

LTL Newsletter

Mackinac Bridge: Then and Now

Discover the fascinating story behind one of Michigan's most iconic landmarks in "Mackinac Bridge: Then and Now" with Kim Nowack. This engaging presentation explores how people traveled through the Straits of Mackinac before the bridge was built and takes a closer look at the incredible engineering and determination that made the bridge possible.



Learn about the challenges faced during construction, the innovations that brought the project to life, and the vital role the bridge continues to play today. The program will also highlight current events on the bridge along with upcoming projects and the challenges involved in maintaining this remarkable structure. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a Michigan native, or simply curious about the Mighty Mac, this presentation offers a fascinating look at the past, present, and future of the Mackinac Bridge.

Family Escape Room

We are excited to offer another new family escape room, "Jurassic Code"! Explore the escape room at your convenience during regular open hours May 4-28. Sign up in advance to reserve a specific time. All ages welcome, but children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult or teen.

Summer Reading Coming Soon!

As we gear up for our exciting Summer Reading program, our May schedule will look a little different than usual. Some regularly scheduled programs will take a short break while we prepare for all the fun and engaging activities coming your way this summer.

We appreciate your understanding and support, and we can't wait to welcome you back for a season full of great programs, creativity, and reading adventures!

Summer Reading for kids and adults will begin Monday, June 1!

RECURRING EVENTS

May Events

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

YOUTH

- **NO Storytime or Moving & Grooving**
We take a break in May to prepare for summer. Visit our playroom!
- **Small Bites** 5/6 @ 4:00 pm
1st Wed. every other month
- **Sensory Saturday** (Every other month (not in May))
- **NO LEGO Club or Creators Club**
We are busy preparing for Summer Reading!
- **Tail Waggin' Tutors**
Read to a dog
Thursdays @ 3:30 pm
- **Use-A-Gadget**
2nd Wednesdays 4:00 pm
- **Tween Night**
5/7 @ 6:00 pm
- **Nancy Drew Night**
5/14 @ 6:00 pm
- **Anime Café**
5/20 @ 6:00 pm
- **Teen Night**
5/21 @ 6:00 pm

ADULT

- **Book Club** 5/18 6:30 pm
(Date change due to Memorial Day)
- **Community Coffee**
Thursdays 10:30 am
- **Seasons of Spice**
Monthly take home packet. *Signup Required.*

Family Escape Room - 5/4 through 5/28

This month, visit our newest family escape room, "Jurassic Code"! Sign up to reserve your time slot.

Mackinac Bridge - Then and Now - 5/6 at 6:30 pm

Don't miss this fascinating presentation on the Mackinac Bridge, presented by Kimberly K. Nowack, P.E. Kim earned her Civil Engineering degree from Michigan Technological University and began her career with the Michigan Department of Transportation. She later served as Chief Engineer for the Mackinac Bridge Authority for 17 years, and became the first woman to hold that role. In 2019, she was appointed Bridge Director—the first woman in the Bridge Authority's 65+ year history to do so. Kim is active in national and international bridge organizations, contributes to federal inspection guidelines, and has received multiple honors, including the 2021 Felix A. Anderson Award and WTS Michigan Woman of the Year.

Wine Glass Candle Holder - 5/13 at 6:00 pm

Come, transform a simple wine glass into a beautiful candle holder! Paint a wine glass (that we'll provide) to create a unique piece perfect for adding a warm glow to your home décor. *Signup Required.*

Adult & Infant CPR with AED Training - 5/20 at 12:30 pm

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did! Cost \$60 per person. *Signup Required.*



Creativebug Crafting: Paper Quill Mini Potted Flowers - 5/27 at 5:00 pm

Join us for a delightful evening of creativity as we explore the art of paper quilling using Creativebug's "Paper Quill Mini Potted Flowers" tutorial! We'll follow along with step-by-step instructions to create charming miniature potted flowers using colorful strips of paper. Whether you're new to quilling or have some experience, this relaxing craft is a wonderful way to unwind and make something beautiful. *Signup Required.*



CLOSED - Memorial Day 5/25

The library will be closed for Memorial Day as we honor and remember those who served.

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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