FLAT RIVER
Community Library

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026 PROGRAMS



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

EVERYONE *These programs are for everyone!*

Family Photo Shoot with Brooklynne Grover

Saturday, November 7 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm

Come to the library to have a family photo taken by local photographer Brooklynne Grover! The photographs will be taken outside, so please dress appropriately. You will receive one digital photo by email for you to use as you wish. Each family is limited to 7 individuals—please register just once for your family. A limited number of sessions are available. You must arrive a minimum of five minutes before your appointment as we cannot hold it for you. ***Pre-registration is required and opens October 23. Registration by phone (616-754-6359) is required and is not available online.*** *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Family Puzzle Competition

Monday, November 16 at 5:30 pm

Create your own team of 2 to 4 people. Teams must have at least one adult and one child (under 18 years old). Once the clock starts, teams will have 2 hours to complete a 300-piece puzzle. The first three teams to finish will win a prize! ***Pre-registration is required. Register only ONE person PER TEAM. Registration opens November 2. Space is limited.***

EVERYONE RECURRING

Block Party Day

Thursday, November 5 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.

Gentle Basic Yoga

Saturdays, November 14 & 21; December 5 & 19 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
(through November 24)
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
(through November 25)
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.

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

MULTIPLE AGES

Book Bedazzling! - Teen & Adult
Monday, November 23 at 6 pm
You bring a book and we'll provide the *dazzle* for this craft night! Gems, glue, and picker tools will be provided. ***Pre-registration is required and opens November 9.***

Holiday Craft Night - Adult & Ages 5+
Monday, December 7 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Drop into the library between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm to make a variety of holiday crafts suitable for gifts! There will be stations for multiple crafts for everyone–kids, teens, and adults–to make, including gingerbread slime, ornaments, cards, and more gifts!

Holiday Relax & Unwind Sound Bath - Teen & Adult
Saturday, December 12 at 11 am
Join Vanessa Palmer with Unveiled Expanse and give yourself a moment of calm amid the busyness of the holiday season. This sound bath will weave gentle meditation, simple mudras (hand gestures), and soothing sound into a restorative experience that invites you to slow down, release tension, and reconnect with yourself. Come rest, receive, and find a little peace in the midst of it all.

MULTIPLE AGES RECURRING

Collage Night - Teen & Adult
Wednesday, December 30 at 6 pm
Bring your imagination to the library—no rules, no rulers, no permission required. For seasoned art-makers or those who haven'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 *Tween programs are for kids in 3rd through 6th grade.*

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

Oreo Taste Test - Teen
Thursday, November 19 at 4 pm
Teens (grades 6-12) are invited to taste and rate a variety of Oreo flavors. Challenge your taste buds and vote for the ultimate Oreo champion. ***Pre-registration is required for EACH PARTICIPANT and opens November 5. Space is limited.***



Holiday Spackle Art & Hot Cocoa Bar - 4th - 12th Grades
Thursday, December 3 at 4:30 pm
Tweens and teens in grades 4-12 can make your own holiday spackle art. All craft materials, a hot cocoa bar and other snacks will be provided. ***Pre-registration is required and opens November 19. Space is limited.***

TWEEN & TEEN RECURRING

Pizza & Pages - Tween
November 10 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. The theme for November is Feel-Good Stories. Thank you to BC Pizza for donating pizza for this event! ***Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.***



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.***

Kick & Count Line Dancing with Courtney Ohman

Wednesday, November 4 at 6 pm

Join us for a fun, beginner-friendly line dancing class! No experience or partner is needed. We'll learn dances step-by-step at an easy-to-follow pace while enjoying great music, movement, and plenty of laughs. Come as you are and get ready to dance! ***Pre-registration is required and opens October 21.*** *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

Pie Magnet Take & Make

Thursday, November 12 at 10 am & 5 pm

Make a deliciously cute magnet for pie season using a lid, pompoms, and felt! Please note a hot glue gun is required and is available for in-library use. There is no registration; a limited amount of kits will be available at the Patron Services desk on November 12, at 10 am and 5 pm, while supplies last. Limited to ONE kit per person and not holdable. You must be present to pick up a kit.



Cobweb Broom Making Class with Suzie Roberts

Tuesday, November 17 at 6 pm

Join Suzie Roberts of Branded Goat Design to make your own Cobweb Broom using natural broomcorn, black cord, and a short natural stick handle. The process involves simultaneously using your feet, hands, and arms to create tension to wind cord and broomcorn. You will be working with wet broomcorn on your lap, so be prepared to get a little messy, or bring a towel. You will also need to use your bare feet and must remove shoes and socks. ***Pre-registration is required and opens November 3. Due to the cost of the materials and limited spaces available, if you need to cancel your registration you must give at least 24-hours notice by calling the library at (616) 754-6359.*** *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



A New Phase for Black Field & the Library with Director Stef Reed

Wednesday, November 18 at 6 pm

See what's next for Black Field and the library building! Our director will provide information about the upcoming Phase One of building and facility renovations, and will answer questions about what the community can expect in the future.

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Discovering Michigan's Sunken Secrets with Ross Richardson

Tuesday, December 8 at 6 pm

Join author and shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson to learn the thrilling stories behind Michigan's most baffling maritime mysteries—and of his own discoveries of long-lost vessels and aircraft. This immersive program highlights cutting-edge tools like side-scan sonar and underwater robotics that are rewriting Great Lakes history, and what we know about the bottom of our lakes. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



Library Game Night with FRAAB: Round Robin Edition!

Thursday, December 10 at 6 pm

Join the Flat River Adult Advisory Board (FRAAB) for a fun evening of playing board games and meeting new friends! Games will include Sorry, Trouble, Uno, Life, Monopoly, and an original game called Dirty Marbles! Participants will play each game with a set amount of time before moving to the next game, picking-up where the last players left-off, round robin-style! ***Pre-registration is required and opens November 25.***



Pipe Cleaner Tree Take & Make

Friday, December 11 - Friday, December 18

Use pipe cleaners and paper to make a cute tree decoration complete with baubles! Please note a hot glue gun is required and are available for in-library use. ***Pre-registration is required and opens November 30.***

Know Your Community: End of Life Advanced Planning with Christiansen's Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care

Tuesday, December 15 at 6 pm

Join Lisa Blanchard from the locally owned Christiansen's Michigan Cremation & Funeral Care for an informational presentation about the benefits of end of life advanced planning and information on services available for veterans.

Holiday Feasts Around the World Taste Test

Monday, December 21 at 6 pm

We have our own beloved holiday foods we look forward to each year, but do you ever wonder what they eat in other countries to celebrate the holidays? Join us as we demonstrate and taste a variety of sweet and savory dishes enjoyed each winter in places like Poland, Sri Lanka, Japan, Puerto Rico and more! ***Pre-registration is required and opens December 7.***

Flat River Adult Advisory Board

2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm

Join the Flat River Adult Advisory Board (FRAAB)! 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! **Note: There will be no December meeting.**

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: November - *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn and December - *Strangers in Time* by David Baldacci.

New Parent Skills & Support Group

Fridays, November 20 & December 18 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.

Chair Yoga

Mondays, November 9 & 16; December 7 & 14 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 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.



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.

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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