

BRA^NCH *Out*

Lansing Public Library Newsletter

A close-up photograph of a hand with a silver ring on the ring finger, holding a red notary stamp. The stamp is being pressed onto a document. In the background, another hand is visible, also holding a document. The image is partially obscured by a yellow and green geometric pattern in the bottom right corner.

**NOTARY
SERVICES
ARE HERE!**

Get on the Bus!

We have another family field trip
coming your way!

**Check out the latest
Library@Nite concert lineup!**

THE SCOOP

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TRUSTEE BOARD SEAT OPENING

The Board of Trustees would like to thank Trustee Lillian Ball for her years of service to the Lansing Public Library. Unfortunately, Ms. Ball has resigned her position, and we now have a board vacancy.

If you are interested in the position please send a letter of qualifications to Lisa Korajczyk at lisak@lansingpl.org or bring in a letter to the library by February 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Then candidates will be selected by the Board for the final interviews.



NEW SERVICE ALERT!!!

We are now offering
NOTARY SERVICES
For your convenience! Visit Member Services
for details.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



National Financial Literacy Campaign

◆ 25

Thursdays from 6-7pm

Learn how to build wealth during this 6-course class! – Provided by World System Builder

Feb 22	Building Savings and Wealth
Feb 29	Increase Cash Flow and Manage Wealth
Mar 14	Your Health and Wealth
Mar 28	Preparing with Proper Protection
Apr 11	Understanding Asset Accumulation Strategies
Apr 25	Fulfilling Long Term Goals

CRAFT MASTERS

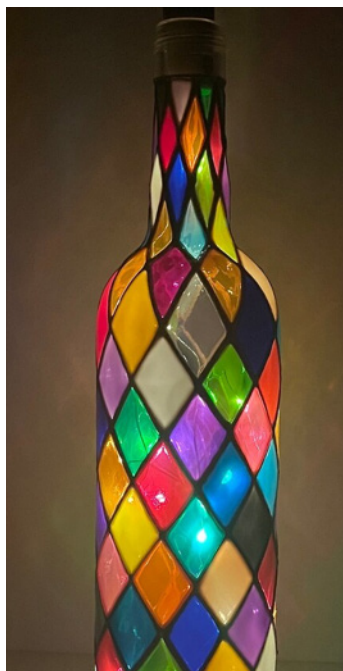
Fridays from 1-2pm

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Valentine Yarn Sign
Feb 9
Difficulty: 6/10

Spruce up your holiday decor with a bright "LOVE" sign for Valentine's Day!



Stained Glass Bottles
Mar 8
Difficulty: 6/10

Join us for painting bottles to imitate stained glass! Fun and easy craft for all seasons.



Insect Friends Garden Decor
Apr 12
Difficulty: 4/10

Buzzing bees or lovely ladybugs, tin can/plastic bird baths/feeders! Let's celebrate spring!

ADULTS

Coffee Break

Every Tuesday from 10:30-11am

Made with a French press or pour-overs, you'll be able to enjoy the freshest coffee around for free! Join us for a chat or grab and go!

Senior Bingo

Fridays: Feb 2 & 16; Mar 1 & 15; Apr 5 & 19 from 12-1pm

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

West African Drum and Dance ★15

Learn an energizing dance with live African drumming designed to intrigue your mind, tone your body, and feed your soul. *Provided by Ayodele Drum and Dance.*



Spice Club ★25

Mondays: Feb 5, Mar 4 & Apr 1

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 starting the first Monday of the month.

Free Health Check

Thurs: Feb 8 & 22 from 10am-12pm

Know your numbers! Free blood pressure and glucose (sugar) checks, assistance with health insurance enrollment and SNAP benefits, as well as rapid HIV testing! *Provided by TCA Health.*

Library of Things Zoo

Saturday, Feb 10 from 12-3pm

Get hands on with our Library of Things! Drop by to try out virtual reality headsets, test out our crafting tools, or play a game.

Myths & Munchies ★10

Mondays: Feb 26, Mar 25 & Apr 29 from 6:30-7:30pm

Interested in world mythology but have no one to talk to about it? Join us for snacks and a small group discussion of a different pantheon each month!

Biomimicry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today's Problems ★50

Saturday, Mar 2 from 12-1pm

An adult animal show? That's right! Meet 3 animals and learn how humans have copied them to figure out complex world problems.

Digital Paint By Number For Seniors

Tues: Mar 5 & Apr 9 from 5-6:30pm ★8

Join us for a digital art paint by numbers session using iPads and Apple Pencils! We'll print your creation and frame it for you too! *Provided by AgeOptions.*

Cook's Circle

Wednesday, Mar 6 from 6:30-7:30pm

Share your culinary knowledge selecting recipes and preparing your dish with fellow neighbors from one of our library's collection of cookbooks.

The Journey of Mollie's War: WACs and WWII ★50

Monday, Mar 11 from 6-7pm

Come hear about a local Chicagoan – a woman and of Jewish descent – who during WWII was in the Woman's Army, stationed in Europe.



Senior Medicare Patrol

Thursday, Mar 14 from 11am-12pm

Learn more about Medicare fraud by playing BINGO! Identifying the most common scams and how you can protect yourself! *Provided by AgeOptions.*



The Freedom For Flight: The Bessie Coleman Story

Wednesday, Mar 20 from 6:30-7:30pm

No matter who or what tried to clip her wings, the life of "Queen Bess" is a testament to one that belonged amongst the clouds. Also broadcasted virtually at: facebook.com/LansingPublicLibrary

Savvy Car Buying Tips ★10

Thursday, Apr 18 from 1:30-3pm

Take advantage of reliable online sources to become an informed consumer when buying your next automobile.



Cookie Decorating with Chef Violeta

Saturday, Apr 20 from 2-3:30pm ★20

Join *Culinary Arts Instructor Violeta Trujeque* for an Easter cookie decorating workshop!



Jewelry Making With Pamela Dixon ★25

Wednesday, Apr 24 from 6-7:30pm

Unleash your creativity and craft your own homemade jewelry while discussing the RealVitalize program for your home!

ADULT DISCUSSIONS

BOOK BANTER

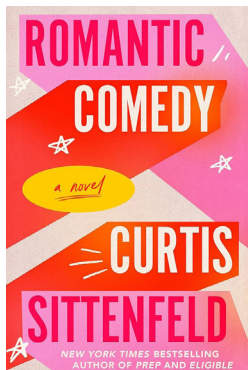
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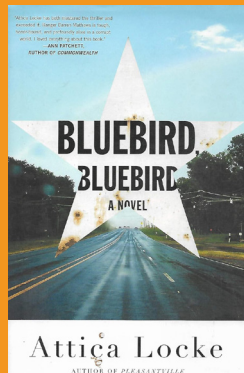
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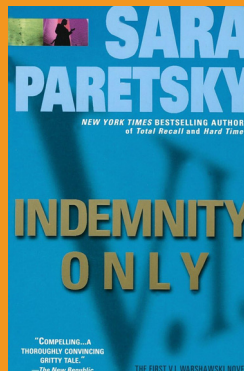
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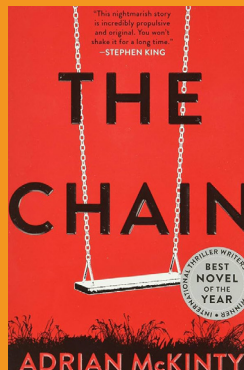
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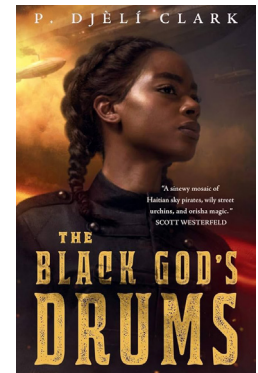
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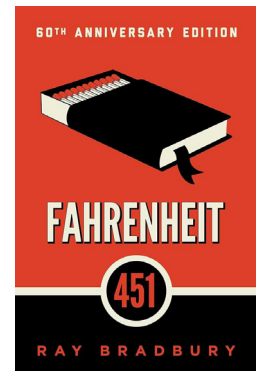
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READER'S GUIDE TO THE Galaxy

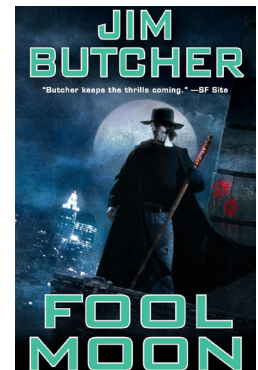
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FEB 27



MAR 26



APR 23

ADULT MOVIES



The Color Purple
Fri, Feb 23 at 12pm

A decades-spanning tale of love and resilience and of one woman's journey to independence. Celie faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.



Poor Thing
Fri, Apr 26 at 12pm

Brought back to life by an unorthodox scientist, a young woman runs off with a lawyer on a whirlwind adventure across the continents. Free from the prejudices of her times, she grows steadfast in her purpose to stand for equality and liberation.

LANSING LIBRARY CINEMA

see what's up
and coming...

BEST OF WOMEN DIRECTORS

Friday, Mar 22

In honor of Women's History Month, we'll be watching 3 films directed by Women! You can stay for all three or watch as many as you'd like!



A League Of Their Own
11am



Rescued by Ruby
1pm



Nomadland
2:45pm

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Discover Google Docs ♦️5

Thursday, Feb 8 from 1:30-3pm

Tuesday, Mar 12 from 6-7:30pm

With Google Docs you can create, format, and edit text documents. Google account required with access to password. Both times will have identical information.

Getting "Smart" About Phones ♦️5

Tuesday, Feb 20 from 2-3pm

Wednesday, Apr 10 from 6:30-7:30pm

As phones get smarter, so can you! Learn general tips and tricks that can apply to both Android and Apple phones. Both times will have identical information.



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**



ALL AGES

Pajama Storytime ♦️12👑

Tues: Feb 27, Mar 26 & Apr 30 at 6pm

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

Family BINGO/ LOTERIA ♦️20👑

Weds: Feb 28, Mar 27 & Apr 24 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!

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

Weather of Illinois: A Lansing Journal Gallery

March 1 through May 1 ❄️

The library will be hosting a special gallery exhibition featuring the work of ordinary people who happen to notice the beauty in Lansing throughout the seasons. The 20 photos we'll be displaying have all been published as Weather photos in The Lansing Journal from March to May 2023.

Whizzopping Wonderland Party ♦️100👑

Saturday, Mar 2 from 6-8pm

Be a giant, eat chocolate, play games with a fox, read books with Matilda, and see if you are the lucky winner of a golden ticket!

April Fools Day Kid's Open Mic ♦️20👑

Monday, Apr 1 at 3pm

Come tell a funny story, riddle, or joke from one of the library's joke books for kids.



Fair Oaks Farm Family Trip ♦️30

Thursday, Apr 4 from 9am-4pm; Cost \$15 per person

Spring break wiggles are kicking in. Get out of the house and go to the farm. The library will provide transportation to and from Fair Oaks Farm.

YOUTH



Birth - PreK

Music and Movement ♦️⑧

Every Monday beginning at 10am for
Ages: 0-12mos; 10:30am for Ages: 12-18mos

This is a time to enjoy books, movement, songs, and more!

Toddler Storytime ♦️⑫

Every Tuesdays at 11am

This is a time for fun and learning new skills! Leave with a take home craft! Ages 18-36mos.

Preschool Storytime ♦️⑫

Every Wednesdays at 10am

Learn important things like motor and literacy skills! Leave with a take home craft! Ages 3-5.

Daycare Storytime ♦️⑫

1st & 3rd Monday at 11am
2nd & 4th Wednesday at 11am

For daycares with up to six kids. Call the library to schedule a separate storytime for larger groups.

Move with Sol ♦️⑮

Weds: Feb 7, Mar 6 & Apr 3 at 11am

Follow along as we have fun exercising to kid-friendly YouTube dance videos.

Coretta Scott King Storytime ♦️⑮

Tuesday, Feb 13 at 6pm

Celebrate the legacy of Coretta Scott King's contributions to literature with this storytime.

Leap Day Frog Craft ♦️⑫

Thursday, Feb 29 at 6pm

Celebrate Leap Year by making a fun frog craft.

Number Storytime ♦️⑮

Tuesday, Mar 12 at 6pm

Join us for this ONE-of-a-kind storytime made just FOUR you. Read books, sing songs, and create a craft your toddler is going TWO love! You can count on it!

Pi(e) Day ♦️⑫

Thursday, Mar 14 at 6pm

Make a craft and have a slice of pie to celebrate the power of math.

Grade K - 5

Huge Board Game Showdown ♦️⑮

Thursday, Feb 8 at 6pm

Compete for victory with larger-than-life editions of Tic Tac Toe, Sorry, Connect 4, and more!

Beginner Crochet for Kids ♦️⑥

Sats: Feb 10, Mar 9 & Apr 13 at 10am;
Tues: Feb 20, Mar 19 & Apr 23 at 6pm

Chain, turn, and crochet your way into a new skill. Grades 3-8.

Mi Casita Spanish Storytime ♦️⑮

Weds: Feb 14, Mar 13 & Apr 10 at 5:30pm

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

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

Valentine's Day Sensory Bottle ♦️⑮

Thursday, Feb 15 at 6pm

Make your own blend of hearts, sparkling glitter and colorful water as we create sensory bottle!

Princess Paint and Sip ♦️⑫

Wednesday, Mar 6 at 6pm

Come for an enchanting evening of painting princesses, where all genders are welcome. Unleash your imagination, sip delicious drinks, and create your royal masterpiece. Dressing up is not only allowed but encouraged.



Miniature Art Gallery ♦️⑮

Thursday, Mar 7 at 6pm

Become a young patron of the arts as we learn about several famous art pieces! In the end, you'll even get to bring your favorite one home!

Rock Buddies ♦️⑮

Thursday, Mar 21 at 6pm

Transform a simple rock into a fun, treasured friend! You'll even get to fill out an adoption certificate to welcome your buddy into your home.

Five Nights at Freddy's Paintings ♦️⑫

Tuesday, Apr 2 at 6pm

Attention all brave and curious artists! Prepare for a spine-tingling adventure at our Five Nights at Freddy's Paint and Sip.

DIY Wind Chimes ♦️⑮

Thursday, Apr 11 at 6pm

Spring is right around the corner! Let's celebrate by making a wind chime to bring beautiful melodies to your home or garden!

Mosaic Art Masterpiece ♦️⑮

Thursday, Apr 25 at 6pm

Discover a new art style by using colorful paper to make a masterpiece!



TEENS

Grade 6 - 12

Anime Club ♦ 20
Tues: Feb 6, Mar 5 & Apr 9 at 4pm

Explore the exciting world of Japanese animation with like-minded peers.

DIY Lip Gloss ♦ 15
Wednesday, Feb 7 at 4pm

Do your lips become chapped during the winter months? Then, make a sweet-smelling and tasty lip gloss made just for you.



Teen Advisory Board ♦ 10
Thurs: Feb 8, Mar 7 & Apr 11 at 4pm

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

Black Celebrity Bingo ♦ 12
Monday, Feb 12 at 4pm

Who was the first black man to star in a Hollywood film? How many Grammys has SZA won? Fill up your brain (and your bingo sheet) with trivia about notable African-American artists, past and present!

Valentine's Day Sweets and Treats ♦ 12
Wednesday, Feb 14 at 4pm

Level up your culinary skills this Valentine's Day! Create a treat for someone in mind, or just learn some of the basics of treat decorating.

The Pigments of My Skin ♦ 12
Tuesday, Feb 20 at 3:30pm

Dive deep into color theory and explore the beauty of your skin tones in this unique painting program.

Korean Culture Club ♦ 12
Thurs: Feb 22, Mar 21 & Apr 18 at 4pm

Back by popular demand! Make photo cards of your favorite K-Pop stars, sample Korean snacks, and more!

Teen Volunteer Orientation & Training
Tues: Feb 27, Mar 26 & Apr 23 at 4pm

Learn about volunteering at the library.

Can you survive? An Interactive Game
Wednesday, Feb 28 at 4pm ♦ 15

You and your team are a group of researchers sent to investigate a recently unearthed archaeological site. You find yourself on a crowded plane with your team when it malfunctions and crashes into the snowy part of a mountain. Not prepared for the frigid, cold temperatures; can you get your team off the mountain before it's too late?

Avatar: The Last Airbender DIY Day
Thursday, Feb 29 at 4pm

Water. Earth. Fire. Air. Which element fits you best? Join us in celebrating the new Avatar television series with a personality quiz, a special craft, and a themed snack.



Human Hungry Hungry Hippos
Wednesday, Mar 20 at 4pm ♦ 20

Human Hungry Hungry Hippos is a life-sized version of the classic tabletop game. Participants will act as the hippos while being pushed around on scooters with plastic buckets—the objective is to catch as many balls as possible.

Past and Present Postcards ♦ 12
Thursday, Mar 28 at 4pm

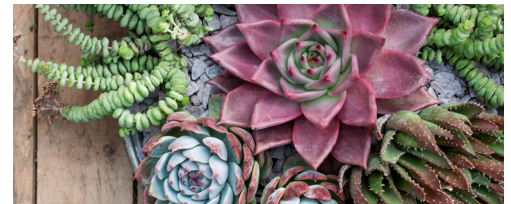
Women of all kinds make the world a better place every day! Join our Women's History Month celebration by designing a postcard to a woman who's inspired you, whether she's a historical figure or someone in your life who's made a difference.

Poetry Prompts ♦ 20
Tuesday, Apr 16 at 4pm

Ignite your poetic voice and immerse yourself in the world of words with our poetry program. Utilizing innovative prompts and a curated selection of magazines, uncover the limitless possibilities of expression and unlock the artistry within you.

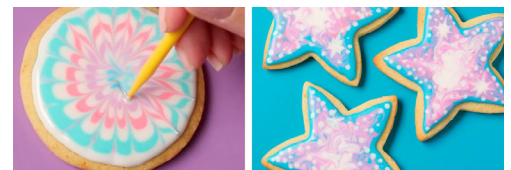
DIY Mini Succulent Planters ♦ 15
Wednesday, Apr 17 at 4pm

Join us in April to celebrate Earth Day as we put our "green" thumbs to work making succulent planters.



Cookie Decorating ♦ 10
Wednesday, Apr 24 at 4pm

Do you have what it takes to decorate a cookie? Flex your creativity and decorate some cookies in this yummy, light-hearted class.



Teen Improv Session ♦ 12
Thursday, Apr 25 at 4pm

Got a flair for the dramatic? Come act your heart out in silly scenarios!

LIBRARY

CONCERT SERIES

@Nite

PERFORMANCES ARE 6:30-8PM. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM*.



Street Jaxkson Band

- Feb 2 -

Get ready to rock your socks off! Feel the Funk, Blues, Soul, and sweet Rock N' Roll with this energetic downtown Chicago band! In honor of Black History Month, we'll be providing food from Lansing businesses! **Ages 18+.**
Doors open at 5:30pm.



Chris Valillo's Forgottonia

- March 1 -

Award-winning roots songwriter Chris Vallillo pays homage to the rural Midwest with his new recording, Forgottonia, inspired by the people and places of America's Heartland! **Ages 18+.**
Doors open at 6pm.



70's Sweethearts

- April 5 -

Join Maureen Christine, the vocalist who sang for the second Astronaut to walk on the Moon and WGN's National Anthem singer, as she comes to Lansing Public Library to sing the best of the 70s! **Ages 18+.**
Doors open at 6pm.



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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LOCAL TEENS PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY AT YOUR LIBRARY!



Get The Picture: to understand a situation

The teens of Lansing collaborated on these pieces to introduce a new meaning to Black History Month through art. Intimidated by a blank canvas, these pieces came to life by building on each other's ideas and through the appreciation of a culture. These individuals brought their creativity and talents and put them on display to show what Black Culture looks like. Both paintings represent being a part of a whole. Our participants were diverse in ethnicity and gender and this project showed how we can all come together and create something unique and beautiful - this is the bigger picture.

The culture represents community and creativity. Resilience, joy and magic. It's influence and innovation. Purpose beyond self. We are Black History.

Andralia Hardrick (2023)
Youth Services Associate & Program Instruction for Get The Picture

These particular art pieces had over 30 participants and are part of a series from The Culture In Technicolor. Check out this work of art currently on display at the Lansing Public Library!

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.

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*
Bonnie Cuthbert, *Treasurer*
Mozella Brown, *Trustee*
Steve Carr, *Trustee*
Yvette Farmer, *Trustee*

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Community Room. No meetings in August and December.

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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Please visit the Library or our website for updates to program information. Visit our website to subscribe to our eNewsletter.

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LANSING HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Underground Railroad
Monday, Feb 26 at 6pm

Join Larry McClellan and Tom Shepherd as they enlighten us with stories from the Underground Railroad in Illinois.



The Lansing Public Library would like to thank the Angel Tree supporters for your kindness and monetary donations. Your generosity means the world to us and will help several children and teens find their way back to the library!



We have some exciting plans for National Library Week including a gift card raffle!

Visit us the week of April 7-13!

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.



Friend's Meeting

Monday, Mar 11 at 6:30pm

Book Sale *NEW TIMES*

Sats: Feb 10, Mar 9 & Apr 13

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

Basket Raffles

Jan: Julia Child Cooking Basket
\$5/ticket or 3 tickets for \$10
Drawing: Feb 2

Feb: 'Big Bang' Basket:
2 Books & Seasons 1-7 DVD set.
\$5/ticket or 3 tickets for \$10
Drawing: Mar 8

Mar: Irish Eyes Are Smiling Basket
\$5/ticket or 3 tickets for \$10
Drawing: Apr 1

Concessions Sale

Library@Nite Concert

Friends will sell selected treats at \$3/each during concerts.

Paint Program

Friends will sell selected treats at \$1 & \$2/each during painting classes.

Candy Bar Sales

Fannie May bars will be sold at concert and book sales. \$2 each or 2/\$3.