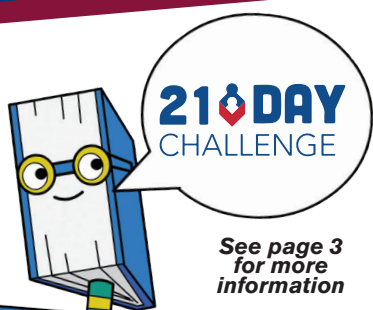


WILLARD LIBRARY IS A READING WONDERLAND

JAN. & FEB. 2024 EVENTS



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21 Day Reading Challenge

Month of February
Both library locations

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Wednesday,
Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
Kool Family Center,
200 W. Michigan Ave. #101

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CHILDREN'S

Babies and Toddlers



Babytime at the Branch

Sing songs, listen to stories, and play with friends. For children from birth through their second year.

Mondays, 10 a.m.
Jan. 8, 22, and 29
Feb. 5, 12, and 26
Helen Warner Branch



Babytime

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.
Jan. 11, 18, and 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Downtown Programming Room

Little Explorers Storytime

Read stories, sing songs, and do a fun craft or activity each week.



Winter Storytime Kickoff

Welcome back for our first storytime of the new year! This is the perfect time to get acquainted with our storytime presenters, Miss Chelsea and Miss Julia.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Frozen Friends

Brrrrr... It's a winter wonderland out there! Slide, waddle, and swim into an ice cold storytime as we learn about some of the cool animals that call the Arctic and Antarctica home.

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Snowy Stories

Settle in for our snowy storytime as we explore some of the fascinating wonders of winter and all things icy.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Shapes and Shadows

In celebration of Groundhogs Day, we will explore some of the other amazing things we can create, discover, and predict using different shapes and shadows.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Through the Door to Faerieland

Not all doors lead where you think they might. Join us for a storytime full of magic and mischief, trickery and delight.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Set Sail with Pirates

Why are pirates called pirates? Because they ARRRRRRRRE! Join us for a swashbuckling good time and come dressed as your favorite pirate if you'd like.

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Just Imagine!

Are you ready for the most unique storytime yet? Let your creativity run wild as we work together to come up with our very own stories, songs, and games. Imagine the possibilities!

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Mythical Creatures

Calling all unicorns, griffins, dragons, and more! Whether you have fur, feathers, scales, or horns, join us for a magical storytime featuring many of our favorite mythical creatures.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch

Family Programs

21 Day Reading Challenge

Are you up for a challenge? Pick up a reading log from the downtown children's room or the Helen Warner Branch starting February 1st. Read for at least 21 days during the month of February and track your progress. When you complete the challenge, return the reading log to either library location by Friday, March 1st for a cool prize.

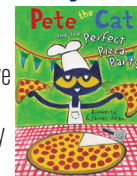
21 DAY CHALLENGE

Month of February
Both library locations

Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party

Join Pete the Cat in a pizza-making extravaganza as we read about Pete's Perfect Pizza Party and craft our own imaginary pizza masterpieces. Then strike a pose with the coolest cat in town, Pete the Cat!

Monday, Jan 8, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room



Bilingual Storytime with Señora Sonia and Miss Tynisha

Join Señora Sonia and Miss Tynisha as they share engaging stories in Spanish and English, as well as singing, dancing, and an amazing craft.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Lava at the Library

Trying to warm up while it's freezing outside? Head to the library for an evening full of lava, magma, and all things volcanoes with our friends at Kingman Collections, and make your own lava lamp.

Monday, Jan. 22, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Register at tinyurl.com/WLlava24



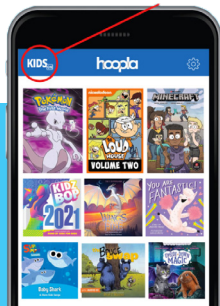
Books with Boone

Come read a story to Boone, Willard's four-legged certified therapy dog friend, and his handler Kim Haire.

Monday, Jan. 29, 5-6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 26, 5-6 p.m.
Downtown Children's Room



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Select KIDS again to end your session.



We Are... A Black History Series for Kids

There is so much to learn about Black History beyond slavery and the civil rights movement. Let's explore the resilience and creativity of Black people throughout the years.

We Are... Innovators

Learn about inventions developed by Black people and their importance to our everyday lives.

Monday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

We Are... Creators

Learn about local Black artists and authors. Hear about their process and purchase their work.

Monday, Feb. 12, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

We Are... Influencers

Learn about local Black leaders past and present and their impact on our community.

Monday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Family Art Night

Didn't get enough of the winter festivities this season? Join us for one last night of seasonal fun. As a family, you will have the chance to get creative, and a little messy, as you build your own winter wonderland scene using all things yummy.

Monday, Jan. 29, 6 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level
Register tinyurl.com/WLFamilyArt24



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Today is an amazing day to take your child to the library! Swing by the children's room downtown or the Helen Warner Branch to dive into the world of programs and services that Willard has especially crafted just for kids. It is also a perfect day for kids ages five and up to get their very own library card. There will be fun activities and awesome giveaways while supplies last.

Saturday, Feb. 3,
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Both library locations



Stories in Black: Highlighting Black Joy

In honor of Black History Month, we have collaborated with prominent African American community leaders to read children's books highlighting black joy. Tune in every Tuesday night during the month of February to hear an amazing story and learn more about our local Black leaders and how reading has impacted their lives.

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27
**Video premiere



Harry Potter

The full series of eBooks and eAudiobooks available on

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TEENS

Delta Gems

The Delta GEM Youth initiative is designed for young women ages 14-18 in grades 9-12 who are interested in developing leadership skills. Mentors will provide guidance and support for girls actively pursuing college or career options, or those who need encouragement and support in their pursuit of higher learning.

Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21,
April 18, and May 16
Downtown Lower Level
Register at tinyurl.com/WLDeltaGEMS



Teen Time

Come to the library and enjoy a cool space just for teens. Hang out with friends, play video games, and connect with leaders in the community.

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

freegalmusic+

Your Go To Music Site

Create your own playlists, stream songs and albums, and download songs to keep all with your Willard Library card!

Download the app now!



Teens Move with the YMCA

Try yoga, zumba, pilates, and more ways to move and exercise with the YMCA.

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27
Downtown Lower Level



Karma House

Youth Wellness with Karma House

Manage stress in a healthy way with activities and mindfulness exercises.

Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Feb. 1 and 15
Downtown Lower Level



ADULTS



A Good Yarn

Join the weekly knitting and crochet club.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31
Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28
Downtown Pierce Room

Sundays, 1 p.m.
Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28
Feb. 4, 11, 18, and 25
Helen Warner Branch

Cozy Hygge Crafting

Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4: Epsom salt luminaries
Jan. 11: Scarf
Jan. 18: Sublimation mug
Feb. 1: Mug rug
Feb. 8: Heart wreath
Feb. 15: Coffee mug candle
Feb. 22: Fluffy tree pillow
Feb. 29: Cozy coloring and bookmarks
Helen Warner Branch,
Joanne TenBrink
Creative Space

Maker Mondays

Mondays, 4-7 p.m.
Jan. 8, 22, and 29:
Sublimation heart magnets
Feb. 5, 12, and 26:
Sublimation coasters
Downtown Creative Space

Creative Space Programs

Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab

The creative space will be open for self service use or beginner orientations.

Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.
Jan. 9, 16, 23, and 30
Feb. 6, 13, 20, and 27
Helen Warner Branch,
Joanne TenBrink
Creative Space

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Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.
Jan. 10, 11, 17, 18,
24, 25, and 31
Feb. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15,
21, 22, 28, and 29
Downtown Creative Space

Craftopia: Cozy Hot Cocoa Wall Decor

Friday, Jan. 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
and **Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2-4 p.m.**
Helen Warner Branch,
Joanne TenBrink
Creative Space

Craftopia: Bottle of Hearts Earrings

Monday, Feb. 5, 2-4 p.m. and
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2-4 p.m.
Helen Warner
Branch, Joanne TenBrink
Creative Space



Hot Chocolate with Ciao Bella Chocolat

Learn about chocolate sourcing and the roasting process from our local chocolatier, and make your own hot chocolate mix.

Thursday, Jan. 25, 6-7:30 p.m.
Downtown Creative Space
Register at tinyurl.com/WLCiaoBella

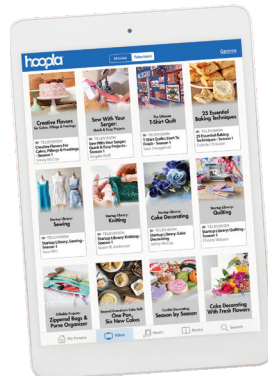


3D Printed Keychain

Use Inkscape and Tinkercad software to design a 3D name keychain.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.
Downtown Creative Space
Register at tinyurl.com/WL3DKey

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available on
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Reading Wonderland Adult Winter Reading Challenge

Pick up a bookmark from either library location, read five books and return to either information desk for a chance to win a grand prize! Participation prizes available while supplies last for those who finish the challenge.

Feb. and March
Both library locations



Let's Talk About It

Each month, our social services librarian invites a local organization to discuss the resources they offer and services they provide.

Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Jan. 4 and Feb. 1
**Video premiere



Noon Films

Fridays, Noon
Jan. 5: The Leopard Legacy
Jan. 12: Finding Your Roots
Jan. 19: Collection Hunters
Jan. 26: Feature Film Week:
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris
Downtown Programming Room

Willard's Digital Library is
ALWAYS OPEN!



Genealogy Cafe

Drop in weekly for family research help as well as tips and tricks for finding resources, organizing your research, and digitizing your family documents.

Mondays, 2-5 p.m.
Jan. 8, 22, and 29
Feb. 5, 12, and 26
Helen Warner Branch



Music Bingo for Books

BINGO with a twist! Match the songs played by professional musician Jeremy Allison to the song titles on your bingo card to win, and take home a special prize.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level



Yoga for Healthy Aging with Julie Jackson

Certified yoga instructor Julie Jackson will guide us through a gentle practice. Mats, blankets, and blocks are available.
Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Jan. 11, 18, and 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
Downtown Lower Level

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES
OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN'S HEARTLAND

This is Your Year! With Goodwill Financial Opportunity Center

Job search, mock interviews, resume building, and application assistance all in one session. Activities will be available for school age children whose parents would like to attend but do not have child care. There will be a gift card drawing at the end of the evening.

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room



Out of Our Past: The People and Events that Shaped Battle Creek

Archives make it possible to interrogate our past, understand our present, and imagine our future. Each month, Willard Library will share some of the gems found in the city's vast historical archives, shedding light on the people and events that made Battle Creek the best known city of its size in America.

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Jan. 30 and Feb. 27
Downtown Main Floor
*Live streaming

Zumba with Michelle

Both a workout and a dance party! Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

Thursdays, 6 p.m.
Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22
Downtown Programming Room



TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night @ the Library

Test your obscure knowledge with family-friendly trivia night. Come alone or with a team. Light refreshments will be provided, and the winners will take home a gift card prize.

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m.

Downtown Lower Level



African American Celebration - A'Le'ia Bundles Explores the Legacy of Madam C.J. Walker

"Hair Love" is women of color celebrating the unique beauty of their natural hair. Join us for an inspiring evening with A'Le'ia Bundles, author of *Self Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker*. Discover the remarkable journey of Madam C.J. Walker, who transformed her life by creating a revolutionary hair care formula for Black women. Bundles, Walker's biographer and great-great-granddaughter, will delve into this captivating story of resilience, entrepreneurship, and empowerment. Ms. Bundles will sign copies of her book after her discussion.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.

Kool Family Center, 200 W. Michigan Ave. #101



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Get updates on Library news, new books, and more when you scan the QR code.



To sign up all you need is your email address!

Holiday Schedule

Willard Library and the Helen Warner Branch will be closed:

New Year's: Saturday, Dec. 30,
Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 15

Presidents Day: Monday, Feb. 19

Willard Library

7 W. Van Buren St.
Battle Creek, MI 49017
269-968-8166

Monday - Thursday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday (Sept. - April)	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Program Notes

*Live streaming on Willard's Facebook page, YouTube, and WillardLibrary.org

**Video premiere on Willard's Facebook page and YouTube channel

Helen Warner Branch

36 Minges Creek Place
Battle Creek, MI 49015
269-968-8166, ext. 600

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