

# 2026 Spring Events



**Grand Ledge Area  
District Library**

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# 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 March 17, April 14, May 12 | 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 March 11, April 8, May 13 | 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+**

Get ready to create, play, and explore coding at Code Club, where kids of all experience levels learn fun, kid-chosen tech skills each week using easy, colorful block-based programming! Find out more at [gladl.org/project/learncoding](http://gladl.org/project/learncoding)

**Silent Book Club Grand Ledge at  
BrickHaven Brewing Company! [Reg. Req.]  
Wednesday March 25, April 22, May 27  
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.

## Crafts To-Go

Make fun crafts or flex your science muscles with these kits: **3/6** Very Hungry Caterpillars, **3/20** Cloud Play Dough, **4/3** Cress Head Planters, **4/17** Rainsticks, **5/1** Swinging Snails, **5/15** Bug Jars.

## Baby Stories & Play

**Saturday March 21, April 18, May 16 | 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.



# March is Reading Month!

**We have so much to do at the library this month! A new mini Reading Challenge, bring your littles to a special guest storytime, and/or participate in a fun program! We'll see you soon!**

**Kid's Event:** Test yourself with our "Make Reading a Habit" Challenge! Kindergarten to 6th grade, read at least 10 minutes a day for 21 days to make daily reading a new habit. Earn a treat or small prize after 7, 14, and 21 days of reading. Finish your challenge by April 10 to enter the drawing of your choice to win a grand prize!

Next, explore the library with our **March Scavenger Hunts**. Hunt for special locations in the library and favorite characters! The Important Library Locations Hunt starts March 1 and the Popular Character Hunt starts March 17.

**Early Literacy Activity Table:** Try our fun activities that support Early Literacy!

**Guest Storytime Readers:** We have special guests coming to the library for our Tuesday morning 11am Preschool Storytimes! See [gladl.org/march26](http://gladl.org/march26) for our guest schedule.

**Teen Book Box:** Teens from 7th to 12th grade can register for a special March-only Teen Book Box! These Japanese manga themed boxes include snacks, goodies, or other prizes plus a library-owned manga from the YA collection. **The manga book must be returned to the library but teens get to keep the other fun items from the box!** When registering, teens indicate what sort of book they might like to read so the manga can be selected to match their reading preferences. A GLADL library card is required to register.

**March Mystery:** Adults, celebrate March with a mystery! A surprise mystery book, to be exact. Check out one of the wrapped up mystery books from GLADL's collection, read your mystery, and then rate & review your book on the included bookmark. Return the book and special bookmark by March 31 to enter a drawing for a mystery prize.

**Guess this Book:** Adults, can you "Guess this Book"? We've stuffed pages from a damaged book in a guessing jar. Guess the title and the author from just what you can see! Winner drawn on March 31!



# MARCH IS READING MONTH

## **Ready to Read Storytime for Toddlers**

**Wednesday March 4 | 6pm - 7pm | 18 months - 3 years**

Parents and caregivers will learn how to talk, sing, read, write, and play with their little ones to promote pre-reading skills. Concludes with hands-on activity stations. This storytime uses the Ready to Read Michigan program from the Library of Michigan.

## **Youth Beginning Chess Workshop**

**Fridays March 6, 13, 20 | 3pm - 4:30pm | Ages 8 - 18**

This workshop series offers a structured and engaging introduction to the "game of kings," taught by professional chess coach Tyler Hug. Beginners on up will gain valuable skills in a fun, supportive environment. Attend one or all sessions.



## **Red Cross Babysitting Workshop**

**Saturday March 7 | 10am - 3pm | Teens 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. Registration required, class size limited.

## **Salt Dough Easter Eggs**

**Monday March 9 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 6 - 12**

Use salt dough, cookie cutters, and faux jewels to create a beautiful Easter ornament!

## **Mario Day Party**

**Tuesday March 10 | 6pm - 7pm | Grades K - 6**

Reading Challenge participants can join us for a Mario Party with snacks, games, and crafts. Not a Reading Challenge participant? You can sign up at the party!

## **Ready to Read Storytime for Preschoolers**

**Wednesday March 11 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 3 - 5**

Parents and caregivers will learn how to talk, sing, read, write, and play with their little ones to promote pre-reading skills. Concludes with hands-on activity stations. This storytime uses the Ready to Read Michigan program from the Library of Michigan.

## **The Gallowglass: Irish Renaissance Warriors**

**Thursday March 12 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Ages 10+**

Join Swordsmanship Museum and Academy historian Jerry Berg as he leads us on a journey back to the 1500s to explore the unique warriors that fought in and defended Ireland during this century of conquest and invasion. High quality replicas from the Museum's collection will also be featured, including some of the largest swords and the most intimidating ranged weapons!



# MARCH IS READING MONTH

## **Lucky Leprechaun Party**

**Saturday March 14 | 12:30pm - 2pm**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a bit of library magic! Stop by our Lucky Leprechaun party before the parade downtown for festive crafts and a fun scavenger hunt.

## **Glow-in-the-Dark Egg Hunt**

**Monday March 16 | 6pm - 7pm | Families**

Bring the kids anytime between 6pm and 7pm to participate. Venture into the darkened Children's Department to find 3 eggs per child, then trade the eggs in for a small treat.

## **GLPS Student Art Showcase & Reception**

**Thursday March 19 | 5:30pm - 7pm**

March is Reading Month, but did you know it is also Youth Arts Month? To celebrate many of the fantastic Young Artists in our community we welcome you to join us at the library for our GLPS Art Show! Nearly 100 different objects of student art will be on display. Artist's works will remain on display March 19 - April 2.



## **Egg Decorating**

**Monday March 23 | 6pm - 7pm**

Bring your eggs to the library and discover new creative ways to decorate them. Bring up to 1 dozen eggs per child.

## **Adult Craft: String Easter Eggs**

**Wednesday March 25 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm**

Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation and make a fun seasonal Spring craft--String Easter Eggs! 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.

## **Action Figure/Toy Photography Workshop**

**with Kevin Epling [Registration Required]**

**Saturday March 28 | 12pm - 1:30pm**

Enjoy a fun and engaging beginner's session of one of the fastest growing aspects of toy collecting and modeling: Toy Photography. Attendees can bring a toy (3"-7") to photograph, and several toy dioramas will be on display for photo opportunities.



## **Switch Gaming: Mario Kart**

**Monday March 30 | 6pm - 8pm**

Join us for a night of fun and friendly Switch gaming! We'll play Mario Kart tonight! Who's the best driver around? Feel free to bring your Switch to play between your turns! All skill levels welcome!

# MARCH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3 Preschool Storytime 11am	4 Code Club! 6pm  Storytime for Toddlers 6pm	5 Crafting for a Cause 4pm	6 Craft To-Go Very Hungry Caterpillars  Youth Beginning Chess Workshop 3pm	7 Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Reg. Req.] 10am
9 Salt Dough Easter Eggs 6pm	10 Preschool Storytime 11am  Mario Day Party 6pm	11 Adult Bingo 2:30pm  Code Club! 6pm  Storytime for Preschoolers 6pm	12 Irish Renaissance Warriors 6pm	13 Beginning Chess Workshop 3pm	14 Lucky Leprechaun Party 12:30pm
16 Glow-in-the -Dark Egg Hunt 6pm	17 Preschool Storytime 11am  Minecraft Mania 6pm	18 Code Club! 6pm	19 Crafting for a Cause 4pm  GLPS Student Art Show 5:30pm	20 Craft to-Go Cloud Play Dough  Youth Beginning Chess Workshop 3pm	21 Baby Stories 10:30am
23 Egg Decorating 6pm	24 Preschool Storytime 11am	25 Adult Craft: String Eggs 2:30pm  Code Club! 6pm  Silent Book Club GL @ Brickhaven [Reg. Req.] 6pm	26	27	28 Toy Photography Workshop with Kevin Epling [Reg. Req.] 12pm
30 Switch Gaming: Mario Kart 6pm	31 Preschool Storytime 11am				



# APRIL

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Code Club! 6pm	2 What's the Weather Like on Mars? 2pm  Crafting for a Cause 4pm	3 Craft To-Go Cress Head Planters  Good Friday Closing @ 12pm	4 Welcome and Help Migrating Birds 4:30pm
6	7 Preschool Storytime 11am	8 Adult Bingo 2:30pm  Code Club! 6pm	9	10 Transcribe Documents 2pm	11 MI Safe Boating [Reg. Req.] 8am
13 New Food Choices [Reg. Req.] 6pm	14 Preschool Storytime 11am  Minecraft Mania 6pm	15 Code Club! 6pm	16 Crafting for a Cause 4pm  Stall Catchers 6pm	17 Craft To-Go Rainsticks	18 Baby Stories 10:30am  Salamander Plot Setup Day 2pm
20 Friends Annual Meeting - Safer Migrations for Our Michigan Birds 6pm	21 Preschool Storytime 11am	22 Help Birds 2:30pm  Animal Spot-A-Thon 6pm  Silent Book Club GL @ Brickhaven [Reg. Req.] 6pm	23 Earth Week Open House 5:30pm	24	25 Red Cross Babysitting Workshop [Reg. Req.] 10am  Salamander Survey 2pm
27 History Makers 6pm	28 Preschool Storytime 11am	29 Code Club! 6pm	30		

# MAY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Craft To-Go Swinging Snails	2
4 Shrinky Dinks 6pm	5 Preschool Storytime 11am	6 Code Club! 6pm	7 Crafting for a Cause 4pm	8	9 Red Cross CPR [Reg. Req.] 10am  Red Cross BLS [Reg. Req.] 12:30pm
11	12 Preschool Storytime 11am  Minecraft Mania 6pm	13 Adult Bingo 2:30pm  Code Club! 6pm	14	15 Craft To-Go Bug Jars	16 Baby Stories 10:30am
18	19 Preschool Storytime 11am	20 Code Club! 6pm	21 Crafting for a Cause 4pm	22	23 Wacousta Memorial Day Parade 10am
25 Memorial Day CLOSED	26 Preschool Storytime 11am	27 Code Club! 6pm  Silent Book Club Brickh. [Reg. Req.] 6pm  Adult Skills: Fin. Scams 2:30pm	28	29	30



# CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

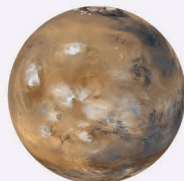
Join us as we use our eyes and ears to help log 2.50M data points in April!

**SciStarter.org** makes it easier for everyone to connect with scientists to make a difference. Join us **April 1 - 30** to make a collective impact of 2.50M Acts of Science! These Acts, **marked in blue**, provide data & information to help answer questions scientists cannot answer alone. ***Nobody knows everything but everybody knows something!***

## What's the Weather Like on Mars?

**Thursday April 2 | 2pm - 4pm | Adults**

*Scientists want to know!* Step into a new kind of space mission by looking at a set of NASA online images for signs of clouds above Mars. Every cloud you spot helps NASA scientists understand daily and seasonal weather patterns on the Red Planet, informing future missions and research.



## Wonders & Perils of Bird Migration: Campfire Science & S'Mores

**Saturday April 4 | 4:30pm - 6pm | Adults | Lincoln Brick Park**

Dr. Susan Elbin from Capital Area Audubon presents an exploration of the benefits/costs of strategies used by migrating birds. Learn the birds to see during migration, the importance of dark skies and how to make our windows safer! Crafting of bird strike abatement materials, an early spring birding hike- & s'mores.



## Transcribe Documents

**Friday April 10 | 2pm - 4pm | Adults**

During this event, participants will help transcribe handwritten historical documents from the Smithsonian Institution. These transcriptions create searchable data that supports research, education, and public access to America's historical records.

## Michigan Safe Boating Course & Certification [Req. Req.]

**Saturday April 11 | 8am - 4:30pm | Adults**

Learn and Earn your Safe Boating Certification in one day! To legally operate a boat in Michigan, state law requires anyone born AFTER 7/1/1996 to have their Safe Boating Certification.



## New Food Choices [Registration Req.]

**Monday April 13 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 16+**

Meet with VegMichigan and learn about the health and environmental benefits of eating more plant-based meals.

## Game Night for Science: Stall Catchers

**Thursday April 16 | 6pm - 8pm | Ages 11+**

Contribute to real scientific research by playing a video game to help with Alzheimer's research. Participants will look at brain scans to determine if blood is flowing or stalled. Participation counts toward the shared goal of 2.50 million Acts of Science.

# APRIL IS CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

## Salamander Plot Setup Day

**Saturday April 18 | 2pm - 4pm | Lincoln Brick Park**

Join us for a hands-on community science event supporting local salamander research and conservation.

## Friends Annual Meeting - Safer Migrations for Our Michigan Birds

**Monday April 20 | 6pm - 7:30pm**

We'll hear from Nick of Capital Area Audubon on spring bird migrations & why turning off outside lights at night helps migrating birds. Materials to make windows safer for birds too, and craft a 'teacup' bird feeder! Presented by the Friends of the Grand Ledge Area District Library. Brief Annual Meeting and refreshments.



## Enjoy and Help Migrating Birds

**Wednesday April 22 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Adults**

Gather with other adults for coffee and conversation! Learn about the migrating birds that travel through mid-Michigan and how to make the journey safer!

## Earth Day Animal Spot-A-Thon

**Wednesday April 22 | 6pm - 8pm | All ages**

In this hands-on event, you'll explore trail camera photos and help classify the animals you see. Your contributions support a NASA-supported research project that tracks changes in wildlife distributions and abundances over time—critical data that informs wildlife management and conservation decisions.

## Earth Week Open House

**Thursday April 23 | 5:30pm - 7pm | All ages**

Kids get "hands-on" with worms, learn about water and drainage, and our local wildlife and ecosystems too!



## Red Cross Babysitting Workshop

**Saturday April 25 | 10am - 3pm | 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.

## Salamander Survey

**Saturday April 25 | 2pm - 4pm | All ages | Lincoln Brick Park**

Participants will learn about local salamander species, their habitats, and the vital role they play in our ecosystem. Perfect for late elementary and middle school students.

## History Makers

**Monday April 27 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 5+**

Come learn about an amazing person from history you've maybe never heard of and create something inspired by them! This month is Wangari Maathai, the woman who planted millions of trees! This month's craft is puzzle piece trees.



# MAY

## Shrinky Dinks

**Monday May 4 | 6pm - 7pm | Kids**

Watch your creations shrink in our toaster oven to make earrings, necklaces, suncatchers and more!



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

**Saturday May 9 | 10am - 12:15pm | Ages 13+**

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. Registration required, class size limited. This class is not appropriate for those needing training for a healthcare field (doctors, dentists, nurses, EMS, etc.).

## Red Cross Basic Life Support [Registration Req.]

**Saturday May 9 | 12:30pm - 3pm | Adults**

Adults, college students and healthcare professionals-- get you Red Cross BLS certification! BLS is the foundation of resuscitation training for healthcare professionals. The BLS program content includes both single-responder and multiple-responder scenarios and AED use, as well as how to care for a patient who has an obstructed airway. Skills include high-quality CPR and AED use, obstructed airway and BLS team response. Upon workshop completion, students receive a course completion card in Red Cross Basic Life Support. Registration required, class size limited.

## Wacousta Memorial Day Parade

**Saturday May 23 | Decorating Starts at 10am | Wacousta**

Kids can trim their bikes and ride in the Wacousta Memorial Day Community Parade on Saturday, May 23! We'll provide red, white and blue patriotic trims (while supplies last) for families to decorate kid's bikes, wagons, strollers or scooters, and a spot to ride in the parade as we honor & remember with gratitude all those who serve and served our country.

**Please Note:** Decorating 10am - 10:45am, parade starts promptly at 11am. All ages with adult assistance.



## Adult Skills: Protect Yourself from Financial Scams

**Wednesday May 27 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Adults**

Gather in the daytime with other adults for coffee, conversation and learn how to avoid Financial Scams. Adults meet up at the Library monthly for interesting presentations, crafts, games and more. Enjoy coffee, snacks and conversation with friends you know-- and those you've just met.

**Something BIG is  
coming this Summer...**



## Developing Opportunities, Building Partnerships

# GLADL Wacousta Branch

GLADL is excited to be partnering with GLPS to bring library services back to Wacousta. The opportunities in this shared space for programs, services, and access to collections are exceptional & we look forward to getting community input as we move forward.

**Please stay tuned at [gladl.org/wacousta](http://gladl.org/wacousta)**

## Citizen Science Kits at Your Library



**ELLA AND ROBYN:**

Helping scientists document plant species.

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517.627.7014    [gladl.org](http://gladl.org)  
Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm  
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm  
Sunday 1pm - 5pm**



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