



UNEARTH A STORY FOR TEENS

Faux Amber Insect Pendants

Monday, June 15
4 - 5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Learn to work with resin as you create your own version of a petrified insect.



Clay Diffuser Discs

Thursday, June 18
4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Burchfield Room

Create a "scent-sational" air-dry clay diffuser for your bedroom, and make a decorative hanger that can be added when the diffuser is dry.

TTRPG: Fossil Hunting for Frontier Scum

Saturday, June 20
2 - 4 p.m. in the History Room

Being a fossil collector out on the frontier isn't easy. But you've got a shovel, a brush, and a six-shot revolver that says you'll do whatever it takes to get your hands on those bones!



Dinosaur Silhouette Art

Monday, June 22
4 - 5:30 p.m. in the Hill Room

Paint a volcano or sunset landscape, then cut out the silhouette of your favorite dinosaur and add it to the scene (dinosaur is optional.)



Dinosaur Garden

Tuesday, June 23
4 - 5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Create a small garden with live plants and dinosaur decorations. Dinosaur planter will be provided.



Video Game Fossils

Monday, June 29
2 - 4 p.m. in the Hill Room

You can try your hand at an ancient Atari system, an early PlayStation and more!

Fossil Tees

Tuesday, July 7
4-5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Use stamping techniques to make a mesozoic masterpiece. Bring your own shirt, please.

What a Relief!

Monday, July 13
11 am - noon on the patio

Use flowers, shells, and recycled materials to make relief impressions in plaster.



Water War

Thursday, July 23
2 - 3 p.m. on the library lawn

RAIN DATE July 24 at 2 pm.

Bring your own super soakers and have a blast! The library will provide lots and lots of water balloons, and maybe even a balloon catapult!

TTRPG: ClueDON'T

Saturday, July 25
2 - 4 p.m. in the Burchfield Room

Your eccentric millionaire relative has been MURDERED--and only his killer will get the inheritance! But a confession is so boring...This is a game of secrets and intrigue, where winning means getting convicted of a crime you didn't commit!



Edible Rocks

Tuesday, July 28
4-5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Make treats that fool the eye, but taste delicious! No cooking or baking skills required. RECIPE CONTAINS TREE NUTS.



Minute to Win It

Tuesday, August 4
4-5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Race to score points while attempting ridiculous and fun feats! There will be at least one dinosaur-themed game. Bring a friend!



TTRPG: Dept. of Jurassic Vehicles

Saturday, August 22
2 - 4 p.m. in the History Room

In an alternate world, dinosaurs--not humans--have evolved to have higher intelligence. With smarts come cities, with cities come cars, and with cars comes the Dino DMV! Be both customer and agent in this hilarious twist on bureaucracy.



REPEATING PROGRAMS

Manga Night

Wednesdays June 10, July 8, & Aug. 12
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Burchfield Room)

Join Youth Assistant Devin for an hour of Japanese themed games and snacks. Different activities each month.



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, June 13, July 11 & Aug. 8
2 - 4 p.m. in the History Room

Youth Assistant Dimitri is the Dungeon Master in this monthly series of campaigns. Players can bring their own character sheet (Dimitri also has pre-made characters to share.)



Soccer Bots

6/15 and 6/24 at 11:30 a.m.
7/16 and 7/20 at 4 p.m.
8/5 and 8/11 at 6:30 p.m.

Play soccer with remote-controlled robots created in the Design Lab! Four people can play at once. Staff will be sure that everyone who comes gets a turn.

SPECIAL EVENT!

**Cup Stacking with
Jim Merrills
Thursday, June 25**

3 - 4 p.m. (Hill Room)

A hands-on program that is fast and exciting. Teens will stack cups in a series of easy to build formations; there's more excitement when the participants combine their cups and work together to build larger structures.



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**LIBRARY SUMMER
READING PROGRAM**

JUNE 4TH - AUGUST 14TH, 2026

Our sponsors:



Friends of Ransom
District Library



There is another great summer in store for Plainwell area children of all ages! The reading program sets an attainable goal for everyone: **read 5 books to earn a prize.** After that goal is met, **keep reading to earn more prizes!** There are different prize boxes for different age groups: preschool, early elementary, older elementary, and teen. The rewards are sure to please everyone!

How does registration work? It couldn't be easier! Visit Ransom District Library at your convenience any time after noon on June 4th. Staff will give your children a notebook to record the books they read as well as a small gift for signing up. Then load up on books and head home to read! Write the title of the book down when it is finished. When 5 books have been written in the notebook, come back to the Library. Staff will stamp the notebook and send your child to the correct prize box to make their selection. Then they can start again--we encourage children to come back many times for more prizes!

Note that full books, not individual chapters, must be completed by children of all ages. Kids are encouraged to read books that suit their interests and their reading level--this is supposed to be *fun*! Babies can participate when siblings and adults read to them. Small children may listen to the same book over and over, but school-age children should be reading unique titles all summer long to maximize their reading practice. Questions? Ask your helpful library staff!

There are also lots of things to do at the Library this summer. Look inside to see the fun activities that are scheduled; we are sure you will "dig it!"



EVENT REGISTRATION

Some youth events require registration, either for accuracy in providing supplies or for keeping participation numbers controlled for safety reasons. **If you find you cannot attend an event, PLEASE log in again and remove your child by choosing the "cancel registration" button.**

This is especially important for popular programs: the registration software automatically notifies people on the wait list when someone cancels. Thank you for your cooperation.



Please note that registration for June events began March 30th. Registration for July and August events will begin on June 1st.

EVERY WEEK

Story Time: Wednesdays

June 10-August 19

1030-11:15 a.m. in the Hill Room

Dinosaurs will make an appearance in each summer Story Time. Get ready for some prehistoric fun!

DIY Dinosaur T-shirts with the Design Lab

Wednesdays

June 17 - July 22

3 - 4:30 p.m. in the Burchfield Room/Design Lab

Please register children/teens only. Parents do not need to register themselves. Please bring your own t-shirt. Limit 12 participants per session. Make a unique design, print it onto transfer paper, then use the t-shirt press to apply it. Ms. Erin will help with the design process, and the Design Lab will help create the transfers. (You do not have to make a dinosaur t-shirt.) All ages are welcome, but young children will have to be closely supervised around the hot presses.



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Big Kid Story Time

Thursdays 6/11, 7/9 and 8/13

10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hill Room

Ms. Erin will lead a Story Time with books curated for a school-age audience, with great pictures, more sophisticated humor, and more complex plots. There will be lots of talking, joking, and sharing during this fun hour. In a nod to preschool Story Time, kids will be offered a craft that is age-appropriate at the end of each session.

Mesozoic Mondays

6/22, 7/20 and 8/3

10:30 a.m.-noon in the Hill Room

Explore dinosaur-related science concepts in this fun program. Plan to get messy!

Yoga Adventures for Kids

Thursdays July 2 & August 6

10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hill Room

Sarah Plucinski will bring her age-appropriate, fun yoga to the library again this summer. Mats are provided.



Dino-MITE Summer Reading Kickoff with the Michigan Geological Survey Monday, June 8 10:30 a.m. - noon

Sign up for summer reading and you will also be treated to a variety of special activities that explore paleontology and geology. Our friends from the Michigan Geological Survey will bring some amazing fossils and show you why it's so cool to dig things up!

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all sessions in the Hill Room

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Dinosaur Art

Tuesday, July 7 Collage

Thursday, July 16 Crayon Resist

Tuesday, July 21 Pasta Mosaic

all sessions 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Hill Room

Enjoy three opportunities to make dinosaurs using 3 different art techniques.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Science Heroes

Tuesday, June 9

2 - 3 p.m. in the Hill Room

Unearth your curiosity as the Heroes dig into the incredible science that's all around us! This year's presentation features the Toilet Tornado™ and the Hydro-Cannon™. If you didn't already love science, you will after experiencing the Science Heroes!



Ben Jammin'

Tuesday, June 16

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. in the Hill Room

Dino Stomp your way into summer with Vicksburg musicians and local favorites Ben Jammin! Their interactive performances engage young children with original and classic songs, exciting motions, and playful props, fostering a love of music and learning through lively participation!

Can You Dig It? Magic Show with "Mr. Jim" Merrills

Thursday, June 25

1 - 2 p.m. in the Hill Room

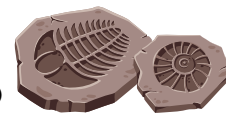
From dinosaur footprints to archaeological digs, this magical journey is filled with fun and learning for the entire family!

Fossil Fiesta!

Tuesday, June 30

10:30 a.m. - noon in the Hill Room

Learn about the three types of fossils and make some of your own with salt dough and Plaster of Paris. Warning: this will get messy!



Stir Stick Flag Craft

Thursday, July 2

4-5 p.m. in the Hill Room

Use a handful of paint stir sticks to create your own American Flag-just in time for Independence Day!

Dinosaur Egg Hunt

Monday, July 6

10:30 - 11 a.m. on the patio

Who says you can only have an egg hunt at Easter? These hidden eggs will all have dinosaurs inside.

Water War

Thursday, July 23

2 - 3 p.m. on the grass

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Not recommended for kids under age 5 -play may be rough.

Bring your own super soakers and have a blast! The library will provide lots and lots of water balloons, and maybe even a balloon catapult!

Microscopic Magic

Monday, July 27

1 - 2 p.m. in the Burchfield Room

Look through our microscope into a fresh batch of pond water and discover creatures that are smaller than the naked eye can see!

Clay Creations with Cathy Green

Thursday, July 30

1-2 p.m. in the Hill Room

Local ceramicist Cathy Green will lead a class in creating a sculpture out of a slab of clay. Space is limited, so registration is required.



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary

Thursday, August 6

2-3 p.m. in the Hill Room

Summer would not be complete without catching a glimpse of these creatures who have been living on our planet since the time of the dinosaurs! Get ready to be wowed by the critters-will you be brave enough to TOUCH them?

Lunch with the Author

Wednesday, August 12

12 - 1 p.m. in the Hill Room

Elementary and middle school students can meet Theresa Borst, local author of *I Love You Like a Donut*. She will talk about the process of writing a book and getting it published. The Library will provide pizza and drinks.



SPECIAL EVENT!

Bright Star Theatre presents:

Dino Academy

Friday, July 17

6 p.m. in the Hill Room

Join us-and host Dr. Sara Tops-for an evening performance that blends science, storytelling and imagination in the style of your favorite nature programs. The life-like, colorful dinosaur puppets will stomp, roar and charm their way into every heart!



Perform in *The Frog Prince!*

The Plainwell Arts Council is sponsoring the Missoula Children's Theatre again this year. This traveling theatre group works with children to take them from audition to performance of a play in just one week!

Auditions: June 15

Performance: June 20

Applications Available: May 1

Application Deadline: June 1

Who can audition: Students in Plainwell and Otsego school districts

Pick up/drop off applications at the Library

