

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!



Children who get their very first library card in September receive a welcome-to-the-library gift at all locations!



Know a Student Who Needs a Hand with Homework? VBDL can help!

Van Buren District Library and Bloomingdale Communications are pleased to announce the launch of a **live, one-to-one professional tutoring service** available to students of all ages with a library card.

Tutor.com's Learning Suite is accessible through **VBDL.org's eLibrary** from any computer or mobile device. On-demand, real-time tutoring in over 40 subjects is available to students each day between 3:00 pm and 10:00 pm (excluding five major annual holidays).

The live academic tutoring provides help in math, science, English, Spanish, and social studies, plus Advanced Placement®, ACT/SAT, GED test preparation and more. Students may drop-off writing assignments and math problems for overnight review.

Job seekers can access the site for live, online career tutoring daily from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm. For more information, visit the nearest VBDL location. **Tutor.com's Learning Suite is made possible with support from Bloomingdale Communications.**



Events in the Spotlight

Antwerp Sunshine Branch Mattawan

History of the Library Walk
October 1 - 6 during regular hours

Bangor Branch

The History of the Potawatomi
Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 pm

Bloomingdale Branch

Ghostly Beacons:
Haunted Lighthouses of Michigan
Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm

Gobles Branch

Architectural Walking Tour of Gobles
Saturday, October 6, 10:30 am

Webster Memorial Library Decatur

Introduction to Mindfulness with
John Howie of the Fetzer Institute
Monday, November 5, 6:00 pm

Van Buren Reads

Van Buren Reads welcomes 2018 visiting author **William Kent Krueger** to the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm.

Krueger is best known for his 17 novels featuring protagonist Cork O'Connor, the part Irish, part Ojibwe former sheriff of Tamarack County in Minnesota's north woods. The newest novel, "Desolation Mountain," pairs Cork and his son, Stephen, in an independent probe that hopes to uncover the truth behind a fatal plane crash.

The free event is sponsored by Hartford Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, South Haven Memorial Library and Van Buren District Library.



William Kent Krueger

New York Times Bestselling Author Visits Webster Memorial Library



Aleatha Romig

New York Times, Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author **Aleatha Romig visits Webster Memorial Library, Decatur, Thursday, October 25, 6:30 pm.** The event is co-sponsored by Marcellus Township-Wood Memorial Library.

Romig's first novel, "Consequences," released in 2011, became a bestselling series of five novels and two companion books. The compelling and epic story of Anthony and Claire Rawlings has graced more than half a million e-readers. She has since released over twenty novels in multiple genres: dark romance, romantic suspense, thriller and romantic comedy.

Romig shares her experiences as a self-published author during her visit to Decatur, which is free and open to the public. She is also participating in the Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference, Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am - 4:00pm, at Niles District Library.

Children's Classes

Babies & Books

Age-appropriate story time for infants and children up to 18 months. Books, sounds, words, rhymes, songs and creative play!

Gobles Branch

Tuesdays at 10:30 - Beginning September 11

Antwerp Sunshine Mattawan

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

September 18 - October 30



Wiggle Time

Get your wiggle on during Wiggle Time. Kids under five practice following directions, gross motor skills and body movements through sing-

ing, dancing, and playing musical instruments.

Webster Memorial - Decatur

Fridays at 10:00 am

September 7 - December 21

Lawrence Community Branch

Thursdays at 11:00 am

Beginning September 20

Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

September 26, October 31, November 28

Junior Scientist

Science and art activities for kids 6 & up!

Bangor Branch

Every other Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Beginning September 5

Covert Branch

Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Beginning September 5

Bloomingtondale Branch

Once a month - Mondays at 3:30

Beginning September 10

Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Beginning September 11

Webster Memorial Decatur

Once a month!

Thursdays at 3:30 pm

Beginning September 13



Story Time

Stories! Rhymes!

Songs! Creative Play!

Story Time at VBDL is designed to help kids learn and practice their school readiness skills, while encouraging a love of reading! Story Time begins the first week of September and continues through the third week of December.



Tuesdays

Covert Branch - 11:00 am

Wednesdays

Bangor Branch - 10:00 am

Webster Memorial Library - Decatur

10:00 am

Antwerp Sunshine Branch - Mattawan

10:30 am

Gobles Branch - 10:30 am

Lawrence Community Branch - 11:00 am

Thursdays

Bloomingtondale Branch - 10:30 am



Little Science

Children 5 and under learn about science and math while practicing fine and gross motor skills.

Webster Memorial - Decatur

Mondays at 10:00 am

Beginning September 10

Bangor Branch

Every other Monday at 5:30 pm

Beginning September 10

Lawrence Community Branch

Every other Thursday at 11:00 am

Beginning September 13

PLEASE NOTE!

All VBDL locations are closed

Monday, September 3 (Labor Day)

Monday, November 12

(Professional Development)

Thursday and Friday

November 22 & 23 (Thanksgiving)

Monday & Tuesday

December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

Adult Classes

For a complete list of classes, workshops and seminars, visit our online calendar: VBDL.org/events.

Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Ink on Tile with Bonnie Nye of Doodlebug

Bonnie Designs

Saturday, September 22, 10:00 am

Bangor Branch

Fall Jewelry Class

Saturday, September 29 and October 27

10:00 am

Bloomingtondale Branch

Basic Genealogy

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

September 12, October 10, November 17

Covert Branch

Canvas & Cups Painting Class

Saturday, October 20, 1:00 pm

Lawrence Community Branch

Barn Quilt Block Painting Workshop

Saturday, October 6, 11:00 am

Webster Memorial - Decatur

The Great Courses: Fundamentals of

Photography with National Geographic

Photographer Joel Satore

Saturday, September 8, 10:00 am

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Tech Classes

Bangor Branch

Tutor.com Leaning Suite Training

Tuesdays at 3:00 pm

September 11, 18 and 25

Covert Branch

Ask a Geek - Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Beginning September 6

Webster Memorial - Decatur

Apple Club!

For iOS enthusiasts

Mondays at 6:30 pm

September 10, October 8,

November 19, December 10



Van Buren District Library

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