

WILLARD LIBRARY JAN. 2021

Willard Library offers virtual and video programs for all ages

Children Programs

Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kits

Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kits are back for January! The kits contain materials for crafts that go along with the library's virtual story times. Watch the program to learn how to make the craft. When you call curbside service to pick up your books, just ask for a Grab 'n' Go Kit.

Available beginning Monday, Jan. 4, while supplies last
Downtown and Helen Warner Branch

Slide into Winter Reading With the Friendly Snowman

Take a ride with Miss Stephanie and the Friendly Snowman as they travel around town to kick off Willard's virtual Winter Reading Program. They will discover creative things for families to do. In addition, Miss Stephanie will recommend books, talk about Willard's virtual programs, highlight the new Babytime Bags, and remind families to pick up January's Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kits that align with Willard's virtual programs. The kits are available while supplies last.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 11 a.m.
Video premiere

Maker Mornings with Nicole and Alisha: Gummy Fun

Explore the fun world of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) with Nicole and Alisha each month. In January, learn how to make homemade gummy bears. The Story Time Grab 'n' Go kits include all the materials to have some gummy fun. The kits are available at either library location, while supplies last. Pick one up and follow along.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.
Video premiere

**All programs are subject to change*



Waddling Penguins Story Time

Waddle to your seats to enjoy this fun-filled, penguin-themed story time featuring "Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups" by Tadgh Bentley. Help Little Penguin find a cure for the hiccups, learn about some of the things that make these birds so special, and see if you have some of the skills it takes to be a penguin. The January Story Time Grab 'n' Go Kit includes a craft for this story time.

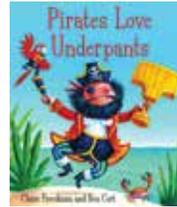
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 11 a.m.
Video premiere



'Pirates Love Underpants' Story Time

Join Miss Beth as she reads "Pirates Love Underpants" by Claire Freedman. These pirates are not so scary but oh, do they like to have silly fun! This story time will lead us on a search for the most special bounty of all—pants of gold! The January Grab 'n' Go kit includes a craft for this story time.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, 11 a.m.
Video premiere



Babytime, Babytime on the Go Bags

Through nursery rhymes, finger plays and reading books, you will be able to enjoy a special bonding time with your little one while encouraging early literacy development. This one-on-one program is sure to become a favorite for both of you. To increase the fun, pick up a Babytime on the Go bag from curbside service at either library after Jan. 4. The bags will include board books and other materials to encourage play. Babytime is for those from birth through the end of their second year.

Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 11 a.m.
Video premiere



Move Your Body! A Bilingual English/Burmese Story Time

Miss Nicole and Miss Mawi will move their bodies and have fun during this interactive bilingual story time. Participants will learn the names of various body parts in English and Burmese. The story time will include a song; a story, "From Head to Toe" by Eric Carle; and an activity.

Thursday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m.
Video premiere



Virtual Grief Support Activities for Youth and Their Families

The world is changing, and everyone is adjusting to a new normal, which can be challenging. Stephanie Boyd leads a four-part, grief-education series for those in kindergarten through 12th grade and their families. Each month, she offers strategies to cope with grief and provide memory-making activities that will allow youth and families to grieve together. This is the last night of the four-part series.

Monday, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Video premiere

Holiday Schedule

Willard Library and the Helen Warner Branch will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday and Monday, Jan. 18, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Channel Guide

Live streaming will be on Willard's Facebook Page, YouTube, Twitter, and willardlibrary.org
Video premieres will be on Willard's Facebook and YouTube channels

Please check willardlibrary.org for the current library hours

De-stress Kits for Teens

Students in fifth through 12th grades may pick up a De-stress Kit from either library location while supplies last. The kit includes a fun DIY stress ball, tips and tricks for practicing mindfulness and self-care in times of anxiety or worry, and a few surprises. In a video, Miss Stephanie and Miss Alisha will show how to make the stress ball and share tips and support for taking care of your mental and emotional health.

Kits available beginning Monday Jan. 4, while supplies last

Video premieres Monday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.



Teen Programs

Take and Make for Teens

Students in fifth through 12th grades are invited to pick up a Teen Take and Make Craft Bag from either library location. This craft is to make a panda-themed felt cord wrap. It's perfect to keep your headphones or phone charger cords from tangling.



Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19, while supplies last

Available through curbside pickup

DIY with Beth

Willard's Beth Williamson returns with a new DIY project. What to do with that old chair or cushion that has seen better days? Can't reupholster? Don't sew? Why ... paint it, of course! Calling all make-doers for this next DIY project.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Video premiere



NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

National Day of Racial Healing

January 19, 2021, marks the fifth annual National Day of Racial Healing. This year, the American Library Association will team up with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for a day of reflection and collective action. In honor of this special day, Willard Library will offer book lists and promote titles that support this initiative.

To learn more about the day go to tinyurl.com/WLRacialHealing

To place a hold on related books go to tinyurl.com/HealingBooksAdult tinyurl.com/HealingBooksChildrenTeens



Peeks into the Past: Tales of Battle Creek

Take a tour of Battle Creek's past with local historians and preservationists with this new monthly program. Drawing on Willard Library's archives and other resources, local stewards of our historic heritage will bring our city's history to life with vintage photographs and conversation. This month's topic will be Battle Creek's picturesque Irving Park.

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.

Live streaming

Find Out About Your Family: Beginning Genealogy

Brenda Leyndyke, president of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will explain how to start researching family history. She will cover a five-step process to help viewers identify what they want to know about their families, which resources to utilize, and how to use the information they find. Leyndyke is the author of "Research in the States—Michigan" and writes an award-winning genealogy blog, "Journey to the Past."

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.

Live streaming



Adult Programs

Uniquely Michigan With Dianna Stampfler

Storyteller, historian, and author Dianna Stampfler will take viewers on a one-of-a-kind trip through our beautiful state in her Uniquely Michigan presentation. The virtual tour will highlight some of the more commonly known treasures, such as the Mackinac Bridge, and some of the lesser-known wonders of the state. Stampfler, who is president of Promote Michigan, has been sharing her passion for our state for 25 years.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 6 p.m.

Live streaming



Yoga to Boost the Immune System with Meghan Luchies

Regular yoga practice can help strengthen your body's vital organs and reduce stress on your body that may weaken your immune system. Join certified yoga instructor Meghan Luchies as she guides viewers through simple yoga flows that can help boost the immune system.

Wednesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20, and 27

Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24, 6 p.m.

Live streaming



Pick up or download copies of the 2021 selections:

"The Distance Between Us" by Reyna Grande

"A Woman Is No Man" by Etaf Rum

Take and Make

Pick up a Take and Make Craft Bag from either library, watch the videos, and then use the supplies to make your own crafts.

Memory Jar

Make a memory jar a new tradition for your family in 2021. You may create this jar and then add mementoes to it throughout the year to symbolize your experiences. At the end of the year, go through the jar reflecting on each saved item and the memories it brings.

Monday, Jan. 4: Kits available

Monday Jan. 11, 6 p.m.: Video premiere



Self-Care Zine

A zine is your own handmade mini-book about a topic you choose. This craft will merge the craftiness of an eight-page zine and the importance of self-care. We will cover self-care topics and ways to track healthy habits along with providing ideas to accomplish a personalized list of self-care ideas. With the pandemic taking a toll on all of us, it's more important now more than ever to start the new year with some refreshing new habits and remind ourselves that self-care isn't selfish.

Tuesday, Jan. 19: Kits are available

Monday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.: Video premiere



Stories at Sundown

Stories at Sundown, Willard's talk show, shines a light on people who make a difference in our community. Host Michael McCullough, Willard community engagement and local digital collection librarian, interviews guests about authors, books, films, and other work relevant to our times.

Mondays, 7 p.m.

Jan. 11: Jill Hinde, Battle Creek YMCA director

Jan. 25: Jeremy Andrews, Sprout CEO

Live streaming