EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES
Nov. & Dec. 2023 Events
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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Babies and Toddlers
Birth through second year

Babytime at Helen Warner Branch
Bring your baby to the Helen Warner Branch and sing songs, listen to stories, and play with friends. Each session provides an opportunity for our youngest guests to sing, read, talk and play, all of which help develop early literacy skills.
Mondays, 10 a.m.
Nov. 6 and 13
Helen Warner Branch

Babytime
Early exposure to talking, singing, playing, reading and writing are the building blocks of literacy. Children from birth through their second year are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger-plays, nursery rhymes, rhythmic activities and play with their caregivers.
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Nov. 2, 9, and 16
Downtown Programming Room

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hoopla
KIDS MODE

To enable Kids Mode on the hoopla app or on desktop, select the KIDS setting on the blue bar at the top of your screen.
Select KIDS again to end your session.

libby FOR KIDS

From nursery rhymes and classic tales to robots and pirates, young readers, come explore! Use Libby to find fun books for kids of all ages.

willardlibrary.org
Dino Storytime
We are kicking off Dinovember with a roaring fun dinosaur themed storytime. Join us to hear stories, play games, and learn some fun facts about our prehistoric friends.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch

What is a Germ?
Aaachoo! Tis the season for giving and sharing, and that includes all of our germs. Join us for storytime and learn about the world of germs, how they’re spread, and how we prevent picking them up and bringing them home with us. Read stories, sing songs, participate in activities, and make a fun craft!

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch

Bilingual Storytime with Señora Sonia and Miss Tynisha
Join Señora Sonia and Miss Tynisha as they share engaging stories in Spanish and English. Each storytime will include a fun story and opportunities to sing, dance, and create an amazing craft. Whether you are a native Spanish speaker, or you would like to learn some new Spanish words, this storytime will be great for all.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Coping With Grief for the Whole Family
Dealing with changes and death can be hard to process, especially for young people. Hear a story and discover activities that will help kids and families handle grief in a healthy way.

Monday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Family Mystery Night: The Case of the Missing Books
Do you think you have what it takes to solve a mystery? Work together as a family to solve the case of the missing library books. Combine your detective skills and knowledge of the library to search the stacks and uncover the clues you will need to track down the missing books.

Monday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

ASL Storytime with Nadia V
Hear and see a story read in two ways! Miss Nadia will be reading in American Sign Language as Miss Tynisha reads the story aloud. After the story, Miss Nadia will teach some basic signs in American Sign Language.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.
**Video premiere

Meet Santa and His Reindeer
Santa Claus is coming to Willard! Visit the library to take a picture with Santa Claus. Make sure you bring your Christmas list so Santa knows what you’d like for Christmas. While you are here, don’t miss your chance to make some holiday themed crafts, or get cozy on the lower level and watch a movie. As an extra bonus, meet Santa’s reindeer.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 4-7 p.m.
Downtown Library

Harry Potter
The full series of eBooks and eAudiobooks available on hoopla
**TEENS AND TWEENS**
Fifth through 12th grades

**Teen Time**
Come to the library and enjoy a cool space just for teens. You’ll get a chance to hang out with friends, play some video games, and connect with leaders in the community.

- Weekdays while school is in session, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
- Downtown Lower Level

**STEM Mondays**
Check out our STEM programs on designated Mondays. Leila Arboretum and Kingman Collections will be providing engaging hands-on science themed programs for our tweens and teens to enjoy after school.

- Mondays, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 6 and 13
- Dec. 4 and 11
- Downtown Lower Level

**Art Wednesdays**
Unleash your creativity and enjoy weekly art projects with Katherine from Art Brain.

- Wednesdays while school is in session, 3 p.m.
- Downtown Lower Level

**Your Go To Music Site**
Create your own playlists, stream songs and albums, and download songs to keep all with your Willard Library card!

**Instantly borrow free comics, digital movies, music, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and more, 24/7 with your WILLARD LIBRARY card**

**Karma House**
Join Karma House staff for activities, exercises, and demonstrations to help manage stress in a healthy way.

- Thursdays while school is in session, 3 p.m.
- Downtown Lower Level

**Healthy Eating with Tina**
Join health educator and dietitian Tina from Bronson Healthcare for two segments of learning how to eat healthy with what you have, plus taste new and healthy snacks.

- Tuesday, Nov. 28, 3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m.
- Downtown Lower Level

**Friendsgiving**
This year’s annual Friendsgiving celebration will feature Pops Gut. We will have delicious food and spend time together reflecting on what we are grateful for.

- Tuesday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m.
- Downtown Lower Level
Yoga for Healthy Aging
Yoga improves balance and stability. It improves flexibility and joint health. Yoga reduces anxiety and high blood pressure. It encourages mindfulness. And at Willard Library, yoga classes are free! Let certified yoga instructor Julie Jackson guide your practice. People of all abilities are welcome. Mats, blankets and blocks are available.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22
Dec. 6
Downtown Lower Level

Let’s Talk About It
Each month, our social services information librarian invites a local organization to discuss the resources they offer and the services they provide.

Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7
**Video premiere

African American Author Spotlight and Book Launch
Learn about local African American authors. Each author will introduce their book and read a short snippet of their work. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6-7:30 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Explore the Mysteries of the UP with Author Joseph Heywood
Author Joseph Heywood will share his inspiration for his “Woods Cop” mystery series as well as his other books: Limpy’s Adult Lexicon and Upper Peculiar, all set in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Michigan Mysteries with Ross Richardson
Join shipwreck diver and author Ross Richardson for an hour-long exploration of stories of missing persons, aircraft, and ships in the Michigan region. This program looks at some lesser known Michigan mysteries and gives updates on the latest efforts to solve some of these baffling enigmas.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Joseph Heywood titles are available on hoopla & libby

Legal Aid Services
Michigan Legal Help will give a tour of the website, as well as how the live help chat service and self-help centers work. Learn how to get the most out of this free legal help service.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Discover Battle Creek’s rich history and have fun along the way.
Tours of Battle Creek will help you navigate – by car, by bicycle, or on foot.

Step 1. Download the app from the App Store or Google Play store.
Step 2. Download a tour. Once a tour is downloaded, it is entirely contained in your cell phone. Even if you lose cell service, you’ll have access to the tour content.
Step 3. Turn on your device’s location tracking. This way, the app can track your position (while the app is in use) using your phone’s GPS. This enables you to get directions to your next stop, and alerts when you are approaching a stop.
Step 4. Check for updated content.
Step 5. Start touring! Each tour includes an overview map with a starting point. Enabling GPS allows you to get directions from wherever you are and triggers audio content automatically for some stops.
Step 6. Enjoy the journey. Go at your own pace, and take a detour if you’d like. With Tours of Battle Creek with you, you won’t get lost.
Creative Services

A Good Yarn
Anyone interested in fiber crafts is invited to attend the weekly knitting and crochet clubs. While working on their current projects, participants will share tips, patterns, and get to know others in our community with this shared interest.
Sundays, 1-2 p.m.
Nov. 5, 12, 19, and 26
Dec. 3, 10, and 17
Helen Warner Branch, Joanne TenBrink Creative Space

DIY Holiday Drop-In
Use the library’s Creative Space for those DIY holiday projects that need to be done away from the house. Bring in your supplies and ideas and we will help you with the tools and technology to get it done.
Mondays, 4-7 p.m.
Dec. 4, 11, and 18
Downtown Creative Space

Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab
Explore the Joanne TenBrink Creative Space at the Helen Warner Branch. The area will be open for self-service use or beginner orientation for the vinyl cutter, sewing machine, heat press, mug press, sublimation printer, 3D printer, and laser cutter. Bring your own crafting supplies and use the creative space equipment. Creative services staff will be available to help during this time.
Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.
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DIY Book Turkeys
Make your own Thanksgiving or fall-themed centerpiece! Learn basic folding techniques to turn an upcycled book into a work of art.
Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.
Helen Warner Branch, Joanne TenBrink Creative Space
Register at tinyurl.com/WLBookTurkey

Engraved Cutting Board
Join us for a step-by-step class personalizing a small 9"x6" cutting board with our laser engraver. A selection of winter and holiday scenes will be provided with the option to add a name or text.
Saturday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m.
Downtown Creative Space
Register at tinyurl.com/WLCuttingBoard

Craftopia
Join us for our new Craftopia series, where creativity knows no bounds! Discover the joy of making something with your own hands and create a unique masterpiece using paint, glue, and more!
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Stocking Stuffers
Join us each Thursday to make a quick stocking stuffer gift for the holidays.
Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm.
Nov. 2: Sublimation tea towels
Nov. 9: Button mirror kit
Nov. 16: Lip balm
Nov. 30: Gift card holder
Dec. 7: Buffalo plaid coasters
Dec. 14: Grinch bath salts
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Do You Want to Build a Snowman? Ornament
Friday, Dec. 1, 2-4 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 9-11 a.m.

Autumn Candle Holder
Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2-4 p.m.
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Holiday Schedule
Willard Library and the Helen Warner Branch will be closed:
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24
- Wednesday, Nov. 29 both libraries will open at noon
- New Year’s: Saturday, Dec. 30, Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1

Program Notes
*Live streaming on Willard’s Facebook page, YouTube, and WillardLibrary.org
**Video premiere on Willard’s Facebook page and YouTube channel

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Battle Creek, MI 49017
269-968-8166

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Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday (Sept. - April) 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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