

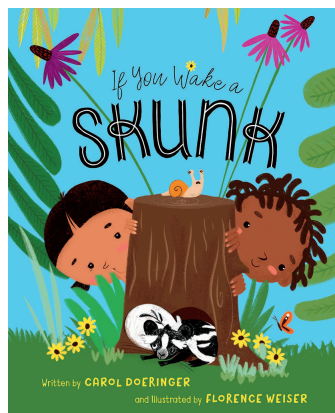
If You Wake a Skunk Book Launch

with Carol Doeringer

Tuesday, May 16 | 3:30 PM | Carnegie Room

Join local author Carol Doeringer for a reading of her new children's book, *If You Wake a Skunk*, illustrated by Florence Weiser and published by Sleeping Bear Press. This laugh-out-loud tale follows a pair of campers as they discover a skunk. Will they get sprayed or get away? Join us to find out! Then stick around to ask questions and find out what it takes to become a published author.

This event is for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshment will be provided. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



Basketball Brackets

Pick up your bracket starting March 13 & return it by 8 p.m. on March 15

It's basketball time! See if you can beat our staff and other library users in predicting the outcome of NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. Out-predict everyone else to win a \$25 Rally House gift card! We will have two winners: one adult (18+) and one tween or teen (ages 11-17). No registration is required.

To participate, pick up or print out your bracket starting March 13th, fill it out, and return it to the library by close on March 15.

Hatha Yoga

with Balance: Mind Body LLC



Thursday, March 2 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Follow instructor Lisa Waanders as she guides you through a yogic flow using breathing techniques, various poses, and meditation. Bring your own yoga mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes. Wear socks with grip or practice barefoot for better balance. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



Sound Therapy

with Susan Mayer

Saturday, April 22 | 10:30 AM | Carnegie Room

Sound therapist Susan Mayer will use various instruments to surround us in sound. You will leave relaxed and refreshed after this meditative experience. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel. Attendees must sign a waiver at the beginning of the program in order to participate. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs

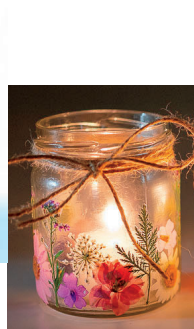


March: Shamrock Puzzle Wreath, Registration begins 2/15
April: Bee Hotel, Registration begins 3/22
May: Wood Block Luminary, Registration begins 4/19

CRAFTASTIC

Mondays, March 20, April 17, & May 15 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join us on Monday evenings to make a cool craft to take home. Space is limited. **Registration is required and opens two weeks before each program.**



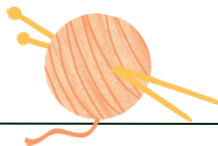
March: Shrink Plastic Suncatcher, Registration begins 3/6
April: Pressed Flower Luminary, Registration begins 4/3
May: Decoupage Wood Block Magnets, Registration begins 5/1

PUB QUIZ

Wednesdays, March 15, April 19, & May 17 | 6:30 PM | Tantrick Brewing

Test your knowledge in a fun night of trivia. April's quiz will be "nerd" themed as we team up with Tardy's Underground Comics & Collectibles in honor of Free Comic Book Day. 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 PM, quiz starts at 6:30.**

CRAFT & SNACK



Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month | 1-3 PM | Carnegie 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. Just don't bring anything too messy! Light refreshment will be provided. **No registration required.**



RECESS FOR ADULTS

with the ARC Club of Allegan

Wednesdays, March 8, April 12, & May 10 | 2 PM | Programming Room

Join us and our friends from ARC of Allegan County, a non-profit organization supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All adults are invited to join in crafting, playing games, and conversing with friends. **No registration required.**

Adult Programs and Events

Special Events and Classes



AN EVENING WITH MYKOLA

with Mykola Dziuba, Ukranian exchange student

Wednesday, March 8 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Join Allegan Public Schools exchange student Mykola Dziuba as he talks about his life in Ukraine and how current conflicts have affected his country and his own life. **No registration required.**

IRELAND'S RENAISSANCE MERCENARIES

with the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy

Thursday, March 16 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room



Join historians as they regale the epic story of Ireland's final battle to retain their unique Gaelic culture against the English! Details of the specific Irish soldier and mercenary types will be discussed along with replicas of the unique weapons of Gaelic renaissance Ireland! Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

CHASING NORTH STAR AUTHOR TALK

with Heidi McCrary

Thursday, May 11 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Hear Kalamazoo author Heidi McCrary speak about her novel *Chasing North Star*, inspired by a true story. It takes place in Alamo and the surrounding area, including Allegan. She will be sharing conversation and readings from her novel. Signed copies will be available for purchase. **No registration required.**

PAINTING WITH WOOL

with The Salty Owl Studio

Thursday, March 9 | 6 PM | Programming Room



Join Mackenzie Hatfield from The Salty Owl Studio of Kalamazoo to learn how to "paint" with wool. You'll create a unique home décor piece in the shape of our beautiful state, framed in a hoop and ready to hang! This program is for adults 18 and older. Space is limited.

Call the library to register.

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEOLOGY



with Megan Heyl

Saturdays, March 25 & May 27 | 11 AM | Carnegie Room

Professional genealogist Megan Heyl is back to teach us about various aspects of hunting down and organizing family history. Attend one session or several. **Call the library to register.**

Book Clubs

ADULT BOOK CLUB

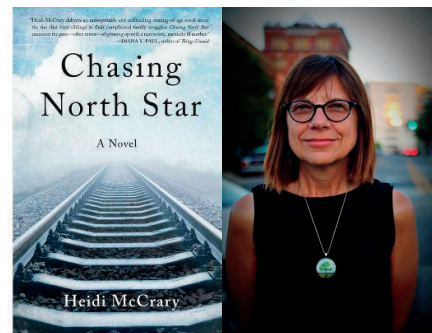
**Tuesdays, March 14, April 11, & May 9 | 6:30 PM
| Adult Reading Area**

Join us for great books and great friends. In March we will discuss *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister. April will be *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews. May will be *Chasing North Star* by Heidi McCrary, in conjunction with her author talk on May 11. **No registration required.**

BRING-YOUR-OWN- BOOK CLUB

Monday, April 3 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Come ready to discuss a few of your recent reads and hear others do the same. Leave with a list of great books to try and, hopefully, some new friends as well! **No registration required.**



Children's Programs and Events

Storytimes

LAPSIT STORYTIME

for ages 0-2



No Lapsit or Pre-K
Storytimes April 4 and 6
due to spring break.



Tuesdays | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

We all know that early literacy is important, so let's start as early as possible! This lapsit is catered especially for children 0-2 years old and their caregivers. Littles and their caregivers will read from board books, sing songs, and learn some sign language. At the end, we'll have open playtime for the kids and some time for 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.**



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Thursday, April 6 | 6 PM | Children's Area

Put on your PJs and join us for an evening storytime! We'll have stories, songs, and a fun craft. Caregivers are encouraged to wear their pajamas too. **No registration required.**



PLAY-AND-LEARN

with Help Me Grow Allegan

**Tuesdays, March 14 & April 11 for Ages 0-2 |
Thursdays, April 13 & May 18 for Ages 3-5 |
10:30 AM | Programming Room**

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

Special Events and Classes

COOKIES & CANVAS

with Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo



Wednesday, March 8 | 3 PM | Programming Room

Looking for something to do on an early release day? Join Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo for a fun, kid-friendly painting class! All materials, including cookies, paint, an 11 by 14 canvas, and instruction, are included. For ages 8-12. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

DRAWING DRAGONS

with Corinne Roberts

Wednesday, May 31 | 3:30 PM | Carnegie Room

Join illustrator Corinne Roberts to learn how to draw dragons! She will lead you through simple drawing techniques that will result in eye-catching, mystical masterpieces. We will provide paper and a standard #2 pencil, but you may bring your own materials, such as a mechanical pencil or special eraser, if you so choose. This program is open to ages 8-12. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



DROP-IN LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, April 19 | 1 - 3PM | Programming Room

Drop-in after early release from school to play with Legos! We'll have tons of blocks out for you to build whatever your heart desires. Your creations will then be featured on our Facebook page for the whole world to see! For ages 8-12.

No registration required.

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10 AM - 4 PM

Family Programs and Events

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: DAVID THOMPSON

David Thompson was born and raised in Allegan. After graduating from Allegan High school, he served for 16 months in the Vietnam War. He retired from his position as the Vice President and CIO of Borgess Health Alliance in 2006. His love for Allegan, and specifically the Allegan of his childhood, shows through his vibrant paintings of the town's landmarks.

He says, "My biggest compliment is when someone looks at my paintings and recognizes a business, building, or a location." See his paintings on display on our community artwork wall, now through March 31st.



RELAX WITH CATS

with The Country Cat Lady

Wednesday, March 22 | 2 - 4 PM | Programming Room

Come see, pet, and relax with therapy cats from The Country Cat Lady of Wayland. You'll also have a chance to chat about the center's mission and how they use their therapy and support cats to help people in communities across Michigan. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

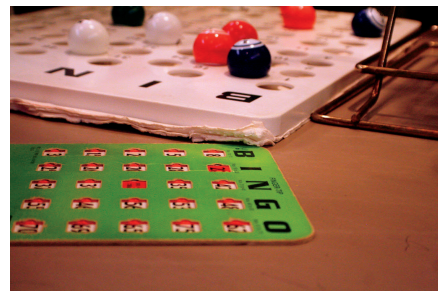
Call the library to register for a 20 minute time slot.

BINGO

Mondays, March 27 & April 24 | 6 - 7 PM | Carnegie Room

Join us to play BINGO for a chance to win prizes, at no cost to you. Just show up and have fun! All ages are invited, but kids must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no BINGO in May due to Memorial Day.

No registration required.



P.L.A.Y (PARENTS LITTLES AND YOGA)

with Balance: Mind Body LLC

Tuesday, April 4 | 10:30 AM | Carnegie Room

Elementary school aged children and their caregivers are invited to join Lisa Waanders as we explore the calming practices of yoga, tai chi, and meditation. You'll leave relaxed and refreshed and ready to enjoy the rest of your spring break! Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



INDOOR FAMILY PICNIC

Wednesday, May 3 | 1 - 3 PM | Programming Room

It's another early release day, so come join us for an indoor picnic! Drop in for snacks, crafts, coloring, and yard games. We'll have jumbo Jenga, giant checkers, inflatable bowling, bean bag toss, giant Connect 4, and more. Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited. **No registration required.**

FAMILY NERF NIGHT



Friday, May 26 | 6 - 8 PM | Programming Room

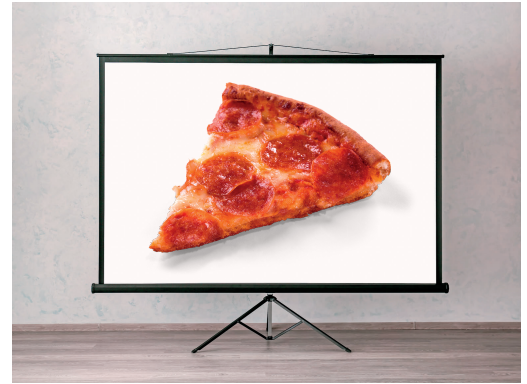
Kids ages 3 and up and their caregivers are invited to join us for an evening of epic battle. Meet us after hours in the library for target practice, free-for-all play, and fun Nerf games. We'll also have a break for snacks and hydration. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Call the library to register.**

Teen Programs and Events

SLIDES & SLICES

Friday, March 10 | 6-8 PM | Teen Area

It's like homework, but fun! (We promise.) You'll have 45 minutes to create a 5-minute Google Slides presentation on a topic of your choice. Take turns presenting while we eat pizza. Bring your most ridiculous, funny, or creative ideas because the presentation voted best goes home with a custom trophy! You may gather sources beforehand, but don't create any slides previous to the event. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**



TEEN NERF NIGHT

Friday, March 31 | 6 - 8 PM | Teen Area

Grab your friends and start your spring break off with a battle at the library. We'll have target practice, a free-for-all, and other cool games as well as snacks. Bring your own dart launcher or borrow one of ours. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**

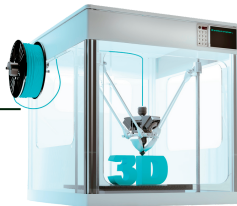
SNACKS & CRAFTS



Wednesday, April 5 | 1-3 PM | Programming Room

Drop in after school to decorate your own succulent pot. Each project comes with an artificial succulent, making it the perfect plant for anyone, even those without a green thumb! This program is open to ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

3D PRINT YOUR NAME



Wednesday, April 19 | 1-4 PM | Lab

Join Alan in the lab to learn how to use 3D printing and design to print your own name. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register for a 30 minute time slot.**

TEEN TECH NIGHT

Friday, April 28 | 6-8 PM | Lab & Teen Area

Experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3D printing, and play video games with friends at this after-hours program. We'll also have snacks. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**



TEEN INDOOR YARD GAMES

Friday, May 12 | 3 - 4:30 PM | Programming Room

Come de-stress after school with indoor yard games. Beat your friends at cornhole, giant checkers, jumbo Connect 4, and more. There will also be snacks. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**

March

April

May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	2 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Hatha Yoga @ 6 p.m.	3	4
6	7 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	8 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m. Cookies & Canvas @ 3 p.m. An Evening with Mykola @ 6 p.m.	9 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Painting with Wool @ 6 p.m.	10 Slides and Slices @ 6-8 p.m.	11
13 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m. Basketball Brackets pickup starts	14 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30 p.m.	15 Pub Quiz @ 6:30 p.m. Basketball Brackets due by 8 p.m.	16 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Ireland's Renaissance Mercenaries @ 6 p.m.	17	18
20 Craftastic @ 6 p.m.	21 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	22 Relax with Cats @ 2-4 p.m.	23 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	24	25 Jumpstart Your Genealogy @ 11 a.m.
27 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m. Bingo @ 6-7 p.m.	28 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	29	30 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	31 Teen Nerf Night @ 6-8 p.m.	1
3 BYOB Club @ 6 p.m.	4 P.L.A.Y @ 10:30 a.m.	5 Snacks & Crafts @ 1-3 p.m. Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	6 Pajama Storytime @ 6 p.m.	7	8
10 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	11 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30 p.m.	12 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m.	13 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	14	15
17 Craftastic @ 6 p.m.	18 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	19 Lego Club @ 1-3 p.m. 3D Print Your Name @ 1-4 p.m. Pub Quiz @ 6:30 p.m.	20 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	21	22 Sound Therapy @ 10:30 a.m.
23 Friends of the Library Fancy Hats Afternoon Tea Fundraiser @ 3 p.m.	24 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m. Bingo @ 6-7 p.m.	25 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	26	27 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	28 Teen Tech Night @ 6-8 p.m.
1	2 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	3 Indoor Family Picnic @ 1-3 p.m. Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	4 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	5	6
8 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	9 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30 p.m.	10 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m.	11 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Author Talk @ 6 p.m.	12 Teen Indoor Yard Games @ 3-4:30 p.m.	13
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29 Library Closed for Memorial Day	30 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	31 Drawing Dragons @ 3:30 p.m.	Preschool Programming Children's Programming Tween & Teen Programming		
			Adult Programming All Ages		



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Director's Note

With every new change of the season, I always happily declare that this one is my favorite. My teenage daughter just rolls her eyes and claims I say that at the beginning of every season. But spring is truly splendid after winter's long, dark nights and gray days. Longer days and more sunshine means kids in shorts even though it is 50 degrees out and playing ball in the park. Spring gives everyone the urge to get outside and experience new life. We hope you will include the library in your plans to shake off the winter blues. We have programming for all ages. Whether you're sticking around town or hitting the road for spring break, ADL has all the new titles to check out in person or download to your device. Every late West Michigan snowstorm lets us know spring is around the corner as we see the flowers peek out from the snow.



Pamela Armstrong, Director

FRIENDS' CORNER

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

FANCY HATS: FRIENDS' AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, April 23 | 3 PM | Carnegie Room

The Friends of the ADL are delighted to announce the return of "Afternoon Tea". Afternoon Tea has a British origin and features not only tea, but the elegance of table settings of linen, china, and silver. Both sweet and savory finger foods will be served and a short program follows. The 2023 event, "Fancy Hats" will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 3pm in the Carnegie Room. Attendees are encouraged to wear their fanciest hat of any style. Space is limited and a ticket is required. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$15 and will be available at the library's circulation desk beginning March 27.



SPRING CLEANING DONATION DRIVE

Drop off your gently used books, CDs, and DVDs during the library's open hours between May 1 and 13th. Items will be sold in the Friends' bookstore, with proceeds supporting library programs and materials. Please no textbooks, dictionaries, or encyclopedias.

BRING A FRIEND TO THE FRIENDS

Members of the Friends of the Allegan District Library are encouraged to invite someone to the March 28th meeting. Grab a friend and bring them along to the 1 o'clock meeting so they can see the Friends in action!

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