



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2026 PROGRAMS



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

EVERYONE *These programs are for everyone!*

Take-Home Craft: Shrinky Dinks

Pick up Friday, September 18 through
Saturday, September 26

Create a one-of-a-kind keychain or magnet with the magic of Shrinky Dinks! Trace a design or draw your own on special Shrinky Dink plastic, then pop it in the oven and watch it shrink into an adorable mini creation. Participants must provide their own oven and scissors.

Pre-registration is required and opens September 4.



Full Moon Yoga & Sound Bath

Saturday, September 26 at 11:15am

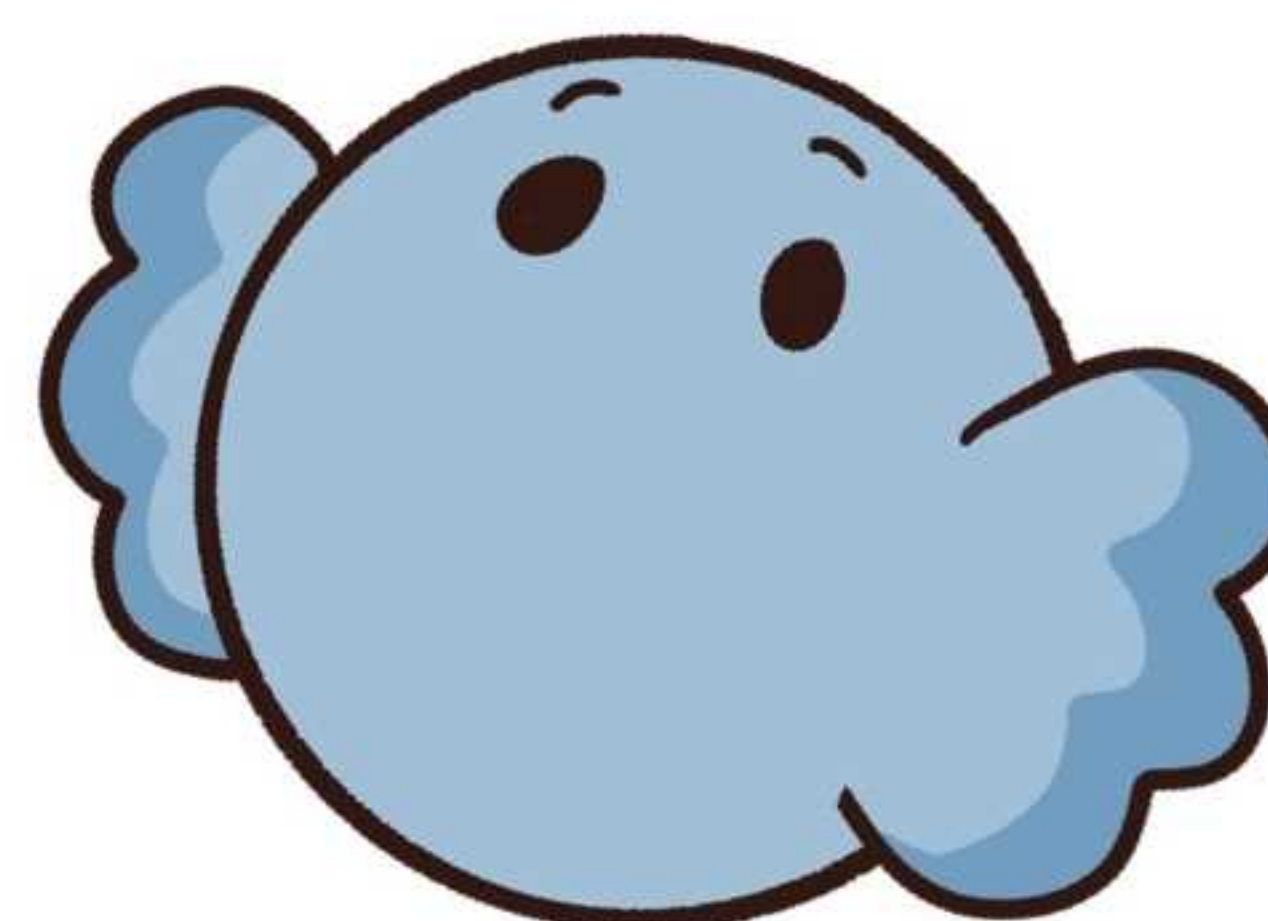
Join certified yoga instructors Amy Hansen and Vanessa Palmer from Unveiled Expanse for a slow, restorative gentle yoga and sound healing. Slow movement and mindful breath will be combined with crystal bowls, chimes, and other vibrational tones. Together we'll celebrate what is flourishing, express gratitude, offer forgiveness where it's needed, and gently let go of what is ready to be released—making space for the next beginning. Yoga mats will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. Program will be outside if weather permits.

EVERYONE RECURRING

Block Party Day

Thursday, September 3 from 10 am to
5:30 pm

Visit the library anytime between 10 am and 5:30 pm to make a unique Lego creation and display it in the library to be admired! All materials will be provided.



Family Movie

Thursday, October 1 at 4:15 pm

Join us for a showing of a recently released, family-friendly movie on our big screen (popcorn included!). This month's movie is: The Sheep Detectives (©MGM, PG). **Note: popcorn contains peanut oil.**



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Gentle Basic Yoga

Saturdays, October 17 & 31 at 11:15 am

Local certified yoga 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. Program will be outside when weather permits. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



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

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Preschool Storytime - Ages 3 to 6

Tuesdays at 10 am

(September 8 - November 24, no program September 22)

Engage your preschooler with stories, songs, activities, and crafts that help develop early literacy skills. Each week's theme will be loosely based on a letter of the alphabet.



Mini Movers - Ages 2 & younger

Wednesdays at 10 am

(September 9 - November 25, no program September 23)

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.

MULTIPLE AGES

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

Saturday Craft-In: Junk Journaling - Teen & Adult

Saturday, September 12 from 11 am - 1 pm
Bring your junk journal to a fun and laid-back journaling session at the library! We will provide refreshments and some supplies—just drop-in between 11am and 1pm for crafty comradery with other makers!

History & Practice of Card Divination - Ages 14+ & Adult

Tuesdays, September 22 & 29; Thursday, October 15 at 6 pm

Join Gabby Brown, with six years of Tarot experience, to learn about the history and practice of divination card reading including playing cards, Tarot, and oracle cards. Participants will attend three sessions covering the history of divination as a whole, then delve into Tarot specifically in order to learn about the cards and practice. **One pre-registration and attendance at all three sessions are required. Registration opens September 8.**

Learn About Ghost Investigating with Julie Rathsack- Teen & Adult

Tuesday, October 20 at 6 pm

Join paranormal investigator and author Julie Rathsack for an engaging look at how modern ghost investigations really work. Learn about tools like K2 meters, Spirit Boxes, SLS cameras, recorders, and more—and see examples of how they're used during real investigations. This fun, educational program is perfect for anyone curious about haunted history, technology, or the unexplained. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Murder at the Library Take-Home Whodunit - Ages 8+ & Adult

Pick-up Thursday, October 22 through Thursday, October 29

There's been a murder at the library and we need your help to solve it in this take-home whodunit game! Play by yourself or with a group to get to know staff members and solve the mystery before the killer strikes again! **Pre-registration is required (please register just once if playing with a group) and opens October 8.**



MULTIPLE AGES RECURRING

Collage Night - Teen & Adult

Wednesday, September 30 at 6 pm

Bring your imagination to the library—no rules, no rulers, no permission required. Whether you're a seasoned art-maker or someone who hasn't picked up scissors since grade school. Come make some unique art and meet new friends.

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!

Tween programs are for kids in 3rd through 6th grade.

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Teen programs are for teens in 6th through 12th grade.

TEEN



Teen Nerf Night - Teen

Friday, September 18 at 5 pm

Teens have the run of the library at this after-hours Nerf event where you'll play capture the flag and more! We provide all of the ammo (standard Nerf darts only) and some blasters, but participants who have their own unmodified blasters may bring them. **Pre-registration and permission slips are required. Pre-registration opens September 4. Space is limited.**

Creepy Crawly Perler Art - Tween & Teen

Monday, October 26 at 4:30 pm

Make a beetle or spider using Perler beads and turn your finished design into creepy wall art just in time for Halloween! Snacks are included.

Faux Taxidermy Craft Night - Teen

Thursday, October 29 at 5:30 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 October 15. Space is limited.**

TWEEN & TEEN RECURRING

Pizza & Pages - Tween

2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm

There's nothing better than books and pizza! Sign up, read any book that fits the month's theme, then come to the meeting to share a little about what you read while eating pizza. Also, participate in our exclusive, Pizza & Pages members only, auction for awesome prizes. Upcoming themes are: September - School and October - Scary. Thank you to BC Pizza for donating pizza for this event! **Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.**

Super Smash Bros. Tournament - Teen

Thursday, September 10 at 4 pm

Compete for glory and prizes playing Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on our Nintendo Switch in the Teen Lounge. Snacks are included for maximum fun.

TAB: Teen Advisory Board - Teen 13+

3rd Wednesday of the 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.

Mario Kart Tournament - Teen

Thursday, October 8 at 4 pm

Compete for glory and prizes playing Mario Kart 8 Deluxe on our Nintendo Switch in the Teen Lounge. The tournament will be played at 150cc. Snacks are included for maximum fun. **Pre-registration is required and opens September 24. Space is limited.**

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

Know Your Community: Emergency Services

Tuesday, September 15 at 6 pm

Join Logan Bissell, Director of Montcalm County Dispatch, to learn about the history of 911 and how 911 Dispatchers serve a vital role in the community. He will also review the importance of the non-emergency line, (989) 831-3500.

Button Chain Bracelet Take & Make

Thursday, September 17 at 12 pm & 6 pm

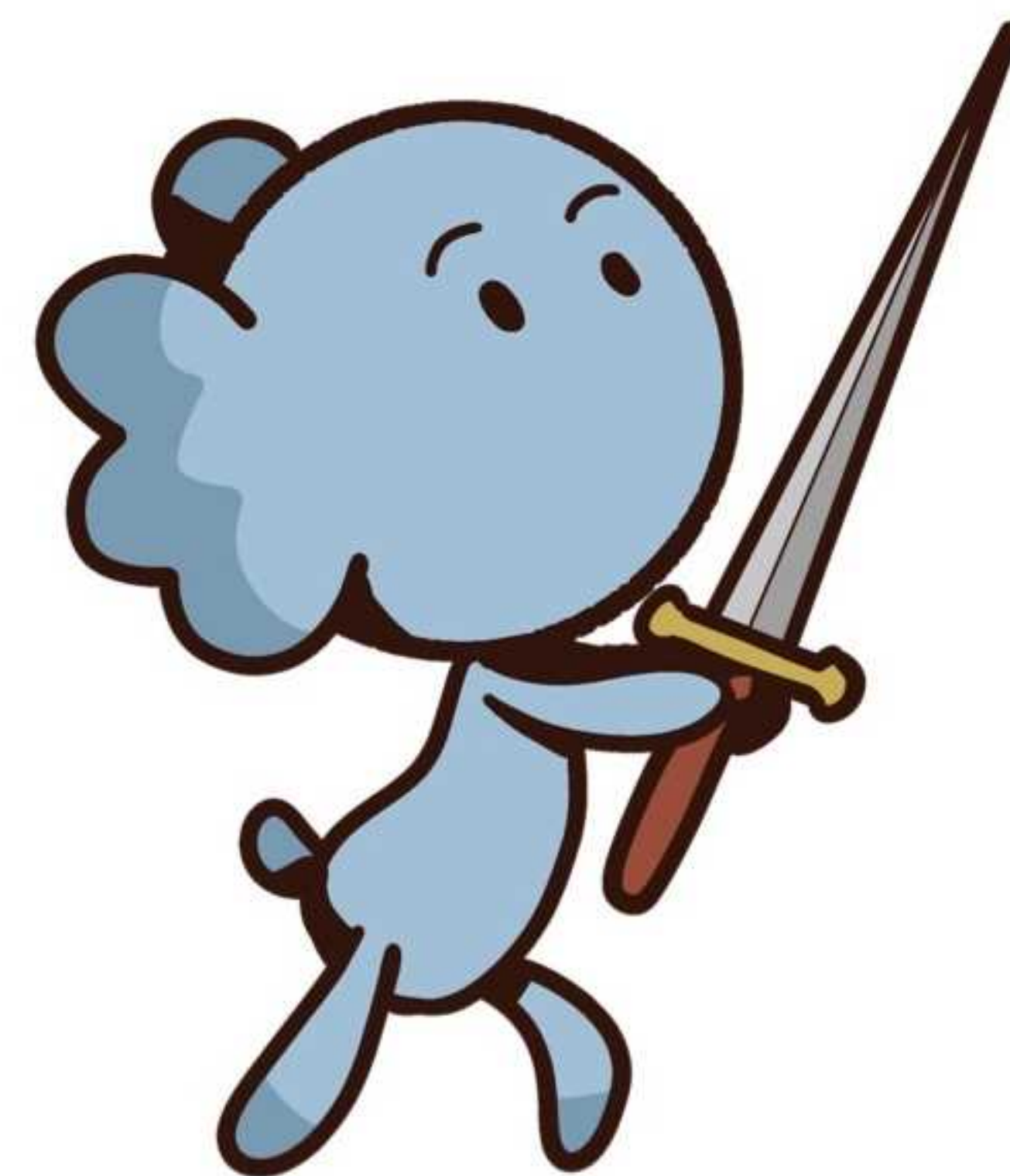
Use buttons and jump rings to make a whimsical bracelet! Please note pliers are required and are available for in-library use. There is no registration; a limited amount of kits will be available at the Patron Services desk on Thursday, at 12 pm and 6 pm, while supplies last. Limited to ONE kit per person and not holdable. You must be present to pick up a kit.

International Noodle Taste Test!

Saturday, September 19 at 1 pm

Join us as we sample instant noodles and toppings from countries like Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, and Japan. Do the spicy noodle challenge and see how much you can endure! Please note that shellfish and gluten foods will be prepared and served in this program.

Pre-registration is required and opens September 8.



Blades of the Revolutionary War with Jerry Berg

Monday, September 21 at 6 pm

Join Swordsmanship Museum and Academy historian Jerry Berg as he leads us back to the battlefields of Revolutionary America. He will bring artifacts from the 18th century as well as high quality replicas, and will focus not only on the variety of swords and blades used in the war, but also specifics on how they were used in combat and on the battlefield. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Welcome to the Party, Crawler!

Friday, October 2 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm

Welcome to the library dungeon, crawler! Join us for an ADULTS-ONLY AFTER-HOURS PARTY where you must NERF battle to escape the library level, enjoy dirty Shirley mocktails, do some crafting, AND MORE! Dress for the costume contest (shoes and pants are required but be creative, weirdos!) and hang-out with other DCC fans! Nerf blasters will be provided.

Pre-registration is required and opens September 18.

Michigan in the Dark with Tobin T. Buhk

Monday, October 5 at 6 pm

Venture into the dark with true crime author Tobin T. Buhk, who will introduce you to a cannibal killer who left his macabre trophies in a rented home; two suspected witches; the cult murder of an entire family; a trail of bloodless victims that led investigators to suspect a vampire killer; and other real Michigan monsters. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Spackle Ghost & Pumpkin Canvas Craft Night

Wednesday, October 7 at 6 pm

Join us for a haunted evening of using spackle and paint to create an eerie canvas fitting for your Halloween decor! ***Pre-registration is required and opens September 23.***



Know Your Community: Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE)

Monday, October 19 at 6 pm

Join Donna Larson of Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE) and Jill Hicks of Michigan Mobile Forensics 1 as they present on free and confidential services provided to the community and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

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: September - Theo of Golden by Allen Levi and October - The Woman in the White Kimono by Ana Johns.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, September 14 & 21; October 12 & 19 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.

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!

ADULT RECURRING

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!

New Parent Skills & Support Group Fridays, September 25 & October 23 at 10 am

Join Bethany Hintz, LMSW Outpatient Therapist, and other new parents for an hour of skills and support in a safe space where you can have your voices heard and mental health normalized. If you have struggled with postpartum depression/anxiety, you don't have to face it alone.

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.

Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9 am - 8 pm
Fri - Sat: 9 am - 5 pm
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