

LTL Newsletter

Spring Into the Library!

Spring is here and April is a wonderful time to rediscover all the library has to offer. From books that spark new ideas to programs that bring our community together, there's always something happening at the library. If you're staying close to home for spring break, we've got you covered with extra craft programs to keep the kids busy and having fun.

It's also a wonderful place for adults to connect through programs like our Community Coffee and guest speakers. We hope you'll stop in, find something new to read, and spend some time with us this month!

Get Your Library Card Today!

A library card is a small card that opens the door to a world of opportunity. It gives you free access to books, movies, music, technology, and online resources, as well as programs and events for all ages. With a library card, you can also take advantage of free or reduced admission to museums, parks, and attractions through the Michigan Activity Pass. More than just borrowing materials, a library card connects you to learning, creativity, and your community—making it one of the most valuable cards you can carry. Get yours today by visiting the front desk, or online at leightonlibrary.org

Author Dan Cherry - 1965 Tornado Outbreak

Growing up in Lenawee County during the 1970s, Dan Cherry often heard in hushed tones about the destruction caused by the storms several years earlier. His aunt, uncle, and cousins were nearly killed when a tornado struck Hillsdale County near the Ohio border.

In the 1990s, Dan's curiosity led him to begin interviewing surviving relatives and neighbors about their experiences. One conversation led to another, eventually resulting in his book *Night of the Wind*. Published in 2004, the book has sold nearly 5,000 copies and focuses on the impact of the outbreak in Michigan's southern border counties.

Over the years, Dan has collaborated with the National Weather Service offices in Michigan and Indiana, as well as experienced weather researchers studying the Palm Sunday tornado outbreak. His research has been featured on radio, television, in print media, and in online publications. Dan is a graphic designer who currently lives in St. Joseph County with his family.

Come, hear the powerful stories of survival and resilience from one of Michigan's most unforgettable storms! Presented by Then and Now Genealogical Library of Allegan County in conjunction with Leighton Township Library. **Monday, April 13, 6:30 pm**

RECURRING EVENTS

YOUTH

- **Storytime**
Wednesdays 10:30 am
- **Small Bites** 4:00 pm
1st Wed. every other month
- **Moving & Grooving**
Fridays 10:30 am
- **Sensory Saturday** 4/18
10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Every other month--see calendars)
- **LEGO Club**
1st & 3rd Mondays
Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm
- **Creators Club**
2nd & 4th Mondays
Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm
- **Use-A-Gadget**
2nd Wednesdays 4:00 pm
- **Anime Café**
3rd Wednesdays 6:00 pm
- **Tail Waggin' Tutors**
Read to a dog
Thursdays 3:30 pm
- **Tween Night**
1st Thursdays 6:00 pm
- **Nancy Drew Night**
2nd Thursdays 6:00 pm
- **Teen Night**
3rd Thursdays 6:00 pm

ADULT

- **Book Club**
4th Mondays 6:30 pm
- **Community Coffee**
Thursdays 10:30 am
- **Seasons of Spice**
Monthly take home packet. *Signup Required.*

April Events

SIGNUP FOR EVENTS ONLINE AT [LEIGHTONLIBRARY.ORG](https://leightonlibrary.org)!

Crafty Carrots - 4/6 at 6:00 pm or 4/8 at 10:30 am

Join us for a fun and easy spring craft! Participants will create a cute carrot decoration by painting clothespins orange, adding twine and greenery, and tying them together with ribbon. The finished project makes a charming spring decoration for your home. All ages welcome!



Every Bunny Welcome Wood Sign - 4/8 at 6:00 pm or 4/9 at 11:30 am

Come create a cheerful spring decoration! This fun craft turns out nice for all ages since the hard parts are done with vinyl stickers. *Signup Required.*



Paint A Pot & Add Paper Flowers - 4/10 at 10:30 am

Come express your creativity and take home a one-of-a-kind flower pot craft that never needs watering! Paint the pot and add a pop of color with tissue paper blooms to top off your creation. All ages welcome!



1965 Tornado Outbreak with Author Dan Cherry - 4/13 at 6:30 pm

Join us for an evening of history and remembrance as Dan Cherry shares stories, photographs, and insights about the devastating 1965 tornado outbreak that left a lasting mark on our community and beyond. Presented by Then and Now Genealogical Library of Allegan County at Leighton Township Library.

Spring Bulbs- 4/15 at 6:00 pm

Bring a touch of spring indoors with this fun gardening craft! Create a beautiful bulb display by placing flower bulbs in glass containers with water and decorative glass beads to encourage them to grow and bloom inside. *Signup Required.*

Sensory Saturday - 4/18 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Did you know sensory play encourages learning through exploration, curiosity, problem solving, and creativity? It even helps to build nerve connections in the brain and encourages the development of language and motor skills. And it's just plain fun!!! Join us to see for yourself!

Spring Fused Glass - 4/18 at 10:00 am

Design another beautiful fused glass creation with Sue Hazen. Cost is \$14 each. Signup and payment required by April 11. Bring cash or check (made out to Sue Hazen) to the front desk or Venmo Sue Hazen @suesglass (email screenshot of payment to amys@leightonlibrary.org)



Tea Cup Craft- 4/22 at 6:00 pm

Get creative with a charming and unique craft! Create a beautiful decoration featuring a teacup with colorful button "flowers" arranged to look like they are blooming out of the cup. Using buttons, wire, and other simple materials, you'll design your own piece that makes a lovely spring or everyday decoration. *Signup Required.*



Hole Punch Art - 4/23 at 6:00 pm

Turn tiny paper circles into something amazing! In this program, teens and tweens will use colorful hole-punch pieces to design unique works of art. By arranging and layering the small paper dots, participants can create patterns, pictures, and abstract designs that are detailed and eye-catching.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook for any last minute changes in programming. Check out our library YouTube channel, Facebook page, or visit leightonlibrary.org.

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