

## Summer Reading 2018 June 11 - August 4 Program Highlights!



### Antwerp Sunshine Branch Mattawan

Monarch Butterfly Waystations  
Tuesday, June 26, 5:30 pm

### Bangor Branch

Story Walk & Drumming  
Friday, July 6, 1:00 pm

### Bloomington Branch

The Barn Quilt Trail with Suzi Parron  
Monday, June 4, 6:00 pm

### Covert Branch

John Ball Zoo  
Wednesday, July 11, 1:00 pm

### Gobles Branch

Kal-Haven Trail Nature Walk  
Saturday, June 23 & July 28, 10:30 am

### Lawrence Community Branch

Tip Top Agility Dogs  
Tuesday, June 19, 11:00 am

### Webster Memorial Library Decatur

Decatur High School Marching Band  
Wednesday, July 25, 1:00 pm

## Meet JoJo - VBDL's Mascot!



## Summer Reading 2018 - Libraries Rock!

VBDL is ready to rock this summer with an eight-week celebration of books, music, technology, animals, movies, and more books! All readers 2 years and up are encouraged to register at any one of VBDL's seven locations **beginning Monday, June 11.**

**Summer reading is the best way to prevent "summer slide,"** the tendency for students to lose some of the achievement gains they've made during the school year. Studies show that children who do not read over the summer can fall two years behind by the time they reach fifth grade.

**According to the Children's Literacy Initiative,** five easy steps can help children avoid summer slide: 1) Go to the library and sign-up for summer reading! 2) Choose books that challenge and engage, 3) Set realistic goals and develop a reward system, 4) Make it fun!, and 5) Read every day. VBDL offers a sixth tip for adults: Be a reading role model and participate in an adult summer reading program at the library.

**Summer reading is for everyone,** even for those too young to read on their own. The youngest patrons are encouraged to be registered for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, a simple, effective program that helps instill a love of reading in infants and toddlers.

For more information on any VBDL literacy program, just stop by the nearest location or **visit us online at VBDL.org.**



## Van Buren County TCWC Award Winners

The public is cordially invited to an award ceremony honoring this year's winners in the Van Buren County Teen Creative Writing Challenge. The free event is **Saturday, June 16, 3:30 pm,** at the Antwerp Township Hall next to the library in Mattawan.

Aspiring writers and artists in grades 7 - 12 were challenged to submit their works of poetry, short stories, or cover art over a two

month period. A panel of seven professionals judged the submissions and announced the winners May 14.

**First place winners** in fiction are Miriam K. Gartland, Paw Paw; Faith Sweet, Gobles; and Trevor Wendt, Mattawan. First place poetry winners are William Bradley, Maliah Lewnfield and Abbey Churney from Paw Paw. Covert art winner is Ashlyn Bottger, also from Paw Paw. All winners in first through third places will be honored at the Awards Ceremony.



## The Music of Star Wars!

A free multi-media presentation  
by music scholar Aaron Krewowicz

Monday, June 11, 6:30 pm

VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch - Mattawan



## Flamenco Guitarist in Concert

VBDL is proud to welcome flamenco guitarist, Gladius, to four of its locations this summer.

The award-winning performer overcame a crippling nerve damage to become a "musical mad scientist" who fuses baroque, ethnic and metal styles on the classical and electric guitar. His VBDL performances are free and open to the public.

**Friday, July 13, 3:00 pm**  
VBDL Bangor Branch

**Friday, July 13, 6:00 pm**  
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

**Tuesday, July 17, 4:00 pm**  
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

**Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 pm**  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch  
Concert in Mattawan Memorial Park



## Barn Quilt Workshop

Learn how to paint your own barn quilt with Barb Bennett of

ABC Barn Quilt Blocks!

**Saturday, July 21**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
Webster Memorial Library - Decatur

Cost is \$35, which includes all supplies. Bringing a bag lunch is recommended.

Please register at the library or online at [VBDL.org](http://VBDL.org)

## Summer Story Time!

Join us for stories, songs, and fun!  
Bangor Branch

Wednesdays  
10:00 am  
June 13 - August 1

### Bloomingdale Branch

Thursdays at 10:30 am  
June 7 - August 30

### Covert Branch

Tuesdays at 10:00 am  
June 5 - August 28

### Gobles Branch

Wednesdays at 10:30 am  
June 13 - August 29

### Lawrence Branch

Wednesdays at 11:00 am  
June 13 - August 29

### Webster Memorial Library Decatur

Mondays at 10:00 am  
June 11 - July 30

## Michigan Blood Drive

Monday, July 2, 2:00 - 6:00 pm  
Webster Memorial Library  
Decatur  
[donate.miblood.org](http://donate.miblood.org)

For a complete  
summer schedule visit  
[VBDL.org/events/](http://VBDL.org/events/)



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## Mary's Country Critters

Get up close and personal with a donkey, mini-horse, pot-bellied pig, sheep, goats, rabbits and more! Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, June 20, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Webster Memorial

**Wednesday, July 25, 10:30 am**  
VBDL Antwerp  
Sunshine Branch

**Friday, July 27, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Bangor  
Branch



## Instrument Petting Zoo

VBDL welcomes the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Instrument Petting Zoo to three locations this summer! Kids are introduced to a variety of instruments and are invited to each one a try!

**Wednesday, June 20, 10:30 am**  
VBDL Antwerp  
Sunshine Branch

**Friday, July 20, 10:30 am**  
VBDL Lawrence  
Community Branch

**Friday, July 20, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Bangor Branch



## MSUE Makey-Makey

Make music with electrical circuits, a computer and fruits and veggies!

**Wednesday, June 27, 10:30 am**  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch

**Wednesday, June 27, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Webster Memorial

**Friday, June 29, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Bangor Branch

**Wednesday, July 25, 1:00 pm**  
VBDL Covert Branch

Van Buren District Library

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