



Bloom This Spring at **WILLARD LIBRARY**

Programs for April and May 2018



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



Books on the Go

Check out a bag of preselected, family-friendly titles for your family to read together during spring break. The bag will contain several genres and something for everyone. Then on April 27 attend the Book Fest where we'll briefly talk about these titles and spend time celebrating books.

March 15 through April 6,
Both libraries

Spring Break 2018

April 2-6



Spring Cleaning Craft Day

Help Wanted! Students in grades one through six are invited to help clean out the library's craft closet. The library needs to make room for summer supplies, and crafty kids can create with the leftovers. Children should bring their creative energy, and the library will provide all the supplies, while they last.

Monday, April 2, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Willard Meeting Room



Wonders of Weather

Learn amazing facts about the wonders of weather with representatives from the Kingman Museum. This drop-in, hands-on style, family-friendly event allows kids to explore at their own paces and in their own ways while enjoying different weather-related centers.

Tuesday, April 3, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
Helen Warner Branch



The Pillowcase Project

The American Red Cross' Pillowcase Project teaches second- through fifth-graders and their families how to prepare for disasters. Kids will decorate and personalize pillowcases during the presentation, and will be encouraged to take them home to create an emergency kit.

Wednesday, April 4, 11 a.m. to noon,
Willard Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 4, 1-2 p.m.,
Helen Warner Branch



Binder Park Zoomobile Visit

When the Binder Park Zoomobile visits with live animals, children will learn that no two are exactly alike and why are they so different. With the help of live animal ambassadors everyone will learn how unique adaptations help animals survive in the many places they call home.

Thursday, April 5, 11 a.m. to noon,
Helen Warner Branch



Friday Family Film: *Coco*

Families are invited to watch *Coco*, a Disney Pixar movie, which won Oscars for best animated feature film and best original song. Aspiring musician Miguel, confronted with his family's ancestral ban on music, enters the Land of the Dead to find his great-great-grandfather, a legendary singer. The movie is rated PG.

Friday, April 6, 11 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room





Hampstead Stage Presents: *Beauty and the Beast*

Hampstead Stage returns with *Beauty and the Beast*—the French fairy tale of a selfless young woman who takes her father’s place as a prisoner in an enchanted castle far away. In this heart-warming, humorous tale, discover the power of being yourself and what it means to listen to your heart.

**Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.,
Miller Stone Building
77 Capital Ave. NE**



Gilmore Keyboard Festival: Baby Grands

No stage, no seats, no problem. In conjunction with the Gilmore Keyboard Festival, children ages 0-6 are invited to this piano play time presented by Alpin Hong. He has extensive classical piano training and a background in extreme sports, martial arts, and video games. Kids can move freely around the space while parents, family, and friends enjoy an unconventional piano recital for kids, without compromising the music. The performance is sponsored by the Battle Creek Community Foundation and the Guido A. and Elizabeth Binda Foundation.

**Saturday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Children’s Book Fest

If you enjoyed trying new books from the “Books on the Go” program, you’ll love Book Fest! Enjoy book tasting, book talking, crafts, snacks, and much more. **Entrance to this special event is available at Willard’s front door from 6:45-7:15 p.m. only.** Children must have a parent or guardian present for the entire program.

**Friday, April 27, 6:45-8:30 p.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Teddy Bear Sleepover

Participants are encouraged to wear their favorite pajamas and bring their stuffed animals to the library at 3 p.m. Friday, May 11, for an afternoon of stories, songs, and snacks. The stuffed animals may stay overnight for some fun at the library. Participants return on Saturday before 4:30 p.m. to pick up their animals and receive a picture of their stuffed friends’ overnight adventures.

**Friday, May 11, 3-4 p.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Lyn Ford: Teller of Home-fried Tales

Award-winning storyteller Lyn Ford will present an evening of delightful stories. She’ll share several stories rooted in African and African-American tradition with instruments, audience participation, and fun!

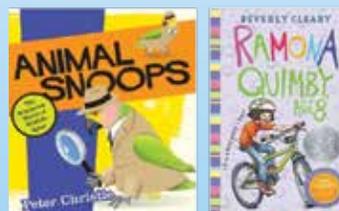
**Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.,
Helen Warner Branch**



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Spring Storytimes



Early Childhood Connections Playgroup

This parent and child interactive playgroup, presented by Early Childhood Connections, focuses on developmentally appropriate school readiness activities for children 5 years and younger. Activities include sensory play, open ended art, and activities to encourage early literacy skills. Siblings are welcome.

**Mondays, April 9, through May 21, 6-7 p.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**

**Thursdays, April 12 through May 24, 6-7 p.m.,
Helen Warner Branch**



Music First

Youngsters between 0 and 5 will enjoy this musically structured class just for them. Preschoolers will use different instruments and sing in different keys and meters. Little ones will become acquainted with sounds and learn about music as a language. **This is a ticketed event. Library cardholders may pick up a ticket at the Children's Room Desk, one per child, beginning at 10:30 a.m. each week.**

**Mondays, April 9 through May 21, 11 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Masterpiece Story Time

Preschoolers and their families are invited to a special story time about art. The program will include reading a story about a child who loves art and several art stations where youngsters may make their own masterpieces.

**Tuesday, April 10, 11-11:30 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Bilingual Story Time

Whether you speak English, Spanish, or both, preschoolers and their families will enjoy this special story time with stories and songs in both languages. A story-themed craft also will be available.

**Tuesday, April 17, 11 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Potty Training Story Time

Parents and toddlers will hear stories, do crafts, and sing songs that help make potty training fun.

**Tuesday, April 24, 11 a.m.,
Willard Meeting Room**



Discovering Nature With Leila Arboretum

As a prelude to summer, representatives from Leila Arboretum will bring the great outdoors inside to the library. Preschoolers will discover the parts of a plant, nature sounds, flowers, bees, and many other wonders found in our backyards.

**Wednesdays, April 11 through May 23, 11 a.m.,
Helen Warner Branch**



TEENS AND TWEENS PROGRAMS



Teen Wednesdays

Students in fifth through 12th grades are invited to stop by after school to enjoy various crafts, special activities, and share partnerships with community organizations.

Wednesdays, April 11 through June 6, 3-5 p.m., Willard Teen Room



Anime and Manga Meet

Hang out and discuss your current favorite anime, manga, or graphic novel series with other teens while making crafts and enjoying snacks.

Thursday, May 3, 5-7 p.m., Willard Teen Room



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ADULT PROGRAMS



A Good Yarn: A Crocheting Club

Willard Library offers a crochet club for anyone interested in meeting others who crotchet. Participants are invited to share tips and patterns while getting to know others in our community who share an interest in crocheting. Please bring the project you are working on or a crochet hook and a ball of yarn, and we'll help you get started.

Wednesdays April 4 through May 23, 10-11 a.m., Willard Lower Level

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Helen Warner Branch

Unraveled: A Knitting Club

Willard Library will offer a knitting club for anyone interested in meeting others who knit. Participants are invited to share tips and patterns while getting to know others in our community who share an interest in knitting. Please bring the project you are working on or knitting needles and a ball of yarn, and we'll help you get started.

Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10-11a.m., Willard Lower Level

Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Helen Warner Branch



MICHIGAN WORKS!

Michigan Works! Southwest Strategies 4 Success

Job seekers may meet with representatives of Michigan Works! Southwest at both libraries. The Strategies 4 Success program provides one-on-one assistance with resumes, cover letters, job searches, basic computer skills, and mock interviews. The help will be available on a walk-in basis.

Mondays, April 9 and 23 and May 14, 1-3 p.m., Helen Warner Branch

Mondays, April 16 and May 21, 1-3 p.m., Willard Library



Aging Mastery Program

The Aging Mastery Program, a 10-week workshop that encourages mastery—developing behaviors across many dimensions that will lead to improved health, stronger financial security, and overall well-being is being offered by Willard Library and CareWell Service Southwest. The curriculum, which is aimed for Baby Boomers and older adults, covers navigating a longer life, exercise, sleep, healthy eating and hydration, financial fitness, medication management, advance planning, healthy relationships, fall prevention, and community engagement.

Please register at willardlibrary.org by April 3.

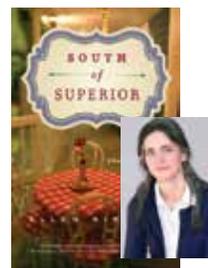
Tuesdays, April 17 through June 19, 6-7:30 p.m., Willard Meeting Room

Battle Creek Reads: Ellen Airgood

South of Superior, by Ellen Airgood, is the 2018 Battle Creek Reads selection.

Airgood will discuss her book, her writing process, and life in the Upper Peninsula. The novel tells the story of Madeline Stone who leaves her Chicago life to live in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As she is drawn into the dramas of the small, tight-knit town, Madeline learns that it's a place where times are tough and debts run deep, but where friendship, community, and compassion run deeper. Airgood's books will be for sale and she will be signing them.

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., Kool Family Community Center, 200 W. Michigan Ave.



Fairy House Book Art

Book art classes are back! Adults and teens may learn how to fold the pages of a book into a fairy house. Participants will learn two folding techniques and decorate their houses with whimsical embellishments. All supplies provided. **Space is limited, so please register at willardlibrary.org.**

Thursday, May 10, 6-7:30 p.m., Helen Warner Branch

Thursday, May 17, 6-7:30 p.m., Willard Library Meeting Room



An Evening With Vannetta Chapman

Inspirational and Christian suspense author Vannetta Chapman will talk about her writing and her many books. She says her novels are full of grace and the stories touch the deepest places in our hearts. Chapman writes Amish mystery novels, including the Shipshewana Amish Mystery Series; Amish romance novels; and romantic suspense novels.

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., Helen Warner Branch



A League of Our Own

As the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League celebrates its 75th anniversary, meet Mary Moore, second-base player for the Battle Creek Belles during the 1951-52 season; Joe Cooper, former Belles coach; and Carol Sheldon, a member of the board of directors of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Moore will share her memories of the team and what it was like to play all-girl baseball. Sheldon will provide an overview of the league, display her memorabilia and provide the color commentary as an AAGPBL baseball archivist, fan, and expert.

Sunday, April 22, 2 p.m., Holiday Inn, 12812 Harper Village Drive

ArtWalk: Spring Into the Arts

Willard Library will be a venue for Downtown Battle Creek's annual ArtWalk: Spring Into the Arts. Stop by to see the featured artist's work and enjoy a snack. While you're here, try your hand at creating art, check out a movie for your weekend entertainment, or learn about downloading movies, music, books, and magazines.

Friday, May 18, 5-9 p.m., Willard Library





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