



# HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

JULY-SEPT 2024

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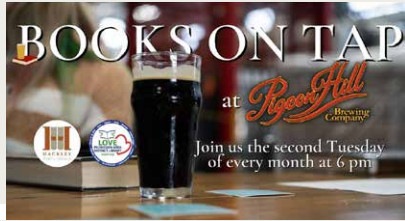
**WATCH  
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**BOOKS ON TAP AT PIGEON HILL**

**2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:00-7:00 PM**



Join HPL and MADL staff for an evening book discussion each month over a beverage at Pigeon Hill Brewery. Find more details at [hackleylibrary.org](http://hackleylibrary.org).



**FANTASY DRAWING CLASS FOR ADULTS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 5:00-6:00 PM**

During this drawing workshop for adults, you can learn how to draw your own fantasy character or creature! Attendees will see their creations come to life as they learn about sketching, poses and line art. Class taught by Natalie Budnick. Registration required.



*Left to Write*

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3:30-4:30 PM**

Participate in writing exercises, and meet other creative writers. Writers of all experiences are welcome! Remember to bring a pen and paper.

**WILLS, THRILLS, AND CHILLS: DIGGING INTO PROBATE RECORDS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 10:30AM** Speaker: Kris Rzepczynski

This session will provide an overview of probate records, the different types of records created, including wills, inventories, and calendars, the family history content to be discovered, and where to find them online and onsite. A Senior Archivist at the Archives of Michigan, where he specializes in family history and Michigan research, Kris has worked in the genealogical community for more than 23 years. He holds a Masters in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a Master of Arts in History from Western Michigan University.

**SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR**

**LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
3:00-4:00 PM**

July 25 | August 29 | September 26

Relax and enjoy a casual gathering with light refreshments, good conversation, and fun with fellow seniors. Registration preferred.



**TRAVEL TALK: PHANTOMS OF THE U.P.**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Michigan's Upper Peninsula is a rugged land, filled with legends of once thriving, now skeletal towns made prosperous at the turn of the century. Ghost towns stretch from Mackinac to Keweenaw. Hear the stories of miners & their families, visit the shaft houses, kilns, and discover the places you never knew about with this travel talk presented by Janet Kasic. Registration preferred.



**FINANCIAL LIT: SCAMS!**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Discover how you can protect yourself and your finances against scams. Find out about some of the red flags to look for, as well as what questions you should ask yourself before sending money, opening attachments, giving bank information, and even cashing a check you receive in the mail. Registration preferred.



**FINANCIAL LIT: BUSINESS BANKING BASICS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 5:30-6:30 PM**

In this seminar you will learn the basics of Business Banking. Designed to guide you through the essentials of registering your business, setting up your business bank account, and ensuring you leverage your cash flow appropriately. Whether you are a startup or an established business this seminar will provide you with valuable insights and practical applications to enhance your business' efficiency. Registration preferred.

**OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT WITH GEMINI DAPOET AND KAIZEN KABIR**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 18, 6:00-8:00 PM**

Join Gemini DaPoet and Kaizen Kabir for an evening of lyrical expression and creative exploration at our Open Mic Poetry Night at Hackley Library! Whether you're a seasoned poet, just dipping your toes into the world of verse, or are only interested in listening, all are welcome to share their original poems or favorite works from other poets. Registration preferred.



**THE CEMETERY SUPER SLEUTH**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30AM** Speaker: Cristine Bouwkamp

The Cemetery Super Sleuth presentation will explore how to identify clues that might be able to point a genealogist towards a research source. Cristine is a seasoned memorial consultant at Superior Monument & Patten Monument Company. With over two decades of experience in the industry, Cristine has demonstrated exceptional expertise in memorial design, highlighted by her achievement of becoming a Certified Memorialist from Monument Builders of North America. Registration preferred.

# HACKLEY PROGRAMS CALENDAR

A quick glance for all HPL programs and events.

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program departments: **A** = adult, **T** = teen, **Y** = youth, and **ALL** = all ages

## JULY

### **Y-T** TAKE AND MAKES

Available JULY 1

### **Y** LIGHTHOUSE STORYTIME

3:00 PM Mondays

### **Y** PAWS AND READ

4:00 PM Select Mondays

### **Y** STORY TIME

10:30 AM Fridays

### **A** FINANCIAL LIT: SCAMS!

5:30 PM, JULY 9

### **A** BOOKS ON TAP

6:00 PM, JULY 9

### **A** LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)

3:30 PM, JULY 10

### **Y** FOOD EXPLORERS!

10:30 AM, JULY 13

### **Y** FOOD ADVENTURERS!

2:00 PM, JULY 13

### **Y-T** BUGS AND BARK DRAWING CLASS

3:00 PM, JULY 17

### **A-T** OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT

6:00 PM, JULY 18

### **T** TEEN VR HEADSETS

3:00 PM, JULY 22

### **A** FANTASY DRAWING CLASS FOR ADULTS

5:00 PM, JULY 23

## JULY

### **Y-T** FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS!

3:00 PM, JULY 24

### **A** SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

3:00 PM, JULY 25

### **ALL** SHENANIGANS PETTING ZOO

3:00 PM, JULY 31

## AUGUST

### **Y** DOG DAYS OF SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT

AUGUST 1-31

### **Y-T** TAKE AND MAKES

Available AUGUST 5

### **Y** PAWS AND READ

4:00 PM Select Mondays

### **A** BOOKS ON TAP

6:00 PM, AUGUST 13

### **A** LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)

3:30 PM, AUGUST 14

### **A** WILLS, THRILLS, AND CHILLS: DIGGING INTO PROBATE RECORDS

10:30 AM, AUGUST 17

### **Y-T** LEGOS!

2:00 PM, AUGUST 21

### **A** TRAVEL TALK: PHANTOMS OF THE U.P.

5:30 PM, AUGUST 27

## SEPTEMBER

### **Y** PAWS AND READ

4:00 PM Select Mondays

### **Y-T** TAKE AND MAKES

Available SEPTEMBER 3

### **Y** STORY TIME

10:30 AM Fridays

### **A** FINANCIAL LIT: BUSINESS BANKING BASICS

5:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 10

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6:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 10

### **A** LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)

3:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 11

### **Y** FINGERPRINT ART

3:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 12

### **T** TEEN CRAFTARAMA!

3:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 16

### **Y** "TALK LIKE A PIRATE" DAY FEST!

3:30 PM, SEPTEMBER 19

### **A** THE CEMETERY SUPER SLEUTH

10:30 AM, SEPTEMBER 21

**PRESCHOOL**  
**STORY TIME**  
**FRIDAYS**  
*In July & September*  
**at 10:30AM**

**Intended for ages 0-5, our in-person storytime is designed to teach early literacy skills to parents and caregivers while children enjoy a fun, interactive atmosphere. We'll read stories, sing songs, and do movement activities! Please check our Facebook page for any cancellations.**


**LIGHTHOUSE STORYTIME**  
**MONDAYS, JUNE - JULY, 3:00 PM**  
 Embark on a delightful culinary adventure with your little ones in this Catch some sun and fresh air out at the Pere Marquette Lighthouse! We'll read stories, sing songs, and watch the boats out on the lake. Soft mats are provided for seating. Join us for a special Lighthouse Storytime on **Wednesday, August 7 at 3 pm** to celebrate National Lighthouse Day.

**JULY TAKE AND MAKES**  
**AVAILABLE MONDAY, JULY 1**  
**STICK SNAKES**  
 Slither into summer with our super cool popsicle stick snakes. These wooden reptilians are as much fun to play with as they are to make!

**LED FLASHLIGHT**  
 This take and make has a practical application. What happens when you put together some copper tape, a popsicle stick, a battery, a binder clip, and an LED light? Find out by picking up a flashlight kit today!





**PAWS AND READ WITH BREEZY & DOLLY**  
**MONDAYS, JULY 8 & 22, AUGUST 5 & 19, & SEPTEMBER 9 & 23**  
 We have two four-legged reading helpers in Youth Services!! Practice and strengthen literacy skills by reading out loud to our friendly therapy dogs who are calm, non judgmental listeners. They're excited to hear all the stories – and receive *all* the belly rubs. Please call 231-722-8014 to register for a 20 minute time slot. Ages 3-12.



**FOOD EXPLORERS! SATURDAY, JULY 13, 10:30AM** Ages 0-4  
**FOOD ADVENTURERS! 2:00PM, SATURDAY, JULY 13** Ages 5-8  
 Embark on delightful culinary adventures and flavorful expeditions with your children at Hackley Library! Hosted by Culinary and Family Registered Dietitian Jessi Holden, we'll discover vibrant fruits & vegetables, engage in hands-on exploration, taste tests, and more. Please visit HPL's Facebook page closer to the events for more details.

**BUGS AND BARK DRAWING CLASS**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 3:00-4:00 PM**  
 What is Bugs and Bark? Exactly like it sounds! Corinne Roberts is back to show us how to draw insects and some tree species that are native to Michigan! This class is paced for all ages to learn how to draw or sharpen developing skills. This program is open to the first 60 people and will start promptly at 3:00. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Ages 6-17.





**TEEN VR HEADSETS**  
**MONDAY, JULY 22, 3:00-4:30 PM**  
 Ms. Lydia will be hosting a fun introduction to gaming on our new VR Headsets. Registration is required and will be available closer to the event date.



**FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS!**  
 KALEIDOSCOPE FARM  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 3:00 PM**  
 Kaleidoscope Farms will be joining us again and bringing different flowers for you to create your very own bouquet. Bryan and Lindsay will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The flowers are all locally grown in the Nims neighborhood. Ages 6-18.



**SHENANIGANS PETTING ZOO**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 3:00-4:00 PM**  
 Come to Hackley Park and hook up with two pens of fun farm friends for you to pet and feed! Sheep and goats and bunnies, OH MY! Come for the chickens, stay for the goats. *Animals subject to change.*



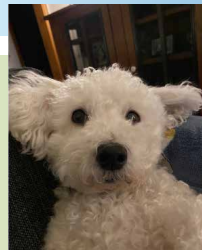
## AUGUST TAKE AND MAKES AVAILABLE AUGUST 5 LIGHTHOUSES

Celebrate National Lighthouse day with a super cute lighthouse take and make. Shine your light all over Muskegon and bring it down to our Pere Marquette Lighthouse for a special Story Time and fun!



## JINGLE STICKS!!!

Shake away those “Dog Days of Summer” blues with a shimmery, shinary, glittery, glorious JINGLE STICK! Use it as an instrument, use it as a wand, use it to delight or perhaps annoy your family members!



## DOG DAYS OF SUMMER SCAVENGER HUNT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST ONLY

Are you planning a visit to the library? Do you want a fun activity to do while you're there? Well we have you covered! Hidden in the nooks and crannies of our YS room are photos of our very favorite furry friends - our dogs! Win a small prize when you find ALL of our pupper family members!



## LEGOS!

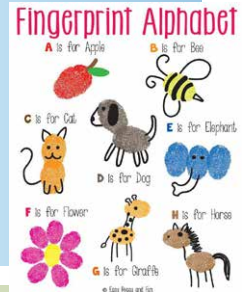
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21,  
2:00-4:00 PM

It's a bird! It's a plane! NO, it's a LEGO BUILD. Bring your imagination and go wild with our legos. Free form Legos are always available, but a limited amount of guided Lego builds will also be on hand for creating. Guided builds are first come, first served.

## FINGERPRINT ART

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 3:30-4:30 PM

Boost those fine motor skills with some fingerprint art fun. For little ones, fingerprint art is a booster for fine motor and pre-writing skills. For older kids it's just plain FUN! We will provide stamp pads and paper, you provide the fingers!



## TEEN CRAFTARAMA!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 3:30 PM

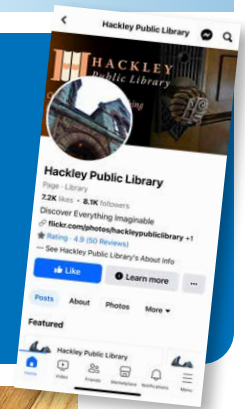
Come spend an hour hanging out and crafting. No reasonable request rejected! Perler Beads? Pony Beads? Macrame? We will open the craft cabinets and create for an hour, so join us!

## ARRRGH MATEY! IT'S A “TALK LIKE A PIRATE” DAY FEST!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 3:30-4:30 PM

That's right, we'll be pulling out all the stops for an hour or crafting and talking like a pirate fun and hijinks! This is a drop in program and all the fun will be available for the entire hour.

FIND MORE PROGRAM DETAILS  
AT HACKLEYLIBRARY.ORG  
OR AT HPL'S FACEBOOK PAGE!



## SEPTEMBER TAKE AND MAKES

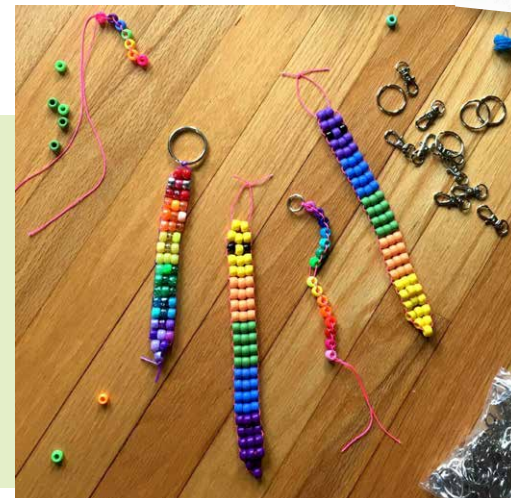
AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 3

### APPLE STRESS BALLS

It's time to go back to school! Make your own palm-sized stress-reliever that is especially great for kids who suffer from separation anxiety at the start of the school year. Plus, the apple design is on-theme and totally adorable.

### FIDGET SLIDER SNAKES

Do you like crafting and having something in your hands to keep them busy? Grab our slider snake take and make, it's the perfect fidget to take back to school with you!



Hackley Library is proud to collaborate with the Muskegon County Genealogical Society on programs each month! Take a peek at two upcoming events happening at Hackley Public Library.

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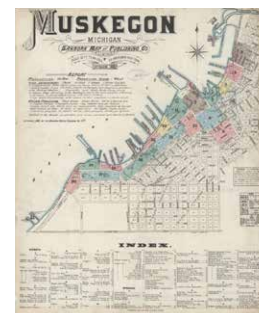
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Hackley Library's Local History and Genealogy Department not only offers amazing resources inside the Torrent House, but also online!

Browse through an ever-growing collection of digitized imagery and historical information through Michiganology, and search several genealogical resources through FamilySearch. Interested in maps? Take a peek at online sources from Muskegon County GIS, which provides interactive location-based information. Not to mention, you can take a look at available Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of Muskegon County, as well as hundreds more from Michigan and the United States, made possible through The Library of Congress. Muskegon County Cemetery Viewer is another helpful resource to utilize for genealogy tasks.



Don't forget, you can also access news resources, such as archives of the Muskegon Chronicle, America's News, the Grand Rapids Press Collection, and



more!  
There are so many intriguing resources waiting for you to discover. Go to [hackleylibrary.org](http://hackleylibrary.org), and at the top of the page click the "Local History & Genealogy" tab. From there you'll find access to online resources right at your fingertips.

**DINOSAUR BONES**  
WITH PALEO JOE  
JUNE 1 - DECEMBER 30

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## Summer Reading Program (SRP) | June 3 - August 3

### FREE - ALL AGES are encouraged to sign up and participate!


HPL's Summer Reading Program uses an online platform called Beanstack. By tracking your reading and activities through Beanstack, you'll earn badges, prizes, and tickets to enter for grand prizes.

For every 200 points you earn by tracking, you'll be eligible for a prize!

Once you reach 600 points, you'll receive a completion prize for finishing SRP.

**For more details, visit [hackleylibrary.org](http://hackleylibrary.org)!**  
**To get started, download the Beanstack app**  
**or go to [hackleylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365](http://hackleylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365)**





# IMPORTANT MESSAGE

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**MAIN LIBRARY HOURS**

*\*Hours are subject to change*

**MONDAY - TUESDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM**  
TORRENT HOUSE: TUES-SAT: 10-5PM

## ADULT HACKLEY CRAFTS

*All adult Hackley Crafts require registration.*

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PAGE FOR DETAILS  
TO COME!**



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

As the warmth of summer embraces our community, I'm delighted to highlight one of our most cherished traditions—the Summer Reading Program. This program is more than just an opportunity to engage with books; it celebrates lifelong learning, imagination, and a love of reading.

The Summer Reading Program is a gateway to new adventures and discoveries for our youngest readers. It helps bridge the summer learning gap, ensuring that children retain and build upon the skills they've developed during the school year. Through captivating stories and engaging activities, children improve their reading skills and foster a love for reading that can last a lifetime.

Teens, too, find a wealth of benefits in participating in the Summer Reading Program. In an age where digital distractions are ever-present, summer reading allows kids to explore diverse genres, discover new interests, and earn points toward completion by participating in library events. It's a fantastic way for teens to unwind, connect with peers, and cultivate a habit of reading for fun.

For adults, summer reading is a gentle reminder that learning and personal growth don't end with formal

education. Whether it's delving into a gripping novel, exploring nonfiction, or participating in library events and activities, the Summer Reading Program offers a wonderful escape and a chance to relax. It's also an opportunity to set a positive example for younger family members, showing them that reading is a rewarding, lifelong endeavor that can provide calm and rejuvenation.

This summer, I invite everyone—children, teens, adults, and seniors—to join us in this wonderful challenge. Whether discovering new worlds in a novel, learning a new skill from a nonfiction book, or simply enjoying a good book's escape, the Summer Reading Program has something for everyone.



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