21 Day Reading Challenge
Month of February
Both library locations

African American Celebration - A’Lelia Bundles Explores the Legacy of Madam C.J. Walker
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
Kool Family Center, 200 W. Michigan Ave. #101
Babies and Toddlers

**Babyltime 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

**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

**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

**Frozen Friends**
Brmmm... 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

**Set Sail with Pirates**
Why are pirates called pirates? Because they AARRRREEE! 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

**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

**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

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

**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

**Book 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
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, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level
Register tinyurl.com/WLFamilyArt24

We Are…Innovators
Learn about inventions developed by Black people and their importance to our everyday lives.
Monday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level

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 Lower Level

We Are…Influencers
Learn about local Black leaders past and present and their impact on our community.
Monday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level

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, 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

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. 19, Feb. 16, March 22, April 19, and May 16
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!

TEENS

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

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

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

Karma House

Freegal Music
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Download the app now!
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

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/WL3DKey

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

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

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

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

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

Craftsly: 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

Craftsly: 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

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

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

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

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

Willard’s Digital Library is ALWAYS OPEN!
**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’Leila 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’Leila 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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**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.

**Helen Warner Branch**
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Battle Creek, MI 49015
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*Live streaming on Willard’s Facebook page,*
*YouTube, and WillardLibrary.org*

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