

The Network

Linking You to Your Library

March - May 2024



ARRGH: A HISTORY OF PIRACY ON THE GREAT LAKES

with Christopher Gillcrist of the National Museum of the Great Lakes

Saturday, March 2 | 12 PM | Programming Room

Join us for the inaugural "Great Lakes, Great Stories" event to look back into Great Lakes history! No parrots or peg legs included, but a healthy dose of thievery, mutiny, and other unsavory tales. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. **Registration is required.**

BASKETBALL BRACKETS

Monday, March 11 - Wednesday, March 20

Compete with our staff and other library users in predicting the outcome of NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. Out-predict everyone else to win an Amazon gift card! We will have two winners, one adult (18+) and one tween or teen (ages 11-17). To participate, pick up or print out your bracket starting Monday, March 11, fill it out, and return it to the library's circulation desk by 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.



PICTURED LIFE: AND TRUE STORIES FROM NORTHERN AND UPPER MICHIGAN

with local author Anne Crans

Thursday, March 14 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Stories from Anne's past will be interspersed with photographs and short flute performances. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

No registration required.

DOWNSIZING AND BEQUEATHMENT



with Tracey Walker of Let It Be End of Life Planning

Saturday, April 27 | 12:30 PM | Programming Room

Join death doula Tracey Walker, founder of Let It Be End of Life Planning, to explore the thoughtful practice of intentional downsizing and possession bequeathment. Discuss practical strategies for creating a meaningful transition as we navigate the end-of-life journey. **No registration required.**



with Terence O'Leary

Thursday, March 21 | 6 PM | Riverfront Area

This presentation will bring to light both the hardships and triumphs of America's Irish ancestors. Signed copies of the author's books will be available for purchase.

No registration required.



with Angie Fox of Heart Center Holistic Therapies

Thursday, May 23 | 6 PM | Griswold Auditorium Banquet Room

Join us for a fun and free introduction to this holistic practice. Please note that, because we want participants to feel relaxed and comfortable, this event is for adults only. **Registration is required.**

Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs







March: Ireland in a Jar, Registration begins 2/21 April: Spring Wreath, Registration begins 3/20 May: Mushroom Lantern, Registration begins 4/17

CRAFTASTIC

Mondays, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, & May 20 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Space is limited. **Registration is required and opens two weeks before each program.**



BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, & May 14 | 6:30 PM | Riverfront Reading Area

Join us for great books, great conversation, and a great time! Copies of the current book can be found on top of the adult "New Books" shelf. All adults are invited.

No registration required.

March: How the Penguins Saved Veronica by Hazel Prior. April: The Three Deaths of Willa Stannard by Kate Robards. May: Other Birds by Sarah Addison Allen.

PUB QUIZ



Wednesdays, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, & May 15 | 6:30 PM | Tantrick Brewing

Test your knowledge in a fun night of trivia. 4 rounds of 10 questions each. Teams of up to 6. Show your library card and earn extra points to add to your team's score. **Registration begins at 5:30, quizzing starts at 6:30.**

PINTESTING

Wednesdays, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, & May 1 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Space is limited. **Registration is required and opens two weeks before each program.**



March: Sponge Stamped Tote Bag, Registration begins 3/4 April: Bottle Cap Flower Art, Registration begins 4/1 May: Decorative Bee Skep, Registration begins 5/6

RECESS FOR ADULTS





Wednesdays, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, & May 8 | 2 - 3 PM | Programming Room

Join us and our friends from the ARC of Allegan County, a non-profit organization supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for crafting, playing games, and conversing with friends.

No registration required.

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CRAFT & SNACK

Mondays, Mar. 11 & 25, Apr. 8 & 22, & May 13 | 1-3 PM | Programming Room

Bring your own project and supplies and work on whatever while snacking and chatting! This group is for crafters of all skills and kinds to trade tips, tricks, and conversation. Light refreshment will be provided.

No registration required.



JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY

with Megan Heyl

Saturdays, March 30 & May 25 | 11 AM | Programming Room

Professional genealogist Megan Heyl is back to help us hunt down and organize our family histories. **No registration required.**

Adult Programs and Events

Special Events and Classes

FUN WITH WATERCOLOR

with Lori Eslick



Join artist and illustrator Lori Eslick to experiment with watercolors! She will guide us through creating our very own works of art. This event is free to attend and all materials are provided. **Registration is required.**

IRISH RENAISSANCE WARRIORS



with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy

Thursday, March 7 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Historian and swordsmanship expert Jerry Berg will present about the struggles and conflicts in 16th century Ireland, including the struggle to preserve Gaelic culture against the encroaching English. Replica weapons, clothing, and other artifacts from the museum's collection will be on display. **No registration required.**

FINGER PAINTING FOR ADULTS



Thursday, Apr. 25 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Kayla will walk you through the steps as we get messy and paint beautiful hydrangeas. All materials, including gloves for those who want them, will be provided. **Registration is required and will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11th.**

MAKE YOUR OWN POCKET JOURNAL

with the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

Wednesday, May 8 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join an instructor from the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center to learn to make your own pocket journal. Each participant will go home with a unique 6 inch by 9 inch journal. This class is free to attend and all materials will be provided, but space is limited. Registration will open at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24th and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

INTRO TO AMATEUR RADIO

with the Allegan County Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday, March 5 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Looking for a new hobby? See if amateur radio is for you! Members of the Allegan County Amateur Radio club will be here to teach you the basics and let you know what the club is all about. Stay after the program for their monthly meeting. No registration required.



FORAGING FOR SPRING EPHEMERALS

with Allison Loraine

Thursday, March 28 | 6 PM | Programming Room

This class will cover several species of edible mushrooms and their toxic look alikes, as well as several species of native edible plants that can be found in the spring.

Identification, ethical harvesting practices, and preparation/preservation methods will also be covered. All ages are invited to join. No registration required.

See page 6 for a teen and adult henna event on April 8th!

INCENSE FROM FORAGED INGREDIENTS with Miranda Hvinden

Tuesday, May 7 | 6 PM | Programming Room

This class will provide a broad overview of the history of incense as well as the basic materials necessary to make, use, and enjoy incense blends. Participants will leave with an incense blend of their own making. This class is free to attend and all materials will be provided, but space is limited. Registration will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23rd and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



CRYSTAL WRAPPING

with Stevie Kircher

Thursday, May 30 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join instructor Stevie Kircher to learn simple crystal wrapping techniques! Each participant will go home with a unique piece of wrapped crystal jewelry. This class is free to attend and all materials will be provided, but space is limited. Registration will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16th and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teen Programs and Events

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY



| Saturday, May 4 | While Supplies Last | Front Lobby

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day by dropping by the library to pick up a craft and some comic books. Our friends at Tardy's Underground Comics & Collectibles will be celebrating too! All ages. **No registration required.**



CLASSIC MOVIE MANIA

Tuesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 23, & May 14 | 3 PM | Programming Room

Come enjoy iconic cinema with these old school favorites: Jaws, The Karate Kid, and E.T. Hang out, eat snacks, and stay classy! Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**



Tuesdays, Mar. 26, Apr. 30, & May 28 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Bring an old notebook or photo album you want to spruce up with you. We will provide the supplies you need to make it dazzle! Supplies and snacks will be provided.

Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**



RAINCLOUD CRAFT

Monday, May 13 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Come create a fluffy raincloud mobile with crystal raindrops. Hang out, have fun, eat snacks, create art!

Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

TEEN DROP-IN DAYS



Wednesdays, Mar. 6 & 20, Apr. 17, & May 1 | 1-3 PM | Teen Area & Lab

Drop by, make crafts, test your knowledge, and play games. On March 6, we'll make a picture frame craft. March 20 is Jeopardy. April 17 is tech day. On May 1, we'll make a confetti flowerpot. No registration required. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

TEEN NAIL ART CLUB



Thursdays, Mar. 21, Apr. 25 & May 23 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Come to the library and do a fun and simple nail art design. Please bring a bottle of your favorite color. A tutorial will be provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

TEEN TECH NIGHTS



Fridays, Apr. 5 & May 10 | 6-8 PM | Teen Area & Lab

Experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends at this afterhours program. We will also have snacks. Ages 12-18.

Registration is required.

CUTE AS A BUTTON



Thursday, May 9 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Buttons are adorable! Join us as we make collages out of buttons. Templates and supplies will be provided. Have fun and make awesome art! Ages 12-18.

No registration required.



Learn to Do Henna for Teens and Adults

with Danielle Nienhouse of Henna by Design MI

Monday, April 8 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Learn to do henna from a professional henna artist! Danielle will provide each participant with a henna cone, instruction, and a practice worksheet as well as information on the history of henna. This event is free to attend, but registration is required and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Registration will be limited to 7 teens and 7 adults, and will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 25th**.

Children's Programs and Events

Storytimes and Crafts

LAPSIT STORYTIME

for ages 0-2



Tuesdays | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

We all know that early literacy is important, so let's start as early as possible! This storytime is catered especially for children 0-2 years old and their caregivers. Littles and their caregivers will read from board books, sing songs, and engage in sensory play. At the end, we'll have open playtime for the kids and some time for the grownups to converse! No registration required.



for ages 3-5

Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

Join us on Thursday mornings for fun books, songs, rhymes, crafts, and other fun activities as we encourage a love of books in your little ones. This storytime is designed for kids 3-5 years old and their caregivers. No registration required.



HELP ME GROW ALLEGAN

Tuesdays, Mar. 12, Apr. 23, May 14 & Thursdays, Apr. 25 and May 16

Join Help Me Grow Allegan during our regular storytime times for some educational play and to learn about their "Talking is Teaching" campaign. Each family goes home with a free book! No registration required.

UNICORN PARTY!

BUNNY CRAFT

Tuesday, Apr. 9 | 3 PM | Programming Room

Everyone loves unicorns! What better way to celebrate them than with fun stories, silly songs, and a craft to take home with you? Ages 0-7. No registration required.



Wednesday, Apr. 10 | 3:30-4:30 PM | **Programming Room**

Hop on over to the library and create a fun bunny craft to take home with you! Ages 0-7. No registration required.



CARDS FOR MOM

Wednesday, May 8 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Make a special card just in time for Mother's Day! Supplies will be provided. All ages. No registration required.

Recurring Programs PERLER PALOOZA CLUB



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS CRAFTING CLUB

Mondays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, & May 6 | 3:30-4:30 PM | **Programming Room**

Let your creativity flow as you create fun and unique designs with Perler Beads! Supplies will be provided. Ages 5-11. No registration required.

DROP-IN LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays, Mar. 6 & 20, Apr. 17, & May 1 | 1-3 PM | Programming Room

For ages 8-12. No registration required.



Tuesdays, Mar. 5 & May 7 & Thursday, Apr. 4 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Make different types of friendship bracelets and other wearable jewelry. Supplies provided. Ages 8-12.

No registration required.



Wednesday, Mar. 27 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

For ages 5-10. Check back for April and May dates. No registration required.

Children's Programs and Events

CREATIVE KIDS COMIC CLUB[/

Fridays, Mar. 15, Apr. 26, & May 17 | 3:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Create your own unique characters, share your adventures with the club, and collaborate with friends! For 1st-3rd grades. Supplies will be provided. **No registration required.**

MESSY MUNCHKINS



Mondays, Mar. 18, Apr. 8, & May 20 | 10-11 AM | Programming Room

Create mini murals with finger paints! Creations will be proudly displayed in the Programming Room for one week. All art can be collected at the Circulation Desk after being displayed. Ages 0-5. **No registration required.**

Special Events & Programs

STORM CHASERS

with the Air Zoo

Tuesday, Apr. 2 | 2 PM | Programming Room

Young meteorologists will make weather observations, use weather mapping skills, operate weather instruments, and learn the science behind our changing atmosphere. Ages 8-12. **Registration is required.**



INSECTIGATION

with Curious Kids Museum

Friday, May 3 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Did you know 95% of all living animals are insects? Learn about metamorphosis, common pests found in gardens and homes, compare your eyes to the eyes of a dragonfly, the important role insects play in our ecosystems, and much more! Grades K-5.

Registration is required.

Family Programs and Events

READING CAN TAKE YOU TO THE STARS

with Dynamic School Assemblies

Monday, Mar. 11 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Discover the wonders of planets, comets, galaxies, and more as Dynamic School Assemblies takes you on a journey through the stars and the wonder of stories! All ages are welcome. **Registration is required.**



ANIMAL MEET & GREET

with John Ball Zoo

Monday, Mar. 25 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Learn about different types of animals with this interactive presentation. You may even get to pet an ambassador animal! Ages 3 and up. Space is limited.

Registration is required.

CUP STACKING

with Mr. Jim

Wednesday, Mar. 13 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room



Join Mr. Jim for an interactive team-building program! Kids of all ages will build their own towers, forts, and other creations. There will even be races for speed stacking! All ages. **No registration required.**

POKÉMON GO DAY



Saturday, May 18 | 10 AM - Noon | Hanson Park

Join us for a guided Pokémon tour as we walk around town catching Pokémon, spinning stops, and battling! Please note: We will cancel the program if there is inclement weather. All ages. **No registration required.**

BINGO

Mondays, Mar. 25 & Apr. 29 | 6-7 PM | Programming Room All ages. No registration required.



DIY TIE DYE BOOKMARK CRAFT

Thursday, Apr. 11 | 2:30-4:30 PM | Programming Room

Drop in to celebrate National Library Week by making a unique tie dye inspired bookmark! All ages. **No registration required.**

March

April



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Arrgh: A History of Piracy on the Great Lakes @ 12 PM Winter Reading Ends |
| 4 Perler Palooza @ 3:30-4:30 PM Fun with Watercolors @ 6 PM | Intro to Amateur Radio @ 6 PM | 6 Drop-In Lego Club @ 1-3 PM Drop-In Days @ 1-3 PM Pintesting @ 6 PM | Preschool Preschool Storytime Preschool Preschool | 8 | 9 |
| Basketball Brackets Starts Craft & Snack @ 1-3 PM Reading Can Take You to the Stars @ 3:30 PM | 12 @ 10:30 AM Classic Movie Mania @ 3 PM Book Club @ 6:30 PM | 13 Recess for Adults @ 2 PM Cup Stacking @ 3:30 | 14 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Pictured Life with Anne Crans @ 6 PM | 15 Creative Kids Comic Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM | 16 |
| 18 Messy Munchkins @ 10-11 AM Craftastic @ 6 PM | 19 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Library Board Meeting @ 6 PM | Basketball Brackets Ends Drop-In Lego Club @ 1-3 PM Drop-In Days Pub Quiz @ 1-3 PM @ 6:30 | Preschool Storytime 21 @ 10:30 AM Nail Art Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM The Potato Famine @ 6 PM | 22 | 23 |
| 25 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 PM Animal Meet & Greet @ 3:30 PM Bingo @ 6-7 PM | 26 Capsit Storytime 26 @ 10:30 AM FOL Meeting @ 1PM Scrap That @ 3:30-4:30 PM | 27 Play Cafe @ 10 AM-Noon Discover 4H @ 3:30-4:30 | 28 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Foraging for Spring Ephemerals @ 6 PM | 29 | 30 Jumpstart Your Genealogy @ 11 AM |
| Perier Palooza @ 3:30-4:30 PM | 2 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Storm Chasers @ 2 PM | 3 Pintesting @ 6 PM | 4 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Circle of Friends Crafting Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM | ⁵ Teen Tech Night @ 6-8 PM | 6 |
| Messy Munchkins 8 @ 10-11 AM Craft & Snack @ 1-3 PM Learn to Do Henna @ 6 PM FOL Book Donation Drive | Lapsit Storytime 9 @ 10:30 AM Unicorn Party @ 3 PM Book Club @ 6:30 PM | 10 Recess for Adults @ 2 PM Bunny Craft @ 3:30-4:30 PM | Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Drop-In Tie Dye Bookmark Craft @ 2:30-4:30 PM | 12 | 13 Plant and Seed Swap @ 10-11 AM |
| 15 Craftastic @ 6 PM | 16 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Library Board Meeting @ 6 PM | Drop-in Lego Club 17 @ 1-3 PM Drop-in Days @ 1-3 PM Pub Quiz @ 6:30 PM | 18 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM | 19 | 20 |
| 22 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 PM | 23 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM FOL Meeting @ 1PM Classic Movie Mania @ 3 PM | 24 Play Cafe @ 10 AM-Noon | Preschool Storytime 25 @ 10:30 AM Nail Art Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM Finger Painting @ 6 PM | 26 Creative Kids Comic Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM | 27 Downsizing and Bequeathment @ 12:30 PM |
| 29 Bingo @ 6-7 PM | 30 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Scrap That @ 3:30-4:30 PM | Drop-In Lego Club @ 1-3 PM Drop-In Days @ 1-3 PM Pintesting @ 6 PM | 2 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM | 3 Insectigation with Curious Kids Museum @ 3:30 PM | 4 Free Comic Book Day |
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| 13 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 PM Raincloud Craft @ 3:30 PM | Lapsit Storytime 14 @ 10:30 AM Classic Movie Mania @ 3 PM Book Club @ 6:30 PM | 15 Pub Quiz @ 6:30 | 16 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM | 17 Creative Kids Comic Club @ 3:30-4:30 PM | 18 Pokémon Go Day @ 10 AM-Noon |
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FEATURED ARTIST: LORI MCELRATH ESLICK

March - May 2024 | Community Art Wall

Lori McElrath Eslick is an artist, illustrator, author, and instructor. She graduated from the Kendall School of Art and Design, worked as a greeting card artist for Hallmark, and has illustrated over 20 picture books. Her work has won numerous awards, including the Best Magazine Illustration National Award from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Degas Award from the Midwest Pastel Society. She also won 1st prize from the 2022 Michigan Watercolor Society's 75th Annual Exhibition. Her work is currently displayed in a number of galleries and can be found locally at the DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, at Grand Valley State University, and at the Frankel Heart Center at the University of Michigan.

Eslick enjoys sharing the joys of watercolor with others by teaching multi-generational classes at a number of local schools and libraries. She believes that art should be fun and enjoyed by all. She lives in North Muskegon and currently works as an independent artist. More of her work can be found at EslickART.com.



PLAY CAFE





Wednesdays, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, & May 29 | 10 AM-Noon | Programming Room

Come to the library and enjoy a cup of coffee while your little ones have fun with our Play-Doh play station, coloring station, toy area, and craft zone. Coffee and apple juice will be provided. Ages 0-5 years old.

No registration required.

Saturday, April 13 | 10 - 11 AM | Programming Room

Plant lovers unite! Join other green thumbs at the library to swap or give away plants, cutting, seeds, and starters. Half of the room will be for things you want to trade, the other half will be for things you're just looking to get rid of. All ages are invited. **No registration required.**

FRIENDS' CORNER

The Friends of the Allegan District Library hold meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. All are invited to join.

SPRING CLEANING DONATION DRIVE

April 8 -13 | Carnegie Corner Bookstore

Get started on your spring cleaning and help your local library at the same time! The Friends of the Library want your gently used books and DVDs for the Carnegie Corner Bookstore. Bag or box up your donations and drop them off at the back of the bookstore any time the library is open. Your donations will be sold to help fund library programs and materials. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or VHS or cassette tapes.

