

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.

Adult Workshops and Classes

MSU Farming Webinar Series

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
January 16 - February 13
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Documentary & Discussion "An Inconvenient Truth"

Thursday, January 17, 4:00 pm
VBDL Covert Branch

Financial Fitness

Wednesday, January 30, 6:00 pm
VBDL Bangor Branch

Build a Sock Snowman

Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 pm
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Michigan Maritime History

Thursday, February 14, 7:00 pm
VBDL Bangor Branch

Acrylic Painting Class

Friday, February 22, 6:00 pm
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Soap Making Workshop

Saturday, March 9, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Women in Southwest Michigan History

Caitlyn Perry Dial
Michigan Women Forward
Thursday, March 14, 6:30 pm
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Basic Bookbinding Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 am
VBDL Gobles Branch

Mobile Device Security Class Van Buren Co. Sheriff's Dept.

Wednesday, March 27, 5:00 pm
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Please note!
All VBDL locations
are closed
Monday, February 18

VBDL Signs New Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement

VBDL recently signed a reciprocal borrowing agreement with Watervliet District Library. This brings the number of systems VBDL has borrowing agreements or contracts with to 12.

The agreement allows VBDL customers to borrow materials at any VBDL location. In turn, VBDL cardholders are encouraged to check out the collections in Watervliet.

Sign-up for VBDL's new e-Newsletter!

**Submit your email address at
VBDL.org or at the nearest VBDL
location! Never fear!**

**Your email is safe with us!
We won't sell or give it away!**

**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.

Children's Early Literacy Classes



Babies & Books

Books, sounds, rhymes, songs and creative play for children up to 18 months

VBDL Gobles Branch
1st & third 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



Story Time

Each week, children 5 and under learn about letters, shapes, numbers, and colors through stories, songs, rhymes, art projects, and more!

Beginning Tuesday, January 8
VBDL Covert Branch - 11:30 am

Beginning Wednesday, January 9
VBDL Bangor Branch - 10:00 am
VBDL Webster Memorial - 10:00 am
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch - 10:30 am
VBDL Gobles Branch - 10:30 am
VBDL Lawrence Branch - 11:00 am

Beginning Thursday, January 10
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch - 10:30 am
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch - 10:30 am

Van Buren District Library

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