



# Lincoln Township Public Library

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### myLIBRO App

Customers can now download the new library app to manage accounts, place holds, sign up for events and more. See the library website for details.



### Website Changes

We are excited to announce a fresh new website coming soon. The new design will provide easier navigation and an improved experience for customers. Stay tuned for further details.

### Become A Junior Friend This Summer!

**Training: Sat. Jun 3 at 10am; Tues. Jun 6 at 6:30pm;  
Thur. Jun 8 at 3pm**

Must work a minimum of 16 hours during the Summer Adventure Challenge, assist with programs, prep and signups. Applications are available May 1 and need to be returned by May 31. All applicants must sign up online and attend a training session before volunteering. **Ages 12-18.**

### Family Fun Kick Off

**Saturday, June 10 from 7-10pm**

Let's kick the summer off with some nighttime family fun. Join us on the lawn for hot dogs, s'mores, crafts and glow-in-the-dark games. **Bring your lawn chairs or blankets.**



### End of Summer Bash

**Fri. Aug 4 from 3-6pm at Lincoln Township Park**

Celebrate the end of the Summer Adventure Challenge with a show from *Cirque Amongus*. Then enjoy an obstacle course, food, games and more. Grand prize drawing will be announced around 5:30pm but winners do not need to be present to win.

### Friends

Give back to the Friends of the Library with each trip that you make to the grocery store! Each time the Friends collect 500 UPC barcodes, they can turn those labels into \$25, which helps the library purchase new materials, get new furnishings, and provide more programming!

To participate in the Direct Your Labels™ program, simply clip and save the UPC barcode on every Our Family® brand product you purchase at Martin's Super Market and drop them off at the library.





## FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR...

When people plan for summer, it's usually a time to wind down from the busy frenetic pace of life—to kick back and enjoy the warm weather with grilling out, hitting the beach, or enjoying the sunsets. But for a public library, summer is the busiest time of year!

During the summer, we welcome the surge of kids, teens and adults with open arms. After all, we have been planning the summer for the last seven months! As a former Youth Services Librarian, I love planning and offering a fun array of reading challenges, outdoor programs, outreach, and prizes for book lovers of all ages. This year, LTPL's staff have something for everyone, and we hope you will join us in celebrating the joy of reading this summer with our Summer Adventure Challenge!

Our theme this year, "All Together Now," invites you to explore together in our community with activities, programs, and all kinds of books. By joining the fun, you'll earn prizes, and connect with others through the power of stories.

Along with the new look of our summer program, you will be seeing a new library website and app soon. The redesigned website is more user-friendly, accessible and offers seamless integration with the current TLC catalogue platform. The new website will provide improved opportunities to connect and engage with the community while bringing our website, catalogue and programs into one place, making it easier for customers to find what they're looking for and improving the overall user experience. The app will be a quicker, more convenient option for mobile users. As we improve your experience, we welcome your suggestions and comments as we continue to improve your online experience.

Last, but certainly not least, the library will continue to work on the much-anticipated capital improvement projects that we have been planning for over the past year. In fact, just last month, we got our much-needed new roof. Now, we are looking forward to the next steps which include new and improved security cameras and HVAC units for the north end of the building. This is certainly an exciting time for the Lincoln Township Public Library and the Lincoln, Royalton, and Baroda Township communities and I am looking forward to going on this exciting journey with all of you!

*Joelle Wake*  
Director

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Summer Adventure Challenge June 10 – July 29

Join us for a brand-new Summer Adventure Challenge where you set your own reading goals, select your own adventures and earn tickets for the prizes of your choice.

This year's theme, All Together Now, will challenge you to get out into the community to Educate, Engage and Empower each other, all while having fun! Don't miss out on the registration rewards, extra grand prizes entries for attending library programs, community adventures and the Epic End of Summer Bash.

### How it Works

- Starting June 10, participants of all ages can sign up and track their adventures either online or by picking up a paper log from the library.
- Determine your personal reading goal. Start Reading!
- Once you finish your reading goal and participate in 2 adventures, come to the library to receive a small prize and enter your tickets into one of several grand prize drawings.

That's All! And the good news is that you can enter up to seven times or one per week.

### Grand Prizes

Participants get to decide which grand prize to enter when receiving tickets. Prize winners will be announced at the End of Summer Bash at Lincoln Township Park on August 4.

- Funding for the Summer Adventure Challenge is made possible by the Friends of the Lincoln Township Public Library.



### Out and About

We are shaking things up this summer! Come enjoy weekly programs with us out in the community. **All ages are welcome. Supplies are first come first serve.**

**Royalton Township Bicentennial Park**  
**Mons: June 12 through July 24 at 11am**

**Baroda Village Park**  
**Fris: June 16 through July 28 at 2pm**

**Story Time at Spring Lake**  
**Wednesday from 11am-12pm**

Join us at Spring Lake Community Room for story time with guest readers from Lakeshore Public Schools.



### Community Art Projects

This Summer, the library will provide several opportunities for community art projects. Stop in to find out how you can contribute.

#### Spark Joy Puzzle Art

Grab a puzzle piece during June to decorate with what sparks joy in your life. The collected pieces will be on display in July.

#### Kindness Tree

Watch the kindness tree grow this summer by helping us fill leaves with random acts of kindness.

#### Spot on Art

We will be seeing spots in the children's area this summer. Grab a spot to decorate and add it to the display.

#### Wonder Wall

Help build the wonder wall this summer by answering the question of the week.

# ADULT

## Local Author Open House Monday, June 12 from 6-7pm

Support our local authors by stopping in to talk and purchase some books. If you are a local author and want to be included, please contact the library.



## 2023 Michigan Notable Book Events

You won't want to miss these events inspired by *Scarlet In Blue* by *Jennifer Murphy*!

**Tues., June 13 at 6:30pm:** Michigan Maritime Museum presents the history of South Haven's historic maritime district - the setting for the *Scarlet In Blue* novel.

**Weds., June 14 at 6:30pm:** Painting is weaved throughout the novel as a source of entertainment, income, therapy and even communication. Create your own masterpiece at this paint party.

**Thurs., June 15 at 6:30pm:** Join LTPL with Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library and Bridgman Public Library for a meet and greet with Michigan Notable Author winner, *Jennifer Murphy* at Forever Books (312 State St. in St. Joseph).

## Crafternoon Thursday Thurs: June 15 through July 27 from 2-4pm

We have some great new crafts planned for our adults this summer.

## Adult Coloring and Conversation Monday, June 19 at 6:30pm

Enjoy relaxing conversation as you express your creativity through coloring.

## Lunch and Learn ● 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 12pm

Enjoy lunch and discuss new topics every month.

**June 21 – Depression**  
**July 19 – Autism**  
**August 16 - PTSD**

## Adult Storytime Wednesday, July 5 from 6-7pm

Storytime is not just for kids. Stop in for an adult story time in the courtyard. Bring an item for show-and-tell then make a calming craft.

## Body Sculpting Class Monday, July 10 from 6:30-7:30pm

Strengthen the muscles using weights. All levels welcome.

## Moose and Elk: A Symbol of Michigan Monday, July 17 at 6:30pm

Join *Berrien County Historical Association* to learn the official and unofficial symbols of Michigan.

## Senior Survival Tips Wednesday, Aug 2 at 10:30am

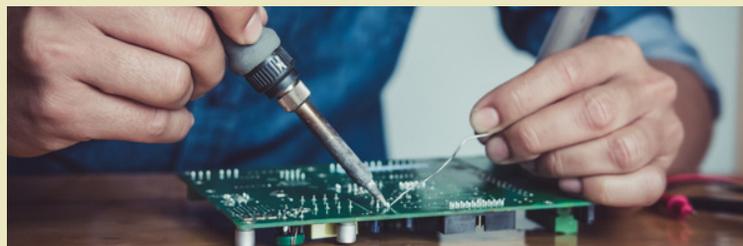
Join *Attorney Bill Westerbeke* for a presentation on dealing with issues associated with aging.

## Baseball Card Collecting Monday, August 7 at 6:30pm

Learn the importance of baseball card collecting.

## Crash Course in Soldering ● Thursday, August 10 at 6pm

Learn the basics of soldering while learning about electronics. During this class you will make a circuit board with lights that activates to music. **Ages 12+.**



## Open Mic Poetry Night Monday, August 14 at 6:30pm

You are invited to bring your original poetry to read for others to enjoy.

## NutriBullet Class Monday, August 21 at 6:30pm

Learn how to use the NutriBullet from our Library of Things.

# ALL AGES

## Saturday Movie on the Lawn

Bring your chairs or blankets, enjoy some popcorn and unwind. Movies will be shown at dusk.



June 3



July 22



August 12

## Outside Fun with Curious Kids Monday, June 12 from 11am-12pm

Join us at Royalton Township Park for some fun with *Curious Kids Museum*.

## Father's Day Crafternoon Saturday, June 17 from 2-4pm

Come paint a toolbox with Dad to celebrate Father's Day.

## Musical Storybook w/Citadel Dance Center Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30pm

Watch a storybook come to life as a small group from the Citadel act out the story.

## Garage Sale at the Library! Saturday, June 24 from 9am-4pm

Stop and see us during Stevensville's Community Garage Sale. Find amazing deals and of course books in the parking lot behind the library. If you want to purchase a spot to sell items, contact the library for more details.

## Joel Tacey Magic Show Tuesday, June 27 at 6pm

Michigan's Funnyman *Joel Tacey* is back with more magic, stunts, and plenty of jokes!



## Lego Community Build Saturday, July 1 from 10am-4pm

Drop in for a community Lego build session.

## Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary Thursday, July 6 at 3pm

Stop by to set your eyes on some real life reptiles!



## Animal Blanket Workshop Friday, July 14 at 2pm

Create a knot-tie fleece blanket to donate to the *Humane Society*.

## Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament Saturday, July 15 at 2pm

Race to be the team to complete their puzzle first!

## Ancient Egypt with Curious Kids Monday, July 17 from 2-3pm

Find out how kids dressed 4,000 years ago and why camels have humps.

## Dinosaurs with Curious Kids Thursday, July 27 from 6-7pm

Learn all about the Tyrannosaurus Rex and other dinosaurs.

## Sharpen School Skills

Throughout August, drop in to grab a grade appropriate packet for your kids to sharpen skills learned last school year and prepare for the new year. Finished packets receive a prize. **Grades K-8.**

## Cubing Workshop Saturday, August 5 from 10am-2pm

Get guided through the design of the Rubik's Cube, the theory and logic. Leave with an understanding of the terminology for the moves and the algorithms needed to solve this incredible puzzle.

# YOUTH



Check for more great activities in the All-Ages section! And find fun activities each week in the children's area.

## Outdoor Mishmash

**Mondays: June 12 & 26; July 10 & 24 at 3pm;**  
**Thursdays: June 22 & July 20 at 3pm**

Join us outdoors for Mishmash once a week, alternating from Monday and Thursday. **3-5 Grades.**

## Library Book Hounds ●

**Weds: June 28, July 26 & August 23 at 6pm**

Grab a book and practice your literacy skills by reading to a canine friend! Sign up at the youth desk to claim a 15-minute session.



## Touch-A-Truck

**Saturday, July 8 at 11am**

Honk, Honk! Climb, feel and learn about a variety of "trucks" and cool vehicles. Meet us behind the library.



## Kindermusik with Citadel Dance

**Saturday, July 15 at 11am**

Join a licensed *Kindermusik* educator while they lead children ages 0-7 through musical dance.

## Musical Storybook

**Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30pm**

Come join the *Citadel Dance & Music Center* as a picture book is acted out by a small chamber group playing instruments while one of our librarians reads the story. **All ages.**

## STORYTIMES

### 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Teddy Bear Picnic Friday, June 16 at 11am

Bring your favorite stuffy and blanket then meet us on the back lawn for stories, music and fun.

### Adventurous Storytime Fridays at 10:30am

Meet us for some very special story times at different locations in the community this summer.

**June 23:** Barbott's Farm

**June 30:** Royalton Nature Trail

**July 7:** Stevensville Legion

**July 14:** Glenlord Beach

**July 21:** Humane Society

**July 28:** Hickory Creek Lavender Farm



## Sunshine Storytime

**Tues: June 20 through July 25 at 10:30am**

Join us on the lawn for stories and songs. **All ages.**



## PJ Storytime

**Thursdays: June 15 & July 20 at 6:30pm**

Nothing is more comforting than enjoying a story in pjs.

## Storytime at Spring Lake

**Weds: June 14 through July 26 from 11am-12pm**

Join us at Spring Lake Community Room for storytime with guest readers from *Lakeshore Public Schools*.

# TEEN



## Teen Advisory Board Friday, June 9 at 3:30pm

This is the last meeting of the school year so let's have a party!

## Teen Book Boxes ● Jun: signup by May 27; Jul: signup by Jun 24; Aug: signup by Jul 28. Pick up available the first week of the month.

Sign up to receive a librarian-picked book and bookish goodies each month. Participants must have a LTPL library card.

## Gift a Flower Monday, June 12 at 2pm

Paint a flowerpot and plant a flower to give to a local nursing home.

## Teen Book Talk Thurs: June 15, July 20 & August 17 at 2pm

Did you just finish a great book you want to talk about? Join us to connect with other teens and meet new friends. Learn about the library's new teen titles.

## Water Balloon Battles Friday, June 16 at 2pm

Let the battles begin!! Dress to get wet and bring a towel!

## Get Your Groove On Wednesday, June 21 at 2pm

You're invited to the retro party with games and snacks from the 60's and 70's.

## Teens Write On Friday, June 30 at 2pm

Learn what teens need to know about writing their own book.

## Cupcake Wars Friday, July 7 at 2pm

Decorate a cupcake with a chosen theme and staff will vote on the top two!



## Kitty and Pup Toys Monday, July 12 from 3-5pm

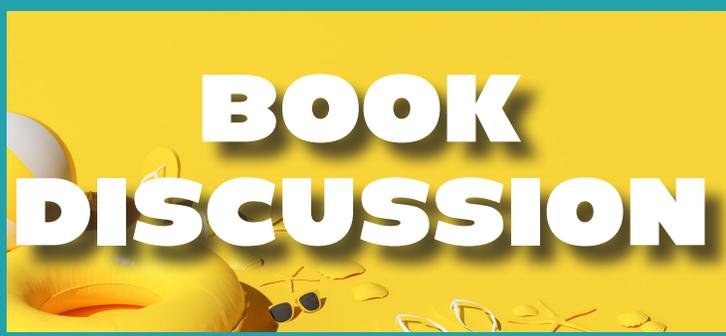
Make a toy to donate to the *Humane Society*. Feel free to bring your old t-shirts.

## Stained Glass Sun Catcher Wednesday, July 21 at 3pm

Get creative making a faux glass framed sun catcher.

## Don't Forget the Lyrics Saturday, July 24 at 6pm

Can your team finish the lyrics of these popular songs to win a prize?



# BOOK DISCUSSION

Books are available at the main desk about a month prior to the discussion.

## Tuesday Morning Book Group ● Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30am

Jun 13: *Scarlet In Blue* by Jennifer Murphy

Jul 18: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Aug 15: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*  
by Kim Michele Richardson

## Mark Twain Book Group ● Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm

Jun 26: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

Jul 24: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Aug 28: *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*



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Board meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public.

**HOURS**

Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm

Fri: 9am-5pm

Sat: 10am-5pm

Closed on Sunday

**CLOSED**

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

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**ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Lincoln Township Public Library is proud to offer programs for all ages. To sustain this high level of service, we creatively search for alternative funding. Our long term financial stability for the future is the Endowment Fund. Established in 1995 by the Board of Trustees, the fund was transferred to the Berrien Community Foundation in 2003 where it maintained in perpetuity, drawing solely on interest subject to the foundation's guidelines. Please consider donating to the library.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Library at:  
2099 W John Beers Rd., Stevensville  
MI 49127



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The Treasure Shoppe is open during normal Library business hours and offers donated books and media for sale at discounted rates.

Our next on-going bag sale is Saturday, June 24 and August 26 from 10am-12pm. Book sale proceeds help the Friends provide grants back to the Library for items and programs that make the library such a valued community resource. In fact, this year the Friends have donated \$8,700 to the Library's Summer Adventure Challenge!

**Stay in the Know with LTPL**

Do you want to get updates from the library about programs, expanding services and book sales? Or hear about newly released titles and get your next book recommendation?

Sign up for one or all of the available library newsletters on our website or scanning this QR code below.

