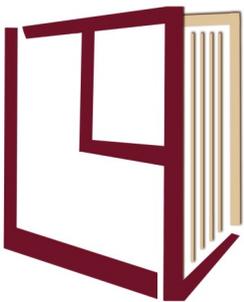


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## From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year! We certainly have been plunged into the deep freeze, I hope you are all staying warm and safe. I am happy to say we have finally replaced all of our old computers with brand new 27" screen HP computers for your use. Thank you for your patience, I think you will enjoy using these new machines. Remember we also have laptops for your use; all are equipped with Windows 7 and Office 2013.

We are hoping to be able to re-model the interior of the library this year. Unfortunately, as always seems to be the case getting the financing in place is a challenge. As we did with the exterior work, we will fund this project from our operating budget. We understand taxpayers concerns with the cost of property taxes, many of us are also Lansing residents. I will keep you posted on our progress.

If you have been in the library of late you can see we have moved a lot of materials in preparation for the re-model. We understand that change is often disconcerting so we are attempting to get shelving in its new position so everyone gets used to the new placement. Fiction books have been combined into one section which incorporates Westerns, Mysteries, Sci-Fi, Fantasy and all other fiction. The stickers are still on the spines so it is very easy to identify your favorite genre. But perhaps now you will see your favorite author also writes some other things and you might want to check out those books.

The new plan also calls for all audio visual materials (including children's DVDs) to be moved to a central location on the upper level. We have created that space and it currently houses the adult audio books, music and DVDs.

You will notice the new books have been moved to the front of the building. We have placed rolling chairs in the area in case you would like to sit and browse. We have seen an increase in new materials checked out. So please give us a chance and ask any staff for assistance if you feel lost. We are happy to help and we think when we have finished you will enjoy the new layout.

One other note, some people assume we must have removed a lot of books from our collection. The last few years we have weeded our collection of many volumes that just do not circulate. By doing so we keep the collection fresh and inviting for you to browse. Also, we added an extra shelf to all our shelving units on the upper level. This small change allows us to house many books in a smaller footprint and frees up floor space for other uses. Everything we do we do to make your user experience better.

As I write this we are getting ready for the first concert of the winter season. I want to thank Friends of the Library for again sponsoring these events. Many people ask us why we do not charge for our concerts. They are a gift to you from our Friends but remember you can always make a contribution to Friends to show your appreciation. They are saving money now to purchase a portable stage that will enable us to present concerts and other programs in a way that will add to the enjoyment of those in attendance. The stage will be raised so those seated will be able to see no matter where they are seated. We will also move the concerts to the area of the library currently occupied by reference, so we will have a proper space. Friends would be happy to accept any gifts you may wish to make to them. Gifts for our Friends group are accepted at the upper level desk by the front door anytime.

**Please attend our Candidates Forum March 24. Details are on page 3.**

Here's hoping you find time to curl up with a blanket, your favorite beverage and a good book.

Debbie Albrecht, Director

### Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Presidents Day:** Closed  
Monday, Feb. 16, 2015.

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— Support library programs with use - at no additional cost to you.

— Use anywhere Visa debit is accepted - in stores, online, or over the phone.

*\*\*Retail load fees and limitations may apply.*

**Deposit your tax refund onto your card to enter a drawing!**

## My current card isn't expired yet. Can I get the new card?

— Yes, Lansing residents age 18 and older may upgrade their card at any time. You choose if and when to activate the debit card features!

## Register your card now!

— The library automatically receives \$1.00, at no cost to you, and you will receive your personalized card with your name on the front in the mail in 7-10 days.

Register for Adult Events at the Fiction & Beyond Desk,  
on our website, or by phone at 474-2447, ext. 122.

## Adult Events

### Winter Reading Program

**Jan. 12 – February 14, 2015**

Details @ Fiction & Beyond.

We will celebrate Winter Reading on Chinese New Year, February 19, 2015 at 6 pm in the Community Room. Please register for this event. Light refreshments will be served.



**Japanese Cooking**  
**Thursday,**  
**February 5 at**  
**11:00 a.m. in**  
**the Community**  
**Room**

Andrew Comens demonstrates and prepares California Rolls made with cucumber, avocado and imitation crab meat and Teriyaki Chicken. You will be able to sample the food and take home the recipes. This program is limited to 35 people. Please register.

**MAKE IT!**

**Make it!**  
**Friday, February 6**  
**at 10 a.m. in the**  
**Community Room**

What can you make with an old deck of playing cards? A small gift box that can hold small things. You can make a box to hold chocolate kisses for someone special. Just in time for Valentines day. Class size is limited to 12. Please register.

We're making changes in the Adult Fiction collection. If you are not able to find your item, staff in Fiction & Beyond are happy to help!



**Concert: Classic.**  
**(Chris Widstrand &**  
**Gloria Cabrera)**

**Friday, Feb. 13, 2015**

**at 6:30 p.m. Doors open**  
**at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Friends**  
**of Lansing Library.**

**MAKE IT!**

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**Friday, March 6**  
**at 10 a.m. in the**  
**Community Room**

Things under glass and in glass have an intrigue all their own. Take a tiny glass bottle and add a message and you have intrigue. Add a ribbon and you have wearable art. Join us as we learn how to make a one of a kind message in a bottle necklace just for you. Call the library to register for this class at 708-474-2447 x122 or register at the Fiction & Beyond desk. Class is limited to 12, any age 18 and up may attend.

**Concert: TBA**  
**Friday, March 13, 2015**  
**at 6:30 p.m. Doors open**

**at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Friends**  
**of Lansing Library.**

**Meet the Candidates Forum**  
**@ Your Library**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Upper level of the library**  
We have a local election on April 7th and the library would like to give you a chance to meet and listen to the candidates for Village Trustee. Each candidate will have the opportunity to make a brief statement and questions will be taken from the audience in written

form and selected questions will be asked of the candidates. Mark your calendar and join us so you can make an informed decision about your local representation.



**Gardening inspiration**  
**with the Prairie**  
**Godmothers!**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**at 10:00 a.m. in the**

**Community Room** Does your garden look unfinished or feel uninspired? Learn simple techniques to improve your garden spaces by adding show stopping plants, improving the look and feel of the soil and bringing garden art to a whole new level. Please register for this event at the Fiction & Beyond Desk.

**March Madness! [All ages]**  
As the March Madness brackets of College basketball begin to surface, sports fans choose their favorite team in hopes of seeing them in the championship. The Lansing Library wants to get into the action as well! Visit the main level and check out our **Book Character March Madness** bracket. Each week you have the opportunity to vote for your favorite character. Vote any way you can! We will have ballots available throughout the library, but you can also use our Facebook page, send us an email, or even call us. Do whatever you can to make sure your picks reach the championship round. Feb. 23-April 6.

**Save the date! Concert April 10!**

## Adult Events

### Recurring Monthly Events



**Monday Morning Movies**  
**Mondays: February 9 & 23,**  
**March 9 & 30**

**at 11 a.m. in the Community Room**

*Sponsored by Friends of Lansing Library*

We will be screening one of the hot new releases in the Community Room. No registration is required. However, seating is limited at each screening to 60. For more information on the scheduled titles, please call Fiction and Beyond at 708-474-2447 x122.

*Friends Book Sale open after the movie until 2 p.m.*



**The Sound of Laughter Makes Us Smile**  
**Tuesdays: Feb. 24 & March 31**  
**from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the**  
**Community Room.** Learn to laugh with

Tanaz Bamboat. All you need to bring is yourself. Laugh for the health of it and feel the difference in just one session. Tanaz Bamboat is a certified Laughter Yoga teacher. (No poses only the breathing of yoga). Burn calories, relieve stress and have fun at the same time.



**Dead Relatives Society**  
**(Genealogy Research Group)**  
**Saturdays:**

**February 28 from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.**

**March 28 from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.**

**in the Conference Room.** Come join us to start researching your family tree. We will make the room and resources available. This will be a time when everyone can gather in one place and research with the assistance of library staff. You can also share with your fellow researchers. While you can use the resources any time the library is open, this will be a time when you can work undisturbed, and have a staff member handy to help you. Instead of trying for staff attention, someone will be there in the room, available to answer your questions.

## News You Can Use!



**Email Notices—**  
**Subscribe now!**

*Available Now! Emailed checkout receipts!*

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

**We will also send notices about unexpected library closures due to weather,** Friends' fundraisers, computer class registration opening and selected special events.

It's easy! Follow the instructions on

<http://www.lansingpl.org/notices.html> or ask any Circulation staff to add your email address to your account. Thank you!



### **Image Release**

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



### **ProPay**

Lansing Public Library accepts all major credit and debit cards via ProPay! It is easier than ever to pay your fines! In the library:

Use your debit or credit card at the Circulation Desk! Online: Just login to your borrower account and follow the link to pay.

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



## Computer & Technology Classes



### Free @ Your Library: *Encyclopedia Britannica*

Our subscription to *Britannica Library* gives Lansing cardholders three sites in one:

Children, Young Adults, and the Reference Center for older students and adults. Patrons can choose the age-appropriate level that works best for them, and will find it easy to conduct research, complete homework assignments, and work on special projects. You can even store their research in their own personal My Britannica account. Learn more at the presentation. Bring your questions and our expert Britannica Trainer will be glad to answer them during this live presentation.

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level. *[Sponsored by Encyclopedia Britannica, presented by Encyclopedia Britannica training experts.]*

**Thursday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 10 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**



### Introduction to Excel 2010

In this class we will explore the basics of Excel including simple formulas and functions.

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level. *[Offered by I&I]*

**Thursday, February 5 @ 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



### Creating a Budget Using Excel

In this class we will create a workable budget spreadsheet. Please bring a flash drive\* to save your work. (\*Flash drives are available for \$7 at the Circulation Desk.)

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level.

*[Offered by I&I]*

**Thursday, February 19 @ 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



### Introduction to Word 2013

This class is for someone who has never used Word and is looking for an introduction to this word processing program.

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.** Meets in the Brick Room, lower level.

*[Offered by IT]*

**Saturday, February 21 @ 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 24 @ 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



### Sorting and Filtering in Excel 2013

In this class we will explore the powerful sorting and filtering features Excel offers to help organize your data. Prerequisite for class: Introductory knowledge of Excel 2013.

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level.

*[Offered by I&I]*

**Thursday, March 5 @ 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



### Charts and Pivot Tables in Excel 2013

In this class we will learn how to create charts and build pivot tables in Excel 2013.

Prerequisite for class: Introductory knowledge of Excel 2013. **Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level.

*[Offered by I&I]*

**Thursday, March 19 @ 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**



### Cloud Storage & Collaboration

While cloud storage sounds like it has something to do with the weather, it refers to storing your data on a remote computer maintained by a third party. Learn about some of the popular cloud storage options available today such as **Dropbox, Google Drive, and Microsoft's Sky Drive**. Cloud storage allows you to access your files from any location with Internet access, reduces your need for USB flash drives, and with the right cloud solution, allows you to collaborate with colleagues or classmates. This is a lecture presentation.

**Registration required, limit 10 Lansing cardholders.**

Meets in the Brick Room, lower level. *[Offered by IT]*

**Saturday, March 21 @ 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

## Adult Book Discussions



Book discussions are open to anyone who want to participate. Books are available at the Circulation Desk one month before each discussion. New members always welcome!

**Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Avid Reads’**  
***Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion**

**Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Reality Check’**  
***The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable* by Nassim Nicholas Taleb**

**Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Murder & Mayhem’ (New day & time!)**  
***Track of the Cat* by Nevada Barr**

**Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Avid Reads’**  
***Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway**

**Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Reality Check’**  
***Kitty Genovese: The Murder, the Bystanders, the Crime That Changed America* by Kevin Cook**

**Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**‘Murder & Mayhem’**  
***Desert Heat* by J.A. Jance**



The Lansing Business Women’s Association is **cutting and sorting coupons for our military families overseas**. The coupons can be used 6 months past the expiration date at their commissary.

Join us on the **first Monday of every month at the Lansing Public Library in the Community Room.**  
**We meet 9:30 a.m. – Noon and 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**  
Bring your scissors and any coupons you may have.  
Questions call Pat Leck 708-323-5232



## Webucator FREE Online Computer Classes

Lansing Public Library has partnered with Webucator to offer free computer classes online in a variety of topics such as Microsoft Office applications, computer programming, HTML, CSS and more. You can view the classes on a library computer or in the comfort of your own home!  
**See staff for the voucher code.**  
Visit our website for the list of classes.

### Consult a Librarian and Computer Help by Appointment!

Consult a Librarian provides an opportunity for library staff to teach you how to use library resources to accomplish your research goal. While library staff at the service desks are always willing to answer your questions and help you learn to use the library, in some situations a one-on-one appointment may be helpful.

**What library staff can’t do:** Type or proofread your document. Provide medical, legal or business advice or opinion. Do your homework for you.

Sign up for an appointment with library staff!

**Limited to Lansing Public Library card holders.**

Topics include: Accelerated Reader (AR) Book Help, Adult Readers’ Advisory and NoveList, eBook or Zinio Help by Appointment, E-Mail accounts on gmail.com, Excel 2013, PowerPoint2013, Publisher 2013, or Word 2013 Introduction, Genealogy and Family History, Reference USA, Résumé Assistance and Travel Information at Your Fingertips.

Lansing Citizen’s Police Academy  
February 23 through May 4, 2015  
Every Monday 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Register today! Class size is limited.  
For additional information contact:  
Officer Butler 895-7140  
[www.villageoflansing.org](http://www.villageoflansing.org)

**Reusable Tote Bags are Back!**  
**\$2 at the Circulation Desk!**



## Group News



### Calumet River Creative Writers Group

**10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
in the Community Room**

Age 18 & up.

Saturdays: February 7 & 21,  
March 7 & 21.

The popular knitting & crochet circle “Purls of Wisdom” meets at the library. Bring your own supplies. **Beginners always welcome!**

### Wednesdays

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

February 4 & 18  
March 4 & 18



### Fridays

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

February 13 & 27  
March 13 & 27



**Buy It Now!** Not just for holiday shopping! Support us all year! Thank you to all who clicked our link before doing their shopping!

**Each time you purchase an item from Amazon via this link:**

**<http://www.lansingpl.org/>**  
a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the library, with no added cost to you!

## Friends of Lansing Library

**Friends Meetings** are held every other month. Upcoming meeting: March 9 @ 6:30 p.m. If you are a member, you may attend any meeting.

Help support our Friends who support the library with purchases that are beyond the library's budget.

### Friends of Lansing Library Book Sales

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

#### General Public

**10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

*Friends memberships are available at the door.*

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015

Saturday, March 14, 2015

#### Special Book Sales

After the Monday Movie  
(end of movie or) 12:30 p.m.  
until 2 p.m.

Feb. 9 & 23, March 9 & 30

Ongoing book sale near the Adult Audio Visual Materials.

### Congratulations to the 2015 Friends Officers!

President-Rosalee Lester  
Vice President-Jackie Luberd  
Co-Treasurers-Marilyn Aiken  
and Dorothy Kiefer  
Secretary-Loraine Tiedemann

Thank you to exiting officers  
**Joan Curry and Anne Marie Stole**  
for serving this past year.

### Fundraising Updates:

We Friends thank you for buying our holiday bracelets, and we thank **Sally Valente** for making and donating the beautiful bracelets. Over 30 were sold.



### Take a Valentine cupcake home for you and your sweetie after the Feb. 13 concert. Cupcakes \$1 each.

Friends' current long-term fundraising project is a portable library stage that will be used at our music concerts and at any library event where a stage is needed. Proceeds from the cupcakes will go toward purchasing the stage.

Friends has a unique way for you to partner with us in getting the library its portable stage. Details in the April newsletter.

### Got Coupons?

If you get any coupons for Bed, Bath & Beyond, and don't know what to do with them, The Friends would use them to get the library great coffee for great prices. Thank you.

### You're Invited!

We invite you to join Friends of Lansing Library. Membership is \$5 per year. One membership perk is early admission to all our book sales! Memberships may be purchased at the monthly book sale or at the Circulation Desk anytime.

Thank you **Dorothy Lalich** for your concert donation.

## Kids Events

### **Recurring Programs** **Storytimes!**

#### Morning Storytime

Six week session starting the week of January 12 and ending the week of February 16.

Six week session starting the week of March 2 and ending the week of April 6.

**Meets in the Activity Room, no sign-up required.**

*Baby Storytime (Birth – 24 mos.):*  
**Mondays @ 10:30 & 11:30**

*Toddler Storytime (24-36 mos.):*  
**Wednesday @ 10:30 & 11:30**

*Preschool Storytime (3-5 years):*  
**Thursdays @ 10:30 & 11:45**

**Pajamas Evening Storytime**  
**Alternating Wednesdays at**  
**6:30 p.m. [All Ages]**  
**in the Activity Room**  
**February 4 & 18**  
**March 4 & 18**

Come on by in your jammies with your favorite stuffed animal and listen to a few stories before bed. Of course, bedtime wouldn't be complete without a small bedtime snack.

**No sign-up required.**

**Interactive Family Storytime**  
**Monday, March 23**  
**at 6:30 p.m. [All Ages]**  
**in the Activity Room**

Come ready to read and play as a family. Stories, crafts, and fun included. **No sign-up required.**

#### **Homeschool Hub**

**Friday, February 13**  
**from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 13**  
**from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**[All Ages]**

#### **Community Room**

The library is one of a homeschooler's greatest resources. In addition to providing awesome free materials, we want to help you connect with other local homeschooling families.

**No sign-up required.**

#### **Lego Day**

**Saturday, February 7**  
**from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 7**  
**from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**[All Ages]**

We provide the Legos, you bring your imagination! All completed projects will be displayed in the ITI department.

**No sign up required.**

#### **Special Programs**

##### **Where's Waldo?**

**Month of February**  
**[Grades K-5]**

Waldo is jumping out of the book and into our library! Can you find him?

##### **Valentine's Day Cards**

**Monday, February 9**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**

**[Grades K-5]**

##### **in the Activity Room**

Come craft with us as we create sweet Valentine's Day cards for those we love!

**No sign up required.**

#### **Willie the Entertainer**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**[All Ages]**

#### **in the Community Room**

Stop by and see Willie the Entertainer! Willie is the 2014 winner of the Michael Jackson Dance Competition and he is coming by to perform for us! Don't miss this awesome performance!

**No sign up required.**

#### **Paper Lizard**

**Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**[Grades K-5]**

#### **In the Activity Room**

Construct your own pet lizard during this creative paper craft!

**No sign up required.**

#### **March Madness! [All ages]**

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#### **Lansing Library's March**

**Madness runs from February 23 to April 6, when the champion will be announced.**

## Kids Events

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The competition is all ages so make sure your age group is represented!

### **Monarch Petting Zoo Monday, February 23 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. [Grades K-3]**

#### **In the Activity Room**

It's time to vote for your favorite Monarch Award book. This drop-in storytime will give you a chance to hear a few of the Monarch award books read, look through all of the award books, vote, and even do a small craft. Read five books and you'll be eligible to vote!  
**No sign up required.**

### **“Into the Night” Book Reading Thursday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. [All Ages] in the Community Room**

Stop by and hear Lansing resident Carrie Steinweg read her new book, “Into the Night.” There will also be an owl craft for you to take home.  
**No sign up required.**

### **Bookmark Challenge Month of March**

Stop by throughout the month of March and create your own bookmark.

### **Dream Catcher Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. [Grades K-5] in the Activity Room**

Make this delightful dream catcher and you are sure to have sweet dreams!

**No sign up required.**

### **Dr. Seuss Party Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:00 p.m. [Grades 3 and under]**

It's time once again for our biggest party of the year! Come join us to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday! Play games involving your favorite Seuss characters. Vote for your favorite Seuss book. Hear fantastic Seuss stories. Eat delicious Seuss snacks. Mark your calendars today! **No sign up required.**

### **Super Pi Day Saturday, March 14 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. [All Ages]**

#### **in the Activity Room**

Today is the most famous day in math history! The number pi, which is used in determining the circumference of a circle, is an infinite number that starts with 3.1415. We could never let this opportunity slip us by! Stop in anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 and make your own delicious mud pie. **No sign-up required**

### **Homemade Ice Cream Thursday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m. [Grades K-5]**

**in the Activity Room**  
Make your own homemade ice cream, add in your favorite toppings, and then enjoy every last spoonful of your tasty treat!  
**No sign up required.**

### **Spring Ahead Drop-in Craft Saturday, March 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. [Grades K-5]**

#### **in the Activity Room**

It may officially be spring but it's still cold outside. Don't worry we have the perfect spring craft to get you in the mood for spring!  
**No sign up required.**

### **Monarch Award Voting**

If you've read five books from the Monarch nominees, you have until the end of February to report your favorite title to one of the librarians. Your vote will help decide the winner of the Monarch award. Voters for the Monarch Award must be in grades K-3 in order to be eligible to participate. If you want an opportunity to see all the nominations, stop by our Monarch Petting Zoo program on Monday, February 23 from 4:00-7:00. All votes must be turned in by Saturday, February 28.

### **Bluestem Award Voting**

If you've read four books from the Bluestem nominees, you have until the end of February to report your favorite title to one of the librarians or use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bluestem2015>. Your vote will help decide the winner of the Bluestem award. Voters for the Bluestem Award must be in grades 3-5 in order to be eligible to participate.

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### **Black History Month Trivia Contest**

**The Month of February  
[Grades 4 and up]**

Are you a history guru? Would you like to learn more about Black Heritage in a fun way? Pick up a word search and trivia sheet at the Youth Desk. Answer as many questions as you can, turn the sheet back in for your chance to win some cool prizes!

### **Valentine's Day Cards**

**Monday, February 9  
at 6:00 p.m.**

**[Grades K-5]  
in the Activity Room**

Come craft with us as we create sweet Valentine's Day cards for those we love!

**No sign up required.**

### **Superhero Wooden Bookmarks**

**Tuesday, February 10  
at 5 p.m.**

**[Grades 6-12]  
in the Activity Room**

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's....a bookmark! We'll provide the markers and wooden craft sticks, you provide the imagination to create your favorite superhero on a bookmark. Superheroes not your thing? You can make any book, TV or movie character! Some drawing skill is necessary, but beginners are welcome!

**No sign-up required.**

### **Willie the Entertainer**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 6:00 p.m.  
[All Ages]**

**In the Community Room**

Stop by and see Willie the Entertainer! Willie is the 2014 winner of the Michael Jackson Dance Competition and he is coming by to perform for us! Don't miss this awesome performance!

**No sign up required.**

### **Paper Lizard**

**Thursday, February 19  
at 6:00 p.m.**

**[Grades K-5]  
In the Activity Room**

Construct your own pet lizard during this creative paper craft!

**No sign up required.**

### **March Madness! [All ages]**

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champion will be announced. The competition is all ages so make sure your age group is represented!

### **Magic 8 Balls**

**Thursday, February 26  
at 4:30 p.m.**

**[Grades 4 and up]  
in the Activity Room**

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**No sign-up required.**

### **Dream Catcher**

**Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.  
[Grades K-5]**

**In the Activity Room**

Make this delightful dream catcher and you are sure to have sweet dreams! **No sign up required.**

### **Divergent: Which Faction Are You? Quiz and Craft**

**Thursday, March 12 at 5 p.m.  
[Grades 6-12]**

**In the Activity Room**

The next movie in the *Divergent* series, *Insurgent*, is being released March 20. To get ready, we will be having an evening of activities related to the Divergent world. First, take a quiz to decide your faction. Will you be Dauntless (the brave), Abnegation (the selfless), Erudite (the intelligent), Amity (the peaceful) or Candor (the honest)? After you have discovered your faction, create a

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**Saturday, March 14  
from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**[All Ages]**

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### **Doctor Who Sonic Screwdriver Pens**

**Tuesday, March 24  
at 4:30 p.m.**

**[Grades 4 and up]**

**in the Activity Room**

Have you ever looked at your pen and thought “this just isn’t sonic enough”? Well, today is your lucky day! Using a regular pen and air dry clay, you can make your own sonic screwdriver. It opens doors!\* It heals the sick!\* It can be used to fight enemies!\* It...writes! This project is a little messy, so please wear old clothes.

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### **Homemade Ice Cream**

**Thursday, March 26  
at 6:00 p.m.**

**[Grades K-5]**

**in the Activity Room**

Make your own homemade ice cream, add in your favorite toppings, and then enjoy every last spoonful of your tasty treat!

**No sign up required.**

### **Spring Ahead Drop-in Craft**

**Saturday, March 28,  
from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**[Grades K-5]**

**in the Activity Room**

Are you looking forward to spring now that you’ve set your clocks ahead? We have the perfect spring craft to get you in the mood for spring!

**No sign up required.**

### **Rebecca Caudill Award Voting**

If you’ve read three books from the Caudill nominees, you have until the end of February to report your favorite title to one of the librarians or use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Caudill2015>.

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### Recurring Programs

#### **Teen Game Day**

**Tuesday, February 3  
@ 4:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 3 @ 4:30 p.m.  
[Grades 6-12]**

**in the Community Room**

It’s Game Day! Use our Nintendo Wii to challenge your friends at a number of sports with Wii Sports or work together to conquer Super Mario Bros. Wii. If video games aren’t your style, you can best your friends at Connect Four, Uno and much more!

**No sign-up required.**

#### **Anime Club**

**Tuesday, February 10  
@ 4:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 17 @ 4:30 p.m.  
[Grades 6-12]**

**in the Community Room**

Come to the library and talk about your favorite anime, draw a picture of your favorite characters, let us know what kinds of anime books and movies you’d like at the library! Tell us about awesome cosplay ideas, comic book shops or just come to meet new people who enjoy anime!

**No sign-up required.**

#### **Teen Movie:**

**[Grades 6-12]**

**in the Community Room**

***Scott Pilgrim vs. the World***

**Thursday, February 12**

**@ 4:30 p.m.**

Scott Pilgrim’s life is awesome. He’s 23-years-old, in a rock band, “between jobs” and dating a cute high school girl. Everything’s

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fantastic until a seriously mind-blowing, dangerously fashionable, roller blading delivery girl named Ramona Flowers starts cruising through his dreams and sailing by him at parties. But the path to Ms. Flowers isn't covered in rose petals. Ramona's seven evil exes stand between Scott and true happiness. Can Scott beat the bad guys and get the girl without turning his precious little life upside-down? **This is a free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 113 minutes. No sign-up required.**

### ***Guardians of the Galaxy*** **Thursday, March 19** **@ 4:30 p.m.**

Brash adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the object of an unrelenting bounty hunt after stealing a mysterious orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain with ambitions that threaten the entire universe. To evade Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with a quartet of disparate misfits. But when Quill discovers the true power of the orb and the menace it poses to the cosmos, he must do his best to rally his ragtag rivals for a last, desperate stand-with the galaxy's fate in the balance. **This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 121 minutes. No sign-up required.**

### **Teen Book Discussion:** ***Brown Girl Dreaming* by** **Jacqueline Woodson** **Tuesday, Feb. 24 @ 5:00 p.m.** **[Grades 6-12]** **Activity Room**

Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South. *Brown Girl Dreaming* is the winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 2014.  
**No sign-up required.**

### ***Glory O'Brien's History of the*** ***Future* by A.S. King** **Monday, March 30 @ 5:00 p.m.** **[Grades 9-12]** **Activity Room**

As her high school graduation draws near, Glory O'Brien begins having powerful and terrifying visions of the future as she struggles with her long-buried grief over her mother's suicide.  
**No sign-up required.**

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### **Kindness Board** **The Month of February** **[Grades 6-12]**

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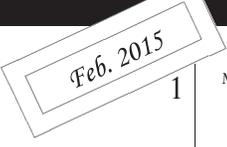
### **Read for a Lifetime Deadline**

If you are a high school student and have completed reading for 4 books for the Read for a Lifetime program, please turn them in as soon as possible. Titles can be dropped off at the library or emailed to

brandi@lansingpl.org. Those who complete the program must be signed-up in order to receive credit and enter the raffle for a gift card. All completed titles must be turned in by Tuesday, March 31.

### **Abraham Lincoln Voting**

Attention High School students! If you've read four books from the Lincoln nominees, you have until the end of February to report your favorite title to one of the librarians or use the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lincoln2015>. Your vote will help decide the winner of the Lincoln award. All votes must be turned in by Saturday, February 28.

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