

Summer Activities for Teens



Gear up for another fun summer at Ransom Library. Our summer reading program will be back in full swing, starting when school lets out on June 9. Stop by anytime to pick up your reader's packet and get cracking! Read 5 books to earn a scratch-off ticket. Prizes range from candy to books to gift cards. You can keep reading to earn more prizes all summer long!

Experience Art! Wednesdays 2-3:30 p.m. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration is for individual classes, not the full series; please restrict your choices to 1-2 classes for the summer. Space is limited, and varies depending on the project; call the library at (269) 685-8024 to register. No Facebook registration for this program.

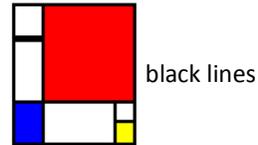


June 14th Gerhard Richter's Squeegee Style

Artist Arlene Barber will introduce participants to modern artist Gerhard Richter's style of loading a canvas with paint and exploring how color blends and moves while using squeegees and palette knives.

June 21st The Art of Piet Mondrian

Mondrian was a Dutch painter who explored abstract geometric painting, using and bold primary colors. Create a modern art canvas in this workshop.



June 28th Create with Clay

Local potter and Arts Council member Cathy Green joins us again this year to make glazed ceramic art.

NO CLASSES JULY 5th

July 12th Suminigashi: Marbled Paper



The Kalamazoo Book Arts Center drops in again this summer to instruct students on Japanese water marbling. Drip oily ink on the surface of a tub of water and pick it up on a sheet of paper. This project will be wet—perfect for a hot summer day!

July 19th Kandinsky's Concentric Circles

Wassily Kandinsky was known for his paintings of stacked circles lined up in rows. This class will explore color and form through felt instead of paint. Some sewing will be required, but help will be available to novices.



July 26th Picture Book Collage

Picture book artists frequently use collage techniques to illustrate their stories. Make a collage with vibrant paper in the style of Eric Carle, Lois Ehlert, Denise Fieldler and others.



Video Game Tournament June 23 1-3 p.m.

Go head to head with your opponent in this sudden-death, playoff style tournament. This month's featured game: Mario Kart for the Nintendo Switch. Pizza and sodas provided. Prizes awarded for first through third place winners.

Video Game Lock-In July 15 6-10 p.m.

Be a part of our first-ever video game night! Three stations will be set up for your enjoyment: the tournament room, Minecraft/free play on the library computers, and a virtual reality room run by Kalamazoo company Nova VR. There will be pizza and snacks for you to nosh on, and prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournaments (we hope to have two.) Note: M-rated tournament games will be a part of this event: parents must register participants ages 11-15 to signify that they have given permission for their



child to play. Teens age 16 and up may register themselves. Please talk to Erin or Macy if you are over age 18 and wish to participate.



Anime Night August 9 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

Are you into cosplay? Love to draw manga characters? Did you attend Dokidokon? Then this is the event for you. We'll hang out and talk about manga and anime, and maybe try a little karaoke, if you have the nerve! Snacks and sodas provided.

Video Game Tournament August 18 1-3 p.m.

Go head to head with your opponent in this sudden-death, playoff style tournament. Game to be announced. Pizza and sodas provided. Prizes awarded for first through third place winners.

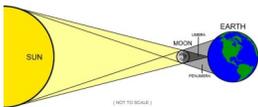


Nerf Night August 18 6-9 p.m.

Bring your own labeled weapons and bullets and race around the building like a bunch of maniacs! Some rounds will be played as teams, others will be every man for himself. Great news: the library received a huge donation of Nerf weapons this year, so there is now an arsenal to choose from! We ordered a new batch of bullets as well, so come play even if you don't have your own materiel.

The Great American Eclipse Extravaganza

On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will cross the United States from coast to coast. It will give tens of millions of people along a 70-mile-wide path from Oregon to South Carolina a chance to see the Sun's spectacular corona, a sight hidden from view except during a totality. Occurring during summer break, it holds the potential to be seen by more people than any other eclipse in history.



The festivities begin when the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President, Richard Bell, gives a pre-view of this historic event in a presentation for all ages on **Wednesday, August 2 at 7 p.m.** He will explain why solar eclipses occur and how to view them safely. Free solar viewing glasses will be given away at the end of this program.

Create an **outer space t-shirt** on either **August 15 or 16 at 2 p.m.** Bring your own 100% cotton black t-shirt. Bleach will be used: while safe for older children, it is advisable that children under age 7 do not participate. If you want to bring a younger sibling, plan to assist them. This program will take place on the



front lawn of the library.



Finally, join us for the big event itself! Our **Eclipse Viewing Party** will take place on **August 21 from 1:30 -3 p.m.** Free viewing glasses will be available so you can watch the eclipse safely. Drinks, snacks, and fun activities will fill in the time we are waiting for totality. *This event is, unfortunately, weather-*