



OCT. 2020

WILLARD LIBRARY

During October, Willard Library will offer several program for all ages

Take and Make Craft Bags

Pick up a Take and Make Craft Bag from the Willard Library Circulation Desk or the Helen Warner Branch, and then watch the video to learn how to make the craft.

Zipper Pull

If you're tired of fumbling for that tiny zipper pull or searching for your keys, this project might be for you. We will be making tassels by wrapping, cutting and threading hick yarn and wooden beads.

Thursday, Oct. 1:
Craft bags available at both libraries
Monday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., video
Willard's Facebook page
and YouTube channel

Vinyl Pumpkin Decoration

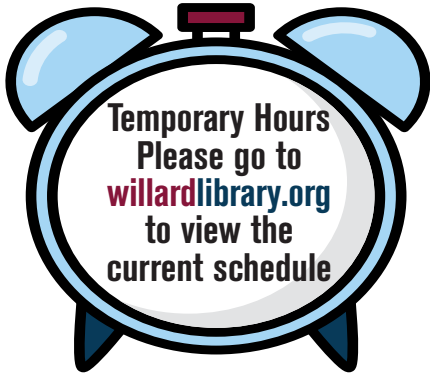
This class will be vinyl application 101. Use a pre-cut adhesive vinyl design to decorate your pumpkin at home. Either a real or a faux pumpkin works. Participants need to supply their own pumpkin. We'll go through commonly asked questions about vinyl and give tips on how to apply vinyl to an uneven surface.

Tuesday, Oct. 13:
Craft bags available at both libraries
Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., video
Willard's Facebook page
and YouTube channel

DIY With Beth: Charcuterie Board

DIY with Beth returns with another fun, fabulous project you can make at home. She will show how to make a charcuterie board for cheese, meat, and nuts without a big price tag.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
*Live Streaming



Willard's Digital Library is **ALWAYS OPEN.**

Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, magazines, and more, 24/7 with your Willard Library card.

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A Look into Forensic Art with Lt. Sarah Krebs

Explore the fascinating world of forensic art with Michigan State Police Lt. Sarah Krebs. She will explain how a brief list of characteristics becomes the evidence-based drawings and three-dimensional reconstructions that help investigators identify missing people, human remains, and suspects.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m.
*Live Streaming

TORTI TACO

Cocinando en casa con Torti Taco

El chef Javier Fortoso, propietario del restaurante local Torti Taco, demostrará cómo preparar parte de la deliciosa cocina del restaurante desde casa. Aprenda una nueva receta u obtenga excelentes consejos y trucos nuevos para un viejo favorito.

Jueves 22 de octubre, 6 p.m.
El programa se transmitirá en vivo en la página de Facebook, YouTube, Twitter y el sitio web de Willard.

Finding Black Ancestors

Noted genealogist Rozlyn Kelly will discuss the unique challenges of African American genealogical research, share recent history, and provide resources. In addition, she will present a case study of finding freedom seekers (Underground Railroad), free blacks, and enslaved people.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6 p.m.
*Live streaming



Children Programs

Reading is Your Superpower! Willard Library Card Sign-up Month

The library's Superhero Mascot Willard invites all kindergartners and those who've recently turned 5 years old to get their very own library card! Residents of the Battle Creek, Harper Creek, Lakeview, and Pennfield school districts are eligible for library cards.

Monday through Friday, Oct. 5-30, noon to 6 p.m.
Willard Downtown and the Helen Warner Branch

Babytime

Through nursery rhymes, finger plays, and reading books, enjoy a special bonding time with your little one while encouraging early literacy development.

Thursdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 11 a.m.
*Live streaming



Celebre el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana con Historias

La Biblioteca Willard y la Iniciativa de Herencia Latinoamericana de Battle Creek están colaborando para presentar la hora del cuento en español. Encuentre un lugar cómodo, agarre su peluche y únase a nosotros mientras presentamos cuentos populares para niño en español los jueves por la noche.

Jueves, 6:30 p.m.
1 de octubre: "No hay nada más chistoso que leer con un oso" escrito por Carmen
8 de octubre: "Gustavo el Fantasmita" escrito por Flavia Z. Drago
15 de octubre: La historia de esta semana será "Donde Viven Los Monstruos" escribe de Maurice Sendak
Facebook, willardlibrary.org, y YouTube



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. Miss Stephanie will lead a four-part, grief-education series for those in kindergarten through 12th grade and their families via Google Hangouts. Each month, she will offer strategies to cope with grief and provide memory-making activities that will allow youth and families to grieve together.

Monday, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Register at willardlibrary.org to receive the Google link

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'Mask-Querade' Week at Willard Library

Get ready to show off your most unique mask or a cool costume you'd like others to see. Put them on display during Willard Library's "Mask-Querade" Week. Send a photo of yourself in your best mask (either COVID-19, scary, or fun) or costume via message to Willard's Facebook page or email to

childrens_services@willardlibrary.org. Please include your name (child's name) and age. Each photo will be included in a slideshow movie.

All participants will be able to pick up a prize from either library, and a grand-prize winner will be selected in each age bracket:

- Birth to 4 years
- 5-12 years
- 13-18 years

Rules: All costumes must be PG-13 or less. No nudity or risque costumes will be allowed.

Sunday, Oct. 25, through Saturday, Oct. 31
Willard's Facebook Page



October Grab 'n' Go Kits

If you've enjoyed watching Willard's virtual programs but lacked the materials to do the activities at home, we have a solution. Beginning Oct. 5, children's Grab 'n' Go Kits will be available at both libraries. These kits contain materials to participate in four amazing virtual programs. In addition, the kits are available through curbside service. When you call to pick up your holds, let library staff know you're interested in a kit. A limited number of supplies are available.

Grab 'n' Go Kits contain materials for:

- **Oct. 7: Maker Mornings With Nicole and Alisha**
- **Oct. 14: On the Road With Miss Stephanie**
- **Oct. 21: Art is for Everyone**
- **Oct. 28: Owl Story Time**



Maker Mornings with Nicole and Alisha: Bird Feeders

Explore the fun world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) with Nicole and Alisha each month. In October, learn how to make bird feeders out of toilet paper tubes, birdseed, and shortening.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 11 a.m.
*Live streaming

On the Road Fun With Miss Stephanie

This month, Miss Stephanie takes story time on the road to Station 66 for some fall fun including pumpkins, apples, and doughnuts. The October Grab 'n' Go Kits include a craft for this program.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.
Willard's Facebook Page



Art is for Everyone

It's never too soon to begin expressing yourself through art. First, Miss Beth will share a book or two about some crazy, silly, fun art, and artists. Then, we'll turn you loose to cultivate your own creativity with the materials specifically designated for this program in the October Grab 'n' Go kit.



Wednesday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.
*Live Streaming

Owl Story Time

Whooo's ready for story time? Little owl needs your help finding his mommy in the book "Little Owl Lost" by Chris Haughton. Sing some songs, read the book, and learn some new rhymes about owls in this virtual story time. At the end, you will learn how to make your own owl friend from materials provided in the October Grab 'n' Go Bag.



Wednesday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m.
*Live Streaming

Teen Time

Students in grades 5-12 are invited to visit the downtown library's Lower Level to use computers and printers, and do fun arts and crafts projects. Individuals are limited to one hour inside the building per day, and masks are required.

Monday through Friday, Oct. 1-30, 1-5 p.m.
Willard Lower Level

Teen Program



Yoga for Stress and Anxiety With Meghan Luchies

Meghan Luchies, a certified instructor with Essential Yoga, will lead a basic flow, focusing on yoga postures, breathing techniques, meditation, and deep relaxation.

Wednesdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 6:30 p.m.
*Live Streaming

Adult Programs



Stories at Sundown

Stories at Sundown is a weekly talk show distributed through Willard Library's social media channels and its website. Host Michael McCullough interviews public figures around town, most often featuring conversations about authors, books, films, and other work relevant to our times.

Thursdays, Oct. 8, 15, 7 p.m. Oct. 22, and 29, 6:30 p.m.
*Live Streaming

Community Conversation: 'Raising White Kids'

During October, Willard will offer a weekly discussion of "Raising White Kids" by Jennifer Harvey. The book is "a guide for families, educators, and communities to raise their children to be able and active anti-racist allies." The goal is to equip parents with effective strategies to begin having difficult conversations about race and motivate them to do the work. All voices are welcome and needed; we are all affected. The book is available from the library or downloaded from Hoopla. Registration is limited to 10.



Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27, 6 p.m.
Please register at willardlibrary.org to receive the link to Google Hangouts

Community Conversation: Black, Indigenous, People of Color Series

Due to the untimely deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, racial tensions have heightened. Willard Library gathered a panel of experts to discuss how traumatic images in the media affect mental health, how to have conversations with children about law enforcement, and how to effectively speak up against racial injustices in our homes, at work, and in the community. Tynisha Dungey and Kimberly Holley will be the moderators for the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) discussion on Zoom. The panelists will be:

- Damon Brown, of the Rise Program
- Devon Gibson, a community leader
- Tamara Jamieson, Lakeview Middle School principal
- Dr. Elishae Johnson, of Bronson HelpNet
- Anthony Lewis, of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights
- Carey Whitfield, of the Battle Creek NAACP

Thursday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m.
Please register at tinyurl.com/WLCommunityConversation to receive the Zoom link

