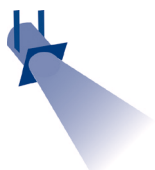


VBDL Spotlight Programs



Antwerp Sunshine Branch-Mattawan

Wednesday, April 5
12:30 pm
US Cadet Nurse Corps of WWII

Wednesday, April 26: 12:30 pm

One Room Schoolhouses
(both programs held in the Antwerp Senior Center)

Bangor Branch

April 10 - 22
Bangor Elementary and Middle School Art Show

Bloomington Branch

Thursday, May 11: 11:00 am
Bank Fraud & Identity Theft
Maria Diaz, Chemical Bank

Covert Branch

Wednesday, April 12: 5:00 pm
Documentary & Discussion
Film: Food, Inc.

Gobles Branch

Tuesday, May 16: 6:30 pm
One Room Schoolhouses
(at Gobles United Methodist Church)

Lawrence Branch

Tuesday, May 23: 5:30 pm
Personal Cyber Security with the Van Buren County Sheriff's Dept.

Webster Memorial Library

Decatur
May 8 - May 19
Decatur Student Art Show
visit us online! VBDL.org



Summer Reading 2017

Mark your calendar! Readers of all ages are invited to **Build a Better Community** by participating in Van Buren District Library's annual summer reading program, June 12 through August 5.

"Expect a lot of community involvement," Children's Librarian Emily Leestma says. "This year's theme is a great inspiration for the library to connect with the local communities in a variety of ways."

Special programs and events, makerspaces, LEGOs, and games are important facets of summer reading, but Leestma says the most important activity during the eight-week program is reading.

"Each year we remind parents how critical summer reading is to a student's academic achievement. It is a fact; kids who read succeed."

Patrons can get a sneak peek of summer reading at any one of VBDL's seven locations, Saturday, May 6. The daylong event offers a variety of activities, such as building a future replica of Mattawan at the Antwerp Sunshine Branch or a vision of a new library in Gobles. The Hispanic Student Association helps kids make tissue paper flowers and yarn art at Bangor, and patrons of Webster Memorial Library, Decatur, are invited to a LEGO Building Palooza.

An added benefit of the summer kick-off in May is free comic books courtesy of Fanfare Sports, Kalamazoo. For a complete list of activities, visit us online at vbdl.org.

VBDL bids farewell to two long-time employees

Van Buren District Library congratulates and thanks Denise Campagna and Debby Stassek, for more than 50 years of combined service.

The public is invited to extend their farewell wishes to Campagna during an open house at the Lawrence Community Branch, Saturday, April 1, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Denise was first hired as a clerk in 2000 and spent the past 10 years as Lawrence Branch Librarian.

Debby Stassek is honored at an open house, Saturday, May 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, at Webster Memorial Library, Decatur. Debby began working for the library part-time in 1983 at Gobles and Lawrence. She has worked full time in Decatur since 1985 and was named assistant director in 2008.



Van Buren Reads 2017



Van Buren Reads, a collaborative library partnership, welcomes best-selling author Wade Rouse to its annual fall event.

Rouse's debut novel, *The Charm Bracelet*, written under the pen name Viola Shipman, is a Library of Michigan Notable Book for 2017. Rouse, also the author of the critically acclaimed memoir, *America's Boy*, appears at the Van Buren Conference Center,

Lawrence, Tuesday, October 3.

Copies of Rouse's books are available at each of the sponsoring libraries: Hartford Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, South Haven Memorial Library, and Van Buren District Library.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Prepare your child for school success!
It's as easy as 1...2...3...!

Research states that children ages 0-5 who consistently hear stories read aloud to them are more prepared to learn how to read upon entering kindergarten.

Register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten at any VBDL location. It's free, easy, and fun!

Spring Break at VBDL!

Antwerp Sunshine Branch

Let's Paint!
Monday, April 3, 10:30 am
and 2:00 pm

Bangor Branch

Flower Bed Clean-up
Monday, April 3, 1:00 pm
Volunteers needed!

Tuesday, April 4, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Board Game Afternoon

Covert Branch

Wiggle Time
Wednesday, April 5, 11:00 am

Silly Science
Wednesday, April 5, 3:00 pm

Lawrence Branch

Duck Tape Creations
Tuesday, April 4, 1:00 pm

Wii U Minecraft
Wednesday, April 5, 1:00 pm

Nail Art
Saturday, April 8, 1:00 pm

Webster Memorial Library

Science Experiments
Monday, April 3, 10:00 am

MakerSpace Day
Thursday, April 6 - All day!

Luau
Friday, April 7, 10:00 am

Build a Better Community
VBDL Summer Reading
June 12 - August 5, 2017

VBDL.org

Get more program information online!



Brush up Your Computer Skills!

Basic Computers III: Basic Apps

Antwerp Sunshine Branch
Thursday, April 6, 10:30 am

Basic Computers IV: Security and Maintenance

Antwerp Sunshine Branch - Mattawan
Thursday, April 20, 10:30 am

Canva!

Webster Memorial Library - Decatur
Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 pm

Excel Basics

Bangor Branch
Tuesday, April 18: 1:00pm

Webster Memorial Library - Decatur
Tuesday, May 9, 1:00pm

Healthy Computer

Bangor Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 6:00 pm

Apple Club

Antwerp Sunshine Branch - Mattawan
2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm

Just added...

Essential Oils: Aromatherapy & More

Bangor Branch
Wednesday, April 12, 6:00 pm

Cat People Party with Dr. Lori Stewart

Bloomington Branch
Saturday, April 15, 2:00 pm

Local Author Patrice Niltaswan

Gobles Branch
Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 pm

Essential Oils with Penny Wait

Gobles Branch
Monday, May 8, 5:30 pm



All About Town

Webster Memorial
Library - Decatur



Andersonville Prison: Michigan's Survivors

Historian John Urschel
Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm

Decatur Days Gone By: Uncovered tales, forgotten memories, and fun facts of Decatur's past

Library Director Ryan Wieber
Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm

Now Showing...

The 5th Wave

Webster Memorial Library
Decatur
Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm



BFG

Lawrence Branch
Monday & Friday, April 3 & 7, 1:00 pm

Gnomeo & Juliet

Bloomington Branch
Tuesday, April 11, 3:30 pm

Sing

Webster Memorial Library - Decatur
Tuesday, April 4, 1:00 pm
Bangor Branch
Saturday, April 15, 11:00am
Bloomington Branch
Tuesday, May 9, 3:30 pm

Trolls

Covert Branch
Friday, April 7, 1:00 pm

Help save lives! Give Blood!

Michigan Blood Drive

Monday, April 10
2:00 - 6:30 pm
Webster Memorial Library
200 North Phelps Street
Decatur MI 49045

Drop-in or request an
appointment at
miblood.org



Van Buren District Library

Bangor - Bloomington - Covert - Decatur - Gobles - Lawrence - Mattawan