Show VBDL Some Love in February

Paper Craft Workshop
February 6 at 6:30 pm
Vintage Inspired
52530 N Main, Mattawan
In partnership with VBDL Antwerp Sunshine

“Love Your Library” at Bangor’s Railroad Café
February 1 - 28
555 Railroad Street
“Alice in Wonderland” cookies available in honor of VBDL Bangor Branch

“Love Your Library” Poster Contest, February 1 - 28
VBDL Gobles Branch

It Takes a Village Book Sale
February 19 - March 19
Used book sales at participating businesses in Lawrence.
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Make a Vet Your Valentine!
Thursday, February 14, 6:30 pm
A salute to our Veterans Past & Present with Patience De Roo
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

VBDL’s Live Tutoring Center for Job Seekers

Strategies and techniques for finding a job have changed dramatically in the past 20 years. Many companies require online applications, computer skills and up-to-date résumé styles. If you need assistance exploring occupations and careers, turning your military skills into a civilian career, or updating a cover letter and résumé, VBDL can help.

The Princeton Review’s Live Tutoring and Test Prep Center, available through VBDL.org’s eLibrary with a valid library card, helps today’s job seekers increase skills and improve employment prospects. Job resources include a career aptitude test, skills profiler, tips on how to land a government job, military skills translator, professional guidance on writing cover letters and résumés, interview tips and much more. The site also offers information on citizenship eligibility and practice citizenship tests.

Live, professional career assistance in a supportive environment is available daily between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm. to VBDL cardholders.

To update your card or find out if you reside in VBDL’s legal service area, stop by any one of the district’s seven locations (https://www.vbdl.org/branch-locations/) or phone 269.423.4771.

Princeton Review’s Live Tutoring and Test Prep Center is made possible with support from Bloomingdale Communications.

Teen Creative Writing Challenge Expands in 2019

VBDL is pleased to announce that Cass District Library, Dowagiac District Library and Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library are the newest partners in the annual Southwest Michigan Teen Creative Writing Challenge.

Since 2016, VBDL and libraries in Van Buren County have offered students in grades 7 - 12 the opportunity to receive recognition for writing fiction and poetry, and most recently, creating cover art. With the addition of the libraries in Cass County, more students will be able to vie for cash prizes of $100, $50 and $25.

The 2019 submission period begins February 1 and continues through April 12. Entries will be judged between April 15 and 29, with the finalists announced April 30. Winners will be announced May 7 and the award ceremony is scheduled for June 15.

The winning entries will be published in a professionally printed trade paperback, which will be available at participating libraries. For more information, look for the Challenge on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/swmtcwc/ or email Jeffrey Babbitt at jbabbitt@vbdl.org.
**Children’s Early Literacy Classes**

- **Babies & Books**
  Books, sounds, rhymes, songs and creative play for children up to 18 months
  - VBDL Gobles Branch
    1st & 3rd Monday of the month beginning January 7, 10:30 am
  - VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch
    Wednesdays at 3:00 pm
    March 6 - April 17

- **Family Story Time**
  It’s a family affair! Explore the world through stories and more!
  - Saturdays at 10:00 am
    January 12 - March 30s
  - VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

**Get Ready for March Book Madness!**

**March 2019!**

- Thank you to the Friends of the Van Buren District Library for 35 years of support!
  The Friends of VBDL (formerly the Friends of the Van Buren County Library) incorporated on March 21, 1983.
  Charter officers were Jack Abrams, President; Natalie Patten, Vice-President; Beth McVeigh, Secretary; and Conrad Burton, Treasurer. Directors were Marian Redmond, Gloria Waite and Stan McHale.
  Current officers are Luanne Wright, President; Cindy Kusmack, Vice-President; and Tracy Smola, Secretary/Treasurer. Trustees are Deb Chandler, Phyllis Graham, and Janelle Latham.
  For more information about the Friends, contact Webster Memorial Library in Decatur, 269.423.4771 or info@vbdl.org.

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