



SUMMER READING 2024

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ADVENTURE BEGINS IN BATTLE CREEK

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

Get ready to embark on an epic journey right here in Battle Creek! Join Willard Library for our "Adventure Begins in Battle Creek" summer reading kick-off where we celebrate everything that makes our city special. Enjoy some great music, games, and fun activities with your favorite library crew and a host of local heroes from various organizations. Don't forget the best part; sign up for the summer reading program. It's where the real adventure begins!

Tuesday, June 4, 5:30-7 p.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater, 36 Minges Creek Place



Adventure Begins in Battle Creek Summer Reading Logs first day to play is June 4

ADVENTURE BEGINS IN BATTLE CREEK
Babies and Toddlers Bingo
 For ages birth through 4 years

Willard Library's 2024 Summer Reading Babies and Toddlers Bingo introduces simple activities you can do during your daily life to grow your child's early literacy skills. There are many fun ways to practice talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing during your everyday activities. Your mission is to complete enough tasks on this card to earn a bingo. When you finish a challenge, mark off that square. A bingo occurs when you complete five squares in a row either horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. The Free Space gives you an extra chance towards a bingo!

Once you score one bingo, return your card to either library location to claim your first prize.
 Once you score two bingos, return your card to either library location to claim your second prize.
 Once you complete four bingos, return your card to either library location to claim your third and final prize. You will be entered into our grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift card!

Tuesday, June 4: First day to begin reading
Monday, June 24: First day to claim prize 1
Monday, July 15: First day to claim prize 2
Monday, Aug. 5: First day to claim prize 3
Friday, Aug. 9: Last day to turn in reading logs for prizes
Grand prize drawing will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024

ADVENTURE BEGINS IN BATTLE CREEK
School Age
 Kindergarten through fourth grade

Adventure Begins in Battle Creek, and we are celebrating the joy of reading all summer long! Willard Library will be highlighting many of the wonderful resources and organizations that make our community special.

Willard Library's summer reading program provides opportunities for students in kindergarten through fourth grade to earn prizes for reading throughout the summer. Children who read a total of 60 days will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Once you score two bingos, return your card to either library location to claim your prize.

Or, level up by completing four bingos on your card. Turn it in at either library location to be entered in a drawing for the grand prize. The choices this year are: a membership to Bender Park Zoo, passes to Michigan Adventures, a trip to the movie theater, or day passes to the YMCA.

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Name: _____ Grade in Fall: _____
 Phone Number: _____ School: _____

ADVENTURE BEGINS IN BATTLE CREEK
Twins and Teens
 Students entering 5th through 12th Grade

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Willard Library's summer reading program provides opportunities for students entering fifth through twelfth grade to earn prizes by completing activities on the bingo card.

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Tuesday, June 4: First day to begin playing bingo
Friday, Aug. 9: Last day to turn in bingo cards for prizes and to enter in the drawing for the grand prize.
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Don't forget about our special programs just for you!
 June 27, 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Register in the Downtown Lower Level
 July 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m.: The Day After Tomorrow in the Downtown Lower Level

Downtown: 7 W. Van Buren St.
 Helen Warner Branch: 36 Minges Creek Place

Your Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____

ADVENTURE BEGINS IN BATTLE CREEK
Adult Summer Reading 2024
 June 4 - Aug. 9

Track your reading all summer long! Read five books from June 4 - Aug. 9 and enter the names on the other side. Return your log to the Information Desk at either location for a grand prize drawing entry after completing five books! All bookmarks due by Aug. 9. Grand prize drawing will be held Monday, Aug. 12, 2024. Participation prize (while supplies last) when you turn in completed log.

June 4, for every 1 read, fill in the author. Read 5 and return your log to either location by Aug. 9 to be to win a prize!

Bookmarks due by Aug. 9. Grand prize drawing will be held Monday, Aug. 12, 2024. Participation prize (while supplies last) when you turn in completed log.

Your Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Pick them up at either Library location

Children's Super Tuesday Programs

Mr. Jim's Magical Adventure

Have you ever wanted to learn how to juggle? Join us on a magical adventure with Mr. Jim as he teaches us the fundamentals of juggling in a fun, interactive way.

Tuesday, June 11, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



The Gilmore Presents Teri Noaeill and Brandon Fitzpatrick

Theater artist Teri Noaeill of What a Do Theatre and pianist Brandon Fitzpatrick of Battle Creek jazz fusion band Minor Element will present a musical journey with popular stories, poems, and more - come prepared to listen, move, and spark your imagination!

Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



THE GILMORE



What a Do Theatre Presents: "Dinosaurs Before Dark"

Students from What a Do Theatre will present "Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark KIDS," an adaptation of Mary Pope Osborne's Magic Tree House book series. Jack and Annie's treehouse transports them back in time to the age of the dinosaurs, where the siblings courageously learn that things are not always what they seem.

Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

Did you know there are many unique animals living right here in Michigan? Get up close and personal with several reptile species from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary. Join us for an amazing interactive show that will keep children young and old entertained as we learn more about these awesome creatures.

Tuesday, July 9, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building

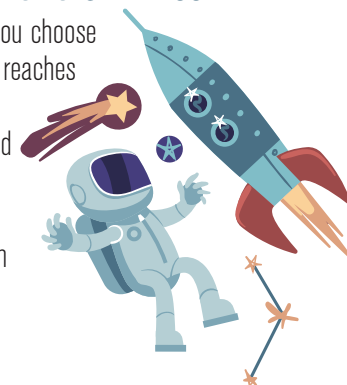


Every Tuesday, enjoy special programs featuring a variety of entertainment the whole family will enjoy at the **Miller Stone Building (77 Capital Ave N.E.)**.

Launch From Your Library with the Air Zoo

Embark on an exhilarating journey as you choose your adventure - exploring the furthest reaches of your imagination and the science of space. Channel your inner astronaut and discover real-life essentials taken to the space station today, then let your creativity soar as you prepare a mission to the planet of your dreams.

Tuesday, July 16, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



Eureka! With Michigan Science Center

Imagine where we would be without inventions such as the light bulb, microwave oven, or our favorite toys.

Explore the unexpected and amazing tales of how these everyday modern marvels came to exist, and celebrate the scientists and inventors who made them possible.

Tuesday, July 23, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician and Entertainer

Join us for a morning of fun with comedy magician and entertainer Cameron Zvara. Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and tons of audience participation. You don't want to miss out!

Tuesday, July 30, 10 a.m.
Miller Stone Building



Babies and Toddlers *Birth through two years*

Babytime at the Branch

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.
June 10 and 24
July 8, 15, 22, and 29
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.
June 6, 13, 20, and 27
July 11 and 25
Aug. 1
Downtown Programming Room



Baby Bubble Party

Bubbles, bubbles, everywhere! Join us for a bubble bash just for our smallest readers. Experiment with different bubble wands, make a bubble craft, and learn some fun rhymes to promote literacy together as you play. Soapy bubble water could mean wet clothes. Please come prepared with a change of clothes just in case.

Monday, June 17, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch, Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater



Dance Dance Baby

Join us for an extra special babytime! Pull out those pint-sized party outfits and dance the morning away! We'll listen to music, play with our interactive toys, read stories, and have a baby dance party.

Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room



Walk and Read Storytime

Join us for a stroll around the library property as we uncover the scattered pages of a storybook. We will hop, skip, jump, and sing our way through the pages in this active storytime and finish with a craft based on our story. Please note, part of our walk will be on an unpaved path in the grass.

Wednesday, June 26, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater



Alligators and Crocodiles, Oh My!

What has scales, a large tail, webbed feet, and sharp teeth? Alligators and crocodiles! Join us for gator-rific, fun-filled storytime. We will read a story about alligators, play some gnarly gator games, and make a cute gator craft to take home.

Wednesday, July 10, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



Transportation Adventures

How do you like to travel on your adventures? By plane? By train? By bicycle? We'll read a story, do some fun traveling activities, and look for special surprise visitors to drive by.

Wednesday, July 17, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater

Storytime in Action

Let's get up and move! Together we will bring stories to life in this action-packed storytime. Discover new ways to add excitement to reading by incorporating music and movement into some of our favorite storybooks.

Wednesday, July 24, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barum Amphitheater



Messtival of Mud

Put on your bathing suits, pack extra mud clothes, and join us for a celebration of all things mud! We'll read a story, play in the mud, create our own mud friends and pies, and even paint with mud. Then we'll run through the sprinkler to wash it all off. Please come prepared to get dirty, and bring extra clothes to change into after.

Wednesday, July 31, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater

Little Explorers Storytime *Preschool age*



Crawly Critters Bug Adventure

What creeps, crawls, flies, and flutters? Bugs! We'll read a story about insects, make bug jar homes, and then go on and outside adventure for a creepy, crawly bug hunt. Disclaimer: No bugs will be harmed in the making of this program.

Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch



It's Juneteenth! Celebration

Let's celebrate Juneteenth with a story, treats, songs, and lots of fun drumming with Miss Rachel Behr.

Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater



Safari in the Sun

Grab your binoculars, don your adventure hat, and buckle up for a safari adventure at the library! Come prepared to spot animals from afar, read a safari story, dig for fossils, and explore the many colors of plants!

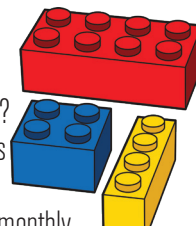
Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater

School Age *Second through fifth grade*

Brick Masters

Do you have what it takes to be the next Brick Master? Show off your building skills and create amazing things together. Participate in our monthly building challenge or let your imagination run wild with your own creation. This STEAM program is a great opportunity to develop creativity, problem solving skills, and critical thinking abilities. Bricks will be provided, and builds will be displayed in the children's room.

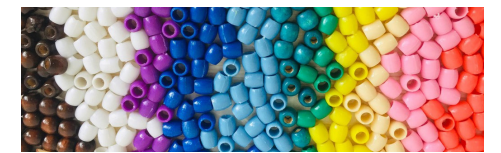
Mondays, 6 p.m.
June 17 and July 15
Downtown Lower Level
Register at tinyurl.com/WillardEvents



Books and Baking

Book-themed baked goods are the best! Practice your baking skills in this book-inspired beginner pastry decorating class. We will read a short story and learn some basic piping skills to help you design a dessert based on the book.

Monday, July 8, 6 p.m.
Downtown Lower Level
Register at tinyurl.com/WillardEvents



Perler Bead Bookmarks

Putting down a good book can be hard. A fun bookmark can make it a little easier. Come and create your own perler bead bookmark. Use a template or get creative and design your own.

Monday, July 29, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room

Family Programs

Adventure Begins in Battle Creek: Summer Reading Kick-Off

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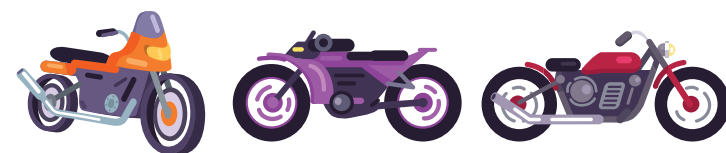


Daddy and Me @ the Library

All father figures are invited to spend some special time with their little ones at the library. Throughout the day, crafts will be available for children to complete for their father figures. While you are here, browse our stacks and check out some amazing books to read together.

Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Both library locations



Motorcycle Adventures

Hear stories about motorcycles and bikes, and even have an opportunity to touch and take pictures with motorcycles in the back parking lot of Willard Library.

Monday, June 24, 6 p.m.

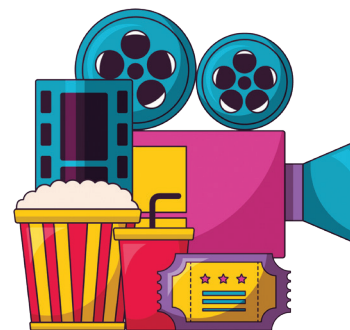
Downtown Programming Room

Adventure Movie Night

Watch a family-friendly adventure movie with us on the big projector screen inside. Bring your own food and snacks! Lawn games in the amphitheater will be available at 5, and the movie will begin at 6 p.m.

Friday, July 19, 5 p.m.,

movie begins at 6 p.m.
Helen Warner Branch

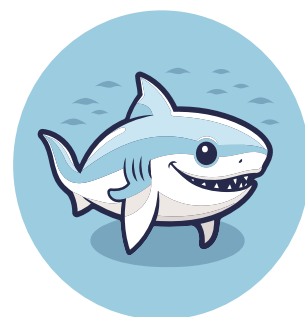


Shark Night at the Library

It's shark week, and we're celebrating! Come to the library for a fun-filled evening of shark-themed activities, crafts, and a picture with Baby Shark.

Monday, July 22, 6 p.m.

Downtown Programming Room



Let's Talk About It: Adventures in Battle Creek

Go on the road with Miss Stephanie as she connects with organizations in our community.

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

June 6, July 11, and Aug. 1

**Video premiere



African Masquerade Dancers: A Tribute to Juneteenth

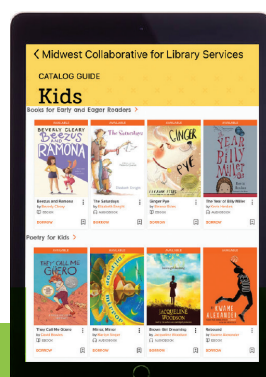
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Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

Downtown Programming Room



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Tweens and Teens Summer 2024

Fifth through 12th grade

It's a BINGLOW Night for Teens

Join youth librarians for snacks, Bingo, and all things that glow - glow sticks, glow face paint, and more.

Thursday, June 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Downtown Lower Level

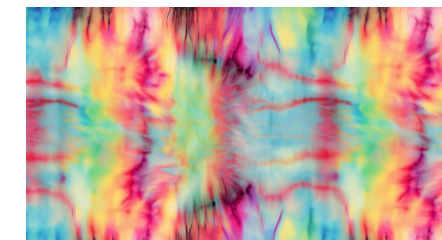


Tie Dye Party for Teens

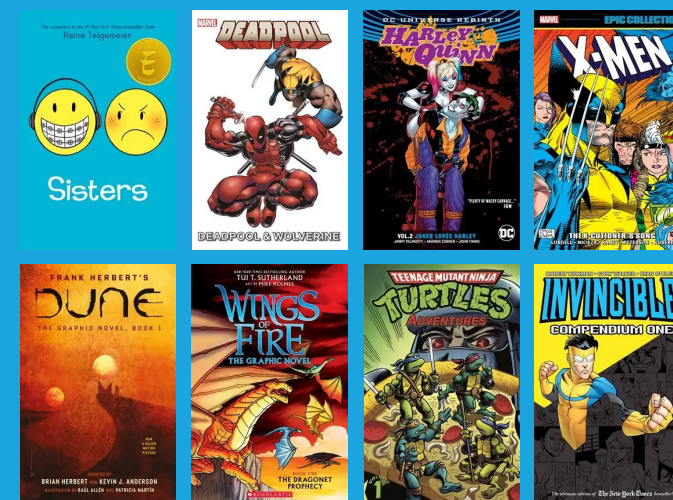
We'll provide the t-shirts, dye, and other supplies, but please feel free to bring your own item from home you would like to tie dye as well. Lawn games, sprinklers, and food will help bring this tie dye party to life! For students in fifth through 12th grade.

Thursday, July 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Willard Library back parking lot



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CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH



African Masquerade Dancers: A Tribute to Juneteenth

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Monday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Family Event

More than a Headwrap: The Anthropology and Global Style of Head Wrapping

Anthropologist Zarinah El-Amin will share the history and culture of headwrapping. Learn styles and try on different scarves from around the world in wrapping sessions with her team of headwrapologists. Grab a friend and come on down for an evening of culture! Make sure you stop by the "Beautifully Wrapped" exhibit on the main floor beforehand, from May 13 to June 11.

Tuesday, June 11, 6 pm
Downtown Programming Room
Adult Event



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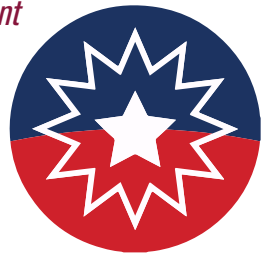
Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m.
Helen Warner Branch,
Dean O. Barnum Amphitheater
Preschool Age Event



Our History, Our Future: The African Americans who Dared to Dream in Battle Creek

It has been more than 30 years since Dorothy Martich received the prestigious George Award for her compilation of an extensive history of Black individuals and families and their contributions to our community. This exhibit will honor their achievements as we invite friends and families to share their stories and memories handed down the generations.

Wednesday, June 12, 5 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Adult Event



Cluster Research: Discovering You're Related to the Whole Block

As Aristotle noted, "Man is by nature a social animal" – he has family society, and throughout history, has moved with them. This is true even researching in and around a system meant to extinguish familial bonds, like the institution of American slavery. Join archivist and librarian Jessica Trotter for tips, tricks, and examples of how researching "the neighborhood" can provide valuable insights into family history.



Thursday, June 13, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Adult Event



Juneteenth Lunch and Learn

Enjoy lunch and community while learning about the history and significance of Juneteenth, which became a federal holiday in 2021. The lunch and learn will be led by Dr. L.E. Johnson. Lunch will be provided for those who register.

Friday, June 14, Noon
Downtown Programming Room
Register at tinyurl.com/WillardEvents
Adult Event



Adults



In Your Own Backyard

"Beautiful Mosaics," the author and poet Lori Jenessa Nelson wrote, "are made of broken pieces." They may be brittle and even sharp, but it's the way we see them that makes them art. "In Your Own Backyard" is a compilation of recorded conversations, profiles, and vignettes that we hope will capture the beauty in our city.

Live streaming - Check website or social media for details.



Conversation Cafe

Do you love your neighborhood, but see problems you are not sure how to tackle? You're not alone, and we'd like to hear from you. Conversation Cafes help people have calm and profound conversations of mutual interest in a format in which there is less debate and arguing, and more listening.

Watch our facebook page and website for a cafe coming near you, or give us a call to get involved or learn more at 269-968-8166 x. 505.

Beautifully Wrapped Exhibit

Explore the historical and cultural significance of headwrapping across the globe in this exhibit on display at the downtown location, May 13 through June 11. Mark your calendar for the finale event, "More Than a Headwrap" where we will delve deeper into the culture of headwrapping with anthropologist Zarinah El-Amin.



May 13 through June 11
Downtown Main Floor

Things Worth Remembering

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 that can be 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.
June 4 and July 2
Downtown Information Desk

Tai Chi and Qigong with Ed Kehoe

Practicing Tai Chi and Qigong are mind-body practices that help increase flexibility and strength through gentle movement and mindfulness. Ed Kehoe of Kehoe Martial Arts will guide students through a series of slow-motion movements paired with meditative focus and concentration.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
June 5, 12, 19, and 26
Downtown Programming Room

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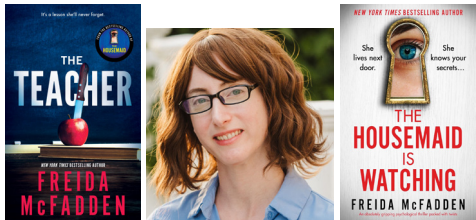
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Downtown Programming Room

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Call 269-968-8166, ext. 523 to set up an appointment with a Librarian.





Virtual Author Series: Freida McFadden

Get your popcorn and take a seat as the Library Consortium picks the brain of the queen of twists herself, Freida McFadden! McFadden will chat about writing psychological thrillers, including her mega-bestselling hit "The Housemaid" series.

Register for this free event at libraryc.org/willardlibrary/48823 to view it live and submit questions to the author.

Thursday, June 13, 8 p.m.
Online Event



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Armchair Detectives: True Crime Club

Love true crime or a good psychological thriller book? Join our Armchair Detectives True Crime Club! Our club will dive into unsolved cases, showcase the library's true crime materials, discuss modern investigation methods, and have a monthly reading recommendation for true crime and thriller lovers. This group will talk about real events, as well as fiction. However, we will not discuss current or ongoing local investigations out of respect for those involved.

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
June 18 and July 9
Downtown Lower Level



Hiking 101 with the North Country Trail Association

Members from the North Country Trail Association will stop by to give us the history of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which runs right behind Willard Library. The trail spans 11 states from North Dakota to Vermont, for a total of 4,800 miles. Michigan is home to the most NCT miles of any state. They'll cover what to wear on hikes, what you need to hike, how to be safe, tips for following trail signs, ways to volunteer, and how to take part in group hikes.

Tuesday, June 25, 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.



Willard Writers

Do you want to write, but don't know where to start? Have something started, but need help revising it or need feedback? Join the Willard Writers for a monthly space to hone your craft, seek support from fellow writers, and finish your writing projects.

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
June 26, July 24, and Aug. 14
Downtown Programming Room



Cardio Drumming with the Nutrition Penn

Cardio drumming combines cardio exercise and drumming to the rhythm of music for an easy and fun but effective workout.

Monday, July 15, 11 a.m.
Downtown Programming Room



The Mediterranean Diet: How it Can Benefit You

Tina Guajardo, registered dietitian and health educator from Bronson Battle Creek will teach us how to incorporate basic Mediterranean Diet principles into everyday meals and snacks so to reap the benefits.

Wednesday, Aug 28, 6 p.m.
Downtown Programming Room
Register at tinyurl.com/WillardEvents

Creative Spaces and Crafts - Creative Services

Maker Mondays

Mondays, 2-5 p.m.

**June 3, 10,
17, and 24:**
Sublimation
Chapstick Holder

**July 8, 15,
22, and 29:**
Sublimation
Popsicle Holder

Aug. 5, 12, 19, and 26:
Sublimation Glass Cup
Downtown Creative Space



Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab

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

Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.
June 4, 11, 18, and 25
July 9, 16, 23, and 30
Aug. 6, 13, 20, and 27

Helen Warner Branch,
Joanne TenBrink Creative Space

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**Wednesdays and Thursdays,
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, and 26
July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31
Aug. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29
Downtown Creative Space



A Good Yarn

Join the weekly knitting and crochet club.

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
June 5, 12, 19, and 26
July 10, 17, 24, and 31
Aug. 7, 14, 21, and 28
Downtown Pierce Room

Crafts for Grown Ups

Stop by the Helen Warner Branch for our Summer crafting series.

Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
June 6: Pin garden pot
June 20: Drink umbrella wreath
July 11: Watermelon coasters
July 25: Sea shell turtles
Aug. 8: Yarn rainbow
Aug. 22: Coloring night
and mermaid drink
Helen Warner Branch,
Joanne TenBrink Creative Space



Make and Take

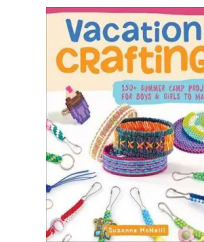
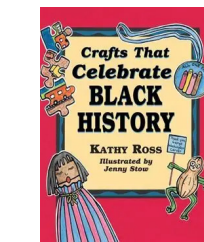
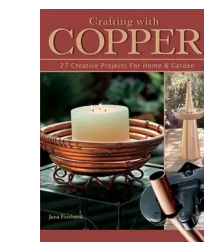
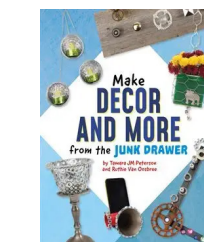
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June 11: Men's Night:
Custom Workshop Towels

June 25: Patriotic Mason Jar Wood Sign

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Crafting ebooks available on hoopla®



Saturday Sewing

Bring in your own fabric and we will walk through a simple sewing project together.

Saturdays, 2-5 p.m.

June 22: Apron; bring one yard of fabric of choice

July 20: Pillowcase Palooza; bring in one yard of fabric of your choice

Aug. 17: Elastic dish cover; all materials provided

Downtown Creative Space

Register at tinyurl.com/WillardEvents



Craftopia for Adults

Mountain Adventure Necklace

Paint and design your own mountain range necklace.

Friday, June 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 17, 2:30-4:30 p.m.



Camping Adventure Magnet Set

Use paint or mod podge to create a set of magnets.

Friday, July 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m.



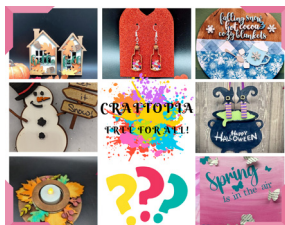
Free for All!

Pick from any past projects.

Friday, Aug. 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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June 2024

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Maker Mondays: Sublimation Chapstick Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL 3	Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adult, HWB 4 "Adventure Begins In Battle Creek" Summer Reading Kick-off, 5:30-7 p.m., family, HWB Things Worth Remembering, 6 p.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 5 A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adult, WL Crawly Critters Bug Adventure, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB Tai Chi and Qigong with Ed Kehoe, 10 a.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 6 Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL Let's Talk About It: Adventure Begins in Battle Creek, 6 p.m., family, VP Crafts for Grown Ups Pin Garden Pot, 6 p.m., adult, HWB	Craftopia for Adults, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., adult, HWB 7
Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB 10 Maker Mondays: Sublimation Chapstick Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL African Masquerade Dancers: A Tribute to Juneteenth, 6:30 p.m., family, WL	Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adult, HWB 11 Mr. Jim's Magical Adventure, 10 a.m., family, MSB Make and Take, 5:30-7 p.m., adult, HWB, R More than a Headwrap: The Anthropology and Global Style of Head Wrapping, 6 p.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 12 A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adult, WL It's Juneteenth! Celebration, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB Tai Chi and Qigong with Ed Kehoe, 10 a.m., adult, WL Our History, Our Future: The African Americans who Dared to Dream in Battle Creek, 5 p.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 13 Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL Cluster Research: Discovering You're Related to the Whole Block, 6 p.m., adult, WL Virtual Author Series: Freida McFadden, 8 p.m., adult, LS	Juneteenth Lunch and Learn, noon, adult, WL, R 14 SATURDAY 15 Daddy and Me @ the Library, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., family, WL & HWB Juneteenth Family Day Celebration, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., family, CEP
Baby Bubble Party, 10 a.m., baby, HWB 17 Maker Mondays: Sublimation Chapstick Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Craftopia for Adults, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., adult, HWB Brick Masters, 6-7 p.m., school age, WL, R	Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adult, HWB 18 The Gilmore Presents Teri Noaeill and Brandon Fitzpatrick, 10 a.m., family, MSB Armchair Detectives: True Crime Club, 6 p.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 19 A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adult, WL Safari in the Sun, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB Tai Chi and Qigong with Ed Kehoe, 10 a.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 20 Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL Crafts for Grown Ups Drink Umbrella Wreath, 6 p.m., adult, HWB	21 SATURDAY 22 Saturday Sewing, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL, R
Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB 24 Maker Mondays: Sublimation Chapstick Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Motorcycle Adventures, 6 p.m., family, WL	Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adult, HWB 25 What a Do Theatre Presents: "Dinosaurs Before Dark", 10 a.m., family, MSB Make and Take, 5:30-7 p.m., adult, HWB, R Hiking 101 with the North Country Trail Association, 6 p.m., adult, WL	Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adult, WL 26 A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adult, WL Walk and Read Storytime, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB Tai Chi and Qigong with Ed Kehoe, 10 a.m., adult, WL Willard Writers, 6-7:30 p.m., adult, WL	Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL 27 It's a Bungalow Night for Teens, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., teen, WL	28

Visit Willard at Community Events!

Juneteenth Family Day Celebration

Enjoy food, vendors, live entertainment, and more during Battle Creek's annual Juneteenth celebration. Stop by the Willard Library table and say hello to library staff!

Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Claude Evans Park, 300 N. Washington Ave

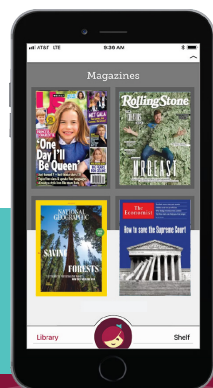


Battle Creek Pride Festival

The annual Battle Creek Pride Festival is on again at Leila Arboretum, and Willard Library will be there with books, swag, and activities. The event will feature food trucks, over 70 vendors, a fun-filled kids' area, live entertainment, a beer garden, and a sunset After Glow dance party. Come visit us!

Saturday, July 20, Noon-8 p.m.

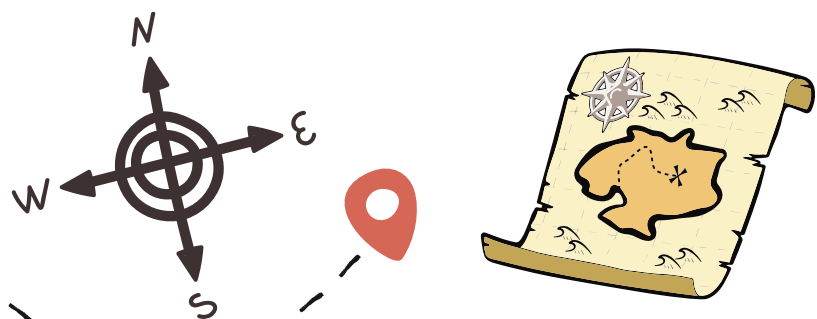
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July 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2 Things Worth Remembering, 6 p.m., adult, WL	3	4 Libraries CLOSED for Fourth of July 	5
8 Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB Maker Mondays: Sublimation Popsicle Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Books and Baking, 6 p.m., school age, WL, R	9 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary, 10 a.m., family, MSB Armchair Detectives: True Crime Club, 6 p.m., adult, WL	10 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL Alligators and Crocodiles, Oh My!, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB	11 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL Crafts for Grown Ups Watermelon Coasters, 6 p.m., adults, HWB Let's Talk About It: Adventure Begins in Battle Creek, 6 p.m., adults, VP	12
15 Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB Cardio Drumming with the Nutrition Penn, 11 a.m., adult, WL Maker Mondays: Sublimation Popsicle Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Brick Masters, 6-7 p.m., school age, WL, R	16 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB Launch From Your Library with the Air Zoo, 10 a.m., family, MSB	17 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL Transportation Adventures, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB	18 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL Dance Dance Baby, 10 a.m., baby, WL	19 Craftopia for Adults, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., adults, HWB Adventure Movie Night, 5 p.m., family, HWB SATURDAY 20 Saturday Sewing, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL, R BC Pride Festival, noon - 8 p.m., family, LA
22 Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB Maker Mondays: Sublimation Popsicle Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Shark Night at the Library, 6 p.m., family, WL	23 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB Eureka! With Michigan Science Center, 10 a.m., family, MSB	24 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL Storytime in Action, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB Willard Writers, 6-7:30 p.m., adult, WL	25 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL Babytime, 10 a.m., baby, WL Tie Dye Party for Teens, 5:30-7:30 p.m., teen, WL Crafts for Grown Ups Sea Shell Turtles, 6 p.m., adults, HWB	26
29 Babytime at the Branch, 10 a.m., baby, HWB Maker Mondays: Sublimation Popsicle Holder, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL Craftopia for Adults, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., adults, HWB Perler Bead Bookmarks, 6 p.m., school age, WL	30 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician and Entertainer 10 a.m., family, MSB 	31 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL Messitval of Mud, 10 a.m., preschool, HWB A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL	Key: WL: Willard Library, 7 W. Van Buren St., 49017, 269-968-8166 HWB: Helen Warner Branch, 36 Minges Creek Place, 49015, 269-968-8166, ext. 600 MSB: Miller Stone Building, 77 Capital Ave NE. LA: Leila Arboretum, 928 W. Michigan Ave. VP: Video premiere on Willard's Facebook and YouTube channels R: Registration required, go to tinyurl.com/WillardCalendar RPHONE: To register call 269-968-8166, ext. 568	



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5 Maker Mondays: Sublimation Glass Cup, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL	6 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB	7 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL	8 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL Crafts for Grown Ups Yarn Rainbow, 6 p.m., adults, HWB	9 Craftopia for Adults, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., adults, HWB
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26 Maker Mondays: Sublimation Glass Cup, 2-5 p.m., adult, WL	27 Joanne TenBrink Creative Space Open Lab, 9-11 a.m., adults, HWB	28 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL A Good Yarn, 10 a.m., adults, WL The Mediterranean Diet: How It Can Benefit You, 6 p.m., adult, WL, R	29 Creative Space Open Lab, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., adults, WL	30





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Memorial Day: Monday, May 27
Independence Day: Thursday, July 4
Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 2

Program Notes

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