino's, Papa John's, Hungry Howie's, the Pixie, the Bird Bar & Grill, Marrita's, and Cottage Inn, your support is greatly appreciated. The next time pizza's your choice for the evening (or any other time), I urge you to consider supporting those who have stepped up to support our community.

Wouldn't it be great if we could have free pizza every day? Unfortunately we can't, but your Chippewa River District Library has a lot of other fun and free events on the calendar. This Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> the Organization for Bat Conservation is presenting [Bats of the World](#) at Veterans Memorial Library at 2pm, and yes they're bringing live bats with them. The teens probable already have the [Super Smash Brothers Brawl tournament](#) on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and the [Mario Kart tournament](#) on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> on their calendars. Jack Westbrook will present Isabella County 1859-2009 A Pictorial History on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Veterans Memorial Library. [Jazz and More at the Library](#) returns on Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> with a free performance by David Schock and Bernie Meltsner. Jazz and More at the Library is made possible by the Friends of the Library, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and Art Reach of Mid Michigan. Then on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> you can jump, jive, and wail with the [Boogie Woogie Babies](#) at 6:30pm at Veterans Memorial Library.

For a complete list of events and activities happening throughout your Chippewa River District Library system click <http://www.crdl.org>