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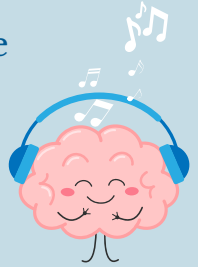
SHOW YOUR LIBRARY LOVE WITH OUR NEW MERCH

“I don’t need a new hoodie,” said no one ever. New HTPL merch just dropped! Available for purchase at the Circulation Desk. Wrap yourself in a library hug this winter.



MATCH THE MUSIC VIBE WITH FREEGAL

Whether you’re pumping some iron for your New Year’s Resolution, setting the mood for Valentine’s Day or getting up to shenanigans on St. Patrick’s Day, Freegal has a playlist for you. For free! Pop on your headphones and vibe at



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PRINT BOOK, MEET AUDIOBOOK!



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Harrison Township Public Library
Children's Programs
January, February, March 2024

Weekly Events

Baby Playgroup

Mondays, January 22-March 18

No playgroup Feb. 19-26

Come meet new parents while baby plays! A short storytime followed by open playtime! Siblings always welcome.

Music & Movement with Ms. Marge

Tuesdays, January 16-March 19

No session Feb. 20 & 27

Join Ms. Marge for a magical storytime full of music and dancing! All ages welcome.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, January 17- March 20

No storytime Feb. 21 & 28

Join us for fun, stories, and a craft! For ages 3 and up, siblings welcome!

March is reading month! Don't forget your BINGO CARD!

NEW PROGRAMS

Drop-In Homework Help

Tues. & Wed. January 3-March 20 at 6:30 pm

elementary and middle school aged children are welcome to be assisted by the on-staff certified teacher for a range of basic homework assistance. No registration required. Students accompanied by their parents can stop by any time within the window for help and do not have to stay for the full time.

Drop-In Lego Club

Wed., Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 21 & 28, Mar. 20 at 5:30 pm

We're starting a Lego Club! Come join! Snacks & prizes too!

PJ Storytime with Cocoa

Wed., Jan. 17 & Feb. 14 at 6:30 pm

Elementary and preschool aged children are invited to get ready for bed and then head on over to the library for some favorite bedtime stories, cocoa, and cookies.

Take N' Make
Jan 19
Snowman Pom
Poms

Take N' Make
Feb 9
Paper Plate
Snails

Take N' Make
Mar 15
Fruit Rainbow
Bookmarks

FUN STUFF!

Big Brother/Big Sister Story Space

Tues., Jan. 9, Feb. 6, and Mar. 5 at 5:30 pm
High School students will be volunteering their time to sit with elementary aged children and read with them. Kids can read or be read to. Snacks and prizes will be given to each reader.

Drop in Crafting

Snowflake Craft: Wed., Jan. 10 at 6:30 pm
Valentine's Craft: Wed., Feb. 7 at 6:30 pm
St Paddy's Day Craft: Wed., Mar. 6 at 6:30 pm

Kids Book Bingo

Sat., Jan. 27 at 1:00 pm

Come play bingo with us to win books! Ages 3 and up with a parent! Registration required.

Bats at the Library

Sat., Feb. 24 at 1:00 pm

Come see live bats at the library and learn all about them! All ages welcome. Registration required.

The Duck Experience

Sat., Mar. 9 at 1:00 pm
Sat., Apr. 13 at 1:00 pm

We're hatching baby ducks! Come see! All ages welcome. Registration required.

Peep Tasting Extravaganza

Sat., Mar. 23 at 1:00 pm

Come taste test marshmallow Peeps! Suggested K-5. Registration required.

"Pop, Fling, Fly" Science Activities

Wed., Mar. 13 at 5:30 pm

Paper helicopters, popper poppers, and film canister rockets!

Tales with Tails

Wed., Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar., 6 at 5:00 pm
Practice your reading and hang out with a dog! To sign your child up for a 15-minute session, please call 586-329-1261 or stop by the library.

Harrison Township Public Library

Teen Programs

January, February, March 2024

Community Service Opportunities

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Story Space

Tues, Jan 9th, March 5th 5:30-7:30

Find a cozy corner in the HTP Library and read, or be read to, by an elementary aged child. Your younger siblings welcome! Sign up online or call the library.

Book Wrapping

Tues, Jan 30th 3:30-5:00 Help us wrap books for February's "Blind Date with a Book" program! Sign up online or call the library.

Packet Stuffing

Tues, Feb 27th 3:30-4:30

Come help create packets to help out the HTPL librarians. Sign up online or call the library.

htlibrary.org -- (586)329-1261

Link to Library Website



Stay for this!

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NEW!! Teen Anime Club

Tues, Jan 16th, Feb 13th, Mar 12th 5:30-7:30 Teens

between the ages of 13-18 are invited to the Harrison Township Library's Anime Club Meeting. We will discuss favorite Anime series and Manga series and authors. We will watch a favorite movie from the well known Japanese Animation Studio-- Studio Ghibli. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Sign up online or call the library.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons

Fri, Jan 12th & 26th, Feb 9th

Session 1: 3:00 pm

Session 2: 5:30 pm

Explore new places and go on deadly adventures! Pick your timeslot! Teens between 12-17. Materials provided, but you can also make your own character. Sign up online or call the library.

FUN STUFF!

Cocoa n' Cram

Tues, Jan 23rd 5:30-7:30 Come to the HTP Library for a space to study, or collaborate, for your upcoming exams. Cocoa and snacks will be provided. Drop-in.

Resin Snowflakes

Tues, Jan 30th 5:00-7:30 Drop-in to the HTP Library to try your hand at making a resin craft with a snowflake shaped silicone mold. Cocoa and snacks will be provided.

Food Tower Challenge

Tues, Feb 20th 5:30-7:30 Pretzel sticks, marshmallows, gummies, frosting, etc. Who can build the tallest tower using only the treats provided?! Prizes for top 3! Sign up online or call the library.

Bubble Tea Sampler Nite

Tues, Feb 27th 4:30-7:30 Drop-in to the HTP Library to try a sampling of popular bubble tea flavors. We'll also try some "TikTok Challenge" snacks and unique treats.

STEM Building Challenges

Tues, Mar 19th 5:30-7:30 Three Challenges. Receive supplies. Read the brief. Build a structure that best meets the challenge. Prizes for top 3! Sign up online or call the library.

Take N'
Make Jan 19
Snow
Bookmarks

Take N'
Make Feb 9
Cupcake
Valentines

Take N'
Make Mar 15
Shamrock
Bracelets

CHILDREN'S EVENTS & RESOURCES



EARLY LITERACY KITS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT



Bobbin, a very cute skunk puppet available for checkout, models a few of our Early Literacy Kits. Sponsored by the Friends of the HTPL.

We are excited to offer our Early Literacy Kits for check out! Bring one home with you and see what fun reading activities you can enjoy with your little one. The kits were designed with pre-readers and early readers in mind to help improve reading readiness and skills. They include books, games, activities and more! The kits were sponsored in part by the Friends of the Harrison Township Public Library.

TALK
Text And Learn for Kindergarten

Text TALK to 75547

Get messages with fun activities to help prepare your little one for school success.

WRITE: Draw a story with your child. It can have just 3 pictures: beginning, middle, and end. This helps your child



Come check out...

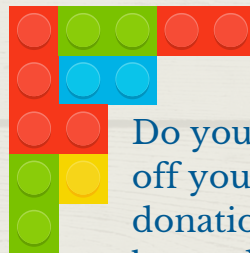


Immersive Reality (IR) Books are a ground-breaking addition to library shelves. Their combination of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) with print books is a unique offering absolutely certain to appeal to young learners.



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WE NEED YOUR LEGOS!

Do you have any old legos? We will take them off your hands! Just drop them off in our donation bin by the Circulation Desk. They will be used for our new Lego Club!



The concept is simple, the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler. The goal is to have read 1,000 books (yes you can repeat books) before your precious one starts kindergarten. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years. If you consider that most children start kindergarten at around 5 years of age, you have more time than you think! Sign up at the circulation desk.

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DID YOU KNOW?



We're here for you more! NOW OPEN LONGER HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



In November 2022, Harrison Township voters approved a millage proposal that allows the library to extend business hours, expand library programs, upgrade technology, address staff shortages, and create a quiet study space.

With the extension of hours, the library added an additional 19 hours of operation. HTPL is now open earlier for visiting seniors, later for working families, and has more consistent hours that are easier for everyone to remember.

Thank you, voters!

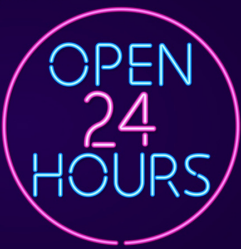
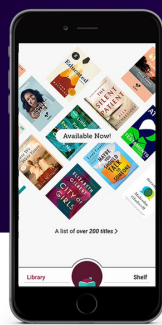
YOUR DIGITAL ACCESS JUST GOT BIGGER

The Metro Net Library Consortium has partnered with HTPL on Libby.

HTPL users can now use their library card at the following digital libraries:

- Download Destination
- Great Lakes Digital Library
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- White Pine Library Collaborative
- Woodlands Library

The digital library is **always open.**



Libby.
The library reading app.

Just go to "Add a Library" in Libby or "Manage Libraries +" in OverDrive to register your library card and use these collections. Your HTPL card gets you more digital access than ever before!



MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

DON'T GET STUCK IN A WINTER RUT -- GET OUT THERE WITH MAP!

Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) is a partnership between Michigan's Public Libraries and hundreds of Michigan's State Parks, historic sites, cultural attractions, campgrounds, and recreation areas. The program is designed to provide reduced cost or complimentary access to organizations across the state of Michigan. Get your pass to one of the hundreds of participating MAP institutions. Access your Michigan Activity Pass at htlibrary.org.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Ongoing programs for adults

Drop-In Homework Help
3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
January 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31
February 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
March 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20

Knitting and Crochet Circle
10 a.m. - noon

Wednesday, January 3 (sub date)
Tuesdays
January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 5, 12, 19, 26

Adult Take & Make Crafts
All day *while supplies last*
January 3, February 7, March 6

Del's Chair Yoga | 7 p.m.
January 3, February 6, March 5

Spice of the Month | All day
January 8, February 12, March 11

Writers' Group | 6:30 p.m.
January 10, February 7, March 6

Murder & Booze Book Club|
6 p.m. | location varies
January 17, February 21
March 13

Trivia Night | 6:30 p.m.
@ Total Sports
January 18, February 15,
March 21

Adult Craft Night
6 p.m.

January 25
February 8
March 7

Tuesday Night Book Group | 7 p.m.
January 30, February 27, March 26

Chess Club | 4 p.m.
January 3, 17, 31
February 14, 28
March 13, 27

Visit the library website to sign up!
htlibrary.org

Programs for adults

Scrapbook Soiree
January 11, 6 p.m.

Strength Training for Seniors
January 18, 11 a.m.

Local Italian American History
January 20, 1 p.m.

Quilling Paper Glam
January 25, 6 p.m.

Sunny Side Up: Solar Power
January 27, 3 p.m.

Blind Date with a Book
February 1-23

Mini Masterpieces Art Show
February 1- March 1

Canvas Courtier Craft Night
February 8, 6 p.m.

Tax Preparation
February 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
March 15, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Great Puzzle Smackdown
February 10, 12:30 p.m.

After Hours Murder Mystery Party
February 24, 5:30 p.m.

Lucky Craft Night: String Art Shamrocks
March 7, 6 p.m.

Tea Apothecary Workshop
March 14, 6 p.m.



Coffee and 
Conversation

10:00 a.m.

January 17 - Eric Dimoff,
Macomb County Dept.
of Roads

February 7 - Adam Wit,
Harrison Township
Clerk

March 20 - Erik Edoff,
Superintendent of
L'Anse Creuse Public
Schools

ADULT EVENTS & RESOURCES



STAY UP TO DATE WITH NEWSBANK

This just in: Your library card now keeps you up to date with local and world events! America's NewsBank collection is now available. The collection offers access to over 1,300 newspapers, such as Detroit News and USA Today. NewsBank offers these publications as full-color image files, so it feels like reading the paper. Users can also access the Ann Arbor News, Grand Rapids Press, the Kalamazoo Gazette, and the Royal Oak Daily Tribune as full colorful image files on publication day. Macomb Daily is coming to the collection soon! Sign in with your library card through the HTPL catalog htlibrary.org/catalog



Learn something new with Mango Languages

Mango Languages is a language-learning experience that will have you speaking a new language in no time! You can use the resource on your computer or even download an app to your tablet or smartphone for language learning anytime. Traveling the world? Itching to connect to your heritage? Or maybe you just want to talk like a pirate? The library can help! Sign in with your library card through the HTPL catalog htlibrary.org/catalog

MEMORY KITS

Memory Kits are backpacks filled with themed items that caregivers can use to create special moments with loved ones affected by Alzheimer's or dementia. Based on Reminiscence Therapy, caregivers can use the items and activities to spark memory and create conversation.

PURPOSE:

- ✓ Share stories
- ✓ Build Relationships
- ✓ Have Fun!

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SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB

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True crime, glass of wine, bed by 9

Join us at a local bar once a month for our Murder & Booze Bookclub! Enjoy a cold one and grab an appetizer as we discuss a different mystery, thriller, or true crime book each month!

- 6 p.m. January 17 @ Three Blind Mice, discussing The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides
- 6 p.m. February 21 @ The Rubber Duck, discussing IQ by Joe Ide
- 6 p.m. March 13 @ Bentley's Roadhouse, discussing A Solitude of Wolverines by Alice Henderson

come say hi!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Friends are always so busy this time of year. The Cookie Walk, held in December, is a community favorite and is always a great success.

We are so happy to support our community with baked goods during this busy time of year!

We are excited to welcome a dynamic new board member, Tida Tate. She comes with excellent organization and speaking skills, is very outgoing, and will only increase the board's energy. Welcome, Tida!

Did you know we have a new website? Check it out! Our new site has so much information that you won't know where to look first! There is so much to see and learn about the Friends and what we do!

Don't forget to pay your membership dues for 2024. Membership is \$15 for individuals and \$20 per family. Call Sylvia at (586) 255-8556 with questions.

Looking for volunteer opportunities? You are in the right place! The work is easy, the people are a joy, and the rewards are beyond measure. Join the Friends, join the fun!

Next Friends Meeting: February 1st @ 6:00 p.m.

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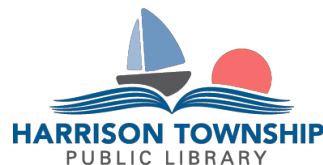
Monday-Friday:
9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday:
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

WFH?
NBD.



Do you work from home, run a business, or just have a lot of things to print? The library offers business services at discount prices! Need to fax a document or scan it to email? We've got you covered. We can copy, scan, fax and print. No business suit or office small talk required!



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