

Winter 2021-2022

ADL NEWSLETTER

Allegan Brass Collective Holiday Concert



Saturday, December 11
6:00 PM | Griswold Auditorium

The Allegan Brass Collective started in 2017 as a traditional brass quintet, but has since evolved into a collection of musicians with a common goal to play the types of music they love for the communities of Allegan county and beyond. This is the fourth year that the group will be bringing holiday music to the community at the beautiful and historic Griswold Auditorium! Doors open at 5:30 PM; show starts at 6:00 PM. No registration required.

ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE

January & February

Cold weather is here and we are inviting our patrons to evade the winter blues by exploring our collection! Adults (18 years and older) are encouraged to check out books from our library and read them throughout the months of January and February. Read 5 books and you'll be entered into our prize drawing! Ten winners will be selected to receive a \$25 gift card to a local business.

For more information and a complete list of rules, look out for logs at the library or visit our website!

Reading logs are due on February 28.



Thursday, January 27

4:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

Dogs may be our furry friends and family members, but they also serve in more specialized ways! Community members will share some information about their canine coworkers and the work that they do, from providing emotional support and therapy for students and victims in the court system, to service dogs who aid people with disabilities. Program participants will also have the opportunity to meet the dogs themselves!

All ages welcome! Please call the library to register.

MEET AND GREET WITH WORKING DOGS

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Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-4pm

SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN PROGRAMS



IMAGINATION STATION

Mondays

December 13, January 10, February 14

4:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

Join us for an hour of open-ended, imaginative play. Sessions will include a combination of free play time and prompted problem-solving. Each quarter will focus on different materials to navigate different scenarios and dream up creative uses for those materials. This quarter we're using clay. No registration required.

EMERGING READERS BOOK CLUB



Wednesdays

December 1, January 12, February 23

2:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

Elementary-aged children and their families are invited to join us for a book club on APS early release days! We will read and discuss the book of the month together, then engage in dramatic play, acting exercises, and extension activities to further our understanding of the text. Participants will receive a copy of the book for their home libraries while supplies last. No registration required.

EXPLORE & INVESTIGATE: ELEMENTARY SCIENCE CLUB

CONFECTION CONSTRUCTION



Tuesday, December 21

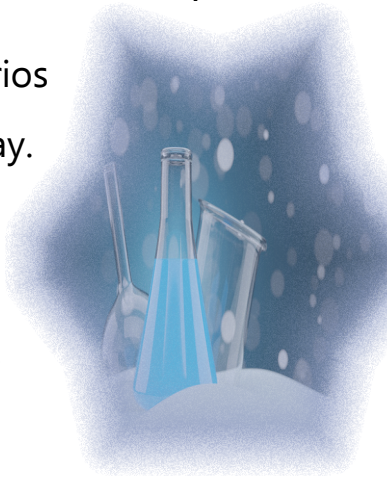
4:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

Get ready to put your engineering skills to the test at our annual gingerbread house-building extravaganza! Participants will receive supplies to build and decorate a sweet structure. Please call the library to register.

Snow & Ice Science

Tuesday, January 25

4:00 PM | Children's Programming Room



Science is cooler than cool; it's ice cold! We'll test different combinations of materials to see which makes the best fake snow, learn how to stay warm through the winter, and even shake up some ice cream.

Please call the library to register.

SIMPLE MACHINES

Tuesday, February 22

4:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

Join us for an afternoon of kid-friendly physics! Learn about wheels and axles, inclined planes, pulleys and more through hands-on experiments and activities. Please call the library to register.



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SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN TAKE & CREATE

Our popular curbside program, Take & Create, will continue through the winter! New kits for children are released every other Monday. All kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we ask that each individual takes just one kit to allow others the opportunity to participate too!

Week of December 13: Salt dough snowflakes

Week of December 27: Pom pom shooters

Week of January 10: Beaded fidgets

Week of January 24: Paper sculptures

Week of February 7: Candy heart experiment



Littles Programs

STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays

**December 1-15,
January 5-26,
February 2-23**

10:30 AM | Youth Area

Join us on Wednesday mornings for music, rhymes and, of course, some stories to encourage a love of books in your little one. No registration is required.



WINTER PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, December 29

6:00 PM | Children's Programming Room

We're bringing you a special, cozy evening storytime. Bring your stuffies and your slippers, and snuggle in for some gentle stories and songs followed by an activity. Bring the whole family! No registration required.

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TWEENS AND TEENS PROGRAMS



COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

Friday, December 17
6:00 PM

Nothing is sweeter than an after-hours event at the library! Tweens and teens are invited to join us for an evening of cookie decorating and, once the sugar rush sets in, take over the library as we play games and have a generally rambunctious time. To ensure availability of supplies, please call the library to register.

MYSTERY VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT

Thursday, December 30
1 PM | ADL Lab/Teen Area



Gaming tournaments return to the library, but this time with a twist: the games will not be announced until the start of the event! Teens and tweens will try their hand at three different video games and battle against their friends to earn points. Whoever has the most points at the end of the evening will be crowned the winner and receive the Mystery Game Tournament Cup. Please call the library to register.

TECH PLAYGROUND

Friday, January 21
6:00 PM



Your favorite after-hours hangout is back! Experience VR, play video games and spend time with friends while enjoying pizza after the library is closed. Please call the library to register.

VINYL STICKER-MAKING

Wednesday, January 26
12-3 PM | Teen Area



Spend the afternoon on APS early release day at ADL. We'll give you the tools to help you create the vinyl sticker of your dreams and cut it out right in our tech lab using our Cricut. Supplies will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.



Teen Advisory Board

Mondays, December 20, January 17, February 21
4:00 PM | Programming Room

We're calling on opinionated, innovative and spirited teens and tweens to join our new Teen Advisory Board. Chat, chill and chow down while sharing favorite books, sparking new connections and shaping teen programming at the library. Joining TAB is a great way to have your voice be heard in YOUR library--and it's a great way to get some volunteer hours! Grab a friend and drop by for more information. No registration required.

NERF WARS

Friday, February 18
6:00 PM



Our after-hours Nerf battle returns! Get ready to run, dodge and dive through the library as you try to take down library staff. We will supply some equipment, but encourage you to bring your own. Snacks will be provided. Participants must be in grades 6 and above in order to participate. Please call the library to register.

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Week of December 20: Flexagon Fidget

Week of January 17: Bubble tea

Week of February 14: Beaded daisy bracelet

Week of February 21: Edible rock cycle



ADULT PROGRAMS

ADL Book Club

Tuesdays, December 14, January 11, February 8

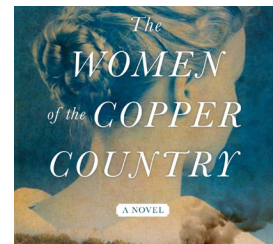
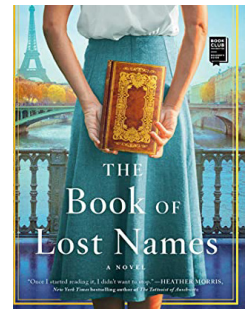
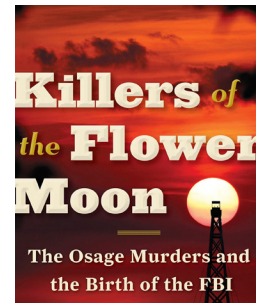
6:30 PM | Carnegie Room

We're excited for the return of the ADL Book Club. Join us for great books, great conversation, and a great time! No registration required.

December: The Women of Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell

January: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Gann

February: The Book of Lost Names by Kristen Harmel



TECH OFFICE HOURS WITH ALAN

Monday-Friday

December-February

10:00 AM-2:00 PM | ADL Lab



Having issues navigating your devices? Need your tech questions answered? Our Tech Coordinator, Alan, is here to help! We ask that you make your appointment at least 24 hours in advance so that we can provide the best answers to your queries. Schedule an appointment by calling the library.

ADL LABS FOR ADULTS: 3-D PRINT A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Saturday, December 4

10:00 AM | ADL Lab

Looking to add a personal touch to your holiday decorating? Curious about 3D printing technology? Create a one-of-a-kind ornament right here at the library! Learn how to make a design using Tinkercad and we'll print your ornament for you. Space is limited. Sign up for a timeslot by calling the library or stopping by the circulation desk.



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ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Abraham Lincoln: *A New Birth of Freedom*

Thursday, February 24

6:30 PM | Carnegie Room

Join us for this special President's Day presentation from Abraham Lincoln himself. Mr. Lincoln will speak on the history of the United States of America during his time, from his childhood on the frontier to the twelve turbulent years from 1854 to 1865 which nearly destroyed our young nation but instead eventually resulted in a "new birth of freedom". The program will conclude with a Q&A and photo ops with Mr. Lincoln. Please call the library to register.



Pub Quiz at Tantrick Brewing Co.

Wednesdays

**December 15,
January 19,
February 16**

6:30 PM

Don't miss our monthly pub trivia nights with our partner, Tantrick Brewing Co. Test your knowledge in a fun night of trivia. Each round of questions will cover a variety of topics. Teams of 4-6. Space is limited. Registration begins at 5:30 PM; quiz starts at 6:30. Show your library card and earn extra points to add to your team's score.



Adult Craft Night



Michigan Wine Cork Decor

Thursday, January 6

6:00 PM | Programming Room

Upcycle wine corks into decor to show your Michigan pride! Supplies are limited. Please call the library to register.

WOOD BEAD GARLANDS

Thursday, February 3

6:00 PM | Programming Room

Wood bead garlands continue to add a fun pop of texture to your home decor! Paint your beads in sweet Valentine's Day colors, or match them to your space for year-round use! Supplies are limited. Please call the library to register.

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Week of December 6: Scandinavian gnomes

Week of January 3: 2022 goal/memory jars

Week of January 31: Beeswax food wraps



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DECEMBER

			1 Storytime @10:30 Book Club @ 2:00	2	3	4 ADL Labs @10:00
5	6	7	8 Storytime @10:30	9	10	11 Holiday Concert @ 6:00 (Griswold)
12	13 Imagination Station @ 4:00	14 Book Club @6:30	15 Storytime @10:30 Pub Quiz @ 5:30 (Tantrick)	16	17 Cookie Decorating @ 6:00	18
19	20 Teen Advisory Board @ 4:00	21 Science Club @ 4:00	22	23	24 LIBRARY CLOSED	25 LIBRARY CLOSED
26	27 LIBRARY CLOSED	28	29 Pajama Storytime @6:00	30 Video Game Tournament @1:00	31 LIBRARY CLOSED	

JANUARY

ADULT	WINTER	READING	CHALLENGE	BEGINS		1 LIBRARY CLOSED
2	3 LIBRARY CLOSED	4	5 Storytime @10:30	6 Cork Craft @6:00	7 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING	8
9	10 Imagination Station @ 4:00	11 Book Club @6:30	12 Storytime @10:30 Book Club @ 2:00	13	14	15
16	17 Teen Advisory Board @ 4:00	18	19 Storytime @10:30 Pub Quiz @ 5:30 (Tantrick)	20	21 Tech Playground @6:00	22
23/30	24/31	25 Science Club @ 4:00	26 Storytime @10:30 Vinyl Stickers @ 12:00- 3:00	27 Working Dogs @4:00	28	29

FEBRUARY

		1	2 Storytime @10:30	3 Bead Craft @6:00	4	5
6	7	8 Book Club @6:30	9 Storytime @10:30	10	11	12
13	14 Imagination Station @ 4:00	15	16 Storytime @10:30 Pub Quiz @ 5:30 (Tantrick)	17	18 Nerf Wars @ 6:00	19
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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library have been busy and recently held a Bag Sale. Bag sales are held three times a year and include many popular titles of both fiction and non-fiction, hardcover and paperback books, as well as DVDs and CDs. Remember, at the next bag sale, you can fill a bag with sale books for just \$2!

The Friends Bookstore currently has an assortment of holiday cookbooks and "like new" books that would make great stocking stuffers.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We are so excited to present you with a full slate of winter programs this season! From pajama storytime, to a cookie decorating party, to a visit from Abraham Lincoln himself 😊, we have something for everyone, so don't forget to register. As always, to register for any program, just give us a call at 269-673-4625. Make sure to call early to guarantee your spot!

As you enjoy winter activities—attending one of our wonderful programs, or enjoying the outdoors, my family and I go ice skating every year—our Board of Trustees and Staff will be busy working on our strategic plan. The strategic plan, which we expect to reveal this spring, will identify the goals and priorities for the library and detail how we will achieve them. I want to thank all of you who filled out a survey, attended a focus group, or participated in a one-on-one interview; I am so appreciative of this incredible and supportive community.

Each one of us at the library hopes to see your smiling faces soon. We want to remind you that we are back to our full hours with no restrictions at this time (we welcome you all, with or without a mask, please choose how you feel most comfortable). We're starting our first annual Adult Winter Reading Challenge this year, and we're still putting out Take & Creates! It may be chilly outside, but in your library it's cheery and warm, and there's always a spot for you with a cozy book by the fireplace.

Library Director
Pam Armstrong
and
her daughter
Melanie
many years ago.



"Mama,
now help me
twirl!"

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