

Library Life



The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

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Michigan Activity Pass

Your library card unlocks more than books – it opens the door to adventures all across Michigan. Through the Michigan Activity Pass program, you can use your card to get free or discounted admission to hundreds of museums, parks, cultural sites, and family-friendly destinations statewide. Visit www.miactivitypass.org for more information.



Hours

Monday: 9 am – 7 pm

Tuesday: 9 am – 7 pm

Wednesday: 9 am – 7 pm

Thursday: 9 am – 7 pm

Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 2 pm

Sunday: Closed

Spring Book Sale

April 29
– May 2

Paperback: .25¢

Kids: .25¢

Hardcover: \$1

Audiobooks: \$1

CD/DVD: \$1



Library Updates

You will soon notice some big changes to the library. The first half of the month our lobby will be getting repainted. Please be patient as our New Book section shelves move around to accommodate the project.

In other news, the library's hardest working employee, the printer, will be getting replaced. After many long years and well over 700,000 copies made we wish the old printer a happy retirement and look forward to the expanded capabilities of a brand new printer.

Online Catalog: Apollo- To- Go

Want to see if we have a specific book or author? Our entire catalog can be accessed several ways online.

From our website, towards the bottom of the page is a link to our catalog.

You can also go directly to the catalog website at:

<https://bridgeportlibrary.biblionix.com/catalog/>

Want to view our catalog from your phone as if it were an app? Create a shortcut on your home screen. We have bookmarks with instructions available at the front desk, or staff can assist you.



Smartphone and Computer Help

If you have a question or tech task that requires more than a few minutes to sort out, the library offers One-On-One Appointments to better utilize our staff and increase the efficiency and efficacy with which we serve our patrons. Appointments are usually offered in 30 minute to 1 hour blocks, depending upon your needs. Set up a time at the Circulation Desk or over the phone. 989-777-6030

Play Book-Opoly for March Reading Month!

Continues through April 30

You will find a game board to use as the last page of this newsletter.

Complete all the squares for 10 chances to win \$25!

See a librarian to complete the Mystery Squares...



Kits and The Library of Things

Located in the Media section, on the Teen & Young Adult side of our library:

- **Kits:** Bird-watching, Back-to-School, Christmas, and Sensory Kits available for in library use or to check out.
- **Cookie Cutters and Cake Pans:** They stay on our shelves instead of cluttering your cupboards when not in use. Comes in a variety of shapes and sizes.
- **Board Games and Card Games:** Many new and classic games to entertain all ages and interests.
- **Local History and Genealogy:** Dive into the archives to uncover your personal history or your communities' (not all of these types of materials are available to be checked out). We have historical documents, record books, class year books, maps, and more.



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Notary Services

We offer notary services upon staff availability:

Not every staff member is a notary.

If you need something notarized, please call ahead of time to make sure that one is available for you when needed.

We charge \$1 per notary signature. Valid ID is required for all parties signing. Documents must not be signed until in presence of the notary.

Meeting Rooms

The library values a quiet space to meet, study, and work. We have two meeting rooms available. One is ideal for groups of 5-8, the other is perfect for 1-4 people.

To reserve a room it is ideal to call ahead of time, but you can also stop at the front desk and see if one is available upon arrival.

Rooms are free to use except for political candidates, depositions and for-profit purposes. For those uses they are \$25 per hour.

For larger groups and events, we have our Community Room available to use for free for non-profit purposes or for \$50 per hour for profit.

Wellness Programs



HOT YOGA

Performed in an extra warm room to increase circulation and flexibility.

Every Monday
5:30- 6:30pm

H.I.I.T

High Intensity Interval Training:
A quick kick start to your day!

4-10
Friday
10-10:30am

SLOW FLOW YOGA

Designed with beginners in mind but can also be modified for those with more experience.

Bring your own mat.

4-15 & 4-22
Wednesdays
10-11am

SELF- LED HEALTH

Spend about thirty minutes researching a topic independently. then discuss the findings together.

4-17 *Friday* 10-11am

All-Ages Programs

Classes for kids and adults held separately, but at the same time!

Garden Series

Every other Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

4/9: Organic vs. Conventional Gardening Techniques

4/23: Seed Starting: Plant seeds in our Community Garden and take seeds home to plant.

Book Tasting

4/29 Wednesday 5-6pm

All ages can join in on this fun event! Adults and children will have separate classes, but both will enjoy sampling a variety of books. Light snacks will be served.

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Adult Programs

Cindy's Craft & Movie

4/1 Wednesday, 1-3pm

Showing "Enchanted April" and making easy canvas paintings

Creative Writing

4/7 Tuesday, 5:30-6:30pm

A surprise prompt to get your brain buzzing!

Make Your Own Garden Decor

4/16 Monday, 5-6pm

Suncatchers, garden stakes, or anything else your garden may need

Digressing Diva's Book Club

4/16 Thursday, 1-2 pm

Discuss everyone's Blind Dates with a Book!

All programs are free to attend.

Registration is required.



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3399 Williamson Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601

Far more than you expect!



Life Skills & After School

Home School Meet Up

First Wednesday of each month 5:30- 6:30pm

Homeschool kids and families can hang out, do crafts, or enjoy independent play.

Video Games

Every Tuesday and Friday 2-4:45pm

Xbox, PS5, and Switch systems with games provided.

Ages 12+ MUST PREREGISTER

Teens: Fish Cooking

3-4pm, Monday 4/6

Kids: Baby Corn Tasting

3:30-4:30pm, Monday 4/20

All programs are free to attend. Registration is required. Do so online, over the phone, or in person.

Children's Craft & Story Hour



Every Tuesday
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Bridgeport Public Library, Saginaw, MI

We promote early literacy by teaching Ready to Read Michigan skills!

Community Connection



Local Business Sponsors

Are you a local business owner or manager who would like to contribute to the community and get your name out? The library is looking for sponsors/donations for our summer reading program. Donate your product or services in the form of gift cards or prizes, and your business will be featured in our ongoing summer reading program and advertising.

Craft Supplies

We will always take donated craft supplies, but now specifically need fabric, ribbon, and decorative paper.

Zoo Supply Donations

In participation with Saginaw Children's Zoo, the library is accepting donations of plain newspaper, toilet paper tubes, cardboard egg cartons, and clean Styrofoam. Zoo staff use these items for bedding and animal enrichment projects.

Program Donations

For the summer the library is in need of a large plastic or stuffed dinosaur toy, as well as small bean bags (able to be tossed). This fall we will be in need of clean stuffed animals.



A look ahead...



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Summer Reading Program

Kick-off party happening on Monday, June 1, from 2-6pm! There will be tons of fun for everyone! Theme announced soon...

Gypsy Made Kitchen Workshops

In May, we will begin hosting Darla Wiggins of Gypsy Made Kitchen to teach patrons how to craft home remedies from products found in nature.