



Travel Around the World with VBDL!

Passports, please!

Throughout 2023 we are inviting our patrons to travel Around the World with VBDL. To keep track of where you go, the library will provide a VBDL passport. Inside the passport, one side will track countries and the other side will track continents. Every VBDL branch will have programming throughout the year covering different countries and in the summer each branch will cover a continent. Every time you travel to a country or continent (i.e. attend a program), you'll get a stamp in your passport and a small prize! If you travel to at least 3 countries or at least 1 continent, you'll get entered for a grand prize basket of snacks from around the world!

You can fill up your passport by traveling to countries or continents at any VBDL branch! So pack your bags and let's go!

Where are we going?

Each VBDL branch is highlighting different countries throughout the world!
See what's happening at all the branches!

Antwerp Sunshine Branch:

Jamaica: Saturday, January 28, 11am

Enjoy some sunshine with fun outdoor activities, crafts, and food.

New Orleans, USA: Tuesday, February 21, 4pm

Let the good times roll with food, crafts, and games to celebrate Mardi Gras!

Bangor Branch:

Mexico: Thursday, January 19, 5pm

Join us for a class on how to make homemade tortillas.

France: Thursday, March 30, 5pm

Learn about French cuisine and a little taste of the language.

Bloomingtondale Branch:

New Zealand: Tuesday, February 7, all day

Pick up a kit to make fairy bread, a sweet and simple treat!

New Zealand: Wednesday, February 22, 6pm

Join us for a jewelry making class inspired by New Zealand.

Greece: Monday, March 13, 6pm

Learn how to make Tiropitakia bread, with samples to and the ingredients for you to make at home.

Greece: Wednesday, March 29, 3:30pm

Love Greek mythology? Kids are invited to make their own Cyclops eye and slingshot inspired by the famous ancient Greek stories!

Covert Branch:

Mexico: Friday, January 6, 3pm

Learn about Dia de los Reyes Magos and enjoy some yummy Rosca!

Liberia: Tuesday, March 14, 5pm

Come and learn about the history and culture of Liberia during a special visitor's talk.

Gobles Branch:

Keep your eyes peeled for a bookmark design challenge during March!

We challenge you to include some design aspect inspired by one of the countries that Gobles is highlighting throughout the year: Andorra, San Marino, Thailand, and Niue!

Need help finding inspiration for these countries? Check out our [catalog](#) for some books or take a look at some databases through the [Michigan Electronic Library \(MeL\)](#)!

Lawrence Branch:

India: Saturday, January 14, 10am

What is the difference between yoga based in India VS western practices? Learn about the importance of breathwork and meditation. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you have one!

India: Saturday, January 28, 11am

Learn about the tradition and application of henna.

India: Saturday, February 25, 11am

Stop by the library for some festival treats and crafts to learn about Holi, the Festival of Colors!

India: Saturday, March 25, 11am

Learn about kites in India and enjoy some yummy treats and crafts.

Webster Memorial Branch:

England: Wednesday, March 22, 3:15pm

Teens are cordially invited to an English-style tea party.

Poland: Monday, April 3, 10am

Join us for a science day and dye some eggs!

*Please note: Some programs may have limited space and materials.
Please check our [online calendar](#) or call to find out if registration is needed.*



Transparent Language

Expand your horizons by learning a new language or brushing up on an old one!

[Transparent Languages](#) is a language learning tool with lessons that help with vocabulary, grammar, listening, reading, and writing, all available for free with your VBDL card.

With over 110 languages available, there's something for almost everyone!



Michigan Electronic Library (MeL)

Researching for a school or work project? Or maybe you just want to learn more about the countries listed above? MeL is here to help with databases for all ages!

Take a look at all the databases available on the [Michigan Electronic Library](#).

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