



June 2026



UPCOMING EVENTS

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SUMMER FAMILY STORYTIME

*Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. starting **June 15th***

Bring the whole family to storytime this summer! Stories, music, movement activities and more! Be sure to check our [event calendar](#), as some weeks we take storytime on the road to locations around town for Destination Storytime!

DESTINATION STORYTIME: *Michigan Legacy Art Park*

Thursday, June 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Meet us at the Michigan Legacy Art Park (7300 Mountainside Drive, Thompsonville) for Fairies and Forts, an annual event featuring crafts, hiking, a concert and a storytime!

TUESDAYS @ 2

*Tuesdays @ 2:00 p.m. starting **June 16***

Join us each week for a new program that will "Unearth a Story"!

June 16 - Dinosaur Party

This party will be DINO-MITE! Have fun while learning more about dinosaurs and other creatures that lived long ago. Games, crafts, snacks and BIG dino fun!

June 23 - Rock Painting

We provide the rocks and paint and you create something beautiful! Rocks of all sizes will be available. Painted rocks can be taken home or be added to our Rock Snake in the garden next to the library.

June 30 - Open Build!

Get your creative juices flowing as you build a creation that can be displayed in the library! Lego, duplo, magna tiles and other blocks will be available. What story will your creation tell?

July 7 - Birthday Bash

Have you ever wanted to have your birthday party at the library? Join us as we celebrate America's 250th birthday with games, activities, prizes and treats.

CROCHET FOR KIDS

*Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. starting **June 18***

Join this beginner crochet class to learn the basic stitches, grips and knots you need to make all sorts of projects, including a dinosaur stuffie. Supplies will be provided, but you can bring your own hook and yarn if you would like.

Ages 9+. No class July 9.

FUN FRIDAY

*Fridays @ 10:30 a.m. starting **June 19***

A summertime staple! Wake up and get ready to shake your sillies out at Fun Friday. This weekly storytime in Mineral Springs Park will get you moving and grooving in the sunshine with a craft to follow at the Rotary Park picnic tables. This program is weather permitting. Please note these special dates:

June 19 - Library Field Day in Open Space Park next to the library

Help us kick off the Summer Reading program with Library Field Day! Join us on the lawn next to the library for yard games, activities, prizes and more.

Bring the whole family to participate together. This year the Michigan Geological Survey will also be on hand with activities and information.

June 26 at 11:00 am - Shred Rogers Family Concert

Are you ready to ROCK?!? Join us in Mineral Springs Park for a family-friendly metal concert that will inspire and brighten your day.



ADULT PROGRAMS

MAH JONG

Mondays 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Love Mah Jong? Join fellow players for Mah Jong Monday at the library! Whether you're an experienced player or just curious, all are welcome for an afternoon of strategy and fun.

HOOK, NEEDLE, AND KNITS: A Fiber Craft Meet-Up

Thursdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Where crafters of all skill levels come together to knit, crochet, embroider, and more. Bring your own project and enjoy a relaxing, social atmosphere while sharing tips, ideas, and inspiration. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, all are welcome! A volunteer will be available to teach crochet to anyone wanting to learn.

Book Share

Wednesday, June 17 @ 10:30 a.m.

Love books? Join Book Share! Chat about what you have been reading, hear recommendations from others, and discover new titles to enjoy. It is a casual,

friendly gathering for book lovers of all kinds. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the library.

WHAT IS THAT?: How to use iNaturalist to identify Michigan flora & fauna
Monday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m.

The Benzie Conservation District needs you (and your phone) for science! Learn how to use iNaturalist to start identifying and recording species you encounter on the water, on the trail or even in your backyard.

Plus, learn how you can help out with a statewide effort to support lake conservation in Michigan through the Aquatic Invasive Detection Blitz between June 29 and July 12.

Please come to the event with a smartphone or tablet with the iNaturalist app already downloaded on your device (iNaturalist is free to download and make an account).



PHOTOGRAPHER Wanted!

We're looking for a photographer to help at a few upcoming library events. If you have a good eye for candid shots, enjoy working with people, and can provide high-quality digital photos, we'd love to hear from you! We offer competitive pay based on experience and the scope of each event.



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and now, a message from the director

Stacy Pasche,
Library Director

Stop playing vid-ya games and go outside!

Yesterday was a good day at work, a great day actually. While chatting with a young patron, we discovered we both love to play pinball (and I learned that Bella's Cafe in Frankfort now has TWO machines!). He proceeded to tell me how much he had been enjoying playing [Zork on the Internet Archive](#). If you are not familiar with the game, Zork is a text-based computer fantasy adventure game where the goal is to hunt for buried treasure. I am of a certain age that a chunk of my childhood was spent playing text-based video games.

As a librarian, I realize I'm supposed to be encouraging everyone to spend more time reading, but I feel it's important to thoroughly investigate all forms of information and entertainment. Even librarians deserve a few minutes to save a pixelated world from certain doom.

The Internet Archive is one of the coolest resources on the web for retro gaming enthusiasts. Through its vast collection of preserved software and emulators, you can play thousands of [classic video games](#) right in your browser. It's a fun, nostalgic trip through gaming history while also helping preserve digital culture for future generations.

Long live Zork!

Stacy



BOOK SHARE

Join us to talk about books! Share what you have read recently and find out what fellow community members have been reading. This is a great way to discover new books! Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 10:30 a.m.

Titles shared at the April Book Share:

[All This and More by Peng Shepherd](#)
[The Book of Charlie by David Von Drehle](#)
[The Fault in Our Stars by John Green](#)
[Kin by Taryari Jones](#)
[Before We Met by Lucie Whitehouse](#)
[The Orange Girl by Jostein Gaarder](#)
[The Turtle The Mitten by Aaron Helman](#)
[Death and the Brewmaster's Widow by Loretta Ross](#)
[Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay by Michael Chabon](#)
[A Far-Flung Life by M. L. Stedman](#)
[Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt](#)
[Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin](#)
[Poor by Katrina O Sullivan](#)

[The Situation Room by George Stephanopoulos](#)
[The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein](#)
[None Braver by Michael Hirsh](#)
[The Gales of November by John U. Bacon](#)

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