

BRAINCH *Out*

Lansing Public Library Newsletter



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- SAVE THE DATE: Annual Block Party 6/6
- Summer Reading starts in June
- NEW! Catch us at the Fox Pointe Farmer's Market all summer

THE SCOOP

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

There have been a number of changes since the last time the library's Branch Out newsletter was sent to your house. Eleanor "Cookie" Borys and Debbie Boroviak have retired from the organization. We would like to thank both of these ladies for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the library.

The Lansing Public Library would like to welcome two new appointed board members Afenya Montgomery and Christian Olthoff. We look forward to hearing from their new perspectives and working together to keep this library as one of the best in the southland region.

Welcome to the Lansing Library team!

Thanks to generous Angel Tree donations, **29 youth library accounts** have had their fees **fully waived!**

Each holiday season, our community helps remove barriers and support young readers. **Thank you!**

SUMMER READING

Many Voices, One Story All June Long

This summer, discover how our unique stories connect all of us. We'll explore the voices that shape our world and celebrate the story we create together as a community. Engage in reading, programs, and activities for a chance to win fun prizes along the way.

Ages 0-18 | Sign up at the Youth Desk
Ages 18+ | Sign up at the Information Desk




NORTHSTAR

Put your tech skills to the test (for free!).
Discover your strengths and identify areas to grow as you explore new technologies.

Scan the QR code for more information:



IN THE COMMUNITY



The book bike is at it again! We'll have books, activities, and resources to share all summer long at the Fox Pointe Farmer's Market!

You can come hang out with us every Tuesday morning!

Fox Pointe Farmer's Market
18138 Henry St

Every Tuesday
June- September | 9:30AM*

*August 4th hours are 5-8pm for
National Night Out



EXPLORE THE SUBURBS

Library Passport Adventure Memorial Day-Labor Day

Take a road trip, discover new communities, and celebrate the joy of public libraries for a chance to win a \$100 gift card. Your next favorite library might be just a short drive away! Pick up your passport at the library and visit all or some of the 35 participating libraries to have it stamped. Bring your passport back and get 1 entry for every 5 libraries visited.

LANSING GARDEN CLUB

Gardening Basics Tue, May 19 | 6:30pm | Drop-in

Do you love gardening or want to start a garden? Are you wondering if you have the space or how to start? The Lansing Garden Club will answer these questions and more in May! No registration required, stop into the library to learn more.

Do you know about Community Roots?

Lansing residents benefit from exclusive savings at local businesses - just for having a library card!



If you are a local business owner interested in participating in the Community Roots Program, contact our Outreach Department at: eventsdesk@lansingpl.org.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

These programs are designed for all ages.



Annual Library Block Party Sat, Jun 6 | 5-8pm | *Drop-in*

Celebrate summer with us at our Annual Block Party! We're bringing the community together with free food, music, games, and activities for everyone to enjoy. Come share the fun and be part of our story!

The library is closed for all other library business.

Mother's Day Tea

Sat, May 9 | 2pm | *Register*

Enjoy a charming afternoon together with freshly brewed tea, light snacks, music, and fun crafts. This special event offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down, connect, and create sweet memories while celebrating the love and joy that mothers and children share.

Sensory Friendly Browsing Hour

Sat: May 16, Jun 20 & Jul 18 | 9:30-10:30am | *Drop-in*

People with sensory sensitivities can enjoy the use of the Library and its services in a safe and welcoming environment.

Las personas con sensibilidad sensorial pueden disfrutar de la biblioteca y sus servicios en un ambiente seguro y acogedor.

We'll provide optional sensory supports on both levels of the library (youth and adult departments) - including noise-canceling headphones, lap-sized weighted blankets, tactile fidget items and more - for anyone who might need them.

Jump to page 11 for more information on accessibility items and accommodations available to you at the library.

AMERICA **Fox Pointe 250th**

Sat, Jun 27 | 12-4pm

The Village of Lansing and the Lansing Public Library invite the community to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a backyard BBQ and a variety of engaging, family-friendly experiences at Fox Pointe!

Guests can enjoy:

- Trivia*
- T-shirt making
- Live Abigail Adams performance

This community-wide event blends food, fun, and history to honor America's 250th in an unforgettable way.

**Registration only required if you want to participate in trivia*



FAMILY EVENTS

Seeds and Sprouts: American Adventure

Mon: May 4, 18 | Jun 8, 22 | Jul 6, 20

6pm | Register

Explore America's botanical history with us! We will be planting, watering, and harvesting throughout the summer!

Family Bingo/Lotería

Wed, May 27 | Tue, Jun 23 | Wed, Jul 22

5:30pm | Register

Head to the library for a fun night of family BINGO/LOTERÍA (Mexican BINGO) and a chance to win a tasty treat!

¡Diríjase a la biblioteca para una noche divertida de BINGO/LOTERÍA familiar y la oportunidad de ganarse algo delicioso!

Fantastic Food Firsts

Tue, Jun 9 | 6pm | Register

Join your host, Chef Alphonse Dente (just call him Al) as he talks about the "firsts" behind such fun foods as popcorn, cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream, and MORE!

Dan Gogh's Magic and Art Show

Tue, Jun 16 | 6pm | Register

Artist-Magician Dan Gogh uses comedy, magic, and art to unlock the mystery of creativity. Dan will be your guide to wacky colors, magical drawings, and art tools that have a mind of their own. Prepare to be amazed, inspired, and laugh all the way as you join us on this one-of-a-kind journey!

La, La, Librarian

Wed, Jun 24 | 6pm | Register

Get ready to rock. Get ready to read! Get ready to sing, dance, and get silly with La, La, Librarian!

Bilingual Music and Games for Families

Tue, Jun 30 | 6pm | Register

Turn family time into game time! GoCreative's play-based, bilingual program brings everyone together through fun, interactive games that will have you laughing and learning side by side.

BMX Stunt Show

Tue, Jul 7 | 6pm | Register

From the stage of "America's Got Talent" comes Matt Wilhelm's BMX Stunt Show. Matt will perform the same amazing tricks he has done in competition for the Lansing Public Library. He will also share his story of beating the odds on the way to become a national champion.

Storm Science

Tue, Jul 14 | 6pm | Register

Interactive demos? Check. Thunderstorm simulation? Check! Learn about weather and get hands on!

Firefly Theater - Under the Stars

Tue, Jul 21 | 6pm | Register

Join Spark the Firefly and her friends for a summer night in Firefly Grove. Gather around the campfire to sing songs, listen to stories and watch the stars.

Leonardo Music

Tue, Jul 28 | 6pm | Register

Bring your dancing shoes and best air guitar moves. It's time to go rockin' with Leonardo!

Mario Kart Pizza Party

Wed, Jul 29 | 6pm | Register

Rev up the fun at our Mario Kart Pizza Party, where kids go head-to-head with their parents in high-energy races! Enjoy delicious pizza, friendly competition, and plenty of power-ups as families battle for bragging rights.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS ON THE LAWN

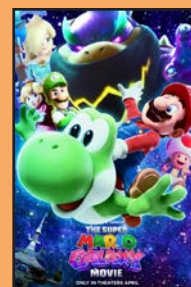
Join us for a Summer Movie Night on the Lawn! Bring your blankets or chairs, gather your friends and family, and enjoy a fun, relaxing evening under the stars!



Zootopia 2
Sat, Jun 13 | 8:30pm | Drop-in



Hoppers
Sat, Jul, 11 | 8:30pm | Drop-in



Super Mario Galaxy
Sat, Aug 1 | 8:30pm | Drop-in

Family programs are designed for children and accompanying adults.

YOUTH & TEENS

Birth - PreK

Family Storytime

Every Wed | 10am | [Register](#)

Enjoy books, movement, songs, and more! Kids will learn important things like motor and literacy skills, finishing with a make & take craft for your child.

Ages 2-5.

Children's Museum in Oak Lawn

Tue, May 5 | 9:30am-12:30pm | [Register](#)

Enjoy a playful morning of exploration at the Children's Museum designed especially for adults and their little ones. Families will discover hands-on exhibits that spark curiosity, creativity, and joyful learning together. *Transportation and admission included.*

Music and Movement

Every Tues: June & July | 11am | [Register](#)

Reading to babies is an important foundation for early literacy skills! There will be books, movement, songs, and more.

Ages 0-24 months.

Preschool Sensory Storytime

Every Thurs: June & July | 10am | [Register](#)

This is a fun, interactive, neurodivergent, and special needs friendly storytime for kids. Enjoy a themed, sensory friendly story read aloud and stay for playtime.

Ages 2-5.

Move with Sol

Wed: Jun 3 & Jul 1 | 11am | [Register](#)

Let's burn some energy! Follow along as we have fun exercising to kid-friendly YouTube dance videos.

Face Paint Fun

Fri, Jun 12 | 11am | [Register](#)

Make your own face paint from household ingredients and have fun painting your face.

Juneteenth Preschool Craft

Fri, Jun 19 | 11am | [Register](#)

We'll read a Juneteenth picture book followed by a simple craft for preschoolers.

DIY Sensory Bin

Fri, Jul 10 | 11am | [Register](#)

Make an ocean-themed sensory bin with your preschooler to take home and enjoy.

Kool-Aid Painting

Fri, Jul 17 | 11am | [Register](#)

Dress for mess! We're going to make paintings using ice cubes and Kool-Aid.

Grades K-5

Young Writer's Meetup

Mon: Jun 8, Jul 6 | 1pm | [Register](#)

Do you enjoy writing or journaling and would like to meet others who do, too? Join us this summer for a casual meet-up with like-minded individuals to brainstorm and create a mini-magazine (Zine) that you can use to tell your own story. Snacks will be provided.

Elementary Sensory Storytime

Mon: Jun 15, Jul 13 | 11am | [Register](#)

An interactive storytime created especially for neurodivergent and special needs elementary-aged kids. Enjoy a themed, sensory-friendly read-aloud with movement and hands-on fun, followed by relaxed playtime in a welcoming space.

Dot Drawings

Thu, Jun 25 | 6pm | [Register](#)

Take a dot for a walk! Using inspiration from painters of the past, we will unleash our creativity to make our own unique dot drawings.

Outdoor Art

Thu, Jul 2 | 6pm | [Register](#)

Dress for mess! We're going to make a work of art from leaves, rocks, and twigs we find around the library.

It's Taco Knight!

Wed, Jul 15 | 6pm | [Register](#)

Join us for a fun, hands-on taco cooking activity for kids! Learn about traditional Mexican cooking ingredients behind this yummy dish!

Circle Art

Thu, Jul 23 | 6pm | [Register](#)

Make a work of art using circles to make a colorful picture.

Summer Science with Ms. Kim

Fridays | 1pm | [Register](#)

Join Ms. Kim during the summer to learn about science with fun, hands-on activities and experiments. Dress to get messy!

Jun 12: Color Science

Jun 26: Bubble Science

Jul 10: Earth Science, Edible Terrariums

Jul 24: Food Science, Ice Cream



Grades 6 - 12

American Cinema Club

Thu: Jun 11 & Jul 9 | 1pm | *Register*

Let's celebrate American stories through cinema!

JuneTEENth

Mon, Jun 15 | 1pm | *Register*

Want to go beyond social studies class? Learn more about the story of Juneteenth in a celebration curated for tweens and teens.

Anime Club

Thu: Jun 18, Jul 16 | 1pm | *Register*

Explore Japanese art and culture! We will be testing snacks, paper marbling, reviewing anime, and more!

Many Voices, One Story Wall

Thu, Jun 18 | 6pm | *Register*

Use words, doodles, symbols, and speech bubbles (stick figures welcome) to build one chaotic, creative masterpiece together, proving that many perspectives can shape a single shared story.

Campfire Chats

Mon: Jun 29, Jul 27 | 1pm | *Register*

Experience daytime camping! We will discuss the upcoming school year and the books we're reading. S'mores and lemonade will be served!

Turn your pet into POP ART!

Mon, Jul 13 | 1pm | *Register*

Transform your pet into a vibrant rainbow watercolor masterpiece! Just bring or email a photo of your pet (full face works best) to youthdesk@lansingpl.org. Perfect for gifts, memorials, or just because you're obsessed with your pet.

AMERICA 250 The Great Observation Challenge

Thu, Jul 16 | 6pm | *Register*

Think you notice everything? Put your memory and attention to the test in this fast-paced challenge featuring visual puzzles, local highlights, and perspective-based mini games inspired by America's 250th anniversary and local history.

Design a Better Tomorrow

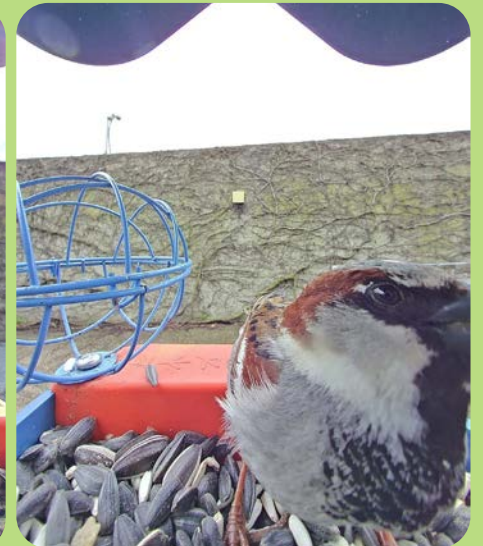
Thu, Jul 30 | 6pm | *Register*

If every voice was heard, what would change? In this hands-on activity, teens will be given prompts and materials to design bold ideas for a stronger community and future, then pitch their creations in a rapid-fire showcase.

COURTYARD FRIENDS

As the weather warms up, keep an eye on our courtyard - we've added a new bird feeder! This summer, we're hoping to welcome plenty of feathered visitors in the weeks ahead. Stop by, enjoy the sunshine, and see who drops in for a snack.

Spoiler alert: squirrels stop by, too!



ADULTS

Coffee Break Café

Every Tues | 10:30am | Drop-in

Coffee Break Café is Lansing Public Library's Micro Café that produces freshly made coffee right in front of you. Join us in conversation or grab a delicious cup of coffee on the go! Space is limited to 40.

Tai-Chi & Gentle Meditation

Every Tues | 1pm | Drop-in

Instructor, Brian Thompson, from BNEW4LIFE, teaches Tai-Chi & Meditation to help stay focused, alert, and pain-free!

Space is limited to 40.

Not in session in the month of May.

Spice Club

Mon: May 4, Jun 1, Jul 6 | Register

Spice up your cooking! Register each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with the spice's history and delicious recipes.

Age Well: Practical Steps to a Better Future

Thu, May 7 | 11am | Register

Road Scholar presents a webinar designed for Seniors and/or their caregivers. This live session focuses on resources from planning wisely, retirement living costs, and how to speak up for yourself. Gain tools and confidence for your future.

Senior Citizen Safety

Tue, May 12 | 11am | Register

Provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Office, this presentation focuses on best practices in crime prevention for your home, in your car, and when you are away from home. Attendees learn simple ways to protect themselves and their families as well as their home and possessions.

This program will be running congruently with the Coffee Break Café.

Trivial Matters!

Wed: May 13, Jun 10, Jul 15 | 6pm | Register

Grab your squad or just yourself and join us each month as we challenge your brain with different themes and subjects. Snacks will be provided.

Habitat for Humanity Seminar

Wed, May 27 | 6pm | Register

Habitat for Humanity has specialized programs for people looking for housing. In this presentation, you will learn how to go about the process of finding a home.

Expeditioners: Weekend Travels

Mon: Jun 1 & Jul 6 | 5:30pm | Register

Do you enjoy traveling and short road trips? We'll explore cities that are a six-ish hour drive away from home. Learn about where to stay, what to do, and fun stops along the way!

Senior Bingo!

Fri: Jun 5 & Jul 3 | 11am | Drop-in

This is the perfect opportunity for you to socialize and win some prizes!

Estate Planning Seminar

Mon, Jun 8 | 6pm | Register

Learn the importance of wills, trusts, and estate planning!

Myths & Munchies: Campfire Series

Mon: Jun 15 & Jul 13 | 5:30pm | Register

Enjoy campfire treats as we sit around a courtyard tabletop fire discussing realms of the paranormal! We'll discuss a different topic each month.

Crafty Connections

Fri: Jun 19 & Jul 17 | 1pm | Drop-in

NEW FORMAT! Explore a wide assortment of materials, tools, and embellishments in this relaxed, self-guided program - no instructions, just inspiration. Bring your own project or start something new, and enjoy crafting alongside others in a welcoming, community-focused environment. Space is limited to 25.

Juneteenth Collaborative Painting

Sat, Jun 20 | 12pm | Register

Celebrate Juneteenth with music, creativity, and community! Adults are invited to paint together on collaborative artwork that will be displayed in the library. No experience needed!

Keynote: Goal Setting for Real Life

Sat, Jul 25 | 2pm | Register

This interactive session helps young adults rethink traditional goal-setting by shifting from pressure and comparison to clarity, alignment, and intentional action. Participants will leave with practical tools to set goals that reflect who they are—not who they feel they need to be.

CRAFT MASTERS

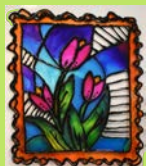
Craft Masters is designed for makers who want the time, tools, and guidance to complete a full craft project and take it home.



Linocut Stamps

Thu, Jun 25 | 6pm | Register

Carve your own linocut stamp and print your unique design!



Faux Stained Glass

Thu, Jul 23 | 6pm | Register

Create your own stained glass-inspired piece of art to display.



*Exact project may vary

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

1:1 Tech Help | By Appointment

Book an Info Services staff member for 30 minutes of one-on-one technology assistance! Scheduling is dependent upon the topic and staff availability. Request an appointment in-person at the Info Desk, by phone at (708) 474-2447 ext. 109, or by email to infodesk@lansingpl.org.

Please note this service is not intended as a replacement for device support, i.e. Geek Squad. Staff are not certified to troubleshoot or repair devices, but may only assist patrons with basic device usage and instruction of library applications.

Easy Digital Photo Storage

Tues: May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7 | 10am | Register
Learn how to organize, store, and protect your digital photo collection online.

Google Basics Series

Tue: Jun 9, 16, 23 | 1pm | Register
Learn the essentials of Google Workspace in this hands-on, beginner-friendly series. Participants will explore key tools used for communication, document creation, file storage, and collaboration online. Registration is required and is for all three sessions.

Chatting About ChatGPT

Wed: Jun 3, Jul 1 | 6pm | Register
Let's talk about what it is, how it can help, and what to potentially avoid to make the most of this brand new technology.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS



BYOBook Club

Mon: May 18, Jun 22 & Jul 20 | 6:30pm | Drop-in

Have a favorite book or two you'd like to share with fellow readers and librarians? Come tell us about them, get the scoop on new and upcoming releases, and discover recommendations for what to read next!

BOOK BANTER

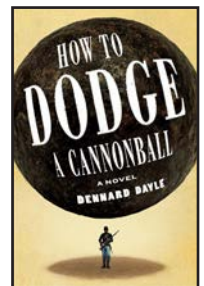
1st Thursday | 6pm | Drop-in



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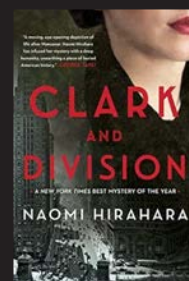
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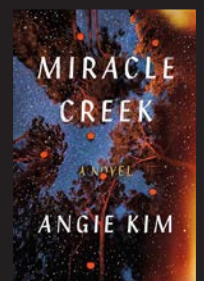
2nd Friday | 10am | Drop-in



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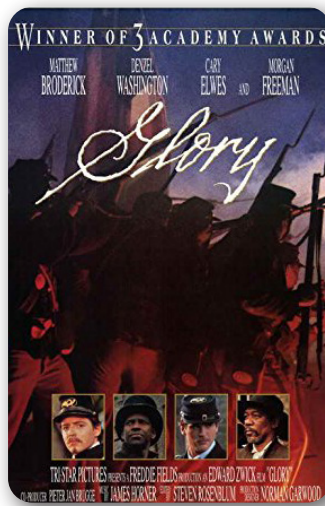
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ADULTS

Lansing Library Cinema provides free movies, drinks, and treats! Come see newly released flicks, retro reels, and movies made from books with us on our 84in 4k TV.



Rental Family
Fri, May 29 | 11am | *Drop-in*



Glory
Fri, Jun 26 | 11am | *Drop-in*



Remarkably Bright Creatures
Fri, Jul 24 | 11am | *Drop-in*

ADULT COMICS & ANIME WEEK

Interested in knowing how to create comics and anime? The last week of July will have educational classes on how it's done from the pros! Plus, an extra fun class for the lovers of Anime!

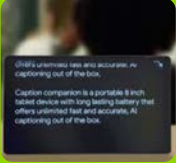
- **Mon, Jul 27** | Virtual Comic Creation Class with writer Trevor Mueller | 6pm | *Register*
- **Wed, Jul 29** | Drawing Comic & Manga Characters with Brian Babendererde | 6pm | *Register*
- **Thu, Jul 30** | Cartoon 101 with Mark Anderton | 6pm | *Register*
- **Fri, Jul 31** | Anime Sticker Canvas | 5:30pm | *Register*



ACCESSIBILITY

We believe the library should be easy to use and welcoming for everyone. That's why we offer a range of accessibility resources to support different needs and preferences. If there's something that would make your experience better, let us know how we can support you.

CLOSED CAPTIONING



Captioning is available at library events for those with hearing loss, learning English as a Second Language (ESL), visual learners and more.

TRANSLATION APPLICATIONS



All public service desks have tablets with translation apps available to assist non-English speakers.

SCREEN-READER SOFTWARE



All library computers have screen reader software installed. NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access) allows the blind and vision impaired to access and interact with the Windows operating system and many third party applications. Just look for the purple N icon!

NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION



All public service desks have tablets with an augmentive and alternative communication (AAC) app designed for individuals with difficulty speaking.



LIBRARY of THINGS

Check out these accessibility items from our Library of Things!

Lansing Library card required.



LARGE PRINT KEYBOARDS

Large print, high contrast keyboards are available at the public computers and to checkout.



ROCKET PEN READING TUTOR

This portable device can read aloud and display vividly whatever text it scans.



SAFETY EARMUFFS FOR KIDS

Designed for toddlers to young teens who have sensory preferences and need extra hearing protection.



OPTELEC DIGITAL MAGNIFIER

Try the Optelec Compact magnifier, a slim, light and pocket sized video magnifier.



LAPTOPS

Laptops come with NVDA screen reader software in addition to Windows 11 accessibility features.



TABLETS

Try library apps like Hoopla and Libby with ebook and audiobook collections to check out.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: **9am-8pm**
Friday & Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **CLOSED**

LIBRARY CLOSINGS/SPECIAL HOURS

May 2: **Closing 1pm** | *Good Neighbor Parade*
May 25: **Closed** | *Memorial Day*
June 6: **Closed** | *Block Party 5-8pm*
July 4: **Closed** | *Independence Day*
August 7: **Closed** | *Staff In-Service*

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Lisa Korajczyk

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Community Room.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Any person needing accommodations for a disability in order to access the benefits of the Library's services, programs, or activities under the American with Disabilities Act should contact Director Lisa Korajczyk by phone 708-474-2447 or in writing, not less than five (5) business days prior to the event.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER



Friends Meeting

Mon: May 11 & July 13

6:30pm | *Brick Room*

Please come check us out at our meetings. We're a fun bunch!
ALL ARE WELCOME.



BOOK SALE

2nd Saturday of Each Month

May 19 | June 13 | July 11

9:30am-1:30pm

The Book Sale is cash only.



RAFFLE BASKETS

\$5/1 ticket or \$10/3 tickets

Mother's Day Basket

Father's Day Basket

Drawing: May 6

Grilling Basket

Gardening Basket

Drawing: Jun 13

Cat's Meow Basket

Tickets Available: Jul 25

Upstairs Specials

May: \$5 Video/Blu-Ray Bundles

June: \$5 Children & Teens Summer Bundles

July: Buy 2 Book Bundles Get 1 Free

LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brides Through the Decades

June 6 - August 22

Thursdays | 5:30-7:30pm

Step into history with "Brides Through the Decades," the summer exhibit at the Lansing Historical Society. This beloved annual showcase features a stunning collection of wedding gowns spanning from the Victorian era through the 1990s. With new dresses donated each year, the exhibit continues to grow, offering a fresh look at changing bridal styles and traditions.

Private tours may also be arranged by calling 708-474-2447x176.



GET YOUR LIBRARY CARD



Still need to get your library card? You can **apply online!** Scan the code or visit: lansingpl.org/library-card-registration

Once approved, you will receive your **FULL ACCESS** card via email and can instantly unlock all of the benefits your library card offers.

Want a physical card? Stop into the library!