

# Newsletter

Leighton Township Library is pleased to be a recipient of the Allegan County Community Foundation's TAG grant!

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The library is growing...a garden! Our Discovery Garden is continuing to progress with the provisions from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant by the Library of Michigan and the Department of Education and the Institute of Museum and Library Services for health and food literacy programming. We have new food and gardening programming to go along with it: Small Bites (fun food for younger elementary students), Delicious Dish (basic cooking skills geared towards tweens and teens but all are welcome), and Thyme To Cook (simple recipes for all ages).

Our seed library opens April 1, with additional varieties coming soon. Stop in and try out some new seeds!

Plan ahead for our Seed & Plant Swap on April 24 and start thinking about what plants you can divide to share with others. Inside and outside plants are welcome.





Be sure to follow us on Facebook for any last minute changes in programming. To see fun update videos like the building of our garden beds, check out our library YouTube channel, Facebook page, or visit leightonlibrary.org.

### **RECURRING EVENTS**

#### YOUTH

Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 am

- Moving and Grooving Fridays at 10:30 am
- Tail Waggin' Tutors
   Read to a dog
   Thursdays at 3:30 pm
- LEGO Club
   Every other Monday
   Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm
- Creators Club
   Every other Monday
   Drop in 3:00-5:00 pm
- Tween Night 4/11 @ 6:00 pm
- Anime Café 4/17 @ 6:00 pm
- Nancy Drew Night 4/18 @ 6:00 pm
- Teen Night 4/25 @ 6:00 pm

#### **ADULT**

- Book Club
   Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 pm
- Coffee & Conversation
   Every Thursday
   at 10:30 am
- Seasons of Spice
   Monthly take home
   packet. Signup Required

## **April Events**

**Paint A Pot** - 4/3 at 3:30 pm

Unleash your imagination as you paint a pot with us and leave with a beautifully adorned pot that reflects your unique style.

All ages welcome. Signup Required.

Bunny Jar Craft- 4/4 at 3:30 pm

Come for our spring break/Easter craft and create a cute little bunny jar. All ages welcome.

Eclipse Party - 4/8 at 3:00 pm

Visit the library for eclipse themed crafts and activities.

View the eclipse with safety glasses (provided)!

Painted Wine Glasses - 4/10 at 6:00 pm

Let your artistic flair flow and transform a simple glass into a personalized masterpiece. Ages 12 & up. Signup Required.

**Puzzle Tournament** - 4/13 at 10:00 am or 4/29 at 6:00 pm

Do you enjoy puzzles? Have fun and compete in our puzzle tournament! Choose to come either Saturday, 4/13 or Monday, 4/29. Sign up as a group or as an individual to join with other individuals. Signup Required.

Transplanting - 4/15 at 6:00 pm

Learn all about transplanting at this informational program.

All ages welcome. Signup Requested.

Butter Candles- 4/17 at 6:00 pm

Make your own completely edible butter candle to take home and enjoy. Signup Required.

**CPR Training** - 4/24 at 1:00 pm Cost \$65 per person Adult and Infant CPR plus AED training. Signup Required.

Seed and Plant Swap - 4/24 at 6:00 pm

Join us at our plant swap event where both indoor and outdoor plants are welcome. Bring any of your surplus seeds or plants to share with others. Can't make it in person? No worries! Drop off your items before the event and swing by afterward to pick up new ones. Extras will be set out for anyone to take on Thursday, 4/25.

Spring Fused Glass - 4/27 at 10:00 am

Delight in a creative journey guided by presenter Sue Hazen as she leads us through a fun new fused glass project—an ideal addition to your home decor or a thoughtful gift for a special someone. Cost is \$12 per project. Signup and payment required no later than 4/18. Signup Required.

**Small Bites** - 4/25 at 3:30 pm

Quarterly food event designed for kids. All ages welcome.

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