

2026 Winter Events



**Grand Ledge Area
District Library**

ONGOING

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

December 1 - February 28

Cozy up with some good books this Winter and earn prizes while reading. Complete the challenge by reading 5 books from the 15 categories provided to earn a prize and get entered into a grand prize drawing. Participants will also get their name on a snow flake for our window. Let's create a blizzard of Winter Readers!



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 December 9, January 13, February 10 | 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 December 10, January 14, February 11 | 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**

Silent Book Club Grand Ledge at BrickHaven Brewing Company! [Reg. Req.]

4th Wednesdays Starting January 28 | 6pm - 7pm | Adult

Participants gather at our designated tables at BrickHaven, and everyone brings a book of their choice to read silently for 45 minutes while enjoying a drink/meal. Then they will share a bit about the book they're reading. Registration required to reserve space.

Crafting for a Cause

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

A casual, friendly group that serves the community with hand-made projects.

Take Home Crafts

Make fun crafts or flex your science muscles with these kits: **12/5** Ugly Holiday Sweaters, **12/19** Painted Ornaments, **1/2** Light Up Planets, **1/16** Space Helmet, **2/6** Snowflake Suncatcher, **2/20** Ship in a Bottle.

Baby Stories & Play

Saturday December 20, January 17, February 21 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Ages 0 - 2

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

DECEMBER

Holiday Paper & Bow Swap and Community Gift Wrapping Station

December 1 - December 23

Take our gift wrapping basket to an open table in the library and use what you need to wrap your gifts! Need a new wrap or want to share what you have with others? Bring in wraps/bows/labels for our community basket, or swap one wrap for another!

Paint a Christmas or Snowman Sign

Monday December 1 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Adult

Get creative with paint, stencils, and decals to create your own Christmas/Winter sign.

The ABC's of Medicare

Wednesday December 3 | 10:30am – 11:30am | Adult

This free educational program is designed to help understand Medicare options. Kevin Gebhard, a licensed Medicare agent, will cover eligibility, enrollment periods, Medicare Parts A–D, Original vs Medicare Advantage, prescription coverage, and avoiding common pitfalls. Q&A and handouts for reference.

Winter Driving Survival 101

Wednesday December 3 | 6pm – 8pm | Ages 16+

Join Rodney Cole, a Wilderness Survival Instructor, as he teaches how to put together a winter survival kit for your car or truck. Learn the appropriate clothes, tools and more to have on hand when driving in dangerous winter weather. Participants will receive a starter kit of emergency items.



Pre-Parade Party

Friday December 5 | 5pm

Meet Elsa and Anna from Frozen, make a jingle bell necklace to wear to the parade, have fun with our holiday scavenger hunt, meet up with family & friends, check out seasonal books/movies, and listen to seasonal music from the Beagle Middle School Holiday Carolers while you wait for the parade!

Perler Beads

Monday December 8 | 6pm – 7pm

Join us for a crafting program to explore and create with colorful Perler Beads! Choose from many patterns or create your own. We'll offer cord and magnets to turn your creations into decorations that you can hang or give as gifts.



Gift Your Memories

Saturday December 13 | 11am – 1pm

Stop by the GLADL Digi-Lab this holiday season and learn how to digitize your memories to easily gift and preserve! Save the present by scanning an art project to copy and share, or schedule to record an oral history of a holiday story. For past memories like damaged photos, old slides and negatives, VHS tapes and DVDs, or audio recordings, you can easily digitize and restore to surprise your loved ones.

DECEMBER

Grand Ledge Holiday Market

Saturday December 13 | 11am – 2pm

Get into the Holiday Spirit with a trip to our first GLADL Holiday Market. You'll find handcrafted items, food & preserves, baked goods, holiday decorations, and more to enjoy or to gift. Shop with some of your favorite vendors from Grand Ledge's Market on the Grand-- and maybe someone new, too!

Adult Craft: Winter Pinecones & "Snow"

Wednesday December 17 | 2:30pm – 3:30pm | Adult

Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation and make a fun seasonal craft-- winter pinecones in the snow!

80s Escape Room [Registration Req.]

Friday December 26 – Monday December 29

During Library Hours

Family Video has called-- you forgot to return a new release and they close in one hour. Find the missing movie and return it before they close or face a huge fine... and the wrath of angry parents.

Switch Gaming: Super Smash Bros

Monday December 29 | 6pm – 8pm

Join us for an evening of fun and friendly Switch gaming! We'll play Super Smash Bros today! Who's the best player around? Feel free to bring your Switch to play between your turns on the big screen! All skill levels welcome!

Mountain Dulcimer Concert & Workshop with Wanda Degen [Registration Req.]

Tuesday December 30 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Ages 9+

It's fun to learn to play melodies on a dulcimer with Wanda Degen! In this introductory workshop, you'll learn about the Mountain Dulcimer. Wanda provides up to a dozen dulcimers for attendees use & share or you may bring your own. Learn several songs during the lesson for a fun family activity. Begins with a brief demonstration and performance.

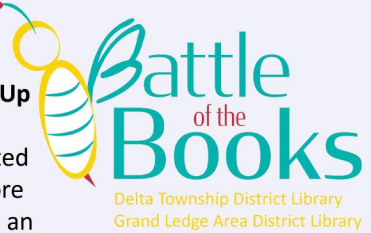
Noon Year's Eve Storytime Party

Wednesday December 31 | 11am – 12:30pm | Ages 1 - 6

Come join us for a "Noon Year's Eve" party and storytime, especially for little kids! Listen to New Year's Eve stories, make crafts and noisemakers, and toast the new year—grape juice provided! Best for ages 1-6 with caregivers.



JANUARY



Battle of the Books Kickoff at DTDL

Wednesday January 7 | 6:30pm – 8pm | 4th Grade & Up

DTDL - 5130 Davenport Dr, Lansing, MI 48917

GLADL and the Delta Township District Library are excited to present Battle of the Books 2026! Come to learn more about BotB, including book-talks of this year's booklist, an overview of the program, and Q & A. Adults, teens, and kids 4th grade+ are all welcome to participate. **Battle Book Team Kits available at both Libraries for registered teams - registration ends January 26.**

Resolve to Organize Digital Photos with Help from SquirrelDude Photography!

Thursday January 8 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Ages 13+

Our smartphones, tablets, and even even cameras make taking picture easy. But how do we manage, save, and share these pictures? This program presented by Corey Seeman (SquirrelDude) will introduce you to several photo sharing services available and how to organize, backup, and share pictures with friends, family, and beyond.

Pokemon Party - Open to Reading Challenge Participants

Monday January 12 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Kids

Calling all Pokemon trainers! You are invited to our Pokemon Party, open to participants in our GLADL Reading Challenge. Test your knowledge with Pokemon trivia, create your own Poke-crafts and play fun Poke-games. **Want to attend?** Be sure to sign up for our GLADL Reading Challenge! Whether you're a new trainer or seasoned Pokemon master, you won't want to miss this adventure!

SS Eastland: Titanic of the Great Lakes [Reg. Req.]

Wednesday January 14 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Ages 12+

Join Historian Andrew Kercher and examine the historical past of our Great Lakes State! The SS Eastland was the greatest loss of life in a maritime disaster on the Great Lakes when she flipped onto her side in the Chicago river in 1915. If the Titanic is the story of hubris, the Eastland is a tale of unintended consequences.



The Great Puzzle Competition [Registration Req.]

Thursday January 15 | 6pm – 7:30pm

In this competition teams will work together to build a provided puzzle, and the first team that completes the puzzle within the allotted time wins! Great for families wanting to strengthen their bond, or friends that want to work together to complete a puzzle! Each team will get to keep their puzzle at the end of the night, and the 1st place team will win a Game Night Prize Pack. Team registration required. All ages are welcome to join, each team must have 4 members and at least one adult. Limited to the first 10 teams that sign up. **Registration closes January 8.**

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Snowman Painting

Wednesday January 21 | 6pm – 7pm

Make your own puffy snow paint and paint a beautiful snowman or snow scene.

Plant-Based Eating 101 [Registration Req.]

Thursday January 22 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 16+

Start the new year off right! Learn more about the benefits of delicious, healthy plant-based eating.

Craft Supplies Swap

Saturday January 24 | 10am – 4pm

Clear out your craft stash and discover something new! Bring gently used or leftover craft supplies like yarn, fabric, paper, beads, tools, & more and swap them for materials you can use. It's a fun, sustainable way to refresh your creativity! **Drop materials off at the library between January 17 - 23.** Come back on Jan. 24 to select something new!

Winter Birds & Feeders

Monday January 26 | 6pm – 7pm

Many birds migrate in the winter but for those that stay, finding food can be a challenge. Learn what birds do to adapt in the winter and how to help them. Craft activities may include a pinecone feeder, orange cups, cardboard tube binoculars. We'll also learn about planning and preparing for safe spring migration season.

Make a Comfort Blanket to Donate to Gift of Life

Tuesday January 27 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Ages 8+ w/ Adult Supervision

Gift of Life Michigan will be hosting a volunteer activity to make comfort fleece tie blankets for families who have lost a loved one. There will be a brief presentation about Gift of Life's work and informational materials available to learn more. We will also have fleece scraps available to make dog and cat toys for shelter pets. If you have new or handmade blankets that you would like to donate, you can bring them to the event.

Protect Yourself from Financial Scams

Wednesday January 28 | 2:30pm – 3:30pm | Adult

Learn tips and techniques from the experts on how to protect yourself from financial scams. Adults can meet up at the Library monthly at this time for interesting presentations, crafts, games -- and coffee, snacks and conversation with friends you know-- and those you've just met.

End-of-Life Options in Michigan

Thursday January 29 | 6pm – 7:30pm | Adult

Through this interactive presentation, Compassion and Choices members will detail the medical landscape in Michigan today, explain advanced directives and why everyone should complete theirs, review dementia's nuances and detail all end-of-life care choices, including medical-aid-in-dying. Presenters will guide participants through slightly humorous, thoughtful interactive questions and show a brief movie clip.



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Intro to Fly Tying Workshop [Registration Req.]

Wednesday February 4 & 11 | 6pm – 8pm | Ages 12+

Learn to tie flies for the summer with the Red Cedar Fly Fishers at these two workshops! Class will go over the tools, materials, and techniques to tie 2 to 3 different fishing flies per workshop, for Trout, Bluegill, or Bass. All materials and instruction provided by members of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers. Feel free to attend one or both of these workshops. Registration is required for EACH workshop.

Preschool & Early Childhood Fair!

Saturday February 7 | 11am – 1pm

Families with young children can talk with representatives from area Preschools & Learning Centers to find the program that best meets their needs. Area service agencies will also be on hand to share information.



Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Saturday February 7 | 10am - 5pm

Enjoy a trip to the Library with your family! We'll have self-directed children's activities all day and our Preschool & Early Childhood Fair. Pick up a kid's craft or STEAM kits (while supplies last), play with our Manipulative Table, color, hunt for "Hidden Hearts", and register to win FREE children's books!

History Makers

Thursday February 12 | 6pm – 7pm | Ages 5+

Learn about an amazing person from history you've maybe never heard of and create something inspired by them! This month is Esther Howland, who popularized Valentine's Day cards in the U.S.! Then we'll make our own handmade cards.



No Paintbrushes Allowed!

Monday February 16 | 6pm – 7pm

Join us for a hands-on art adventure where creativity knows no limits. Explore painting in a whole new way using balloons, potato mashers, and other surprising objects to create your masterpiece!

Battle of the Books Team Spirit Night at GLADL

Thursday February 19 | 6pm – 7:30pm

Hey Battle teams! Let's eat a pizza dinner, talk Battle books, create your team gear and more! We'll have food and drink, materials to make Team posters, buttons, and more! Prepare for battle and get a better understanding of the books with book-themed activities, plus battle tips and tricks. **Must be a registered BotB participant to attend!**

FEBRUARY

Be Warm-Hearted and Give Blood: Red Cross Blood Drive [Registration Req.]

Friday February 20 | 10am – 3:15pm | Adult

The American Red Cross needs our donations to continue to provide life-saving services, especially during a medical emergency. Share your heart and help during this current Blood Shortage! **Give in Feb. for a \$15 e-gift card to the merchant of your choice!**



What Will You Find?

Friday February 20 | 11am – 1pm

Spring cleaning can always bring surprises. What about when you find that box of old VHS tapes, or a forgotten collection of faded and damaged photographs? Drop-in and learn how the GLADL Digi-Lab can easily help you digitize your old media and restore pictures that have seen better days. Whether your closets produce vinyl records, cassette tapes, DVDs, or even a bundle of old letters you would like to read and record as an oral history, digitize it at the GLADL Digi-Lab. To preserve your memories, and clean out your closet, save the original with digital!

Voices in Winter: Poets Speak

Sunday February 22 | 2pm – 4pm | Ages 16+

Come enjoy coffee, conversation and audience participation for an afternoon of poetry, fun and ideas. Area women poets read poems about 5 subjects in rotation, each giving their spin on the topics. It's a fast-paced, different kind of reading, full of engaging and provoking poems to engage an audience of both poetry fans and those unfamiliar with its performance.

Adult Tabletop Board or Card Games

Wednesday Feb. 25 | 2:30pm – 3:30pm | Adult

Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation and try a new game-- or share an old favorite! Adults can meet up at the Library monthly at this time for interesting presentations, crafts, games -- and coffee, snacks and conversation with friends you know-- and those you've just met.



Potato Derby [Registration Req.]

Saturday February 28 | Races Start at 1pm

Ready, set...roll! Join us for a wacky race where potatoes are the stars of the track. Decorate your very own "spud mobile" and race it down the derby ramp.



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