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From the Director's Desk

As you can see the building is being transformed into a modern facility! The remodeling project is going very well the few little glitches have been handled professionally and if the weather holds out we may actually be done in mid November. We will have a grand re-opening event sometime in January – details to follow. The building should be much more energy efficient and hopefully we will save some money on our winter heating bills.

I'd like to give you a quick overview of how this project was funded. The library asked the Village of Lansing who act as our financial agent to sell General Obligations bonds in the amount of \$1.5 million. This is the Lansing Public Library's debt. It is strictly the library's responsibility to repay this debt. We wanted to do this with as little cost to the taxpayers as possible. To that end we are repaying the debt in ten (10) years with funds budgeted for this purpose in our regular operating budget. Usually these bonds are repaid over fifteen to twenty years thus accruing much more cost in interest paid. The library board realizes that we will have other things that will need attention in our aging building so they decided it was best to pay off these bonds as quickly as possible.

If you are a regular visitor to the library over the past few years you have seen the buckets on the window ledges, shelves, and on the floor in the atrium and many other locations around the building. The library opened in 1976 and things like windows, skylights and roofs need to be replaced over time. It was time to make this a safe (no falling wet ceiling tiles) and pleasant environment for all the residents of Lansing. We strive to use the tax dollars we receive to provide our patrons with the services and materials they want and need in a well maintained facility.

Thank you all for your patience with the mess and the noise. It has not been too quiet around here the last few months. We hope that you enjoy your newly refurbished library.

Debbie Albrecht, Library Director

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Holiday:
Closing at 5 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 23, 2011.
Closed Thursday,
November 24, 2011.

Closed Friday, Dec. 2 for
staff training.

Christmas Holidays:
Closed Saturday,
Dec. 24 & Monday,
Dec. 26, 2011.

New Year's Holidays:
Closing at 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011.
Closed Monday,
January 2, 2012.

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day:** Closed
Monday, Jan. 16, 2012.

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.
Limit of 3 hours per day.**

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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.



Cooking: Holiday Appetizers Thurs., November 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

Just in time for the holidays! Classically trained French Chef Kate Bradley will share her favorite homemade holiday appetizers. Samples to taste and copies of recipes will be provided.
Registration required; Limit 60.

New! Non-Fiction Book Discussion Tues., November 8 @ 6:30 p.m. [details pg. 4]



Slide Presentation: Food Around the World *In the Movies*

Thurs., Nov. 10 @ 6:30 p.m.
Experience a sampling of mouth-watering **movie moments** in this spectacular journey to tables from around the world, from the finest feasts to the simplest of gatherings. Presented by Steven Franzel. Free DVDs are given away at the end of this program.



Dead Relative Society (Genealogy Research Group)

Sat., Nov. 12 from 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 10 from 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 21 from 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Come join us for camaraderie and research time. We get together in the Activity Room to research, share hints and tips and conversation while tracing our ancestors. Beginners and experts are welcome because we can all learn from each other. The library subscribes to Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest. These are two of the premier websites for doing family history research. With

the internet connection we can access other online resources as well. Bring any notes and your curiosity and let's see what we can dig up together.



Lecture: How to Get Through the Holiday Blues Tues., Nov. 15 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Presented by LaSaundra Gordon, MA, LCPC Child, Adolescent & Adult Therapist
New Leaf Resources



Slide Presentation: Dickens's A Christmas Carol: *The Story Behind the Story*

Thurs., Dec. 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
Take a journey to the England of Charles Dickens as we explore the cultural and historical climate that influenced the creation of one of the most beloved stories of all time. Presented by Steven Franzel of Marquee Movies. Free DVDs are given away at the end of this program.



eReaders presented by Best Buy

Sat., December 3 at 10:00 a.m.
Helpful staff from Best Buy will be here to talk about the various eReader devices and devices that have eReader functionality. They will provide demonstrations, answer questions and have devices on hand for a closer look. **Please register.**



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Download eBooks and audiobooks for free!

Overdrive content from the library for your Kindle, Nook or other devices

Wed., Nov. 16
@ 6:30 p.m.
Sat., January 7
@ 10:00 a.m.
Wed., January 18
@ 6:30 p.m.



Your Lansing Library card is your ticket to free eBooks! Library staff will show you all you need to know about getting the ebooks, including software needed, device capability, downloading procedure, placing holds and checking out items. Information is also included on the new edition of Kindle capability when downloading the eBooks! **Please register.**



Adult Winter Reading Program December 5 through January 17

We are Roundin' up Readers this winter. To participate in this program, you must be at least 18 years old. Materials must be checked out from or used at the Lansing Public Library. To complete this program, fulfill 6 of the 10 activities listed in the brochure available at Adult Services and turn in the log. You will receive a small gift and an entry form for the final prize drawing. You may turn in more than one completed log for additional entries for the final prize drawing.

Final prizes: (First) Kindle and (Second) a gift certificate to Buffalo Wild Wings. Entries must be turned in by January 17, 2012.

Adult Programs & Services

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**Concert:
Tangleweed
Friday, Jan. 6,
at 6:30 p.m.**

Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends!
Tangleweed is a band of four forward-looking musical reactionaries from Chicago, Illinois. While the band's instrumentation is standard bluegrass, and their music is anything but. Their four CDs have gained critical praise and worldwide airplay, earning the band invitations to appear at major festivals and high profile venues around the country.



**Cooking: Soups On!
Thurs., January 19
@ 6:30 p.m.**

Chef Kate returns just in time for the cold and

dreary days of January with her warm and filling soups.

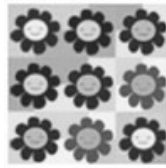
Samples to taste and copies of recipes will be provided.

Registration required; Limit 60.



Saddle up a winter of reading at a Rodeo of Fun! Saturday, January 21 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Grande prize winners will be announced. **RSVP at Adult Services Desk.**



**Lecture:
How to be Happy All The Time
Thurs., Jan. 26 from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

Dr. Om Johari discusses the benefits of having a grateful attitude. Topics include gratefulness for little things, thankfulness, the role of gratitude in relationships and personal crises (illness, pain, death, etc.), and the relationship between meditation and gratitude. It is possible to be truly happy for all your life. Not easy, but possible. Join Dr. Om Johari in learning what you need to know and to do to be happy all the time. Dr. Om Johari is a retired scientist (with Ph.D. from Univ. California, Berkeley, 1965) who worked for 35 years in the field of Electron Microscopy. He is currently the Illinois State Coordinator for the AARP Driver Safety Program. In his retirement, he shares programs related to meditation, laughter, gratitude, Sudoku, etc., at many local centers.

Save the date for more concerts!



**Concert:
Legacy Girls
Friday,
February 3 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends!
Legacy Girls performs the toe-tapping hits of the famous Andrews Sisters with tight 3-part harmonies, costumes, and synchronized choreography—not to mention that comedic flair! Boogie Woogie back to the 30's and 40's with all your favorites.



**Concert:
The
Convertibles
... and the
sound of
DOO-WOP!
Friday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Friends!
The *Convertibles* quartet performs a wide-ranging mixture of music throughout northeastern Illinois. The group has its roots in four-part barbershop harmony, but ever since the *Convertibles* formed in 1997 they've grown musical branches in new directions. Audiences are likely to hear a mixture of doo-wop music from the Fifties and pop music from the Sixties, plus a few jokes -- and a few surprises.



**Concert:
Eddie
Korosa,
Jr. and
his Boys
from**

**Illinois (note: second Friday)
Friday, April 13 @ 6:30 p.m.
Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Friends!
Eddie Korosa and the Boys have been playing together since 1976. The band has played numerous polka festivals in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Hawaii, the Caribbean and South America.



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

Book Discussions

November 2 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Avid Reads’

***Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield**

Famous novelist Vida Winter’s , entire life is a secret, and for fifty years reporters and biographers have attempted to discover the truth. With her health quickly fading, Ms. Winter enlists a bookish amateur biographer named Margaret Lea to bear witness to the tragic story of the Angelfield family.

November 8 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Reality Check’

***The Geography of Bliss: One Grump’s Search for the Happiest Places in the World* by Eric Weiner**

NPR correspondent and self-proclaimed grouch Eric Weiner travels to ten countries named among the happiest in the world, according to the research of Dr. Ruut Veenhoven of the World Database of Happiness in the Netherlands. Visiting sites as diverse as Bhutan, Switzerland, Moldova, and Iceland, and ending at home in the United States, Weiner explores the unique features of each culture which produce feelings of "subjective well-being" among its inhabitants, inviting the reader to ponder what *really* makes a person happy after all.

November 15 at 11:00 a.m. ‘Mystery Discussion’

***The Dangerous Edge of Things* by Tina Whittle**

Trying to run her newly inherited Confederate-themed gun shop, Tia Randolph's life is turned upside down when she finds a dead body in her brother's driveway.

December 7 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Avid Reads’

***My Abandonment* by Peter Rock**

A thirteen-year-old girl and her father live in Forest Park, an enormous nature preserve in Portland, Oregon. Inspired by a true story and told through the startlingly sincere voice of its young narrator, Caroline, *My Abandonment* is a riveting journey into life at the margins and a mesmerizing tale of survival and hope.

December 13 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Reality Check’

***The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan**

This *New York Times* Bestseller is a dramatic work of American history told from a human perspective.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Timothy Egan interviewed survivors of the Dust Bowl of the Great Depression, now in their eighties and nineties, to weave together the stories of half a dozen families who lived through that ordeal, creating a chronicle of the heroism and perseverance of the everyday Americans who endured that era.

December 20 at 11:00 a.m.

‘Mystery Discussion’

***Christmas Mourning* by Margaret Maron**

After a beautiful young cheerleader dies in a car crash that was not an accident, Judge Deborah Knott and sheriff’s deputy Dwight Bryant must uncover what really happened before more death further clouds the Christmas season in North Carolina’s Colleton County.

January 4 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Avid Reads’

***The Gift* by Cecelia Ahern**

The story revolves around Lou Suffern, a Type A executive, and his neglected wife Ruth and the children he ignores, Lucy and Bud. Lou is constantly breaking promises to all of them. But then, as Christmas approaches, he meets the mysterious Gabriel, and everything changes.

January 10 at 6:30 p.m. ‘Reality Check’

***The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* by Wes Moore**

Two boys named Wes Moore grew up in the same inner-city neighborhood in Baltimore. They did not know each other, but their early lives were remarkably similar. In adulthood, however, one became a Rhodes Scholar, a decorated veteran, a White House Fellow, and a business leader, while the other was sentenced to life in prison for killing a police officer. Moore the businessman felt moved to write a letter to Wes the inmate, and through correspondence and visits, the two developed a friendship. Alternating between the perspectives of the two men, this book tells a story of how one’s life choices shape one’s destiny.

January 17 at 11:00 a.m. ‘Mystery Discussion’

***One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich**

The gutsy heroine introduced here is Stephanie Plum of Trenton, N.J., a recently laid-off lingerie buyer who has no job, no car and no furniture. Finding work with her cousin Vinnie, she becomes a bond hunter and scrounges money enough to buy a gun, a Chevy Nova and some Mace. Her first assignment is to locate a cop accused of murder.

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

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!

Obtaining a Library Card

Library cards are issued to Lansing residents free of charge with proper identification to prove residency, such as a valid photo I.D. and two acceptable items with your current Lansing address. If the photo I.D. shows your current Lansing address, you only need to provide one additional acceptable item with your current Lansing address, such as a current utility bill.

Lansing residents under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian with proper identification to sign for them.

We encourage patrons to take full advantage of all the library resources, including access to our online resources providing quality information not freely available on the Internet, including FREE e-books! You can access many of our resources from the comfort of your own home. Just visit our website for the links.

If your card has expired, bring it in and renew your access. Lost cards may be replaced for a \$5 fee and proper ID.

Notice:

We are working on implementing the final phase of our software upgrade, linking family cards. This will help families prevent accruing large fines that could be difficult to pay. Both individual cards and the combination of parent/guardian + juvenile minors will have to be under \$2.00 to be able to checkout materials.



Job Hunters' Assistance

When times are hard, the library can be your best friend. We have computers, a scanner, a printer, and staff to assist you with your online job hunt. We can fax your materials for you (for a minimal cost) and help you with e-mail. These days job applications are completed online. Resumes are sent electronically. E-mail is used instead of the telephone for contact. For those who are out of work and not yet comfortable with computer technology, the job hunt can be daunting. The library can help.

The library has produced a brochure outlining the steps for those seeking employment, and a notebook to help you manage your electronic job hunt. Stop by the Reference Desk for more information.



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 email, formatting your résumé, navigating a difficult website or other computer or eReader 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!



Library eBooks are
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the Kindle®

Friends of Lansing Library

Friends Meetings are held every other month at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

November 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

January 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

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, November 12, 2011

Saturday, December 10, 2011

**January 14, 2012 \$5 fill a bag!
Extended hours until 2 p.m.!**

Sales are cash only.

Ongoing book sale near the Adult Services Desk.

Thank you to everyone who visited Beggars Pizza for the fundraiser in October. Friends raised \$173.91 with your help!

Friends' sponsored concerts begin again in January [details on page 3.] Thank you for helping us raise money for great programs like these through book sales and fundraisers!

From the Friends' President

Every year Friends choose one volunteer as their Volunteer of the year. This year Friends have chosen Evelyn Nelson.

Evelyn is the head of the crew that keeps the book room in order. The book room volunteers shelve books, rearrange sections of books, and accept book donations for our book sale room. They meet weekly to make order out of chaos in the book room, especially after our monthly book sales.

Evelyn may appear to be quiet, but she can be quite outspoken about books and the work needed to be done to make the book room run smoothly. It was her idea to have regular on-going book sales at the library. Up until then, the book sales were special events, not regular ones.

If you ask Evelyn what she does, she will probably say, "not much". If you have an idea to try out for the book room, she will say, "ok, what do we have to lose. If it doesn't work, we'll try something else."

She is not afraid to try. She is not afraid of hard work. She is not afraid to speak up. She is not afraid. Period. She is responsible, reliable, honest, and very hard working. And she would turn right around and say that her crew is that way too.

Evelyn is one of those people who say what they think, stick to their guns, and expect people to show up and do the work that needs to be done. And she's right there in the thick of things, working as hard as everyone else.

She has helped with almost every committee, and special events in her years as a member of Friends. She has helped with the blood drives, the ice cream socials and the wine tastings. And now she is head of the book room crew.

So, hats off to Evelyn. You're a great volunteer and our choice for this years award for Volunteer of the Year. — Loraine, *President of Friends of the Library*

Group News



"Purls of Wisdom"

meets in the Community Room.

Bring your own supplies.

Wednesdays

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

November 2, 16 & 30

December 14 & 28

January 11 & 25

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

November 11 & 25

December 9 & 23

January 6 & 20

Lansing Library Writers' Group



10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Age 18 & up.

Saturdays:

November 5 & 19

December 3 & 17

January 7 & 21

Teen Scene

(6th-12th Grades)

For more information, visit the Youth & Teen Dept., or call 474-2447, ext. 119



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.**



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

Thurs., December 15 @ 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 10 @ 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., Nov. 10 @ 4 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8 @ 4 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 12 @ 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 Craft:
Angry Birds
Tuesday,
November 22

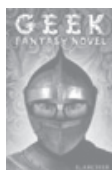
from 3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Create your own cuddly, flying Angry Birds. Once everyone has their own Angry Bird, the feathers will fly when we launch them at their unsuspecting targets, the Pigs! **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



“On the Edge” Book Discussion: *Where Things Come Back*
by John Corey Whaley
Monday, Nov. 28 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



“Off the Shelf” Book Discussion: *Geek Fantasy Novel*
by E. Archer
Tuesday, Nov. 29 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Ralph is asked to spend the summer with his strange British relatives at their old manor house in order to set up their Wi-Fi network. And thus begins his strange adventure. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Teen Movie Night: *Soul Surfer*
Thurs., Nov. 30 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6 and up]

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, loses her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcomes all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. **Rated PG. Running Time: 106 minutes. No sign-up required.**



TAB (Teen Advisory Board)
Tues., Dec. 6 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

After our hiatus from TAB, we are ready to start again. Come on Dec. 6th and see if you are interested in committing to helping out the library. If you are interested in joining TAB, you must try to attend each monthly meeting. This is your chance to help shape your library by offering your opinions on programs, book choices, etc. Future meeting dates will be decided during our first meeting. **No sign-up required.**



Teen Craft:
Snow Globe
Monday, Dec. 19
from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
[Grades 6 – 12]

Love looking at the different kinds of snow globes every Holiday season? Then come into the library and make your own snow globe! **Sign up is required.**



“Laugh Out Loud” Book Discussion: *Carter Finally Gets It*
by Brent Crawford
Tuesday, Dec. 20 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Awkward freshman Will Carter endures many painful moments during his first year of high school before realizing that nothing good comes easily, focus is everything, and the payoff is usually incredible. **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Crochet with Miss Patti
[Grades 6-12]

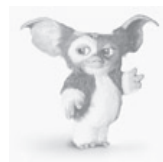
Come and learn how to crochet!
Tuesdays from 4-5:30 p.m. on November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29;
December 6, 13 and 20; January 10, 17, 24 and 31. **No sign up required.**



“Off the Shelf” Book Discussion: *Glimmerglass* by Jenna Black
Wed., Dec. 21 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Dana Hathaway runs away from her alcoholic mother in order to find her father in Avalon; but the moment she steps into that world she discovers she is a Faeriewalker, someone who can travel between both worlds.

Sign up is appreciated, but not required.



Teen Movie Night: *Gremlins*
Thursday, Dec. 22 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6 and up]
Sponsored by the

Friends of the Library.

An unusual Christmas present called a "mogwai" is given to Billy Peltzer by his dad with three basic rules for caring for the pet: never get him wet, keep him out of bright light, and never feed him after midnight. When Billy inadvertently breaks one of the rules, the consequences multiply at an alarming rate that builds to an explosively suspenseful climax.

Rated PG. Running Time: 111 minutes. No sign up required.



January Trivia
January 1 – 30
[All Ages]

What is celebrated in the month of January? If you guessed “Trivia Month”, then you’re correct! Come to the Youth & Teen Department every week in January and take a guess at our weekly trivia question! Bring your best guess to one of our librarians and get yourself a prize any week you answer correctly! All ages are welcome to participate.



Teen Trivia Contest
Thursday, January 19
from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

[Grades 6-12]

Do you know more useless information than your buddy? When someone mentions a topic, does your mind race with bits and pieces of trivia to add to the conversation? This is your chance to show your stuff! Compete against other brainiacs for the title of “Trivia King/Queen.” **Sign up is appreciated, but not required.**



Teen Movie Night: *Gnomeo and Juliet*
Thurs., Jan. 26 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6 and up]
Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Caught up in a feud between neighbors, Gnomeo and Juliet must overcome as many obstacles as their namesakes. But with flamboyant pink flamingoes and epic lawnmower races, can this young couple find lasting happiness? Complete with hilarious never-before-seen bonus features, an out-of-the-ordinary animated comedy your entire family will love. We just gnome it! **Rated G. Running Time: 84 minutes. No sign up required.**



“Off the Shelf” Book Discussion: *The Dangerous Days of Daniel X* by James Patterson
Monday, Jan. 30 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Fifteen-year-old Daniel has followed in his parents' footsteps as the Alien Hunter, exterminating beings on The List of Alien Outlaws on Terra Firma, but when he faces his first of the top ten outlaws, the very existence Earth and another planet are at stake.

Sign up is appreciated, but not required.



“Laugh Out Loud” Book Discussion: *Withering Tights* by Louise Rennison
Tues., Jan. 31 @ 4 p.m.
[Grades 6-12]

Self-conscious about her knobby knees but confident in her acting ability, fourteen-year-old Tallulah spends the summer at a Yorkshire performing arts camp that, she is surprised to learn, is for girls only.

Sign up is appreciated, but not required.

Teen Books of the Month

November

Teen – *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini

December

Teen – *Stork* by Wendy Delsol

January

Teen – *Before Midnight* by Cameron

Are you taking a foreign language this year? Practice your Spanish, French, German (and more!) with Mango Languages on our website!



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Youth Programs & Services (Birth-Grade 5)

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

Storytimes!

Storytime sessions are available for children birth through age 5. Sessions run from Nov. 7 through Dec. 15.

Sign up begins October 31.

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.



Family Reading Night Thursday, Nov. 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

Family reading night

celebrates the importance of reading together as a family. Drop in for an evening of storytelling as various library staff members take to the stage to read to your family. No sign up required, stay as little or long as you like! Refreshments will be served.

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!



Culture Crafts: Hanukkah Dreidel Game Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 2 p.m.

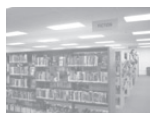
[Grades 1-4]

Listen to a story and learn about the fun Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Then join in a game of dreidel, and win a treat! **Please register.**



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What is celebrated in the month of January? If you guessed "Trivia Month", then you're correct! Come to the Youth & Teen Department every week in January and take a guess at our weekly trivia question! Bring your best guess to one of our librarians and get yourself a prize any week you answer correctly!



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.



Culture Crafts: African Drums Saturday, Nov. 19 @ 2 p.m. [Grades 1-4]

Listen to an African folktale, "When the Drum Sang," and make and decorate your own African drum.

Please register.



Culture Crafts: New Year's Noisemakers Saturday, Jan. 14 @ 10:00 a.m. [Grades 1-4]

Learn about the foods and traditions of other New Year's Eve celebrations around the world. Listen to a story and make your own colorful noisemaker! **Please register.**



Pirate Party! Monday, November 7 @ 6 p.m. [Grades 1-5]

Arr! Avast Ye! Ahoy there mates! We swashbucklers at the Lansing Public Library are having ourselves a Pirate Party! Get your hands (or hooks) on some swag, walk the plank and sing a merry pirate song! Scallawags in grades 1 through 5 are invited to come along! Grab your peg leg and eye patch and join us for one smashing good time. Sign up is not required.



Snow Man Craft Thursday, Dec. 8 @ 6 p.m. [Grades 4 & 5]

Too cold to make a real snowman out in the snow? Then come inside the library and put one together out of paper plates and other fun materials! Sign up is not required but appreciated.



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: Nov. 12, Dec. 10 and Jan. 14. **No sign up required. We are accepting Lego donations to grow our collection!**

Youth Programs & Services (Birth-Grade 5)

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

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!



4th & 5th Grade Trivia Contest Saturday, Jan. 28 @ 2 p.m.

In honor of January being Trivia Month, there will be a trivia contest for 4th & 5th graders! Come and try your best to answer trivia questions about almost anything! No need to form any teams, just come in and see what kind of knowledge you have hidden away! Sign up is not required.



Milk & Cookies Family Storytime [All families]

Enjoy some milk and cookies with some special bedtime stories!

Tuesdays: November 8 and 22;

December 6 and 20;

January 10 and 24.

6:00-6:30 p.m., no sign up required.



Stories & Crafts [Grades K-4]

"A Time for Thanks"

Monday, Nov. 21 from 5-6 p.m.

Please register.

"Holiday Magic" Monday, Dec. 12
from 5-6 p.m. Please register.

"It's Wintertime" Monday, Jan. 23
from 5-6 p.m. Please register.



4th & 5th Grade Book Club – be sure to sign up in advance to receive your very own copy of the month's book...to keep...

forever! Come to book club and talk about it over snacks!

Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 1:30 p.m.:

Sideways Stories from

Wayside School Sign up (in person) required. Space is limited!



4th & 5th Grade Arts & Crafts Club

–following Book Club, we will explore a different art form and work on a creative project!

Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 2:00 p.m.:

Color by Number

Please register.



Biography Book Club [Grades 2 and up]

Each week we will

explore the life of a famous person through a picture book. Snacks and drinks will be served. Wednesday, November 2, 9, 16, 30.

December 7 and 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Please register.



Happy Noon Year Party!

Thursday, Dec. 29,
from 11:00 a.m. to

12:30 p.m. [Grade 3 and up]

Kids 3rd grade and older are invited to ring in the New Year at NOON!

We'll celebrate with stories, games, confetti and a snack.

Please register.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Wed., January 4, 2012

from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
[All ages]

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to this evening story time, then tuck him into bed here at the library.

We'll keep a very close eye on all the special visitors, and may take a picture or two to show you all the fun they had in the library!

Please register.



Stuffed Animal Pick-up Thursday, January 5, 2012

from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
[All ages]

Return to pick up your animal, make a craft project and receive a picture of his overnight antics.

Please register.

Books of the Month

November

Picture Book – *Maisy Goes to the City* by Lucy Cousins

Juvenile – *My Life in Pink and Green* by Lisa Greenwald

December

Picture Book – *Boo Hoo Bird* by Jeremy Tankard

Juvenile – *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

January

Picture Book – *Miss Brooks Loves*

Books! (and I don't) by Barbara Bottner

Juvenile – *Skulduggery Pleasant* by Derek Landy

Ongoing Food Drive



The Lansing Public Library collects donations all year long for the Lansing Food Pantry. Drop off your donations across from the lower level circulation desk.

Museum & Zoo Passes

Visit a variety! Sponsored by Macy's, participation varies. Visit our website for details about discounts, hours and locations.

Museums include:

- Air Classics Museum of Air and Space
- Arlington Heights Historical Museum
- Bronzeville Children's Museum
- Brookfield Zoo
- Cantigny Park
- Chicago Botanic Garden
- Cuneo Museum and Gardens
- Elgin History Museum
- Elgin Public Museum
- Graue Mill and Museum
- Lake County Discovery Museum
- Mitchell Museum of the American Indian
- Oriental Institute Museum
- St. Charles Heritage Museum
- The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

Historical Society Holiday Hours



Festival of Lights Tree Exhibit Hours

Open Nov. 28 through Dec. 31, 2011

Mondays

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Museum Closed

Wednesdays

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.


Thursdays

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fridays Museum Closed

Saturdays

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Teen Crochet 4-5:30	2 YS Biog. Club 4:30 Knit 6:00 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30	3 Teen Puzzle Day 3:30 Cooking: Holiday Appetizers 6:30	4	5 Writers Group 10-12:30
6	7 Storytimes Begin YS Pirate Party 6:00	8 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00 Reality Check Non-Fiction Book Disc. 6:30	9 YS Biog. Club 4:30	10 Teen Game Day 4-6 Slides: Food Around the World 6:30	11 Knit 10:30	12 Book Sale 9-11 members only 9-10 Dead Relatives 9:30-11 Lego Day 2-3:30
13	14 Friends Meet 6:30	15 Mystery Disc. 11:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 How to Get Through Holiday Blues 6:30	16 YS Biog. Club 4:30 Knit 6:00 Download Free eBooks and audiobooks 6:30	17 Library Board 6:30 Family Reading Night 6:30	18	19 Writers Group 10-12:30 YS Craft: African Drums 2:00
20	21 YS Story/Craft 5-6	22 Teen Craft: Angry Birds 3:30-6 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00	23 Library Closes @ 5:00	24 Library Closed	25 Knit 10:30	26
27	28 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 	29 Teen Book Disc. 4:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30	30 Teen Movie: <i>Soul Surfer</i> 4:00 YS Biog. Club 4:30 Knit 6:00	Please check the newsletter for details, ages and registration requirements.		

Nov. 2011

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4	5 Adult Winter Reading Begins	6 Teen Advisory Board 4:00 Teen Crochet 4-5:30 Milk/Cookie 6:00	7 YS Biog. Club 4:30 Avid Reads Book Disc. 6:30	8 Teen Game Day 4-6 YS Craft: Snowman 6:00	9 Knit 10:30	10 Book Sale 9-11 members only 9-10 Dead Relatives 9:30-11 Lego Day 2-3:30
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