

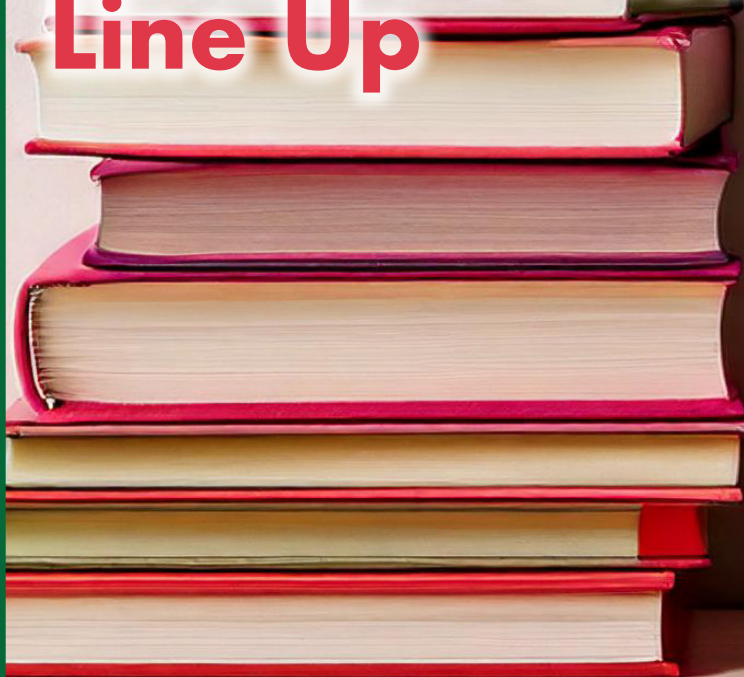
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Lansing Public Library Newsletter

**You Won't Want
To Miss These
Amazing Holiday
Themed Programs**

**Check Out Our
Library@Nite
Concert Series
Line Up**

**It's Time For You
To Bloom With
Our Plant Cutting
Exchange Just In
Time For Spring!**





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WE HAVE LIFT OFF!!

New Website Launch

*We've improved your user experience!
Check it out: lansingpl.org*

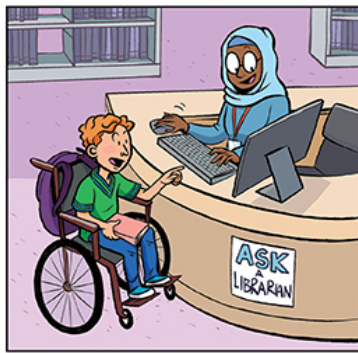
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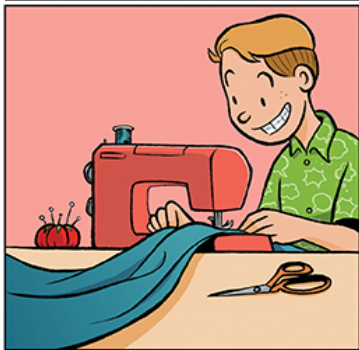
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Drawn to the Library



Monday, April 7 - Saturday, April 12

Keep an eye out for all the exciting activities we have planned for this year's National Library Week.



Candidates Forum
Mon, Mar 3 from 6-7:30pm



CANDIDATES FORUM

Sponsored by The Lansing Journal

Once again it is election season in Illinois, and the *Lansing Journal* is hosting a Candidates Forum at the Lansing Public Library. The *Lansing Journal* will invite all of the candidates on the ballot for Village of Lansing Trustee to speak at the forum to share their vision for the Village of Lansing.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join us for our Black History Month Celebration! Listen to music, make a delicious-healthy drink, learn about the best black-owned restaurants in Chicagoland, make your own candle and so much more!

Library@Nite: The Funk Brotherz
Fri, Feb 7 at 6:30pm

Get ready to feel the funk! *The Funk Brotherz* are an energetic Funk band that will blow your socks off! Get ready to dance and celebrate Black History Month with great music and great food! Doors open at 5:30pm.

Bani's Beets ♦ #30
Sat, Feb 8 at 3pm

Bani's Beets will be here to teach you how to make cold-press juices, a delicious and healthy drink! The owner is a Lansing resident and will share how she started her business!

The Black Foodies #40
Sat, Feb 15 at 1pm

Meet *Dino* and *Coretta Dean*, *The Black Foodies*. The *Black Foodies* are digital creators and food influencers that showcase black-owned and other ethnic restaurants within the Chicagoland area! Learn all about the best of the best in black-owned restaurants!

Black History Month Collage (Teen Program)
Tue, Feb 18 at 4pm ♦ #20

Celebrate Black History Month by creating a powerful collage that highlights the inspiring people, moments, and movements that have shaped Black history.

Einnim Candle Bar ♦ #20
Sat, Feb 22 from 2-4pm

Make your own custom scented candle with one of the best candle bars in the Chicagoland area! This black owned business will be here to help you create a candle you'll love!

Black Culture Blowout! (Teen Program)
Tue, Feb 25 at 4pm ♦ #20

Test your knowledge of Black art in a fun party setting! Song snippets, movie screenshots, and lines of TV dialogue are all on the table. Whoever can recognize the most media will win a fantastic prize!

LIBRARY

CONCERT SERIES

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PERFORMANCES START AT 6:30PM. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM*.



Funk Brotherz

- February 7 -

The Funk Brotherz are an energetic Funk band that will blow your socks off! Get ready to dance and celebrate Black History Month with great music and great food! Doors open at 5:30pm. Ages 18+.



Paulie & The Shakers

- March 7 -

Paulie & The Shakers is a fun, versatile, variety cover band - bringing the ultimate music experience and the best of the 70s!
Ages 18+.



The Saddle Shoe Sisters

- April 4 -

The Saddle Shoe Sisters brings the best of the 40s, 50s, and 60s; in an all-women retro band! Get your toe-tapping shoes ready, because this retro band is sure to bring you back to the past! Ages 18+.



Enjoy treats for sale by the Friends!

ADULTS

Spice Club ♦ 35
Mon: Feb 3, Mar 3 & Apr 7

Spice up your cooking! Register each month to receive a sample of a new spice along with the spice's history and delicious recipes. Materials can be picked up at the Info Desk the first Monday of the month. Please register for each month separately.

Gentle Tai-Chi & Meditation 40
Every Tuesday from 1-2pm

Start your afternoon strong with the right mind-set. *Instructor Brian Thompson*, from *BNEW4LIFE*, teaches gentle Tai-Chi & Meditation to help you stay focused, alert, pain-free and anxiety-free. No session Apr 1.

Enchanted Worlds 20
Mon: Feb 3, Mar 3 & Apr 7 at 6pm

Join us each month as we delve into a world of enchanted sites and a few of the tales that surround them.

Feb: *Atlantis/Lemuria*
Mar: *Middle Earth/Narnia*
Apr: *Avalon/Camelot*

Coffee Break Café
Every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30am

Do you enjoy specialty coffees, teas, and treats? Sip on some delectable concoctions, mingle with like-minded individuals, and learn about what else the library has to offer!

Tasty Trivia! ♦ 30
Wed: Feb 5, Mar 12 & Apr 9 at 6pm

Grab your squad or just yourself and join us for food and fun as we challenge your brain with different themed subjects and feed your stomach with delicious local food options!

Senior Wheel of Fortune 30
Fri: Feb 7, Mar 7 & Apr 4 at 12pm



Do you love a good game of Wheel of Fortune? Play, socialize, and possibly win a small prize! Come try your luck!

Beyond the Cape 20
Mon: Feb 10, Mar 10 & Apr 14 from 6-7pm

Have you ever wondered about the reasons iconic superheroes became their "alter egos"? Why did characters with similar backgrounds develop such different identities?

Feb: *Batman*
Mar: *Wonder Woman*
Apr: *Doctor Strange*

Tax Time with BBB Tax Academy
Wed, Feb 12 from 4-7pm

Need some help with taxes this year? We have partnered with *BBB Tax Academy* to help you file your taxes quickly and efficiently! This is a first come, first serve program.

Craft Masters ♦ 15
Fri: Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11 at 12pm

Love making crafts? We're taking ideas from Pinterest and letting you make them free! Check our website for more details.

How To Get A (Real) ID ♦ 12
Tue, Feb 18 at 10am; Wed, Apr 2 at 6:30pm

The deadline for getting a Real ID is coming May 2025! Find out the materials necessary and what you'll need to do to get one.

Rules of the Road Refresh ♦ 15
Thu: Feb 20 & Apr 17 at 10am

Refresh your knowledge of traffic laws and safe driving behaviors. We'll take practice tests together on the large screen TV using real questions from the official driver's manual. Sit back, relax, and prepare to ace your driver's written exam.

A Look into Real Estate Series ♦ 40
Thu: Feb 20, Mar 20 & Apr 17 at 6pm

Feb: Ready to buy a home? Meet with a loan officer, learn about the loan process, complete a loan application, and get approved on the spot!

Mar: Looking to purchase a home but not quite sure of the process? Meet *Kisha Wells* along with other real estate professionals to get your questions answered about the home buying process.

Apr: This workshop is designed to give potential sellers the information they need to sell their home.

Senior Bingo! 30
Fri: Feb 21, Mar 21 & Apr 18 at 12pm

Love to play Bingo? Like to win stuff too? This is the perfect opportunity for you to socialize and win some interesting prizes!

Snip & Swap: A Plant Exchange
Everyday in March



Join us for our Plant Cutting Exchange at the library! For the month of March, bring in your extra plant cuttings, swap them for something new, and leave with a fresh green buddy to help your space bloom.

ADULTS

CrAfter Work Night **30** Thu, Mar 6 at 6:30pm



After a long day, it's time to turn your brain off and let your hands do the talking. We'll provide all the materials you need for simple projects that encourage mindfulness and fun.

Dementia Friends **50** Mon: Mar 10 & Apr 7 at 1pm

AgeOptions will be here to present an overview of dementia, key messages, ways to communicate effectively, and early signs and symptoms of dementia. Ages 65+.

Knead to Know: Starter Workshop **20** Tue, Mar 11 at 5pm



Learn the art of sourdough baking as we provide you with all the materials needed to kickstart your own starter. You'll also receive expert tips on how to keep it healthy and thriving. Come and discover the joy of homemade sourdough!

En-Roads Climate Simulator **30** Sat, Mar 15 at 3pm

Climate Interactive and *MIT Sloan* have worked together to build a simulator with most of the variables in a worldwide climate model. Come check out this presentation and climate model that has also been used by the US Senate!

Paint in Place Records **20** Tue: Mar 25 & Apr 22 from 5-7:30pm

Painting is an amazing way to relax and relieve stress. Paint an amazing piece of art, pre-drawn by the talented artist, *Betty Postma*. Learn how to paint and blend then take home your completed art piece! Visit our website for the painting design!

Tai-Chi Secrets **30** Wed, Mar 26 at 1pm



A Tai-Chi Grandmaster will be in the library to explain some secrets of Tai-Chi. Learn how Tai-Chi can indeed help with a host of things, including anxiety, and learning how one can calm the mind easily.

Silent Book Club **20** Mon, Apr 7 from 6-7:30pm



Reading is a great way to gain knowledge and give your brain a workout! We're offering you a peaceful yet social way to read. Here's how it works:

Silent Reading (6-7pm): Bring a book and enjoy an hour of silent reading alongside other book enthusiasts.

Socializing (7-7:30pm): After reading, spend 30 minutes chatting with fellow readers, sharing recommendations, and discovering your next great read.

Feel free to bring a blanket and get cozy with us while enjoying free coffee!

FUR-st Response: Basic Pet First-Aid Class **40** Tue, Apr 8 at 5:30pm



Are you a pet owner who wants to be prepared for emergencies? This session is perfect for anyone looking to enhance their pet care skills!

The Great Puzzler's Dash! **30** Sat, Apr 12 from 2-4pm



Are you a seasoned puzzler looking for a challenge? We're pairing you in teams with other dedicated adult puzzlers. You'll have 2 hours to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Bring a friend, or meet new friends! The fastest team to complete the puzzle wins!

A Look Into UFOs **30** Sat, Apr 19 from 12-1pm

Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon or 'UAP' is the new term for 'UFO'. Come and learn about the history of this subject and discuss your own theories.

Better Homes & Garden Real Estate: Bingo Night **40** Thu, Apr 24 from 6-7:30pm

Join *Better Homes & Garden Real Estate* as they go over new real estate programs to help homeowners, all while enjoying a game of Bingo!

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

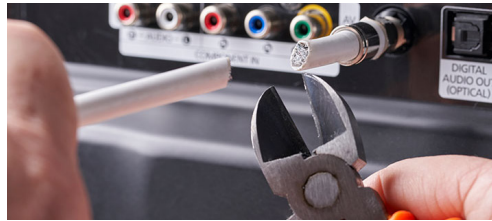
Password Safety & Management ♦ 10
Tue, Feb 11 at 10am

The best defenses online are preventing hackers from getting easy access to your information. Learn how to effectively create stronger passwords and utilize a password manager to secure your information safely.

Intro to Basic Computer Skills ♦ 10
Thu: Feb 13, Mar 6 & Apr 10 at 10am

There is so much you can do when you have computer skills: write letters, look up facts, get news from around the world, even play games. We will start with hands-on basics in the class, and provide you with take-home material so you can keep learning. Laptops and mice will be provided to use in class, or bring your own.

Cut the Cable! ♦ 25
Tuesday, Mar 4 at 10am



Looking to ditch cable? Learn about local internet options as well as the equipment necessary for a streaming-only home.

Spring (Computer) Cleaning ♦ 10
Wed, Mar 5 at 2pm

Your house isn't the only thing that can cause issues if not properly maintained! Learn some easy and practical ways to keep your computer clean both inside and out!

1:1 Tech Help (By Appointment Only)



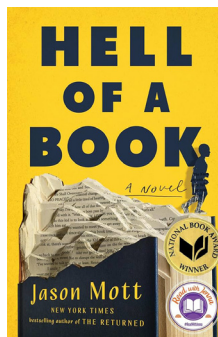
Book a 30 minute one-on-one tech assistance session! Scheduling is dependent upon the topic and staff availability. Please note this service is not intended as a replacement for device support, i.e. Geek Squad. Staff are not certified to troubleshoot or repair devices, but may only assist patrons with basic device usage and instruction of library applications. Request an appointment in-person at the Info Desk, by phone at (708) 474-2447 ext. 109 or by email to infodesk@lansingpl.org

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

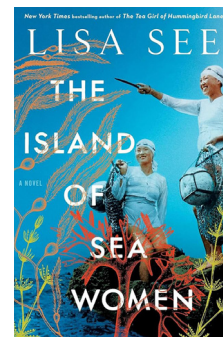
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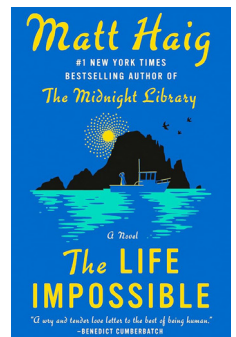
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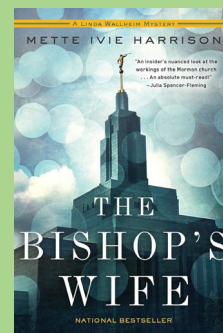


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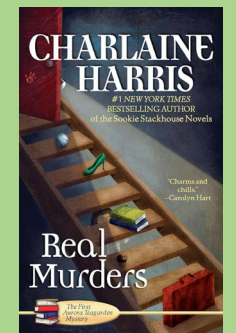
FEB 14



MAR 14



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ADULT MOVIES

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Lansing Library Cinema provides free movies, drinks, and treats! Come see newly released flicks with us on our 84in 4k TV!

LANSING LIBRARY CINEMA

see what's up and coming...



Piano Lesson
Fri, Feb 28 at 11am



The Six Triple Eight
Fri, Mar 28 at 11am



Wicked
Fri, Apr 25 at 11am

IN THE COMMUNITY

Library Pop-Ups

Kdulche Café

Tue: Feb 4 & 25; Mar 4 & 25; Apr 1 & 29

Calumet Bakery

Thu: Feb 6 & 27; Mar 6 & 27; Apr 3 & 24

We have a small pop up library that goes to Lansing businesses such as *Kdulche Café* and *Calumet Bakery* from 11-12pm. You are able to check out new & popular titles and even browse while you dine there! Come say hi!

thank you

Many thanks to our Coffee Break Café Founding member *Larry* for his donation of the new coffee cart and teapot. *Larry* has supported this program from the start and we cannot thank him enough for his support for the library and our programs!

MORE BUSINESSES! MORE WAYS TO SAVE!!



LYNNIE QUES



HVAC Masters



Do you know about Community Roots?

Lansing residents benefit from exclusive discounts from local businesses just for having a library card. Show your card to any of the merchants and take advantage of various discounts!

Catering to the heart of Lansing- YOU!

If you are a local business owner interested in participating in the Community Roots Program please contact our Outreach Department at eventsdesk@lansingpl.org.

YOUTH

Birth - PreK

Music and Movement ✦ 12
Tuesdays at 11am



Reading to babies is an important foundation for early literacy skills! There will be books, movement, songs, and more. Ages 0-18mos.

Family Storytime ✦ 24
Wednesdays at 10am



Enjoy books, movement, songs, and more! Kids will learn important things like motor and literacy skills. At the end, Grab and Go crafts will be available to take home. Ages 3-5.

Pajama Storytime ✦ 20
Thursdays at 6pm

Read good night books and sing lullabies to prepare your little ones for bed.

Move with Sol ✦ 15
Wed: Feb 5, Mar 5 & Apr 2 at 11am



Let's burn some energy! Follow along as we have fun exercising to kid-friendly YouTube dance videos.

Kindergarten Ready ✦ 10
Mondays beginning Feb 10 through
Apr 14 from 9:45-11am

Open to children of Lansing residents, this free 10-week program will help the whole family get ready for kindergarten. Kindergarten Ready is open to 4-year-olds who are starting kindergarten within a year. In-person registration is required. Signing up for this program requires a 10-week commitment.



Daycare Storytime ✦ 12
Wed: Feb 12, Mar 12 & Apr 9 at 11am

This storytime is for daycares with six children and under. Daycares with over six children may call the library to schedule a separate storytime.

Grade K - 5

Read To A Dog ✦ 12
Sat: Feb 8, Mar 8 & Apr 12 at 2pm



Millie is a 7-year-old Hound mix who has passed her Canine Good Citizenship test, and she loves when you read to her! For any child who needs a little encouragement to read.

Saltdough Sweethearts ✦ 15
Mon, Feb 10 at 6pm



Come decorate your own conversation heart out of saltdough. It makes the perfect gift for a loved one this Valentine's Day!

Mi Casita Spanish Storytime ✦ 12
Wed: Feb 12, Mar 12 & Apr 9 at 5:30pm

Engage your kids in an enriching bilingual experience. We will be reading a book in Spanish followed by a fun activity.

Acompáñenos para una experiencia bilingüe divertida y enriquecedora. Leeremos un libro en Español seguido de una actividad divertida.

Journal Club ✦ 12
Tue: Feb 18, Mar 18 & Apr 15 at 6pm



A creative space to learn the different styles of journaling. We will go over traditional diary journaling, bullet journaling, common place journaling, scrap journaling etc.

Smart Cookies ✦ 12
Mon, Feb 24 at 6pm

Attend a read along to *John Jory's 'Smart Cookie'* and decorate your own sweet treat after!

Catch A Leprechaun ✦ 15
Mon, Mar 10 at 6pm

Make sure you wear your green, it's time to catch a leprechaun. Come enjoy a read along to *'How To Catch A Leprechaun'* and stuff a special St. Patrick's Day teddy!

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie... ✦ 15
Mon, Mar 17 at 6pm



Come enjoy a nice glass of milk with cookies as we read along to *'If You Give A Mouse A Cookie'* and make your very own pet mouse to take home!

Grade 6 - 12

Int'l Tasters Club: High School Edition

Wed: Feb 5, Mar 5 & Apr 2 at 2pm **◆12**

Explore the world through your taste buds as we taste-test a selection of yummy snacks from different countries and learn fun facts about their origins.

Teen Volunteer Orientation

Thu: Feb 6, Mar 6 & Apr 3 at 4pm **◆20**

Need volunteer hours? Want to help the library out during special events and programs? Come to TVO to apply and learn the basics about volunteering. All teen volunteers must complete Teen Volunteer Orientation in order to be eligible to volunteer with the Lansing Public Library.

Romance Book Club

Tue, Feb 11 at 4pm **◆20**



Love is in the air and on the pages! Let's talk about our favorite romances and get recommendations for brand new young adult love stories.

TAB Informational Meeting

Wed, Feb 12 at 3pm

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Join the Teen Advisory Board! Members will get the opportunity to help plan library programs, volunteer, and contribute their ideas to Lansing Public Library.

Plaster Desserts

Wed, Feb 19 at 4pm **◆12**

This sweet treat is sure to last you ages. Come make your very own plaster dessert heart box to take home. This is the type of dessert that just looks TOO good to eat.

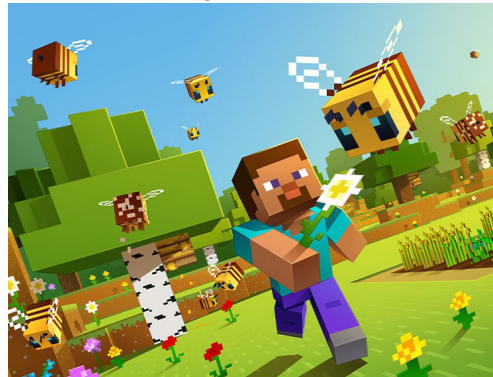
Anime Club

Thu: Feb 20, Mar 20 & Apr 17 at 4pm

Explore anime and Japanese culture with snacks, poetry, and games! Meet new friends and learn new things!

Minecrafting

Thu, Mar 13 at 4pm **◆20**



Minecraft just became real! Come make pixel art, craft your own personal *Minecraft* skin, or sketch out a scene from your dream base.

Women's History Bingo

Tue, Mar 18 at 4pm **◆20**



In what year was the WNBA created? How many Grammys has Beyoncé won? Fill up your brain (and your bingo sheet) with trivia about female trailblazers, past and present!

Lore Detective Club

Wed, Mar 26 at 4pm **◆20**

What do *Gravity Falls*, *Five Nights at Freddy's*, and *Kingdom Hearts* have in common? Their stories are super confusing. Join us as we try to decode lore and timelines through guidebooks and discussions.

DIY Jewelry Dish

Tue: Apr 1 & 8 at 4pm **◆20**

Part 1: Teens can unleash their creativity and craft their own personalized jewelry dish in this fun, hands-on workshop!

Part 2: Teens can add a splash of color and creativity by painting their very own jewelry dish in this artistic and hands-on workshop!

Filmmakers Society

Wed, Apr 9 at 4pm **◆15**



A dive into what it takes to create a movie. We will analyze scenes from different films, explore different film genres, and watch various short films. Participants will be encouraged to write their own short film (2-3mins) that will be screened on the last day of the program.

Book Besties!

Thu, Apr 10 at 4pm **◆20**

Spring has sprung! Let's find your new favorite book with games and personality quizzes!

Sushi Shenanigans

Wed, Apr 16 at 4pm **◆12**



Want to be a sushi savant? Make a sushi inspired snack and play a challenging card game!

POSTAL CUSTOMER

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: **9am-8pm**
Friday & Saturday: **9am-5pm**
Sunday: **CLOSED**

DIRECTOR

Lisa Korajczyk

LIBRARY BOARD

Sharon Novak, *President*
Jeri Villa, *Vice President*
Steven Carr, *Secretary*
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Yvette Farmer, *Trustee*
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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Community Room.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Any person needing accommodations for a disability in order to access the benefits of the Library's services, programs, or activities under the American with Disabilities Act should contact Director Lisa Korajczyk by phone 708-474-2447 or in writing, not less than five (5) business days prior to the event.

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Friends Meeting

Mon: Mar 10 at 6:30pm

Book Sale

Sat: Feb 8, Mar 8 & Apr 12

Members Access: 9:30-10:30am
General Public: 10:30am-1:30pm

After Library@Nite Concert Sales

February - Candy Bars; (\$2/each; 2 for \$3)
March & April - Cheese Cake Slices; \$3/slice

Basket Raffles

\$5/1 ticket or \$10/3 tickets

Easter Basket

On display: Mar 1
Drawing: Apr 14

Mother's Day Basket

On display: Mar 1
Drawing: May 5

IMAGE RELEASE

All program registrants and participants must permit to the taking and use of their image in future library publications, both printed and electronic.



LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Black Chicago Renaissance

Mon, Feb 24 at 6pm

Learn about *'The Black Chicago Renaissance,'* by *Dr. Amira Millicent Davis*. This presentation is in conjunction with the *Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speakers Bureau*.

Casting A Historic Vote

Mon, Mar 24 at 6pm

Learn about *'Casting a Historic Vote: Suffrage for Women in Illinois,'* by *Jeanne Schultz Angel*. This presentation is in conjunction with the *Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speakers Bureau*.

Tracing Your Family's Roots

Mon, Apr 28 at 6pm

Linda Swisher and Grace Bazylewski presents *'Tracing Your Family's Roots and Stories.'*



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