

Spotlight Programs

Upcycled Wine Bottle Project
Saturday, April 11, 11:00am
 VBDL Lawrence Community Branch

Bangor Public Schools
Student Art Show
April 1 - 30
 VBDL Bangor Branch

Barn Quilt Workshop
with Barb Bennett
Saturday, May 9, 10:00am
 VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur

Intro to Coding Class
for Tweens and Teens
Saturday, May 16, 10:30am
 VBDL Antwerp Sunshine - Mattawan

Royal Tea Party
with Prince Tiana
and Princess Ariel
Saturday, May 16, 1:00pm
 VBDL Covert Branch

SRP Kick-off Make-and-Take
Tuesday, May 26, 4:00pm
 VBDL Bloomingdale Branch

Retirement Party for
VBDL Bangor Branch
Librarian Bobbi Martindale

Friday
April 24
2:00 -
6:00pm
 VBDL Bangor Branch

The public is invited to attend!



How Thoughts Become Reality

VBDL is proud to welcome author, lecturer and narrator Mitch Horowitz (right) to the Antwerp Senior Center, Mattawan, Saturday, April 18.

Horowitz is a historian of alternative spirituality and one of today's most literate voices of esoterica, mysticism and the occult. He is widely credited with returning the term "New Age" to respectable use and is among the few occult writers whose work touches the bases of academic scholarship, national journalism, and subculture cred.

Doors for the program open at 12noon giving attendees the opportunity to enjoy appetizers from The Garden Griddle and visit with a variety of vendors, including Infuse Wellness, Core Strength and Pilates, Young Living Essential Oils, Mattawan Chiropractic, Chung's Martial Arts, Bronson Sports Medicine, and more.

Horowitz takes the stage at 1:00pm and talks about "How Thoughts Become Reality," the subtitle of his 2018 book, *The Miracle Club*. His other books include *Occult America* and *One Simple Idea*. Horowitz is a writer-in-residence at the New York Public Library and lecturer-in-residence at the Philosophical Research Society in Los Angeles.

In 2019, Horowitz received the Walden Award for Interfaith/Intercultural Understanding. His appearance is funded in part by The Fetzer Institute.



The event is free and open to the public. The Antwerp Senior Center is located at 24821 Front Avenue, Mattawan.

For more information, phone 269.423.4771 or email info@vbdl.org.



Mitch Horowitz

MidwestFest 2020

Van Buren District Library is proud to be a sponsor of this year's MidwestFest, the fourth annual music, craft beer and arts festival Saturday, June 27, in Decatur.

As a sponsor, VBDL has three pairs of complimentary passes to the event. How can you qualify to win a pair?

Beginning in May, VBDL will ask you to pair a book with a craft beer brewed by one of the MidwestFest brewers and write about it! The top three entries each receive a pair of passes to MidwestFest! More details are forthcoming. Until then, here is a great example of what we're looking for: <https://bit.ly/2l6Gkak>. Cheers!



Saturday, May 2!



Van Buren District Library celebrates Derby Day at all seven locations

PLUS, FREE COMICS from Fanfare!

VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch
10:30am - 1:00pm

Decorate your own Derby Hat, play Derby-themed games, enjoy snacks and Mock Mint Juleps!

VBDL Bangor Branch
11:00am - 1:00pm

Create a Derby hat and/or bowtie, try your luck at horseshoes, and enjoy refreshments.

VBDL Bloomingdale Branch
10:00am

Enjoy a Mint Julep Mocktail, pick a favorite horse, enter to win a prize, and more!

VBDL Covert Branch
11:00am - 1:00pm

Enjoy horse-themed snacks, make your own race horse, create Derby Day gear and more!

VBDL Gobles Branch
11:00am

Make your own Kentucky Derby Hat! All ages are invited to participate.

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch
11:00 am

Learn how to make mocktails for your Kentucky Derby celebration!

VBDL Webster Memorial - Decatur
10:00am - 12 noon
Kids: Make and Take horse crafts & games!
Adults: Make your own fascinators.

Silver Beach: “The Way We Were, The Way We Are”

VBDL Webster Memorial, Decatur, welcomes Connie Yore, Curator for the Silver Beach Amusement Park Museum, and Suz Schalon, President of the Silver Beach Carousel Society, Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm.

They will share the interesting history of the original amusement park (do you remember riding **The Comet? The Whip? The Bumper Cars?**) and how the Carousel came back to St. Joseph.



SILVER BEACH
CAROUSEL

Each attendee receives a Carousel ride token and the chance to win

a Magical Memories coupon book. The program is free and open to all!

March Book Madness 2020

Final Four: March 21 - 27
Championship Round:
March 28 - April 3

Backyard Birds

with Naturalist Mike Champagne

Wednesday,

April 15, 2:00pm

VBDL Bangor Branch

Spring marks the return of many migrating birds to southwest Michigan. Which ones stay and raise their young and which ones are just passing through on their way north?

Champagne answers this question while providing helpful hints on bird identification by sight and sound.

The program is free; however, registration is required.



Barn Quilt Workshop Decatur

Saturday, May 9, 10:00am

VBDL Webster Memorial
Decatur

Instructor: Barb Bennett
ABC Barn Quilt Blocks

Cost: \$30 person

Class size is limited to 20
(twenty) participants

Registration is required.

Register online at VBDL.org,
by phone at 269.423.4771
or via email: info@vbdl.org

VBDL Summer Reading



Begins May 26, 2020

What We're Reading

VBDL Gobles Branch
“Daughter of Fortune”
by Isabel Allende
Tuesday, April 14, 5:00pm

VBDL Covert Branch
“Bone and Sinew” by Annalise Cox
Monday, April 20, 5:45pm

VBDL Webster Memorial
“The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio”
by Terry Ryan
Monday, April 20, 6:00pm

VBDL Bangor Branch
“The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson
Tuesday, April 21, 1:30pm

VBDL Lawrence Community Branch
“The Testaments” by Margaret Atwood
Tuesday, April 21, 1:00pm
Tuesday, April 28, 5:30pm

**FREE
COMIC
BOOK
- DAY -**

1st SATURDAY
IN MAY!

May 2, 2020

Van Buren District Library

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