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Summer Reading Program 2026

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PROGRAM REGISTRATION Online:
BranchDistrictLibrary.org using our Events Calendar

In Person:
Any Library Location

By Phone:
Call any Library Location

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SUMMER READING IS HERE!



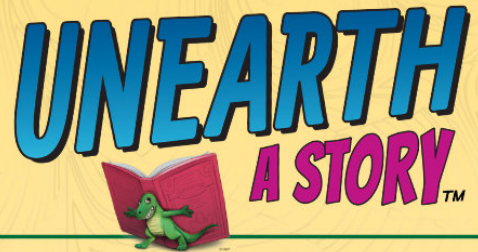
Welcome to your Library's Summer Event Guide. Get ready to connect to a summer packed with exciting programs, fun challenges, and great prizes for kids, teens, and adults! The 2026 Summer Reading Program is all about dinosaurs, fossils, and discovery. Join us as we explore the past and Unearth a Story!

Friends of the Library Summer Books Sales

June 5 – June 6: Quincy Friends of the Library, open during regular Quincy Branch hours.



June 20: Coldwater Friends of the Library, open during regular Coldwater Branch hours.



Library Closures (All Locations)


Friday, June 19, 2026
Saturday, July 4, 2026





Bronson Branch Only

Friday, July 17 – Saturday, July 18, 2026

EVENT DIGEST FOR ONLINE CALENDAR

Subscribe to a weekly newsletter to receive updates on exciting new and timeless events at the Branch District Library, tailored specifically for you!

- Start at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar and 
- Pick the category you want to follow (Library, Crafts, Book Club, Storytime, etc.)
- Next, select the age group you want to get weekly updates on for upcoming events.
- Attend and have a great time! Make sure you fill out a program survey and let us know how we are doing.

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|  | Children – Programs designed for those under 12. |
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Some events require registration and are marked with an "R". Register online at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar or call any library. Registration opens 45 days before the event.



UNEARTH A STORY™



Sign Up

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

JUNE 8-JULY 25

Fill your summer with fun at your local library!

- Fun Kick-off Party on June 6 in Heritage Park from 5:00 - 7:00!
- Rewarding reading challenges!
- Awesome Grand Prizes!
- Captivating storytimes!
- Complimentary programs and activities for all ages!

MORE INFORMATION: www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/SRP



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SRP KICK-OFF PARTY

JUNE 6
5:00 - 7:00

All Ages

FREE

JOIN US FOR A RAWRING GOOD TIME! DIG FOR FOSSILS, ADOPT A DINO, TAKE PHOTOS WITH DINOSAURS, AND SO MUCH MORE!

LOCATED AT:
HERITAGE PARK YOUTH BASEBALL/
SOFTBALL COMPLEX (OFF
NORTHSHORE DRIVE) IN COLDWATER

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



ALGANSEE BRANCH

Tuesday Tales

Weekly on Tuesday, 10:30, at 1070 E. Central Rd., in Quincy at Paula Preston's Daycare. (Not held on July 28)

Join us for songs, games, crafts, and stories as we explore books together. For infants and toddlers.

Dino Tales

Weekly on Thursday, 3:00

Each week we will dig into a new story while enjoying a frozen treat.

Dino Dig

Friday, June 5, 3:00

Become a paleontologist as we carefully excavate fossils in the library's back yard.

Ready, Set, Race!

Tuesday, June 9, 3:00

Paint your own unique dinosaur car and race it to the finish line.

Bounce into Summer Reading

Friday, June 12, 2:00 – 5:00

Bounce into Summer Reading fun on a dinosaur bounce house and slide. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Cretaceous Crafts

Tuesday, June 16, 3:00

Prepare for warmer, sun-filled days by painting a dinosaur sun catcher.

All Cracked Up

Tuesday, June 23, 3:00

We will be cracking eggs and jokes while dying our own speckled, dinosaur eggs.

Dino Egg Explosion

Friday, June 26, 3:00

Discover how many rubber bands it takes to make a dinosaur egg explode!

Hatching Day

Tuesday, June 30, 3:00

Pick a mystery egg from the nest and help it hatch. Then discover what species of dinosaur you have adopted and how to care for it.

Dino DNA

Tuesday, July 7, 3:00

Create your own dinosaurs like the team of geneticists at Jurassic Park. Mr. DNA will explain genetic codes. Learn the roots of dinosaur names and design your very own dinosaur.

McDinos

Friday, July 10, 3:00

Welcome to McDinos! Create Carnivore Combos and Herbivore Salads as we learn what hungry dinosaurs like to eat.

I Spy Dinosaurs

Tuesday, July 14, 3:00

I spy with my little eye... DINOSAURS! Find the dinosaurs hidden around the library and enjoy a fun dino craft.

Jurassic Hunt

Friday, July 17, 3:00

Dinosaurs have been spotted in the library, and it's time to take action! Grab your Nerf blasters and join the hunt to track them down in a thrilling dinosaur scavenger hunt.

Cave Tales

Tuesday, July 21, 3:00

Gather around cave dwellers, for some dinosaur sized tales with our projector flashlight illustrating our stories.

Treasures Within

Friday, July 24, 3:00

Never judge a book by its cover or a geode by its shell. Let's crack them both open and see what treasures lie inside.

Dinosaur Tea Party - R

Tuesday, July 28, 3:00

Let's have a roaring good time wrapping up summer reading with a Dinosaur Tea Party. You are welcome to bring your favorite dinosaur or stuffy to meet the library dinosaurs and say goodbye to summer. Please register.

Honey Bee Gnomes - R

Monday, June 8, 1:00

Welcome happy summer vibes while painting a sweet plaster honey bee gnome. Please register.

Crafter's Corner

Monday, June 15, July 13, 1:00

Bring your projects and gather with fellow crafters to share your skills and enjoy time together.

Macrame Flag - R

Monday, July 6, 1:00

Celebrate 250 years of American pride while making your own macrame American flag hanger. Please register.



Digging Up Your Past - R

Monday, July 20, 1:00

Learn how to dig up your family's story as Brittany, from the Holbrook Heritage Room, teaches you the basics of genealogy and how the library can help you get started. Please register.



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Toddler Time Storytime

Weekly on Thursday, 10:15
(Not held on July 30)

Welcome to Toddler Time Storytime, a magical world where little ones can immerse themselves in stories, fingerplays, songs, and playtime. For infants and toddlers.

Stories and More

Weekly on Thursday, 1:00
(Not held on July 30)

A weekly adventure pairing a book with an activity.

June 4: Jurassic Discovery Tour
June 11: Dinosaur Name Game
June 18: Dinosaur Puppet
June 25: What State Am I?

July 2: Patriotic Sun catchers
July 9: Pasta Paleontology
July 16: Triceratops Mask
July 23: Rocking Dinos

Friday Tales

Weekly on Friday, 10:15
(Not held on June 19, July 17,
July 31)

Embark on enchanting journeys through stories, fingerplays, songs, and spark creativity with simple crafts and playtime. Best for ages 3-5, but all ages are welcome.

Kids Create - Dino Discovery Eggs

Friday, June 5, 1:00

Learn how to create eggs that hold little dino surprises inside. You will make some to take home and also be able to open some during the program.

Dino Builders

Tuesday, June 9, 10:30

Joel Tacey's Tiptop Entertainment presents this hands-on STEM activity. It starts by showing off large, eye catching foam dino skeletons. Then everyone builds dinosaurs using large foam fossils. It's the prehistoric way for Youth to learn and play! Everyone is sure to have a roaring good time with foam fossil fun!

Kids Create - Blow Painting Fireworks

Friday, June 26, 1:00

To celebrate the United States 250th year, make a festive fireworks picture by using paint and a straw.



Kids Create - Stars and Stripes Wooden Flag

Friday, July 3, 1:00

Show your patriotism and celebrate the United States of America's 250th birthday by crafting your very own American flag art piece using colorful paint sticks.



Kids Create - Fingerprint Dinosaur Family

Friday, July 10, 1:00

Make a picture of a dinosaur family using your fingerprints.

Kids Create - Dinosaur Diorama

Friday, July 24, 1:00

Make a cool dinosaur diorama using a simple piece of paper.

Coffee House - Tween & Teen Program

Weekly on Monday, 2:00
(Not held on July 27)

Activities and fun for ages 11-17.

June 1: Plantersaurus
June 8: Dino Duels Trading Cards
June 15: Dino Grid Drawings
June 22: Cookie Excavation
June 29: Stars & Stripes Lanterns

July 6: History in Bricks
July 13: Stone Stories with Clay
July 20: Dinosaur Gardens

Jigsaw Junkies

Wednesday, June 17, July 15, 5:00 - 7:00

Puzzle Club is on! Pick from 32 different 300-piece puzzles and go solo, team up, or race someone to the finish. Refreshments served after 6:00.

Noon Movie

Weekly on Wednesday, 12:00
(Not held on July 29)

Bring your lunch or snack, a blanket or jacket (it gets cold downstairs!), and come enjoy a movie.

June 3: *Good Dinosaur*
June 10: *Brave*
June 17: *Ice Age, Dawn of the Dinosaurs*
June 24: *Enchanted*

July 1: *We're Back, A Dinosaur's Story*
July 8: *Tangled*
July 15: *Dinosaur*
July 22: *Hotel Transylvania*

Carnegie Libraries Celebrate America 250

Friday, June 12, 1:00 - 3:00

Celebrate the USA's 250th birthday and our Carnegie Library's 115th anniversary in Bronson! Enjoy free rides, games, food, a carnival by Mason Rail Time Adventures, and a Big Bubble Dance Party with Joel Tacey. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience

Tuesday, June 16, 5:00 at 111 E. Chicago St. at the Bronson Theater
Bigfoot, Sasquatch, or Big Red Eye - Fact or Fiction? Join Mike Familant as he shares his experiences, research, and evidence of tracking Bigfoot. A special thanks to our sponsors: Friends of the Bronson Library & Bronson Community Foundation.

Dinosaur Stories

Tuesday, June 23, 1:00

This program combines music, puppets, comedy, magic and audience participation. This fun interactive musical puppet show features a variety of cute dinosaurs: a T-Rex, Brontosaurus, Triceratops, dinosaur eggs, and more.

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Bronson Area Historical Society Program

Thursday, June 25, 6:00

Dave McDonald, from the Branch County Historical Society, will present a program about the historic Beardsley House (Ancestral Acres). For teens and adults.

Pinecone Flowers - R

Friday, June 26, 4:30

Cut apart pinecones, paint, and add a stem to make beautiful flowers. Children must be old enough to participate without assistance. Please register.

Painting - R

Friday, July 10, 4:30

Join us for another afternoon of painting on canvas. Children must be old enough to participate without assistance. Please register.

Mr. Jim: Can You Dig It?

Tuesday, July 14, 10:30

Join Mr. Jim as he takes us along from the flat lands of the United States, where dinosaurs once roamed, to the deserts of the Middle East, where we'll discover the ruins of earlier civilizations! From archaeological digs to dinosaur footprints, Mr. Jim's MAGICAL journey is filled with fun and learning for the entire family!

Dinosaur Art

Tuesday, July 21, 1:00

Art demonstration with author and Marvel comic illustrator Jerry DeCaire. Comic art has long been used to bring fantasy to life. Dinosaurs, Superheroes, dragons, wizards, and more are expertly drawn. As quickly as the eye can follow, art and fantasy are created in this unparalleled live drawing performance. For youth and teens.

Pinecone Flowers - R

Thursday, June 18, 4:30

By cutting apart pinecones, painting them and adding a stem you will be creating unique and beautiful flowers to display at home. Please register.

Painting - R

Thursday, July 9, 4:30

Join us for another afternoon of painting on canvas. Please register



HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS



Dino Builders @ Bronson Branch

Tues, June 9, 10:30A (Kids)



Bounce into Summer Reading @ Alganssee Branch

Fri, June 12, 2:00P (Kids)



In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience @ Bronson Branch

Tues, June 16, 5:00P (All Ages)



Dinosaur Stories @ Bronson Branch

Tues, June 23, 1:00P (Kids/Teens)



Mr. Jim: Can You Dig It? @ Bronson Branch

Tues, July 14, 10:30A (All Ages)



Dinosaur Art @ Bronson Branch

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At Branch District Library



Carnegie Libraries Celebrate America 250

Bronson: Fri, June 12, 1:00P-3:00P (All-Ages)

Join us in celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America and our 115th year of having our beautiful Carnegie Library building here in Bronson. Mason Rail Time Adventures Carnival will be here with rides and games and Joel Tacey's Tiptop Entertainment will bring the Big Bubble Dance Party. There will be free rides, games and food. Come and help us celebrate!



Happy 250th Birthday, America!

Coldwater: Fri, July 3, 5:00P-7:00P (All-Ages)

A Happy 250th Birthday Celebration for America! We will have colonial games, a grab and go craft, food, music and trivia.



Celebrate America 250!

Find patriotic crafts at all our branches! Look for Digby to find all your America 250 crafting opportunities.



American Folk Music: Old Time in the New Time Bookmobile, Maple Lawn: Wed, June 17, 3:00P

American Girl Tea Party

Coldwater: Thurs, June 25, 11:00A

Find Your Connection to 1776

Coldwater: Wed, July 8, 4:30P

COLDWATER BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Tuesday, 10:30

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

Once Upon A Storytime

Weekly on Thursday, 4:30

Snuggle in for a family storytime that focuses on read, write, sing, talk, and play!

Hora Del Cuento en Español Spanish Storytime

Thursday, June 18, July 16, 10:30

¡Únete a BDL y Laura Flores mientras leemos, escribimos, cantamos, hablamos y jugamos! ¡Todo en Español!

Join BDL and Laura Flores as we read, write, sing, talk, and play! All in Español.

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Saturday, June 13, July 11, 10:30

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Enjoy the elements of read, write, talk, play, and sing all in Arabic. There's a story for everyone to enjoy!

Get Craftin'

Wednesday, June 17, July 15, 4:00

Stop in to get your craft on!

June 17: Wooden Dinosaur Figures

July 15: Pine Cone Dinosaurs and Dinosaur Slime!

Move & Groove

Friday, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, 10:30

It's movin' and groovin' time! Dance, clap, sing, play, and more with Ms. Meagan during this fun and interactive program meant for ages 0-5.

Fossil Digs

Friday, June 5, July 3, 10:00

Join our roaring sensory paleontology escapade and craft your own fossil masterpieces. Dive into "tar pits," journey to the tundra to excavate chilly dinos, and don't miss the chance to sweep the sand pit for any dino bits! For ages 5 and under.

Dino Room Decor

Wednesday, June 3, 4:00 - 6:30

Let's get creative and make dinosaur mounts with plastic dinosaurs and wood. To finish out the room decor we will use several items like small plastic dinosaurs, slime, and stones to make a dinosaur busy jar. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Bugs In Amber

Tuesday, June 9, 3:00

Bugs trapped in amber are like nature's time capsules, and now you can whip up your own ancient masterpiece at the library! All it takes is a bit of Elmer's glue, some plastic critters, and a splash of food coloring magic.

DIY Dino Lamps - R

Wednesday, June 17, 10:00

Dreamed of having a dino-buddy to brighten up your space? Now's your chance to craft your own prehistoric nightlight! Unleash your inner artist with paints and more to deck out a snazzy geometric dinosaur lamp! Please register.

Wooden Strawberries

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 - 12:00

Join the berry bonanza at Strawberry Fest with a fabulous 3D strawberry craft! Grab your markers and unleash your creativity to design the most dazzling strawberry in town! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

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Triassic Tutus - R

Wednesday, June 24, 10:30

Why pick between twirling in tutus or stomping with dinosaurs when you can have both? Craft a whimsical tutu with a roaring Jurassic twist and rock it all summer long! Sprinkle in some dino ribbons and patches for a tutu that's truly a prehistoric masterpiece! For ages 0-7. Please register.

Dino Drawing with Ben

Tuesday, July 7, 5:00

Unleash your inner artist and sketch your very own dinosaur with the library's resident Picasso, Ben Lyon! Let your creativity roar as you craft a Dino-mite masterpiece!

Dinosaur Perler Bead Creations

Wednesday, July 8, 4:00

It's a dinosaur extravaganza at the library! Keep the excitement going by crafting your very own Perler bead dinosaur key-chains!

Craft and Story- Dino Eye Magnets

Wednesday, July 15, 11:00

Listen to a story while crafting magnetic dino eyes with glass marbles and magnets. For ages 3-10.

Dino Dig

Friday, July 17, 11:00

Put on your paleontologist hat and embark on a quest to discover dinosaur bones! Unearth dinosaurs and then craft your very own fossils using salt dough to take home as a memorable keepsake!

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Patch Work Paleontology Vest - R

Saturday, July 18, 11:00

Dinosaurs are roaring back into style, and who doesn't want to be a Paleontologist these days? Swing by and design your own snazzy vest for those dino-digging escapades! Please register.

Dinosaur Habitats - R

Thursday, July 23, 11:00

Grab some moss, sprinkle some sand, and voilà—a portable prehistoric paradise! Create a dino dreamland to carry wherever you roam! Please register.

Prehistoric Pals - R

Saturday, July 25, 10:30

Create your own stuffed dinosaur with a Noah's Ark Animal Workshop kit, then enjoy snacks, games, a selfie booth, and more fun. For ages 8 and under. Please register.

Art Club

Monday, June 1, July 6, 5:00

Learn the tips and tricks professional artist Ben Lyon uses to create something totally unique to take home and display.

Teen Writing Program

Thursday, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 16, 2:00

Teens can drop in on this creative writing group where there will be brainstorming games, free-writing sessions, discussions, and more.

Teen Trivia

Friday, June 12, July 17, 5:00

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

Jurassic Park Watch Party

Thursday, June 11, 1:00

Join us while we watch *Jurassic Park* (1993) and eat dinosaur snacks.

Pokopia-Inspired Trinket Dish - R

Monday, June 15, 5:00

Take a break from playing Pokopia to make a trinket dish inspired by the game. Please register.

Strawberry Beaded Bracelets

Saturday, June 20, 11:00

Make a super cute bracelet using berry beads to get Strawberry Fest-ready.

Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, June 24, 4:00

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

Dino Egg Bath Bombs

Monday, June 29, 3:00

Make your own dinosaur egg bath bomb with a baby dino hidden inside.

Dinosaur Cross Stitch

Bookmarks - R

Tuesday, June 30, 4:00

Make your own beginner-friendly cross stitched dinosaur bookmark. Please register.

Star Lanterns for America's 250th

Monday, July 6, 1:00

Build a star-shaped illuminated lantern to celebrate the country's 250th birthday.



Teen Raiders of the Lost Ark Watch Party

Thursday, July 9, 1:00

Enjoy some snacks while we watch *Raiders of the Lost Ark* to celebrate the world's best-known Archaeologist.

Petoskey Stone Buttons

Tuesday, July 14, 1:00

Decorate a Petoskey stone pattern and then turn it into a wearable button using the library's button maker.



Fossil-Inspired Jewelry

Tuesday, July 21, 1:00

In this hands-on workshop, teens will explore the fascinating history of Michigan's Great Lakes while designing their own fossil-inspired jewelry.

Teen Anime Club Movie Marathon

Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 - 6:00

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

Backpack Bling Dino Edition

Friday, July 24, 1:00

Make a dino-tastic keychain for your backpack, purse, or other bag.

Pokémon Club

Monday, June 8, July 13, 4:00

Got a stash of Pokémon cards itching for a showdown? Love binge-watching the epic adventures, diving into the tales, or geeking out over your favorite characters? Then jump into our Pokémon Club and connect with fellow Poké-fanatics! For ages 6-15.

Armchair Travel

Tuesday, June 16, July 21, 5:00

Take a fabulous virtual getaway to explore some of the world's most famous ruins and the best fossil dig sites across the United States! Pack your imagination and let the adventure begin. For ages 10 and up.

June 16: Dino Dig Fossil Site

July 21: Famous Ruins

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Crafternoon - R

Wednesday, June 10, July 8, 2:00

Join one of our talented library staff members in a guided craft. For ages 12 and up. Please register for each session individually.

June 10: Mosaic Coasters

July 8: Ming Vase Inspired Decoupage

Loud Library!

Wednesday, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, 6:00

An all-ages musical event where area artists will be putting on a short tiny-desk styled concerts, either inside or outside depending on the weather. Artists performing will be on our online calendar.

Stretch and Story - R

Thursday, June 4, July 2, 5:45

Incorporate fitness and books with this one-of-a-kind Yoga program. Follow instructor Kayla as a soothing story plays. We have several mats you can use but feel free to bring your own. For teens and adults. Please register.

June 4: *Henna Wars* by Adiba Jaigirdar

July 2: *Watch Me* by Tahereh Mafi



Pride Bracelets

Tuesday, June 2, 3:00

Be proud of who you are and wear it! Make a bracelet with a variety of beads, chords, and charms. Each guest can make 2 bracelets. For teens and adults.

Silent Disco

Saturday, June 13, 4:00 - 6:00

Ever wanted to dance between the bookshelves without the "shhh"? Now's your chance! Join our silent disco and move freely with the music in your headphones. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Pieces of the Puzzle Entertainment Presents- Book Drive & Talent Show

Monday, June 15, 5:00 - 7:00

Pieces of the Puzzle Entertainment presents a book drive and talent show, held outside the library. Enjoy performances by local talent and bring a book to donate to a local charity.

American Girl Tea Party

Thursday, June 25, 11:00

Join us for a delightful tea party where you can dress up and bring your American Girl doll! Enjoy light refreshments, craft a bear for your doll, capture memories with a photo, and partake in games and more while mingling with fellow American Girl Doll enthusiasts. For ages 15 and under.



Dino Game Night

Friday, June 26, 4:00 - 6:00

Play a variety of dinosaur-themed board games with friends or family. For ages 10 and up. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Dino-green Books and Boba

Wednesday, July 1, 5:00

Come in to sip on a dino-green Boba drink. Bring a book or grab one of the books from our suggestions.

Happy 250th Birthday America!

Friday, July 3, 5:00 - 7:00

A Happy 250th Birthday Celebration for America! We will have colonial games, a grab and go craft, food, music and trivia. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



Urban Fossil Foraging

Tuesday, July 7, 11:00

Discover fossils hidden in local landscaping rocks on an Urban Fossil Foraging walk from the library into downtown Coldwater. Wear comfy shoes and bring curiosity! For ages 13 and up.

Find Your Connection to 1776 - R

Wednesday, July 8, 4:30

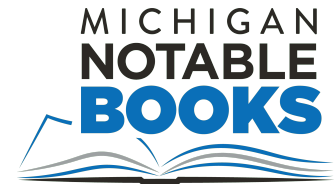
Learn to use Ancestry.com Library Edition with the Holbrook Heritage Room. We will be going over how to navigate the website, how to start researching your family history, and will have time for some guided research. This class is ideal for beginners! For teens and adults. Please register.



Michigan Notable Book Author Tour - Zoe Persico

Friday, July 10, 4:00

The 2026 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour welcomes author and illustrator Zoe Persico, creator of *How to Talk to Your Succulent*, for a special library visit. Her book will be available for purchase at the event, with a signing to follow.



Tiny Books Craft - R

Wednesday, July 15, 5:00

Assemble your tiny books of familiar bestsellers for your tiny library at home or go on to make magnets, earrings, hair clips, ornaments, and more! For ages 13 and up. Please register.

Gaming At the Park

Monday, July 20, 4:00 - 7:00 at Heritage Park Youth Baseball/Softball Complex (off Northshore Dr.) in Coldwater

Get ready for a wild evening at Heritage Park as Big Ty'm Fun teams up with the library! Dive into the video game truck or channel your inner critter by rolling around in a gigantic hamster ball! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime. For youth and teens.

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Murder Mystery Monday Book Club

Monday, June 1, July 6, 5:30

If you are a fan of murder mystery books then this book club is for you! Join us for conversation and light snacks.

June 1: *Every Time I Go on Vacation, Someone Dies* by Catherin Mack.

July 6: *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll



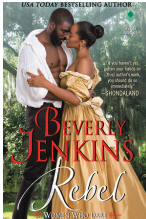
Romance Book Club

Tuesday, June 9, July 14, 4:00

Do you like Spicy 🌶️ Romance books? Come out and enjoy a good book, with a guaranteed happily ever after, a themed snack, and good company!

June 6: *Tusk Love* by Thea Guanzon

July 14: *Rebel* by Beverly Jenkins



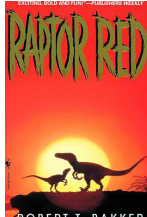
Books on Tap Book Club

Wednesday, June 24, July 22, 6:00, at 32 Railroad St. in Coldwater at Trainwreck Grill & Ale House

This fiction/nonfiction book club explores a wide variety of literature.

June 24: *Raptor Red* by Robert T. Bakker

July 22: *Heartwood* by Amity Gage



Evening Creativi-Tea Time

Friday, June 12, 5:00

Sip tea and get creative in a tranquil atmosphere, where you will be provided all the materials to make a sand and feather nature collage at your own pace.

Wire Sun Catchers - R

Tuesday, June 23, 4:00

Using wire, pliers, and glass beads to create something that will dangle and reflect the sun's rays beautifully. These sun catchers are perfect for indoor or outdoor use. Please register.

The Art of Herbal Tea: Tasting Experience with Bevin Cohen - R

Monday, July 13, 4:00

Blend, brew, and taste herbal teas while Bevin shares their history and folklore. Record your impressions and create a custom blend to take home. Please register.

Dino-Mite Adult Library Lock-In

Friday, July 24, 7:00 – 11:00

Adults can have fun too! From 7–11, the library becomes a space for games, crafts, snacks, and socializing. Bring a friend.



HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS



Fossil Cookie Digging MSU @ Quincy Branch
Mon, June 15, 11:00A (Kids)



In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience @ Quincy Branch
Wed, June 17, 1:00P (All Ages)



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary @ Quincy Branch
Tues, July 6, 11:00A (All Ages)



The Art of Herbal Tea Tasting @ Coldwater Branch
Mon, July 13, 4:00P (Adults)



Clay Fossil Making @ Quincy Branch
Mon, July 20, 11:00A (Kids)



Gaming in the Park @ Heritage Park Youth Baseball/Softball Complex (off Northshore Drive) in Coldwater
Mon, July 20, 4:00P (Kids/Teens)

2026 COLORING CONTEST

Unleash your Dino-mite coloring skills with our Annual SRP Coloring Contest! Drop off your Rawr-some coloring sheet at any library by **July 1** for a chance to win a prize.



One picture will be selected from each age group to win a prize. A total of three prizes will be given district-wide.

Artwork by
Ben Lyon



QUINCY BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Wednesday, 10:30

A special time for toddlers with a book, snack, and craft. For ages 2-5.

Popsicles in the Park

Friday, June 5, 11:00 - 1:00 at the Quincy Park

Join us by the StoryWalk® at the Quincy Park for guaranteed fun! Bounce house, chalk, bubbles, games, and of course we can't forget popsicles! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Dads Rock! Crafting Session

Monday, June 8, 1:00

Join us in crafting special Father's Day gifts to honor and celebrate dads, grandpas, brothers, or uncles.

Fossil Cookie Digging with MSU Extension

Monday, June 15, 11:00

Megan with MSU Extension will be leading us in a fossil-digging experiment - but with cookies!

Magic Workshop

Monday, June 22, 1:00

Young "magicians" will learn tricks that are easy to do, yet good enough to fool mom and dad. Each kiddo will receive a real magic wand, a magic bag of tricks, and instructions to take home with them.

Dino Taxidermy

Monday, June 29, 11:00

Craft a one-of-a-kind mount and help preserve dinosaurs by featuring either their head or tail for a unique decoration.

Personalized Stepping Stones

Monday, July 13, 1:00

Join us in creating your own unique & personalized stepping stone that will last a lifetime.

Clay Fossil Making with MSU Extension

Monday, July 20, 11:00

Megan from MSU Extension will guide us in creating our very own dinosaur fossils using clay. Let's get crafty!

Build Your Own Wooden Dino

Monday, July 27, 1:00

Assemble and paint a wooden dinosaur. Come and unleash your creativity!

Snacks & Crafts

Wednesday, June 3, July 1, July 15, July 29, 1:00

Join us for a craft and snack!

In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience

Wednesday, June 17, 1:00

Mike Familant, full-time Bigfoot researcher, producer, and lead investigator of the documentary series *In the Shadow of Big Red Eye*, will be presenting on his Bigfoot experiences. Come listen to his intriguing stories and ask all of your Bigfoot questions.

Celebrate America's 250th Birthday with Crafting Fun!

Friday, July 3, 9:00 - 5:00

Join us at our branch today to create an Americana craft in honor of America's 250th birthday! We have a variety of exciting craft projects available for everyone—unique options for kids, teens, and adults alike. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

Monday, July 6, 11:00

Alligators, lizards, snakes - oh my! Come by the library and catch Critchlow's Alligator Sanctuary. Meet the coolest creatures and dig up some wild reptile knowledge.

Botanical Keepsakes - R

Tuesday, June 9, 10:30

Using actual dried pressed flowers, we will craft our very own distinctive golden hanging flower frame. Please register.

Diamond Dotting Keychain - R

Monday, July 13, 10:30

Make a diamond dotting keychain. Please register.



12 | Library events are free, open to the public, and a library card is not required to attend.

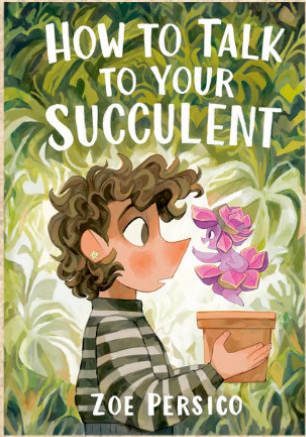


2026 MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS

AUTHOR TOUR

Zoe Persico

BDL - Coldwater Branch
10 E. Chicago Street



Friday, July 10
4:00P - 6:00P



HONORING MICHIGAN BOOKS AND AUTHORS - Mi.gov/NotableBooks



SHERWOOD BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Thursday, 10:30

Story time with the littles. Best for ages 0-5.

Diamond Painted Bookmarks

Tuesday, July 21, 2:00

Choose from several variations of a diamond painted bookmark to paint. For ages 12-17.

Mario Kart Day

Tuesday, June 2, 2:00

Join us for a fun afternoon of Mario Kart! For ages 8 - 18.

Dinosaur Eggs, Board Games, and Snacks

Tuesday, June 9, 2:00

Have you ever wondered what a baby dinosaur would look like after it hatches? Play games, hatch baby dinosaurs, and have dinosaur snacks. For ages 5-18.

Craft Buffet

Tuesday, June 16, 2:00

It's an "all the crafts" kind of day at the library! Join us to paint a birdhouse, create a sun catcher, or construct your very own wind chime.

In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience

Thursday, June 18, 5:00

Bigfoot, Sasquatch, or Big Red Eye - Fact or Fiction? Join Mike Familant as he shares his experiences, research, and evidence of tracking Bigfoot.

Cody's Reptiles and More

Tuesday, June 23, 5:00

Frogs, newts, boas, an armadillo, a baby kinkajou (if he's ready), and possibly even a pet skunk, will be visiting the library!

Patriotic Popsicle Stars

Tuesday, June 30, 2:00

Create beautiful patriotic stars just in time for America's 250th celebration! For ages 5-18.



Movie and Snack Day

Tuesday, July 7, 2:00

An early celebration of Shark Week at the library! Watch the movie *Jaws*, while snacking on shark-themed goodies! For ages 12 and up.



Squirt Gun Painting

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00

Create a painted masterpiece using squirt guns, acrylic paint, and water.

Tie-Dye Cinch Sacks

Tuesday, July 28, 2:00

Create beautiful tie-dye bags! For ages 5-18.

Cardio Drumming

Thursday, June 4, July 2, July 16, July 30, 5:00

Enjoy a fun cardio workout with great music, from oldies to today's hits, with coach Ashley Oldham. Some equipment is available, please bring your own if possible. We drum rain or shine!

Wine Glass Centerpieces - R

Thursday, June 25, 5:00

Make a centerpiece out of a stemmed wine glass, sand, driftwood pieces, twine, and sea shells. Please register.

Red, White and Blue Yarn Star Wreaths - R

Thursday, July 9, 5:00

Construct your own patriotic decorations! Please register.



HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS



Mad Science Dinosaur Workshop @ Union Twp Branch

Tues, June 9, 1:00P (Kids)



In The Shadow of Big Red Eye: Bigfoot Experience @ Sherwood Branch

Thurs, June 18, 5:00P (All Ages)



Cody's Reptiles and More @ Sherwood Branch

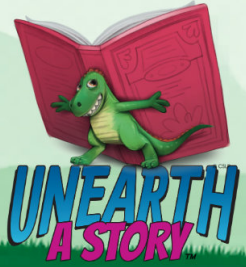
Tues, June 23, 5:00P (All Ages)



Dinosaur Dance Party @ Union Branch

Tues, July 14, 1:00P (All Ages)

LOG YOUR READING ON



PAPER LOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

UNION TWP. BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Wednesday, 11:00

Stories, songs, and crafts for infants and toddlers

Roar & Build: Dino Builders At Play

Wednesdays, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, 1:00

Build, assemble, and design dinosaurs and structures using a variety of building blocks. For ages 5-12.

Mad Science Dinosaur Workshop - R

Tuesday, June 9, 1:00

Explore paleontology through hands-on dinosaur excavation. Examine a real fossil, compare herbivore and carnivore teeth, participate in a mini dig, and make a dinosaur tooth cast to take home. For ages 5-12. Please register.

Dino Fun Fridays: Dino Sensory Bins

Friday, June 26, 1:00

Hands-on sensory play featuring dinosaur themed bins and activities. For ages 5-12.

Dino Fun Fridays: Dino Clay Creations

Friday, July 17, 1:00

Sculpt and create dinosaurs using colorful modeling clay and tools. For ages 5-12.

Personalized Dino Charmed Bracelets

Wednesday, June 3, July 1, 1:00

Create a one-of-a-kind bracelet using dinosaur-themed charms and beads.

T-Rex Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Wednesday, June 17, 1:00

Design and dye your very own dinosaur-inspired t-shirt.

DIY American Flag Fleece Tied Pillows

Friday, July 3, 3:00

Get creative and show your patriotic spirit in this fun, hands on DIY American Flag Fleece pillow.



Dino Fun Fridays: Dino-Themed Board Games

Friday, June 5, 1:00

Enjoy a variety of dinosaur-themed board games with friends.

Dino Fun Fridays: Fossil Scavenger Hunt

Friday, June 12, 1:00

Work together as a family to search for hidden fossils throughout the library.

Dino Fun Fridays: DIY Paper Dinosaur Hats

Friday, July 3, 1:00

Create and decorate your own dinosaur hat to wear home.

Dino Fun Fridays: Dino Movie *The Good Dinosaur*

Friday, July 10, 1:00

Relax and enjoy a dinosaur-themed movie at the library. Light refreshments will be provided.

Dinosaur Dance Party

Tuesday, July 14, 1:00

Dynamic West presents a dino dance program that features a delightful blend of dance and music to entertain audiences of all ages. Silk fans, hula hoops, levitation wands, magic, plate spinning, and much more!

Dino Fun Fridays: Dinosaur Dioramas

Friday, July 24, 1:00

Design and build a miniature dinosaur habitat to take home. For ages 5-18.

Dino Fun Fridays: Dino Games & Selfie with a Dinosaur

Friday, July 31, 1:00

Explore and play dinosaur-themed interactive games and snap a selfie photo with a dinosaur guest.




Summer Canvas Creations - R

Thursday, June 11, July 9, 1:00

Unleash your creativity in a relaxed stress free painting session. No experience is needed - just come ready to have fun and express yourself through art. Please register for each session individually.



Event Key

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|  | Children – Programs designed for those under 12. |
|  | Teens – Events and activities just for teens. |
|  | All-Ages – Fun for everyone to enjoy together! |
|  | Adults – Created with adult participants in mind. |

15 | **R:** Please register. Call any library or register online at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar starting 45 days before the event.

BOOKMOBILE



FIND THE BOOKMOBILE

The Bookmobile brings the library to you—stopping at townships, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and more throughout Branch County.

Look for our schedule of stops on our website, online calendar, or posted to social media weekly on Sundays.

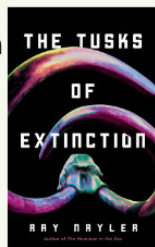


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DRIVE-BY READS BOOK CLUB

A small book club for adults with casual reads on the go! Read the selected title, then visit the bookmobile at any stop and discuss the book with staff!

June & July: *Tusks of Extinction* by Ray Nayler



AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC: OLD TIME IN THE CURRENT TIMES WITH BEN TRAVERSE

Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 Held at
50 Sanderson Ln. in Coldwater at
Maple Lawn

Music and American history collide in a performance that spans generations, displaying a variety of folk songs and instruments such as guitar, banjo, mountain dulcimer, and autoharp. For all-ages.



QUICK CRAFT STOPS

Make a pit stop at the Bookmobile for a fun and quick all-ages craft. Crafts will be available all month long, while supplies last.

June: Fossils and Petroglyphs
July: Clay Mosaic

LIBRARY BY MAIL

Branch County residents who are unable to visit the library can have materials mailed to them for free with a valid library card and homebound status.



Need a library card? We can help you sign up when you register for Library By Mail!

The Bookmobile and Library by Mail services are available to all of Branch County. Want the Bookmobile to visit your preschool, elementary school, community center, senior center, or special events?

Visit our website or call our Outreach Department at (517) 278-2341 ext. 120 for more information!

