

2025 Fall Events



**Grand Ledge Area
District Library**

ONGOING



Preschool Family Storytime

Tuesdays | 11am | Ages 1 - 6 and Caregivers

Join us for fun stories, songs, and a simple craft each week!

Minecraft Mania

Tuesday Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 | 6pm - 8pm

Come out and join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition. We'll have our Minecraft server set up and the laptops ready to go. No experience needed!

Adult Bingo

Wednesday Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 | 2:30pm - 4pm

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!

Code Club!

Wednesdays | 6pm - 7pm | Kids 3rd Grade+

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

Find out more at gladl.org/project/learncoding



Crafting for a Cause

1st & 3rd Thursdays | 4pm - 5:30pm

A casual, friendly group that serves the community with hand-made projects. Craft with us and use your yarn stash to benefit others!

Take Home Crafts

Make fun crafts or flex your science muscles with these kits: 9/5 Light Up Campfire, 9/19 Quilled Apple, 10/3 Bat, 10/17 Pine Cone Spider, 11/7 Rockets, 11/21 Robots

Baby Stories & Play

Saturday Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Ages 0 - 2

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

Powerful Tools for Caregivers Workshop -- Class Series [Registration Req.]

Monday October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10 | 10:30am - 12pm | Adult

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a program designed to help family caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a family member or friend.

Beginning Ukulele for the Family -- Class Series [Reg. Req.]

Thu. Oct 23 & 30; Nov. 6, 13, & 20; Dec. 4 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 8+

Share the aloha spirit of the ukulele together as an ohana (family in Hawaiian). Sponsored by the Music is the Foundation and taught by Michigan's Ukulele Ambassador, Ben Hassenger, along with Patrick Malloy. Participants learn a brief history of the instrument and all the basics you need to get started playing.



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Bear Repair: A Toy Repair Workshop

Thursday September 11 | 6pm - 7:30pm

Learn how to repair and restore your plush toys & dolls! Participants will learn sewing techniques to mend holes, properly wash fabric toys, and fix broken porcelain/china dolls. The workshop will conclude with time to repair your own toys using supplies on hand and techniques you learned.



Red Cross Adult & Pediatric CPR w/AED Training [Registration Req.]

Saturday September 13 | 10am - 12:30pm | Teens and Adults

Learn adult and pediatric CPR, automated external defibrillator (AED), emergency procedures like rescue breathing and the Heimlich maneuver, and first aid. Upon workshop completion, students receive a course completion card in Adult and Pediatric CPR with AED and first aid. Class is blended learning, online part is sent after registration for class. Class size limited. This class is not appropriate for those needing training for a healthcare field (doctors, dentists, nurses, EMS, etc.).

Campfire Science: Michigan Trees

Saturday September 13 | 3pm - 5pm

Come learn about the seasonal science of trees, take a guided tree hike around Lincoln Brick Park with Eaton County Parks Deputy Director/Naturalist Ethan Jacobs and make some bark rubbings to identify the trees around us! We'll meet back at the campfire for some "tree-mendous" stories and s'mores!



National Voter Registration Day

Wednesday September 17

Every year, millions of eligible voters are unable to cast their ballot because of missed registration deadlines, outdated registration information, or other issues. During this nation-wide civic event, we'll have Voter Registration information, materials, and public access computers available to help process your registration. We can check polling locations and other civic information. Hosted by GLADL & League of Women Voters Lansing Area.

Protecting Your Identity from Theft [Registration Req.]

Wednesday September 17 | 6pm - 7pm | Adult

During this one-hour session, we will discuss how to spot and stop identity theft, as well as what you can do if your identity has already been stolen. Presented by Ezra Pompos, Financial and Homeownership Program Instructor, MSU Extension.



Tech Tear-Down

Monday September 22 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 8+

Don your safety glasses and get ready for the take-down! What makes a cell phone run, an alarm clock tick and a computer, umm-- compute? Kids learn and have fun as they disassemble selected tech devices in this hands-on workshop!

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Avoid Medicare Fraud & Scams - Be Ready for Open Registration!

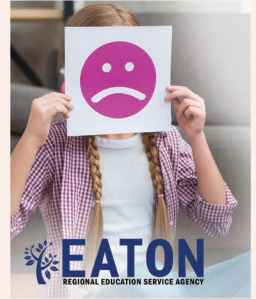
Wednesday September 24 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Adult

Got questions about Medicare/Medicaid? This education session is for you! Tri-County Office on Aging provides Medicare and Medicaid education through the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP). SHIP counselors provide education regarding Medicare fraud and scams as well as provide guidance regarding Medicare's Annual Open Enrollment (October 15th - December 7th).

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Course [Registration Req.]

Wednesday September 24 & Thursday September 25 | 6pm - 8:30pm | Adult

The Eaton Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) will present this FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid Training course. If you work or interact with youth (teacher, parent, pastor, coach, community member, etc.), this course is vital for you to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health & substance use challenges among children and adolescents. **Registration deadline for this training is Sept. 10.**



Babysitting Workshop [Registration Req.]

Saturday September 27 | 10am - 4pm | 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. Registration required, class size limited. Participants bring a sack lunch, water bottle.

Salamander Survey

Saturday September 27 | 2pm - 4pm

Lincoln Brick Park

Join us for an exciting, hands-on experience as we get outdoors, explore, and have fun as we search for these fascinating amphibians! With help from expert guides and naturalists, we'll search for local salamander species, learn about their behaviors, habitats, conservation efforts, and their vital role in our ecosystem. Perfect for late elementary and early middle school students who are curious about nature and wildlife, but appropriate for all ages. Bring your curiosity, wear appropriate outdoor clothing, and be ready for an adventure in nature!



Paint a Fall / Halloween Sign

Monday September 29 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Ages 13+

Get ready to celebrate October in this paint a Fall/Halloween Sign crafting event! Using boards, stencils and paint, you will create your own festive sign!



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Financial Literacy Workshop: The Informed Renter [Registration Req.]

Wednesday October 1 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Adult

This free workshop will equip you with valuable information about the rental process including costs, the application and approval process, and tenant responsibilities and rights. Participants will receive handouts to help document expenses, assess housing needs, and record important information about their rental. Presented by Ezra Pompos, Financial and Homeownership Program Instructor, MSU Extension.

History Makers

Thursday October 2 | 6pm - 7pm

Come learn about an amazing person from history you've maybe never heard of and create something inspired by them! We'll read a picture book biography and then do a related activity - this month is pilot Bessie Coleman!

Fall Festival Fun!

Saturday October 4 | 11am - 2pm

Festival Fun at the library! Stop in for a seasonal scavenger hunt, take home a fall craft (while supplies last!), and check our fun fall books for all ages!

History Harvest!

Saturday October 4 | 11am - 1pm

Come to the GLADL Digilab where you can restore faded and torn photographs, digitize slides and photo negatives to picture, preserve the content of written documents, convert your old VHS tapes, cassette tapes, and vinyl records to digital, and even record your oral history. While digitizing your past and present you will have the opportunity to donate photographs and documents of your GL memories to our community archive.

Make a Spooky Halloween Jar

Monday October 6 | 6pm - 7pm

Fill a jar with spooky decorations to make your own creepy Halloween scene.

Halloween Psychic Fun Night! [Registration Req.]

Wednesday October 8 | 6pm - 8pm | Ages 16+

Talented psychic Mr. Robert Taylor will present various techniques of divination including the Brighu Yantra from India, the Mo from Tibet Astrology Palmistry, the Astro Dice, and Tarot. Audience participants will choose one of the techniques for an individualized reading from Robert!

Gothic Elegance: Acrylic Painting Night for Adults [Registration Req.]

Thursday October 9 | 6pm - 8pm | Adults

Adults will paint an elegant gothic-inspired scene or portrait based on a number of displays and photos available, perfect for Halloween decor (or all year round if you're like the presenter) ! Canvases, paint, and brushes will be supplied. Participants are encouraged to bring aprons and/or clothing that can be soiled.



SEPTEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Labor Day CLOSED	2 Preschool Storytime 11am	3 Code Club! 6pm	4 Crafting for a Cause 4pm	5 Take Home Crafts: Light Up Campfire	6
8	9 Preschool Storytime 11am Minecraft Mania 6PM	10 Adult Bingo 2:30PM Code Club! 6pm	11 Bear Repair: A Toy Repair Workshop 6PM	12	13 CPR w/AED Training [Reg.] 10AM Michigan Trees 3PM
15	16 Preschool Storytime 11am	17 Code Club! 6pm Protecting Your Identity from Theft [Reg.] 6PM	18 Crafting for a Cause 4pm	19 Take Home Crafts: Quilled Apple	20 Baby Stories & Play 10:30AM
22 Tech Tear-Down 6PM	23 Preschool Storytime 11am	24 Code Club! 6pm Avoid Medicare Scams 2:30PM Youth M.Health First Aid [Reg.] 6PM	25 Youth Mental Health First Aid [Reg.] 6PM	26 \$5 Fill-Up Used Book Sale (Fri - Sun)	27 Babysitting Workshop [Reg.] 10AM Salamander Survey 2PM
29 Paint a Fall /Halloween Sign 6PM	30 Preschool Storytime 11am				

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		1 Code Club! 6pm Financial Literacy Workshop [Reg.] 6PM	2 Crafting for a Cause 4pm History Makers 6PM	3 Take Home Crafts: Bat	4 Fall Festival Fun! 11AM History Harvest! 11AM
6 Tools for Caregivers [Reg.] 10:30AM Spooky Halloween Jar Craft 6PM	7 Preschool Storytime 11am	8 Code Club! 6pm Adult Bingo 2:30PM Halloween Psychic [Reg.] 6PM	9 Gothic Acrylic Painting Night for Adults [Reg.] 6PM	10	11 Meet the Author! Dr. Nick Gentile 11AM
13 Tools for Caregivers [Reg.] 10:30AM Doll Head Planters 6PM	14 Preschool Storytime 11am Minecraft Mania 6PM	15 Robot Day! (Code Club) 6PM	16 Crafting for a Cause 4pm Halloween Night Lights Walk 6PM	17 \$5 Fill-Up Used Book Sale (Fri - Sun) Take Home Crafts: Pine Cone Spider	18 Baby Stories & Play 10:30AM October Owls! 6PM
20 Tools for Caregivers [Reg.] 10:30AM Pumpkin Decorating 6PM & 7PM	21 Preschool Storytime 11am	22 Code Club! 6pm Adult Craft: Mini Pumpkin Decorating 2:30PM	23 Beginning Ukulele for the Family [Reg.] 6PM	24 Bridge St. Trick-Or-Tre at Haunted Library! 4PM	25 Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Reg.] 10AM
SUN 26 Six Voices in Autumn: Writers Speak 2PM 27 Tools for Caregivers [Reg.] 10:30AM	28 Preschool Storytime 11am	29 Code Club! 6pm Michigan's Dark Places presented by author Tobin Buhk 6PM	30 Beginning Ukulele for the Family [Reg.] 6PM	31 Halloween	

NOVEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Tools for Caregivers [Reg.] 10:30AM Ghost Hunting 6PM	4 Preschool Storytime 11am	5 Code Club! 6pm Pre-Coding Skills 6PM	6 Crafting for a Cause 4pm Beginning Ukulele for the Family [Reg.] 6PM	7 Take Home Crafts: Rockets	8
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17 Drums in Native American Culture 6PM	18 Preschool Storytime 11am	19 Travel Ideas by Globetrotter Travel! 2:30PM Pre-Coding Skills & Code Club 6PM	20 Crafting for a Cause 4pm Beginning Ukulele for the Family [Reg.] 6PM	21 \$5 Fill-Up Used Book Sale (Fri - Sun) Take Home Crafts: Robots	22
24	25 Preschool Storytime 11am	26 Thanksgiving CLOSING AT 5PM	27 Thanksgiving CLOSED	28 Black Friday CLOSED	29

OCTOBER

Meet the Author! Dr. Nick Gentile

Saturday October 11 | 11am - 3pm

Meet Dr. Nicholas W. Gentile, the local author of "Enemies to Their Country: The Marblehead Addressers and Consensus in the American Revolution". Enemies to Their Country tells the story of the town's struggle to achieve consensus even as the war for American independence began, complicating simplistic ideas of the American Revolution.

Doll Head Planters

Monday October 13 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Teens

Make a creepy succulent planter out of upcycled doll heads.



Robot Day!

Wednesday October 15 | 6pm - 7pm

We'll be exploring the exciting world of robotics during Code Club by using programmable robots from our Library of Things. Learn the basics of coding in a fun, hands-on way as you bring robots to life through movement, lights, and more. Whether you're a beginner or already love coding, this event is a great opportunity to build skills, solve challenges, and have fun with technology.

Halloween Night Lights Walk

Thursday October 16 | 6pm - 7:30pm | All Ages with Adult Supervision

Join us for a neighborhood stroll right in downtown Grand Ledge to see the amazing Halloween decorations and lighted displays! We'll meet at the Library parking lot and head out to look for spooky lights, funny or scary pumpkins, witches, ghosts and more! We'll finish the night with cider and donuts and a Halloween story. All ages with adult supervision. While space is available. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight.

Campfire Science & S'mores: October Owls!

Saturday October 18 | 6pm - 7pm

Lincoln Brick Park

Visit your Eaton County Parks and learn about Michigan Owls in autumn with Eaton County Parks Deputy Director/Naturalist Ethan Jacobs. What changes for owls in the autumn? How do they prepare for winter? We'll do some "Owl Science", try some owl observing and finish with owl stories and yummy s'mores around the campfire!

Pumpkin Decorating

Monday October 20 | 6pm - 6:30pm & 7pm - 7:30pm

Decorate a pumpkin using yarn, Sharpies, carving tools etc. Pumpkins and supplies are limited, first come first served.

Adult Craft: Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Wednesday October 22 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Adults

Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation, and make a fun seasonal craft - mini pumpkins!



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Bridge St. Trick-Or-Treat - Haunted Library!

Friday October 24 | 4pm - 6pm

Dress up and come downtown for some early Halloween fun! Young children and their parents are invited to visit our "gently" haunted Library to collect treats from friendly costumed characters, before heading out to "Trick-or-Treat" on Bridge St from 5pm - 7pm!



Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Registration Req.]

Saturday October 25 | 10am - 4pm | 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.

Six Voices in Autumn: Writers Speak

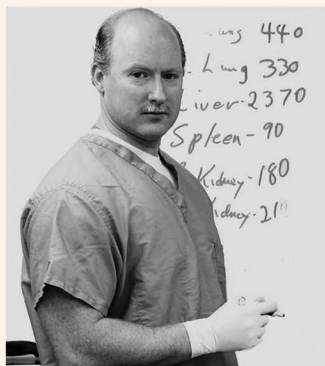
Sunday October 26 | 2pm - 4pm | Teens and Adults

In this fall episode of Six Voices, Writing at the Ledges offers six of our writers--Becky Jensen, Cheryl Caesar, Alan Harris, Peter Ruark, Sandra Hudson, and Sarah Zwickle--expressing their take on 5 different topics. Each reads a poem, short memoir, flash fiction, or other short writing on one topic. The audience hears six views of the same topic and then moves on to another topic. There are five topics and six readers with different ways of looking at the world. Which ones make you think, reflect your ideas, or challenged you to rethink something in a different way?

Michigan's Dark Places: Murder, Mystery & True Crime presented by Tobin Buhk

Wednesday October 29 | 6pm - 7pm | Teens and Adults

Return to the scene of Michigan's most notorious crimes on this adventure in dark tourism. Using archival photographs, crime scene sketches, and documents, noted author Tobin T. Buhk will guide viewers on a journey to the most infamous spots in the Great Lakes State. The itinerary includes the place of Michigan's bloodiest school day, a serial poisoner's killing field, the apartment where the Purple Gang imploded, the third floor of an office building that hosted one of the State's most vexing unsolved crimes, the house where the perfect crime was committed, and much more!



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Ghost Hunting

Monday November 3 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 13+

Join Capital Area Paranormal Research Society to learn more about paranormal experiences. CAPRS members will explore phenomena not explained by current scientific understanding, possible supernatural events, and more.



Pre-Coding Skills: Step It Out!

Wednesday Nov. 5, 12, & 19 | 6pm - 7pm | Families with Kids Ages 3 - 6

Learn the basic skills and concepts needed for computer coding by watching animated stories and songs, and doing fun activities that are all about using computational thinking to be creative and solve problems. Please plan to attend all three sessions.

Meet the Digilab

Wednesday November 12 | 4pm - 5pm | Adults

Visit and learn about our new Digilab and all it has to offer. Not only to digitize your memories but restore torn and creased photographs and decipher faded documents, convert old VHS tapes, cassette tapes, vinyl records, even photo slides and negatives. You can also record your oral history. Save the original with digital!



Holiday Wreath Crafting Workshop [Registration Req.]

Wednesday November 12 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Ages 16+

Reverman Farms supplies fresh, fragrant Fraser Fir greens, on 22" wreath frames, and the "Magic Bow Machine" to craft ribbons into wreath bows. We'll provide a selection of ribbons, pics, pinecones, fruit and floral trims. Please bring any other trims, ribbons, etc. in the colors you wish.

Drums in Native American Culture

Monday November 17 | 6pm - 8pm

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. Join us for a discussion and presentation of traditional Native American Drumming from the Anishinaabe culture presented by Mr. Daniel Jackson, a member of the Anishinaabe-Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.



Exciting Travel Ideas from Globetrotter Travel!

Wednesday November 19 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Adults

Kim Barber from Globetrotter Travel will join us to share information on some exciting travel options, from Mexico to New Zealand, Hawaii to Europe and more.





Game On: Level Up Reading Challenge

Level up your reading this year with the Game On: Level Up to Reading Challenge! Whether you're a reading rookie or a book boss, adventure awaits! Kids read and earn video game related prizes along the way. Level up to earn better prizes and finishers are entered into the drawing of their choice for a Switch game, gift card, and more!

We'll also have **special video game parties** planned just for participants. Join us on January 12 for a Pokemon party, February 9 for a Minecraft party, and March 10 for a Mario party!

How does it work?

Pick up a Reading Challenge brochure & Game On Bookmark at the library for your Kindergartener through 6th grader. Read books from the provided list, then come back to the library to pick up fun prizes! Complete your Challenge **by April 12, 2026** to get entered into our drawing for our grand prizes, and receive a free book. **Press Start today at gladl.org/readingchallenges**

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Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm

Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm

Sunday 1pm - 5pm



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