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From the Director's Desk

I write this on the morning after our first real snow of the winter and it is Friday, the 13th of January. It is amazing, only a month until Baseball's Spring Training begins and we begin to really yearn for spring. The library renovation is nearly complete. We still need our signs at the entrances, bike racks, window coverings in certain rooms and new ceiling tiles but the big things are complete. The Library Board and staff are thrilled with the results, we hope you are too. We think the building looks wonderful and we can attest to the fact that it is warmer inside.

We have reopened the atrium and the fish should be back any day with some new friends. We have moved Biographies or using a less academic term 'Life Stories' to the shelving located around the outside of the atrium. They were located at the farthest reaches and we thought we'd put them front and center on shelves that are usually empty. We think they add a certain warmth to the area.

Last Friday we welcomed 155 people to the library for the beginning of our Third Annual Winter Concert Series. The bluegrass group Tangleweed was enjoyed by all. If you missed it you can catch them on LNN, channel 4. We are grateful that they record all our concerts for your enjoyment. We hope to see you at the next time. Details are printed elsewhere in this newsletter and on our website. Many thanks to the Friends of the Lansing Library who are the sponsor of the winter concert series.

Mark your calendars now for Friday, June 1st from 6-8:30pm. Our Annual Block Party is back and we will be celebrating the start of summer reading and our 'Grand Re-Opening' as the new landscaping in the front of the building should be complete. Again, we have our Friends to thank for raising and saving money for the last five years so we could beautify the front of the library.

Remember March is 'Senior Month' at the library. We have special programming all month designed specifically with seniors in mind. So spread the word we hope to see both old and new friends.

There is no greater pleasure on a cold winter day than curling up with a good book. It does not matter if that means in print, on your e-reader or listening to an audio. The important thing is to relax and enjoy the story.

Sincerely,
Debbie Albrecht, Library Director

Concert Series



The concert series is sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library. Thank you Friends!

February 3, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. *Doors open at 6 p.m.*
Legacy Girls (Boogie Woogie)

March 2, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. *Doors open at 6 p.m.*
The Convertibles ... and the sound of DOO-WOP!

April 13, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. *Doors open at 6 p.m.*
Eddie Korosa, Jr. and his Boys from Illinois (Polka)

Important Dates

**Closed Monday,
February 20, 2012**
for Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21
Voter Registration
Deadline for Presidential
Primary Elections
(details page 2)

Tuesday, March 20
Presidential Primary
Election

Tuesday, April 17
Federal and State Income
Tax Deadline

Saturday, May 5
Good Neighbor Parade

Friday, June 1
Library Block Party &
Grand Re-Opening

Hours

Library Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

***Last PC Reservation 30
minutes before closing.***

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Adult Programs & Services

Register for Adult Programs at the Adult Services Desk, on our website, or by phone at 474-2447, ext. 122.



Concert: Legacy Girls
Friday, Feb. 3
at 6:30 p.m.,

doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends.



Underground Railroad
Thurs., Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Terry Lynch. Told from the perspective of an owner of a "Safe House" in Illinois, hear how a safe house was used as a stopping point for the slaves to gain rest and nourishment before going on to safety in Canada. Several safe houses in the immediate Chicagoland area will be highlighted.



Voter registration for residents of suburban Cook County is going on now!

If you are not registered, if you have moved, or will be 18 before March 20, you need to register to vote by Feb. 21 to be eligible to vote in the Presidential Primary Election. For more details on voter registration and elections visit Cook County's <http://www.voterinfonet.com>

Stop by the upper level Circulation Desk to register.



Concert: The Convertibles Friday,
March 2 at 6:30 p.m.,
doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends.

Lansing Library Salutes Seniors! This March we celebrate Senior Month! Most Tuesday and Thursday

mornings will feature a program of interest to seniors; all welcome. Registration is required for all programs.



Tea with the Director and Mayor Abbott! Tuesday, March 6 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lansing Library Director, Debbie Albrecht will welcome our seniors and provide information about the library and Mayor Abbott will make a brief visit as well. **Sign-up is required.**



Meet Ben Franklin! (Actor Terry Lynch) Thursday, March 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ben Franklin Inventor, statesman and founding father. He seemed to do it all! Listen as Franklin, reminisces about his political life, writings, and scientific inventions. How has this founding father changed the way we live our lives today? **Sign-up is required.**



Keeping Life Interesting
Tuesday, March 13
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Program will discuss dealing with options seniors have in continuing to make life meaningful and purposeful. Presented by LaSaundra Gordon, MA, LCPC Therapist of New Leaf Resources **Sign-up is required.**



Southern Cooking Demonstration by Andrew Comens

Thurs., March 15 @ 10:30 a.m.

Andrew has conducted cooking demonstrations at various locations around Chicago and suburbs for the past 14 years. Those attending will enjoy learning about techniques and ingredients, and a tasting of southern cooking. **Sign-up is required.**



Estate Planning
Thursday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

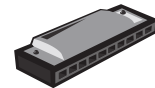
Kari Ann Legg, Attorney with Dale A. Anderson & Associates will speak about Estate Planning. The basics will be covered, including wills, different types of powers of attorney, living wills and trusts, and much more! **Sign-up required.**



Cooking on a Budget
Tuesday, March 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

Claire Boone will present menu planning, tips, and yummy recipes on a budget. **Sign-up is required.**

Windy City Harmonicas



Thurs., March 29 @ 10:00 a.m.

This lively troupe of harmonica players will amaze you with a high energy performance of songs from the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. **Sign-up is required.**

Adult Programs & Services & New Non-Fiction Book Discussion ‘Reality Check!’

Book Discussions

February 1 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Avid Reads’

***The Daughter’s Walk* by Jane Kirkpatrick**

Needing money to save the family farm in 1896, Helga Estby and her daughter, Clara, accept a bet to walk 3500 miles from Spokane, WA, to New York City within seven months. For their efforts, they would be awarded \$10,000. The historically factual walk is only the first half of the book; the rest follows Clara after she leaves her family, becomes a businesswoman, and makes her way as times change for women at the turn of the century.

February 14 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Reality Check’

***Nickel and Dime: on (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich**

Journalist Barbara Ehrenreich tells the story of how she went “undercover” as a minimum wage worker for several months in several different states. Working jobs such as Wal-Mart employee, waitress, cleaning woman, and nursing home attendant (and often more than one job at a time), she experiences firsthand the struggle to make ends meet that is the daily life of the working poor in America.

February 21 at 11:00 a.m. ‘Murder & Mayhem’

***The Monkey’s Raincoat* by Robert Crais**

Ellen Lang has lost the most important thing in her world- her family. What starts as a routine missing case of a husband and son, turns into a roller coaster ride to the world of drugs, wise guys and murder. Elvis Cole and his partner, Joe Pike, team up to investigate shady Hollywood film makers as well as the dark underworld of organized crime to solve this case.

March 7 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Avid Reads’

***The Big Over Easy* by Jasper Fforde**

Humpty Dumpty fell off his wall. Was Humpty's fall an accident, or was it murder? It's up to Detective Inspector Jack Spratt and Detective Sergeant Mary Mary of the Nursery Crime Division to get to the bottom of it.

March 21 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Reality Check’

***The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell**

In this work of popular sociology, Gladwell explores how ideas, behaviors, and products “catch on” and spread throughout society in a ripple effect. Comparing the spread of ideas to the spread of viruses, he illustrates how a delicate combination of factors—from the context, to the personalities involved, to the “stickiness” of the idea—determine whether or not a trend’s popularity will reach the critical mass necessary to create an “epidemic” in society.

March 20 at 11:00 a.m.

‘Murder & Mayhem’

Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death

by M.C. Beaton

Agatha Raisin, feisty retired business woman, is no cook. But put her in a competition and she will do her best to win anyway she can, even if it means cheating. Agatha almost "cooks" her own goose when the quiche that she bought kills the judge in the competition that she is trying to win. Under suspicion, and sure that she is smarter than the police; Agatha sets out to solve the case before the murderer strikes again.

**Discussions are always open to new members!
Books are available at the Circulation Desk
one month before the discussion.**



**Tickets Available
Now!**

The Friends’ Wine Tasting Fundraiser returns this summer! Mark your calendars, and get your tickets early!

Friday, June 29, 2012
6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Tickets \$20 on sale now!



Save the Date!
Library Block Party and
Grand Re-Opening!
Friday, June 1 from
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Group News



Dead Relatives Society (Genealogy Research Group) **9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.**

Saturdays: Feb. 18 & March 17
Come join us to start researching your family tree. We will make the room and resources available. This will be a time when everyone can gather in one place and research with the assistance of library staff. You can also share with your fellow researchers.

While you can use the resources any time the library is open, this will be a time when you can work undisturbed, and have a staff member handy to help you.

The 1940 Census will be released in April. This is a great time to get started researching your family!



Lansing Library Writers' Group **10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Age 18 & up.

Saturdays: February 4 & 18,
March 3 & 17

The popular knitting & crochet circle "**Purls of Wisdom**" meets in the Community Room.

Bring your own supplies.

Beginners always welcome!

Wednesdays **6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

February 8 & 22,
March 7 & 21

Fridays 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

February 3 & 17,
March 2, 16 & 30



Friends of Lansing Library

Friends Meetings are held every other month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting: March 12 @ 6:30 p.m. there will be an Election of Officers at this meeting. If you are a member, you may attend any meeting. March is also the month to renew your membership! Only \$5 for one year (individual), \$10 for a family of 2 adults + children, or \$100 for a lifetime individual membership.

Please support our Friends who help to support the library with purchases that are beyond the library's budget.

Friends of Lansing Library Book Sales

Members Only 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

General Public
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friends memberships are available at the door.

Upcoming sales:

Saturday, February 11, 2011

Saturday, March 10, 2011

Saturday, April 14, 2011 \$5/bag

Sales are cash only.

Ongoing book sale near the Adult Services Desk.

Friends of Lansing Library is sponsoring the Library Music Concert Series, through April! See page 1 for details and dates! Thanks Friends!

Income Tax Forms



Tax Season is here again!

The library has Federal Income Tax forms and Illinois State Income Tax forms available in the library. Forms continue to arrive during tax season. The tax forms are on a table near the stairs on the upper level.

If the library doesn't have the form you need, we can get it for you from the various tax agency websites (for 10¢ per page). Or, if you prefer, you can download and print your own forms via our website <http://www.lansingpl.org/taxes.html>

While library staff cannot answer tax questions, we can direct you to books to help you with your tax preparation. We also have information about the AARP Tax Preparation volunteers in Lansing.

If it is tax season, spring cannot be far behind! Don't wait! Supplies go quickly and April 17 is just around the corner.

News You Can Use!



E-mail Notices— Subscribe now!

E-mail notices will be sent for holds awaiting pick-up and overdue items. *You will still receive a phone call for items received from other libraries (InterLibrary Loan.)*

We will also send notices about unexpected library closures due to construction or weather, Friends' fundraisers, and selected special events.

It's easy! Follow the instructions on <http://www.lansingpl.org/notices.html> or ask any Circulation staff to add your e-mail address to your account. Thank you!



PayPal

Lansing Public Library is pleased to announce the acceptance of online check payments and all major credit and debit cards via PayPal! It is easier than ever to pay your fines! Just login to your borrower account and follow the link to PayPal. No registration

with PayPal necessary. For detailed instructions and a video of what to expect visit <http://www.lansingpl.org/paypal.html>



BookMyne

Lansing Public Library is also pleased to announce that our free app,

“BookMyne” is now available in the Android Market and iTunes. Search the catalog, place holds, access your borrower record, and renew items from your Android phone or Apple device! Details at <http://www.lansingpl.org/mobile.html>

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Image Release

All program registrants and participants must permit the taking and use of their image in future library publications, both printed and electronic.

Donations:

The following titles were purchased through a donation from the **Lansing Craft Club**:
The Repurposed Library: 33 Craft Projects That Give Old Books New Life by Lisa Occhipinti and *Upcycling: Create Beautiful Things with the Stuff You Already Have* by Danny Seo.

The library appreciates these thoughtful donations of books that can be shared with the whole community. We offer our sincere thanks to this organization.



Computer help by appointment!

Scott is available on selected afternoons, early evenings and Saturdays for 30 minute sessions. Sign-up on our website or ask staff for help to make an appointment. Do you need one on one help with your eReader, downloading free eBooks from the library, email, formatting your résumé, navigating a difficult website or other computer issues? Sign up for an appointment with library staff!

Note: We do not offer typing services.
No deposit required.

Skill level: Beginner
Prerequisite: Eagerness to learn!



Visit our facebook page.

Read for a Lifetime

If you are a high school student and have completed reading 4 books for the Read for a Lifetime program, please turn them in as soon as possible. Titles can be dropped off at the library or emailed to brandi@lansingpl.org. Those who complete the program must be signed-up in order to receive credit and enter the raffle for a gift card. All completed titles must be turned in by Saturday, March 31, 2012.



Teen Coloring Day
Every Monday from
3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

You are never too old to stay in the lines! **No sign-up required.**



Crocheting with Miss Patti in the Chat Room
Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (except March 20)
[Grades 6-12]

Learn to crochet at the library! **No sign-up required.**



Teen Puzzle Day
Thursday, February 2
@ 3:30 p.m.

Thurs., March 15 @ 3:30 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Give your brain some exercise. Stop by and tackle challenging crossword puzzles, Sudoku, and word searches. We can even turn puzzles into a competition with the Ultimate Hangman Battle.
No sign-up required.

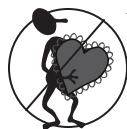


Teen Game Day
Thurs., February 9
@ 4 p.m.

Thurs., March 1 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Game Day is back! Stop by and play with our Wii. If that's not your style, board games like Candyland, Checkers, and even Apples to Apples will also be available.

Sign up is not required.



Teen Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Thursday, February 16
from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

No need to celebrate Valentine's Day trying to avoid all the lovey-dovey PDA everywhere you turn. At our Anti-Valentine's Day party, make slogan T-shirts stating your true feelings of the holiday such as "Love's for Suckers" or "I'm my own Valentine." Refreshments will be provided. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required. If you don't sign-up, you must bring your own T-shirt to customize.**



Teen Movie Night: Hitch
Thursday, February 23
@ 4 p.m.

[Grades 6 and up]
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Hitch is New York City's greatest matchmaker. Love is his job and when Albert Brennaman wins the heart of gorgeous society heiress Allegra Cole, Albert has Hitch to thank. So when tabloid columnist Sara Melas decides to uncover the secret behind the relationships unlikely success, she's shocked to discover that Alex Hitchens, the charming young man she's been dating, is the legendary date doctor

himself. Exposed in a front-page scoop, it's now up to Alex to try and save Albert and Allegra's relationship as well as his own. **Rated PG-13.**

Running Time: 118 minutes.
No sign-up required.



"Off the Shelf" Book Discussion
Anna and the French Kiss
by Stephanie Perkins
Tuesday, Feb. 28 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

When Anna's romance-novelist father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes, and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



"On the Edge" Book Discussion
Deadly Little Secret
by Laurie Faria Stolarz
Wednesday, Feb. 29 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

When someone starts stalking high school junior Camelia, everyone at school assumes that it is Ben, who is new at school and rumored to have killed his previous girlfriend, but Camelia is nevertheless inexplicably drawn to him. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Teen Tech Week: March 5-10
Geek Out! @ your Library
Celebrate the different kind of geeks and find out where you fit in the Geek World. Tuesday through Thursday will showcase a specific kind of geek with a program.

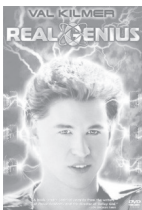


Computer Geeks:
Create your own Memes
Tuesday, March 6
from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Find pictures online and create your own captions. Customize them to include different colors, fonts, or even movement. You can then put your new memes on Facebook or your blogs. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**

Pop Culture Geeks:
Music Playlists
Wednesday, March 7
from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

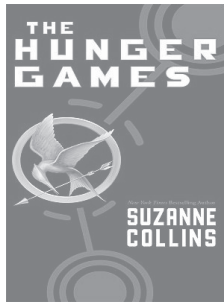
Learn how to use the Pandora Internet radio or create your own playlist on the Project Playlist website. Both Pandora and Project Playlist allow you to search out existing playlists as well. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Science Geeks:
Movie – *Real Genius*
Thursday, March 8
@ 4:00 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

When a group of crazy college geniuses put their heads together, their plan culminates in an incredible scheme that outsmarts the military and convinces the professor that it doesn't pay to fool with real genius. Rated PG. Running Time: 106 minutes. **No sign up required.**



Hunger Games Program
Thursday, March 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
[Grades 6 – 12]
 It's almost here! *The Hunger Games* movie will be

released in theaters on March 23rd. Before you head off to the theaters, come to our Katniss celebration! Divide into districts and determine what skills would be most useful in the arena. All attendees will be entered into a raffle for Hunger Games swag. **No sign up required.**



“Spine-Tingling” Book Discussion
***Rot & Ruin* by Jonathan Maberry**
Monday, March 26
@ 4 p.m.

[Grades 6-12]
 In a post-apocalyptic world where fences and border patrols guard the few people left from the zombies that have overtaken civilization, fifteen-year-old Benny Imura is finally convinced that he must follow in his older brother's footsteps and become a bounty hunter. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



“Off the Shelf” Book Discussion
***Brain Jack* by Brian Falkner**
Tuesday, March 27
@ 4 p.m. [Grades 6-12]

In a near-future New York City, fourteen-year-old computer genius Sam Wilson manages to hack into the AT&T network and sets off a chain of events that have a profound effect on human activity throughout the world. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Teen Movie Night:
Green Lantern
Thursday, March 29
@ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6 and up]
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

In a universe as vast as it is mysterious, a small but powerful force has existed for centuries. Protectors of peace and justice, they are called the Green Lantern Corps. A brotherhood of warriors sworn to keep intergalactic order, each Green Lantern wears a ring that grants him superpowers. When a new enemy called Parallax threatens to destroy the balance of power in the Universe, their fate and the fate of Earth lie in the hands of their newest recruit, the first human ever selected. **Rated PG-13. Running Time: 114 minutes. No sign up required.**



Abraham Lincoln Award Voting

Attention High School students! If you've read four books from the Lincoln nominees, you have until the end of February to report your favorite title to one of the librarians. Your vote will help decide the winner of the Lincoln award. All votes must be turned in by Thursday, February 29th.

Books of the Month:

February
Beastly by Alex Flinn

March
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Youth Programs & Services (Birth-Grade 5)

For more information, visit the Youth & Teen Dept., or call 474-2447, ext. 112

Storytimes! Storytime is a great way to help your child develop pre-literacy skills.

Storytime sessions are available for children birth through age 5. Storytime will be in session January 23 through March 1. Another session will run March 19 through April 26 – (sign up March 5 to 16.).

Baby Talk (Miss Patti)

- Birth through 24 months with caregiver – Mondays at 10:30 a.m. or Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Time (Miss Rebecca)

- 24 through 36 months with caregiver - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.

Pre-K Storytime (Miss Rebecca)

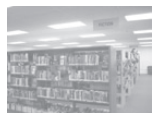
- 3 to 5 years old - Thursday at 10:30 a.m. or Thursday at 11:45 a.m.



Milk & Cookies Family Storytime [All families]

Enjoy some milk and cookies with some special bedtime stories!

Tuesdays: February 7 & 21; March 6 & 27. 6:00-6:30 p.m., no sign up required.



Weekly Youth & Teen Services Orientation – Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Are you and your children new to Lansing Public Library? Drop in any Saturday morning at 10 a.m. for a brief tour of the Youth and Teen Services area. Staff will explain the space, collections and upcoming events and activities! Orientation takes approximately 30 minutes.



Lego Day [Grades 1-5]

We provide the Legos, you provide creativity! Children's individual masterpieces will be displayed in Youth & Teen Services each month. Drop in between 2 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays: Feb. 11, and March 10. **No sign up required. We are accepting Lego donations to grow our collection!**

Register online!

<http://tinyurl.com/7dhutg> or call 708-474-2447, or stop in! New! Sign-up online for many of the youth programs! It's easy and you can receive an e-mail reminder a few days before the event!



Book Magnet Monday, February 6 @ 6 p.m.

[Grades 3-5]

Looking to make someone a unique Valentine's Day gift? Then come in and make them a magnet using old books! Cut out pictures and words to make cute, heartfelt and interesting gifts for the book lovers in your life. **Sign up is not required but appreciated.**



Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft Monday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

[Grades K-4]

Sign up is appreciated.



Culture Crafts: Raven Masks Saturday, February 11 @ 11 a.m.

[All Ages]

Learn about the Inuit origin story of the sun, "Raven Brings Light to the World." Then create your own mask and become the Raven!



Black History Month Stories and Craft Saturday,

February 18 from 10 a.m. to Noon [All Ages]

Celebrate Black History Month with children's stories and craft at this drop-in program. Visit anytime between 10 a.m. & Noon to make a unity wreath and enjoy library books that spotlight a variety of notable African Americans. Sign up not required.



Sights & Sounds of Black History Saturday, February 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

[All Ages]

Have you ever listened to Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech? Stop by the Community Room to view this important moment in history and browse a variety of library materials that recognize Black History Month. Sign up not required.

Youth Programs & Services (Birth-grade 5)

For more information, visit the Youth & Teen Dept., or call 474-2447, ext. 112



Leap Day Program
Wednesday,
Feb. 29
@ 1 p.m.

[All Ages]

This day won't be here for another 4 years! Children are invited to celebrate with leaping-good stories, a leaping-cute craft, and leaping-yummy treats! **Sign up requested.**



Culture Crafts:
St. Patrick's Snakes
Saturday,
March 10
@ 11 a.m.
[All Ages]

Discover the ancient story of how St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland, then make your very own slithery egg-carton snake.



Kiss Me, I'm Irish!
Storytime and Craft
Wednesday, March 14
at 5 p.m.
[Grades K-4]
Sign up is appreciated.



Happy Birthday
Dr. Seuss!
Monday, March
19 from 6:00 to
7:30 p.m. No
sign-up required.
[All ages]
Come and

celebrate the birthday of one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss! Our youngest readers are invited to play games, win prizes, enjoy snacks and make crafts.

This annual event is a blast for the entire family. There will also be a special Seuss-filled story hour!



DIY Magic Tricks
Wednesday,
March 28 @ 6 p.m.
[Grades 1-5]

Looking for a new April Fool's joke to show people? Then come in and learn some fun and exciting magic tricks that anyone can do with only a few simple things! Each trick will be demonstrated and then explained, so you too can perform these magic tricks at home. **Sign up is not required but appreciated.**



Go Fly a Kite!
Saturday,
March 31
@ 10 a.m.
[All Ages]

Spring is in the air and National Kite Month is about to blow in. Everyone needs to get ready with kite stories and of course, with a home-made kite!
Sign up requested.

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Readers' Choice
Book Award Voting
(Monarch, Bluestem
& Caudill Awards)

Voting will take place during the month of February in Lansing schools and inside the library.

School librarians can make arrangements with Miss Patti to either have voting instructions and ballots delivered or for Miss Patti to come out to the school and assist with voting.

Ballots will also be available in the Youth and Teen Services Dept. There will be ballots available for Monarch, Bluestem and Rebecca Caudill Books. Friday, February 24 will be the last day to vote.

Books of the Month:

February

Picture Book – *Woof: A Love Story* by Sarah Weeks. Despite a language barrier, a dog and cat fall in love with the help of a buried trombone.

Juvenile – *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm. In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

March

Picture Book – *Just Keep Swimming* by Melissa Lagonegro. When Nemo worries that his too-small fin will keep him off the school swim team, his friend Dory encourages him.

Juvenile – *The Haunted Hotel* by Ron Roy. When the guests of the Shangri-La Hotel are scared away by a white-haired female ghost, Dink and his friends investigate the mystery.

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| Feb. 2012 | Jan. 30 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 | Jan. 31 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 | Feb. 1 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30 | 2 Teen Puzzle Day 3:30 | 3 Knit 10:30 Concert: Legacy Girls 6:30 | 4 Writers Group 10-12:30 |
| | 5 Storytime Week 3 | 6 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 YS Craft 6:00 | 7 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00 | 8 Knit 6:00 | 9 Teen Game Day 4-6 | 10 11 Book Sale 9-11 members only 9-10 YS Craft 11:00 Lego Day 2-3:30 |
| 12 Storytime Week 4 | 13 YS Story/Craft 5:00 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 | 14 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Reality Check Non-Fiction Book Disc. 6:30 | 15 | 16 Teen Anti-Valentine's 4-5:30 Underground Railroad 6:30 Library Board 6:30 | 17 Knit 10:30 | 18 19 Dead Relatives 9:30-11 Writers Group 10-12:30 YS Story/Craft 10-12 Black History 2-4 |
| 19 Storytime Week 5 | 20 Library Closed | 21 Murder & Mayhem Disc. 11:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00 Voter Reg. Deadline | 22 Knit 6:00 | 23 Teen Movie: <i>Hitch</i> 4:00 | 24 Monarch, Bluestem & Caudill Voting Deadline | 25 |
| 26 Storytime Week 6 | 27 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 | 28 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 | 29 Leap Day 1:00 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 | Lincoln Voting Deadline Feb. 29! ← | Please check the newsletter for details, ages and registration requirements. | |

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| March 2012 | | | | 1 Teen Game Day 4-6 | 2 Knit 10:30 Concert: The Convertibles 6:30 | 3 Writers Group 10-12:30 |
| | 4 Storytime Sign-Up Teen Tech Week | 5 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 | 6 Tea with Director and Mayor 10:00 Memes 3:30-5 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00 | 7 Playlists 3:30-5 Knit 6:00 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30 | 8 Ben Franklin 10:00 Teen Movie: <i>Real Genius</i> 4:00 | 9 10 Book Sale 9-11 members only 9-10 YS Craft 11:00 Lego Day 2-3:30 |
| 11 Storytime Sign-Up | 12 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 Friends Meet/Election 6:30 | 13 Keeping Life Interesting 10:30-11:30 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 | 14 YS Story/Craft 5:00 | 15 Southern Cooking Demo 10:30 Teen Puzzle 3:30 | 16 Knit 10:30 | 17 18 Dead Relatives 9:30-11 Writers Group 10-12:30 |
| 18 Storytime Week 1 | 19 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 Dr. Seuss Party 6:00-7:30 | 20 Murder & Mayhem Disc. 11:00 | 21 Knit 6:00 Reality Check Non-Fiction Book Disc. 6:30 | 22 Estate Planning 10:00 Teen Hunger Games Program 4-6 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Storytime Week 2 | 26 Teen Coloring 3:30-6 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 | 27 Cooking on a Budget 10:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Teen Bk Disc. 4:00 Milk/Cookie 6:00 | 28 YS Magic Tricks 6:00 | 29 Windy City Harmonicas 10:00 Teen Movie: <i>Green Lantern</i> 4:00 | 30 Knit 10:30 | 31 YS Go Fly a Kite 10:00 |