

Summer Highlights

StarLab Portable Planetarium
Wednesday, June 19, 10:30am
 VBDL Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Kalamazoo Air Zoo's
"Fly Me to the Moon"
Friday, June 21, 2:00pm
 VBDL Bangor Branch

"Classroom Critters"
Wednesday, July 10, 3:30pm
 VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

Canvas Painting - Aliens!
Thursday, July 18, 1:00pm
 VBDL Gobles Branch

Cirque Amongus
Wednesday, July 24, 1:00pm
 VBDL Covert Branch

Joel Tacey's "Space Magic"
Tuesday, July 30, 2:00pm
 VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Mark Rosenthal's
"Animal Magic"
Friday, August 16, 1:30pm
 VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur
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A Universe of Stories May 28 - August 17

Summer time is near, which means Van Buren District Library is rolling out another fantastic season of fun in the sun!

New this year is online registration! Yes, beginning Tuesday, May 28, go to VBDL.org and register your family to participate in "A Universe of Stories" at the nearest VBDL

location. Also new is our start and end dates. VBDL now offers twelve weeks of events, activities and, of course, reading, May 28 - August 17.

Children will continue to register for groups that correspond with their age or grade they will enter in the fall: 2 years old - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades, 3rd and 4th grades, and 5th and 6th grades. The youngest group will keep track of the number of books read, while the older three groups keep track of how much time is spent reading.

Contact the closest VBDL branch for information on teen and adult reading groups, goals and events.

Remember, summer slide is avoidable! Kids who read succeed! For a complete list of summer classes and activities, check-out the online calendar at VBDL.org.



Teen Creative Writing Awards

The public is invited to the Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge Awards Ceremony, Saturday, June 15, 2:00pm, Cass District Library, 319 M 62 North Cassopolis.

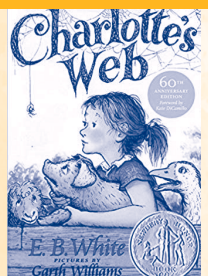
The ceremony is the culmination of months of hard work by area writers in 7th through 12th grades. Ninety-one submissions were accepted in the categories of Comics, Cover

Art, Fiction, and Poetry.

Each winner receives a monetary prize and a copy of a professionally printed book containing the winning submissions and art work.

The Challenge is sponsored by Cass District Library, Dowagiac District Library, Hartford Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library, Paw Paw District Library, and Van Buren District Library.

... and the winner of VBDL's
 March Book Madness 2019 is
Charlotte's Web by E. B. White



A Universe of Stories

Adult Classes and Workshops

Rockets to the Rescue!



Engage!

Kids are invited to let their imaginations soar while exploring the basics of aerospace engineering.

Presented by MSUE
Van Buren County 4-H

Tuesday, June 18, 10:30am

VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

Wednesday June 26, 10:30am

VBDL Webster Memorial

Thursday, June 27, 11:00am

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Thursday, June 27, 1:15pm

VBDL Covert Branch

Friday, June 28, 1:00pm

VBDL Bangor Branch

A Galaxy of Activities

Safety Day & Bike Rodeo
Saturday, June 1, 11:00am - 2:00pm
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Fun Fridays

June 14 - August 2, 10:00am
VBDL Gobles Branch

Kids' Latin Cooking Class

Saturdays at 10:30am
June 22, July 27, August 24
Registration Required
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch
Mattawan

Astronomy: "Stellarium"

Wednesday, July 10, 1:00pm
VBDL Covert Branch

Make a Solar-Powered S'More Oven

Friday, July 26, 2:00pm
VBDL Bangor Branch

Do-It-Yourself Kaleidoscope

Thursday, August 1, 11:00am
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

Outdoor Art Day!

Wednesday, August 7
10:00am

VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur



MidwestFest 2019

Homebrewing

Demonstration by

Hop to It Homebrew Club

Saturday, June 1, 10:30am
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Financial Empowerment Series

Mondays at 5:30pm
June 10: Money Matters
June 17: Bank on It!
June 24: To Your Credit
July 1: Financial Recovery
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses

Thursday, June 13, 7:00pm
Odd Fellows Hall - Bangor
VBDL Bangor Branch and
Bangor Historical Society

Summer Story Time

Story Time takes a Cosmic Twist!
Explore the solar system, learn about astronauts, and more!

VBDL Bangor Branch

Wednesdays at 10:00am
June 5 - August 14

VBDL Covert Branch

Tuesdays at 10:30am
June 4 - August 27

VBDL Gobles Branch

Wednesdays at 10:30am
June 5 - August 14
(No class on July 3)

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Wednesdays at 11:00am
June 5 - August 14

VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Mondays at 10:00am
June 10 - July 29



VBDL.org

Don't let homework get you down!

VBDL's Princeton Online Tutoring Center now offers free, live tutoring daily from 9am - 12midnight. 40 subjects. ACT/SAT Prep, AP Classes and so much more! Access it via VBDL.org's eLibrary!

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What We're Reading

This is what VBDL Book Clubs are reading in June and July:

VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

The Round House by Louise Erdrich

Monday, June 17, 6:00pm

Await Your Reply by Dan Chaon

Monday, July 15, 6:00pm

VBDL Bangor Branch

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Tuesday, June 18, 1:30pm

VBDL Covert Branch

Love You More by Lisa Gardner

Monday, June 24, 5:45pm

King Peggy by Peggelene Bartels and Elanor Hermen

Monday, July 22, 5:45pm

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

Tuesday, June 18, 1:00pm

Tuesday, June 25, 5:30pm

The Red Address Book by Sofia Lundberg

Tuesday, July 16, 1:00pm

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30pm

Van Buren District Library

Bangor - Bloomingdale - Covert - Decatur - Gobles - Lawrence - Mattawan