SUMMER READING KICK-OFF AT BRIDGEFEST

Saturday, June 8 | 11 AM – 6 PM | Behind the Library

Adventure begins at your library with our annual Summer Reading program! Help us kick off an exciting summer of programs and prizes at Downtown Allegan’s Bridgefest. Enjoy bounce houses from 11 am – 6 pm and music by Panda Pete, on the Riverfront stage from 12 – 2 pm, both sponsored by the Allegan Friends of the Library. Stop by our Information table to learn about the cool prizes you can win just for reading throughout the summer! Summer Reading is for all ages, from newborns to adults, with prizes including STEM kits, gift cards, a Kindle, a toddler bike, and so much more. To participate, pick up a log sheet or bookmark at Bridgefest or at the library starting June 8th, fill it out, and turn it in before 3:30 pm on Saturday, August 17. Happy reading!

THANK YOU, SUMMER READING SPONSORS!

Allegan Event by LiggetVille & Allegan Friends of the Library

Thank you to our Summer Reading sponsors, Allegan Event by LiggetVille and the Allegan Friends of the Library! Liggetville, the parent company of Allegan Event, has donated gift cards to be used as prizes. Visit Allegan Event to conquer Michigan’s largest indoor ropes course, zip rails, climbing walls, mini-golf, Amaze’n Mazes, arcade games, food, and drinks. Call 269-430-3961 or visit www.alleganevent.com for details.

In addition to sponsoring the bounce houses and musician Panda Pete at Bridgefest, the Friends have funded all of the adult Summer Reading prizes and printing costs. The Allegan Friends of the Library are a group of volunteers who support the library through fundraising, such as their annual tea and the Carnegie Book Corner Bookstore. They hold monthly meetings at the library on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. All are welcome to join.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AS STORYTELLER

with Kevin Wood

Thursday, June 27 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join professional impersonator Kevin Wood as he recounts our nation’s history through the eyes of our sixteenth president. Children are welcome, but please note that this program is geared toward an older audience. Space is limited. Registration is required.

LEARN TO BELLY DANCE

with Sarah Mayne of Shimmy USA

Thursday, August 1 | 6 PM | Griswold Auditorium Banquet Room

This one-hour class will teach you basic movements and steps and will include a short demonstration at the end of the class. Hip scarves will be available to borrow. Ages 13 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required.
Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs

PINTESTING

Wednesdays, June 5 & August 7 | 6 PM | Programming Room

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

Mondays, June 17, July 15, & August 19 | 6 PM | Programming Room

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

CRAFTASTIC

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, & August 13 | 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.


BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, & August 13 | 6:30 PM | Riverfront Reading Area

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PUB QUIZ

Wednesdays, June 19, July 17, & August 21 | 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.

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY

with Megan Heyl

Saturdays, June 29, July 27, & August 31 | 11 AM | Programming Room

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

June: Birds Nest Necklaces, Registration begins 5/22
July: No Pintesting due to holiday.
August: Folded Book Heart, Registration begins 7/24

RECESS FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, & August 14 | 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.

June: Bad Art Night, Registration begins 6/3
July: Felt Cactus Bookmarks, Registration begins 7/1
August: Paper Beads, Registration begins 8/5

CRAFT & SNACK

Mondays, June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, & August 12 & 26 | 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.
Special Events and Classes

**SALVE MAKING**
with Haley Terpstra

*Tuesday, June 4 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Join Haley Terpstra, owner of Herbal Meadows Botanicals, to make a soothing salve. Each participant will go home with a 1 oz, handmade salve. All materials are provided, but space is limited. Registration is required and will open at 10 AM on May 21.

**NATURE PRINTING**
with the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

*Thursday, July 11 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Learn to make beautiful art prints with objects from nature! Materials and instruction will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required and will open at 10 AM on June 27.

**CANVAS PAINT-ALONG**
with Mary Clare Johnson

*Saturday, July 20 | 11 AM | Programming Room*

Join local artist Mary Clare Johnson to create your own masterpiece! During this 3 hour class, she will guide you through the entire painting process, from sketching out the image to adding the final touches. All materials will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks or a light lunch to keep you energized. Space is limited. Registration is required and will open at 10 AM on July 6.

**MY PARANORMAL JOURNEY**
with Rick Waid

*Thursday, August 15 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Author and seer Rick Waid will share his journey into the world of the paranormal as well as offer readings to randomly selected audience members. Copies of his books will be available for purchase. Space is limited. Registration is required and will open at 10 AM on August 1.

**BAYONET & SABER CHARGES:**
**SWORDSMANNSHIP OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR**
with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy

*Tuesday, July 2 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Join historian Jerry Berg to learn about close-combat techniques used by both sides during the American Revolutionary War. Replicas of swords, knives, polearms, and bayonets will be on display. No registration required.

**SENGOUKU JIDAI: JAPAN’S WARRING STATES PERIOD**
with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy

*Thursday, July 18 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Historian Jerry Berg will present on the history of Japan’s most tumultuous period of war, the research of the period, and the military equipment, armor, and weapons of the era. Replicas and artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on display. No registration required.

**DRINK THE WILD**
with author Angie Jackson

*Thursday, July 25 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Local author Angie Jackson will take us on an intoxicating journey through the world of apothecary recipes. Learn how ingredients from nature can be turned into calming concoctions, mixtures for wellness, or just delicious drinks. No registration required.

**NATURE GETAWAYS**
with Ron Rademacher

*Thursday, August 22 | 6 PM | Programming Room*

Discover the natural wonders of Michigan with Ron Rademacher! Ron will share some hidden gems as well as the best routes for fall color tours. Copies of his books will be available for purchase. No registration required.

See the following page for teen & adult joint programs, highlighted in red.
**TEEN FINGER PAINTING**

*Thursdays, June 13, July 11, & August 8 | 2 PM | Programming Room*

In June, we’ll make picture frames. July will be bandanas. August will be murals. All supplies provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

**TEEN TECH NIGHTS**

*Fridays, June 14, July 12, & August 2 | 6-8 PM | Lab & Teen Area*

Experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends. Snacks provided. Ages 12-18. **Registration is required.**

**TEEN TIE-DYE CLUB**

*Fridays, June 21, July 19, & August 23 | 3 PM | Programming Room*

We’ll tie-dye Bandanas in June, pillowcases in July, and bags in August! All supplies provided. Ages 12-18. **Registration is required.**

**WILL IT WAFFLE?**

*Wednesdays, August 7 & 21 | 3 PM | Programming Room*

We’ll cook with nothing but a waffle iron! Be prepared to get a little messy and have a whole lot of fun! Ages 12-18. **Registration is required.**

**MINI KEYCHAIN ART CLUB**

*Fridays, June 7, July 26, & August 9 | 3 PM | Programming Room*

Come make your own art and shrink it down to make a cool keychain! Templates and supplies provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

**8-BIT BUTTON ART**

*Tuesdays, June 18, July 23, & August 20 | 6-8 PM | Programming Room*

Join us as we make 8-bit art of classic video game characters! Templates and supplies provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

**TEEN NERF NIGHT**

*Friday, June 28 | 6-8 PM | Main Floor*

We will have group games, target practice, free-for-alls, capture the flag, and more. Snacks and water provided. Ages 12-18. **Registration is required.**

**PAPERCHAIN PYTHONS**

*Fridays, June 7, July 26, & August 9 | 3 PM | Programming Room*

Come make your own art and shrink it down to make a cool keychain! Templates and supplies provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

**INTRO TO D&D**

*Saturdays, June 15, July 13, & August 10 | 11 AM – 3 PM | Programming Room*

Ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons (edition 5) but had no idea where to begin? Come join our DM, Mr. Silver, for fun one-off campaigns. Players will be introduced to the game and will make their own character sheets. Ages 12 & up. **Registration is required for each session.**

**ANIMAL CHARACTERS**

*Wednesday, June 19 | 3 PM | Programming Room*

Illustrator Corinne Roberts will guide you through the process of creating and designing your own unique animal characters! Supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Ages 12 & up. **Registration is required.**

**CHIMP HAVEN**

*Wednesday, July 31 | 1 PM | Programming Room*

Join primate professional Amy Fultz to learn about the various primates and animals she has worked with at Chimp Haven, the world’s largest chimpanzee sanctuary! Ages 12 & up. **Registration is required.**
Storytimes

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.**

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
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.**

WIGGLE WORMS PLAY N’ LEARN

*Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, & August 14 | 6 PM | Children’s Area*

Join us on Wednesday evenings for stories, activities, and songs. Little ones will have fun engaging in open play while the grownups have time to converse. Older siblings are welcome to join. **Ages 0-3. No registration required.**

Recurring Programs

MESSY MUNCHKINS

*Mondays, June 10, July 15, & August 12 | 10-11 AM | Programming Room*

Let your imagination run wild while you create mini murals with finger paints! Creations will be proudly displayed in the Programming Room for one week and posted on the library’s Facebook page. All art can be collected at the Circulation Desk after being displayed. **Ages 0-5. No registration required.**

POKÉMON KIDS’ CLUB

*Mondays, June 24, July 29, & August 26 | 11 AM | Programming Room*

Calling all trainers! Dive into the world of Pokémon and bring your own cards to trade with your friends, make Pokémon-themed crafts, and try to catch ‘em all in Pokémon Go! **Ages 5-12. Registration is required for each session.**

PERLER PALOOZA!

*Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, & August 13 | 2 PM | Programming Room*

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

DISCOVER 4H

*with the Michigan State University Extension*

*Tuesdays, June 25, July 30, & August 27 | 2 PM | Programming Room*

Discover what 4-H is all about and how the program is conducted in different countries around the world! Each month will feature a different country and a cultural craft. **Ages 5-12. No registration required.**

PLAY CAFE

*Wednesdays, June 26, July 31, & August 28 | 10 AM – 12 PM | 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. No registration required.**
**Family Programs and Events**

**Special Events & Programs**

**LEARN TO DRAW MYTHICAL CREATURES**

with Corinne Roberts

**Wednesday, June 19 | 1 PM | Programming Room**

Join illustrator Corinne Roberts to learn how to draw mythical creatures! She will lead you through simple drawing techniques that will result in magical masterpieces! Supplies will be provided, but you may bring your own if you wish. Ages 8-12. **Registration is required.**

**MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES**

**MONDAYS, JUNE 17, JULY 22, & AUGUST 19 | 10 AM | Programming Room**

  - **No registration required.**

**CHALK THE WALK**

**Saturday, June 22 | 10 AM – 2 PM | Front & Back Library Sidewalks**

Supplies will be provided. All ages. If there is inclement weather, the rain make-up date will be Saturday, July 27. **No registration required.**

**THE SCIENCE OF BUBBLES**

with Dynamic School Assemblies

**Wednesday, July 24 | 2 PM | Programming Room**

Experience the fun of science by walking into a giant bubble! All ages. Space is limited. **Registration is required.**

**DINOSAUR ADVENTURES**

with Paleo Joe

**Friday, June 21 | 1 PM | Programming Room**

Join real-life paleontologist Paleo Joe to learn all about dinosaurs! All ages. **Registration is required.**

**THE MYSTERY OF CACKLEWOOD FOREST**

Presented by Roz Puppets

**Wednesday, July 17 | 1 PM | Programming Room**

A little mouse sets off on a grand adventure into a dark and mysterious woodland realm. Why does he go into the forest? Find out in this fun story! All ages. 
  - **No registration required.**

**FAMILY NERF NIGHT**

**Friday, August 16 | 6-8 PM | Main Floor**

Kids ages 3 and up and their caregivers are invited to join us for an evening of fun and epic battle! All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration is required.**

**ANIMAL SCAVENGER HUNT**

**During Summer Reading | Downtown Allegan**

We’re hiding 3D-printed woodland creatures around downtown Allegan this summer! Find one, take a picture, and use #ADLSRP on Facebook or Instagram to be entered to win a prize. Keep the animal or rehide it for others to find. 

**DRONE CLUB**

**Saturdays, June 1, July 6, & August 3 | 10 – 11 AM | Hanson Park**

Meet Alan behind the library to fly drones! Bring your own drone or borrow one of ours. All ages. 
  - **No registration required.**

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Friends of the Library Bag Sale in the lower level lobby

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10 AM – 8 PM
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10 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday
10 AM – 4 PM
FEATURING ART:
ALLEGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

June – August 2024 | Community Art Wall

Come take a look into our county’s history and celebrate 70 years of the Allegan County Historical Society!

The purpose of the Allegan County Historical Society is to help preserve the history of Allegan County. They do this through the Old Jail Museum, educational activities, and the John Pahl Historical Village at the fairgrounds. The Society is 70 years old this year and the Museum opened 60 years ago.

The Old Jail Museum has thousands of artifacts and is open for free tours on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm during the summer. The John Pahl Historical Village is open during the Allegan County Fair in September.

BINGO

Mondays, June 24, July 29, & August 26 | 6-7 PM | Programming Room

Play Bingo for a chance to win a small prize. All ages. No registration required.

AUSSIE DIDGERIDOO & YOU

Tuesday, July 16 | 2 PM | Programming Room

Explore aboriginal Australian art, music, and culture with world-renowned educators and musicians Peter D. Harper and Bobbi Llewellyn-Harper. See, hear, and touch a real didgeridoo while learning about the daily lives of the first Australians. All ages. Registration is required.

SPLASH PAD WITH SANTA

Thursday, July 25 | 10 AM – 12 PM | Perrigo Plaza Splash Pad

Don your bathing suit, put on your sunscreen, and join the jolliest guy around at the Allegan splash pad! There will be stories, activities, and fun! Children must be accompanied by an adult. If the weather is bad, we will meet indoors. 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.

CARNEGIE CORNER BOOKSTORE BAG SALE

Thursday, July 25 – Saturday, July 27 | Lower Level

It’s time to stock up on books! Browse the Friends of the Library bag sale during downtown Allegan’s sidewalk sales and get a whole bag of books for just the price of a donation. We will provide bags, but you are also welcome to bring your own. Books of all interests will be available. Proceeds support library programs and materials.