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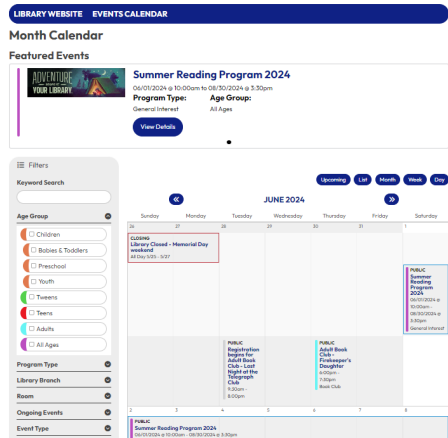
Happy Summer Everyone! Today the Summer Reading Program for 2024 kicks off! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." And hoo boy, we have a lot of fun events and programs planned this year at the Comstock Township Library, from creative crafts, to exotic animals, to stories and drawings in the sky. You might say you'll want to camp here all summer long. Be sure to stop in at the library and register. You'll also want to read below about using Beanstack to keep track of your progress. On your next visit, pick up registration logs and a Side Quest Packet that includes opportunities for additional prizes. It's time for the fun to begin! And, of course, if you have any questions about the listed information below, feel free to give us a call at (269) 345-0136 or [email us](#). We are happy to help. Have a most excellent summer, one and all!

HEADLINES

Our new online Calendar of Events has launched! Be sure to check it out for all of our upcoming events and programs with the Summer Reading Program, and for the rest of the upcoming year. You can access the calendar from our [website](#), or directly by entering the new URL, comstock.librarycalendar.com.

Have any questions? Give us a call or

Without an **email**. We hope this will help improve your online experience with the library!



In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the Comstock Township Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. Thank you and have a safe and lovely holiday.



Once again this year, we will be using Beanstack to help us track progress during the Summer Reading Program. We recommend visiting the library to register. However, you can register for Summer Reading online or by installing the Beanstack application to your smart device.

[Download Beanstack for Apple](#)

[Download Beanstack for Android](#)

Our Buck-A-Bag Book Sale is back! Come fill a bag of books for the best deal in town. You can bring your own bag from home or use one of ours. Filled bags cost \$1.00 each. Oversized bags (such as blue Ikea bags) cost \$5.00 each. This sale includes Adult, Teen, and Kids' books, and audiobooks. DVDs, video games,

and CDs are \$1.00 each. Have any questions? Give us a call at the Circulation Desk!



The Library Dinosaur topiary has returned home to our front garden bed! A big thank you to Carol S. for making a donation in memory of her mom, Elizabeth M., who always loved the Library Dinosaur. This generous donation allowed us to have him planted up with fresh Hen and Chick plants for the summer!

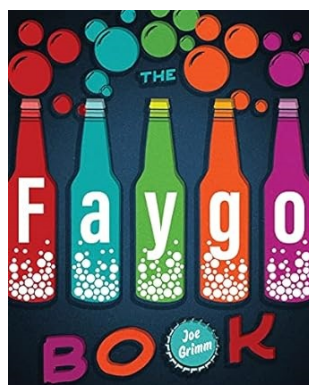


The official last day of the Summer Reading Program is Friday, August 30th. All logs for all ages are due in by 3:30pm (not closing time at 6:00pm)!



ALL AGES EVENTS

***The Faygo Book* with Author Joe Grimm**
Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00pm



The Comstock Township Library welcomes 2018 Michigan Notable Book Author Joe Grimm as he presents his fantastic and fascinating publication *The Faygo Book!* A staple in Detroit and Michigan, Faygo pop holds memories for many, young and old. Mr. Grimm will take you through the history of the Faygo Company, and Ben and Perry Feigenson, as they created the beloved brand, just as the world was coming to a standstill. Samples of Faygo and other Detroit favorites will be served. Registration begins May 29th. Reserve your spot today!

Fiber Arts Night
Wednesday, July 3rd at 6:00pm

Staying close to home for the Independence Day weekend? Bring your crochet, knitting, and cross-stitch, and join us for a relaxing evening of camaraderie and working on your latest projects. All fiber arts, all skill levels, and all ages are welcome! Light refreshments will be served. Any children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. Thank you.

Up Close & Wild
Monday, July 8th at 11:00am

Join the Outdoor Discovery Center and learn about Michigan wildlife! Live animals including reptiles, amphibians, and birds will be used during this exciting presentation. Everyone will learn unique characteristics of animals, and how they fit into our diverse ecosystems. Hands-on artifacts include skins, skulls, wings, feathers, and talons of several species native to Michigan. No registration is necessary for this family friendly events!



Exotic Petting Zoo
Monday, July 15th at 11:00am

Join us for an unforgettable exotic zoo experience. Meet and learn about exotic animals from around the world at the library! No registration is required.

Sky Pictures: Finding the Constellations
Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00pm



Richard Bell from the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society returns! In Sky Pictures, Mr. Bell will teach us all about locating our favorite constellations in the sky and the stories behind them. This program is open to all ages, and registration begins July 24th!

End of Summer Reading Party at Robert Morris Park Saturday, August 10th at 1:00pm

Join us at Robert Morris Park and celebrate with the Comstock Township Library and the Comstock Parks and Recreation Department for the biggest party of the summer! All ages are welcome for this fun afternoon.

Classic Movie Night: *Casablanca* Wednesday, August 21st at 5:30pm

The Adult Summer Reading Program concludes with an opportunity for attendees, young and old, to bond over a classic film. On August 21st we will be screening *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. This 1942 film tells the story of a cynical expatriate America cafe owner who struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco. The film is rated PG and lights go down at 5:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Want to be more comfortable during the viewing? Bring a beanbag chair or a thick blanket, and feel free to sprawl on the floor. Chairs and tables will also be provided. All children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult/guardian. Thank you.



INFANTS & TODDLERS

Wee Ones Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30am from June 11th to August 6th

Wee Ones is designed for babies and young tots, ages 24 months and younger, with a loving adult. Older siblings are welcome to attend as well. Please bring a blanket as we will be enjoying stories on the library's side lawn. In the event of rain, story time will be inside the library.



Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30am from June 12th to August 7th

Join us for an all ages, family story time where we will explore stories, songs, and rhymes! Please bring a blanket as we will be enjoying stories on the library's side lawn. In the event of rain, story time will be inside the library.

CHILDREN

Magic Camp

Monday, June 17th at 2:00pm

Want to learn magic tricks to amaze your family and friends? Then join us for Magic Camp! This program for grades 2nd and up will teach participants basic sleight-of-hand tricks for novice magicians. Registration is required and opens June 9th. Please note: Younger siblings will **NOT** be permitted to accompany participants during this event due to age restriction and space. Thank you.



Kids Crafts

Wednesdays at 6:00pm
Thursdays at 11:00am & 2:00pm
June 12th to August 8th

Registration is required for each craft session. If you have any questions, please

refer to our Calendar of Events or contact the Youth Desk at (269) 345-0136.

- Week 1: Foam Ships
- Week 2: Paint a Plane
- Week 3: Camping Scenes
- Week 4: Outer Space Suncatchers
- Week 5: Beaded Compass Necklace
- Week 6: Nature Decorations
- Week 7: Dragon & Unicorn Stuffies
- Week 8: Fairy Houses
- Week 9: Treasure Chests

TWEENS & TEENS

Tween Crafts & Parties **Tuesdays at 2:00pm** **June 11th to August 6th**

Tween events and programs are intended for those in 4th through 7th grade only. Registration is required for each session. If you have any questions, please refer to our Calendar of Events or contact the Youth Desk at (269) 345-0136.

- Week 1: Painting Wooden Cutouts
- Week 2: Foam Frogs
- Week 3: DIY Sensory Dough & Slime Making
- Week 4: Disney Movie Afternoon - *Atlantis*
- Week 5: International Snack Tasting
- Week 6: Sherlock Holmes Scavenger Hunt
- Week 7: Therapy Dogs & Origami
- Week 8: Feed the Dinosaur Plant
- Week 9: *Wings of Fire* Party



Teen Crafts & Parties **Wednesdays at 2:00pm** **June 12th to July 31st**

Teen events and programs are intended for those in 8th through 12th grade only.

Registration is required for each session. If you have any questions, please refer to our Calendar of Events or contact the Youth Desk at (269) 345-0136.

- Week 1: Wooden Bookmarks
- Week 2: Glow Lanterns
- Week 3: Book Binding & Print Making
- Week 4: Origami
- Week 5: Wall Hangings
- Week 6: Decades Party
- Week 7: Mindfulness
- Week 8: Color Run

ADULTS

Adult Take-Home Crafts

Adult Take-Home Crafts are strictly for adults. Registration and pick-up occur during the same week.

- Week of June 3rd: Sharpie Herb Pots
- Week of June 17th: Felt Heart Bookmarks
- Week of July 8th: Watercolor Mosaics
- Week July 22nd: Page Wreaths
- Week of August 12th: Stone Tic-Tac-Toe
- Week of August 26th: Pop Up Flower Cards

CTL Writers

Friday at 10:00am

June 7th to 21st & July 12th to August 30th



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. Bring your laptop, notebook, whatever you need to get you motivated as a writer. Questions? [Email Adrienne!](#)



Pride Book Club



Join us for Comstock Township Library's newest book club! Copies of each book are available for pickup at the Reference Desk. Registration is required.

- Friday, June 21st at 4:00pm: *Roses, in the Mouth of a Lion* by Bushra Rehman, registration opens May 20th
- Friday, July 26th at Noon: *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper,

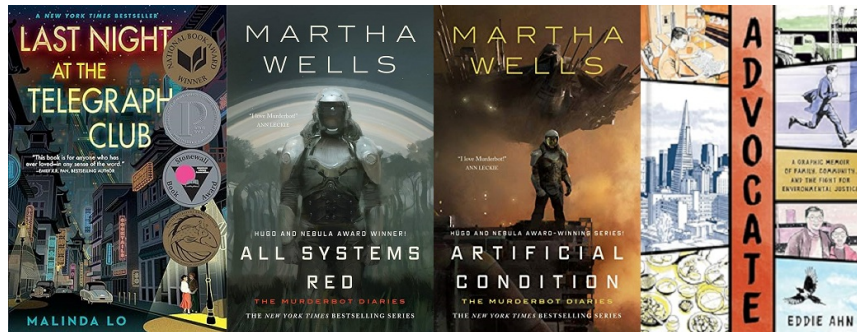
registration opens June 17th

- Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00pm: *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender, registration opens July 15th

Greeting Card Workshop Wednesday, June 26th at 5:30pm

Back by popular demand, Sue Smink will be bringing everything you need to put together greeting cards of all kinds. It's time to get creative! Refreshments will be served. Please note: This program is strictly for adults. No children will be admitted as attendees or guests.

Adult Book Club



Copies of each book are available for pickup at the Reference Desk. Registration is required. Light refreshments will be served.

- Thursday, June 27th at 6:00pm: *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo, registration opens May 28th
- Wednesday, July 31st at 6:00pm: *The Murderbot Diaries* by Martha Wells, registration opens June 24th
- Thursday, August 29th at 6:00pm: *Advocate* by Eddie Ahn, registration opens July 29th

Biking Kalamazoo Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00pm

Tim Krone of Pedal Bike Shop will be here to give you information on everything you need to know about biking in the Kalamazoo area. He will present on safety, trails in the county, and other fun information to get you ready to hit the road. Want to learn more about biking and what type is right for you? Now is your chance! Registration is required and opens July 3rd.

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 visit our website by selecting the link below. Be sure to also keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information.

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