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March, April, May 2024

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ONE BOOK ONE COUNTY 2024

One Book One County at Branch District Library aims to bring together the community of readers from every corner of Branch County. By delving into books that touch our hearts and minds, we hope to inspire, uplift, and enlighten all readers.

2024 Book Selection *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

"Ah, to be a human, for whom bliss can be achieved by mere ignorance! Here, in the kingdom of animals, ignorance is dangerous. The poor herring dropped into the tank lacks any awareness of the shark lurking below. Ask the herring whether what he doesn't know can hurt him."

—Marcelles (The Octopus)



**Join a conversation
happening at all locations!**

Algansee: Wed., Mar. 27, 5:00

Bronson: Fri., Mar. 22, 11:00

Coldwater: Tue., Mar. 19, 5:00 &
Wed., Mar. 27, 10:00

Quincy: Wed., Mar. 20, 5:00

Sherwood: Mon., Mar. 25, 5:00

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ALGANSEE

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Tuesday Tales

Join us for songs, games, crafts, and stories as we explore books together. For ages 1-5. **Held at 1070 E. Central Rd., in Quincy at Paula Preston's Daycare.**

Weekly on Tue. at 10:30

Little Explorers Storytime

Join us for songs, games, crafts, and stories as we explore books together. For ages 1-5.

Weekly on Wed. at 11:00

Mission Demolition

Tear apart some retired electronics and see how they work.

Thu., Mar. 7, 4:25

DIY Light-up Card

Spark some creativity as we design our own light-up cards.

Thu., Mar. 14, 4:25

Snap Circuit Fun

Play with science as we learn how circuits are created.

Thu., Mar. 21, 4:25

Potato Power!

Watch an average spud become something greater.

Thu., Mar. 28, 4:25

The Science Behind Twister

Create some twisters of our own as we learn about tornadoes.

Thu., Apr. 4, 4:25

Blow Your Top

Have some explosive fun as we learn about volcanoes hands-on.

Thu., Apr. 11, 4:25

Don't Yodel

Let's find out if you could outrace the natural disaster known as an avalanche.

Thu., Apr. 18, 4:25

Killer Waves

Discover what causes tsunamis and the devastation they create with a hands-on experiment.

Thu., Apr. 25, 4:25

Wasting Away

Let's get rotting! We are going to put together jars of scrap veggies/fruit to see how much gas they create this month.

Thu., May 2, 4:25

Nature's Purification System

Replicate nature's great system as we build a natural water filter of our own.

Thu., May 9, 4:25

Happy Little Clouds

Learn the secret language of clouds while we create a cloud in a jar.

Thu., May 16, 4:25

Nature's Clean-Up Crew

Bugs, scavengers, spores, and bacteria. Oh my!

Thu., May 23, 4:25

Where the Storm Waters Run

Time to take chances and get messy as we learn about water sheds.

Thu., May 30, 4:25

Book Bag Buddies Adoption Program

Read 3 books each month to earn the book bag buddy adoption fee and choose a special stuffed animal keychain. For ages 5-17.

March - May

Sneaky Squirrel Club

Do you want to join a Top Secret Club with a super cool mascot and important missions? If so, the Sneaky Squirrel Club could be for you. For ages 5-17.

Weekly on Tue. at 4:25

LEGO Club

Use your imagination and engineering skills as we create with LEGO blocks. For ages 5-17.

Fri., Mar. 1, Mar. 15, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, Apr. 19, May 3, May 17, May 31, 4:25

Family Movie

Join us for popcorn and laughs as we watch *Night at the Museum*.

Fri., Mar. 8, 4:25

Forts at the Library

Let's make a sheet fort in the library to hide and read books.

Sat., Mar. 16, 10:00 - 12:00

ALGANSEE (continued)

Museum Party

Get your History Groove on and help us put Rexie back together and compete in the Dumb Dumb bubble gum challenge.

Fri., Mar. 22, 4:25

Family Movie Night

Let's watch some really *Angry Birds* get revenge on the pigs.

Fri., Apr. 12, 4:25

So 90's Saturday Morning

A nostalgic morning of cartoons and pop tarts. PJ's are encouraged.

Sat., Apr. 13, 10:00 – 12:00

Angry Bird Challenge

Build catapults to launch angry birds at despicable swine.

Fri., Apr. 26, 4:25

Family Movie

Time for popcorn and fun as we watch *Ferngully*.

Fri., May 10, 4:25

Wii Weekend

Time to challenge each other at a game on the Wii.

Sat., May 11, 10:00 – 12:00

The Recycling Challenge

It's time for a recycling challenge. Let the games begin.

Fri., May 24, 4:25

Coffee and Craft

Bring your own craft, or not, and join everyone for coffee/tea and social time.

Mon., Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13, 1:00

Spring Flower Bouquet ^R

Think spring as you create pipe cleaner flower bouquets.

Mon., Mar. 4, 1:00

DIY- Dryer Sheets ^R

Learn how to make your own reusable dryer sheets.

Mon., March 18, 1:00

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Wed., Mar. 27, 5:00

Wind Chime Craft ^R

Recycle old metals into a sweet sound as you create Tin Owl Wind Chimes.

Mon., Apr. 1, 1:00

DIY - All Purpose Cleaner ^R

Make your own all-purpose cleaner that you can personalize with scents.

Mon., Apr. 15, 1:00

Fairy Jars ^R

Welcome spring as you create a woodland jar fit for a fairy.

Mon., May 6, 1:00

DIY - Roll on Perfume ^R

Create your own signature scent using essential oils.

Mon., May 20, 1:00

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

FOR GRADES 7-12

TAC members help plan teen programs, volunteer at events, make recommendations for books, and help with fundraising. Members meet once a month at the Coldwater branch.



For more information or to apply, contact Nicky Ball at 517-278-2341, ext. 7, or BallN@BranchDistrictLibrary.org.

BRONSON

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Toddler Time Storytime

Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs, and playtime. This program is best for ages Baby - 3 years.

Weekly on Thu. at 10:15

Friday Tales

Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs, and simple crafts. This program is best for ages 3-5.

Weekly on Fri. at 10:15

Barbie!

Celebrate the birthday of the Barbie doll! Look at some books about Barbie, learn interesting facts, and have some fun refreshments. Bring your favorite Barbie with you! For ages 6-11.

Wed., Mar. 6, 4:00

Peeps Diorama

Using sugary sweet Peeps you will create your own unique diorama. For ages 6-11.

Wed., Mar. 13, 4:00

Rechenka's Eggs

Hear the story of Rechenka's Eggs and then make your own paper pysanky egg. For ages 6-11.

Wed., Mar. 20, 4:00

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop your stuffed animal off at the library to have a fun sleepover! Pick them up at noon on Mar. 28 and enjoy a pizza party with them! Limit 1 stuffed animal per child.

Wed., Mar. 27, 4:00 – 6:00

Meet Kaya

Meet Kaya from the American Girl series and then make your very own medicine bag.

Wed., Apr. 3, 4:00

Meet Kit

Meet American Girl Kit. Sew a Scottie dog pillow to take home. For age 6-11.

Wed., Apr. 10, 4:00

Money Smart

Learn about money. How to make it, save it, spend it wisely and much more. For ages 6-11.

Wed., Apr. 17, 4:00

Build a Stuffed Animal **R**

Register for one of three time slots for your child to create a plush stuffed animal. 10:30 Milkshake Bunny, 11:15 Fuzzy Ducky, 12:00 Tellie Turtle. Each session will last approximately 1/2 hour. One stuffy per child.

Sat., Apr. 20, 10:30 – 12:30

Paper Flowers

Make paper flowers out of tissue paper and coffee filters. For ages 6-11.

Wed., Apr. 24, 4:00

Cinco de Mayo

Learn about Cinco de Mayo and make some fun crafts to take home. For ages 6-11.

Wed., May 1, 4:00

Minute to Win It

An hour of fun and hilarious games and activities. For ages 6-11.

Wed., May 8, 4:00

Let's Talk Summer!

Learn about the Summer Reading Program and the many fun activities happening during June and July. Refreshments will be served. For ages 6-11.

Wed., May 15, 4:00

Barbie's Birthday

Enjoy a display of Barbie dolls and books, learn some great Barbie facts, do a craft, and enjoy refreshments.

Sat., Mar. 9, 10:30 – 12:30

Family LEGO Night

Bring the whole family and build with LEGO blocks.

Fri., Mar. 15, 6:00

D.E.A.R. - Sit and Read

Calling all readers! Let's pack the library with readers. Find a cozy spot in the library and sit and read for half an hour. Then once the library closes, join us for a pizza party to help celebrate books, reading, and libraries.

Fri., Apr. 12, 5:30

Family Night - Build a **R** Birdhouse with Mr. Steve

Free Birdhouse Kits will be provided.

Fri., Apr. 19, 6:00

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Plant a Flower

Stop by the library and plant a flower in a pot to take home. Keep it or give it away for Mother's Day.

Sat., May 11, 10:30

Family Movie Night

Join us for a family-friendly movie! Contact the library for the title.

Fri., May 17, 6:00

Booklovers 'R' Us

Come for coffee and donuts and share what books you read last month.

Mon, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, 10:15

Spring Decoration

Make a fence out of paint sticks, add a paper covered bunny, beads, and carrots for an adorable spring decoration. For ages 18 and up.

Thu., Mar. 21, 4:30

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Fri., Mar. 22, 11:00

Quilt Square Picture

Create a quilt square using scrapbooking paper. For ages 18 and up.

Thu., Apr. 18, 4:30

Essential Oil Body Wash

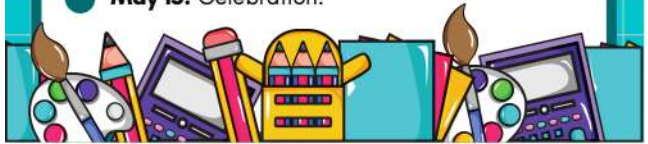
Create your very own bottle of fragrant body wash. For ages 18 and up.

Thu., May 16, 4:30

HOMESCHOOL ESCAPADES

Wednesdays at 2 pm for school-age children at the **Bronson Branch!**

-  **Mar. 6:** DIY Paint
-  **Mar. 13:** LEGO, Perler Beads, Electronics
-  **Mar. 20:** Storytelling
-  **Apr. 3:** Marbled Paper
-  **Apr. 10:** Journal Making
-  **Apr. 17:** Stop-Motion Animation Part 1
-  **Apr. 24:** Stop-Motion Animation Part 2
-  **May 1:** Let's Build A Siege Engine!
-  **May 8:** Drawing Machine
-  **May 15:** Celebration!



"COFFEE HOUSE"

Mondays at 4 pm for ages 11-17 at the Bronson Branch!
Something fun every week!

Mar. 4: Art Steve's
Way: Clay

Mar. 11: Makerspace:
Let's build a siege engine!

Mar. 18: Anime:
Cowboy Bebop

Mar. 25: Games:
Ticket To Ride

Apr. 1: Perler Beads

Apr. 8: LEGO!

Apr. 15: Stop-Motion
Animation Part 1

Apr. 29: Stop-Motion
Animation Part 2

May 6: Paper Airplanes!

May 13: Pizza and Anime!



Early Literacy



Programming designed to support families with children from birth through Kindergarten.

Early literacy services provide the foundation parents and caregivers need to grow great readers and prepare children to succeed in preschool and kindergarten.

Storytimes

Bring your little ones to the library and begin raising readers. These sessions provide engaging interactions with words and reading to foster children's early literacy skills while also building social and emotional skills. Check branch listings for schedules!

Playaway Launchpads

Playaway Launchpads come preloaded with a mix of educational and fun content centered on an educational theme.



They are 100% secure with no risk for unintended content and do not require an internet connection. Each tablet has a 7-inch screen and circulates with a protective bumper case. Perfect for our younger digital users!

"A child who reads will be an adult that thinks."



The idea is simple. The rewards are priceless.

Reading Program for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

Pick out books at home or at the Library and start reading to your child today! Track your child's progress using the online app, Beanstack, or paper logs from the library. Children will receive small incentives as they read!



COLDWATER

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Storytime

Join us to read, write, sing, talk and play!

Weekly on Tue. at 10:30

Tween Book Read Aloud

Tweens join to have library staff, and special guests, read you a book. Come enjoy a snack and an activity. For ages 10-15.

Weekly on Thu. at 3:30

PJ Storytime

Snuggle in for a calming family storytime that focuses on the elements of literacy: Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play!

Weekly on Thu. at 5:30

What the Hoot?!

Kahoot for Kids! Test out your colors, shapes, sounds, and other trivia knowledge, and enjoy a snack!

Tue., Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, 3:00

Get Craftin'

Drop in and get your craft on with different materials and projects each time!

Wed., Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Apr. 3, Apr. 17, May 1, May 15, 4:00 - 6:00

Homeschool Hangout

Join us for an hour of fun: crafts, STEM, history, and life skills. Something new and fun each month!

Thu., Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, 1:00

Pen Pals

Become pen pals with library staff and write letters back and forth! Create custom stationary and try out different techniques. For ages 5-12.

Fri., Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, 3:00

Movie Night

Join us as we watch a movie and eat a snack!

Fri., Mar. 22, Apr. 26, May 24, 4:00

March is Reading Month Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can in the month of March. Then join us on April 2 for a party to celebrate.

March 1 - 31

Leprechaun Day!

Green, green, and more green! What better way to celebrate as we talk about Leprechauns and St. Patrick with crafts and games.

Sat., Mar. 16, 10:00

Bunny Day!

Nothing is better than bunnies, baskets, and eggs! Join us for a special Easter craft and games!

Fri., Mar. 29, 10:00

March is Reading Month Party

Celebrate all the books we read in March with a party of the readers' choosing!

Tue., Apr. 2, 4:00

Total Eclipse

A total Eclipse is on its way! Stop in for a chance to get your eclipse glasses, play games, and learn about the eclipse.

Sat., Apr. 6, 10:00

Earth Wise

Learn about Earth Day and how we can help keep our planet safe and healthy! Make your own paper from recycled materials, create seed bombs to take home and grow!

Tue., Apr. 23, 3:30

Mother's Day Flower

Baskets

Make a small floral arrangement to take home for Mother's Day! For ages 5-12.

Fri., May 10, 4:00

Mother's Day Craft

Drop in to create a special card and craft just in time to gift to a parent for Mother's Day.

Sat., May 11, 10:00 - 12:00

Memorial Day Craft

Enjoy a patriotic snack as we talk about Memorial Day, play games, and create a special craft.

Sat., May 25, 10:00

Art Club

Create something totally unique to take home.

Mon., Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, 5:00

COLDWATER (continued)

Teen/Tween Anime Club

Watch anime and have a Japanese-inspired snack!
For ages 10-18.

**Wed., Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22,
4:00**

Flashback Game Night

Have a blast from your past with a night of nostalgic board games.

Fri., Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, 4:00

Teen Trivia

Put your knowledge to the test in this monthly trivia competition. Winner will receive a gift card!

**Fri., Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17,
5:00**

March Reading Challenge

Pick up a reading challenge log in Teen Space and track how much time you spend reading this month. Participants will be rewarded with a fun night of Nintendo and snacks on April 3.

March 1- March 31

SAT Prep Workshop **R**

Get ready for the SAT! We will take practice tests, review the answers, and discuss test-taking strategies.

Wed., Mar. 6, Mar. 20, 5:00

Pi Day Fun!

It's Pi Day and we are having a circular celebration in Teen Space. Drop in for some fun crafts and a yummy treat.

Thu., Mar. 14, 3:00

YA Book Club

Meet to discuss popular YA titles! The March selection is *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir.

Tue., Mar. 19, 4:00

I Got It!

Join us to play this easy-to-learn, fast-paced card game.

Fri., Mar. 22, May 14, 4:00

Egg-cellent Art

Bring your creativity and decorate a faux Easter egg.

Mon., Mar. 25, 3:00

Escape Room in the Library **R**

Think you have what it takes to escape the library? Work together to solve riddles and complete this fun quest.

Fri., Mar. 29, 2:00

Teen Reading Challenge Party

Teens who complete the March is Reading Month challenge log will celebrate with an afternoon of Nintendo Switch and snacks.

Wed., Apr. 3, 3:00

Native Bee House **R**

Create a native bee house and learn how it helps your backyard pollinators.

Sat., Apr. 6, 1:00

YA Book Club

Meet to discuss popular YA titles! The April selection is *The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen* by Isaac Blum.

Tue., Apr. 16, 4:00

Book Page Flowers **R**

Learn to make paper roses using recycled book pages.

Wed., May 8, 4:00

YA Book Club

Meet to discuss popular YA titles! The May selection is *When Stars are Scattered*, a graphic novel by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.

Tue., May 21, 4:00

De-Stress Fest

Feeling stressed during finals week? Drop in to the library to unwind with some stress-busting activities, snacks, and some furry friends.

**Tue. - Thu., May 28 - May 30,
3:00 - 6:00**

"Classics" Book Club

Do you enjoy reading juvenile classic novels? Each month we will read a different classic novel and join together to chat about the book in a non-traditional book club setting!

**Mon., Mar. 11, Apr. 8, May 13,
4:00**

Crafternoon **R**

Join one of our talented library staff members in a guided craft. Gettin' crafty in the crafternoon!

**Wed., Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8,
2:00**

COLDWATER (continued)**Ready for Ramadan!**

All are welcome to join us in learning about Ramadan and its traditions. Then enjoy a craft for the young (and young at heart) to help celebrate this special holiday.

Tue., Mar. 5, 5:00

Family Game Day

Browse our selection of board games and most importantly have fun! For ages 4 and up.

Thu., Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 2, 4:00

Every Now and Zen

Find your zen, relax, and participate in the art of yoga! All are welcome!

Fri., Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17, 3:00

Birds of Prey

See an array of live birds of prey, presented by Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehab Center. Learn about these incredible birds and their role in our ecosystem.

Tue., Mar. 26, 4:00

Jewelry Making ^R

Join us as we make earrings, bracelets, necklaces and more! For ages 12 and up.

Thu., Mar. 28, 2:00

Armchair Travel ^R

Travel the world through reading, videos, and trying different foods. No airfare required, just come to the library! For ages 9 and up.

Tue., Apr. 9, 1:00

Library Informational Panel

Celebrate National Library Week and learn all about our upcoming bookmobile and the resources your library has available to you!

Wed., Apr. 10, 4:00

Poetry Out Loud!

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry reading at the library. All are welcomed to attend this open-mic event. Share your favorite poem or an original or just come to listen.

Fri., Apr. 12, 5:00

Coldwater Trivia

Test your knowledge on local trivia. Gift cards will be rewarded to the top 2. For ages 12 and up.

Fri., Apr. 26, 5:00

Garden Meditation Day ^R

Make a tiny fantasy herb garden using decorative gems, stones and figurines. For ages 11 and up.

Fri., May 3, 4:00

Spring Wildflower Walk ^R

Learn how to identify native spring wildflowers on this 1-mile guided walk at Rotary Park. For ages 8 and up.

Sat., May 4, 10:00

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will have a presentation and bring in live animals that live at their facility.

Fri., May 31, 3:00

Bunny Book Tote Bag ^R

Create a bunny book tote bag for March is Reading Month.

Mon., Mar. 11, 2:00

Romance Book Club

Come out and enjoy a good book, with a guaranteed happily ever after. The March pick is *Every Duke Has His Day* by Suzanne Enoch.

Tue., Mar. 12, 4:00

Shaker Card Craft ^R

Make a shaker card for any occasion full of confetti.

Fri., Mar. 15, 3:00

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Tue., Mar. 19, 5:00 or Wed., Mar. 27, 10:00

Romance Book Club

Come out and enjoy a good book, with a guaranteed happily ever after. The April pick is *Much Ado About Nada* by Uzma Jalaluddin.

Tue., Apr. 9, 4:00

Spring Floral Tree ^R

Make a springtime floral tree with a foam cone and faux floral.

Fri., Apr. 12, 1:00

Cricut 101 ^R

Learn basic skills and designs strategies using the famous Cricut machine.

Thu., Apr. 18, 2:00

COLDWATER (continued)

Morning Book Club

The April title is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni.

Wed., Apr. 24, 10:00

Romance Book Club

Come out and enjoy a good book, with a guaranteed happily ever after. The May pick is *Raiders of the Lost Heart* by Jo Segura.

Tue., May 14, 4:00

All About Daylilies **R**

Daylilies are among one of the most carefree of all flowering sun perennials. Hear from Chad Bush, owner of Colorful Chaos Daylilies in Alma, MI, about this amazing flower!

Wed., May 15, 4:00

Morning Book Club

The May title is *The Swifts: a Dictionary of Scoundrels* by Beth Lincoln.

Wed., May 22, 10:00

Beginning Smart Phone **R** Photography Class

Learn beginning smartphone photography from a professional. Learn how to upload photos to the cloud, print and send photos using various applications. All phone makes and models welcome.

Wed., May 22, 1:00



Grow a Garden with your Library!



Opening soon for the 2024 gardening season are the Seed Libraries at the Coldwater and Lucille E. Dearth Union Twp. Branch. Seeds are available on a first-come first-serve basis for as long as our supply lasts. Seeds will be added as they become available. Come browse our collection of vegetable and flower seeds, as well as a few heirloom varieties, all available for free!

How it works:



Patrons may "check out" up to 10 seed packets per household - no more than 2 of the same kind, please.



Plant them and enjoy your harvest. Please allow one plant to go to seed.



Bring saved seeds back to the library in the fall and fill out a donation form.



QUINCY

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Storytime at Little Orioles Preschool

Read books and do an activity sheet. *Held at 15 E. Liberty St. in Quincy at Little Orioles Preschool.*
Weekly on Thu. at 11:00

Storytime

Book, snack, and craft for ages 2-5.
Weekly on Fri. at 10:30

Make a Reading Buddy Stuffie!

To kick off March Is Reading Month, create your own Reading Buddy! We will be doing a Noah's Ark Workshop - making our own stuffed animal.
Sat., Mar. 2, 1:30

Let Down Your Hair

Rapunzel let down her hair - now we're going to braid it and make it into a bookmark!
Mon., Mar. 11, 3:30

Borax Crystals

Make your own crystals out of borax and do a craft.
Mon., Mar. 25, 3:30

Easter Masks & Crafts

Make cute Easter masks and a craft.
Mon., Apr. 1, 3:30

April Showers Bring May Flowers

Welcome spring colors back with a fun craft.
Mon., Apr. 15, 3:30

Feed the Birds!

Make a homemade bird feeder to take home, hang up, and let the birdies eat.
Mon., Apr. 29, 3:30

Mother's Day Hanging Baskets

Come get messy & make a vibrant hanging basket.
Mon., May 6, 3:30

Walking Water Experiment

Explore with us to see if we can make water walk to make a rainbow.
Mon., May 13, 3:30

Bubble-y Art

Let's blow lots of bubbles & make fun art!
Mon., May 20, 3:30

Braided Bookmarks

Make a braided bookmark and decorate with Spring colors. For ages 12-17.
Wed., Mar. 6, 3:30

Borax Crystal Making

Make crystals out of borax and do a craft. For ages 12-17.
Wed., Mar. 20, 3:30

Easter Egg Rocks!

Put on your creative caps and paint adorable Easter egg rocks. For ages 12-17.
Wed., Apr. 3, 3:30

Hanging Succulent Garden

Make a succulent garden that you can hang on your wall. For ages 12-17.
Wed., Apr. 17, 3:30

Mother's Day Hanging Baskets

Come get messy & make a vibrant hanging basket. It could make a wonderful gift for the special person in your life. For ages 12-17.
Wed., May 8, 3:30

Gum Drop Engineering

Come get creative and build a structure with gum drops. The tallest standing structure will win a prize! For ages 12-17.
Wed., May 22, 3:30

Total Solar Eclipse

Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President, Richard Bell, will give a preview of the historic Solar Eclipse event, explain why solar eclipses occur, and show how to view them safely.
Mon., Mar. 18, 3:30

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.
Wed., Mar. 20, 5:00

Spring Is In The Air

Let's welcome Spring back in by making a wonderful Spring wreath!
Tues., Apr. 2, 10:30

Cookies & Canvas

Paint a beautiful spring picture and have cookies with an instructor from Hillsdale Craft Supply.
Tue., May 21, 11:00

SHERWOOD

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Storytime

Story time with the littles.
For ages up to 5.

Weekly on Thu. at 10:30

Mosaic Paper Shamrocks

Use card stock, construction paper, and tissue paper to create your own Shamrock!
For ages 5-12.

Tue., Mar. 12, 4:00

On the go - Tic-Tac-Toe

Make your own travel sized game of tic-tac-toe using recycled cardboard and bottle caps! For ages 5-12.

Tue., Apr. 9, 4:00

Terra Cotta Planter

Painting

Paint a flower pot and plant a seed! For ages 12-18.

Tue., Apr. 23, 4:00

Pressed Flower Bookmark

Make your own pressed flower bookmark using tape, fresh flowers and ribbon! For ages 12-18.

Tue., Apr. 30, 4:00

Stained Glass Jars

Turn plain jars into works of art with Sharpies! For ages 12-18.

Tue., May 28, 4:00

Design Your Own Bookmark!

Create a bookmark from your favorite book!

Tue., Mar. 5, 4:00

Spring Cardboard Wreaths

Celebrate the coming Spring by making a wreath from cardboard, ribbon, and flowers. For ages 5-18.

Tue., Mar. 19, 4:00

(STEM) Marshmallow & Spaghetti Towers

See who can build the tallest standing tower using only spaghetti noodles and marshmallows!

Tue., Mar. 26, 4:00

Bird Feeders

Take care of your feathered friends by building them a bird feeder out of popsicle sticks! For ages 8-18.

Tue., Apr. 2, 4:00

Stress Balls

School stressing you out? Come to the library and make your own stress ball out of balloons and rice! For ages 5-18.

Tue., Apr. 16, 4:00

Mother's Day Picture Frames

Make that wonderful woman in your life a picture frame for Mother's Day! For ages 5-18.

Tue., May 7, 4:00

Water Bottle Spirals

Create wind spirals using water bottles and color with Sharpies to catch the sunlight! For ages 5-18.

Tue., May 14, 4:00

Light-Up Planets

Paint ping pong balls and use battery-operated tea lights to light them up, creating your own planets!
For ages 5-18.

Tue., May 21, 4:00

Moss Easter Bunnies **R**

This DIY moss bunny project is simple and easy to do, but will add some charm and character to your Easter décor this year!

Thu., Mar. 14, 5:00

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Mon., Mar. 25, 5:00

Bring Your Own Craft!

Bring your own craft to the library. This program is after hours so it will be peaceful and relaxing.

Thu., Apr. 25, 5:00

Terrarium Magnets **R**

Decorate your home with these DIY terrarium magnets for a unique & fun way to show off your air plant collection!

Thu., May 9, 5:00

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Storytime

Stories, songs, and crafts for infants and toddlers.

Weekly on Wed. at 11:00

LEGO Club

Come join us in building fun and creative structures. For ages 5-12.

Wed., Mar. 27, 3:00

Earth Day Handprint Craft

Take a quiz on plastics and create an Earth Day craft. For ages 7-12.

Fri., Apr. 19, 3:00

Handmade Mother's Day Cards

Make your mom's day a little brighter with this creative handmade card. For ages 7-12.

Fri., May 3, 3:00

Book Tasting [®]

Come "taste" a selection of genres and give reviews to share with others. For ages 7-12.

Wed., May 15, 3:00

Shamrock Slime Creation

Create goopy green slime just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Wed., Mar. 13, 3:00

Spring Break Escape Room

Work together to complete tasks and clues which unlock answers to a final solution.

Fri., Mar. 29, 3:00

Magazine Poem Collage

Use words, quotes, emoji's, and pictures to make a poem masterpiece.

Fri., Apr. 5, 3:00

Puzzlemaker Creations

Make your own word search puzzles online.

Fri., Apr. 26, 3:00

DIY Yarn Flower Creations

Create fun and unique yarn flowers. For ages 12-18.

Wed., May 1, 3:00

Leprechaun Craft

Create a fun leprechaun craft to display for St. Patrick's Day. For ages 7-15.

Fri., Mar. 15, 3:00

Roots and Shoots Seed Library Spring Celebration

Celebrate the new garden year with refreshments, new seeds, door prizes, and inspiring visits with other garden enthusiasts.

Sat., Mar. 16, 9:00 – 1:00

Spring Break BINGO

Come play for a chance to win a prize. For ages 5-18.

Tue., Mar. 26, 11:00

Movie Day - Ruby Gillman Teenage Kraken

Join us for a movie day with some popcorn and treats!

Thu., Mar. 28, 3:00

Family Board Game Fun

Bring a game or check out some of our games!

Thu., Apr. 18, 3:00

Scrabble Game Day

Play Scrabble to celebrate National Scrabble Day.

Mon., May 13, 3:00

Family Movie: *Night at the Museum*

Celebrate International Museum Day with a movie.

Fri., May 17, 3:00

Michigan Mysteries 2024

Author and shipwreck hunter, Ross Richardson, will share stories of missing persons, missing aircraft, and missing ships of the Michigan Region.

Wed., Mar. 6, 6:00

St. Patrick's Gnome Planter [®]

Create your very own festive gnome planter.

Fri., Mar. 8, 2:00

One Book One County

Join us in discussing the One Book One County pick, *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Tue., Mar. 26, 5:00

Celebrate Gardening

Encourage gardeners and would-be gardeners to pick up a shovel, plant some seeds, and have some fun!

Fri., Apr. 12, 2:00

DIY Watercolor Tile [®] Coasters

Spruce up your coffee table with a unique and bold new look with DIY coasters.

Wed., May 22, 3:00



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