

SUMMER 2026 PROGRAMS



You won't want to miss these FREE activities happening at your library!

EVERYONE *These programs are for everyone!*

Summer Reading Kick-Off ★

Saturday, June 6 from 11 am - 3 pm
Ready to dig up some fun? Join us anytime between 11 am and 3 pm to sign up for Summer Reading and discover FREE mini golf, face painting, a bounce house, and a petting zoo. Get ready to *Unearth a Story* and kick off your summer adventure!



Birds of Prey ★

Thursday, June 11 at 2:30 pm
Meet real-life birds of prey like hawks, owls, and falcons, and discover their habitats and life stories with Outdoor Discovery Center. Explore hands-on artifacts like skulls, feathers, pelts, and talons. **No registration required, but seating is limited.**



DIY Rock Candy Kit

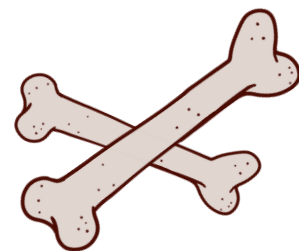
Pickup Friday, June 19 - Saturday, June 27
What happens when you mix sugar with a little patience? A sweet science experiment! Pick up a DIY kit to grow your own rock candy at home! All supplies will be included. **Pre-registration is required and opens on June 5.**

Summer Solstice Yoga & Sound Bath ★

Saturday, June 20 from 12 - 1 pm
Celebrate the Summer Solstice with slow, restorative gentle yoga and sound healing. Slow movement and mindful breath will be combined with crystal bowls, chimes, and other vibrational tones to help you release stress and realign with the energy of light and abundance. Yoga mats will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own.

Foam Party ★

Thursday, June 25 from 1 - 3 pm
Dive into bubbly bliss at our annual Foam Party with tons of foam, lively music, fun games, and lots of excitement! Be sure to wear a swimsuit or clothes you don't mind getting wet, and bring a towel! Note: foam is vegan, water-based, and hypoallergenic.



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Dinosaur Drawing ★

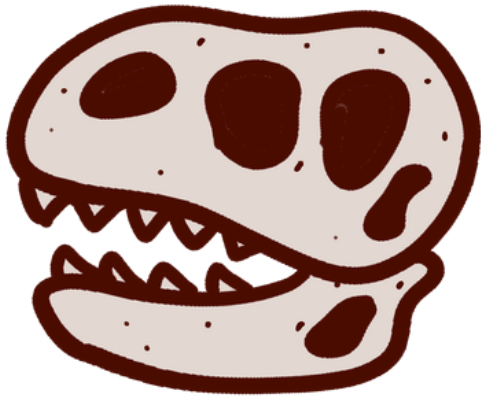
Thursday, July 9 at 3:30 pm

Using basic shapes, learn to create your favorite dinosaurs with artist Corinne Roberts. No prior drawing experience is needed. All materials will be provided. **No registration required, but seating is limited.**

Dino Dance Party ★

Monday, July 13 at 4 pm

This dinosaur themed dance program features a delightful blend of dance and music to entertain audiences of all ages. Silk fans, hula hoops, Levitation wands, magic, plate spinning, Poi dancing and more!



Auditioning 101: Getting Started in Theater

Wednesday, July 15 at 6 pm

A beginner-friendly workshop designed to introduce all ages to the audition process. Participants will learn key skills, review examples, and discover opportunities in acting, stage crew, makeup, and more.

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary ★

Thursday, July 23 at 3 pm

Learn the natural history and characteristics of some fascinating reptiles as Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary gives you a close-up look at a variety of live animals. **No registration required, but seating is limited.**

EVERYONE RECURRING

Gentle Basic Yoga ★

Saturdays, June 27; July 11 & 25 at 11:15 am

Local instructor Amy Hansen presents hatha and yin style yoga to increase flexibility, build strength and stamina and promote stillness of mind. For all ages and abilities. Yoga mats will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. We will be outside when weather permits. **Please note: The library will be closed on June 27. Weather permitting, yoga will be held outdoors with no building access. See our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.**



MULTIPLE AGES

These programs are for multiple age groups. Please see the recommended ages for each program.

Gather 2 Grow Summer Meal Program

Monday through Friday from 11 am - 1 pm
(June 8 - September 4, except July 3)

We are excited to begin a new partnership this year with Feeding America® West Michigan as a site in their Gather 2 Grow program. Free meals are available for youth 18 and younger and developmentally delayed adults up to 26 years of age throughout the summer. Prepacked meals are available for pickup between 11 am to 1 pm Monday through Friday. Meals may be eaten outside on the library grounds or taken off-site. No registration required. Menus and more information available at the library or on flatriverlibrary.org.

The Clapp Family Mastodon with Dr. Cory Redman from GRPM - Adult & Ages 8+

Monday, June 22 at 6 pm

Dr. Cory Redman from the Grand Rapids Public Museum will present on the discovery of a nearly complete juvenile Mastodon skeleton that was found during a construction dig on the Clapp family property in Kent City in 2022.

K-pop Party - Teen & Adult

Saturday, July 18 from 12 - 4 pm

Join fellow K-pop fans for an afternoon of music and fun! Decorate top loaders to display your bias in style, trade photocards with other collectors, show off your dance moves, and try some Korean food and snacks!

Rock On! - Grades K - 6th

Thursday, July 30 at 2 pm

Leave no stone unturned as you explore Earth's wondrous rocks and minerals with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Put your skills to the test by identifying mystery specimens through hands-on experiments. **No registration required, but seating is limited.**

MULTIPLE AGES RECURRING

Flat River Writers Group - Teen & Adult

2nd Monday of each month at 6 pm

Join our monthly writers group! This group is open to all experience levels and genres. Participants will share writing interests, and discuss and workshop their writing, so feel free to bring your work in progress!

YOUTH

Youth programs are designed for children up to and including those in 5th grade, and when stated, their caregivers. Please see the recommended ages for each program.

YOUTH RECURRING

Preschool Storytime - Ages 3 to 6

Tuesdays at 10 am - Ages 3 to 6
(June 9 - July 28, no program June 30)

Engage your preschooler with stories, songs, activities, and crafts that help develop early literacy skills. This summer's theme is "Unearth a Story"!

Mini Movers - Ages 2 & Younger

Wednesdays at 10 am - Ages 2 & younger
(June 10 - July 29, no program July 1)

Enjoy a story, songs, rhymes, and playtime while building essential early literacy skills! This program is for babies and toddlers 2 years old and younger and their caregivers.

Civil War Sabers Class for Teens ★

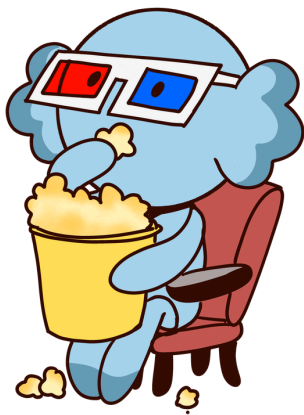
Tuesday, June 9 at 4 pm

Learn the fundamentals and techniques of Civil War-era swordsmanship with Jerry Berg of the Swordsmanship Museum & Academy. **Pre-registration is required and opens on May 26. Space is limited.**

Teen Lounge Window Art Challenge

Monday, June 15 at 4 pm

Make an art on the windows surrounding the Teen Lounge for a chance to win! You'll be provided a "frame" within which to create your art using only library-provided window markers. Creations should fit this summer's theme of "Unearth a Story." A panel of library judges will select a winner and prizes will be awarded. Snacks will be provided. After the event, public voting will begin! Everyone is invited to check out the art between June 15 and June 29 to vote for your favorites.



Jurassic Park Movie Night for Teens

Monday, June 22 at 3:30 pm

"Hold onto your butts..." and join us for an interactive viewing of Jurassic Park (©Universal Pictures, PG-13) just for teens! Come dressed as your favorite character (or in your best Hawaiian shirt and glasses) and participate with audience cues. Snacks will be provided.

Teen Laser Tag ★

Friday, July 10 at 5 pm

Enjoy free reign of the library when you join us and BattleGR for after hours, lights out, laser tag for teens only! **Pre-registration is required and opens on June 26. Permission slip AND waiver required. Space is limited.**

Asian Snack Tasting

Tuesday, July 21 at 4 pm

Taste and rate a unique variety of sweet and savory snacks from countries across the Asian continent and vote for your favorites! **Pre-registration is required and opens on July 7. Space is limited.**

Teen Summer Reading Finale

Friday, July 31 at 5 pm

This exclusive, after-hours party with pizza, prizes, games, and activities for teens only is one you won't want to miss! Teens receive an invitation by logging 24 hours of reading—see library staff for rules and details. **Invitation, pre-registration with staff, and permission slip are required.**

TEEN RECURRING

TAB: Teen Advisory Board

3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm

Why join TAB? It's a way to make new friends, suggest books and other materials for the library, plan programs, help make the library welcoming AND gain volunteer experience that looks great on a resume! See Miss Tiffany or other library staff for an application to join. Must be at least 13 years old to join.

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ADULT *Adult programs are designed for people ages 18 and up.*

Learn Shuttle Tatting

Mondays, June 8, 15 & 22 from
10 - 11:30 am

Participants will learn the essential elements of how to make handmade lace with shuttle tatting, including the double stitch, the flip, picots, joins, and rings, in this three-part class. **One pre-registration is required for all three sessions and opens on May 25.**



FRCP Improv Workshop

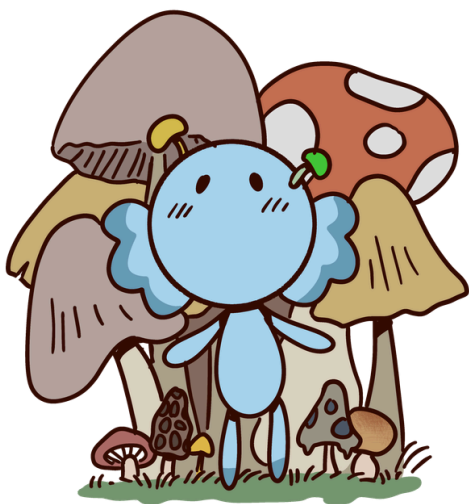
Monday, June 15 at 6 pm

Join Flat River Community Players for a hands-on workshop focused on building improv skills in a fun, relaxed, and welcoming space. Come make new friends, share some laughs, and learn about the FRCP community!

Wild Mushroom Identification ★

Wednesday, June 17 at 6 pm

Join Chris Swanson from Mycophile's Garden as he discusses the various forgeable mushrooms in the Great Lakes region, and teaches tips and tricks on how to find and identify them.



After Hours Ghost Investigation ★

Friday, June 19 from 8 - 11 pm

Join Lifted Veil Paranormal Investigations for an engaging, hands-on evening featuring ghost-hunting equipment demos, small-group investigations, and real evidence from past cases. Experience what it's like to conduct a true paranormal investigation inside the library after dark! **Pre-registration is required and opens on June 5. Space is limited.**

How to Cook a Dinosaur ★

Tuesday, June 23 at 6 pm

While we can't get fresh T-rex meat, we can cook with the next best thing—chicken! Come explore different ways to cook the modern relatives of dinosaurs and learn some new recipes. **Pre-registration is required and opens June 9.**

One Book One County, Montcalm- Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 24 at 6 pm

Read along with all of Montcalm County and join us for a book discussion on a title relevant to the area. The book will be revealed at the 2026 One Book One County, Montcalm kickoff event on May 19 at MCC.

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Jurassic Park Movie Night for Adults

Thursday, July 16 at 5:30 pm

"Hold onto your butts..." and join us for an interactive viewing of Jurassic Park (©Universal Pictures, PG-13) just for adults! Come dressed as your favorite character (or in your best Hawaiian shirt and glasses) and participate with audience cues. Note: Popcorn contains peanut oil.

Understanding Dementia-Related Behaviors

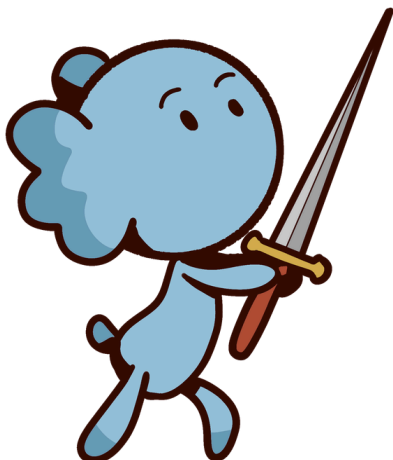
Friday, July 17 at 10 am

Join Claire Fisher from the Alzheimer's Association for a presentation for caregivers, where she will go over common behavior changes and how they communicate, non-medical approaches to behaviors, and recognizing when additional help is needed.

Medieval Longswords Class for Adults

Wednesday, July 22 at 6 pm

Learn the art of Medieval and Renaissance swordsmanship using the Longsword in this class led by Jerry Berg of the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy. Participants will practice techniques using a provided practice sword. **Pre-registration is required and opens on July 8. Space is limited.**



Fish Bone Necklace Take & Make

Thursday, July 23 at 12 & 6 pm

Use clay and jump rings to make this wearable craft—please note that an oven is required to bake the clay. There is no registration; a limited amount of kits will be available at the Patron Services desk on Thursday at 12 pm and at 6 pm, while supplies last. Limited to ONE kit per person and not holdable. You must be present to pick up a kit.

Faux Taxidermy Craft Night ★

Wednesday, July 29 at 6 pm

Make a cute faux taxidermy wall decoration using a deconstructed stuffed bear, hot glue, and odds and ends! **Pre-registration is required and opens on July 15.**

ADULT RECURRING

Happy Bookers Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm

Are you looking to connect with other readers who enjoy and discuss thought-provoking literature? Join our Happy Bookers Book Club for monthly discussions! Upcoming discussions: June - American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins and July - Owner of a Lonely Heart by Beth Nguyen.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, June 11 & July 9 at 11 am

Join certified yoga instructor Vanessa Palmer from Unveiled Expanse for beginner-level chair yoga. The session will include breath work, meditation, and slow-paced poses and movements done from sitting in and using a chair for balance. The class will facilitate a sense of calm, grounding and connection to your body while encouraging gentle movement.

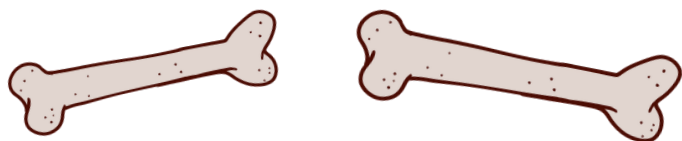
ADULT RECURRING

Flat River Adult Advisory Board

2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm
Join the Flat River Adult Advisory Board! This is a volunteer opportunity for adults who are 18 years old or older and are active patrons of the Flat River Community Library. They will assist in the planning of library programs and events as well as suggest materials for the library collection. Become a cool library adult—see Kristin or other library staff for a registration form and join us at our next meeting!

Craft-In

4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm
Bring your works in progress, such as crochet, collage, sewing, etc., to the library! Each month will include library-provided paper crafting supplies or a special craft. Check our social media before each program to find out what we will be making!



REGISTRATION

Registration opens at 9:15 am on the pre-registration date indicated in the event description. For these programs register online at www.flatriverlibrary.org, call the library at (616)754-6359, or see a library staff member.



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ADULT IN THE COMMUNITY

These events are held at Flat River Brewing.

Silent Book Club

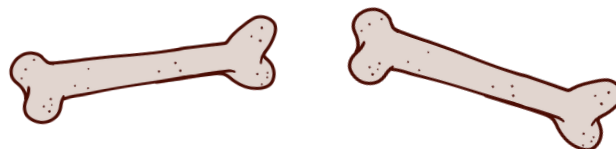
1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm
Join the Flat River chapter of Silent Book Club® on the first Wednesday of each month at Flat River Brewing! There's no assigned reading; just bring a book and enjoy an hour of quiet camaraderie before an optional half-hour discussion.

Board Games & Brews

2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm
Swing by Flat River Brewing and join us for a casual night of table top games. We'll provide some games and appetizers, but feel free to bring any game you'd like to play.

Flat River Spoken Word Night

3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm
Join us for an evening of unforgettable stories and verse at Flat River Brewing. Listen, share, and connect through poetry and performance in a welcoming, creative space.



KEEP UP TO DATE

Find the most up-to-date program information at www.flatriverlibrary.org and the library Facebook page.

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Fri - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
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