



# Comstock Township Library

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### And Just Like That...

...the Summer Reading Program is over! The kids are back to school, and the scent of apple cider mixed with fried cinnamon-sugar donuts is floating in the air. We want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program this year and made it such a success. We had over 500 participants! After such an eventful season, we are ready to share our autumn with you as well. Stop in for seasonal parties for the young ones, opportunities to learn for all, and events to get your craft on. Have any questions about the upcoming programs listed? Please do not be afraid to check our online [Calendar of Events](#), [email us](#), or call us at (269) 345-0136. We are happy to help!

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The Comstock Township Library will be closed on these upcoming dates:

- Saturday, August 31st
- Monday, September 2nd
- Monday, November 11th
- Thursday, November 28th
- Friday, November 29th

In addition, the Comstock Township Library will be closing at 5:00pm on Wednesday, November 27th. Please mark your calendars. Thank you.

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# Headlines

## Fiber Arts Group



Join us for our newest monthly program at the Comstock Township Library, our Fiber Arts Group! We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to work on whatever project our yarn or thread takes us to. Crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, macramé, and more are welcome! No registration is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. Light refreshments are served. Please note children are welcome to attend while supervised by a parent or guardian.

## A Fun Introduction to ASL

Wednesday, September 11th  
6:00pm

The Comstock Township Library welcomes Lois Keel and her program A Fun Introduction to American Sign Language! Have you ever wanted to help someone who is deaf or hard-of-hearing, but do not know how to sign? Lois will show you some easy-to-remember signs to get you started. Signs include basic salutations, common expression, and the American alphabet. Handouts will be sent home with participants, and all ages are welcome for this enlightening evening. Please note children are welcome to attend while supervised by a parent or guardian. Registration opens August 28th.



September 22nd - 28th is observed as Banned Books Week throughout the nation. Per the American Library Association, "the annual event highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community - librarians, educators, authors, publishers, booksellers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas." The Comstock Township Library will be celebrating this year with displays of banned books, handing out "I Read Banned Books" buttons, and other bits of fun. To find out more about Banned Books Week, select the button below.

## Shred Truck Day



Saturday, September 21st  
10:00am to Noon

Protect your identity. Shred it! Bring all your sensitive paper documents to the library parking lot and have them securely shredded in the mobile shred truck. The truck can shred paper documents, envelopes, and file folders. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. There is no charge for this event and no registration required.



The Buck-A-Bag Book Sale is back for a one week pop up! From Monday, November 4th through Saturday, November 9th, come fill a bag of books for the best deal in town. Bring your own bag or use one of ours. Filled bags cost \$1.00. Oversized bags (such as blue Ikea bags) will cost \$5.00. This sale includes Adult, Teen, and Kids' books, as well as audiobooks. DVDs, video games, and CDs are \$1.00 each.

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## Youth

### Family Storytime

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30am  
starting September 10th

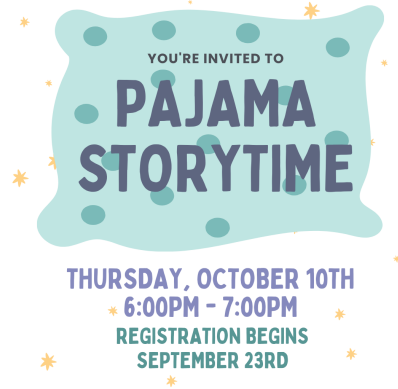
Sharing story time with young children helps them develop critical thinking and social skills, and is great for their brain's development! Plus, it's a wonderful way for caregivers to bond with their children. So join us for Family Storytime, every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30am, open to ages infant to five! Build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs, and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every session

is followed by a sensory toy play time.

## Pajama Storytime

Thursday, October 10th at 6:00pm

It's time for a special session of Family Storytime! Let's get out all the wiggles and settle down for bedtime. Put on your pjs, grab a bedtime buddy, and join us for stories, songs, snacks, and a craft. Space is limited and registration opens September 23rd. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Older siblings are welcome to attend.



Saturday, September 21st  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Get ready to commemorate this movie adaption of Peter Brown's juvenile book, *Wild Robot* (in theaters September 27th). To celebrate, we're having a party! There will be Wild Robot-themed snacks, activities, and crafts to get fans ready and excited for the film. While the book is recommended for grades 3rd through 7th, this program is open for all youth patrons! No registration is necessary, but activities and crafts are limited.

## Bigfoot Party



Saturday, October 12th  
1:00pm to 3:00pm

Do you believe in the one and only Bigfoot? Then join us for our Bigfoot Party! We'll have fun themed activities, crafts, and snacks to partake for those who want to party with the big guy. This event is open to all youth patrons and registration is not required. Supplies are limited, so be here or be squared!

## Dino-Vember

Saturday, November 16th  
1:00pm to 3:00pm



Rawr! This Dino-Vember Party will feature dinosaur-themed books, crafts, activities, and snacks. The party is open to youth patrons of all ages and registration is not required. Supplies are limited, so first come, first served.

## Kids Craft

Saturday, October 19th at 11:00am

Miss Faith will be leading our elementary age children as they paint a fall-themed ceramic or foam figurine. Registration opens on October 4th. Please note to register each child individually.



## Lego League

September 18th  
October 16th  
November 20th

Kids and Tweens are welcome to come to this drop-in program from 6:00pm to 7:00pm to build with Legos and have their creations displayed at the library! No registration required.

## Pages & Paws with Chloe the Therapy Dog

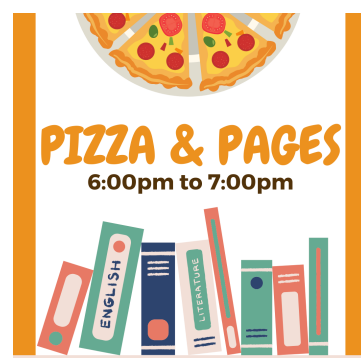


Does your child need to practice their reading? Chloe loves hearing stories and is a patient listener. Each child will have an individual session with Chloe. This program is first come, first served, so please check in at the Youth Desk to guarantee a session. Chloe's next appearances are scheduled for:

- September 5th at 5:00pm
- September 17th at 5:00pm
- October 1st at 5:00pm
- October 15th at 5:00pm

## Pizza & Pages

Join our theme-based book club for kids! Participants in the 3rd through 6th grade will eat pizza, discuss what they have read, and participate in an auction to end the hour. There is a new theme each month, so check our online Calendar of Events to see what is happening at the next meeting. Registration is required each month, and each child must register individually. As always, audiobooks, graphic novels, and juvenile fiction are all



acceptable reads for this program. Next meetings:

- Thursday, September 12th
- Thursday, October 3rd
- Thursday, November 7th

## Teen After Hours Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26th at 5:00pm



Brace yourself for an evening of fun frights! Dress up in your Halloween costume and brave our haunted library event! This after-hours program requires a completed parental/guardian permission form. Registration is required and opens October 13th. Space is limited. Forms can be picked up at the Youth Desk **prior to the event**. For grades 8th through 12th only. **No one will be admitted after 5:00pm.**

## Teenager Advisory Group (TAG)

Tuesday, September 17th at 6:00pm

Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00pm

Tuesday, November 12th at 6:00pm

TAG! You're it! TAG meets once a month to brainstorm ideas for Teen programs, suggest young adult books, graphic novels, and manga. It's a great way to earn volunteer hours. TAG also helps develop marketable leadership skills, and gain experience you can use on your job, scholarship, and college applications. Bonus: TAG participants get to attend special after-hours teen only events. Sound interesting? Are you a Teen in grades 8th through 12th? Then join us at our next meetings!

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## Adult

### Printmaking & Bookbinding for Adults

Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:00pm

The Kalamazoo Book Arts Center will be leading adults in an intriguing, hands-on 2.5 hour class. Participants will learn how to bind and create their own journal in addition to creating a one-of-a-kind stamp for the cover. Space is very limited. Registration is required and begins September 18th. Please note this event is intended for adults only. No children will be admitted as attendees or

guests.

## Printmaking & Bookbinding

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KALAMAZOO  
BOOK ARTS CENTER

Do you think you can escape?

**THE LIBRARIAN'S ESCAPE ROOM**

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO BREAK THE CODE!

ALL AGES  
October 23rd at 6:00PM

TEENS & ADULTS ONLY  
October 30th at 6:00PM

REGISTER ONLINE.  
SPACES ARE LIMITED.



You are stuck in the Librarian's craft closet and locked in from the outside. There are supplies, puzzles, and crafting materials everywhere! And why is there yarn stuck to the wall? What is with all these balloons? The only thing to do is to figure out the four-digit code that unlocks the door and gets you out of the chaos! There are two opportunities to play. Wednesday, October 23rd at 6:00pm is open to all ages (registration opens on October 9th). Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00pm is open to adults and teenagers only (registration opens on October 16th). Bring your thinking cap in order to escape!

## Book Tasting



Wednesday, November 20th at 6:00pm

Back by popular demand, Adrienne the Librarian is hosting another chance for participants to add to their Want To Read lists! Patrons will walk into the "restaurant" and get three minutes to sample each book. There will be four books in five categories, for a total of twenty books to "taste!" Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required and open on November 6th.

## Adult Take-Home Crafts

- Week of September 16th: Dice Coloring

- Week of October 7th: Webby Candle Holder
- Week of October 28th: Cork Pumpkins
- Week of November 18th: Glass Marble Suncatchers

# Pride Book Club

- Friday, September 20th at 4:00pm: *The Family Outing* by Jessi Hempel
- Friday, October 18th at 4:00pm: *Being Ace* by Madeline Dyer
- Friday, November 22nd at 4:00pm: *The Lesbian's Guide to Catholic School* by Sonora Reyes

## Adult Book Club



- Thursday, September 26th at 6:00pm: *An Inconvenient Cop* by Edwin Raymond
- Tuesday, October 29th at 6:00pm: *Moon of the Crusted Snow* by Waubgeshig Rice
- Thursday, November 21st at 6:00pm: *How Far the Light Reaches* by Sabrina Imbler

## CTL Writers

Select Fridays at 10:00am  
See our Calendar of Events for dates

Have a bit of writing in your soul, but you need the encouragement to get it out? Join the CTL Writers! We get together to read over each other's work and share writing sprints to get the words out on the paper. We meet on select Fridays from 10:00am to 11:30am, so check our online Calendar of Events for our next meet up. Bring your laptop, notebook, whatever you need to get you motivated as a writer! Light refreshments are





served.

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For questions about program registration, our website, or anything else in this newsletter, please stop by the library, give us a call at (269) 345-0136, or send us an email at the link below. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information.

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