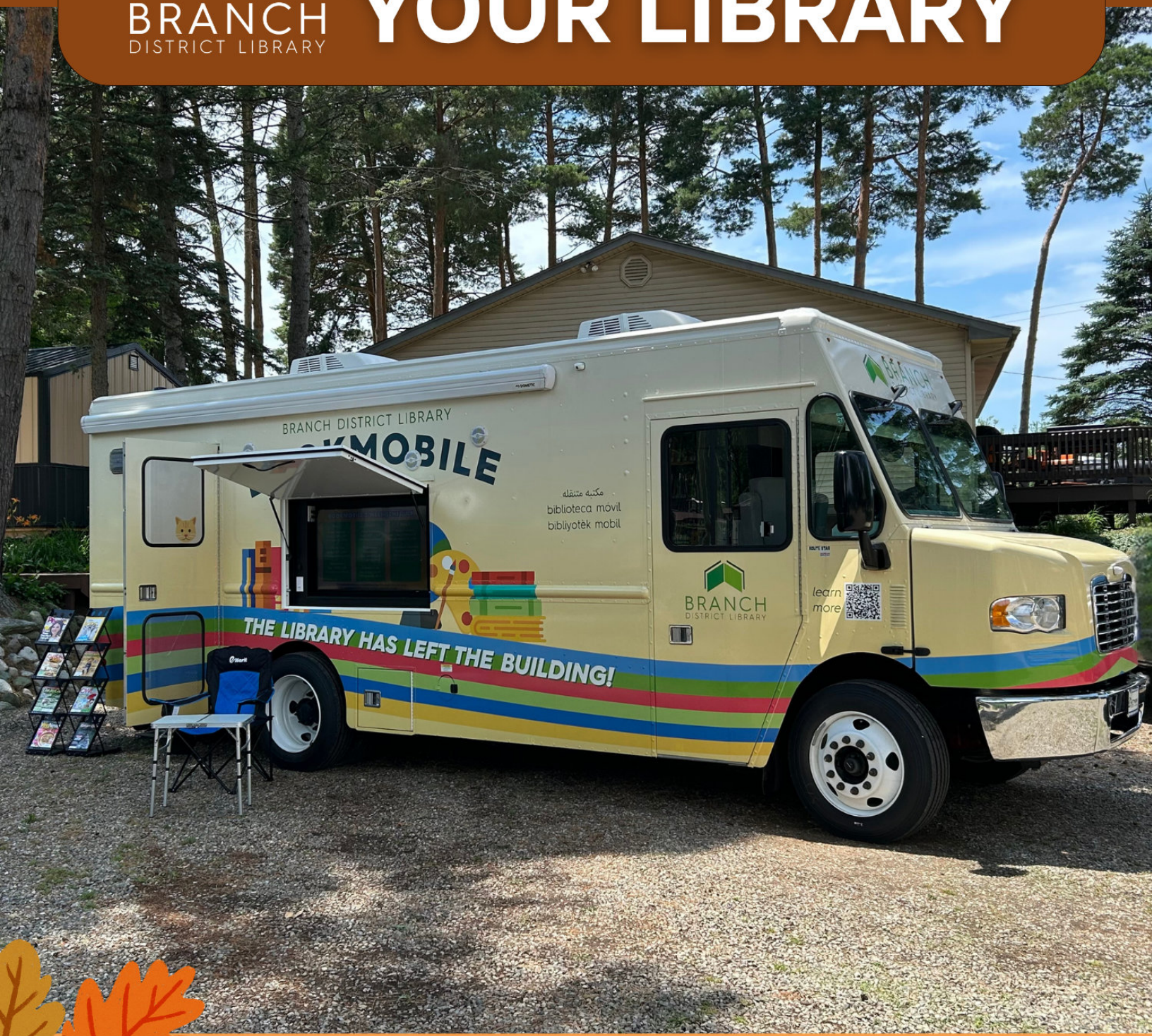


Your free guide to events and programs
happening at all six library locations and the
bookmobile for September – November 2026



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A YEAR OF BOOKS, COMMUNITY, AND ADVENTURE.
Read more about the Bookmobile on page. 2



LOCATIONS

Get location information and current hours at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/hours

Find the Bookmobile schedule at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/bookmobile

CLOSURES

All library locations will be closed the following:

Monday, September 7

Monday, October 12

Thursday, November 26

Friday, November 27

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Online:

BranchDistrictLibrary.org using our Events Calendar

In Person:

Any Library Location

By Phone:

Call any Library Location

Note:

Check out our calendar at BranchDistrictLibrary.org/events or call ahead for the latest information, as program and hours are subject to change or cancellation.

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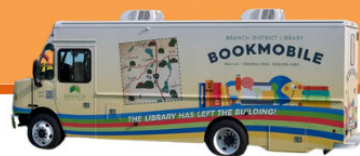


ONE YEAR OF BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU.

The Bookmobile has had a great first year. The official ribbon-cutting for the mobile library was held on August 5, 2025, and our Outreach department has been very busy bringing the bookmobile to local schools, community stops, assisted living facilities, festivals, and parades!

The 27-foot vehicle is packed full of options for all-ages to check out: picture books, chapter books, early readers, and items for teens and adults. It also offers many of the same services as our other branches, such as free WiFi, printing, notary service, and some programming. There's even a casual on-the-go book club called Drive-by Reads!

Each day with the Bookmobile is an adventure, and we are excited for you to join us! Check out our schedule, visit us at any community stop, and find your next great read!



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 [CREATE DIGEST](#)
- 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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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.



ALGANSEE BRANCH

Tuesday Tales

Weekly on Tuesday, 10:30, at 1070 E. Central Rd., in Quincy at Paula Preston's Daycare.

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

Kids WHOO Craft

Weekly on Tuesday, 4:15

Learn crafty new skills as we discover a new hobby each month.



September: Crochet

October: Watercolors and paints

November: Food art

Little Explorers

**Weekly on Thursday, 11:00
(Not held on Nov. 26)**

Wiggle while we read books with movement each week. After the book, enjoy a small art project.

Builders Club

Friday, Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 4:15

Stretch your creativity and engineering skills as we build with LEGOs, blocks, and circuits.

STEM Robots

Friday, Sep. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 4:15

Connect with others while creating mini robots. Each month there will be a new robot to build and collect.



Grand Slam Hunting Adventure

Friday, Nov. 13, 4:15

Celebrate the ultimate Michigan holiday, Deer Season! It's time to practice your hunting skills. Nerf guns and bows will be provided.

Junk Journals

Thursday, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 4:15

Journal your way with words, stickers, or doodles. No rules, it's completely up to you!

Brain Games

**Thursday, Sep. 10, Oct. 8,
Nov. 12, 4:15**

Use your brain to solve puzzles, escape rooms, and win trivia games. New challenges each month.

Book Dragons

**Thursday, Sep. 17, Oct. 15,
Nov. 19, 4:15**

Become part of a unique reading experience where your voice matters. Members will propose titles, and we'll vote on our upcoming reads. For tweens and teens.

It's A Small World

Thursday, Sep. 24, Oct. 22, 4:15

Create your own miniature worlds using recycled containers, mini resin figures, and your imagination.

Not-So-Spooky Library

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2:00 - 4:00

Have you ever wanted to step into a book? Enjoy some not-so-spooky fun where each room is a new literary adventure. We will have treats, games, and a community trunk-or-treat. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



Ralph The Puking Pumpkin

Friday, Oct. 30, 4:15

Our favorite puking pumpkin is back and this year we will be launching him after spilling his guts. Science is fun!

Crafter's Corner

Monday, Sep. 21, Oct. 19, 1:00

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

Flowerpot Scarecrow - R

Monday, Sep. 14, 1:00

Welcome fall by making a scarecrow out of terracotta pots. Please register.

Stained Glass Lanterns - R

Monday, Oct. 5, 1:00

Keep the gloomy nights at bay by repurposing old jars into glowing faux-stained-glass lanterns. Please register.

Sourdough 101 - R

Monday, Nov. 2, Nov. 16, 1:00

Learn how to make delicious sourdough baked goods. It's easier than you think. Tamara Bontrager from Little Kitchen Co. will be here to teach us how. All participants will receive a sourdough starter at the first class, and a batch of rolls to take home and bake at the second. Please register.



Handmade Christmas Cards - R

Monday, Nov. 9, 1:00

Start your holiday season with intention by creating handmade Christmas cards to spread cheer to those near and far. Please register.



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BRONSON BRANCH

Toddler Time Storytime

Weekly on Thursday, 10:15
(Not held on Nov. 26)

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

Friday Tales

Weekly on Friday, 10:15
(Not held on Nov. 27)

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.

Coffee House

Weekly on Monday, 4:00
(Not held on Sep. 7, Sep. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 2)

An hour for tweens and teens to socialize, enjoy snacks, and take part in a program or craft. For ages 11-17.

Sep. 21: Fall kickoff with Italian Sodas
Sep. 28: Makerspace with LEGO blocks

Oct. 5: Anime
Oct. 19: Banned book talk & cinnamon roll in a mug
Oct. 26: Gelli printing project

Nov. 9: Makerspace with electronics & 3D pens
Nov. 16: Card games, Gin & Euchre
Nov. 23: Board games, Chess & Checkers
Nov. 30: Folktales with Steve

Jigsaw Junkies

Wednesday, Sep. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 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.



Winnie-The-Pooh's 100th Birthday Party

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 10:00 - 6:00

Drop in all day to celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's hundredth birthday with a showing of vintage Pooh films, a paper-mâché balloon craft, a variety of games and mini crafts, and light refreshments. All-ages can participate but the activities will be geared towards children.

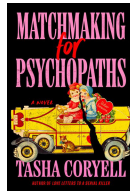
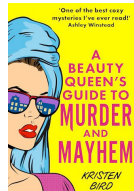


Murder Mystery Monday Book Club

Monday, Sep. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 4:30

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

Sep. 14: *A Beauty Queen's Guide to Murder & Mayhem* by Kristen Bird
Oct. 5: *Matchmaking for Psychopaths* by Tasha Coryell
Nov. 2: *Julie Chan is Dead* by Liann Zhang



Writer Workshop

Tuesday, Sep. 1, Sep. 15, Sep. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, 4:30

Adults are welcome to join our autumn session! Every other week we will share and critique each other's writing and complete writing exercises in a judgement free setting. All experience levels welcome!

Book Lovers 'R' Us

Wednesday, Sep. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 10:30

Welcome to Book Lovers 'R' Us Club, where book enthusiasts gather to share their favorite reads and discover new literary treasures.

Book Pages Wreath - R

Thursday, Sep. 17, 4:30

Roll recycled pages from an old book, add some dark decorations and you have a perfect wreath to display for the Fall/Halloween season. Please register.

Little Horrors - A Short Horror Fiction Contest

September 1 - October 1

Submit a piece of original horror fiction between 1000-7500 words by October 1st. Entries will be accepted online through the library website or as typed and printed copies at any library location. Winners will be announced October 26th and will receive a prize.



Woven Yarn Ghost - R

Thursday, Oct. 15, 4:30

Use a cardboard loom to craft a woven yarn ghost. Please register.

Santa Hanger - R

Thursday, Nov. 19, 4:30

A clothes hanger, raffia paper, and yarn are the items you will use to make this adorable Santa head to decorate your door for the holidays. Please register.

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QUINCY BRANCH

ELEPHANT & PIGGIE

Celebrate with Elephant & Piggie at the Quincy Branch! Enjoy themed crafts, games, and snacks, then meet Elephant & Piggie in person. The first 20 children will receive an Elephant & Piggie book to take home.

SEPTEMBER 14, 4:00 - 6:00



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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

Find great deals on former library materials and donated items! Prices vary by location, and proceeds support your local libraries. Find times and pricing on our Event Calendar at www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/calendar

**Coldwater Branch
September 19**

**Algansee Branch
October 10**

**Quincy Branch
November 6-7**

**Bronson Branch
November 12-14**



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COLDWATER BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Tuesday, 10:30

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

Get Craftin'

Wednesday, Sep. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 4:00

Stop in to get your craft on!

Sep. 23: Paper Squishes and Stress Balls

Oct. 21: Cardboard Ghost Portraits

Nov. 18: Paper Tree with Barn Owl

Once Upon A Storytime

**Weekly on Thursday, 4:30
(Not held on Nov. 26)**

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

Hora Del Cuento en Español Spanish Storytime

Thursday, Sep. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, 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 Spanish.

Homeschool Hangout

Thursday, Sep. 10, Sep. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, 1:00

Join us for an hour of fun: crafts, STEM, history, and life skills. It will be something new and fun each month! For ages 5-12.

Sensory Play

Friday, Sep. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, 10:00

Come on over and dive into a world of sensory fun with unique sensory bins each week!. For ages 5 and under.

Move & Groove

Friday, Sep. 11, Sep. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, 10:30

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

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Saturday, Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, 12:00

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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!

HoCo Craft Lab

Wednesday, Sep. 9, 4:30 - 6:30

Swing by the library to jazz up your jeans with flair, rock a school pride hair-wrap or hair-do, and whip up some crafts that scream "Go Team!" Doesn't matter what school, we have all the swag you need. Just remember, bring your own jeans for the ultimate homecoming makeover! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

K-Pop Party

Friday, Sep. 11, 5:00

Crank up your favorite tunes, munch on some trendy Korean snacks, and unleash your creativity with a custom microphone craft at our K-Pop bash!

Messy Play

Saturday, Sep. 19, 10:00 - 12:00

Get messy with paint, water balloons, whipped cream, pudding, and more in this outdoor sensory play experience! Weather permitting. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime. For ages 4-12.

Pet Palace

Monday, Sep. 28, 5:00

Got a furry buddy lounging around at home? Swing by and craft a palace fit for your pet! For ages 5-12.

Sugar Skulls Planter - R

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 4:30

Celebrate Día de los Muertos by creating your own sugar skull planter! Decorate with paints, gems, ribbons, and more, then plant a succulent to complete your colorful creation. For ages 5-12. Please register.

Ghoulish Gathering

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 4:30 - 6:30

Experience Halloween with ghostly goodies, a Frankenweenie movie marathon, and spooky crafts! Enjoy ghoulish mix, zombie brains, and spider webs for a fun-filled night! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.

Halloween Bubble Ball

Friday, Oct. 16, 5:00

Let's have a ball of fun! At the bubble ball we will have bubble popping, bubble wrap, bubble gum, and more.

Spooky Tales

Monday, Oct. 26, 5:30

Enjoy a haunting evening of ghost and ghoulish stories with Ms. Erica, that capture the spirit of Halloween. For ages 6-12.



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Aqua Puffs - R

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 4:30

Color adorable animals or castles, then add water and witness your creations transform magically into puffy shapes! Please register.

DIY Piggy Banks

Monday, Nov. 9, 5:00

Grab your balloons, toilet paper rolls, and a dash of paper mache magic to whip up a piggy bank masterpiece that'll have your coins squealing with joy! For ages 5-12.

Pet Rock Habitats

Friday, Nov. 13, 4:30

Transform a simple pet rock into a delightful companion by designing a perfect little dwelling for it to call home! For ages 5-12.

Cereal Party

Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:00

Indulge in an afternoon filled with cereal delights! You can customize your very own bowl at a cereal bar, unleash your creativity with cereal-themed crafts, and perhaps even challenge your friends to a fun game or two centered around cereals.



Pet Portraits - R

Monday, Nov. 23, 5:00

Grab some watercolor paper, a picture frame, and black and white paint pens to create a fun portrait of your favorite fluffy friend! Bring a photo that's 8.5x11, or we can print one for you before the fun starts. Please register.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 5:00

Celebrate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday with a festive party! Enjoy watching *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, design a unique placemat, savor some snacks, and make your very own Chex Mix to take home for the holiday.



Art Club

Monday, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 5:00

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

Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, Sep. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 25, 4:00

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

Homeschool Power Hour

Thursday, Sep. 10, Sep. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, 1:00

Teens are welcome to join us for an hour of fun! With a different overarching topic every quarter, we will have a new craft, STEM project, history or life skill learning activity biweekly.

Teen Trivia

Friday, Sep. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 5:00

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

Tie-Dye With Ben

Wednesday, Sep. 2, 5:00

Bring a shirt, tote bag, pillowcase, or other cotton item to tie-dye, or use one of our provided T-shirts while supplies last. Ben will demonstrate tie-dye techniques and guide you through creating your own colorful design.

Art Club Presents Spray Paint

Monday, Sep. 14, 5:00

Learn spray-painting techniques outdoors with local artist Ben Lyon. Bring your own item to paint or use one of the provided canvases while supplies last. Weather permitting.

Create-A-Cryptid: Mothman

Friday, Sep. 18, 4:00

Create your own unique Mothman out of a pair of socks while learning about this creepy cryptid's mysterious history.

DIY Apple Croc Charms

Saturday, Sep. 19, 11:00

Make your own decorative apple Croc charm to get Apple Fest-ready.

Pom Pom Sea Otters

Monday, Sep. 21, 5:00

Make your own pom poms and then assemble them into a little friend for National Sea Otter Awareness Week.

Mooncakes & Lanterns

Friday, Sep. 25, 5:00

Celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival by eating mooncakes and decorating a lantern.

Hidden Painting Ghosts - R

Thursday, Oct. 1, 5:00

Transform a thrift store painting by adding hidden ghosts to the landscape. Please register.

Ghost Bracelets

Saturday, Oct. 10, 9:00 - 1:00

Drop-in and make a super cute bracelet using ghost beads for Halloween.

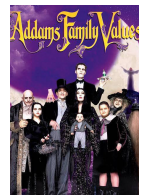
Teen Movie Matinee

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Oct. 27 5:00

Watch a movie and enjoy a light snack.

Oct. 13: *The Addams Family*

Oct. 27: *The Addams Family Values*



Zombie Barbies - R

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 4:00

Customize your own zombie doll, just in time for Halloween. Dolls and crafting materials will be provided. For ages 10-18. Please register.



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COLDWATER BRANCH

National Jersey Day

Friday, Nov. 6, 5:00

Drop in to Teen Space wearing a jersey from your favorite team and win a prize. Play games, have snacks, and watch highlight reels from our favorite sports

Eraser Stamp Carving

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 4:00

Discover the art of stamp carving and printmaking! Learn how to create custom stamps by carving simple designs into rubber erasers, then use them to make unique prints. This beginner-friendly program is perfect for teens exploring a new hobby or looking for a creative 4-H project.

Chaos Embroidery

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 5:00

Chaos embroidery goes beyond embroidery floss. Use assorted materials like beads, gems, sequins, buttons, and more. Choose from a variety of threads and yarns. Hoops, canvas, and needles are provided.

Decorate Your Own Puzzle

Monday, Nov. 23, 5:00

Celebrate National Game & Puzzle Week by decorating your own jigsaw puzzle. All materials provided, while supplies last.



Pokémon Club

Monday, Sep. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 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.

Stretch And Story

Thursday, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 5:45

Relax so deeply, you'll forget it's fitness! Join resident instructor Kayla for a gentle, beginner-friendly yoga flow while listening to a Young Adult audiobook. Mats are provided, or bring your own. For teens and adults.

Jump Back Into School

Saturday, Sep. 5, 9:00 - 1:00

Hop back into school with the library and an inflatable! Grab some school supplies and create a school-themed craft! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime for ages 3-18.

MI Rocks

Thursday, Sep. 17, 5:30, at Heritage Park Youth Baseball/Softball Complex (off Northshore Drive) in Coldwater

Join us for an outdoor urban rock-hounding adventure at Heritage Park! Learn to identify Michigan stones and fossils, including Petoskey and Charlevoix stones, agates, pudding stones, horn coral, and more as we explore the park's landscaping rocks. Meet at the pavilion by the disc golf course off Northshore Drive.

Doll Face Necklaces

Wednesday, Sep. 30, 4:00

Create a creepy-cute weirdcore necklace using doll faces, metal pendants, rhinestones, and other eerie embellishments. For ages 12 and up.

Creepy Clay

Friday, Oct. 2, 4:00

Forget traditional pottery—we are bringing nightmares (or creepy-cute creatures) to life using air-dry clay, faux teeth, and googly eyes.

Survival Skills 101 - R

Friday, Oct. 9, 5:00

Join BDL's very own Becky for a wild adventure in Survival 101! Discover how to whip up a kindling bundle like a pro, spark up a flame with flint and steel, and craft a paracord bracelet. Plus, dive into the world of local flora and fauna, sorting the good from the bad! For ages 6-15. Please register.

Hundred Acre Wood: Winnie-The-Pooh 100th Year Celebration

Tuesday, Oct. 13 - Wednesday, Oct. 14

Celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th anniversary with a Hundred Acre Wood jamboree! This two day event will included a scavenger hunt and self-guided crafts such as make you own Hundred Acre Wood map, paint a honey pot, or coloring. Check out special 100th anniversary edition books and a snack for the rumblys in your tumblys.



Halloween Paper Dolls

Friday, Oct. 30, 4:30

Grab some cardstock templates, unleash your coloring magic, and dive into a treasure chest of craft goodies to conjure up your very own spooktacular Halloween-themed paper doll! For ages 5-15.

Armchair Travel: America's Most Haunted

Friday, Oct. 30, 5:00

Go on a spooky virtual tour of some of the most haunted locations in the United States. Featuring some local haunts courtesy of the Holbrook Heritage Room. For ages 10 and up.

Holiday Movie Diorama Contest

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 4:00 - 6:30

Pick your favorite holiday movie and create a 3-dimensional scene known as a diorama. At the workshop, some supplies will be provided along with contest rules.

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Romance Book Club

Tuesday, Sep. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, 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!

Sep. 8: *Audrey Lane Stirs the Pot* by Alexis Hall

Oct. 13: *Under Loch and Key* by Lana Ferguson

Nov. 10: *Gray Hair Don't Care* by Karen Booth



Cinema Toast Crunch- Movie Club

Tuesday, Sep. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, 5:00

It works just like a book club, but with moving pictures. Movies are picked ahead of time, watch it at home, then get together to discuss what we liked and disliked. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sep. 15: *Kinds of Kindness*

Oct. 20: *Parasite*

Nov. 17: *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*



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Books On Tap Book Club - R

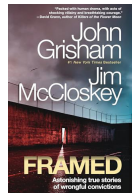
Wednesday, Sep. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, 6:00, at 32 Railroad St. in Coldwater at Trainwreck Grill & Ale House

This fiction/nonfiction book club explores a wide variety of literature. Please register for reservation purposes.

Sep. 23: *Great Circle* by Maggie Shipstead

Oct. 28: *Later* by Stephen King

Nov. 28: *Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Convictions* by John Grisham



A Long Expected Party - R

Tuesday, Sep. 22, 5:00 - 8:00

Celebrate 25 years of *The Lord of the Rings* movies with a Bilbo-sized birthday party! Enjoy snacks, trivia, *The Fellowship of the Ring*, and a Hobbit door hanger craft. Please register.

Halloween Bust Out Canvas - R

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 4:00 - 7:00

Create a spooky peek-through canvas with hidden 3D creepy surprises using spiders, webs, and other eerie embellishments. To make this even more creepy, we will be watching *The Shining*. Please register.

Forgotten Souls Ghost Hunt - R

Saturday, Oct. 24, 6:00

Join the Michigan-based paranormal group, Forgotten Souls, as they explore the Coldwater Branch. Discover their ghost hunting techniques, the tools they employ, and listen to some captivating tales from their past investigations. Space is limited, please register.

Basic Home Repairs - R

Friday, Nov. 6, 4:30

Learn basic home repair skills, including safe use of power tools, measuring tapes, and safety gear. Practice using a stud finder, fixing loose hinges, installing shelves, and learn the basics of breaker boxes and plumbing shutoffs. Please register.

Local History Book Club

Monday, Nov. 9, 4:00

Read *Waiting for Home*:

The Richard Prangle Story by John Schneider,

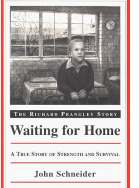
then join Holbrook Heritage Room Coordinator Brittany

for a discussion. She'll also

share and discuss

scrapbooks from the

Coldwater State Home collection at the library.



A Train To Paradise

Monday, Nov. 16, 6:00

Explore the history of Henry Flagler's Florida Keys railway, its eventual abandonment, and enjoy clips from the PBS documentary *Flagler's Train*.

Stuffed Animal Taxidermy

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 4:00

An inventive, vegan crafting trend that involves mounting the heads or bodies of plush toys onto wooden plaques to mimic traditional hunting trophies. Feel free to bring in your own stuffed animal to taxidermy.

Evening Creativi-Tea Time: Paper Flowers And Tea Towels

Friday, Nov. 20, 5:00

Relax with a cup of tea while creating a self-guided paper floral centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table. Choose from a variety of papers and floral designs, or decorate a floral tea towel with fabric markers and stamps. All supplies are provided.

Holidays Are Scary:

Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 5:00

Get out of the Thanksgiving mood by enjoying hot drinks and watching the horror film *Thanksgiving*. For ages 18 and up.



QUINCY BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Wednesday, 10:30

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

Stuffy Sleepover At The Library

Friday, Sep. 4, 9:00 - 5:00

Drop your stuffed animal off anytime on Friday at the Quincy Branch for them to spend the night at the library. Come at 9am Saturday morning to pick up your stuffy, enjoy a sweet treat, and see what adventures your stuffy had.

Elephant & Piggie Meet & Greet!

Monday, Sep. 14, 4:00 - 6:00

Celebrate with Elephant & Piggie at the library! Enjoy themed crafts, games, and tasty snacks, then meet Elephant and Piggie in person. The first 20 children will receive an Elephant & Piggie book to take home. This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



"How-To" Drawings

Monday, Sep. 21, 3:30

Come learn some simple "how-to" drawings with Miss Tracy!

Fall Puzzles

Monday, Sep. 28, 3:30

Create a colorful fall puzzle.

Apples, Apples, Apples

Monday, Oct. 5, 3:30

Let's do all the apple-y things - Apple craft, Apple game, Apple Snack. Come join the apple-y fun!

Potions & Pumpkins

Monday, Oct. 19, 3:30

Let's create eerie potions and a delightful pumpkin candy bowl that you can fill to the brim.

Boo Bash

Monday, Oct. 26, 3:00 - 5:00

Celebrate Halloween with snacks, crafts, games, and more! Bonus: if you come dressed in your costume you'll get a special prize! This is a drop-in program, you are welcome to come anytime.



Scarecrow Scavenge

Monday, Nov. 2, 3:30

Search the library for hidden scarecrow pieces! The first team to find them all and build their scarecrow wins a prize.

Native American Heritage Month Crafts

Monday, Nov. 9, 3:30

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with creative crafts! Enjoy hands-on activities while learning about the cultures and traditions of Native Americans.

Gobble, Gobble, & Glue

Monday, Nov. 16, 3:30

Make a fun Thanksgiving craft. It's going to be a gobble-y good time!

The Gratitude Gobbler

Monday, Nov. 23, 3:30

The reason for this season is to be thankful. Join us in creating gratitude turkey jars! Make a turkey out of a jar and write down your reasons for thankfulness to place inside.

Snacks & Crafts

Wednesday, Sep. 9, Sep. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 25, 3:30

Teens can visit the library for a craft and snack! Each month will have a specific theme.

Mario Kart Races

Friday, Sep. 4, 12:00 - 3:00

Who will get Mario to the finish line first? Race head-to-head or in four-player competitions on the Nintendo Switch, with snacks and plenty of fun!

Winnie-The-Pooh Turns 100

Oct. 13 - 17

Celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th birthday with a week of fun at the library! Make a hunny pot filled with goodies, complete a scavenger hunt, and stop by on Oct. 14 for a cupcake and a chance to win a Winnie-the-Pooh stuffed animal.



Books, Coffee, & Conversation

Saturday, Sep. 12, 9:00 at 13 E.

Chicago St. in Quincy at Refuge Coffee House

Book discussion for *The Pumpkin Spice Cafe* by Laurie Gilmore at Refuge Coffee House. Enjoy a book-inspired specialty drink and your first drink is on the library!



A Toast To Ghosts: Storytelling By Lou Ann Homan

Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:00

Enjoy spooky stories, eerie snacks, and hauntingly fun vibes! Special guest storyteller and writer Lou Ann Homan from Angola will share a collection of spooky stories.

Murder Mystery Party: Midnight At The Masquerade - R

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4:00pm

Join us to see if you can solve a murder mystery at the Billionaires' Club Annual Masquerade Ball! Dun, Dun, Dun..... You're not required to dress up to attend but please note there will be a prize for the best dressed patron. For 18 and up. Please register.

Ring-Around-The-Pumpkin - R

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10:30

Create a pumpkin using canning rings. Please register.

Looking Into The Past

Thursday, Nov. 19, 5:00

Learn how to look into 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.

SHERWOOD BRANCH

Storytime

Weekly on Thursday, 10:30
(Not held on Nov. 26)

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

Leaf Mosaics

Tuesday, Sep. 8, 4:00

Use a variety of bean seeds to create a fall mosaic of leaves on card stock. For ages 5-12.

Paper Plate String Art

Tuesday, Sep. 22, 4:00

Use paper plates and string to create beautiful heart shapes. For ages 5-12.

Cardboard Halloween Wreaths

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 4:00

Cardboard rings, paper ghosts, bats, pumpkins, and spiders combine to make a spooktacular Halloween wreath. For ages 5-12.

Popsicle Stick Scarecrows

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 4:00

Paint popsicle sticks and use googly eyes to create a Scarecrow to go! For ages 5-12.

Paper Plate Whirligigs

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4:00

Turn paper plates into spinning autumn whirligigs! Cut and decorate them with colorful leaves and markers. For ages 5-12.

Fall Trees

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 4:00

Decorate for fall with construction paper tree creations. Using construction paper and leaf templates, we'll be crafting leafy trees on larger pieces of construction paper and assembling them with glue. For ages 5-12.

Splatter Painting

Tuesday, Sep. 1, 4:00

Paint Jackson Pollock style! Use painting techniques to create a masterpiece, with a splatter here and a splatter there! For ages 12-17.

Bad Art Night

Tuesday, Sep. 29, 4:00

Turn old magazines, glitter, googly eyes, feathers, and other craft supplies into the ugliest masterpieces you can imagine! For ages 12-18.

Paint A Pirate Chest

Tuesday, Sep. 15, 4:00

Ahoy mateys! Let's paint a wooden chest to put valuables and keepsakes in! For ages 8-18.



Gothic Flower Planters

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 4:00

Paint a planter with creepy-crawly designs, then finish it with a black rose. For ages 10-18.

Winnie-The-Pooh Honeypots

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11:00

Celebrate 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh with a special craft! Make honeypots out of terracotta planters and paint.



National Bigfoot Day - Bigfoot Races

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4:00

It's National Bigfoot Day and we're going to see how fast we can run while wearing Bigfoot cardboard feet!

No-Carve Pumpkin Painting

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 4:00

Paint locally grown mini pumpkins and decorate them with fun Halloween embellishments. Bring the whole family for a spooky afternoon of creativity!



Hunger Games Art

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 4:00

Create a Mockingjay masterpiece on canvas or paper to celebrate the upcoming *Sunrise on the Reaping* movie! Paint and templates will be provided. For ages 10-18.

Fall Wreaths - R

Thursday, Sep. 17, 5:00

Use wire wreaths, artificial flowers, and other decorations to create a beautiful seasonal wreath. Please register.

Witch's Bells - R

Thursday, Oct. 15, 5:00

Join us for a creative evening making a Halloween wreath! We'll use grapevine wreaths, string, bells, beads, tiny glass potion bottles, and other spooky embellishments to create a festive decoration. Please register.

Pumpkin Centerpieces - R

Thursday, Nov. 12, 5:00

Create a festive fall centerpiece with artificial pumpkins, wooden slabs, flowers, and pampas grass to brighten your holiday table. Please register.

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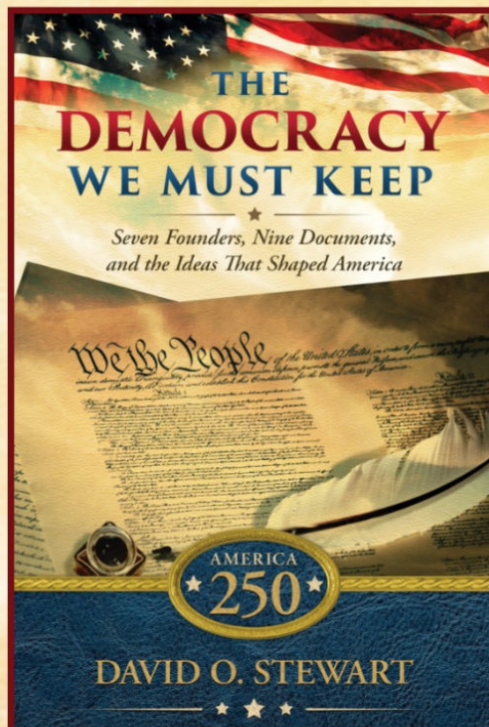
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ONLINE Author Talk

Tuesday, September 1
2:00 pm



DAVID O. STEWART

Join us online as we chat with award-winning historian David O. Stewart about what America's founders said about democracy and if we can remain true to their vision for America.

Meet the Speaker!



Register and Submit Questions for the Speaker here



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Storytime

Weekly on Wednesday, 11:00

Stories, songs, and crafts for infants and toddlers.

Hispanic Heritage Craft: Repujado Art

Tuesday, Sep. 22, 3:00

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a hands-on repujado (embossed tin) art activity inspired by traditional Mexican folk art. For ages 5-12.

Pooh & Friends Storytime Celebration

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11:00

Celebrate 100 years of Winnie-the-Pooh with a delightful hour of fun! Share your favorite Pooh book, come dressed as your favorite character, create your own honey pots, take part in a Winnie-the-Pooh scavenger hunt, and enjoy reading classic Pooh stories together.

Halloween Painted Rocks

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 3:00

Get creative and celebrate the Halloween season by painting spooky and festive rocks! For ages 5-12.

Introduction to Rocket Science - R

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00

Discover the basics of rocket science through hands-on learning! Explore Newton's Third Law, momentum, and pressure. Then launch mini rockets to see science in action. For ages 5-12. Please register.

Not-So-Scary Stories & Halloween Bash

Friday, Oct. 30, 3:00

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of not-so-scary Halloween stories, apple cider, and donuts! Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes for a chance to be entered into a prize drawing. The celebration will also include Halloween-themed crafts and a Halloween scavenger hunt.



Mini Basket Weaving

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 3:00

Learn the basics of basket weaving in this fun, hands-on craft! Participants will use simple weaving techniques to create their own weaving baskets to take home. For ages 5-12.



International Dot Day Craft

Tuesday, Sep. 15, 3:00

Celebrate Dot Day with a fun and creative art activity! Don't forget to wear your favorite dot-themed outfit for a chance to win some exciting prizes.

DIY Flipbooks

Friday, Sep. 25, 3:00

Celebrate National Comic Book Day by creating your own mini flipbook! Teens will design and assemble a simple comic-style animation, bringing their stories to life one page at a time.

Book Page Pumpkins

Thursday, Oct. 22, 3:00

Transform book pages into decorative paper pumpkins, perfect for seasonal decorating.

Fear Factor

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3:00

Think you're brave enough? Put your senses to the test and see if you can guess what's hidden inside the mystery boxes.

Loom & Chill

Thursday, Nov. 19, 3:00

Get creative and unwind with this fun, hands-on looming activity! Teens will learn basic weaving techniques while making their own loom creation to take home.

Movie Day: A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 3:00

Celebrate the Thanksgiving season with a screening of the classic holiday special *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. Follow Charlie Brown and friends as they learn about friendship, gratitude, and sharing in this heartwarming and family-friendly film. For ages 5-18.



Death Cafe

Thursday, Sep. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 5:30

Death is a natural part of life, so let's talk about it. Join nurse and death doula Kristin Steckbauer for a relaxed, group-led conversations with no set agenda. These monthly gatherings offer a safe, welcoming space to share thoughts and reflect on death and dying. Light refreshments will be provided.

Curiosities & Keepsakes Series - R

Saturday, Sep. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 9:00 - 1:00

Join us for an adult show-and-tell where you can share meaningful objects and their stories. Bring a treasured item or simply come to listen and connect. This relaxed program invites conversation, curiosity, and discovery. If you are planning to share, please register for each session individually.



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All Booked Up

Thursday, Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12,
4:00, at 204 N. Broadway in Union
City at Broadway Grille

Gather with fellow readers at the Union
City's Broadway Grille where lively
discussion and a welcoming
atmosphere awaits.

Sep. 10: *The Cleaner* by Mary Watson

Oct. 8: *The Astral Library* by Kate Quinn

Nov. 14: *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

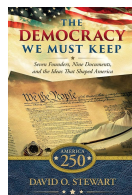


Online Author Talk with

David O. Stewart - R

Tuesday, Sep. 1, 2:00

Join us for a free online author talk
featuring David O. Stewart.
In this engaging session,
Stewart will discuss his book
*The Democracy We Must
Keep* and share a deeper
understanding of American
democracy and how it began
and why it still matters. This program is
offered in partnership with the Library
Speakers Consortium. Registration is
required to receive online meeting
information.



Register and Submit
Questions for the
ONLINE Author Talk

Foraging 101 - R

Wednesday, Sep. 30, 1:00

Join Val Rossman for an introduction to
foraging. Learn safe identification,
where to start, what can be found locally
in early October, and enjoy sample
tastings. Please register.

The Art of Herbal Tea: Tasting Experience - R

Thursday, Oct. 29, 1:00

Blend, brew and enjoy an
irresistible selection of
herbal teas while Bevin
Cohen shares his
knowledge on the history
and folklore of the various herbal
ingredients. Document your impressions
of each herb's aroma and flavor as we
explore the various layers of a well
crafted herbal tea. Please register.





BACK TO SCHOOL



**Resources for
students, parents,
educators, and
homeschool families.**

- Free black-and-white prints for school documents and assignments
- Special Educator Library Cards for teachers and homeschool families
- Free Library Cards for anyone
- attending school in Branch County
- Young Adult Book Club Kits
- Reading recommendations
- Homework assistance
- Computers, Wi-Fi, Printers



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.



SCAN HERE

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!

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.

Sep.: Paper Strip Apples

Oct.: Embroidery Hoop Pumpkins

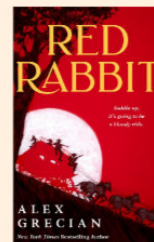
Nov.: Leaf Creatures

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!

Sep.: *House of Bone and Rain* by Gabino Iglesias

Oct./Nov.: *Red Rabbit* by Alex Grecian



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?

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