

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2026

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

May: Adults: 27 Youth: 13

	2025/26	2024/25	% change
<b>LIBRARY VISITS</b>			
May	11,145	12,856	-13.31%
Fiscal Year	125,253	134,584	-6.93%
<b>TOTAL CIRC</b>			
May	19,256	19,770	-2.60%
Fiscal Year	216,597	225,654	-4.01%
<b>ADULT PROGRAMMING</b>			
May	284	254	11.81%
Fiscal Year	2,887	2,080	38.80%
<b>YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING</b>			
May	2,221	414	436.47%
Fiscal Year	6,901	4,426	55.92%
<b>REF. QUESTIONS</b>			
May	1,847	1,846	0.05%
Fiscal Year	18,281	18,531	-1.35%
<b>INTERNET USE</b>			
May	1,097	1,059	3.59%
Fiscal Year	11,341	10,779	5.21%
<b>YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET</b>			
May	319	287	11.15%
Fiscal Year	3,390	2,813	20.51%

**BOARD BYLAWS/LIBRARY POLICIES:** The bylaws committee met to review the proposed revisions to the bylaws that had been recommended by the attorney. To recap, the original bylaws have had little revision since their inception in 2010, and there were many sections that were no longer relevant (such as the location of new library facilities). Our attorney also recommended that the public comment policy and media policy be separate from the bylaws. The bylaws committee also reviewed templates from the attorney for these two policies.

**PROGRAMMING:** Our librarians are all ready for Summer Reading Program 2026. This year's theme is "Unearth a Story," and signup begins for all ages on June 15. We are holding a Read-A-Thon Saturday, June 20. Snacks and prizes will be provided. The June art installation features art from the Memory Café participants, and we will hold an art reception for them on Friday, June 26 from 2-4 pm. All are welcome.

**STAFF:** Incoming staff: Part-time circulation clerks Jazmine Cooper and Isabella Parkinson.

**OUTREACH:** The roll-out of LibConnect was successful, and patrons are signing up for our online newsletters and updates. See the attached flyer for more info. I anticipate the introduction of our new website layout in July.

**ARTICLES OF INTEREST:**

"Leading Public Library Groups Call for E-book Action." (American Library Association, May 26, 2026)

<https://www.ala.org/news/2026/05/leading-public-library-groups-call-e-book-action>



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# UNEARTH A STORY™

## YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAM

JUNE 15 - JULY 31

AGES 0-18

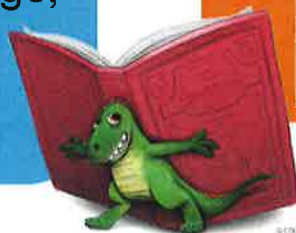


Sign up or login with Beanstack and start reading June 15! For every hour read, you will earn a prize. Start collecting prizes June 22. Receive up to 10 prizes. Last day to record reading is July 31st.

### LITTLES SUMMER STORYTIME

Come ready to roar, stomp, and read with Mrs. Karen. Enjoy dinostories, songs, and crafts.

Ages 0-5, 11 am  
June 25, July 9 & 23



Track your reading on the **beanstack** app



Available on the  
**App Store**

GET IT ON  
**Google Play**

VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE HERE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS



## SUMMER FUN!

Some programs occur twice in the same day! Please only attend one. For some programs, please register at <https://bit.ly/BADLEventsCalendar>

**Saturday, June 20, 10 am–5 pm - The Great Belleville Read-A-Thon: READY, SET, READ!** Drop in at any time for our first ever read-a-thon! Read in the library as little as 15 min to get a special prize, plus count the reading towards your SRP time. Help us reach our goal of 50 hours of reading to kick off the summer. All ages. (Truly! Kids to adults!)

**Tuesday, June 23, 11 am – Crosswinds Marsh Meet and Greet:** Our friends from the Wayne County Parks and Crosswinds Marsh are coming to the library with animal pelts, skulls, shells, insect displays, and more for you to explore. Talk with wildlife experts, learn about creatures in your backyard, and do a fun craft. All ages.

**Friday, June 26, 2 pm – Tort-tastic Birthday Party!** It's Tortellini's Birthday party! Join us in the Kids Hub anytime during 2-4 pm for games, crafts, face painting, and other birthday fun in honor of our favorite library tortoise, Tortellini! All ages.

**Tuesday, June 30, 11 am & 1 pm – Science Heroes: Digging It:** Unearth your curiosity as we dig into the incredible science that's all around us! Some experiments you might observe or participate in include the Toilet Tornado™, Disappearing Polymer™, Hydro-Cannon™, and more! This program is best for kids grades K-5.

**Tuesday, July 7, 11 am – Digging Into Our Earth With Music and Stories:** Mrs. Audrey is back with more music and stories from cultures around the world. Hear about the adventures of opossums, ants, snakes, bugs, and more, while enjoying instruments like the steel drum from Trinidad and Tobago, the kalimba from Zimbabwe, and the djembe drum from West Africa. All ages.



**Tuesday, July 14, 11 am & 1 pm – Alex Thomas & Friends Dinosaur Puppet Show:** Prepare for an exciting adventure into the world of dinosaurs and paleontology! This interactive puppet show is designed to captivate and entertain, encouraging plenty of audience participation as we explore the prehistoric era. Discover fascinating facts, meet animated dinosaur puppet characters, and uncover the secrets of fossil hunting in this fun-filled, educational experience for all ages. All ages.

**Wednesday, July 15, 6:30-8 pm – Kids Dino Crafts:** Stop in and make some fun dinosaur crafts. Ages 3-8.



**Saturday, July 18, 11 am – Dino Dig Bubble Dance Party:** Get ready to stomp onto the dance floor filled with bubbles during the dinosaur dig bubble dance party! Special dinosaur egg for the first 50 attendees! All ages.

**Tuesday, July 21, 11 am – Jurassic Joel's Magic Show:** Stomp, chomp, and roar into reading with Jurassic Joel's Magic Show! All ages.

**Tuesday, July 28, 11 am & 12:15 pm – Reptarium:** Meet a variety of interesting reptiles from our friends at The Reptarium. All ages.

**Wednesday, July 29, 6 pm – DinoBuilders:** It's foam fossil fun! Learn, then build in this hands on STEM activity! Using large foam blocks shaped like dinosaur bones, create your own foam dinosaur, and show it off in the DinoBuilder Parade around the room. All ages.



## TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMS

**Saturday, July 11, 2pm – T(w)een Movie: *Back to the Future* (1985, PG).**  
Ages 11-18.

**Friday, July 17, 2 pm – Teen Craft: Book Bedazzling!** Bring your own book, or choose one from our limited selection, to bedazzle using rhinestones and diamond art techniques! Ages 12-18. *Please register.*

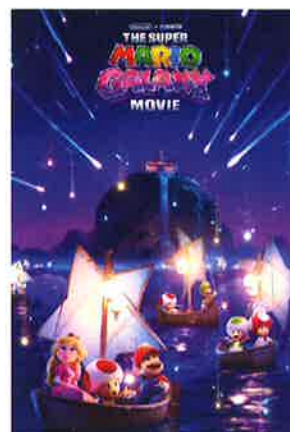


**Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 pm – Tween Dino Crafts:** Ages 9-13. *Please register.*

**Saturday, July 25, 2 pm - T(w)een Movie: *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (2026, PG).** Ages 11-18.

**Monday, July 27, 2 pm – Kam Comics Workshop:** Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of cartooning and comic/manga books? Local and independent comic book artist Kamron Reynolds will introduce you to the world of comics. Learn how to draw your own characters, faces, backgrounds, lettering, and much more. The key to creating is getting started. Sign up for a Kam Comics workshop at your local library. Ages 11-18. *Please register.*

**Friday, July 31, 2 pm - Teen Movie: *Superman* (2025 PG-13).** Ages 13-18.



Adult Summer Reading

Jun 15 - Aug 15

# UNEARTH A STORY™



BELLEVILLE AREA  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

(734) 699-3291

Main Library:

167 4th St. Belleville, MI 48111

Sumpter Media Center:

23465 Sumpter Rd.

Belleville, MI 48111

[www.belleville.lib.mi.us](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us)

**SIGN UP ONLINE TO**

**GET STARTED!**

**OPENS JUNE 15TH.**

[bellevillemi.beanstack.com](http://bellevillemi.beanstack.com)

Create a free account to track your progress. Come upstairs to the Adult Information Desk to claim your prizes!



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# READ BOOKS & EARN PRIZES!

## 1. Log Books

You pick what books you'd like to read! Any format you prefer:

- print
- graphic novels
- ebook
- audiobooks



## 2. Attend Programs

Attend any library event, program, or book group! Such as:

- ★ Somatic Practice Series (Jun 3, 10, 17, 24)
- ★ BADL Read-a-Thon (Jun 20)
- ★ Get Hooked on Fishing (Jun 20)
- ★ UFOs Over Michigan (Jun 29)
- ★ American Revolution in Michigan (Jul 1)
- ★ A Brief History of American Music with Rob Crozier (Live Music! Jul 15)
- ★ Digging Up History with Andrew Kercher (Aug 3)
- ★ From Garden to Table & Beyond: Growing, Harvesting, and Using Herbs (Aug 22)
- ★ "Cook the Book" Book Club: U.S. Road Trip (Aug 31)
- ★ Book Groups, Computer Classes, Memory Cafes, and more!

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For more details about our programs and to register go to

[belleville.libcal.com](http://belleville.libcal.com)

Track your progress toward prizes through Beanstack - on the web, or through the app.

- 1 Book/Program = candy or mini button
- 3 Books = color-changing cup or keychain
- 5 Books = canvas tote bag



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SNACKS - PRIZES - READING!



# THE GREAT BELLEVILLE READ-A-THON



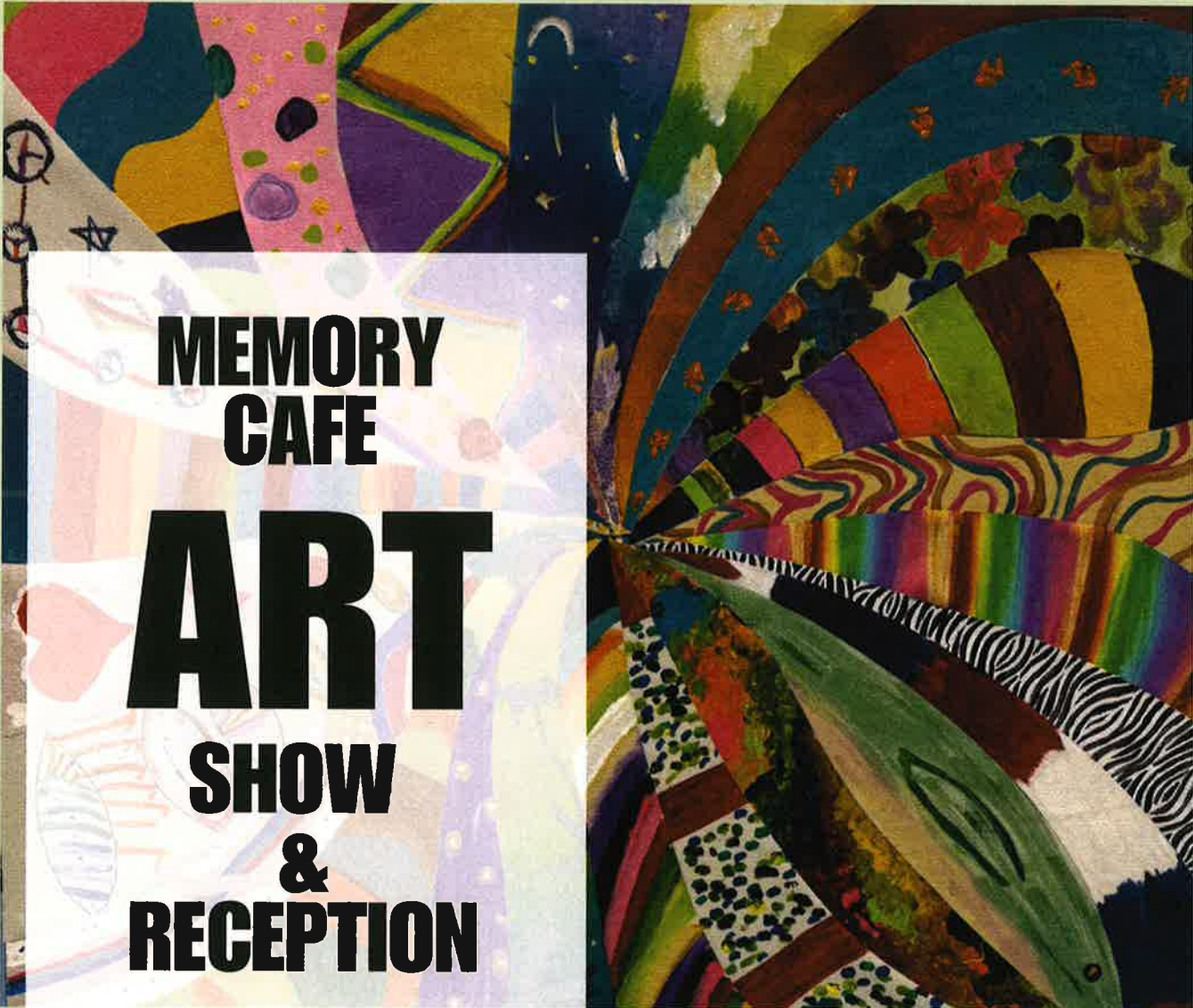
**06/20/2026**

**DROP IN ANYTIME FROM  
10:00AM - 5:00PM  
TO READ AS LONG AS  
YOU WANT!**

**AT THE BELLEVILLE  
AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY**

READY, SET, READ! Drop in for our first ever read-a-thon! Bring a book and a friend to the library to help us reach our goal of 50 hours of reading to kick off the summer.

Hosted by the Quiet Reading Book Club and the Summer Reading Program! All ages welcome!



**MEMORY  
CAFE**

**ART**

**SHOW  
&  
RECEPTION**

Visit the exhibit in the library!

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Stop by the Cozzad Room for refreshments, a chance to talk with the artists and participants, and to learn what Memory Cafés are all about.

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**SHOW**

ALL OF JUNE

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**RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, JUNE 26  
2-4PM

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BELLEVILLE AREA  
DISTRICT LIBRARY



Get Hooked  
on Fishing

**Join Patrick Endres from  
the Michigan DNR to talk  
all things fishing**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20 @ 1 PM**

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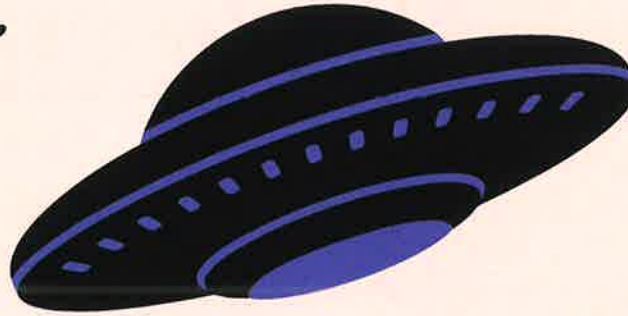
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# UFOs Over Michigan



**Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record?**

The 1966 sightings over Southeast Michigan and 1994 sightings over Grand Rapids each had hundreds of eye-witnesses, including law enforcement and radar returns.

Find out more about these incredible events as well as several other unusual and well-documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State.

Presented by Bill Konkolesky,  
State Director, Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network,



Call 734-699-3291

Visit <https://belleville.libcal.com/>

Or **Scan** to register for a reminder.

**Registration NOT required.** →



**Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>,**

**at 6:30 pm**

**in the Cozzad Room**



# American Revolution in Michigan

As the U.S. approaches its 250th anniversary, Michigan's overlooked role in the American Revolution comes to light. Though distant from major battles, Detroit was a key British stronghold that influenced Native alliances, while Michilimackinac controlled crucial trade routes. A Spanish attack also underscored Michigan's ties to global powers during the nation's formation.

**Andrew Kercher, Historian**

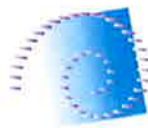
**Wednesday, July 1 @ 6:30 PM**



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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF AMERICAN MUSIC



Celebrate 250 years  
of American musical  
history with one-man  
band Rob Crozier.  
Enjoy selections  
from diverse genres  
including jazz, blues,  
country, and folk.

**Jazz Night at the Library**  
**WED, JULY 15 @ 7PM**

*Friends of the*  
BELLEVILLE AREA  
DISTRICT LIBRARY



# The Library Network

## *Summer Reading*

### **ADVENTURE**



#### How does it work?

Pick up a summer reading adventure book at any of the participating libraries, then visit each library to get your adventure book stamped. When you've visited 6 participating libraries, return to your home library to receive a vinyl sticker for completion. Patrons who visit all libraries will be entered into a grand prize!



#### Sponsored by:



#### Participating Libraries Include:

Addison Twp. Public Library  
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Belleville Area District Library  
Berkley Public Library  
Clarkston Independence District Library  
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    Henry Ford Centennial Library  
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    Carl Sandburg Branch Library  
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Milford Public Library  
Northfield Township Area Library  
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