



# COLOR WORLD™

2025 SUMMER  
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**Grand Ledge Area  
District Library**

131 E. Jefferson St.

517.627.7014 [gladl.org](http://gladl.org)

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm

# JUNE

## Capital Area Humane Society Shelter Supplies Drive June 1 - 30

Help CAHS care for animals in need. Items especially in need are listed on our Event Cal. Drop off at GLADL for delivery to CAHS.

## SRP Kickoff Week!

June 1 - 9

Get Ready for a Colorful Summer of reading fun! Summer Reading logs, Wind Ribbons & Kickoff kits available June 1 while supplies last!

## Lansing Symphony Orchestra FREE Children's Concert!

Sunday June 1 | 1:30 - 2:30 | Families, Ages 0 - 10

Free admission! Enjoy a 30-minute family-friendly performance -- perfect for youngsters!

## McLaren Grand Ledge Emergency Department Presentation

Tuesday June 3 | 7pm - 8pm

Come hear about the new McLaren Grand Ledge Emergency Dept - including its features, treatment options, a construction update, and expected opening dates! Q & A to follow.

## Color Our World Escape Room [Reg. Req.]

June 6, 7, 8, 9 | Book a 1 Hour Session

A mischievous collector has stolen all the colors from the world and locked them in a magical vault. Can you return the colors to the world before time runs out?

## Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party

Monday June 9 | 11am - 1pm

Stop in to pick up a Kickoff starter kit with your reading log and colorful surprises inside! Decorate a Wind Ribbon, play our Sidewalk Action Game, register to win a Colorful Creations Art supplies kit, and enjoy a tasty treat too! Meet local sidewalk chalk artist Ryan Holmes and watch as he creates a colorful Sidewalk Coloring Book for kids to color!

## Adult Bingo

Wednesday June 11 | 2:30pm - 4pm | Adults

Join us for a fun and engaging afternoon of Bingo complete with light refreshments and prizes for the lucky winners!

## Explore the Colors of Nature: STEAM activity for kids!

Wednesday June 11 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 6 - 12

Join the wildlife educators from Nature Discovery for this STEAM activity to learn about the colorful natural world around us.

Weather permitting, we'll take a "Color Discovery" walk to see the colorful nature around us! Presented by Nature Discovery.





**Nerf Battle Returns! (Registration Req.)**

**Thursday June 12 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 6+**

Nerf Battles! Players will run, dodge, and dive as they try to outwit and outblast the competition during NERF Mobile Games!

**Create Like: Michelangelo**

**Monday June 16 | 6pm – 7pm**

We're making art inspired by the work of Italian painter Michelangelo! Paint will be washable, but wearing clothes that can get messy is recommended.

**Potter Park Zoo visits Picnic Playdate Storytime**

**Tuesday June 17 | 11am – 12pm**

Our friends from Potter Park Zoo's "Zoo in Your Neighborhood" program will bring some of the zoo to us for a special "Zoo Fun" Picnic Playdate storytime!

**Messy Art Day**

**Wednesday June 18 | 1pm – 3pm**

Join us for Messy Art Day at the library. This is an outdoor event so get ready to unleash your inner artist with splatter paint, spray bottle painting, and more! Make sure you are dressed to get messy and have some creative fun.

**Beaded Bracelets for Tweens/ Teens**

**Wednesday June 18 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 13 - 17**

Make beaded bracelets using pony beads and other findings to show off your own unique style!

**Drawing Comics/Manga Workshop w/ Mark Crilley! [Reg. Req.]**

**Thursday June 19 | 2pm – 3pm | Kids 8 - 14**

Mark Crilley, published professional American comic creator, and children's book author & illustrator will host this workshop for kids on Comic & Manga Drawing! Mark is the creator of Akiko, Miki Falls, and Brody's Ghost. Follow along step by step through at least four separate lessons over the course of one hour.

**Creative Drawing Workshop with Mark Crilley [Reg. Req.]**

**Thursday June 19 | 6pm – 8pm | Ages 15+**

Mark Crilley will host this Creative Drawing workshop for older participants!

**Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Registration Req.]**

**Friday June 20 | 10am – 4pm | For Teens 12+**

Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, diapering, age-appropriate activities, rescue breathing, the Heimlich maneuver, and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Upon workshop completion, students receive an American Red Cross babysitting course certificate. Participants bring a sack lunch, water bottle.



### **Yankee Doodle Day: Decorate a Bike**

**Saturday June 21 | 10am – 11am**

**Sawdon School**

Kids--Come Join the Parade! We'll provide flags, garland, crepe paper, and more to "Yankee-Doodle" up your bike, wagon, scooter, or stroller-- then ride with us in the parade! While supplies last. Helmets encouraged, adults walk with kids.

### **Archive Your Life!**

**Saturday June 21 | 11am – 2pm**

Bring your memories to the library and digitize your past and present! Learn how to use the library's new scanner to restore old photos, documents, even decipher handwriting! Come view what we've digitized to discover how Grand Ledge has grown.

### **Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color!**

**Monday June 23 | 2pm – 3pm | Families**

**Delta Center Elementary Gym**

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure! Through hands-on experiments and fun, interactive stories, we get kids excited about the science that's all around us as we celebrate the scientists who color our world with art!

### **Nailed it! Bad Art Night**

**Monday June 23 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Ages 13 - 17**

Use yarn, pipe cleaners, dot stickers, feathers, straws, and other supplies to recreate a famous painting of your choice.

### **Create Like: Alexander Calder and Sonia Delaunay**

**Tuesday June 24 | 3pm – 4pm**

We're going to create our own rock and wire standing mobiles and use brightly colored circles to create a paper lollipop!

### **Published! A Workshop for Writers [Registration Req.]**

**Tuesday June 24 | 6pm – 8pm | Teens & Adults**

This MSU Libraries Publishing Services workshop presented by Julie Taylor will provide information about the book printing services available at the MSU Libraries. We will also discuss book design basics using Microsoft Word and additional resources.

### **Intro to Fly Fishing with Red Cedar Fly Fishers [Reg. Req.]**

**Wednesday June 25 | 6pm – 8pm | Ages 12+**

Learn more about fly fishing at this hands-on workshop! Class size limited, presented courtesy of Red Cedar Fly Fishers. Weather permitting.

### **Colorful Chemistry! [Registration Req.]**

**Thursday June 26 | 11am – 12pm | Ages 4 - 7**

Poor Camilla Cream... her skin has turned green. And red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple, too! Our skin cannot change colors like Camilla Cream's, but we can make color-mixing creations. Let's read the story, "A Bad Case of Stripes" and engage in chromatography and color-mixing chemistry activities.



### **Colorful Jitter Critters! [Registration Req.]**

**Thursday June 26 | 2pm – 3pm | Ages 8 - 12**

Use your artistic abilities and engineering skills to design and create your own battery-powered critter equipped with a vibrating motor.

### **Live from California: Carl Winters "The Kalimba King"**

**[Registration Req.]**

**Thursday June 26 | 6pm – 7pm**

Educational songs, jazz, pop, and blues will be played on the kalimba (African thumb pianos). Hands-on opportunities for attendees to play the kalimbas too!

### **Tummy Time Art**

**Saturday June 28 | 3pm – 4pm | Ages 0 - 3**

Babies can be artists too! Bring your little one and make some mess-free art. Babies will paint by doing what babies do - tummy time!

### **S'more Stories Storytime**

**Monday June 30 | 6pm – 7pm**

We'll read stories about summer and the outdoors, sing songs, and, of course, make s'mores. We'll meet at the library and head outside — come join us!

## **JULY**

### **Grand Ledge Community Food & Personal Supplies Drive**

**July 1 - 30**

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation, so we're helping to gather food and personal supplies for those of our community in need. Items especially in need are listed on our Event Calendar. Drop off donations at GLADL - donations will be delivered to the GL SDA Food Bank, and will be distributed thru the Food Bank and GLEAP.

### **The Colors of Magic with Baffling Bill!**

**Monday July 7 | 2pm – 3pm**

**Delta Center Elementary Gym**

The Colors of Magic Show is a fun program for all ages that includes astonishing magic, audience participation and Gus the Bunny - a real magic bunny who performs tricks to encourage summer reading!

### **Melted Crayon Butterflies**

**Monday July 7 | 6pm – 7pm**

Use hand held pencil sharpeners to make crayon shavings then shake them onto a paper butterfly. An adult will then use an iron to melt the crayon shavings and you will go home with a beautiful butterfly.



## **Color Our World-- with Wacky Carved Watermelons!**

**Wednesday July 9 | 2pm – 5pm**

Join us as we welcome Patrick Harrison, "The Lord of the Gourd" for fantastically imaginative watermelon carving! Stop by from 2pm - 5pm and watch him at work, learn some fun techniques-- and try your hand on/and enjoy a slice of watermelon!



## **Teen Painting Night**

**Thursday July 10 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 13 - 17**

We'll supply the canvas and paint; you bring your creativity to paint a masterpiece of your own design.



## **Cameron Zvara: Squeaky Clean Magic**

**Monday July 14 | 2pm – 2:45pm | Ages 0 – 12**

**Delta Center Elementary School Gym**

Join us for an afternoon of AMAZEMENT & FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer- Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind blowing magic, squeaky clean comedy, and tons of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

## **Aquarium in a Jar**

**Monday July 14 | Session 1 @ 4pm; Session 2 @ 6pm**

Dive into creativity with our Aquarium in a Jar craft! Patrons of all ages are invited to design their very own miniature aquarium in a jar using an assortment of miniature sea creatures, colorful pebbles, and aquatic themed decorations.

## **Faux Stained Glass Art**

**Wednesday July 16 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 16+**

Use a photo frame, paint, and glue to create a faux stained glass art piece.



## **Create Like: Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera**

**Thursday July 17 | 6pm – 7pm**

We're making art inspired the work of Mexican artists Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera!

## **Summer Red Cross Blood Drive [Registration Req.]**

**Friday July 18 | 10am - 3:15pm | Adults**

Join us for a Blood Drive at GLADL. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), or visit our Red Cross Donation page (sponsor code GLADL) for more info or to schedule an appointment.

**Bonus! All donors will receive a FREE Cedar Point ticket after their donation during this event!**

## **Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Registration Req.]**

**Saturday July 19 | 10am - 4pm | Ages 12+**

Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, diapering, age-appropriate activities, rescue breathing, the Heimlich maneuver, and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Upon workshop completion, students receive an American Red Cross babysitting course certificate. Class size limited. Participants bring a sack lunch, water bottle.



### **Embellished Photo Art**

**Monday July 21 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 13+**

Embellish a black and white photo using embroidery floss and yarn to give the picture a whole new look.

### **Big Tree Hunt**

**Wednesday July 23 | 6pm - 8pm | All Ages**

**Lincoln Brick Park**

Experts from ReLeaf Michigan will discuss ReLeaf MI's Big Tree Hunt contest and will join us on a guided walk to start the search! Look for big trees, learn how to measure trees, and how to submit your measurements for the contest.

### **Perler Bead Art**

**Thursday July 24 | 6pm – 7pm**

Join us for a crafting program to explore and create with colorful Perler Beads! Choose from many patterns or create your own.

### **Teen Taste Test Challenge: World Chocolate**

**Monday July 28 | 6pm - 6:30pm | Ages 13 - 17**

Teens, put your taste buds to the test! We'll have a variety of chocolate from across the world.

### **Create Like: Georges Seurat & Yayoi Kusama**

**Wednesday July 30 | 3pm – 4pm**

We're making art inspired the work of French painter Georges Seurat & Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama!

## **AUGUST**



### **Brown Bag Books**

**August 1 - 31**

Brown Bag Books—a surprise in a bag! What will you find?

Mystery, comedy, adventure and the chance to win prizes are all waiting for you at GLADL! All prizes must be claimed by Sept. 15.

### **Messy Play Day**

**Fridays in August | 2pm - 4pm**

Kids can play with chalk, bubbles, goop, squirt bottles, big trucks, mud, and more. Great manipulative play and sensory activities-- Different activities each week. Weather permitting!

### **Color Changing Slime**

**Monday August 4 | 6pm – 7pm**

Have fun creating a gooey batch of slime that changes color!

### **SRP: Colorful Finale Carnival!**

**Wednesday August 6 | 5pm – 7pm**

Enjoy a fun night of bounce houses, carnival games, and treats!

**Each reading log you complete earns you more carnival tickets to spend!** Many non-ticketed activities for all to play too like a small bounce house & the Eaton County Parks Game Trailer.

**Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Registration Req.]** ← yes!

**Thursday August 7 | 10am - 4pm | Ages 12+**

Learn emergency procedures, discipline techniques, diapering, rescue breathing, and basic first aid skills needed while babysitting. Upon workshop completion, students receive an American Red Cross babysitting course certificate. Class size limited. Participants bring a sack lunch, water bottle.

**Adult Bingo**

**Wednesday August 13 | 2:30pm - 4pm | Adults**

Join us for a fun and engaging afternoon of Bingo complete with light refreshments and prizes for the lucky winners! No registration required, just show up ready to have fun!

**ART ALL SUMMER LONG!**

**Colorful Wind Ribbons**

**June 1 - September 15**

Choose a color and write your name, a message, the name of someone you love... anything goes! We'll tie your colorful wind ribbon to our fence to let your colors fly all summer long!

**Take Home Crafts**

Make fun crafts or flex your science muscles with the following activities: **6/6** Paint Like Alma Woodsey Thomas; **6/20** Yarn Art of Xenobia Bailey; **7/3** Silver Leaf Art like Fra Giovanni Angelico; **7/18** Texture Paint Like Berthe Morisot; **8/1** Claude Monet Water Lilies; **8/15** Smorey Craft

**Chalk Our Walk!**

**June 6 - July 31**

Have some Colorful Fun this summer -- Grab some chalk inside the library and create on our sidewalk outdoors!

**Katherine Applegate "Color Our World" Writing Contest**

**June 1 - July 31 | Ages 8 -12**

Parents may enter their child's prompt-inspired writing this June-July to win great books and prizes. Details on our website Event calendar.

**Fiero Code - Cosmic Art Gallery Coding Competition**

**June 1 - July 31**

Get ready to blast off into creativity! GLADL is hosting the Cosmic Art Gallery Coding Competition this summer! Show off your HTML, CSS, and JavaScript skills by building a gallery website that showcases photos and artwork of stars and planets. This free, online challenge ties in perfectly with the "Color Our World" theme. Ready to launch? Enroll now with the link [gladl.org/project/learncoding](http://gladl.org/project/learncoding) and start coding toward the stars!





# GET YOUR GAME ON!

## Code Club!

**Wednesday Nights | 6pm - 7pm**

A Code Club for all! Learn to make apps, animations, and more!  
No coding experience necessary & drop-ins welcome!

## Minecraft Mania

**Tuesday June 10, July 8, August 12 | 6pm - 8pm**

We'll have our Minecraft server set up and the laptops ready to go. No experience needed -- all levels of players welcome.

## Switch Gaming: Super Smash Bros

**Wednesday July 2 | 3pm - 5pm**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and friendly Switch gaming! We'll play Super Smash Bros today! Feel free to bring your Switch to play between your turns! All skill levels welcome!

## Switch Gaming: Players' Choice

**Tuesday July 22 | 2pm - 4pm**

It's player's choice today - we'll be selecting games to play out of our catalog! Like a game we played and want to try out more? Lots of Switch games are available to check out!

## Switch Gaming: Mario Kart

**Thursday August 14 | 6pm - 8pm**

Who's the best driver around? We'll find out! Feel free to bring your Switch to play between your turns! All skill levels welcome!

# EARLY LITERACY

## Picnic Playdate: A Family Storytime

**Tuesdays June 3 – August 26 | 11am - 12pm**

Meet at GLADL and follow the little red wagon to the Trinity Episcopal Church playground for a family storytime filled with stories, songs, activities and a snack! Families may bring chairs, a picnic blanket, and a lunch or snack. Rain location: 1931 Room.

## Wacousta Picnic Playdate Family StoryTime

**Thursdays in July | 11am - 12pm | Ages 0 - 12**

**Wacousta Community United Methodist Church**

Meet at the church's playground and enjoy fun and stories at an outdoor family storytime filled with themed activities! Families may bring chairs, a picnic lunch too. Cancelled if rain or storms.

## Baby Stories & Play

**Saturday June 14, July 12, August 9 | 3pm - 4pm | 18 months & younger and their parents or caregivers**

We'll read a story, sing and rhyme together, do a fingerplay, and have fun while learning and playing. We'll end with time for caregivers to socialize and babies to interact with each other.

# SHOWCASE YOUR ART!

## BOOKMARK COLORING CONTEST

Want to get your art made into a professional bookmark that will be available for patrons to take home with them in the Fall? In our SRP Kickoff Kits, and inside the library we will have Blank Bookmark Templates that you can color and turn in for a chance to get your artwork featured here in the library! The contest runs **June 1 - July 31**, and multiple winners will be selected. See our Bookmark Coloring Template for full details. We can't wait to see what you create!

## TINY ART SHOW - PAINT AND SCULPT

Our Tiny Art Show is back this Summer, and we want you to help us fill the library up with art! We have two themes this year - **"My Favorite Painter" (Canvas)** and **"Colorful Cats" (Clay)**.

- **Canvas Kits** - Participants will create art that honors history's greatest Painters like Monet, Picasso, Van Gogh, O'Keeffe, Kahlo, and so many more by painting a piece that reminds viewers of their particular style while creating something new.
- **Clay Kits** - Participants will sculpt a cat, and then once dry will paint that cat in colorful ways!

Tiny Art Kits (Canvas or Clay) can be picked up at the front desk starting **June 1**, and are first come first served, while supplies last. One kit per person, please, ages 5+. Bring in your finished art by **June 27** for display and People's Choice voting in **July**. Prizes await for the winners in each age category!

See the instruction sheet inside the kit for complete details. Participants will be able to take their art home after our Summer Reading Finale in August.



## What is a “Summer Reading Program”?

Reading in the summer improves academic & reading skills, and prevents learning loss. Our “Color Our World” Summer Reading program has fun, enriching activities and rewards to encourage people **of all ages** to keep reading all summer long!

## How Do I Start?

It’s easy -- Starting June 1, pick up a **Kickoff Starter Kit** at the library and start reading! Or click **Summer Reading** on **gladl.org** for instant access to printable & digital logs, event calendar listings, and more fun. Reading logs are by age/grade level: 0 - K, 1st - 6th, 7th - 12th, and Adult.

Submit completed logs by July 31 for **Instant Win prizes**-- toys & coupons for yummy treats like ice cream, pizza, tacos and more! Each reading log you complete also earns you carnival tickets to spend at our **Finale Carnival on August 6** AND an entry for one of our **Grand Prize drawings**!

## What Are My Digital Options?

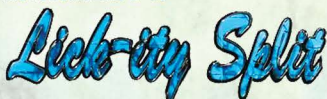
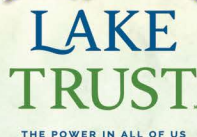
You can use the app ReadSquared! Players create a fun character, and “level up” to earn options for their character as they complete their reading and earn prizes!

Easily log your activity using the ReadSquared app. The app is free for both Android and iOS mobile devices.



Many thanks to the following local businesses for their SRP donations!

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