

June 2023 – August 2023



"All Together Now" Summer Reading 2023

Monday, June 12 – Saturday, August 19

Join us for the best time of the year: Summer Reading! Read books, attend events, and win prizes. Help us kick off the fun at Bridgefest on Saturday, June 10th. We'll have inflatables in the parking lot behind the library as well as musician Panda Pete, sponsored by the Friends of the Allegan District Library. Stop by and see us for more information on our Summer Reading Program as well as some fun giveaways.

As always, Summer Reading is for all ages. Adults too! Prizes for kindergarteners and under include learning toys and a balance bike. Elementary school-aged prizes include a reading tent, a Nerf set, and a family game night prize pack. Teens can win a cozy reading bundle, an instant camera, and a 1 year subscription to Universal Yums. Adults can win gift cards to local businesses or an Amazon Kindle.

Midnight at the Masquerade Murder Mystery

with The Murder Mystery Co.

Saturday, July 15 | 6 PM | Main Floor

The rustle of silks and feathers under muted conversation was probably the last thing heard by the tragically and unexpectedly deceased at the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball. With a mystery under each feathery façade, unmasking the killer may be quite a challenge. It's up to you to determine which partygoer is guilty, bring this crime to justice, and save the party!

Attend the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball and help get this soiree back on track by trading clues with other guests, gathering information, and solving the crime before the masked menace gets away! Evening wear, ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear to this night of masks and murder. Get ready for a glamorous evening of mystery, intrigue, and murder at this masquerade ball murder mystery party!

This event is for those ages 18 and up. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



Splash Pad with Santa

Thursday, July 27 | 10 AM – Noon | Perrigo Plaza Splash Pad

Even Santa likes a bit of summer fun! Don your bathing suit, put on your sunscreen, and join the jolliest guy around at the Allegan splash pad. down by the riverfront. There will be stories, activities, and, of course, lots of splashing. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. **No registration required.**



Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs



June: Watermelon Wreath, Registration begins 5/24
July: Alcohol Ink Art, Registration begins 6/21
August: Geometric Painting, Registration begins 7/19

PINTESTING

**Wednesdays, June 7, July 5, & August 2 | 6 PM
| Programming Room**

We'll meet to craft, chat, and have a good time. You'll go home with a unique piece! Space is limited.
Registration is required and opens two weeks before each program.



June: Patriotic Confetti Plate, Registration begins 6/5
July: No Sew Scrunchies, Registration begins 7/3
August: Junk Journals, Registration begins 8/7

CRAFTASTIC

**Mondays, June 19, July 17, & August 21 | 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.**



BOOK CLUB

**Tuesdays, June 13, July 11, & August 8 |
6:30 PM | Riverfront Reading Area**

Join us for great books, great conversation, and a great time! In June's pick is *Children of Catastrophe* by Sarah Shoemaker, July's is *This Time Tomorrow* by Emma Straub, August's is *Thumb Fire Desire* by Carol Nickles. Copies of the current book can be found on top of the adult "New Books" shelf. All adults are invited.
No registration required.

RECESS FOR ADULTS

with the ARC Club of Allegan



**Wednesdays, June 14, July 12,
& August 9 | 2 PM | Programming Room**

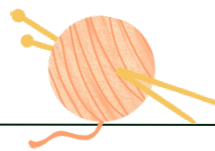
Join us and our friends from ARC of Allegan County, a non-profit organization supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All adults are invited to join in crafting, playing games, and conversing with friends. **No registration required.**

PUB QUIZ



**Wednesdays, June 21, July 19,
& August 16 | 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 PM, quiz starts at 6:30.



CRAFT & SNACK

**Mondays, July 10 & 24 and August 12 & 21 |
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.**

Adult Programs and Events

Special Events and Classes



FUN WITH WATERCOLOR

with Lori Eslick

Thursday, June 8 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join illustrator Lori Eslick as she walks us through creating a watercolor masterpiece. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



MICHIGAN BACKROADS: LONG WEEKEND GETAWAYS

Thursday, June 22 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Looking to get away this summer but not sure where to start? Join Ron Rademacher, author of various books on Michigan history and travel, as he sheds light on some of Michigan's hidden gems and best-kept secrets.

No registration required.



PAINT POUR PARTY

with Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo

Thursday, June 22 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Come sip on some mocktails while getting messy and creative! Each participant will go home with a beautiful and unique 12-inch pour-painted cutout of the Michigan peninsulas. This program is free to attend, but space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



BLUESY SUZY

with Susan Harrison

Monday, June 12 | 3 PM | Carnegie Room

Help us kick off Summer Reading with style! Join Susan Harrison, a.k.a. Bluesy Suzy, for some toe-tapping tunes. This live performance is free of charge. **No registration required.**

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEOLOGY



with Megan Heyl

Saturdays, June 24 & July 29 | 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.**



SUPERNATURAL INSIGHTS

with Rick Waid

Thursday, July 13 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Meet seer and author Rick Waid and hear about his journey down the paths of the paranormal. He will give away a few signed copies of his books as well as offer readings to some lucky audience members. Space is limited. **Registration is required.**

ADULT NERF NIGHT

Friday, August 3 | 6 PM | Main Floor of the Library

We can't let the kids have ALL the fun this summer. Adults need to play too! Bring your own dart launcher or borrow one of ours as we battle for victory in the library's stacks. There will be fun games and maybe even a few staff members to defeat. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

Children's Programs and Events

Storytimes

LAPSIT STORYTIME

for ages 0-2



No Storytimes July 4 & 6
or August 22 & 24
and 29 & 31



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.**

BIRTHDAY PJ STORYTIME

Wednesday, August 16 | 6 PM | Children's Area

We're celebrating everyone's birthday, no matter when you were born! Put on your favorite pjs and join us for fun, songs, snacks, and stories. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. **No registration required.**



Special Events and Classes



STORYBOOK S.T.E.A.M.

with the Air Zoo

Tuesday, June 20 | 2 PM | Programming Room

Use elements of classic fairytales to learn science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills! Find out what shapes and materials make the best wolf-proof house and see who can build the safest bridge to avoid the troll. Recommended for ages 5-10. Space is limited.

Call the library to register.

STARLAB

with Dynamic School Assemblies



Monday, June 26 | 3, 3:30, or 4 PM | Griswold Garden Level

Discover stories told in the stars in an inflatable planetarium! Shows start at 3, 3:30, and 4 PM. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

GROWING UP WILD

with John Ball Zoo



Tuesday, July 11 | 1 PM | Programming Room

Explore animals, their young, and how they each grow up differently. Recommended for ages 1st-3rd graders. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



CONNECTIONS

with John Ball Zoo

Tuesday, July 11 | 2 PM | Programming Room

Learn to recognize the connections between animals and plants, and how they affect the flow of energy through an ecosystem. Recommended for 4th graders and above. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**

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Family Programs and Events

PALAMAZOO MUSIC AND PUPPETS

with Susan Harrison

Monday, June 12 | 11 AM | Carnegie Room

This upbeat and lively performance by Susan Harrison will have you laughing and singing along! There will be puppets, dancing, original songs, enchanting stories, and lots of humor. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

No registration required.



Family Nerf Night

Fridays, June 16 & August 25 | 6 PM | Main Floor

We know you love Nerf, so we're kicking off and ending the summer with Family Nerf Nights! 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. Bring your own dart launcher or borrow one of ours. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Space is limited.

Call the library to register.

BINGO



**Mondays, June 26, July 31, August 28 | 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.

No registration required.



MULTI-CULTURAL EXPLORATION

with Curious Kids Museum

Wednesday, July 19 | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

Explore the cultural heritage of the people of Africa, Japan, and Mexico. Traditional clothing, artifacts, foods, products, shoes, toys and musical instruments from these countries will be on display. Come learn, interact, and have fun. Space is limited.

Call the library to register.

COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE

with Dynamic School Assemblies

Thursday, August 17 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Join us for a fun, informal, rhythmic jam session, led by Dynamic School Assemblies. Drums and direction will be provided. All ages are invited, but children must be accompanied by an adult. **No registration required.**



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Teen Programs and Events

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Fridays, June 9, July 14, & August 11 | 3 PM | Teen Area

Read books recommended by your peers, eat snacks, have great conversations, and chill out in the air conditioning. We can't think of a better way to spend a summer afternoon!

Pick up a copy of the book, read it before the program date, and join us for discussion. This program is geared toward ages 12-18.

No registration required.



CRAFTERNOON

**Wednesdays, June 28, July 26, & August 23
| 1 - 3 PM | Programming Room**

Drop in to make cool crafts! June will be all things perler beads. July will be Sharpie tie dye bags and bandanas. August is a self-care party with bath bombs and sugar scrub to get you ready for back-to-school. Grab some friends and come on by! **No registration required.**



TEEN NERF NIGHT

Friday, July 7 | 6 PM | Teen Area

Duke it out amongst the library stacks! Borrow one of our dart launchers or bring your own. We'll have group games, free-for-alls, and snacks. This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**

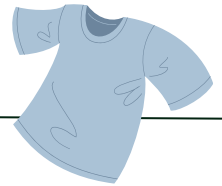


MAGNETIC POETRY MAKE & CREATE

Starting Monday, July 31 | While Supplies Last | Circulation Desk

Get your creative juices flowing with your own DIY magnetic poetry kit. We'll supply the magnets, words, and instructions. All you'll need is a pair of scissors and some poetic creativity. Once finished, this kit will be perfect for your fridge, locker, or any other magnetic surface. Ask for a kit starting Monday, July 31st. **No registration required.**

DIY TSHIRTS



Friday, June 30 | ? PM | Lab

Join Alan in the lab to make your own tshirt! We'll have designs cut out on the Cricut. All you have to do is choose one and use our heat press to fuse it to a shirt. This program is open to ages 12-18. Let us know what size shirt you need when you register. **Call the library to register for a timeslot.**

BAD ART NIGHT



Thursday, July 20 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Bad Art Night is just what it sounds like: a night to make purposefully terrible art! We'll provide an 11 by 14 canvas and a bunch of random supplies from our storage closet. Your goal? Make the worst piece of art you can. We'll display your masterpieces and let library users vote for their (least) favorite. The winner will earn a \$25 Amazon gift card! This program is open to ages 12-18. **Call the library to register.**

Summer Reading begins June 12th and ends August 19th!

June July August

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	2	3
5	6 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	7 Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	8 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Fun with Watercolor @ 6 p.m.	9 Teen Book Club @ 3 p.m.	10
12 Palamazoo @ 11 a.m. Bluesy Suzy @ 3 p.m.	13 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30	14 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m.	15 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	16 Family Nerf Night @ 6 p.m.	17
19 Craftastic @ 6 p.m.	20 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Air Zoo @ 2 p.m.	21	22 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Michigan Backroads @ 6 p.m.	23	24 Jumpstart Your Genealogy @ 11 a.m.
26 Star Lab @ 3, 3:30, or 4 p.m. Bingo @ 6 p.m.	27 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	28 Crafternoon @ 1-3 p.m.	29 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	30 DIY TShirts	1
3	4 Closed for Independence Day	5 Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	6	7 Teen Nerf Night @ 6 p.m.	8
10 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	11 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. John Ball Zoo Growing Up Wild @ 1 p.m. Connections @ 2 p.m. Book Club @ 6:30	12 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m.	13 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Rick Waid @ 6 p.m.	14 Teen Book Club @ 3 p.m.	15 Murder Mystery @ 6 p.m.
17 Craftastic @ 6 p.m.	18 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	19 Curious Kids @ 10:30 a.m.	20 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Bad Art Night @ 6 p.m.	21	22
24 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	25 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Paint Pour Party @ 6 p.m.	26 Crafternoon @ 1-3 p.m.	27 Splash Pad with Santa @ 10 a.m.	28	29 Jumpstart Your Genealogy @ 11 a.m.
31 Bingo @ 6 p.m. Magnetic Poetry Take & Create	1 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	2 Pintesting @ 6 p.m.	3 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	4 Adult Nerf Night @ 6 p.m.	5
7	8 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30	9 Recess for Adults @ 2 p.m.	10 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	11 Teen Book Club @ 3 p.m.	12
14 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	15 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	16 Birthday PJ Storytime @ 6-7:30 p.m.	17 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Drum Circle @ 6 p.m.	18	19
21 Craftastic @ 6 p.m.	22	23 Crafternoon @ 1-3 p.m.	24	25 Family Nerf Night @ 6 p.m.	26
28 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m. Bingo @ 6 p.m.	29	30	31	Preschool Programming Children's Programming Tween & Teen Programming Adult Programming All Ages	



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Director's Note

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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.

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