

Youth Weekly Activities

Teen Tuesdays: After School Fun
Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m.

Story Time Wednesdays
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
No Story Time May 31 or June 7.

Kids’ After School Special
Wednesdays 4 - 5 p.m.
No session on March 29 or April 5.

Preschool Thursdays
Different activities are available every week at 10:30 a.m. These programs will run through the end of April, when the weather turns nice again.

April 6: No program–PCS spring break

April 13: Preschoolers Explore! Activity centers that emphasize motor skills, science, and vocabulary building.

April 20: Learn and Grow Playgroup with Miss Kelli, Plainwell Schools’ Literacy Coach. Focuses on early literacy skill development through play-based learning centers.Snacks provided. Every family who attends will receive a free book. Meet in the Hill Room.

April 27: Toddler Zip and Zoom—a gym-style activity hour to help your toddler burn off some energy before naptime.

Spring Programs

REGISTER
Dog Man Bingo
Thursday, March 30 • 1-2 p.m.
This program is for elementary school-age students only. Play Bingo for a chance to win a copy of the newest Dog Man book, published on March 28! 3 copies will be given away, plus other books as well. Everyone will win something!

Nailed It! REGISTER
Friday, March 31 • 2-4 p.m.
This program is for students in middle school and high school only. Can you decorate a cupcake that measures up to the professionals? Brandy Williams, owner of The Sugar Palace, will present us with a beautifully decorated cupcake. You will then have a shot at duplicating her design (supplies provided). You can eat the cupcake when the contest is over.

Monster of the Week REGISTER
Tuesday, April 4 & Thursday, April 6 • 4-6 p.m.
Monster of the Week is a stand alone role-playing game for 3-5 people. Investigate and hunt down monsters to protect yourself and your loved ones. Great for fans of tabletop role-playing games.

Gyotaku: Fish Painting
Wednesday, April 5
This is a drop-in program; stop by anytime between 1 3 p.m. Gyotaku isa form of nature printing that was used by fishermen to record their catches. Bring your own t-shirt (white is best) and make an original piece of wearable art! Don’t worry—you won’t have to touch any real fish!

Springtime Art
Thursday, April 6 • 10:30 a.m. – noon
Create cheerful art to welcome in the season! This will be a drop-in style program for ages 2-10.

REGISTER
Make a Birdhouse
Sunday, April 16 • 1:30-4 p.m.
A fairly complex project, children should be in at least 2nd grade and accompanied by an adult. Kids in grades 6-up should be able to work independently. We will have cordless drills on hand, but if you have one in the house, your participating child will probably prefer to bring it to reduce time spent waiting.

REGISTER
Boats & Kids: A Coast Guard Boating Safety Class
Saturday, April 29 • 10:30-12:30
Do you have friends or family who own a boat? This class can help educate your children about how to be safe in and on the water. Topics include choosing the right life jacket, boarding a boat safely, being safe in a boat, cold water immersion, falling overboard, and environmental stewardship.

REGISTER
Kids Game Night
Friday, May 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.
For the first time, RDL is hosting a game night for elementary school children. This will be best for kids in grades 2-5. Play Sharks and Minnows, games of tag, hide and seek and more!

Summer Reading 2023
All Together Now!
This year’s summer reading theme is about having fun together! There will be lots of events and activities this summer for people to participate in with other people. Maybe you will make a new friend! The reading program will once again be available in both online and paper formats. Full details will be available in the youth summer flier, available online and at the library on April 24.

All Together Now Bookmark Contest
Aspiring young artists can take a shot at having their design chosen to be on the Library’s summer reading program bookmarks. Bookmarks must have an image that represents unity, inclusion, togetherness or kindness to others.They must have the tagline “All Together Now” on the bookmark. Entry forms may be picked up at the library or printed from online sources: ransomlibrary.org (on the banner of the home page) or the Ransom District Library Facebook page.

June Programs
An Evening of Music and Interactive Drumming with the Samuel Nalangira Trio
Tuesday, June 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Join us for some festive Ugandan dance music, followed by an interactive family drum jam with Samuel and local favorite Carolyn Koebel. Bring your own drums and percussion instruments (if you have some) or use some of ours to participate in the festivities!

Summer Storytime
Wednesdays starting June 14 10:30-11:15 a.m.
Explore stories and songs that encourage practice of language and listening skills, expanding imaginations and arousing curiosity. Craft included at the end of the program. All ages are welcome!

Origami Butterflies
Wednesday, June 14 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Learn to make simple but beautiful paper creations, and leave them with us to decorate the windows of the children’s area.

Collaborative Canvas Craft
Thursday, June 15 • 2-3 p.m.
Be a part of an all-ages, community-wide art project! Decorate a mini canvas with your interpretation of the theme, which is “summer.” You can do this at the library during the session listed above, where we provide all supplies. Alternately, you can pick up a canvas at the desk to take home and complete at your leisure. If canvases are taken home, we ask that they be returned to the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 30 so they can be put on display in the library.

REGISTER
Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt
Friday, June 16 • 5-8 p.m.
Register a team of up to 4 people. Get the list of required photographs, then head out for your photo shoot. The first three teams to return with all photographs completed will win prizes. NOTE: this activity will take place outside the library and will require an adult to accompany each team. An after party will take place back at the library for all participants and drivers.

REGISTER
Draw Your Pets
Monday, June 19 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Ages 6-up
Led by illustrator Corinne Roberts. Learn to create your favorite furry friends using basic shapes and simple line technique. No prior drawing experience is needed. The presenter requests that children be accompanied by an adult if they are under age 9.

Live Alligators with the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary
Thursday, June 22 • 1-2 p.m.
EEK! The team at Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will be bringing live alligators–and other reptiles– to visit in this exciting event. Don’t miss it!

REGISTER
Friendship Bracelets
Grades 2-5 Tuesday, June 27 • 11-noon
Grades 6-up Tuesday, June 27 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Make a pair of bracelets for you and your BFF in these two programs. Projects have been chosen with the skill set of the age groups in mind; please register accordingly.

Build-o-Rama
Wednesday, June 28 • 3-4 p.m.
Use our bricks to make some spectacular Lego creations!

Preschool Block Party
Thursday, June 29 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Preschoolers can play with a variety of blocks from our storage room to build whatever their imaginations desire.

REGISTER
Indoor Camp-Out
Friday, June 30 • 5:30-7 p.m.
Best for families with children in grades K-4. Make tents with the library tables, read some stories, sing some camp song standards, and make a s’more to end the evening.

Save these summer dates!

Additional details will be available in the youth summer flier.

Summer Reading Program
registration begins
Friday, June 9

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Live Clue @ RDL
Saturday, July 15
6:30-7:30 and 8-9 p.m.

Magician Brad Lancaster
Wednesday, July 19 • 1-2 p.m.

Harry Potter Birthday Trivia
Monday, July 31 • 6-7 p.m.

Michigan Hiryu Daiko (Japanese Taiko) Drumming
Tuesday, August 8 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen Amazing Race
Friday, August 11 • 6-8 p.m.