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e-Newsletter



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Hello, Brenna!

Springtime is on its way! Soon, the ground will be thawed and the snow will be but a memory.

Your neighborhood library is excited to get back to some outdoor and in-person programming! Check out our list of events below for everything coming in March, April, and May!

A Word from the Director: Emily Kubash

Happy National Reading Month!

While modern day library collections offer many different formats and materials for check out, this month we go back to basics and celebrate the joy of reading books! Here at Comstock Township Library we believe reading is for everyone and offer a variety of reading materials to our community. The library collection includes over 50,000 standard print books, 2,000 large print books, and 2,100 audiobooks for all ages. In addition, many, many more titles are available as downloadable e-Audiobooks and eBooks through our digital services, Hoopla and Libby.



I'd like to mention another reading service you may not have heard about before, the Braille and Talking Book Library through the National Library Service. This service offers access to thousands of talking books that can be downloaded directly from their website or you can request a digital talking book player and books to be delivered to you through

the U.S. postal service. The best part: the service is completely FREE (including the postage)!

This library service is available to any resident of the United States or American citizen living abroad, of any age, who is unable to read or use regular print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation. This includes those who are blind or have a visual or physical disability that prevents them from reading or handling print materials.

You do not need to be legally blind, however, to use these services. If standard print has become difficult for you, a friend, or a family member, please call the Braille and Talking Book Library in Lansing at 800-992-9012 or visit their website for more information or to fill out an application: <https://tinyurl.com/2nhta3mh>

I have had firsthand experience working with this service and can tell you that it is absolutely wonderful! So many patrons who thought their reading days were over due to various visual issues were able to rediscover their joy of reading through talking books. Please don't hesitate to reach out and learn more about the program if you or someone you know could benefit from it.

-Emily

Library Loot Bags are here!

A promotional graphic for Library Loot Bags. The background is dark blue with a white, torn-paper-like border at the top and bottom. In the top right corner is the Comstock Township Library logo. A yellow banner in the top left says "USE THE LINK ON OUR HOMEPAGE TO REGISTER". The title "LIBRARY LOOT BAGS" is in large, glowing yellow letters. Below the title is a photo of three loot bags (blue, black, and gold) filled with books and snacks on a library shelf. To the right of the photo, the text "FOR: KIDS TEENS ADULTS" is written in white. At the bottom left, it says "*ONE PER PERSON, PER WEEK".

USE THE LINK ON OUR HOMEPAGE TO REGISTER

Comstock Township Library

LIBRARY LOOT BAGS

FOR:
KIDS
TEENS
ADULTS

*ONE PER PERSON, PER WEEK

Library Loot Bags are a fun way to check out something new! They come with 2-10 books (depending on reading level) and some fun surprises!

Kids bags include:

- Snack/surprise
- 3 to 10 books

Teen bags include:

- Snacks

We have loot bags for kids, teens, and adults. We've got ready-to-go themed bags for teens and adults, or you can use the forms on our website to order a custom bag for kids and teens!

-2 to 3 books

Adult bags include:

- 2 to 3 books
- tea
- chocolate

services

-WE ARE FINE-FREE!	-HOMEBOUND SERVICES
-COMPUTERS	-VHS TO DVD CONVERSION
-PRINTING	-MEETING ROOM
-MOBILE PRINTING	-STUDY ROOMS
-COPYING	-LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
-FAXING - FREE	-YOUTH DEPT
-WIFI	•INFANTS/CHILDREN
-NOTARY	•TEEN/YOUNG ADULT
-BOOK SALE ROOM	-TAKE-HOME PROGRAMS
-WEEKLY STORY TIMES	-EXAM PROCTORING
-HOT SPOT RENTALS	

Don't forget-

Libraries provide much more than just books!

Call us or stop by for more information on any of our services.

NEW POLICY

Valid Comstock Township Library

LIBRARY CARD NOW REQUIRED

for all registered programs

Most area residents qualify for a free reciprocal library card!

Upcoming Events

Kids/Teens

ALL REGISTERED PROGRAMS NOW REQUIRE PATRON TO HAVE A VALID COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP LIBRARY CARD. Most area residents qualify for a free reciprocal card! For more information, stop by the library or call us as 269-345-0136.

Storytimes: Monday-Thursday @ 10:30 AM - Our storytimes are suitable for all ages and abilities. Spots are first come, first served (with the exception of 10:30 AM Musical Mayhem)

- Monday - Family Storytime (10:30 AM)
- Tuesday - Family Storytime (10:30 AM)
- Wednesday - Family Storytime (10:30 AM)

- Thursday - Musical Mayhem (10:30 AM & 11:30 AM). **10:30 AM Musical Mayhem session requires a reservation. You can call for a spot on Thursday morning when we open at 9:30 AM. Spots are limited to 15 total people (including adults).**

MARCH

March 1st - 5-Minute Craft Card Refilled

Come check out our 5-Minute Craft Cart, a drop-in art experience for you and/or your child.

We refresh our craft cart every month on the 1st, with a new theme. There will be new coloring pages, paper crafts, and more- available whenever you are! No registration is required.

March 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th - Drop-in Videogaming @ 5:30-7:30

Drop by the youth department and test your gaming skills on various Nintendo Switch games. You may play 30 minutes. For ages 6 and up. No registration required.

March 14th - Loot Bags Refreshed

Loot Bags have new items inside them! Every month (excluding June, July, and August) we do a "refresh" where we swap out the snacks and any activities/goodies to make sure our Youth patrons are getting something new. **Loot Bags can be requested by using the buttons on our website's homepage.**

Comstock Township Library t.a.g. thumbs up

teen • advisory • group

Snacks • Arts & Crafts • Exclusive TAG Member-only Events

-GET VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

-HELP PLAN AWESOME TEEN EVENTS LIKE THE COLOR RUN!

-GET INVITES TO OUR EXCLUSIVE T.A.G. MEMBER-ONLY EVENTS!

OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND HIGH SCHOOLERS IN THE AREA!

March 15th - Teen Advisory Group Meeting @ 6:00 PM

Join our teen advisory group and earn volunteer hours as you help us plan our after hours events like Teen Nerf Wars and other teen events. We ask that you attend one meeting per month. No registration required. Open to all middle and high schoolers in the area.

March 16th - Teen Advisory Group Meeting @ 2:00 PM

Join our teen advisory group and earn volunteer hours as you help us plan our after hours events like Teen Nerf Wars and other teen events. We ask that you attend one meeting per month. No registration required. Open to all middle and high schoolers in the area.

March 29th - Hour of Code @ 6:00 PM

Join us as we take a coding adventure! **Registration is required**, and each child must register individually. We will have six computers available for use, or let us know if you will be bringing your own device. Recommended for grades 2-5. We do require that you have a Comstock Township Library card for all registered programs.

March 31st - Playtime! @ 10:30 AM

No Musical Mayhem on March 31st. Instead, we'll open up the Storytime Room to all our storytime friends with all our great toys. Come socialize with friends and check out some fun books!



March 31st - Kids April Fools Prank Workshop @ 11:00 AM

Get ready for April Fools Day! Learn how to make pranks to play on your friends and family on Aprils Fools Day and beyond. Registration begins Monday March 14th.

Registration required, and we do require that you have a Comstock Township Library card for all registered programs.

March 31st - Teens April Fools Prank Workshop @ 2:00 PM

Get ready for April Fools Day! Learn how to make pranks to play on your friends and family on Aprils Fools Day and beyond. Registration begins Monday March 14th.

Registration required, and we do require that you have a Comstock Township Library card for all registered programs.

APRIL

April 1st - 5-Minute Craft Cart Refilled!

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April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th - Drop-in Videogaming @ 5:30-7:30

Drop by the youth department and test your gaming skills on various Nintendo Switch games. You may play 30 minutes. For ages 6 and up. No registration required.



April 7th - 9th - "Twice-Loved Toys" (Youth Department Sale)

Shop at the library for gently used children's books, teen books, all age toys, puzzles, puppets, school supplies, educational materials and more! All items will be priced very reasonably and all profits go back to supporting the library's youth department. In order to serve the Comstock community first, **this sale is limited to Comstock Township Library card holders only**. To find out if you're eligible for a card, please contact the library. Most people qualify for a reciprocal library card with Comstock, if you do not please contact Liz (liz@comstocklibrary.org).

April 11th - Loot Bags Refreshed

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April 19th - Teen Advisory Group Meeting @ 6:00 PM

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April 20th - Teen Advisory Group Meeting @ 2:00 PM

Join our teen advisory group and earn volunteer hours as you help us plan our after hours events like Teen Nerf Wars and other teen events. We ask that you attend one meeting per month. No registration required. Open to all middle and high schoolers in the area.

MAY

May 1st - 5-Minute Craft Cart Refilled!

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May 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd - Drop-in Videogaming @ 5:30-7:30

Drop by the youth department and test your gaming skills on various Nintendo Switch games. You may play 30 minutes. For ages 6 and up. No registration required.

May 3rd - Hour of Code @6:00 PM

Join us as we take a coding adventure! **Registration is required, and each child must register individually.** We will have six computers available for use, or let us know if you

will be bringing your own device. Recommended for grades 2-5.

May 6th - Kids Craft: Mother's Day Decoupage Planter @ 11:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Kids will learn how to decoupage paper and fabric onto planters, and they'll even get to pick out a plant or succulent for mom! **Registration is required** and begins April 22nd.



May 9th - Paw Patrol Yoga @ 10:30 AM

Paw Patrol Yoga for you and your little one at the library! Work on social emotional skills, gross & fine motor skills, body awareness and strength. Yoga mats will be provided. This class is designed for 18 months - 4 years of age. **This class requires registration by phone the morning of the program.** Call the library at 269-345-0136 once we open at 9:30 AM to reserve your spot. Registration is reserved for those with a Comstock Township Library card. If weather is nice, we will hold yoga on the side lawn of the Township building.

May 14th - Teen Volunteer Orientation - 10:00 AM

Teens, are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Our teen volunteers assist with programs, events, and help develop and plan teen activities. **Interested teens must have a completed volunteer application and work permit returned to the library prior to orientation.** All volunteers must attend one of the orientation sessions. The teen volunteer program is open to teens ages 13-18. Please call 269-345-0136 with any questions.

May 14th - Kids Yoga @ 11:00 AM

Kids Yoga at the library! Work on mindfulness, body awareness and strength. This class is designed for 5 - 10 year olds. **This class will require registration by phone** the morning of the program. Call the library at 269-345-0136 once we open at 10:00am to reserve your spot! If weather is nice we will hold yoga on the side lawn of the Township building. Yoga mats will be provided.

May 16th - Loot Bags Refreshed!

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May 21st - Kids Yoga @ 11:00 AM

Kids Yoga at the library! Work on mindfulness, body awareness and strength. This class is designed for 5 - 10 year olds. **This class will require registration by phone** the morning of the program. Call the library at 269-345-0136 once we open at 10:00am to reserve your spot! If weather is nice we will hold yoga on the side lawn of the Township building. Yoga mats will be provided.

May 24th - Teen Volunteer Orientation - 6:00 PM

Teens, are you looking for something fun to do this summer? Our teen volunteers assist with programs, events, and help develop and plan teen activities. **Interested teens must have a completed volunteer application and work permit returned to the library prior to orientation.** All volunteers must attend one of the orientation sessions. The teen volunteer program is open to teens ages 13-18. Please call 269-345-0136 with any questions.

May 31st - Hour of Code @ 6:00 PM

Join us as we take a coding adventure! **Registration is required, and each child must register individually.** We will have six computers available for use, or let us know if you will be bringing your own device. Recommended for grades 2-5. We do require that you have a Comstock Township Library card for all registered programs.

Adults

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MARCH



March 16th - Green Clean @ 5:30 PM

Tired of using harsh chemicals to do your spring cleaning? The Comstock Township Library has the solution. Join Lissa and learn how to make several cleaning products from everyday materials that will keep your family and the planet healthy! **Registration is required** for this free event and begins February 22nd. Space is limited.

March 21st - Adult Gaming: Animal Adventures - 5:30-7:30 PM

Come play a tabletop role-playing game with us! We will play Animal Adventures, a Dungeons & Dragons inspired game that is great for beginners. As a dog or cat hero, you will work with your team to defeat the bad guys and save the day! We need at least 3 people to play, with a maximum group of 5 players. All materials will be provided.

Registration is required. Registration for both dates (3/21 and 3/31) begins Monday, March 14th.

March 29th - All About Tea with Chocolatea

Polly Kragt from local business Chocolatea will be sharing her tea wisdom with us. We will talk about all things tea, and even have some samples. *What's better than a cup of tea and a good book? Knowing how to make the perfect cup of tea and a good book!*

Registration is required for this free event and begins March 8th. Space is limited.



March 31st - Adult Gaming: Animal Adventures - 5:30-7:30 PM

Come play a tabletop role-playing game with us! We will play Animal Adventures, a Dungeons & Dragons inspired game that is great for beginners. As a dog or cat hero, you will work with your team to defeat the bad guys and save the day! We need at least 3 people to play, with a maximum group of 5 players. All materials will be provided.

Registration is required. Registration for both dates (3/21 and 3/31) begins Monday, March 14th.

APRIL

April 5th - Ask a Lawyer - 5:00-7:00 PM

Join Robert Reilman to get your legal questions answered. This program is free and sign-ups begin on March 21st. You will be served in the order by which you arrive.

Registration is required and space is limited.

April 12 - Crafternoons - 1:00-2:30 PM

Looking for some feedback on something you're crafting or want to craft in a social setting? Join the Comstock Township Library for Crafternoons. Bring something you are working on and spend an hour and a half getting to know fellow crafters! Registration not required.

April 18th - Craft: Plaster Flower Decorated Jars - 5:30 PM

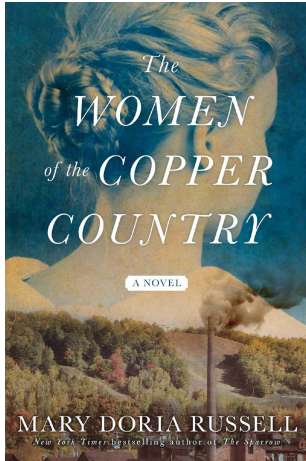
See the beauty you can create using silk flowers and plaster! **Registration is required** for this free event and begins March 28th. Space is limited.

April 23rd - Moxie Life Organizing - 1:00 PM

Decluttering 101 with Moxie Life Organizing. Join Susie and Kate to learn some tips and tricks and products to manage your life. **Registration is required** and begins April 4th.

April 26th - DIY Stamp Carving - 5:30 PM

Printmaker and artist Trevor Grabill will teach us how to make our own stamps. **Registration is required** for this free event and begins April 1st. Space is limited.



April 27th - Adult Book Club: The Women of the Copper Country- 6:00 PM

Please join us for a discussion of *The Women of Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell. This historical fiction title was selected as the Great Michigan Read for 2021-2022. Free copies of the book will be given to participants while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. Participants can choose to attend on either or both discussion dates (4/27 and 4/30). **Registration is required.** Each date is limited to 15 participants. Registration and book pick-up begin Monday, March 28th.

April 30th - Adult Book Club: The Women of the Copper Country- 10:30 AM

Please join us for a discussion of *The Women of Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell. This historical fiction title was selected as the Great Michigan Read for 2021-2022. Free copies of the book will be given to participants while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. Participants can choose to attend on either or both discussion dates (4/27 and 4/30). **Registration is required.** Each date is limited to 15 participants. Registration and book pick-up begin Monday, March 28th.

MAY



May 5th - Craft: Origami Tulips - 5:30 PM

Origami artist Heather Briggs will be teaching us how to make standing origami tulips on Thursday, May 5th at 5:30 pm. you'll be astounded by how paper can be folded to look like such a beautiful flower! **Registration is required** for this free event and begins April 14th. Space is limited.

May 10th - Crafternoons - 1:00-2:30 PM

Looking for some feedback on something you're crafting or want to craft in a social setting? Join the Comstock Township Library for Crafternoons. Bring something you are working on and spend an hour and a half getting to know fellow crafters! Registration not required.

May 11th - Book Binding - 2:00 PM

Join the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center and learn some basic bookbinding skills and vocabulary, then go home with a finished blank book! You'll discover the wonders of how folding paper and some basic stitching create one of the world's best inventions! This book has a hard cover, but it does not require glue. Take a first step into the world of book arts. All instruction and materials are provided. **Registration is required**, and sign-ups begin Monday, April 25th. Space is limited.

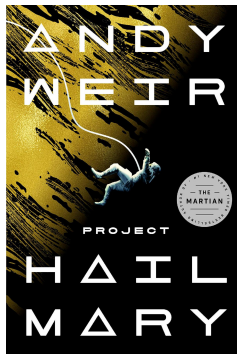


May 14th - Shred Day - 9:00 AM

More details to follow. Check our social media accounts for the most up-to-date information.

May 26th - Duct Tape Flowers

Ready for more May flowers? Join Lissa and Dan at the Comstock Township Library to learn how to make duct tape flowers! **Registration is required** for this free event and begins May 5th.



May 31st - Adult Book Club: Project Hail Mary - 6:00 PM

Please join us for a discussion of *Project Hail Mary* by New York Times Bestselling-author Andy Weir. In this sci-fi read, “Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish,” (Penguin Random House, 2022). Free copies of the book will be given to participants while supplies last. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration is required**. Registration and book pick-up begin Monday, April 25th.

Adult Take-Home Crafts



March 21st - 26th - Yarn Balloon Eggs

Registration and pick-up occur during the same week for all take home crafts. After registering you can stop by the library for your bag of supplies. **Registration is required** for this free event and begins March 21st. Supplies are limited.

April 18th - 23rd - Washi Tape Bookmarks

Registration and pick-up occur during the same week for all take home crafts. After registering you can stop by the library for your bag of supplies. **Registration is required** for this free event and begins April 18th. Supplies are limited.



May 16th - 21st - Paper Stars

Registration and pick-up occur during the same week for all take home crafts. After registering you can stop by the library for your bag of supplies. **Registration is required** for this free event and begins May 16th. Supplies are limited.

Online Events Calendar

You are receiving this newsletter because you signed up for communication from Comstock Township Library either during your library card application or by using the sign-up page on our website.

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