



Annular Solar Eclipse of the Heart

The Ring of Fire

Are you ready for the annular solar eclipse?
The Van Buren District Library is!

An annular solar eclipse is when the moon crosses between the Earth and the Sun, but does not cover the sun entirely. The Sun leaves a circle around the moon, often called the Ring of Fire. It is different from a total solar eclipse, as the moon completely covers the sun during a total solar eclipse.



In 2023, parts of the United States will experience an annular solar eclipse on Saturday, October 14. VBDL is ready for it, will you be?

Warm-up Eclipse: October's Ring of Fire
Monday, September 25, 6:30pm
Bloomingdale Communications Building
101 W Kalamazoo St,
Bloomington, MI 49026

The Gobles and Bloomingdale branches are teaming up at the Bloomingdale Communications building to have a special event about eclipses! The Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President Richard Bell will explain why annular eclipses occur, describe how the October annular eclipse will look from southwest Michigan, and tell you how to view it safely. No registration is necessary, so be sure to join us! Call the Gobles Branch at 269.628.4537 or the Bloomingdale Branch at 269.521.7601 for more information.

Space Party
Webster Memorial Branch
Saturday, October 14, 12pm
200 North Phelps Street
Decatur MI 49045

Join us at the library for fun that is out of this world!
To celebrate the annular solar eclipse, the Webster Memorial Library is having a Space Party for kids ages 6-12 and their families! Join us for crafts, games, and pizza!
"Space" is limited, registration is required. Register online at vbdl.org or call 269.423.4771.

Grab your sunnies, because these Library Friends are BRIGHT!

Every third week in October comes a time for us to celebrate and appreciate the Friends of the Library who help support their communities. This year, National Friends of the Library week falls on October 15-21.

We want to say a special thank you to all the Friends groups who support VBDL. These wonderful people volunteer their time and energy to make the library a better place through fundraising, advocating, assisting in programs, running book sales, and so much more. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends groups, contact your local VBDL branch or check them out [here!](#)

Friends of the Van Buren District Library



The Friends of the Van Buren District Library (headquartered at the Webster Memorial Branch) have a cookie sale during the holidays and organize the book sales. Recently, they have helped fund a new collection of toys for the children's area of the library!

Friends of the Antwerp Sunshine Library

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The Friends of the Antwerp Sunshine Library have been master gardeners and help keep the garden outside of the main entrance looking lovely. The Junior Friends of the Antwerp Sunshine

Library help by volunteering during programs and maintaining a Monarch Butterfly Waystation located by the Mattawan Police Station.

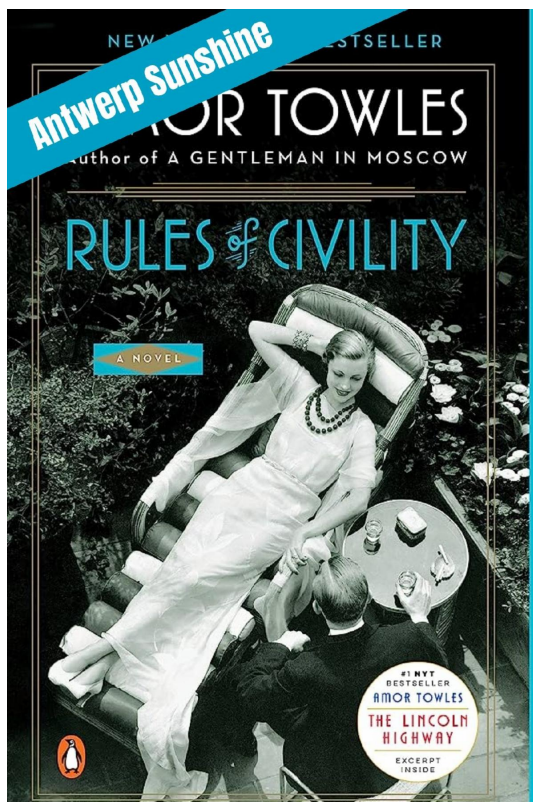
Friends of the Lawrence Library



The Friends of the Lawrence Library help run book sales, participate in parades, lend a hand at Summer Reading Programs events, and have even gone on field trips to support one another outside of the library, like going to a show that another Friends member directed!

VBDL Book Clubs

Pack extra oxygen, because these book clubs can take your breath away!
Find a VBDL book club at a branch near you!



Antwerp Sunshine Branch



Bloomingdale Branch

Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 pm
Rules of Civility
by Amor Towles

Saturday, October 7, 11am
The Key to My Heart
by Lia Louis

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