Explore the gardens in

# Grand Rapids!

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Make your reservations today for the Friends' fall bus trip!

Deadline is Thursday, September 13.

Complete the registration form included with this brochure!

**Send** in your check or money order today.



Remember to indicate where you will board the bus:
Decatur or Paw Paw!

**Enjoy** special savings by joining the Friends of the Van Buren District Library.

### Costs include:

Round trip transportation via a roomy motor coach. Admission includes entry and a tram ride of the gardens.

Tram will cover 3 miles of the garden

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Friends of the Van Buren
District Library

Bus trip to Grand Rapids!

### Itinerary

Good morning!

8:30 a.m. Board the bus at Webster Memorial Library in **Deactur** 

9:00 a.m. Board the bus at Park & Ride Lot, **Paw Paw** Exit

11:00 a.m. Tram ride of the gardens (1<sup>st</sup> group) 11:30 a.m. Tram ride of the gardens (2<sup>nd</sup> group)

Good afternoon!

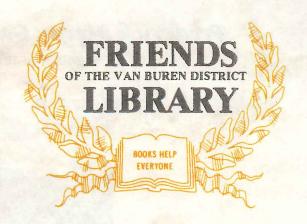
Lunch on your own at the Taste of the Gardens Cafe

Enjoy exploring the grounds for the afternoon on your own. Don't forget to check out the Art Prize 2018 exhibits on the grounds of the garden

4:30 p.m. Board the bus to return to Decatur and Paw Paw

6:00 p.m. Drop off passengers at the Park & Ride lot, **Paw Paw** exit.

6:30 p.m. Drop off passengers at Webster Memorial Library in **Decatur**.



Join the Friends of the Library for a trip to the Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park



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### Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

A few of the sights that the tram will pass by for the tour.

Michigan's Farm Garden



Reminiscent of a 1930's family farm.

The farmhouse, barn, gardens, and animal pens are reminders of a bygone era when the land supplied the family with groceries and income, a time when every family member helped with chores. This farmhouse is a three–quarters scale model of Lena (Rader) Meijer's childhood home. Farm animals are represented by bronze sculptures throughout the Michigan Farm Garden. See the various of vegetable gardens and flower beds dedicated to heirloom varieties behind the farmhouse.

## The Richard & Helen De Vos Japanese Garden



The Journey Begins

It was more than four years in the making:

On June 13, 2015 the Richard and Helen DeVos Japanese Garden opened its magnificent Main Gate to visitors, welcoming a world of timeless tranquility.

Tranquility, simplicity and beauty are the very essence of a Japanese garden. Fred and Lena Meijer had long appreciated the traditions and experiences of Japanese gardens, so in 2009 they asked about adding one to Meijer Gardens.

#### Reservation deadline: Thursday, September 13.

Name:  Address:  Phone:  Number attending:			
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		@\$55.00 for nonmembers  *Join the Friends of the Library today and parenteer the bus trip!	
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