



The Network

Linking You to Your Library

December 2023 – February 2024

Christmas at the Griswold

with the Allegan Brass Collective

Saturday, December 16 | 6 PM | Griswold Auditorium

Enjoy one of Allegan's most beloved holiday traditions! The Allegan Brass Collective will perform a variety of holiday favorites both new and old. The show will include a cookie and punch intermission. This concert is for all ages and is free to attend. **No registration required.**



Play Cafe

**Wednesdays, Dec. 27, Jan. 31, & Feb 28 |
10 AM–Noon | Programming Room**

Calling all caregivers! Come to the library and enjoy a cup of coffee while your little ones have fun with our Play-Doh play station, coloring table, toy area, and craft zone. Coffee and apple juice will be provided. Ages 0–5 years old. **No registration required.**

Noon Year's Eve Party

**Thursday, Dec. 28 | 11:30 AM |
Programming Room**



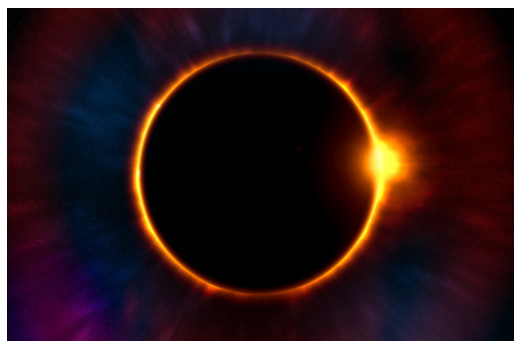
Dance your way into the new year! We will read stories, groove to music, and do a ball drop when the clock strikes noon! An apple juice toast for the new year will be provided. Ages 0–6 years old. **No registration required.**

The Legacy and Memory of Emmett Louis Till

with Jim Herm

Thursday, January 11 | 6 PM | Programming Room

The story of Emmett Till was silenced for over 50 years after his brutal murder on August 28, 1955. Since 2005, new information has been discovered about what really took place after Emmett made the famous whistle to Carolyn Bryant after purchasing candy at Bryant's Grocery in Money, Mississippi. Join local historian Jim Herm as he shares his research into the Post Civil War South, the legacy of Emmett Till, and the start of the Civil Rights movement. **Registration is required.**



The Great American Northern Eclipse

with Richard Bell from the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society

Monday, February 12 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Come to the library and hear a presentation from Richard Bell as he gives a preview of the April 8, 2024 eclipse. He will explain why solar eclipses occur and show us how to view them safely. The next total solar eclipse visible from the continental United States will not occur until 2044, so join us and get ready to stand in the shadow of the moon! All ages welcome. **Registration is required.**

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Monday – Thursday
Friday
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10 AM – 8 PM
10 AM – 5:30 PM
10 AM – 4 PM

Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs



December: Folded Book Tree, *Registration begins 11/22*
January: Self Care DIYs, *Registration begins 12/20*
February: Diamond Painted Sun Catchers, *Registration begins 1/24*

CRAFTASTIC

**Mondays, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, & Feb. 19 | 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, Dec. 12 & Feb. 13 | 6:30 PM |
Riverfront Reading Area**

Join us for great books, great conversation, and a great time! December's pick is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig and February's is *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. Copies of the current book can be found on top of the adult "New Books" shelf. See the back page for details on January's special "Book and a Movie" event. All adults are invited. **No registration required.**

PUB QUIZ



**Wednesdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, & Feb. 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.**

PINTESTING

**Wednesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, & Feb. 7 | 6 PM |
Programming Room**

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



December: Scented Gingerbread Ornaments, *Registration begins 12/4*
January: Bad Art Night, *Registration begins 1/1*
February: Birch Tree Painting, *Registration begins 2/5*

RECESS FOR ADULTS

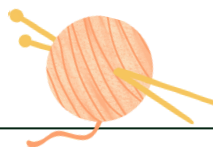


with the ARC of Allegan

**Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, & Feb. 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.



CRAFT & SNACK

**Mondays, Dec. 11, Jan. 8 & 22, & Feb. 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.

Adult Programs and Events

Special Events and Classes

VIKING WARRIOR SOCIETIES

with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy



Thursday, Dec. 7 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Discover the true history of Viking warriors, society, and weapons. Historian Jerry Berg will present on various Viking warrior types and have replicas from the museum's collection on display. This program is intended for those 12 and above. **No registration required.**



YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

with Prana Tula Yoga

Fridays, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join Hanna Gallegos, owner of Prana Tula Yoga Studio, for a relaxing yoga session. Yoga mats and props will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This program is for those 18 and older. **Registration is required for each session.**

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY

with Megan Heyl



Saturdays, Jan. 27 & Feb. 24 | 11 AM | Programming Room

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



DRAGONFLY PAINT POUR PARTY

with Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo

Tuesday, Feb. 27 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo at the library to make your own paint pour dragonfly. This program is free to attend and all materials are provided, but space is limited. If you attended our last Paint Pour Party, please refrain from signing up for this program so that others can have an opportunity to participate. Ages 18 and up. **Registration is required and will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13.**

SWORDS AND BAYONETS AT THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



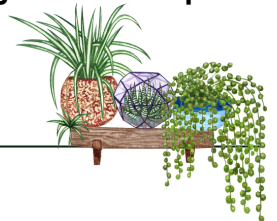
with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy

Thursday, Jan. 4 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Historian Jerry Berg will present on hand-to-hand combat techniques used in the Battle of Gettysburg. There will be replicas from the museum's collection on display. This program is intended for those 12 and above.

No registration is required.

PLANT SWAP



Saturday, Jan. 20 | 10-11 AM | Programming Room

Calling all plant lovers! Join us at the library to swap plants with fellow green thumbs. This swap will focus on houseplants and garden seeds, but all types of plants are welcome. Bring plants, seeds, or cuttings to trade or give away. **No registration required.**

SWORDS IN MEDIA: MYTH VS. REALITY



with the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy

Thursday, Feb. 1 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Historian Jerry Berg will be here to compare and contrast real-world swordsmanship to fictional fights! Replicas from the museum's collection will be on display. This program is intended for those 12 and above. **No registration required.**

ADULT WINTER READING

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Saturday, March 2



Join us for The Totally Unauthorized Reading for Pizza Program, a super cool winter reading program for adults! For every book you finish between January 2nd and March 2nd, stop by the circulation desk to fill out a bookmark to enter into our prize drawings. Two grand prize winners will receive a \$50 gift card. This program is for those 18 and older.

Children's Programs and Events

Storytimes

No Storytimes
Dec. 19 - Jan. 4

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 lapsit is designed especially for children 0-2 years old. Littles and their caregivers will listen to stories, sing songs, and learn simple sign language. At the end, we'll have open playtime for the kids and time for grownups to converse. **No registration required.**



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

for ages 3-5

Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

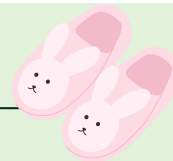
Join us on Thursday mornings for stories, songs, rhymes, crafts, and other fun activities as we encourage a love of reading in your little ones.

This storytime is designed for kids 3-5 years old and their caregivers. Join Help Me Grow Allegan during our regular storytime times on January 11 and February 15 for some educational play and to learn about their "Talking is Teaching" campaign. Each family goes home with a free book! **No registration required.**



PAJAMA STORYTIME

with Help Me Grow Allegan



Wednesday, Dec. 6 | 6-8 PM | Children's Area

Find your comfiest pajamas and come join us for an evening of storytime fun with Help Me Grow Allegan. We'll create holiday cards for family and friends just in time for the holiday season. Caregivers are encouraged to wear pajamas too. Ages 0-5. **No registration required.**

PENGUIN PARTY



Tuesday, Feb. 6 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Playful penguins parade to the library and you're invited to join the fun! Join us for stories, games, silly songs, and to make a craft to take home. Ages 0-6.

No registration required.

HAPPY WARM HEART'S DAY

Wednesday, Feb. 14 | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

Celebrate the friends in your life! Join us for stories of friendship and to make a friendship craft to take home with you! **No registration required.**



Recurring Programs

PASSPORT PALS



Fridays, Dec. 15, Jan. 12, & Feb. 9 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Ready to travel the world? Explore a new country every month through stories, music, and crafts. Each child will get a passport they can use to collect stamps from the countries we visit. Ages 5-11. **Registration is required.**



MESSY MUNCHKINS



Monday, Jan. 22 & Feb. 12 | 10:30-11:30 AM | Programming Room

It's time to get messy! 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.**

DROP-IN LEGO CLUB



Wednesdays, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, & Feb. 21 | 1-3PM | Board Room

Drop in after early release from school to play with Legos! We'll have tons of blocks and bricks out for you to build whatever your heart desires. Your creations will be put on display in the library and proudly featured on our Facebook page! For ages 8-12. **No registration required.**

Children's Programs and Events

Special Events & Programs

KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Wednesday, Jan. 24 | 1 PM | Programming Room

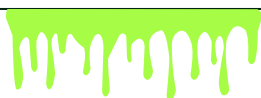
The KSO presents the book *Hello, Star* by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic. Enjoy music and a delightful tale as the symphony brings this book to life! All ages.

No registration required.

SLIME SCIENCE

with the Air Zoo

Tuesday, Jan 30 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room



Discover how changing the ratio of the chemical ingredients affects the outcome of slime. Be prepared to get messy! Grades 1-5. **Registration is required.**

HOMEMADE SNOW DOUGH



Friday, Jan. 26 | 10:30 AM | Programming Room

Come to the library to make your very own homemade snow dough. This 2-ingredient recipe is easy to use and fun to make. Be prepared to get messy! Ages 3-6.

Registration is required.

CRITCHLOW ALLIGATOR SANCTUARY



Monday, Feb. 5 | 4 PM | Programming Room

Get firsthand experience with some scaly friends and learn all about their habitats, behaviors, and diets.

Children must be 3 years or older to attend.

Registration is required.

Family Programs and Events

HOLIDAY MOVIE MANIA

Tuesday, Dec. 5 & and Monday, Dec. 19 | 3 PM | Programming Room



Join us as we welcome the holiday season and get cozy with popcorn! On December 5th we will be showing *Elf* (PG). December 18th's movie will be *The Santa Clause* (PG). **No registration required.**

FAMILY NERF NIGHT



Friday, Jan. 5 | 6-8 PM | Main Floor

Bring the family and duke it out in the stacks! Kids ages 3 and up and their caregivers are invited to join us for an evening of warm winter fun and epic battle. Meet us after hours in the library for Nerf target practice, free-for-all play, and more. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Registration is required.**

DECK THE HALLS TAKE - N - MAKE CRAFTS



Starting Monday, Dec. 18 | Front Lobby

Make your days merry and bright! Come to the library and grab a craft to take home to decorate your space for the holiday season! All ages are invited to take a kit, but please only one per person. Available while supplies last.

No registration required.

BINGO



Mondays, Jan. 29 & Feb. 26 | 6-7 PM | Programming 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.

DISNEY FAMILY SING-A-LONG TRIVIA



Tuesday, Jan. 16 | 6 PM | Programming Room



Do you want to build a snowman or talk about Bruno? Sing along and name that song in our jam-packed musical Disney Trivia! Put your knowledge of the House of Mouse to the test! All ages. **Registration is required.**

Teen Programs and Events



NAIL ART SPA

Thursday, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, & Feb. 1 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Come to the library and do a fun and simple nail art design. Please bring a bottle of your favorite color. Instructions will be given and a tutorial will be provided.

No registration required.

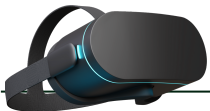


SCRAP THAT!

Teen Scrapbooking Club

Thursdays, Jan. 11 & Feb. 15 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Want to try scrapbooking but don't know where to begin? Look no further to the library! Bring an old notebook or photo album you want to spruce up. We will provide the supplies you need to make it dazzle! Snacks will be provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**



TEEN TECH NIGHT

Fridays, Jan. 19 & Feb. 16 | 6-8 PM | Teen Area & Lab

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

Registration is required.

TEEN NEEDLE FELTING



Thursday, Feb. 8 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Come learn a new skill as you create your very own needle felted cactus. Steps will be explained as we make this fun creation together! Come hangout and have fun. Snacks will be provided.

Registration is required.

JACKSON POLLOCK NIGHT

for Teens & Adults!



Thursday, Jan. 25 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join us as we celebrate the influential American Artist, Jackson Pollock. Make your own Pollock-esque splatter painting and enjoy a cupcake to commemorate his birthday! Be prepared to get messy. This program is for those 12 and above. Parents and teens are encouraged to participate together. **Registration is required.**

DROP-IN TEEN TIME



Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 10, & Feb. 21 | 1-3 PM | Teen Area & Lab

Drop in on December 13th to make a last-minute gift for friends and loved ones, while supplies last. On December 27th, we will be making Post-It art. In January and February, drop by after school to explore the lab and play video games. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

PICTURE FRAME PUZZLE PROJECT



Thursday, Jan. 18 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Create a unique picture frame to capture a special moment in your life. Get creative! Make designs fun, silly, kooky, or goofy. Supplies and snacks will be provided. Ages 12-18. **No registration required.**

CLASSIC MOVIE MANIA



Tuesday, Jan. 23 & Thursday, Feb. 29 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Come enjoy some iconic cinema with these old-school favorites: *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986, PG13) and *WarGames* (1983, PG)! Hang out, eat snacks, and stay classy. **Registration is required.**

WILL IT WAFFLE?



Tuesday, Feb. 20 & Friday, Feb. 23 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Have you ever tried to make brownies with a waffle iron? How about pizza? We're about to find out just what happens when we try to cook with nothing but a waffle iron! Ages 12-18. **Registration is required.**

December

January

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Holiday Movie Mania @ 3 p.m.	6 Pintesting: Folded Book Tree @ 6 p.m. PJ Storytime @ 6 p.m.	7 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Nail Art Spa @ 3:30 p.m. Viking Warrior Societies @ 6 p.m.	8 Santa & Reindeer Art Hop @ 5-8 p.m.	9
11 Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	12 Lapsit Storytime with Play n Learn @ 10:30 a.m. Book Club @ 6:30 p.m.	13 Lego Club @ 1-3 p.m. Drop-In Teen Time @ 1-3 p.m. Recess for Adults @ 2-3 p.m.	14 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m.	15 Passport Pals @ 3:30 p.m.	16 Christmas at the Griswold @ 6 p.m.
18 Craftastic: Gingerbread Ornaments @ 6 p.m. Make & Take Crafts Begin	19 Holiday Movie Mania @ 3 p.m.	20 Pub Quiz @ 6:30 p.m.	21	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED
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22 Messy Munchkins @ 10:30 a.m. Craft & Snack @ 1-3 p.m.	23 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Movie Mania @ 3:30 p.m.	24 Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra @ 1 p.m.	25 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 a.m. Jackson Pollock Night @ 6 p.m.	26 Snow Dough @ 10:30 a.m.	27 Jumpstart Your Genealogy @ 11 a.m.
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FEATURED ARTIST: VIESTARTS AISTARS

December 2023 - February 2024 | Community Art Wall

Born in the summer of 1927 in Dobeles, Latvia, Viestarts Aistars was the eldest of four sons in a family with a legacy of love for the arts. He immigrated to the United States in the aftermath of World War II, when Latvia was occupied by the Soviet army and the Aistars family was listed for deportation to concentration camps in Siberia, where many Latvians died. Chicago was Aistars' first home in the United States. He enrolled in the Art Institute of Chicago, where he studied art while learning to speak English. His education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army, but he returned to the Art Institute after the war and finished his degree, married, and had two daughters. The family moved to Kalamazoo in 1959 to become a part of a large and vibrant Latvian community.

Much of Aistars' work reflects the home he lost, with frequent themes of Latvian culture and folklore, seascapes recalling the Baltic Sea, or the forests he wandered in his childhood. His favored mediums are oils, watercolors, and charcoal pencil. Aistars has won numerous prizes and his work has been purchased by countless private collectors, the State Museum in Riga, Latvia, and the Art Museum in Jelgava, Latvia. A painting of a Latvian woman in folk costume hangs today in the Riga Pils (Riga Castle), the president's residence in Riga, Latvia. He has had more than 60 one-man art exhibits across the United States. Aistars passed away at the age of 92 on April 1, 2020.



SANTA AND HIS REINDEER

and Art Hop

Friday, Dec. 8 | 5-8 PM | Front Lawn and Main Floor

Come see Santa and his reindeer, warm up with a cup of hot chocolate, and take some festive photos! We will also have local artists showcasing their work inside the library. Don't forget to visit Allegan's downtown for more great activities and holiday deals. **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. in the Carnegie Room. All are invited to join.

BOOK & A MOVIE: THE BOOK THIEF

sponsored by The Friends of the Library

Tuesday, January 9 | 5:30 PM | Carnegie Room

Pick up a copy of *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, read it before January 9th, and then join us for a screening of the movie based on the book! The Friends of the Allegan District Library will provide popcorn and candy. **No registration required.**



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