

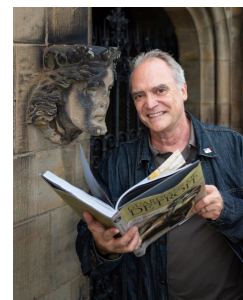
GREAT LAKES, GREAT STORIES: GARGOYLES, GROTESQUES, GRAVEYARDS, AND GHOULS

with Jeff Morrison

Tuesday, October 27 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Join photographer and historian Jeff Morrison as he shows more than 200 pictures of some of the most macabre examples of architectural sculpture to be found in the state of Michigan. You'll visit churches, cemeteries, mansions and more to learn about the meaning behind the sculptures found on these structures, as well as the artists, artisans, and architects that made these buildings possible. You will also hear interesting stories about those who may have stayed behind after their mortal lives ended, including jealous spouses, the possible second life of a murder victim, and the story of a ghost that wasn't a ghost after all. The presentation is based on information that came to light while Jeff was researching and writing his award-winning books, *Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture of the Motor City* (Wayne State University Press, 2019) and *Guardians of Michigan: Architectural Sculpture of the Pleasant Peninsulas* (The University of Michigan Press, 2022).

Space is limited; call the library to register.



PREPARE FAIR

**Monday, September 28 | 5 PM |
Hanson Park Parking Lot**

September is National Preparedness Month! Come meet local first responders and learn how they serve the community. You'll also learn about how to prepare for emergencies. Free safety and preparedness items will be available! All ages. **No registration required.**

PINTESTING: PAINT-A-BOWL

with Essenburg Arts



Wednesday, October 7 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Join us for a special Pintesting class with local artist Eric Essenburg! He'll provide hand-crafted ceramic bowls for each participant to paint to take home. This program is free of charge and all materials will be provided. For ages 18 and up. **Registration is required and opens on 9/23 at 10 AM; call the library to register.** Read more about our Pintesting and Craftastic programs on the next page!

FALL FAMILY STORYTIME

with the South West Michigan Land Conservancy

Friday, October 2 | 10 AM | Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve, 137 Thomas St., Allegan, MI

Join the library and SWMLC for a special outdoor fall-themed storytime session and inspired nature craft. Learn about the forest by doing a special, hands-on nature rubbing craft with native trees and leaves. Ages 0-7. **No registration required.** In case of inclement weather, this storytime and craft will be moved to the library's downstairs Programming Room. Check our website and Facebook page for weather-related updates.



Adult Programs and Events

Monthly Programs



PINTESTING

Wednesdays, September 2, October 7, & November 4 | 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 (except for September's class, which is one week before).** See more info about October's class on the front page!



September: Embroidered Daisy Hat, registration begins 8/26

October: Paint-A-Bowl with Essenburg Arts, registration begins 9/23

November: Still Life Drawing, registration begins 10/21

CRAFTASTIC

Mondays, September 21, October 19, & November 16 | 6 PM | Programming Room

Let's get crafty! 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.**



September: Black Cat Door Hanging, registration begins 9/8

October: Velvet Pumpkins, registration begins 10/5

November: Squeegie Painting, registration begins 11/2

Squeegie Painting photo credit: onelittleproject.com. <https://onelittleproject.com/squeegie-painting/>



BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, September 8, October 13, & November 10 | 6:30 PM | Adult Reading Area

Join us for great books, great conversation, and a great time!

- September:** *The Book of Lost Hours* by Hayley Gelfuso
- October:** *Unlikely Animals* by Annie Hartnett
- November:** *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

Copies of the current book can be found on top of the adult "New Books" shelf. All adults are invited. **No registration required.**



PUB QUIZ

Wednesdays, September 16, October 21, & November 18 | 6:30 PM | Tantrick Brewing Co.

Test your knowledge in a fun night of trivia! 4 rounds, 10 questions each. Teams of up to 6. Show your library card to add bonus points to your team's score. **Team registration begins in-person at Tantrick at 5:30 PM, trivia begins at 6:30 PM.**

RECESS FOR ADULTS

with The Arc of Allegan



Wednesdays, September 9, October 14, & November 11 | 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.**

LOCAL WRITERS' GROUP



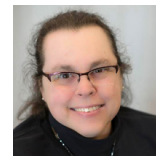
Fridays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, & Nov. 13 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Writers of all genres and levels of experience are invited to share ideas and spark connections at our Local Writers' Group! Get feedback on your work, read work from your peers, and discuss different elements of the writing, editing, and publishing processes. **Call the library to register.**

Adult Programs and Events

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY

with Megan Heyl



Saturdays, September 26, October 24, & November 21 | 11 AM | Carnegie Room

Professional genealogist Megan Heyl is back to teach us about various aspects of hunting down and organizing family history. Topics will vary from month to month. **No registration required.**

Special Events and Programs



BIRDING BASICS

with the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

**Wednesday, September 9 | 5:30 PM |
Programming Room & Riverfront Boardwalk**

Get familiar with the birds in your backyard! The Kellogg Bird Sanctuary will teach us how to identify birds by sight, sound, habitat, and behavior and go over helpful birdwatching tools and resources. Then, we'll put our newly-acquired knowledge into practice with a nature walk along the riverfront boardwalk. There will be binoculars available for participants to borrow, but supplies are limited; if you have your own, please bring them. Space is limited, so registration is required. **Call the library to register.** In case of inclement weather, the nature walk portion of the program will be canceled.

PLANT & PUZZLE SWAP



**Thursday, September 17 | 6 - 7 PM |
Programming Room**

Swap puzzles and plants with fellow enthusiasts! All puzzles will be free to leave and take. For plants, divide your indoor and outdoor varieties, then swap and share them with your community. We'll have one table of plants for trade and another for those free for the taking. Full plants, cuttings, and seeds are welcome. **No registration required.**

HERBAL TEA & HONEY WORKSHOP

with Herbal Meadows Botanicals



**Wednesday, September 30 | 6 PM |
Programming Room**



SEWING 101

with Vicki Isola

**Thursday, September 24 | 5:30 PM |
Programming Room**

Learn the basics of using a sewing machine in this introductory workshop designed for beginners! We'll go over the machine's anatomy, how to thread a needle and wind a bobbin, and practice basic stitching. If there's time, we can cover picking out fabrics, using patterns and hand sewing. If you have an old machine laying around that you'd love to put to use but you aren't sure how, this class is the perfect place to start. Feel free to bring your own machine if you have one that is functional. If you don't have your own, one of our machines will be available for your use. Thread, fabric, and other essential materials will be provided. **Space and materials are limited; please call the library to register.**

Didn't make it off the waitlist for the Herbal Tea & Honey Workshop this past summer? You're in luck! Haley Terpstra of Herbal Meadows Botanicals is back again to share her pre-blended, caffeine-free loose leaf herbal tea and infused honeys for you to enjoy. Over 20 herbs will be provided to work with (all caffeine and gluten free), labeled with a summary of medicinal properties to help guide you as you create your very own tea blend and honey infusion. *In this workshop, we will be using items that could cause allergic reactions. Seek medical advice prior to consuming certain herbs when pregnant or using certain medications.* **Space is limited, and priority will be given to those who were on the waitlist when this class was offered in June of 2026. Registration is required and opens on 9/16 at 10 AM.**

Adult Programs and Events



BEEKEEPERS' CLUB

Monday, October 5 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Whether you're an experienced apiarist, a total beginner looking to dip your toes into a new hobby, or just someone who's curious about the beekeeping buzz, you're welcome at the Beekeeper's Club! Come meet fellow beekeepers and swap tricks of the trade. **Space is limited; call the library to register.**

PREPARING FOR A FINANCIAL EMERGENCY

with Stephen Klementowski of Fifth Third Bank



Tuesday, October 6 | 4 PM | Carnegie Room

In the event of a financial emergency, it's crucial to have a plan in place. In this presentation, we'll learn how to identify a financial emergency, go over the importance of having an emergency savings plan, cover tools and resources to create and implement an emergency savings strategy, and develop skills to protect yourself during times of financial uncertainty. **Call the library to register.**

THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

with Dr. James Palmitessa

Monday, October 12 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Halloween is a holiday like no other: we dress up in creepy costumes, hit the streets to trick-or-treat, and watch scary movies to celebrate. Have you ever wondered how such a unique holiday came to be? Dr. James Palmitessa is a historian of Early Europe and a professor at Western Michigan University, where he teaches classes on European history; among his most popular is his class on the European Witch-Hunt. We'll look at depictions of witches, devils, goblins, and other eerie imagery as he guides us through the historical timeline of Halloween, from its roots in late antiquity to the cultural phenomenon it is today. **This is an Adult Program (ages 18+); this presentation includes visual slides depicting classical fine-art sculptures, including historical artistic nudes. Space is limited; call the library to register.**



KNITTING FOR NEWBIES

with Charles Clark II

Thursday, November 5 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

With the holiday season right around the corner, it's the perfect time to pick up knitting and make some cozy creations! Join Charles Clark II, an expert of his craft, as he walks us through the basics of knitting in this beginner-friendly class. All materials will be provided. **Space is limited; call the library to register.**



INTRO TO COMPOSTING

with the Allegan Conservation District



Thursday, November 12 | 6 PM | Programming Room

The Allegan Conservation District will teach us all about the benefits of composting and how you can incorporate it into your daily life, from starting small-scale apartment buckets to maintaining backyard piles. Additionally, we'll learn about speciality composting methods, such as wormcasting and bokashi bins. This session will leave you with all the knowledge you need to start your journey to less food waste and more free soil amendments for your lawn, raised beds, gardens, or even houseplants! Each program attendee can enter a raffle to win a bokashi kitchen composter at the end of the presentation. Space is limited, so registration is required. **Call the library to register.**

Children's & Family Programs and Events

Storytimes



***LAPSI**T 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 catered especially to children 0-2 years old and their caregivers. We 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 the grown-ups to converse! **No registration required.**

***No Lapsit Storytime sessions on October 20, October 27, or November 24.**

***PRESCHOOL**T 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 with your little ones. This storytime is designed for kids 3-5 years old and their caregivers. **No registration required.**

***No Preschool Storytime sessions on October 22 or November 26.**



Recurring Programs



SPLISH, SPLASH, STORIES!

with the Allegan Aquatic Center

**Mondays, Sept. 21, Oct. 12, & Nov. 9 | 10 AM |
Allegan Aquatic Center**

Throw on your bathing suit and splash your way into a good story at the Allegan Aquatic Center! Enjoy a time of silly stories and songs. Afterwards, splash with your family and friends in the pool! Ages 0-7. **Registration is required. You must call the Aquatic Center at 269-673-7702 ext. 5504 or visit their website at ard.recdesk.com to register.**

DISCOVER 4H

with MSU Extension

**Tuesdays, Sept. 29, Oct. 13, & Nov. 10 | 3:30 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 or cultural craft to follow. Ages 5-12. **No registration required.**



Children's & Family Programs and Events



KIDS' COOKIES & CANVAS ART CLASS

Wednesday, October 7 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Join us for this guided painting class. Artists will learn the step-by-step process of how to paint fall colored trees and enjoy delicious treats along the way! Grades 2nd - 6th. Supplies will be provided. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**



PLAY CAFÉ

Wednesday, Nov. 11 | 10 AM | 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 station, toy area, and craft zone. Coffee and apple juice will be provided. Enjoy coffee, conversations, and creations. Ages 0-5 years old. **No registration required.**

FALL FAMILY NERF NIGHT

Friday, November 6 | 6 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 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; call the library to register.**

DROP-IN LEGO CLUB

Friday, November 13 | 1 PM - 3 PM | Board Room

Have fun at the library and come play with Legos! We'll have tons of bricks and blocks out for you to build and create with. Creations will proudly be displayed in our children's area! Ages 5-12. **No registration required.**

Special Events & Programs

YOUTH & FAMILY PADDLE & DISCOVERY DAY

with the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council & the Allegan Conservation District

Saturday, September 12 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Hanson Park

Discover a day of fun and adventure with the Allegan District Library and the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council, featuring guided kayak tours by the KRWC for ages 5 and up! All ages can enjoy storytime sessions in the park presented by the library, alongside an Activity Passport full of interactive science stations and crafts led by local environmental organizations. Complete your passport to win a prize! A note from KRWC: Day-of registration and signed waivers are required on-site for those ages 5 and up participating in the paddle portion. Additionally, personal watercraft are strictly prohibited due to limited park space. **Registration is required day-of, ONLY for Paddling, with the KRWC. In case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.**



Children's & Family Programs and Events

PROFESSIONAL PUMPKIN CARVING

with Lord of the Gourd

Wednesday, September 23 | 4:30 PM | Programming Room

Meet professional fruit and pumpkin carver, Pat Harrison, as he creates fun and unique pumpkin creations just in time for spooky season! Have fun, ask questions, and learn a few techniques. All ages. **No registration required.**



INSTRUMENT ZOO

with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, September 30 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Join the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra as they present their String Instruments Zoo! Come learn about different string instruments KSO uses and experience how they work up close! All ages. **No registration required.**



SING SONG YOGA

with Deb Weiss-Gelmi

Mondays, October 12 & November 9 | 3:30 PM | Carnegie Room

Join Deb Weiss-Gelmi as she guides us through basic yoga poses, movement, literacy, and music for kids and their families. Ages 0-7. **No registration required.**



SCIENCE OF SLIME

with the Air Zoo

Thursday, November 5 | 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; call the library to register.**

DRAGON TAMERS LIBRARY ESCAPE ROOM



with the Allegan County Community Foundation

Monday, October 5 | 1 PM | Programming Room

Join the Allegan County Community Foundation for *Dragon Tamers: The Great Library Escape*, a family adventure where you'll solve puzzles, practice financial literacy and math skills, tame dragons, and save the library! Will you become a Master Dragon Tamer? Grades K-4. Participants will work together in teams. Please note: one grownup per child per group. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**

GEOCACHING 101

with the Michigan Geocaching Organization



Wednesday, November 4 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

What is geocaching? How do you get started? What equipment do you need? Join expert Peter Hoyt of the Michigan Geocaching Organization as he explains all about the fun to be had with geocaching! Learn where this can be discovered locally, what different types of caches are like, and more! Ages 6 and up. **No registration required.**

Tween & Teen Programs and Events

Recurring Programs

TEEN TECH NIGHTS

Fridays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, & Nov. 13 | 6 PM | Lab & Teen Area

Experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends at this after-hours program. Snacks will be provided. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. **Call the library to register.**



TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB)

Tuesday, September 22 | 4 PM | Board Room

Want to help shape programs at your library? Here's your chance! Join our Tween Advisory Board. Chat, chill, and chow down while sharing favorite books, sparking new connections and shaping tween programming at the library. Grab a friend and drop by! This is designed specifically for grades 4-7. **No registration required.**



ART HANGOUT

Thursdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 15, & Nov. 19 | 3:30 PM | Programming Room

Drop in after school to make a fun craft to share with friends and family. In September we will make ceramic hedgehog coasters, in October we will paint mini pumpkins, and in November we will make origami corner bookmarks. Grades 6-12. All supplies will be provided. **No registration required.**



TEEN HALLOWEEN NERF NIGHT

Friday, October 2 | 6 PM | Main Floor

Come in costume and duke it out in the library stacks! Borrow one of our dart launchers or bring your own. We will have group games, monster target practice, free-for-alls, capture the flag, and more. A hydration break will be provided. Grades 6-12. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**

Tween & Teen Programs and Events

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Thursday, October 8 | 4 PM | Board Room

Want to make your voice heard? Grab a friend and stop by our Teen Advisory Group! We'll share snacks, talk about our favorite reads, and discuss ideas as we make new connections. TAG is designed specifically for grades 8-12. **No registration required.**



Special Events & Programs

SLIDES AND SLICES

Friday, September 25 | 6 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 prior to the event. Grades 6-12. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**



DRAGON TAMERS: GREAT LIBRARY ESCAPE!

with the Allegan County Community Foundation

Monday, October 5 | 3 PM | Programming Room

Quick! The library needs your help; all of the books are in danger of being burned to a crisp by dragons! These fiery beasts are stalking the bookshelves, guarding the Circulation Desk, and defending the library doors! Do you have what it takes to solve the puzzles and defeat the dragons once and for all? Grades 5-8. Participants will work together in teams. **A caregiver must remain onsite during this event. Call the library to register.**



GAMER'S GUILD TEEN D&D CLUB

Saturday, October 10 | 11 AM | Programming Room

Join Charmy, our Dungeon Master, as they guide players through fun one-off Dungeons & Dragons campaigns. Players will be introduced to the game, make their own character sheets, and learn how to play. Snacks will be provided. Ages 13-18. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**

Tween & Teen Programs and Events

POPCORN & PAGES TWEEN BOOK CLUB



Tuesday, November 3 | 4 PM | Board Room

Are you passionate about books? Do you like to share stories and swap them with your friends? Come join us for a time of book-themed discussions and ideas, snacking, and hanging out with friends. Formal Book Club dates will be announced for Winter. Grades 5th - 7th. Snacks will be provided. **No registration required.**

LEVEL UP STREAMING TIPS, TRICKS, & WORKSHOP



with Online Streamer TailsThePrower71

Monday, November 16 | 6 PM | Carnegie Room

Join the online streamer TailsThePrower71 as he presents how to create a basic streaming setup, the types of programs he runs for it, tips on how to create a successful stream, how to build an online community, learn from other real online streamers, and more. After the presentation, participants will get a chance to brainstorm their own ideas and do a Q&A session. Ages 13 and up. **Registration is required; call the library to register.**

All Ages Programs and Events



BINGO

Mondays, September 28, October 26, & November 30 | 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.**

PAINT-A-PAPER-PUMPKIN



Saturday, October 3 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Programming Room

Stop by for a drop-in craft during Downtown Allegan's Halloween Hoot-N-Howl festivities! Make your very own paper pumpkins using tempera paint and finger painting pads to bring your creation to life! We will then display your creations in the library until Halloween. All ages. **No registration required.**

September

October

November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM	2 Pintesting: Embroidered Hat @ 6 PM	3 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM	4	5
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14	15 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Board Mtg. @ 6 PM	16 Pub Quiz @ 6:30 PM	17 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Plant & Puzzle Swap @ 6 PM	18 Teen Tech Night @ 6 PM Writers' Group @ 6 PM	19
21 Splish, Splash, Stories at the AAC @ 10 AM Craftastic: Black Cat Door Hanging @ 6 PM	22 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM FOL Mtg. @ 1 PM TAB @ 4 PM	23 Lord of the Gourd @ 4:30 PM	24 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Teen Art Hangout @ 3:30 PM Sewing 101 @ 5:30 PM	25 Slides & Slices @ 6 PM	26 Genealogy @ 11 AM
28 Prepare Fair @ 5 PM Bingo @ 6 PM	29 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Discover 4H @ 3:30 PM	30 Instrument Zoo @ 3:30 PM Herbal Tea & Honey Workshop @ 6 PM	1 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM	2 Storytime at Armintrout-Milbocker Nature Preserve @ 10 AM Teen Nerf Night @ 6 PM	3 Paint-A-Paper-Pumpkin @ 11 AM
5 Kids' Dragon Tamers Escape Room @ 1 PM Tween Dragon Tamers Escape Room @ 3 PM Beekeepers' Club @ 6 PM	6 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Preparing for Financial Emergency @ 4 PM	7 Cookies & Canvas @ 3:30 PM Pintesting: Paint-A-Bowl w/ Essenburg Arts @ 6 PM	8 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM TAG @ 4 PM	9	10 Teen D&D @ 11 AM
12 Splish, Splash, Stories at the AAC @ 10 AM Sing Song Yoga @ 3:30 PM Halloween History @ 6 PM	13 Lapsit Storytime @ 10:30 AM Discover 4H @ 3:30 PM Book Club @ 6:30 PM	14 Recess for Adults @ 2 PM	15 Preschool Storytime @ 10:30 AM Teen Art Hangout @ 3:30 PM	16 Teen Tech Night @ 6 PM Writers' Group @ 6 PM	17
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30 Bingo @ 6 PM	Preschool Programming Children's & Family Programming Tween & Teen Programming		Adult Programming All Ages Programming		All events and activities listed in the newsletter are also available to view on the Event Calendar at alleganlibrary.org .



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FEATURED ARTIST: XAVI FRANCIS

September - November 2026 | Community Art Wall

Xavi Francis' emergence in the art scene began at age 7 with his enrollment in dance. Initially wanting to become a visual artist, Mr. Francis was informed of the financial instability of the art world and decided to focus all his energy on the performing arts instead. His education at Pennsylvania Ballet launched his career in dance, which took him all over the United States. He danced with Ballet Arizona, performing in repertoires such as *Giselle*, *Nutcracker*, and *Coppelia*. He then explored the realm of musical theater, performing in *West Side Story* with Robert Redford's Sundance Theater Company in Utah. Back in Arizona, he danced in *Fire and Ice*, a mix of ballet, Scottish Highland dancing, and contemporary dance. He then went on to perform in *Rhythm of the Celts* at the Edinburgh Playhouse in Scotland. After multiple years of dance and touring, Mr. Francis decided to settle down in Michigan to teach and be a father. While building sets for one of his dance productions, he rediscovered his love for the visual arts. He started creating visual art pieces about 5 years ago, and works in all media.



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.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Did you know that September is Library Card Sign-up Month? A library card allows you to check out books, DVDs & Blu-Rays, board games, and more, and grants you access to digital collections on Libby and Hoopla! Don't have a library card with us yet? It's a great time to get one! Stop by the library circulation desk to sign up for a card or learn more.

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK



National Friends of Libraries Week is October 18 - 24! The Friends of the Allegan District Library are a group of volunteers that help raise funds for library programs and materials. In addition to maintaining the Carnegie Corner Bookstore, they also organize and oversee fundraising events like the Geranium Sale and Bag Sale. Through their efforts, the Friends have sponsored Summer Reading prizes and attractions during the program's Bridgefest kickoff, the annual Allegan Brass Collective Christmas concert, Book & a Movie, and more! If you are interested in becoming a Friend, their meetings are open to all, and are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Carnegie Room. Stop by, say hi, and learn how you can help!

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Friday
Saturday

10 AM - 8 PM
10 AM - 5:30 PM
10 AM - 4 PM