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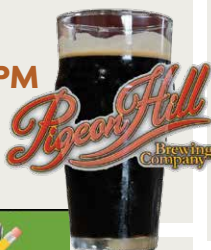
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**BOOKS ON TAP AT PIGEON HILL**

**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).



*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.

**PUZZLE RACE FOR ADULTS!**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 5:15-6:30 PM**

Join the competition and see if you have what it takes to complete the puzzle first! All teams will have the same puzzle to work with. We will have teams of four - feel free to register your team, or you can register individually and be added to a team. Registration required.



**LOTERIA! MEXICAN BINGO - ALL AGES**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 5:00-6:30 PM**

All ages are encouraged to join in the fun of Hackley Library's Loteria, a traditional game of Mexican Bingo! Enjoy treats, prizes, and lots of laughter. This event is in partnership with Latinos Working for the Future. Registration preferred, but not required.

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**BASIC INTRO TO COMPUTERS CLASS\***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 10:30-11:30 AM**

Learn the basics of using a laptop computer! Be sure to bring your questions, and gain some hands-on experience from expert De'Ondra Pentecost.

**INTRO TO EMAILING - COMPUTER CLASS\***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

Discover the ins and outs of email, including how to set up an account, constructing an email, and everything in between! Be sure to bring your questions, and gain some hands-on experience from expert De'Ondra Pentecost.

\*Registration is required, and is now open.

**IPAD CLASS FOR BEGINNERS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30-11:30 AM**

Learn the basics of using an iPad or tablet! Bring your questions! Do you want to know how to download apps? How about accessing the internet, sending emails, or saving photos to your device? \*\*Attendees must have their own iPad and know their password. Registration is required, and will open one month before the class date.

**PHONE CLASS FOR BEGINNERS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

Learn the basics of using your cell phone! Bring your questions! Do you want to know how to download apps? How about accessing the internet, sending emails, or saving photos to your device? \*\*Attendees must have their own cell phone and know their password. Registration is required, and will open one month before the class date.



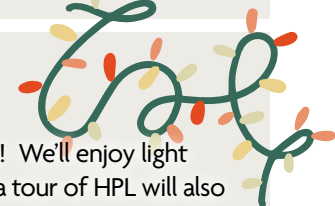
**MUSIC AT HPL - JAZZ WITH EDYE AND MIKE**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Enjoy an evening of smooth jazz music with the fabulous Edye and Mike. Edye and Mike are a voice and guitar duo who will bring a musical vibrance that you won't want to miss. Registration preferred, but not required.

**HOLIDAY PARTY! ALL AGES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 5:30-7:00 PM**

Celebrate with us at Hackley Library during an all-ages party! We'll enjoy light refreshments, different crafts, and holiday fun. At 5:45 pm, a tour of HPL will also be available! Registration preferred, but not required.



**OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH GEMINI DAPOET & KAIZEN KABIR** **MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 5:00-7:00 PM**

Join Gemini DaPoet and Kaizen Kabir for an evening of expression and creative exploration at our Open Mic Night at the library! Come to share for this casual and fun evening at HPL, whether you're a storyteller or poet, a musician or theater enthusiast - or something else! Please keep material family friendly. Not interested in sharing? Come just to listen. Registration preferred, but not required.

# 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

## OCTOBER

- Y** | **1, 2, 3 PLAY WITH ME WORKSHOP**  
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## NOVEMBER

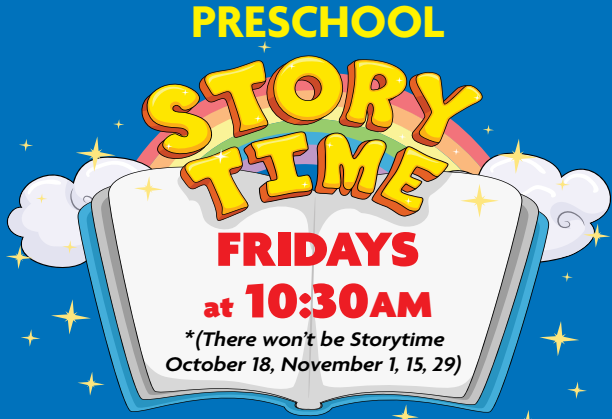
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1:00 PM, NOVEMBER 30

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- Y-T** | **CRAFTERNOON**  
2:00 PM, DECEMBER 23



**PRESCHOOL  
STORY TIME  
FRIDAYS  
at 10:30 AM**  
*\*(There won't be Storytime  
October 18, November 1, 15, 29)*


**Intended for ages 0-5, our in-person storytime is designed to model 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.**

**1, 2, 3 PLAY WITH ME WORKSHOP**  
**WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER, 10:00-11:15 AM**

This five-week workshop at Hackley Public Library connects families with community resource professionals on a variety of topics including: early literacy, nutrition, child development, speech and language skills, and music/movement. Children and adults are invited to play and learn in this relaxed environment. Free. Ages 1-4. Please plan on attending all five weeks. Registration is required either over the phone at 231-722-8014 or online at [hackleylibrary.org/events-calendar/](http://hackleylibrary.org/events-calendar/).


**OCTOBER TAKE AND MAKES**  
**AVAILABLE MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
**TISSUE PAPER MARIGOLDS AND NICHOS**

In celebration of our Middle Read, the graphic novel *Mexikid*, we are making marigolds and Nichos. Both of these take and makes can be made at home and brought back to place on our Ofrenda that we will be creating at the end of October. You can also bring them back on November 1 during our Dia de los Muertos celebration!




**PAWS AND READ WITH BREEZY & DOLLY**  
**MONDAYS, OCTOBER 7 & 21, NOVEMBER 4 & 18, AND DECEMBER 2 & 16**

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.



**TEEN JUNK JOURNALS**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 3:00-4:00 PM**

Use all different kinds of paper, pictures, stickers and more to make a journal you can use to explore your life and write down your memories and thoughts. Our Middle Read is a memoir, *Mexikid*, by Pedro Martin. We will explore making a journal and what it means to record your own life in words and pictures.



**OFRENDA OFFERING**  
**OCTOBER 21-  
NOVEMBER 2**

We will be creating a traditional Mexican Ofrenda to honor our friends, relatives, and ancestors. Feel welcome to bring something meaningful in remembrance of those we have loved. (This includes furry family members!)


**BUTTERFLY SUNCATCHERS**  
**TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 22, 2:30 PM**

Butterflies are an important part of our Little Read *Dreamers* by Yuyi Morales. Create a beautiful mosaic butterfly to take home and hang in your window!



**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2:00 PM**

Day of the Dead, as it is known in English, is a largely Mexican holiday seen as having a festive characteristic. We will be celebrating and remembering family and friends with crafts, music, and fellowship.



**STORYTIME AT THE MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND SCIENCE**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 10:30 AM**

We're taking our story time on the road with this visit to the museum! Dinosaurs are welcome (please keep them on a leash). With luck, Giganotosaurus will make a surprise appearance!



## NOVEMBER TAKE AND MAKES AVAILABLE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

**CORNUCOPIA** | Make your very own cornucopia and fill it with all of the thankfulness you have found throughout your year. You can also fill this horn of plenty with all of your family's thanks and share them at the end of the month!

**TURKEY PUPPET** | Gobble, gobble, gobble!! These adorable turkey puppets are fun to make and more fun to present a rousing turkey puppet show!

## STAINED GLASS BUTTERFLIES

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2:30 PM**

Inspired by stained glass, these butterflies are made using clear glue, ink, and plexiglass. This is a drop in program.

## HOLIDAY LEGO BUILD

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2:00-3:30 PM**

Sort through our Lego bricks and build a candy cane forest! Or try your own spin on designing a dreidel. Your imagination is your only limit at this drop-in program!

## THE WORLD AT YOUR LIBRARY

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:30 AM**

Join us for a special program where we will meet 14 students from 12 different countries through Muskegon Rotary. We'll learn more about their cultures through a special story time, crafts, and snacks.

## TEEN VR HEADSETS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 3:00-4:30 PM**

Ms. Lydia will be hosting a fun introduction to gaming on our new VR Headsets. Headsets are available first-come, first-served. Playing time may be limited depending on program attendance.

## TEEN BOOKMARK PROJECT

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 3:00 PM**

Bring your creativity to the library and make bookmarks of all kinds with mixed media and textiles. Make one for yourself and leave one for another library patron!

## HOLIDAY BEAD EXTRAVAGANZA!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2:30-4:30 PM**

Make that tree sparkle with these festive holiday ornaments!



## DRAGONS LOVE TACOS PARTY!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30 AM**

Hey, Kid! Did you know that dragons love libraries? Did you know they love dragon-themed crafts and stories? Did you know that they love libraries AND dragon-themed crafts? You're invited to our Dragon Love Tacos Party!



## GINGERBREAD HOUSES

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2:30-4:30 PM**

Looking for a last-minute centerpiece for your holiday table? We've got you covered! Give your gingerbread house all the festive flourishes: gum drop windows, M&M covered roofs, candy cane walkways, and frosting to hold it all together. All supplies are first-come, first-served.

## PICTURES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Put on your holiday best and be ready to share your Christmas list with these special guests at Hackley Library!



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## DECEMBER TAKE AND MAKES

**AVAILABLE MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

### FESTIVE CHRISTMAS TREES AND MAGICAL CANDY CANES

Pick up your foam cone and go crazy decorating your very own yarn and pom pom Christmas tree that the Grinch would love to steal. These magical candy canes aren't edible but they sure are cute. Grab a kit and make a special decoration for your family tree!



## CRAFTERNOON

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Need a quiet, respectful moment away from the hustle and bustle? We'll mindfully provide supplies for a peaceful crafternoon. So demure.

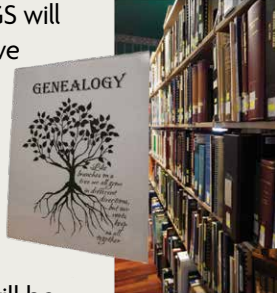
**MEET OUR ANCESTORS**

*Members of Muskegon County Genealogical Society share about their families*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10:30 AM**

Celebrating Family History Month: "Meet our Ancestors!" will be presented to you by members of the Muskegon County Genealogical Society! That's right, you read that correctly, the members of MCGS will be introducing you to one of their favorite ancestors. Have an ancestor you would like to talk about? An interesting story? A black sheep of the family? A recent awesome find?

A google form went out in August to MCGS members asking for volunteers to step up and introduce us to an ancestor of their choice. Come and join us for a morning of celebrating our vastly diverse heritage. Presentations will be given in a variety of formats, so be prepared to step back in time to eras long gone but not forgotten. Registration preferred, but not required.



If you're looking for a quiet and calm space to study up on local history or do some genealogical research, Hackley Library's Local History & Genealogy department is the place to go!

Located in the Torrent House (315 W. Webster Ave, Muskegon), this department is a great resource for getting started on all of your research projects.

Public computers are available to use, as well as microfilm machines for accessing archives of newspaper articles.



Print materials are plentiful for in-house exploration, with rooms dedicated to both local history and ancestry research, both filled with materials to access.

One of the greatest things is being able to help patrons in our community jumpstart their research endeavors, and we look forward to helping you with your research at HPL!



**WATCH FOR MORE PRESENTATIONS HOSTED BY THE MUSKEGON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY TO COME!**

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

[lakeshoremuseum.org](http://lakeshoremuseum.org)

**MUSKEGON MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE**  
of the Lakeshore Museum Center

MUSKEGON CIVIC Theatre  
2024-2025 SEASON 40  
presents **EPIC PROPORTIONS**  
by Larry Coen and David Crane

**Oct. 11-26, 2024**  
Beardsley Theater

[muskegoncivictheatre.org](http://muskegoncivictheatre.org)

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presents **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens  
A New Adaptation by Patrick Barlow

**Nov. 15-Dec. 1, 2024**  
Beardsley Theater

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## SHOWCASING ALL AGES PROGRAMMING

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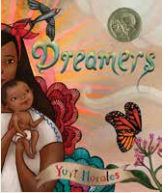
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## BOOK SALE!

The Friends of Hackley Public Library are having their annual used book sale in October! You'll find a huge variety of materials to choose from at fantastic prices for all ages. All proceeds help to fund projects that benefit Hackley Library. Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards are accepted!



#### PRESALE & NETWORKING FOR FRIENDS MEMBERS:

Thursday, October 10 from 5:00-7:00 pm  
Not a member? You can join at the door!

#### PUBLIC SALE:

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 from 10:00-5:00pm

#### PUBLIC "BAG" SALE:

Sunday, October 13 from 12:00-3:00pm  
Fill a bag for \$5, we'll provide the bags!

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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: 9 AM - 5 PM

## ADULT HACKLEY CRAFTS

*All adult Hackley Crafts require registration.*

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HACKLEYLIBRARY.ORG  
OR HPL'S FACEBOOK  
PAGE FOR DETAILS  
TO COME!**



## DIRECTOR'S CORNER: CHARTING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Dear Community Members,

I'm excited to announce that we've embarked on a strategic planning process to shape the future of our library. This initiative builds upon the invaluable insights we gained from our recent community needs assessment, completed in February 2024.

To guide us through this process, we've enlisted the expertise of Library Strategies, a highly qualified library consulting firm. We've also formed a steering committee comprising dedicated community members to ensure diverse perspectives are represented.

As we move forward, we'll actively gather information from our community. Your input is crucial in helping us set meaningful goals for the library. We aim to complete this strategic plan by December 2024, creating a roadmap reflecting our community's needs and aspirations.

You may recall my previous update about the community needs assessment, where we identified key priorities such as a "Library of Things," a coffee corner, and creator spaces. These insights serve as a foundation for our strategic planning efforts.

The strategic plan we're developing, with your invaluable input, will ultimately shape the future of our library, including potential developments for the

Torrent House. Your thoughts and ideas are not just welcome, but crucial in this process. We're committed to creating a library that serves as a vibrant, responsive resource for our entire community, a vision that is greatly influenced by your contributions.

We'll be reaching out for additional feedback as we progress, but please don't hesitate to share your thoughts at any time. Your input is not just instrumental, but it is the very heart of crafting a vision that resonates with all members of our community. We value your thoughts and will ensure they are heard and considered in our planning process.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we're building a library that will serve our community's needs for years.



Joe Zappacosta  
Director,  
Hackley Public Library



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