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## (Re)Discover Lost Skills with the Van Buren District Library in 2025!

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The Van Buren District Library is proud to announce 2025 as the Year of (Re)Discovering Lost Skills! Throughout 2025, the library invites the community to explore hands-on activities, practical skills, and creative pursuits common in the past.



The year of learning (or relearning) lost skills kicks off with the Districtwide Fiber Arts Event on Saturday, February 22, from 11am to 1pm at the VBISD Conference Center, located at 490 S Paw Paw St, Lawrence, MI 49064. This event highlights a variety of fiber arts, including

- wet felting
- embroidery
- basic sewing
- a yarn take and leave table
- and more!

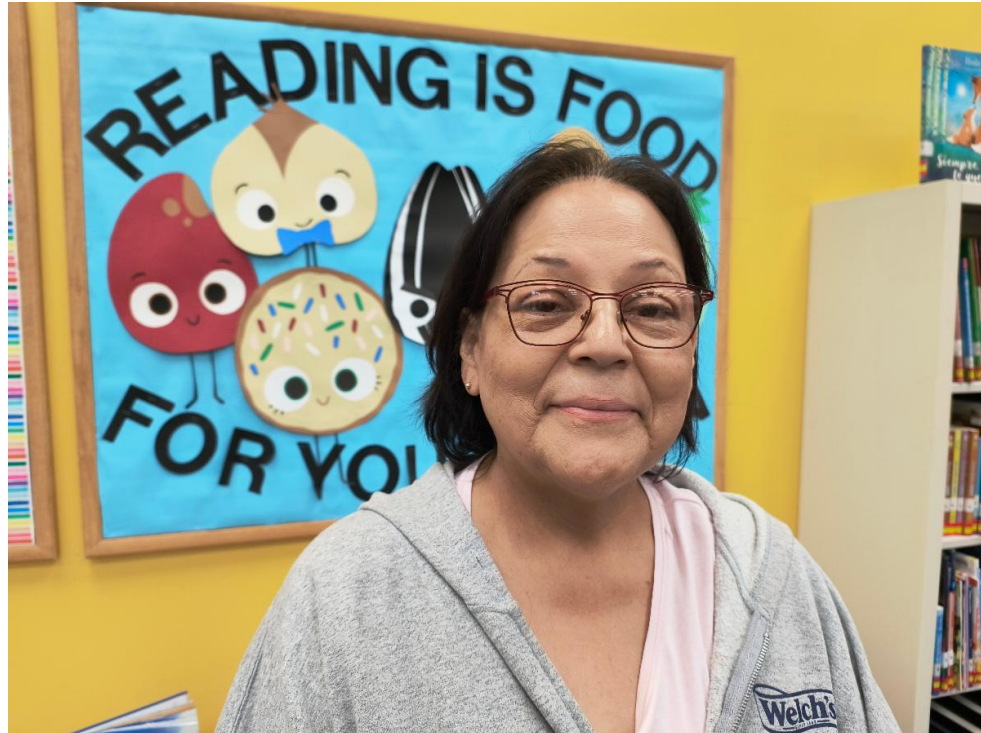
Attendees of all ages are encouraged to drop in, observe artisans in action, and try their hand at these timeless crafts.

The Van Buren District Library has a [full calendar of programs](#) throughout the year. Including skills such as beekeeping, flower arranging, painting, cooking, and gardening, there's something for everyone!

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## Community Resources in Van Buren County

The library is a center of information, and that includes sharing where you can access resources to help children grow to be successful, provide services for personal mental health, and resources for those experiencing difficult financial times. While we are not directly connected to these organizations, we are happy to be a touchpoint for access and information. Find out more about some of the resources available to you in Van Buren County!



Mary with the VBISD Family Links is happy to share all about the resources available to your young family!

### Family Links

Do you have young children? Are you looking for resources to help you connect with others? Find information on early childhood development and education? Or maybe you want to reach out to someone who can help give tips and tricks to making sure your child is ready for school? [Family Links](#) is in connection to the VBISD and offers resources in both English and Spanish with information to help your children's early development from prenatal all the way to when they start kindergarten!

### Help Me Grow

[Help Me Grow](#) is available to help families with children prenatal to 6 years old find information and resources to help their little ones grow up healthy and prepare them to succeed school and life. They offer numerous resources, including development screening, finding connection with other parents and events, and information about free preschools, childcare, home visits, and other supports for young families.

### Respite Foster Care: An evening kids craft and learn!

Interested in becoming a foster parent or how to support foster kids? Want to enjoy a fun kids craft and spend time out of the house? If you answer yes to either of these questions, stop by the [VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch on Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30pm](#) or the

**VBDL Webster Memorial Branch on Wednesday, January 29 at 6pm.** Simply come by, enjoy a craft, and listen about fostering kids in Michigan. No registration necessary!

### **VB Community Mental Health**

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, reach out to **Van Buren Community Mental Health**. With video telehealth, in-person appointments available, the VB Community Mental Health is here to help.

### **United Christian Services**

Find resources to help make ends meet including supplemental food, clothing closet, laundry assistance, diaper bank, and emergency assistance. **[Find more information about their services on their website.](#)**

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## **1000 Hours Outside Wrap-up**

In 2024, we enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors in an aim to reach 1000 hours outside! We enjoyed activities like building snowmen, snow painting, making suncatchers with ice, nature walks, a kickball tournament, science experiments on the library lawn, Story Times in the park, and chalk the walks. As we enter into a new year with new goals of learning (or relearning) lost skills, we still enjoyed the time outside and the time spent with you! Keep an eye out in the spring when we put out our Seed Libraries and other events that use nature as the backdrop and continue being outside!



Taking a break during Bloomingdale's Kickball Tournament

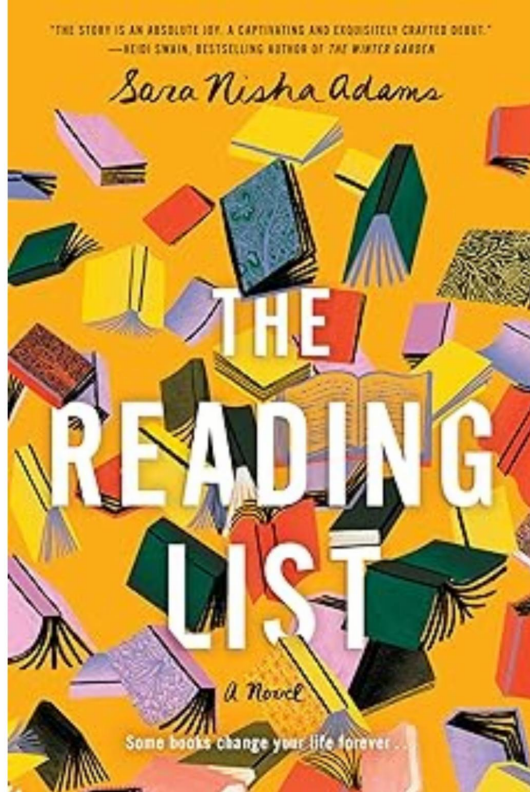
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# **Van Buren Book Club Picks!**

**Antwerp Sunshine Branch**

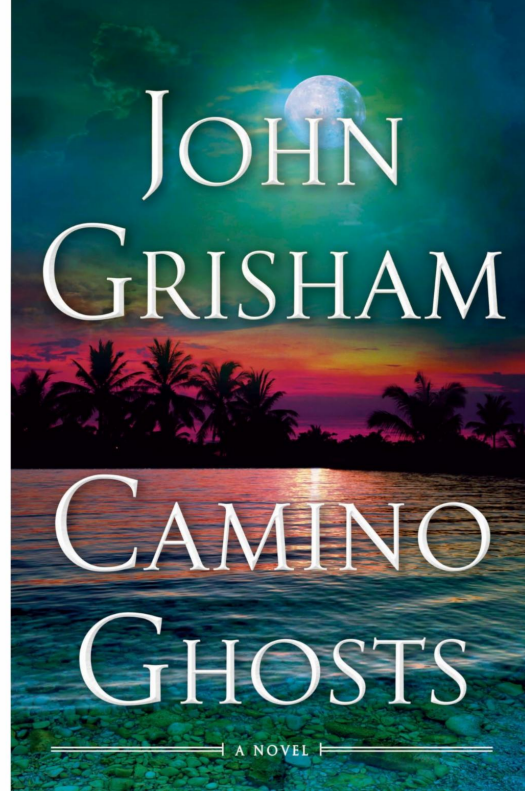
**Covert Branch**





Join the Club at the Antwerp Sunshine Branch on **Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30pm** to discuss this month's book! *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams asks if a mysterious book list curated by a stranger could change your life, and if yes, how? Would this book change your life? Read it and talk about it!

Questions? Call 269.668.2534 or email [Antwerp@vbdl.org](mailto:Antwerp@vbdl.org)



The Covert Cover to Cover Book Club is reading John Grisham's *Camino Ghosts* on **Monday, January 20, at 5:30pm** and we would love to have you with us!

Questions? Call, 269.764.1298 or email [Covert@vbdl.org](mailto:Covert@vbdl.org).

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