







Teen Adventures



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 **Teen Game Night Friday, June 14, 6-8 p.m. Doors open at 5:45.** Play a variety of games that will involve running around the library and being noisy! Tag, Hide & Seek, "Murder in the Library" and more will be played. Pizza and drinks provided. SPACE IS LIMITED.


 **Teen Yoga Adventure Tuesday, June 18, 3-4 p.m. (Hill Room)** Sarah of Yoga Adventures for Kids will guide participants through a fun yoga practice designed specifically for teens, including breathing exercises, yoga poses and relaxation techniques. Mats are provided but you're always welcome to bring your own.


 **Teen Anime Adventure Thursday, June 27, 2-4 p.m. (Hill Room)** Watch the first episode of two different anime series, sample some Japanese snacks, play games, and try activities that will allow you to discover more about Japanese culture.


Teen Imagimorphia Coloring Adventure Monday, July 1, 3-4:30 p.m. (Hill Room) Take on an amazing coloring challenge featuring the quirky and highly detailed images of artist Kerby Rosanes. Snacks and beverages included.

 **Teen Anime Drawing Wednesday, July 10, 2-3 p.m. (Burchfield Room)** Learn some new techniques and practice drawing your own characters in traditional anime and manga style. Materials provided, just bring your creativity.


 **Teen Nerf Night Friday, July 12 6-8 p.m. Doors open at 5:45.** Play World War 24, Zombie Infection and more in two hours of pulse-pounding, noisy Nerf fun! You can bring your Nerf blasters from home, but the library has plenty to share. (We share darts, too!) Pizza & drinks provided. SPACE IS LIMITED.


 **Teen MarioKart 8 Deluxe (Nintendo Switch) Video Game Tournament Monday, July 22, 2-4:30 p.m. (Burchfield Room)** Face up to Plainwell's fiercest competitors in this sudden-death tournament. Trophies and prizes for 1st-3rd place. Snacks and drinks provided.

 **Harry Potter Trivia Wednesday, July 31, 7-8 p.m. (Hill Room)** Celebrate Harry's birthday at this team trivia event designed to stump and surprise all competitors. Questions will come from the books and the movies. Recommended for teens and adults--the competition is fierce!


 **Gunpla Build Night Tuesday, August 6, 6-8 p.m. (History Room)** Fans of the *Mobile Suit Gundam* anime series can make an entry-level model of one of the suits straight from the screen in a guided build session lead by Youth Assistant Dimitri. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Bracelet Making DROP IN Wednesday, August 7, 2-4 p.m. (Burchfield Room) Knots, braiding, and beads, oh my! Join Youth Assistant Devin in creating some macrame bracelet designs that you can swap with friends--or keep for a style boost.


 **Teen Mystery Night Saturday, August 17, 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6:45.** Have a true library adventure--come for a night of fun that will not be announced until you are at the event! You will snack, run, get a little messy, and laugh a lot, too.

 **Community Poetry Night Wednesday, August 21, 7-8:30 p.m. (Hill Room)** Poets, singers, and spoken word performers of all ages are invited to come and share their work (or that of a favored poet) on the open mic. If you aren't a poet, come to listen and support our wonderful Plainwell voices and creatives! Sign up if you would like to read or perform.

BI-WEEKLY

 **Dungeons and Dragons 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, June 11-August 27, 2-4 p.m. (History Room)** Whether you are a long-time fan or just interested in seeing what DND is all about, make sure to register for a beginner-friendly session curated by Youth Assistant Dimitri and embark on an adventure of your own. Character sheets will be provided but feel free to bring your own. SPACE IS LIMITED.

MONTHLY

 **Poetry Workshop Wednesdays, June 26 and July 24, 3-4:30 p.m. (Burchfield Room)** Whether a new lover of poetry or a seasoned writer, come to explore your creativity and self expression in a guided poetry workshop! Youth Assistant Devin will read some poems, provide writing prompts, and offer a chance to share your own writing.

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RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY

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Ransom District Library is offering a wide variety of adventures this summer. It all starts with a travel adventure: Around the World in 180 Minutes! Drop in any time on June 10th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Travel the globe and complete activities to earn passport stamps. When stamps have been collected from all seven continents, participants earn their welcome prize and summer adventure packet.

Can't make it to the library on June 10? Fear not--summer adventure packets will also be available afterward. Just stop by the front desk and ask.

There are three ways to earn prizes this summer:

Read books!

Participants will write the title of each book they finish in their passport. When they visit the library, they will receive a stamp and a prize for every 5 books read. Keep going all summer to fill your passport and collect stamps.

Have fun experiences!

Visit the library often to try out the many experiences we have to offer. These are listed inside this flyer. There are activities for all ages and interests! When you come to a library program you will also earn a unique stamp. Come to 3 different experiences this summer to earn a special prize.

Have learning adventures!

There will be a selection of learning adventures available on paper for you to take home and do. (They will also be available to print from home.) You can try 3 of these this summer to earn a unique stamp and special prize as well. The prize will be different than the one earned for the fun experiences mentioned above.

READsquared

Does your family prefer to track your reading on our online app, READsquared? That's great--you will be able to do that again this summer, and your passport stamps will be virtual. Sign up as families or individuals, and you will be able to log your books, experiences and learning adventures through the app. If you used it last year, your user name and login should still be valid.

Adventures for everyone!

Children from birth through high school will find something fun to do at the library this summer. Registration will open on May 28, and can easily be located on the website calendar at www.ransomlibrary.org. Read on to see the wonderful adventures that are in store for you!



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SUMMER STARTS HERE!

Around the World in 180 Minutes DROP IN Monday, June 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Building-wide) Travel virtually around the globe at the first event of the summer. Visit all the continents and complete activities to earn passport stamps. When the passport has stamps from all seven continents, participants earn a welcome prize and summer adventure packet.

JUNE EVENTS

So Many Sunflowers! Wednesday, June 12, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Children's Patio) Help Ms. Erin fill a set of grow bags on the Children's Patio with different varieties of sunflower plants! Kids will be able to watch them grow all summer long and will discover the essentials that plants need to live as well as the dramatic diversity that can be found within a single family of flowers. Each child will also be invited to plant a dwarf sunflower in a pot that they can take home.

Foamy Adventure Wednesday, June 19, 3-5 p.m. (Parking Lot) Prepare to fool around in a field of foamy fun! A portion of the library parking lot will be filled with up to 4 feet of allergy-free, refreshing, sudsy, environmentally friendly foam. Stormy, our guide, will bring his Foam Cannon and family friendly dance tunes to keep the party lively! Although your clothes will get damp, you will not get as wet as a slip and slide or a pool. A bathing suit and a towel are recommended. Plan to register; space is limited.

World Record Adventure DROP IN Thursday, June 20, 1-3 p.m. (Hill Room) Have you ever wondered just how good you have to be at something to get your name in the Guinness Book of World Records? Drop by and attempt some of the activities that are in the book—see how you perform against the record. Who knows? If you're really fast, maybe you can apply to break the record yourself!

Have a Dance Adventure with Patti Herm! Monday, June 24, 11-11:45 a.m. (Hill Room) Patti Herm Dance Studio's Ms. Patti will lead participants through a kinesthetic learning experience set to music. Fun for boys and girls!

Geodes and Panning for Gold! Tuesday, June 25, 1-3 p.m. by appointment only (Children's Patio) Break open a geode to discover the beautiful crystals that lie inside, and sift through our simulated river bottom to capture pieces of fool's gold, also known as iron pyrite. Use of hammer and chisel makes this adventure best suited to children entering grades 2-up. Please register children individually.

Musical Adventure with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra: Peter and the Wolf and Instrument Petting Zoo Friday, June 28, Performance at 1 p.m., petting zoo afterward. (Hill Room) Composer Sergei Prokofiev created a symphonic fairy tale in which the characters come alive in the music. Come on an imagination exploration with us and meet our musical friends in the Woodwind Quintet (oboe, clarinet, bassoon, french horn, and flute.) Kids can further explore musical instruments with KSO staff in an instrument "petting zoo" after the performance. This event is brought to you by the Friends of Ransom Library.

JULY EVENTS

Fireworks Craft Tuesday, July 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Hill Room) Explode into the holiday weekend with some fun painting and glitter work activities!

Rockin' at the Library Tuesday, July 9, 11 a.m.-noon (Hill Room) For budding scientists entering grades 2-6. How do geologists identify rocks? Learn through experience using such high-tech scientific tools as a magnifying glass, a penny and a nail. There will also be demonstrations of acid dissolving rock and rocks that glow in black light! Kids who complete the challenge will earn a "Rock-It Scientist" button. Design Lab Coordinator Tom Long, who is a trained geologist, will lead this fun experimental class.

Live Alligator Adventure Thursday, July 11, 1-2 p.m. (Hill Room) 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!

Geocaching Adventure for Families Sunday, July 14, 2-4 p.m. (Hill Room) Geocaching is a type of treasure hunt that is guided by GPS. Learn how it all works from local geocacher Peter Hoyt, then make an afternoon of it by accompanying him out to find a couple of caches and meeting other geocachers at Plainwell Ice Cream afterward. This is great fun for families--Ms. Erin tested and approved!

Kids Yoga Adventure Monday, July 15, 11 a.m.-noon (Hill Room) Sarah of Yoga Adventures for Kids will guide participants through a yoga practice designed specifically for elementary school-age children, which will include breathing exercises, yoga poses and relaxation techniques presented in a fun and lighthearted way. Mats are provided but you're always welcome to bring your own if you have one.

Fresh Food is Fun! A Healthy Eating Adventure with Hether Freyer Tuesday, July 16, 2-3 p.m. (Hill Room) Join special guest Hether Freyer as she plays with her food and encourages us all to try--and eat--healthy fruits and vegetables. Hether is also bringing her bicycle-powered smoothie blender for added excitement: pedal your way to a delicious beverage!

Outer Space Drawing Adventure with Artist Corinne Roberts Thursday, July 18, 3-4 p.m. (Hill Room) Grades 3 - up. Learn to use basic shape construction and simple line techniques to create imaginative space scenes, astronauts, ships and aliens! No prior drawing experience needed in this follow-along program. All supplies provided.

Mini World Microscope Adventure DROP IN Tuesday, July 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Burchfield Room) Use a microscope to witness the bizarre creatures that live in the water of local ponds! The scope will be connected to the big screen so viewers can watch what is happening while they wait for their turn to look through the eyepiece.

Preschool Sensory Adventure DROP IN Thursday, July 25, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (Children's Room) The Children's Room will become a sensory wonderland, with objects and activities throughout the room that stimulate sight, sound, smell, touch and taste!

Adventure in Clay with Cathy Green Monday, July 29, 2-3:30 p.m. (Hill Room) Grades 3 - up. Create a mystery project with local ceramicist Cathy Green. Will it be an owl? A mask? A fish? Part of the adventure is the surprise!

Library Olympics Tuesday, July 30, 1-3 p.m. (Hill/Burchfield Rooms) Be an Olympian for the day as you drop in and attempt to create your personal best in such events as the 100 inch dash, the "Cupalin," and indoor speed skating. We promise that the events will be silly!

AUGUST EVENTS

Bubble Bonanza! Monday, August 5, 2-3:30 p.m. (Hill Room) Make giant bubbles, take part in a bubble blowing contest, and create bubble art. This will be a blowout! Children should be able to blow bubbles in bubble gum to enjoy this adventure to the fullest. Gum with and without sugar will be provided.

Preschool Yoga Adventure Thursday, August 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Hill Room) Sarah of Yoga Adventures for Kids will guide participants through a yoga practice designed specifically for preschoolers and their adults. It will include breathing exercises, yoga poses and relaxation techniques presented in a fun and lighthearted way. Mats are provided but you're always welcome to bring your own if you have one.

EVERY WEEK

Story Time Weekly on Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 12 - August 14 (Hill Room) Preschoolers can use their imaginations to have amazing adventures through books! Three stories and a variety of musical interludes will keep them interested in this 30-45 minute session. A craft is available to make onsite at the end of each Story Time.

Lego Build-o-Rama Fridays, 2-3 p.m. June 14-August 16, (Hill Room) No Legos on Friday, June 28. Use our bricks to create a masterpiece, which will be put on display for a week in the library.

