

## Spring Highlights

**The Great Courses presents  
Practicing Mindfulness:  
An Introduction to Meditation**  
Mondays at 5:30pm  
Beginning April 8  
VBDL Webster Memorial, Decatur

**Gardening 101  
with Dragonfly Gardens**  
Wednesday, April 17, 5:30pm  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch  
Mattawan

**Annual Student Art Show**  
May 6 - 31  
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

**Southwest Michigan  
Land Conservancy  
with SWMLC Director  
Peter Ter Louw**  
Tuesday, May 14, 6:00pm  
VBDL Bangor Branch

**PACE: Program of All-Inclusive  
Care for the Elderly  
with Connie DiDonato**  
Friday, April 12, 1:00pm  
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur  
Wednesday, May 22, 5:30pm  
VBDL Bangor Branch

... and the winner of  
March Book Madness  
is ...  
Find out April 10!

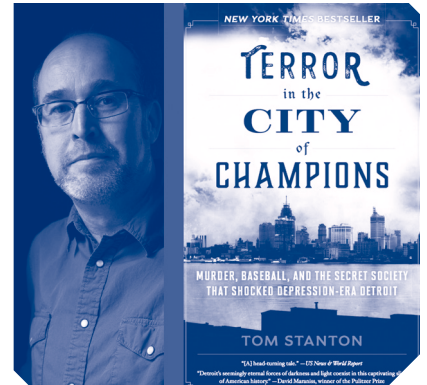
## Terror in the City of Champions

Tom Stanton, author of the New York Times Sports Bestseller "Terror in the City of Champions," comes to VBDL Webster Memorial, Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm.

The book recalls Detroit in the mid-1930s when the city achieved a rare sports trifecta. Within just six months, the Tigers won the World Series, the Lions won a NFL title, and the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup. Beneath the jubilee, however, was a wave of mysterious crimes that baffled police, which included bodies dumped along roadsides, bombings and assassination plots.

Stanton shares the riveting, intersecting tales of Detroit's ascension in sports and the rise and fall of the secret terrorist organization called the BLaCk Legion.

Stanton is the author of seven books, including "Ty and the Babe" and "The Final Season," and is associate professor of journalism at University of Detroit Mercy. The event is free and open to the public.



## May the 4th Be With You!

Free Han Solo! Battle Darth Vader! Practice Jedi skills! Make a light saber! Play a Star Wars Nerf game! Attend a Legos animated Star Wars movie marathon! All these activities, plus free comic books Saturday, May 4, courtesy of Van Buren District Library.

Stop by the Bangor Branch to make Jabba Slime. Visit Bloomingdale in your favorite Star Wars gear. Tackle Jedi training at Webster Memorial in Decatur. Learn your true Jedi name in Lawrence and attend a Jedi Academy at VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch.

Besides celebrating all things Star Wars, May 4 is also Free Comic Book Day at VBDL courtesy of our friends at **Fanfare Sports and Entertainment, Kalamazoo.**

May the 4th Be with You is the District's homage to this year's summer reading theme, "A Universe of Stories." Summer reading begins May 28 and continues through August 17. For a complete schedule of events, visit us online at VBDL.org.

## Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary at VBDL

VBDL brings the wild inside when it hosts Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary at the branches in Lawrence and Covert, Saturday, May 18, 11:00am and 1:00pm, respectively.

The traveling Animal Encounter provides a unique opportunity for kids and adults to meet and learn about alligators, tortoises, toads, snakes, pythons, constrictors and more.

The program is free and open to the public.



# Children's Early Literacy Classes

## Babies & Books

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

VBDL Gobles Branch  
Mondays at 10:30am  
April 8 and 22, and May 6 and 20

VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch  
Wednesdays at 3:00 pm  
April 3, 10, and 17

## Story Time

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



**NEW DAY!** at VBDL  
Webster Memorial  
Beginning Monday, April 1  
10:00am

Beginning Tuesday, April 2  
VBDL Covert Branch - 11:15 am

Beginning Wednesday, April 3  
VBDL Bangor Branch - 10:00 am  
VBDL Gobles Branch - 10:30 am  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch - 10:30 am  
VBDL Lawrence Branch - 11:00 am

Beginning Thursday, April 4  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch - 10:30 am  
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch - 10:30 am

## Wiggle Time

Music and movement for kids 5 and under!

VBDL Webster Memorial  
Fridays at 10:00am  
beginning April 5

VBDL Lawrence  
Community Branch  
Thursdays at 11:00am  
April 11 and 25, and  
May 9 and 23

VBDL Antwerp Sunshine  
Branch - Mattawan  
Wednesday and Thursday  
at 10:30am  
April 24 and 25,  
and May 22 and 23



## Junior

## Scientists

After school science fun for kids 6 and up!

VBDL Antwerp  
Sunshine Branch  
Mattawan  
Tuesdays at 5:30pm, April 2 - May 28



VBDL Bangor Branch  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm  
April 3 and 17, and May 1 and 15

VBDL Covert Branch  
Wednesdays at 3:30pm  
April 3 - May 28

VBDL Bloomingdale Branch  
Monday at 3:30pm  
April 8 and May 6

VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur  
Thursday at 3:30pm  
April 11 and May 9

## VBDL Summer Reading May 28 - August 17



## Library Hop 2019

Stop by any of the 20 participating libraries between April 1 and 30, including VBDL Webster Memorial, pick up a Library Hop Passport and plan a road trip through the region's charming small communities.

For more information, visit the Library Hop website at [LibraryHop.org](http://LibraryHop.org) or contact VBDL Webster Memorial at 269.423.4771 or [info@vbdl.org](mailto:info@vbdl.org).

# Adult Classes and Workshops

## Learn to Quilt

Mondays at 10:00am  
April 8 and 22, May 6 and 20  
VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

## Make a Tea Cup Garden

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30pm  
Registration Required  
VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch-Mattawan

## Art Bayou: Paint-to-Go

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am  
Registration Required  
Saturday, April 13, 10:00am  
VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

## Learn How to Shape Pasta

Wednesday, April 24, 5:00pm  
Registration Required  
VBDL Bangor Branch

## Happy Feet Walking Group: Walk Your Way to Wellness!

Wednesdays at 3:00pm  
April 3 - May 29  
VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

## What We're Reading

This is what VBDL Book Clubs are reading this spring:

VBDL Bloomingdale Branch  
**Inheritance by Dani Shapiro**  
Tuesday, April 2, 5:30pm  
**Bad Housekeeping by Maia Chance**  
Tuesday, May 7, 5:30pm

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch  
**War Paint by Lindy Woodhead**  
Tuesday, April 16, 1:00pm  
Tuesday, April 23, 5:30pm

**Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts**  
Tuesday, May 20, 1:00pm  
Tuesday, May 28, 5:30pm

VBDL Bangor Branch  
**Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover**  
Tuesday, April 23, 1:30pm

**The Line Becomes a River  
by Fanciso Cantú**  
Tuesday, May 21, 1:30pm

Van Buren District Library

Bangor - Bloomingdale - Covert - Decatur - Gobles - Lawrence - Mattawan