

June 2025

LIBRARY LINKS

The latest news from the Georgetown Township Public Library



**Farmers Market
begins June 16!
Info Inside**

Summer Hours: The Library closes at 1PM on Saturdays

ADULT PROGRAMS



BLISSVELDT FARM & MOVIE June 3 @ 7PM

The Jenison Historical Association discusses the historic Blissveldt farm and shows the Blissveldt Romance movie, a 25-minute melodrama with local Grand Rapids, Michigan actors and locations.



ADULT YOGA June 4 @ 7PM

Join our community for a one-hour, gentle flow class with yoga teacher Jami Kok. This class is thoughtfully designed for all skill levels. Please bring your own mat or towel.

Please register in advance



ARCYLIC PAINTING CLASS June 11 @ 6PM

Join local artist Lauren Pung for an acrylic painting class for adults. We will be painting a warm beach scene. No experience necessary and all supplies are provided.

Please register in advance

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AUTHOR TOBIN BUHK PRESENTS THE CLINK: INSIDE MICHIGAN'S HISTORIC JAILS June 17 @ 1:30PM

Using archival photographs and diagrams, author Tobin T. Buhk leads a guided tour of these mysterious, forbidden places and introduces the characters who did time there. The occupants of these county jails ranged from chicken thieves to serial killers to the colorful cast of sheriff's deputies tasked with watching over them.



GRAB & GO RECIPE KIT June 19

Each month will feature a new recipe with the different herbs and spices needed for the dish. This month's feature is Oaxacan Black Beans with Avocado Leaf.

Please register in advance



COLOR YOUR PLATE June 24 @ 6:30PM

Join us for a fresh and flavorful class where we'll create stunning summer salads bursting with color! Presented by Chellie Schmitz, Art From My Table



WRITER'S GROUP Wednesdays @ 6:30PM

A casual setting to share your writing and receive encouragement and advice. Led by Jeremy Cook.



CRIBBAGE CLUB TWICE A MONTH

Beginners will be taught to play and experienced players are welcome. We will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM and the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM.

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP FARMERS MARKET

Stop by Mondays from 4-8PM for fresh produce, baked goods, artisan products, and more! Many weeks feature live music and every week will have a food truck. Be sure to check our schedule of events and vendors at gtfarmersmarket.org.

MONDAYS 4-8PM

Beginning June 16



PLAY

Outdoor Fun Fridays: Each Friday from 10AM-5PM, stop by the library have fun with some outdoor games that can be checked out and played on the library patio.



June 10 @ 10AM: Drop-In Playtime: Our children's program room is transforming into a city full of roads, buildings, and more using cardboard boxes! Bring your favorite Hot Wheels or other small cars from home and explore during this drop-in program.

June 26 @ 6PM: Glow Dance Party: Put on your brightest neon or white shirt and join us for a glow dance party with a family-friendly playlist! Every attendee will get a glow accessory, but feel free to wear extras if you'd like! Registration encouraged to help gauge supplies needed but not required.

CREATE



June 12 @ 10AM: Tie Dye Milk Jug Planters: Join us to make a tie-dyed planter using milk jugs and permanent markers. Best for ages 5 and up. Registration required.

June 19 @ 10AM: DIY Loom Loop Flip-Flops: Bring a pair of flip-flops and join us for a fun program where we will wrap loom loops on our sandals to give them a little something extra! Registration required. For those going into 5th grade and up.

COLOR OUR WORLD™ Kick-Off Party JUNE 2 [AT] 3PM

We are excited to Color Our World with you this summer! To celebrate the start of our summer reading program, we are throwing a Kickoff party!
3-5pm: Petting Zoo, Library Parking Lot
5-7pm: Inside Out 2 (PG) showing, Lower Level
3-7pm: Food truck, outdoor games, popsicles, crafts and more!

Tuesdays @ 11AM: Family Movie Mornings:

- June 10: Dog Man (PG)
- June 17: Moana 2 (PG)
- June 24: Sonic 3 (PG)



June 7 @ 10AM: Author Aditi Shukla: Join us for an author visit with local children's book author Aditi Shukla! Explore the culture of India through an interactive reading of her book. Next we will learn some Hindi words and create a traditional piece of artwork. Aditi will also answer questions about her book writing journey and have copies of her book available for sale and signing.

June 11 @ 11AM: Magician Brad Lancaster: Join magician Brad Lancaster for "Color Your World With Reading!", a performance that includes magic, puppetry, comedy, and audience participation!

June 18 @ 11AM: Exotic Zoo: Join us for a live animal show with Exotic Zoo! Learn about rare and endangered species, see animals up close, and even touch some. Weather permitting, this program will take place outside near the library entrance.

June 25 @ 11AM: Bubbles R Fun: Join bubbleologists from Bubbles R Fun for a program of fun, learning, and inspiration! Learn about the science of bubbles, view a live demonstration. and get hands-on with bubble play opportunities.



ENJOY



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



June 9
10AM & 11:15AM

Each session will be based on a children's book and will include: story, finger plays, creative art experiences, and educational play. Each family will also receive a children's book to take home. Information on child development and reading readiness will be available for parents.



GTPL @ the Park

Join us at an area park for an outreach opportunity with the library. We will have a table set up with information about the library and Summer Reading program, and free gently used books for kids.

June 2 @ 10AM: 8th Ave. Park
June 23 @ 10AM: Hager Park



Purposeful Play June 6 @ 10:30AM



Play is an important part of early literacy development. In this program, parents and caregivers will engage in purposeful play with their children! Activities are separated by development area. This is a drop-in program, come anytime during the hour. Ages 0-5 welcome!

Sensory Play June 13 @ 10:30AM

Touch, hear, see, and play! This drop in play time focuses on letting kids play and learn using their senses, using things like textured blocks, water, sound tubes, ball pit, and foam paint. Come and go as you please during the hour. Ages 0-5.



Music & Movement June 27 @ 10:30AM



This program, geared for kids ages 12 months to 5 years, offers early literacy benefits while focusing on music and movement. Perfect for kids who can't quite sit through a traditional story time, or anyone who loves to move! Children of all ages welcome.

Family Storytime June 30 @ 10AM

Join us for an all ages storytime! We'll read stories, sing songs, and have fun!

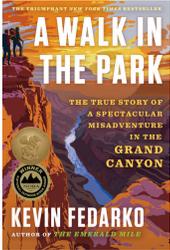


BOOK GROUPS

GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

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A Walk in the Park: Wednesday, June 11 @ 1:30PM



Two friends, zero preparation, one dream. A few years after quitting his job to follow an ill-advised dream of becoming a guide on the Colorado River, Kevin Fedarko was approached by his best friend, National Geographic photographer Pete McBride, with a vision as bold as it was harebrained. Together, they would embark on an end-to-end traverse of the Grand Canyon, a journey that, McBride promised, would be “a walk in the park.” Against his better judgment, Fedarko agreed, unaware that the small cluster of experts who had completed the crossing billed it as “the toughest hike in the world.”

The ensuing ordeal, which lasted more than a year, revealed a place that was deeper, richer, and far more complex than anything the two men had imagined—and came within a hair’s breadth of killing them both. They struggled to make their way through a vertical labyrinth of thousand-foot cliffs and crumbling ledges where water is measured out by the teaspoon and every step is fraught with peril—and where, even today, there is still no trail along the length of the country’s best-known and most iconic park. **Stop by at noon to watch the documentary *Into the Canyon* based on this book.**

The Restoration of Celia Fairchild: Monday, June 16 @ 1:30PM

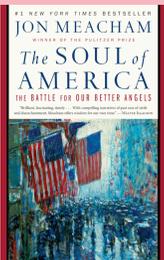


Celia Fairchild, known as advice columnist ‘Dear Calpurnia’, has insight into everybody’s problems — except her own. Still bruised by the end of a marriage she thought was her last chance to create a family, Celia receives an unexpected answer to a “Dear Birthmother” letter. Celia throws herself into proving she’s a perfect adoptive mother material — with a stable home and income — only to lose her job. Her one option: sell the Charleston house left to her by her recently departed, estranged Aunt Calpurnia.

Arriving in Charleston, Celia learns that Calpurnia had become a hoarder, the house is a wreck, and selling it will require a drastic, rapid makeover. The task of renovation seems overwhelming and risky. But with the help of new neighbors, old friends, and an unlikely sisterhood of strong, creative women who need her as much as she needs them, Celia knits together the truth about her estranged family — and about herself.

READ, WHITE, AND BLUE BOOK GROUP

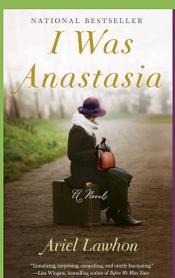
Soul of America: Wednesday, June 18 @ 1:30PM



Our current climate of partisan fury is not new, and in *The Soul of America* Meacham shows us how what Abraham Lincoln called the “better angels of our nature” have repeatedly won the day. Painting surprising portraits of Lincoln and other presidents, including Ulysses S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and Lyndon B. Johnson, and illuminating the courage of such influential citizen activists as Martin Luther King Jr., early suffragettes Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt, civil rights pioneers Rosa Parks and John Lewis, First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, and Army-McCarthy hearings lawyer Joseph N. Welch, Meacham brings vividly to life turning points in American history.

He writes about the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the birth of the Lost Cause; the backlash against immigrants in the First World War and the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s; the fight for women’s rights; the demagoguery of Huey Long and Father Coughlin and the isolationist work of America First in the years before World War II; the anti-Communist witch hunts led by Senator Joseph McCarthy; and Lyndon Johnson’s crusade against Jim Crow. Each of these dramatic hours in our national life have been shaped by the contest to lead the country to look forward rather than back, to assert hope over fear — a struggle that continues even now.

I Was Anastasia: Tuesday, June 24 @ 1:30PM



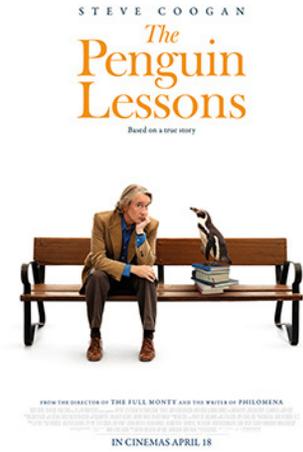
Russia, July 17, 1918: Under direct orders from Vladimir Lenin, Bolshevik secret police force Anastasia Romanov, along with the entire imperial family, into a damp basement in Siberia, where they face a merciless firing squad. None survive. At least that is what the executioners have always claimed.

Germany, February 17, 1920: A young woman bearing an uncanny resemblance to Anastasia Romanov is pulled shivering and senseless from a canal. Refusing to explain her presence in the freezing water or even acknowledge her rescuers, she is taken to the hospital where an examination reveals that her body is riddled with countless horrific scars. When she finally does speak, this frightened, mysterious young woman claims to be the Russian grand duchess.

As rumors begin to circulate through European society that the youngest Romanov daughter has survived the massacre at Ekaterinburg, old enemies and new threats are awakened. The question of who Anna Anderson is and what actually happened to Anastasia Romanov spans fifty years and touches three continents. This thrilling saga is every bit as moving and momentous as it is harrowing and twisted.

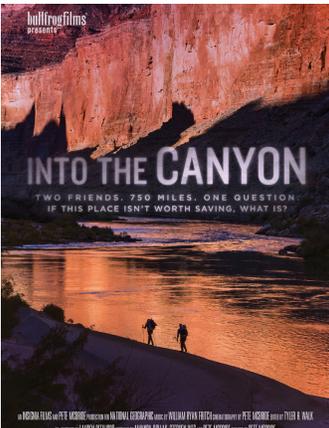
JUNE MOVIES

for adults



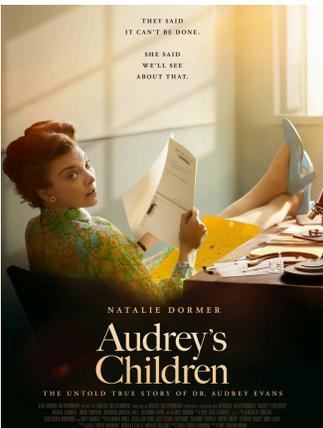
JUN 5 12PM FILMS & FOOD: *THE PENGUIN LESSONS* (PG-13)

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.



JUN 11 12PM DOCUMENTARIES & DONUTS: *INTO THE CANYON*

In 2016 filmmaker/photographer Pete McBride and writer Kevin Fedarko set out on a 750-mile journey on foot through the entire length of the Grand Canyon. From the outset, the challenge was far more than they bargained for. More people have stood on the moon than have completed a continuous through hike of the Canyon. Throughout their passage, McBride and Fedarko encountered an astonishingly diverse and powerful landscape, rich in history, that is now facing perhaps the gravest crisis in the 100-year history of the Grand Canyon National Park. The threat is made stark when they encounter an organization of Navajo women fighting a billion dollar proposed tram project to be built on sacred ground. **Stay for a discussion of the book *A Walk in the Park* following the documentary.**



JUN 19 12PM FILMS & FOOD: *AUDREY'S CHILDREN* (PG)

1969. Dr. Audrey Evans joins world-renowned children's hospital and battles sexism, medical conventions, and the subterfuge of her peers to develop revolutionary treatments and purchase the first Ronald McDonald House, impacting millions.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Summer Reading Begins 	2 10: Chat & Craft* 10: Library @ the Park 3: Summer Reading Kick-Off	3 7: Jenison Historical Association presents Blissveldt Farm & Movie	4 11: Local History Room 6:30: Writers Group 7: Adult Yoga*	5 10: Pins & Needles Craft Group 12: Films & Food: <i>Penguin</i> Lessons	6 10: Outdoor Fun 10:30: Purposeful Play	7 10: Learn About India with Local Author Aditi Shukla
8	9 10: OASD Play N Learn 11:5: OASD Play N Learn	10 10: Drop-In Play Time 11: Tuesday Morning Movie: <i>Dog Man</i> (PG) 10:30: Cribbage Club	11 11: Magician Brad Lancaster 12: Documentaries & Donuts: <i>Into the Canyon</i> 1:30: Book Group: <i>Walk in the Park</i> 6: Adult Acrylic Painting Class* 6:30: Writers Group	12 10: Pins & Needles Craft Group 10: Tie Dye Milk Jug Craft* 6: Teen Mario Kart Tournament*	13 10:5: Outdoor Fun** 10:30: Sensory Play	14
15 	16 10: Sing Song Family Yoga 1:30: Book Group: <i>The Restoration of Celia Fairchild</i> 4-8: Farmers Market 6: Live music by Jeremy VerWys	17 11: Tuesday Morning Movie: <i>Moana 2</i> (PG) 1:30: Author Tobin Buhk* 4:30: Pirate Quest Minecraft*	18 11: Local History Room 11: Exotic Zoo 1:30: Book Group: <i>Soul of America</i> 6:30: Writers Group	19 All Day: Grab & Go Recipe Kits 10: Pins & Needles Craft Group 10: DIY Loom Loop Flip-Flops* 12: Films & Food: <i>Audrey's Children</i>	20 9:30: Storytime @ the Splash Pad 10:5: Outdoor Fun**	21
22	23 10: Library @ the Park 4-8: Farmers Market 6: Live music by John Voelz	24 11: Tuesday Morning Movie: <i>Sonic 3</i> (PG) 1:30: Book Group: <i>I Was Amstasia</i> 6:30: Color Your Plate*	25 11: Local History Room 11: Bubbles R Fun 6:30: Writers Group 7: Cribbage Club	26 10: Pins & Needles Craft Group 6: Glow Dance Party*	27 10:5: Outdoor Fun** 10:30: Music & Movement	28
29	30 10: Family Storytime 4-8: Farmers Market 6: Live music by The "Hit" Man	1	2	3	4	5

*= Pre-registration required
**= weather permitting

Stop in for Summer Reading & the Georgetown Township Farmers Market!



SUMMER READING: JUNE 2-AUGUST 2



Program dates/times may change. Please check the online calendar for the most up-to-date information

JUNE

2: Summer Reading begins!

- 2 @ 10AM: Library @ the Park: 8th Ave. Park
- 2 @ 3PM: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party
- 6 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 6 @ 10:30AM: Purposeful Play
- 7 @ 10AM: Learn About India with Author Aditi Shukla*
- 9 @ 10AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 9 @ 11:15AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 10 @ 11AM: Family Movie Morning: *Dog Man* (PG)
- 10 @ 10AM: Drop-In Playtime: Cardboard Box City
- 11 @ 11AM: Magician Brad Lancaster
- 12 @ 10AM: Tie Die Milk Jug Flower Planters*
- 12 @ 6PM: Teen Mario Kart Tournament*
- 13 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 13 @ 10:30AM: Sensory Play
- 16 @ 10AM: Sing Song Family Yoga
- 16 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 17 @ 11AM: Family Movie Morning: *Moana 2* (PG)
- 17 @ 4:30PM: Pirate Quest: Minecraft Program*
- 18 @ 11AM: Exotic Zoo
- 19 @ 10AM: DIY Loom Loop Flip-Flops*
- 20 @ 9:30AM: Storytime at the Splash Pad: Rosewood Park
- 20 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 23 @ 10AM: Library @ the Park: Hager Park
- 23 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 24 @ 11AM: Tuesday Movie: *Sonic 3* (PG)
- 25 @ 11AM: Bubbles R Fun
- 26 @ 6PM: Glow Dance Party
- 27 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 27 @ 10:30AM: Music & Movement
- 30 @ 10AM: Family Storytime
- 30 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market



Check out our Events Calendar!

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JULY

- 1 @ 11AM: Family Movie Morning: *Mufasa* (PG)
- 2 @ 11AM: Juggler Nick Thomas
- 3 @ 10AM: Fabric Scrap Flags*
- 4-5: Library Closed
- 7 @ 10AM: Library @ the Park: Pioneer Park
- 7 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 8 @ 10AM: Drop In Playtime: Cardboard Box City
- 8 @ 11AM: Tuesday Movie: *Paddington in Peru* (PG)
- 9 @ 11AM: BenJammin
- 10 @ 10AM: Storytime with Scout, GVSU Police Dog
- 11 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 11 @ 10:30AM: Sensory Play
- 11 @ 1PM: Float Friday
- 14 @ 10AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 14 @ 11:15AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 14 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 15 @ 11AM: Family Movie Morning: *Snow White* (PG)
- 16 @ 11AM: Who Would Win?--Pirates vs. Vikings
- 17 @ 10AM-12PM: Squirt Gun Tie Dye*
- 18 @ 9:30AM: Storytime at the Splashpad: Maplewood Park
- 18 @ 10AM-4PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 18 @ 1PM: Float Friday
- 21 @ 10AM: Library @ the Park: Grand River Park
- 21 @ 2PM: Learn About Butterflies*
- 21 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market & Young Vendor's Night
- 22 @ 11AM: Tuesday Movie: *Minecraft* (PG)
- 22 @ 1:30PM: Henna Class for Teens*
- 23 @ 11AM: Outdoor Discovery Center
- 24 @ 10AM: Marbled Milk Paintings*
- 25 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 25 @ 10:30AM: Music & Movement
- 25 @ 1PM: Float Friday
- 28 @ 10AM: Family Storytime
- 28 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 31 @ 2PM: Harry Potter Program*

AUGUST

- 1 @ 10AM-5PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 1 @ 10:30AM: Purposeful Play
- 2: Summer Reading Ends--Last day to collect prizes!
- 4 @ 10AM: Sing Song Family Yoga
- 4 @ 4-8PM: Farmers Market
- 5 @ 11AM: Bluey Party*
- 7 @ 10AM: Puffy Paint Art*
- 8 @ 10AM-4PM: Outdoor Fun (weather permitting)
- 8 @ 10:30AM: Sensory Play
- 11 @ 10AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 11 @ 11:15AM: OAISD Play N Learn
- 11 @ 4-8: Farmers Market
- 12 @ 4:30PM: Castle Attack: Minecraft Program*