

BRANCH *Out*

Lansing Public Library Newsletter

**It's Another Exciting
Bus Trip, Next Stop...
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**CHANGES AT
THE LIBRARY...
SEE THE
DIRECTOR'S
CORNER!**



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Wishing you a safe
and happy holidays
and happy new year!
From all of us at the
Lansing Public Library

The Angel Tree Project

Starting December 1

We will have several small trees setup around the library decorated with cutout angels. By selecting one or more angels, patrons can give the gift of paying towards or paying off a child's library fees during the holiday season.

MORE BUSINESSES! MORE WAYS TO SAVE!!



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.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Hello Lansing Community Members,

I wanted to let you know that changes are coming to the building and our website. As you may have already noticed the library is a little dusty! We have started a new building project. The library is replacing its twenty-year-old HVAC system. This means that the library is going to be a little messy and maybe a little chilly for the next few months. We hope to finish the project by mid-December, but there are always hiccups during the process that could delay completion of the project. Unfortunately, we may have to close the library for a couple of days, and we have to cancel the November and December concerts. I know that this may be a disappointment to many of you, but we are trying our best to minimize any inconvenience for our patrons. For updates, please feel free to call the library at 708-474-2447 or check our website at www.lansingpl.org.

We are also working with a company to build a new website that will help people of all abilities access and use our website. It is important to the library, to our community, and under the law, that the access and use of our website should meet ADA accessibility requirements. This new website will ensure that we meet all the needs of our residents. We may have some downtime but you can always reach us through email or with a phone call. Both of these projects are necessary to improve the condition of the library space and its service to all its patrons. Thank you in advance for your patience and we look forward to seeing you at the library!

Lisa Korajczyk
Library Director



LIBRARY

CONCERT SERIES

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

DISCLAIMER: Unfortunately due to the library's construction project we will have to cancel the November and December concert events



Chicago Diamond Trio

- Jan 3 -

The Chicago Diamond Trio will be here kicking off the 2025 New Year in style! Join us at the library to listen to some of the smoothest Jazz we could get our hands on!



**Enjoy \$3 treats for sale
by the Friends!**

ADULTS

Senior Wheel of Fortune Fri: Nov 1 & Jan 3 at 1pm



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

Spice Club ◆ 25 Mon: Nov 4, Dec 2 & Jan 6



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.

Seasonal Makeup & Skincare ◆ 10 Wed: Nov 6 & Dec 4 at 5:30pm



Join us at the library to get a hands-on makeup experience! Bring your own makeup bag and learn trending make up styles and a skin care routine from an expert skin care specialist!

Craft Masters ◆ 12 Fri: Nov 8, Dec 13 & Jan 10 at 1pm

Love making crafts? Craftmasters is the ideal program for you! This adult crafting class takes ideas from Pinterest and allows you to make them free and with others! Check out our website to see more details!

Basic Numerology ◆ 12 Sat, Nov 9 at 3pm

Come have some good fun and dabble in Western and Eastern Numerology! See what your name and birth numbers represent. Check compatibility with friends and family!

Tai-Chi & Meditation Every Tue beginning Nov 12 at 1pm

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, and anxiety-free!

Pie Tasting - No Peeking! ◆ 20 Tue, Nov 12 at 6pm



Do you consider yourself a pie connoisseur? The library challenges you to test your knowledge of a wide variety of pies and see how you stack up against the rest of the class! This event features a blindfolded taste test followed by enjoying your favorite slice.

Empowerment Yoga ◆ 15 Wed: Nov 13, Dec 11 & Jan 8 at 1pm

Mental well-being is extremely important in today's world. Come learn how Yoga is a tool for self-regulation, by training your brain, body, and nervous system to live in harmony. *Cheryl Mabry*, will explain & train how "getting in Sync" is possible, while breathing into a healthier you! All levels of experience and flexibility are welcome, just bring your own yoga mat!

Tasty Trivia! ◆ 40 Wed: Nov 13, Dec 11 & Jan 15 at 6pm

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

Senior BINGO! Fri: Nov 15, Dec 20 & Jan 17 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!

Cheese and Charcuterie ◆ 20 Sat, Nov 16 at 2pm



Love a good charcuterie board? Learn how to prepare a board and pair different meats, cheeses, and fruits! The best part is you will be able to eat them after! *Provided by the Gourmet Goddess.*

Adventurers' Club ◆ 5 Mon: Nov 18, Dec 16 & Jan 27 at 6pm

Answer the call of adventure as you defeat monsters, explore dungeons, and find treasure. This is an ongoing mini-campaign spanning three sessions for Basic Fantasy RPG, a tabletop roleplaying game. New players welcome. Food provided.

ADULTS

Myths and Munchies

Mon: Nov 18 & Dec 23 at 6pm



Do you like mythology? Would you like to learn more about the pantheons of the world? Do you want to share your favorite myths? Join us as we discuss myths and legends from around the world while having a snack!

Coffee Break Café

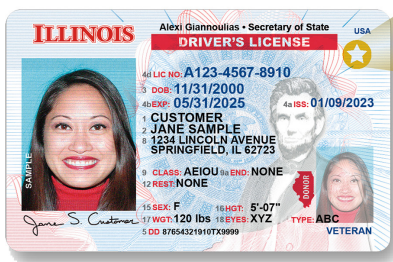
Every Weds at 10:30am



Do you enjoy specialty coffees, teas, and treats? Join us every Wednesday as we sip these delectable concoctions, mingle with like-minded individuals, and catch up on the news using our 10th generation iPads.

How To Get A (Real) ID

Thu, Dec 12 at 2pm



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.

Christkindlmarket Bus Trip

Sat, Dec 14 from 2-8pm
Location: Chicago, IL; Cost: \$20/pp



Is your inner elf calling? Need to buy gifts for the season? Join us as we travel to Chicago to experience the Christkindlmarket. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the season without the hassle of driving. Register at the library. Cash or card are the only acceptable forms of payment. **NONREFUNDABLE.**

Cryptid Creatures

Mon, Dec 16 at 6pm



Have you seen Bigfoot or the Mothman visiting Chicago? Do you know someone who has seen a cryptid? Come on in and learn about different cryptids each month!

Tote-ally Creative: Bag Decorating

Thu, Jan 9 at 4pm



Do you have a goal of reading more this year? Carry your new books in style and unleash your creativity at our library tote bag decorating event! Customize your own canvas tote with fun designs and vibrant colors. All supplies are provided—just bring your imagination.

Stitch Basics: Embroidery 101

Wed, Jan 15 at 12pm



Dive into the art of embroidering by hand at our library's beginner workshop! Learn basic stitches and techniques to start crafting your own embroidered designs. Perfect for newcomers and craft enthusiasts alike! All materials and patterns are provided.

2025 Vision Boards

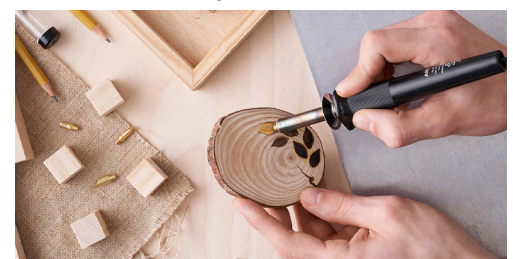
Thu, Jan 23 at 6pm



Better Homes and Garden Real Estate is doing 2025 Vision Boards! They will guide you through the essential steps to homeownership! Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or repeating. Obtain all the latest insights into the ever-changing real estate market!

Wood Burning 101

Wed, Jan 29 at 5pm



Want to learn more about the art of pyrography or start a new hobby? Get creative at our library wood burning event! Design and burn your own custom bookmarks in this hands-on workshop. All materials provided.

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY

Intro to Basic Computer Skills ♦ #5
Thu: Nov 7 & Jan 9 from 10-11:30am

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.

"Save" Space Digitally ♦ #10
Tue, Nov 12 at 10am

Tired of running out of space on your computer? Can't get access to your Google Account because the storage capacity is maxed out? Learn how to manage space effectively using external hard drives.

Open Up Your Reading Universe ♦ #10
Tue: Nov 12 & Jan 14 from 1-2pm

Use *NovelList* to discover new books and authors. Are you stressing that you've read all of Clive Cussler's books, but still crave the adventure he provides? Find other authors who have similar writing styles. Think you've read everyone who writes about historical Ireland? Discover more Hibernophiles. Bring your own laptop, or sit back and relax, and enjoy the presentation.

Getting "Smart" About Phones ♦ #5
Wed, Jan 8 at 2pm

Got that new smartphone for the holidays but feel dumb figuring out how to use it? Learn general tips and tricks that can apply to both Android and Apple phones.

1:1 Tech Help (By Appointment Only)



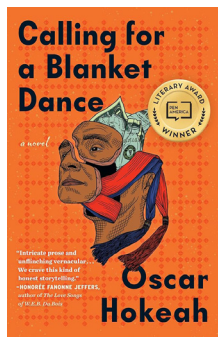
Book a 30 minute one-on-one tech assistance session! Scheduling is dependent upon the topic and staff availability. Please note this service is not intended as a replacement for device support, i.e. Geek Squad. Staff are not certified to troubleshoot or repair devices, but may only assist patrons with 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

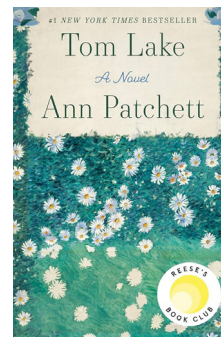
BOOK BANTER

1st Thursday at 6:30pm

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Holiday Book Bash
Fri, Dec 13 at 10am

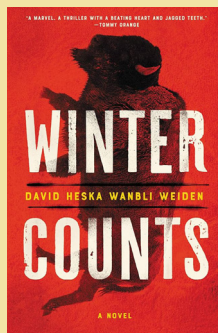


Celebrate the season with a literary-themed holiday party! Join the members of the library's discussion groups for fun and games as well as light refreshments.

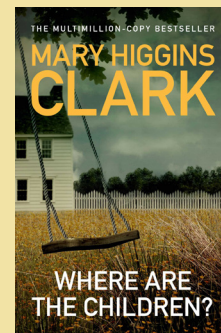


2nd Friday at 10am

NOV 8



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ADULT MOVIES

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



Fall Guy
Fri, Nov 22 at 11am



THE ULTIMATE ROMANTIC COMEDY
loveactually
Very romantic. Very comedy.

Love Actually
Fri, Dec 27 at 11am



Thelma
Fri, Jan 24 at 11am

see what's up
and coming...



ALL AGES

Decorate the Veteran's Tree ✦ 20 ✨

Mon, Nov 11 - All Day

Bring in a copy of a service member's photo (no originals, please) to make an ornament for the Youth Services' Veterans Tree.

International Tasters Club Family Edition ✦ 12 👑

Tue: Nov 12, Dec 10 & Jan 14 at 6pm

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.

Family Bingo/Loteria ✦ 20 👑

Wed: Nov 20, Dec 18 & Jan 29 at 5:30pm

Head to the library for a fun night of family BINGO/LOTERIA (Mexican BINGO) and a chance to win a tasty treat!

¡Dirijase a la biblioteca para una noche divertida de BINGO/LOTERIA familiar y la oportunidad de ganarse algo delicioso!

Scribble Monster ✦ 50 👑

Wed, Dec 4 at 10am;
Thu, Jan 16 at 6pm



Jump and jam at a creative play music concert presented by Jim from ScribbleMonster and Wimee's Words as seen on PBS. ScribbleMonster's songs have been recognized by National Public Radio, Parents' Choice Awards, and Parenting Magazine, and can be heard regularly on Sirius/XM where they've scored five #1 hits.

Christmas Movie & Cocoa Afternoon ✦ 50 ✨

Sat, Dec 14 at 2pm

Enjoy a festive afternoon at the library with a classic Christmas movie, festive treats and hot cocoa. Bring your blankets and make holiday memories with us!

Sip and Sing ✦ 25 ✨

Tue, Dec 17 at 6pm

We're starting in Youth Services and traveling throughout the library, singing Christmas carols. We'll finish up in the Community Room with a relaxing cup of hot cocoa.

The Jingle Wrap Jam ✨

Sat, Dec 21 from 12-4pm

Get your Christmas gift wrapping done here! We'll supply the wrapping paper, gift tags, tape, and scissors, and you bring the gifts that need wrapping! Christmas movies will be played during this event, along with hot cocoa! You can even drop off kids ages 5-10 in the teen island where they will enjoy a holiday movie and treats.

Balloons and Bubbles ✦ 100 👑

Mon, Dec 30 at 6pm

Join us for a fun-filled event featuring balloon play, games, bubbles, and a confetti popper craft. It's a celebration that's sure to lift your spirits!

Family Vision Board Party ✦ 25 👑

Mon, Jan 6 at 6pm

Join us for an evening of creativity where families work together to create a poster of their goals for the upcoming year. Leave with a personalized vision board to inspire your year ahead! All crafting materials will be provided.

Roz Puppets Presents: ✦ 100 👑

The Mystery of Cacklewood Forest

Mon, Jan 13 at 6pm



An original tale about a little mouse who sets off on a grand adventure into a dark and mysterious woodland realm that everyone seems to avoid. Why does he go into the forest? To find food, of course! But why does everyone else avoid going? Are the stories true? What mystery awaits our brave little mouse? Find out in this fun and adventurous story for the whole family!

Firefly Family Theater Presents: ✦ 100 👑

Spark's Snow Day

Mon, Jan 27 at 6pm



Spark's Snow Day includes puppets, original music, interactive movement and lots of winter fun for families! The show is ideal for ages 2-7, but has something for all ages to enjoy.

Beginner Crochet 3rd-12th Grade



Does your child want to learn how to crochet? Request a one-on-one session with Miss Beth by emailing youthdesk@lansingpl.org. Limited time slots available and will be first come first serve.

YOUTH



Birth - PreK

Family Storytime **◆** 24

Wed: Nov 6, 13 & 20; Dec 11 & 18;
Jan 8, 15, 22 & 29 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.

Move with Sol **◆** 15

Wed: Nov 6 & Jan 8 at 11am



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

Pajama Storytime **◆** 20

Thu: Nov 7, 14 & 21; Dec 5, 12 & 19;
Jan 2, 9, 23 & 30 at 6pm



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

Music and Movement **◆** 12

Tue: Nov 12, 19 & 26; Dec 3, 10 & 17;
Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 11am

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

Daycare Storytime **◆** 12

Wed: Nov 13, Dec 11 & Jan 15 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

Finding Fossils **◆** 12

Sat, Nov 9 at 2pm

You and your team of fellow young paleontologists will read along to "Here We Go Digging For Dinosaur Bones" and put your skills to work after.

Mi Casita **◆** 12

Wed: Nov 13, Dec 11 & Jan 15 at 5:30pm

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

DIY Christmas Ornaments **◆** 12

Sat, Nov 30 at 2pm

Make a one-of-a-kind holiday ornament to decorate your Christmas tree.

Fall Fest **◆** 20

Mon, Nov 11 at 6pm

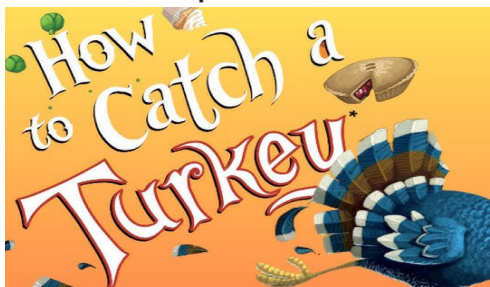


Join us for a day bursting with fall delights! We'll kick things off with a game of "Fall This or That" where you pick your favorite fall treats and activities. Next, get crafty by making your own glowing leaf lanterns that will light up the season. After crafting, it's time to decorate delicious cookies, while sipping on yummy apple cider.

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

Stuff A Turkey **◆** 15

Tue, Nov 19 at 6pm



Read along to "How To Catch A Turkey" and later stuff one of your own to take home!

Let It Snow! **◆** 20

Sat, Dec 7 at 2pm

Come enjoy the snow indoors and make a batch of snow!

Andertoons **◆** 15

Tue, Jan 7 at 6pm



Young cartoonists will draw all sorts of silly winter sports! Snowman bobsled! Reindeer ski jump! Turtle slow-skating! And the freestyle snowball fight! See you there, sports fans!

TEENS

Grade 6 - 12

Make Faux Stained Glass ♦️12
Mon, Nov 4 at 4pm

Make a fun unique faux stained glass art piece for you to take home!

Library of Things Tour ♦️20
Wed: Nov 6, Dec 4 & Jan 8 at 4pm



Did you know that your adult can check out items from our Library of Things? Come check out some of the things that are available from this collection and do some fun hands on activities.

Nov - Button Maker & Ice Cream Maker
Dec - Giant Board Games & Retro Games
Jan - Karaoke Machine

Midweek Makers: Craft Hour ♦️15
Wed: Nov 13, 20 & 27; Dec 11 & 18;
Jan 15, 22 & 29 at 4pm

Unleash your creativity with midweek makers. It will be a fun-filled hour of crafting, where teens can explore their artistic side and create unique projects.

Crafty Coasters ♦️15
Thu, Nov 14 at 4pm

Join us for a fun-filled DIY Coaster Decorating event! This event gives teens a hands-on opportunity to design and personalize a coaster.

Eye Candy ♦️12
Mon, Nov 18 at 4pm



Calling all artists and eaters- come play with your food! Create masterpieces with tasty materials.

Anime Club ♦️20
Thu: Nov 21, Dec 19 & Jan 16 at 4pm

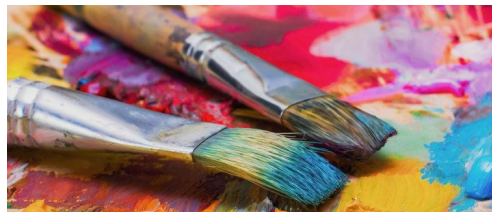


Explore anime and Japanese culture with snacks, poetry, and games! Meet new friends and learn new things!

Andertoons ♦️15
Tues, Dec 3 at 4pm

Tweens will learn to draw all sorts of mythological, fantasy, and fairy tale characters, and then draw in their own stories! Will the ogre and unicorn fight? Have a dance party? Meet at a small cafe and discuss the events of the day over coffee and scones?! Whatever happens, students will have a great time!

Canvas Swap ♦️12
Mon, Dec 9 at 4pm



Make an art piece and a new friend at the same time!

Finger Knitting ♦️12
Tue, Dec 10 at 4pm

Make a fashionable scarf with nothing but your fingers! No needles or experience necessary here—anyone can learn.

Orbeez Olympics ♦️20
Mon, Dec 16 at 4pm

The Summer Olympics are over but we can still have fun inside! Let's complete challenges and conduct experiments with the iconic little water beads!

"I Have a Dream" Collage ♦️20
Tue, Jan 21 at 4pm



We're recreating Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic and powerful speech—in our own handwriting!

Winter Garden ♦️20
Thu, Jan 30 at 4pm



Our outdoor garden is done growing until the spring... let's craft some roses, hyacinths, and cherry blossoms to brighten up the library!



LIBRARY HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS/SPECIAL HOURS

November 27 - Closing at 5pm (Thanksgiving)
November 28 - Thanksgiving Day
November 29 - Day after Thanksgiving
December 6 - Staff Training
December 24 - Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 31 - New Year's Eve
January 1 - New Year's Day
January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr Day

DIRECTOR

Lisa Korajczyk

LIBRARY BOARD

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Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Community Room. No meeting in December. January board meeting is at the new time: 6pm.

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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Your Illinois License Plate Sticker Renewal Facility




October 1 - January 31

Drop off your new or gently used adult and children coats and/or snow pants in the upstairs lobby of the Library. Or grab the gear that you need.

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.





Friends Meeting

Mon: Nov 11 & Jan 13 at 6:30pm

Election of Officers will be held during January meeting.

Book Sale

Sat: Nov 9, Dec 14 & Jan 11

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

There will be no Fill-A-Bag in December due to decreased book donations. We rely upon (and thank you for) your donations. Please keep them coming!

Do your early Christmas shopping with Friends. Find \$5 book bundles; and \$10 to \$20 gift sets upstairs, available Nov 1.

After Library@Nite Concert Sales

January - Mocktails; \$3 each

Basket Raffles

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

<p>Gratitude Basket On display: Oct 14 Drawing: Nov 18</p>	<p>New Year's Baskets (Adult & Kids) On display: Nov 1 Drawing: Dec 21</p>	<p>Things We Love Basket On display: Jan 2 Drawing: Feb 10</p>
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