

VBDL Story Time

Stories, Rhymes, Songs & more!

Antwerp Sunshine Branch Mattawan

Wednesday at 10:30 am
April 4 - April 18

Bangor Branch

Wednesday at 10:00 am
April 4 - May 30

Bloomington Branch

Thursday at 10:30 am
April 5 - May 31

Covert Branch

Tuesday at 11:00 am
April 3 - May 29

Gobles Branch

Wednesday at 10:30 am
April 4 - May 30

Lawrence Community Branch

Wednesday at 10:30 am
April 4 - 25

Webster Memorial Library Decatur

Wednesday at
10:00 am
April 11 - June 6

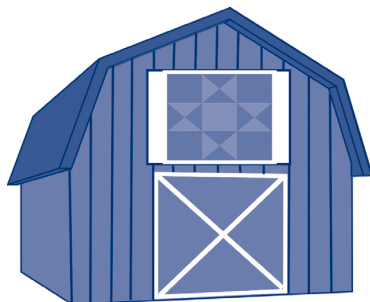


Michigan Blood Drive

Monday, April 9
2:00 - 6:30 pm

Webster Memorial Library - Decatur

Phone: 269.423.4771
or visit miblood.org



Following the Barn Quilt Trail with Suzi Parron

Van Buren District Library welcomes Suzi Parron to two locations in May. The author of "Following the Barn Quilt Trail" and "Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement," visits Webster Memorial Library, Thursday, May 17, 6:30 pm, and VBDL Bangor Branch, Thursday, May 24, 6:00 pm.

Barn quilts are a unique method of honoring a family member or simply decorating an old or new barn. Patterns are usually a traditional geometric block design, however, there are thousands of patterns and colors from which to choose. The evolution of quilt trails began in Ohio more than 15 years ago when an Adams County resident painted a quilt block on an old tobacco barn. What was meant to be an individual tribute transformed into a "clothesline of quilts" within driving or walking distance.

Anyone interested in learning how to create and paint a quilt block is invited to Parron's workshop, Saturday, May 26, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, also at VBDL Bangor Branch. All programs are free and open to the public.

Amish & Mennonite History and Culture

The Amish-Mennonite story comes to VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch during National Library week courtesy of Shipshewana's Menno-Hof. Susan Miller, managing director of Menno-Hof, presents a multimedia experience into the unique world of the Anabaptists, Monday, April 9, 6:30 pm.

Miller shares her personal experience growing up Amish and answers frequently asked questions such as How many Amish live in North America? Are there different kinds of Amish? Are all Amish farmers? and Do the Amish reject all modern technology?

The program is free and open to the public.



Open Mic Poetry Reading

VBDL Bangor Branch commemorates April as Poetry Month with an Open Mic event, Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 pm.

Poets of any age are invited to read an original poem or bring a favorite to share. Preregistration is required to reserve a spot.

The Academy of American Poets launched National Poetry Month in 1996 to "highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets." Since then, the annual event has grown to be "the largest literary celebration in the world."

The Academy also observes Poem in Your Pocket Day during National Poetry Month. On April 26, poetry lovers are encouraged to carry a favorite poem throughout the day and share it with others, whether at the library, grocery store, gas station or school.

For more information or to register for Open Mic, visit the branch at 420 Division Street, Bangor, or phone 269.427.8810.

"We make out of the quarrel with others, rhetoric, but of the quarrel with ourselves, poetry."
- William Butler Yeats, from PER AMICA SILENTIA LUNAE



Spring Break - SAT Prep Sessions

Let VBDL help your student achieve more with SAT Prep Sessions during spring break at the Antwerp Sunshine Branch, Mattawan.

Tutor-led practice sessions are available for students in grades 10 - 12, **Thursday, April 5**. The math session begins at 10:30 am and the reading session at 1:00 pm.

Students who are unable to attend, but still wish to take advantage of practice tests are encouraged to access the College Admissions Test Preparation portal on MeL (Michigan eLibrary). **The gateway to MeL is found at VBDL.org.**

For more information on the prep sessions at VBDL Antwerp Sunshine Branch, contact Jeffrey Babbitt at jbabbitt@vbd.org or phone 269.668.2534.

Spring Break at Webster Memorial

April 2 - April 7, 2018



Monday, April 2, 2:00 pm

Movie - "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle"

Tuesday, April 3, 2:00 and 5:00 pm

Spring Break BINGO

Wednesday, April 4, 2:00 pm

Minute to Win It - Luau Style!

Thursday, April 5, 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

Canvas Painting - FISH!

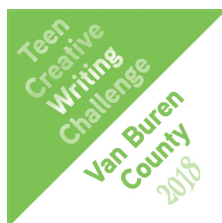
Friday, April 6, 10:00 am

Hawaiian Wiggle Time

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Scavenger Hunt

For a complete line-up of VBDL's programs, visit us online at VBDL.org!



Teen Writers!

The deadline to enter the

2018 Van Buren County Teen Creative Writing Challenge is Saturday, April 14!



**Book Sale!
May 24 - 28, 2018**

Downtown Gobles

**Sponsored by the
Friends of the Gobles Library**

**Lawrence World of Words
Photo Exhibit
April 3 - 30, 2018**



The public is invited to view VBDL Lawrence Community Branch's photo exhibit in April. The display features photographs taken in and around Lawrence by teens and adults that reflect a unique, community viewpoint of the theme "World of Words."

Each piece is a photographic perspective of the pervasiveness of signs, letters and words, whether obvious or hidden. Prizes will be awarded.

The branch is open Monday - Wednesday, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm; Thursday and Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.



**Celebrate
Cinco de Mayo
May 5, 2018!**

All branches of VBDL are celebrating **Cinco de Mayo, Saturday, May 5.**

The Covert branch is offering a Taco bar and Mexican bingo, while patrons in Bangor are invited to listen to Mexican music, enjoy refreshments and make paper plate maracas, a Día de los Muertos mask and a paper bag luminary.

Patrons in Bloomingdale are invited to answer the question, "Who are you?" by marking their countries of origin on a map, and color flags and pictures of native dress.

Young Gobles patrons are invited to a special Story Time followed by games and crafts.

Patrons may also take advantage of **free comic books on May 5** from VBDL's friends at Fanfare in Kalamazoo.

For a complete line-up of activities, visit the nearest branch or visit the library online at VBDL.org

Van Buren Reads 2018 Visiting Author

Van Buren Reads is pleased to welcome Edgar award winner and New York Times bestselling author **William Kent Krueger** to the Van Buren County Conference Center, **Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 pm.**



Krueger is best known for his sixteen novels featuring protagonist Cork O'Connor, the part Irish, part Ojibwe former sheriff of Tamrask County in Minnesota's north woods. His stand-alone novel, Ordinary Grace, published in 2013, received the **Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America.**

Copies of Krueger's books are available at each of the sponsoring libraries: **Hartford Public Library, Lawton Public Library, Paw Paw District Library, South Haven Memorial Library, and Van Buren District Library.**

Each participating library plans a number of complementary activities and events leading up to Krueger's visit. For more information, contact the nearest VBDL location.



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