"Midnight at the Masquerade" Murder Mystery

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. Trade clues with other guests, gather information, and solve the crime before the masked menace gets away!

Evening wear, ball gowns, Venetian masks, suits, and tuxes are what to wear for this glamorous evening of mystery, intrigue, and murder.

This event is for ages 18 and up and is free to attend. Space is limited and registration is required. Registration opens at 10 a.m. on July 1st. You may register yourself and one other person. Call the library to register.

"All Together Now" Summer Reading 2023

Bridgefest Kick-Off Party: Saturday, June 10th

Help us kick off the fun at Bridgefest on Saturday, June 10th. We’ll have inflatables in the parking lot behind the library from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. as well as musician Panda Pete starting at 11 a.m. on the Riverfront Stage, 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.

Summer Reading: Monday, June 12 – Saturday, August 19

Read books, attend events, and win prizes. 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, or a 1-year subscription to Universal Yums. Adults can win gift cards to local businesses or an Amazon Kindle.

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. There will be stories, activities, and, of course, lots of splashing. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.
**Monthly Programs**

**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, quizzing 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.**

**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! 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.**

**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 handmade piece of art! Space is limited. **Registration is required and opens two weeks before each program.**

**RECESS FOR ADULTS**

*Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, & August 9 | 2 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. All adults are invited to join in crafting, playing games, and conversing with friends. **No registration required.**

**with the ARC Club of Allegan**

*June: Watermelon Wreath, Registration begins 5/24*
*July: Alcohol Ink Art, Registration begins 6/2*
*August: Geometric Painting, Registration begins 7/19*

June: Patriotic Confetti Plate, Registration begins 6/5
July: No Sew Scrunchies, Registration begins 7/3
August: Junk Journals, Registration begins 8/7
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. Registration opens at 10 a.m. on May 25th. [Call the library to register.](#)

**MICHIGAN BACK ROADS: 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.](#)

**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.](#)

**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 GENEALOGY**
**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 both. [Call the library to register.](#)

**PAINT POUR PARTY**
**with Wine & Canvas Kalamazoo**

*Tuesday, July 25 | 6 PM | Programming 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. Registration opens at 10 a.m. on July 11. [Call the library to register.](#)

**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 you 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

**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 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. **No registration required.**

**BIRTHDAY PJ STORYTIME**

**Wednesday, August 16 | 6 PM | Children’s Area**

It’s Ms. Cristi’s birthday, so come celebrate! 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 the 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 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.**
Family Programs and Events

**DRONE CLUB**

**Saturdays, June 3, July 1, & August 5 | 10 – 11 AM | Hanson Park**

Meet Alan and other drone enthusiasts behind the library for a morning of fun. Bring your own drone or learn to fly one of ours. All ages are invited, but children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult. **No registration required.**

**PALAMAZOO**

**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.**

**MAGIC DAY**

**with John Dudley**

**Wednesday, July 12 | Carnegie Room**

Magic is for all ages! Join magician John Dudley to learn about and see some fantastic tricks and illusions. Teens can attend a talk on the history of magic from 10:30 a.m. – noon. A kids’ talk will take place from 1 – 2:30 p.m. All ages are invited to see a magic show at 3 p.m. **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.**
**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 full of DIY bath recipes and custom-decorated journals. **No registration required.**

**DIY TSHIRTS**

**Friday, June 30 | 12 - 4 PM | Lab**

Join Alan in the lab to make your own tshirt! We’ll have designs to 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 half hour timeslot.**

**TEEN NERF NIGHT**

**Friday, July 7 | 6 PM | Teen Area**

Duke it out in 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.**

**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 July 24-29 and let library users vote for their (least) favorite. The winner will earn a $25 Amazon gift card! This program is for 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.**
### Summer Reading

- **Program Begins**: June 12th
- **Ends**: August 19th

**Program Details**

- **June 12th**:
  - **Preschool Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
- **June 13th**:
  - **Craft & Snack**: @ 6 p.m.
  - **Lapsit Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
- **June 14th**:
  - **Recess for Adults**: @ 2 p.m.
  - **Preschool Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
- **June 15th**:
  - **Teen Book Club**: @ 3 p.m.
  - **Preschool Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
- **June 16th**:
  - **Family Nerf Night**: @ 6 p.m.
- **June 19th**:
  - **Craftastic**: @ 6 p.m.
  - **Closed for Independence Day**
- **June 26th**:
  - **Bingo**: @ 6 p.m.
  - **Craftastic**: @ 6 p.m.
  - **Lapsit Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
  - **Closed for Independence Day**
- **July 1st**:
  - **Bingo**: @ 6 p.m.
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  - **Magnetic Poetry Take & Create**
- **July 7th**:
  - **Preschool Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
  - **Discover 4H - Paint Pour Party**: @ 6 p.m.
- **July 14th**:
  - **Craft Snack**: @ 1-3 p.m.
  - **Lapsit Storytime**: 10:30 a.m.
- **July 26th**:
  - **Craftastic**: @ 6 p.m.
  - **Bingo**: @ 6 p.m.

**Month of July**

- **July 11th**:
  - **Palmazoo**: @ 11 a.m.
  - **Bluesy Suz**: @ 2 p.m.
- **July 13th**:
  - **Magnetic Poetry**: @ 3, 3:30, or 4 p.m.
- **July 18th**:
  - **Bluesy Suz**: @ 1-3 p.m.
  - **Craftastic**: @ 6 p.m.
- **July 21st**:
  - **DIY Tshirts**: @ 1 - 4 p.m.
  - **Teen Book Club**: @ 3 p.m.
  - **Bad Art Night**: @ 6 p.m.
- **July 26th**:
  - **Preschool Programming**: Children’s Programming
  - **Teen & Teen Programming**: All Ages

**Contact Information**

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**Summer Reading Hours**

- **Monday - Thursday**: 10 AM - 8 PM
- **Friday**: 10 AM - 5:30 PM
- **Saturday**: 10 AM - 4 PM
It wouldn’t be summer without the Allegan District Library Summer Reading Program. The program was originally created for children, but we have expanded over the years to include programming and prizes for all ages. Join us June 10 at Bridgefest as we kick off our “All Together Now” 2023 Summer Reading Program with bounce houses and a musical performer, Panda Pete.

If you are traveling this summer, I recommend our digital resources, Libby and Hoopla. I especially enjoyed listening to Angeline Boulley’s *Firekeeper’s Daughter*, the next Great Michigan Read. Listening to the audiobook lets the reader experience the Ojibwe native language.

However you like to enjoy your summer, be sure to include the library in your plans!