

BRANCH *Out*

Lansing Public Library Newsletter



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LANSING
Public Library

THE SCOOP

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Can't Make it to the Library? We'll Bring it to You!

Our elevator will be out of service for several months during our building renovation. If mobility, health, caregiving, pregnancy, or other circumstances make visiting the library difficult, Library@Home can bring library materials right to your door.

Library@Home will be temporarily expanded during the renovation. Eligibility may be reevaluated after the project is complete.

To learn more or sign up, contact Information Services at 708-474-2447 ext. 109 or infodesk@lansingpl.org.

PATRON TECH SURVEY

We are conducting a survey to assess your library technology needs. Participate in the library or online.

Estamos realizando una encuesta para evaluar sus necesidades tecnológicas en la biblioteca. Participe en la biblioteca or en línea.



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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello Lansing Library Friends!

I have exciting news. The library's renovation project that we have been talking about is going to **start in January of 2027**. There will be substantial changes to how you can access the building, and the number of programs the library can offer.

First, **the Community Room will not be available for community bookings**. It will be under construction for a while, and then the priority will be holding library programs. Also, **the elevator will almost immediately be out of service, and access to both floors will be either via the stairs or driving around the building to use the doors**.

As of December 1, 2026, **the Friends of the Lansing Library will no longer accept any type of material donations** due to the renovation project which will impact storage capacity for the Friends group. There will simply not be enough space to store any newly donated materials. Also, as of December, **the Saturday book sales will be on hold** until after the renovation project is completed. There will still be the raffle basket sales, and the book shelves with the on-going book sales upstairs, but that is the full scope of their activities until the project is completed.

The Historical Society will also be impacted by the renovation. Also starting on December 1, 2026, **the Historical Society will not be open to the public either on Thursday nights or Saturday mornings**. Please check with them concerning their plans for any upcoming programs at other venues around the community.

Finally, the library's coffee station will be closed until the renovation is completed. One of the components of this project will be new plumbing, and we will not have filtered water available for the machine. We know that you love coming in for a cup of coffee, but it will return when we are done with the project.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Please keep checking the library's website for updates.

IN THE COMMUNITY



Did you know we take the library on the road?

Come find us at these locations!
We'll have new books, DIY craft kits,
and we can create library cards!

Strikes and Bites
2524 Ridge Road
Mon: Nov 23, Dec 28, Jan 25 | 6-7pm

Kdulche Café
3521 Ridge Road
Thu: Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7 & 28 | 12-1pm

Calumet Bakery
18349 Torrence Avenue
Thu: Nov 5, Dec 3, Jan 7 & 28 | 1:15-2:15pm

Culver's
17010 Torrence Avenue
Mon: Dec 7, Jan 4 | 6-7pm



COMMUNITY ROOTS



15% off order



Free Game
with shoe purchase



\$1 off
any cafe drink

It pays to have your library card!

Lansing Public Library is rooted in community, and we're proud to partner with local businesses through our Community Roots program.

Show your library card at any of the participating businesses to take advantage of special discounts - and support the local businesses that help our community grow and thrive!



10% off order



10% off order



\$5 off
orders over \$75



\$10 off Oil Change
\$25 off any repair
\$35 off Brakes



10% off exam



10% off
commercial orders

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.

Library@Nite: Sea to Shining Sea

Fri, Nov 13 | 6:30pm | Drop-in

Performed by a talented ensemble of musicians, *Sea to Shining Sea* is a powerful tribute to the enduring ideals of freedom, hope, and unity. It is a concert that will resonate with audiences of all ages, leaving them uplifted and inspired by the rich tapestry of America's patriotic music.

The program features an inspiring selection of iconic pieces, ranging from the sweeping Americana of Aaron Copland to the timeless melodies of Irving Berlin. Audiences can expect to hear cherished favorites like Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, an ode to the everyday heroes of the country, and Berlin's God Bless America, a rousing anthem that has become synonymous with national pride. These powerful pieces, alongside other traditional American songs and patriotic standards will evoke feelings of honor, gratitude, and unity.

This is a special Veteran's Day concert and will only be one hour long. Doors open at 6pm - concert starts at 6:30pm.



Please note, due to the renovation, this will be the final Library@Nite concert of the season.

Sensory Friendly Browsing Hour

Sat: Nov 21 | 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.

Accessibility items are available for use at any time, please ask staff for assistance.



Scan the QR code to browse our *Library of Things* collection of accessibility items!



TEENS & FAMILIES

Grades 6 - 12

NaNoWriMo Writing Club

Mon, Nov 2 | 4pm | Register

Whether you're new to writing or a seasoned author, celebrate National Novel Writing Month by creating your own story!

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Thu: Nov 5, Jan 7 | 4pm | Register

Need volunteer hours? Want to help the library out during special events and programs? Come to TVO to apply and learn the basics about volunteering.

All teen volunteers must complete Teen Volunteer Orientation in order to be eligible to volunteer with the Lansing Public Library.

Brain Builders (Learning Lab)

Mon: Nov 9, Jan 11 | 4pm | Register

Get better at getting better! Each month, we'll put the science of learning to the test through games, challenges, and experiments, then send you home with a new trick for learning just about anything.

International Tasters Club

Thu: Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14 | 4pm | Register

Explore the world through your taste buds as we taste-test a selection of yummy snacks from different countries and learn fun facts about their origins.

Edible Art

Mon, Nov 16 | 4pm | Register

Calling all eaters and artists - come play with your food! Create masterpieces with tasty materials.

Anime Club

Thu: Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21 | 4pm | Register

Hang out with us as we learn about winter in Japan and slice-of-life anime!

Bob Ross Paint Along

Mon, Dec 7 | 4pm | Register

Paint along with Bob Ross to create your own happy little masterpiece!

Disney Song Trivia

Tue, Jan 12 | 4pm | Register

Think you know Disney songs? Come test your knowledge and compete for prizes in a fun game of trivia!

Winter Karaoke Party

Thu, Jan 28 | 4pm | Register

Party the winter away with the karaoke machine from our Library of Things. Honey lemon tea will be served to soothe the vocal chords!

Family

Family programs are designed for children and accompanying adults.

Family Bingo/Lotería

Mon, Nov 23 | 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!

Holiday Jammy Storytime

Sat, Dec 5 | 10am | Register

Come to the library in your festive PJ's ready for stories, hot cocoa, treats, dancing, and more! Stay after for a fun holiday themed craft and photo-op.

All Aboard the Polar Express!

Mon, Dec 14 | 5pm | Register

Put on your coziest pajamas and climb aboard for a magical Polar Express Family Night! Enjoy a festive evening filled with hot chocolate, holiday crafts, Polar Express fun, and special activities for the whole family. Keep your eyes open - you never know who might make a special visit all the way from the North Pole!

Birth - PreK

Music and Movement

Every Tues | 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. No sessions Nov 3, 24, Dec 22, 29*

Toddler 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 3-5. No sessions Nov 25, Dec 23, 30*

Preschool Storytime

Every Thu | 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 3-5. No sessions Nov 26, Dec 24, 31*

Move with Sol

Wed, Nov 4 | 11am | Register

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

Preschool Sensory Storytime

Fri: Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8 | 11am | Register

This is a fun, interactive, neurodivergent, and special needs friendly storytime for kids ages 2-5. Enjoy a themed, educational, and sensory friendly story read aloud and stay for playtime.

DECORATE THE VETERANS TREE

All throughout November, bring in a copy of a service member photo (no originals, please) to decorate the Veterans Tree in Youth Services.



Thanksgiving Table Centerpiece

Tue, Nov 24 | 11am | Register

Toddlers will make a one-of-a-kind Thanksgiving table craft to fill with plastic flowers.

Christmas Ornament Craft

Tue, Dec 22 | 11am | Register

Pre-K kiddos, dress for mess! We're making a Christmas tree ornament using pine cones and glitter.

Plaster of Paris Handprint Craft

Thu, Jan 14 | 6pm | Register

Toddlers have fun making a keepsake craft using plaster of paris and playdough.



Grades K-5

Paper Countdown Chains

Wed, Nov 11 | 6pm | *Register*

Is there a holiday, birthday, or vacation in your future? Make and decorate your own paper chain to count down the days until the event!

Draw with Scissors

Thu, Nov 12 | 6pm | *Register*

A collage is a picture that combines different images. Use scissors to cut out shapes from books and magazines to create your own unique work of art.

LEGO Build & Play

Sat: Nov 14, Jan 9 | 2pm | *Register*

Are you a master lego builder, lego artist, or just a novice? All are welcome here. Join us once a month to create masterpieces and make new lego-loving friends!

Turkey Takes Over the Library!

Wed, Nov 18 | 6pm | *Register*

Gobble, gobble! A turkey has taken over the library! Join us for a silly turkey story, a gobble-worthy snack, and a disguise-a-turkey craft. Can you help our turkey hide?

DIY Cardboard Craft Night

Thu, Dec 3 | 6pm | *Register*

Visit the Youth Department to use our cardboard and crafting supplies to create works of art! Set up your own scene in a diorama, build a doll house, or make a garage for your hotwheel collection. You choose.

Cookie Decorating

Wed, Dec 9 | 6pm | *Register*

Create a delicious masterpiece using frosting, icing, and sprinkles!

Sticker Magic

Thu, Dec 10 | 6pm | *Register*

Use our sticker machine and use any image to make a sticker. Stickers can be put on holiday ornaments to decorate your tree or any part of your house.

Color Changing Slime

Mon, Jan 4 | 1pm | *Register*

Come to the library to make homemade slime that changes color while you use it. Note: Dress to get messy!

S'more Fun Inside

Wed, Jan 6 | 6pm | *Register*

Who says you need a campfire for s'mores fun? Join us for a gooey time filled with marshmallow facts, tasty s'mores, and silly marshmallow games!

Make a Cubist Portrait

Thu, Jan 7 | 6pm | *Register*

Create a portrait in a new way using cubism, an early 20th century art movement that created pictures by taking in many different views at once.

Minecraft Perler Beads

Wed, Jan 20 | 6pm | *Register*

Do you love Minecraft? Come create your favorite block, mob, or item out of perler beads!

Did you Know?

Students in 6th–12th grade are offered a **free after school meal** on school days?

Meals are served from 3–4pm and must be consumed on-site in the Teen Island.

No registration required.

Read to a Dog: One on One Time

Sat: Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16 | 10am | *Register*

Reading out loud builds confidence in reading and public speaking. K-5 kids can book a short, private reading session with Millie, a 9-year-old dog who holds an AKC Good Citizenship Certificate. 2 hour time frame. 15 minute sessions on a Saturday. Seven sessions total for the day.



ADULTS

Hunt a Book

Nov 2-Jan 29 | Adult Department Display
Ready to unlock the Goodies? Explore the library, hunt for hidden clues, and crack the secret message.

Adopt a Lonely Book

Nov 2-Jan 29 | Adult Department Display
Subscribe for a book recommendation dedicated to books in our collection that haven't had their time to shine!

These are anytime activities!

No registration or set time, check out these displays when you're in the library!

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. Coffee Break Cafe will move upstairs starting in December. Not in session Nov 3 due to election.*

Spice Club

Mon: Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4 | 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.

Tai-Chi & Gentle Meditation

Tues: Nov 10, 17, 24 | Dec 1 | Jan 5 | 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 Nov 3 due to election. Because of the renovation, Tai-Chi will temporarily be located upstairs near the Atrium.*

Onigiri Makers

Mon, Nov 9 | 6pm | Register
You've seen them in anime, you've seen them in Asian markets! Now you can join us and make your very own Onigiri (rice triangles)! Add tasty sweet and savory fillings to your Onigiri and wash it down with Japanese tea or soda!

COMPUTER & TECH

Drop-In Tech Help

Need help with a device, app, or basic technology task? Stop by during our drop-in technology help hours - no appointment necessary!

Drop-in Hours:

Tuesdays | 10-11am
Wednesdays | 6-7pm
Thursdays | 10-11am

Staff can provide basic assistance with device usage, library apps, and other technology questions. Help is provided on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to staff availability. **Please note this service is not intended as a replacement for device support or repair services such as Geek Squad. Staff are not certified to troubleshoot or repair devices.**

Intro to Video Calls

Fri: Nov 20, Dec 18, Jan 15 | 11am | Register
See your loved ones without risking the cold! Learn the basics of how to use three different video-calling programs. Feel confident using your technology skills to connect with family and friends when traveling isn't possible.

Nov 20: Zoom
Dec 18: FaceTime
Jan 15: WhatsApp

Where the Data is Centered

Wed: Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13 | 6pm | Register
The rise of AI has also come with the need for central locations to house and power the technology. In this small group discussion, we'll talk about what data centers are and what benefits and potential hazards these could have in the community.

Your Privacy Online Matters

Tue: Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12 | 10am | Register
Everything about online tracking from ads targeting your interests to websites remembering your preferences will be covered here. Learn how to protect your information online.



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Holiday Party

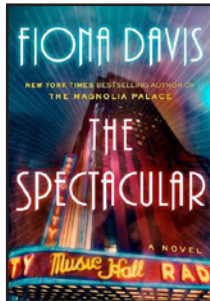
Fri, Nov 13 | 10am | Drop-in

Celebrate the season with a literary-themed holiday party! Join the members of the library's discussion groups for fun and games as well as light refreshments.

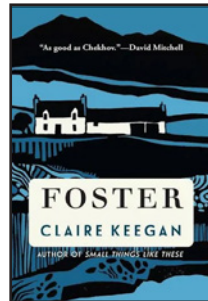


BOOK BANTER

1st Thursday | 6pm | Drop-in



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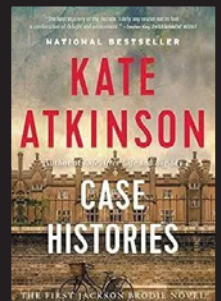
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CRIMINALLY GOOD

2nd Friday | 10am | Drop-in



DEC 11



JAN 8

2027 Medicare Cost & Coverage

Wed, Nov 11 | 5pm | Register

This presentation will be covering the changes in Medicare for the upcoming year.

Professional Job Photos

Mon, Nov 16 | 6pm | Register

Join us for a professional headshot event at the library! A professional photographer will be on-site to capture a polished headshot you can use for LinkedIn, job applications, resumes, business profiles, and more. Each attendee will receive: 1 professionally edited digital headshot, full usage and printing rights.

Senior Brunch

Sat, Nov 28 | 10:30am | Register

Breakfast lovers unite! Come on down to the library and enjoy breakfast with us, while also enjoying a plethora of garden games! Breakfast provided by local establishments.
LPL Cardholder Exclusive



CRAFT MASTERS

Craft Masters is the umbrella term for all LPL adult craft programs!

Paint N' Place

Wed, Nov 18 | 5:30pm | Register

Paint N' Place is an art class designed to put you in a relaxed state. Not only will you paint and keep a beautiful premade design and learn blending techniques, but you'll be relaxed while doing so in this popular art class!

Crafty Connections

Fri, Nov 20 | 12pm | Drop-in

A casual gathering where creativity meets conversation. Pull up a chair, pick your supplies, and spend time creating in good company.
Space is limited to 30.



The Angel Tree Project

STARTING DECEMBER 1

Spread a little extra holiday kindness and give the gift of paying off a child's library fees this holiday season! Patrons who would like to participate can speak with Member Services to make a donation.

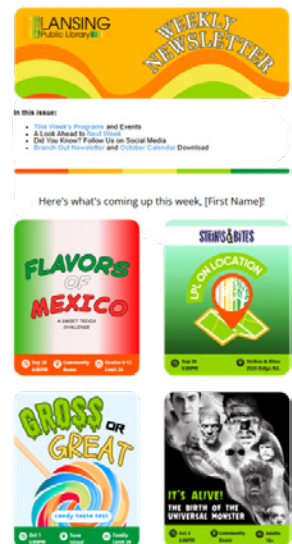


Stay Connected

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram! We post library updates, program information, and fun behind the scenes videos.

Did you know that we also have a weekly e-newsletter?

A short, informative email to your inbox every Sunday to let you know what's coming up plus free monthly wallpaper downloads – **exclusive to the newsletter subscribers!**



Make sure you're signed up here:



COAT exchange

NOVEMBER 1 - MARCH 31



Drop off your new or gently used adult and children coats and/or snow pants in the upstairs lobby of the library – or grab the gear that you need.

Please be considerate of others in need.

Find a Program

Scan the QR code to find your next program!



Don't forget to register!

November programs: Registration opens October 1
December programs: Registration opens November 2
January programs: Registration opens December 1

LANSING YEAR IN REVIEW

Public Library

2026



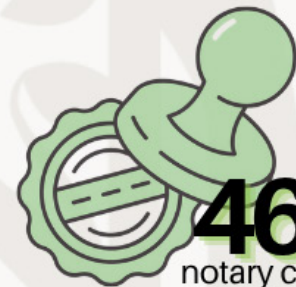
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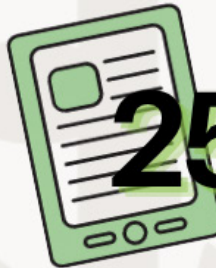
49,307
total program attendance



1,426
programs & events



461
notary customers



25,151
digital checkouts



79,727
physical checkouts



196
license plate stickers



Our 2026 story wouldn't be complete without you.

Thank you for every visit, checkout, program, conversation, and connection. Wherever your story takes you next, we hope Lansing Public Library continues to be a place where it starts.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS/SPECIAL HOURS

November 25: **Closing Early** | Thanksgiving Eve
November 26: **Closed** | Thanksgiving Day
November 27: **Closed** | Day After Thanksgiving
December 4: **Closed** | Staff Training
December 24: **Closed** | Christmas Eve
December 25: **Closed** | Christmas Day
December 31: **Closed** | New Year's Eve
January 1: **Closed** | New Year's Day
January 18: **Closed** | MLK Jr. Day

DIRECTOR

Lisa Korajczyk

LIBRARY BOARD

Sharon Novak, *President*
Jeri Villa, *Vice President*
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Christian Olthoff, *Trustee*

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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Please visit the Library or our website for updates to program information. Visit our website to subscribe to our eNewsletter.

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



Friends Meeting
Mon: Nov 9 & Jan 11
6:30pm

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

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

Keep an eye out for in-house signage about the basket themes!



BOOK SALE
Sat, Nov 14
9:30am-2pm

The Book Sale is cash only.

Due to the library's renovation project we will not hold any book sales or take any donations until after the project is completed. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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!*

