

LTL Newsletter

Remember to turn in your Summer Reading logs!

August 8 is the last day to turn in your reading logs and enter our prize drawings.

Strategic Planning

Our Strategic Planning process is moving forward! We began hosting community focus groups in July to gather ideas, feedback, and insights that will help shape the future of the library. We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to participate in our surveys and focus groups. Your input is invaluable as we work to create a plan that reflects the needs and priorities of our community. Stay tuned for updates as we continue this important process over the coming months.

Michigan History for Kids

Wednesday, August 12 - Come for free lunch for kids with the Gather 2 Grow Summer Lunch Program 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Stay afterwards for Michigan History for Kids at 1:30 pm.

Step back in time and discover the fascinating history of the Great Lakes State! Join Susan Schloop, who taught at Dorr Elementary for more than 30 years, for this engaging Michigan History session designed especially for kids. Through stories, activities, and interactive learning, participants will explore Michigan's past, from its early inhabitants and explorers to the people and events that helped shape our state. Susan's years of experience and passion for teaching make this a fun and educational experience for all!

Check out our garden!

Our Discovery Garden is thriving, and we'd love to share it with you! Be sure to stop by and see what's blooming and growing throughout the season. As fresh produce becomes available, everyone is free to enjoy the harvest. Volunteers are always welcome to join our Busy Bee open garden time every Monday at 6:00 p.m. through the end of August. Stop by whenever you're available—even if it's at a different time, every helping hand makes a difference. Not sure where to start? Just ask at the front desk, and we'll point you in the right direction. As the garden continues to produce, everyone is welcome to enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables that become available. Come grow with us!



RECURRING EVENTS

YOUTH

- **Storytime**
Wednesdays 10:30 am
- **Small Bites** 4:00 pm
1st Wed. every other month
- **Outdoor Explore**
Fridays 10:30 am
- **Sensory Saturday** 8/22
10:00 am - 12:00 pm (Every other month--see calendars)
- **Maker Monday** Mondays
Drop in 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- **Gather 2 Grow Summer Lunch** 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays
- **Busy Bee** Mondays 6:00 pm
(All ages garden time)
- **Use-A-Gadget**
2nd Wednesdays 4:00 pm
- **Anime Café**
3rd Wednesdays 6:00 pm
- **Tail Waggin' Tutors**
Read to a dog - Thursdays
See calendar for times
- **Tween Night**
1st Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- **Nancy Drew Night**
2nd Thursdays at 6:00 pm
- **Teen Night**
3rd Thursdays at 6:00 pm

ADULT

- **Tech Help**
2nd Mondays 10:00 am
- **Book Club**
4th Mondays 6:30 pm
- **Community Coffee**
Thursdays 10:30 am
- **Seasons of Spice**
Monthly take home packet. *Signup Required.*

Turn in Reading
logs through
August 8!

August Events

SIGNUP FOR EVENTS AT
LEIGHTONLIBRARY.ORG
with Signup Genius!

Gather 2 Grow Summer Lunch Program - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Free lunch for kids and teens under 18, available every Monday and Wednesday! Enjoy your meal at the library or take it to go. Provided in partnership with Feeding America West Michigan and Gather 2 Grow.

Michigan History Kids Camp - 8/12 at 1:30 pm

Susan Schloop presents Kids Michigan history! Geared for ages 6-11, but all ages welcome. *Signup Required.*

Magic with Dennis Favreau - 8/6 at 11:30 am

Join us for an unforgettable morning of magic and laughter with magician Dennis Favreau. This family-friendly show is designed to delight audiences of all ages. Bring the whole family and experience the wonder of live magic together. Provided by a grant from Molina Healthcare of Michigan.



Wishbone Pet Rescue - 8/7 10:30 am

The team from Wishbone Pet Rescue will join us for a fun storytime with hands-on activities, education, storytime, craft, and a shelter dog.

Watercolor Seascape Cards with Gail Suess-Brandow - 8/12 at 6:00 pm

This relaxing watercolor class taught by local artist, Gail Suess-Brandow is provided by a grant from Molina Healthcare of Michigan. Class size is limited. When full, sign up for the DIY Card Making which provides the same supplies but without the artist. *Signup Required.*

DIY Card Making (Watercolor Seascapes or other cards) - 8/13 at 11:30 am

Use our supplies to make cards to share with family and friends or contribute to our collection to send to shut-ins as part of a grant from Molina Healthcare of Michigan. It's a creative way to share kindness through art! Copy from Watercolor Seascape samples or create your own unique designs! *Signup Required.*

Fused Glass Nightlights - 8/19 or 8/20 at 6:00 pm

Discover the art of fused glass and create a beautiful custom nightlight in this hands-on class led by Beth Tidd, who is joining us at the library for the first time! Beth will introduce participants to the basics of fused glass while guiding you through designing your own unique nightlight. You may make one nightlight for \$25 or choose to make two nightlights for \$40. Please note that the two-for-\$40 option is for one person creating both projects and cannot be split between two participants. Choose between a button on/off style or an automatic nightlight base. Signup and payment are required by August 15 to reserve your spot and ensure materials are prepared.

Diamond Art Coasters - 8/26 at 6:30 pm or 8/27 at 11:30 am

Add a little sparkle to your day by creating your own diamond art coasters! This all-ages program is a fun and relaxing way to explore the popular craft of diamond painting while making a beautiful and practical coaster to use at home or give as a gift. Diamond art is easy to learn, engaging, and enjoyable for all. Provided by a grant from Molina Healthcare of Michigan. *Signup Required.*

Pollinator Power - 8/29 at 10:00 am

Learn about flowers and their favorite insects like butterflies, bees, and moths. Presented by Norveig Olson, Education Coordinator, Allegan Conservation District.

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