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MAY-JUNE-JULY-AUGUST

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I ♥ SUMMER READING

Happy Summer, Harrison Township!

With this year's bitterly cold winter and rainy spring behind us, Summer Reading has finally begun! Whether you're lounging by the pool, headed to the beach, or just enjoying a cozy afternoon, HTPL has plenty of great reads, programs, and resources to make your summer memorable. Be on the lookout for our eight week long summer reading programs, craft nights, book groups, and more ways to spend your sunny summer days.



It's Library O'Clock Somewhere!

By popular demand, we're bringing back HTPL's beloved Library Happy Hour! Swing by on Friday, June 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a special summer Happy Hour. Enjoy snacks, crafts, mocktails, bracelet making, library freebies, and more! We're getting ready for Summer Reading while welcoming the summer season with open arms and smiling faces!

Library Happy Hour

Let's Hear It!



At HTPL, we're always looking for feedback on our space, our programs, our book selection, and our involvement in the Harrison Township community. We want to hear from you! Please take a few short minutes to scan the QR code and fill out our survey. Your responses are greatly appreciated!

New to Checkout: Storybook Quilt Kits!

Swing by and check out a Storybook Quilt Kit filled with a children's book, a themed quilt, and puppets or stuffed animals just like characters in the book.

Bring an exciting storytime home with you!



PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

MAY - JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

Summer Programs

FLOWERS FOR MOM ^(R)

May 10th - 1 p.m.

Build a beautiful flower bouquet in a personalized pot for mom, grandma, or any loved one!

KID'S PUZZLE SWAP

May 17th - 1 p.m.

From May 1st - 15th, donate any new or gently used puzzles to swap for a new one on Saturday, May 17th!

ICE CUBE PAINTING ^(R)

June 11th - 6 p.m.

Join us for this unique craft, where we will paint with colorful ice cubes instead of typical paint! Ages kindergarten and up.

ROCK PAINTING ^(R)

July 9th - 6 p.m.

Help Simon, our Rock Snake, grow! Paint a masterpiece on a beautiful rock and place it outdoors for all to see.

THE REPTARIUM ^(R)

July 12th - 1 p.m.

Calling all young explorers and animal lovers! Join us on a wild ride through the fascinating lives of reptiles at The Reptarium.

SENSORY EXPLORATION

PLAYTIME ^(R)

July 18th - 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Join Sloan Museum in a sensory exploration playtime! We'll use our senses and tools to explore a sensory bin and bring a sensory shaker home.

BUGS ON WHEELS ^(R)

August 1st - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Calling all bug lovers! Join Bugs on Wheels for an exciting presentation where you'll learn all about bugs and even have the chance to hold them!

Summer Programs

SUMMER SUNFLOWER CRAFT

August 7th - 6 p.m. ^(R)

Bring some sunshine into your home with this beautiful sunflower craft!

BAKING WITH CLEMENTINE'S

BAKERY ^(R)

August 9th - 1 p.m.

Join Clementine's Bakery to make a tasty Push Pop Cake! This hands-on experience gives young bakers the chance to decorate their very own cake.

Take & Make Crafts

Pick up a kit from the front desk while supplies last!

May 9th: Mother's Day Craft

June 13th: Father's Day Craft

July 11th: Mason Jar Aquariums

August 8th: Painted Wooden Boats

Clubs & Groups

LEGO CLUB

May 30th, June 27th, July 25th,

August 29th from 6 - 7 p.m.

Kindergarten through sixth graders are invited to display their building skills with a themed Lego build each week.

Regular Programs

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

May 5th & 12th - 10 a.m.

Join us for fun, stories, rhymes, dancing, and more! Ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Preschool Storytime will be replaced with Book Break at the Beach in June and resume in September.

Regular Programs

BOOK BREAK AT THE BEACH

Every Monday, June 16th through August 11th - 11 a.m.

Join us at the Playground Pavilion at Lake St. Clair Metropark each week for stories, songs, and experiments or activities from the Nature Center!

BABY PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays, May 7th through August 13th - 10 a.m.

NO PLAYGROUP MAY 21ST & 28TH!

Stories, songs, and playtime! Baby Playgroup is a great way for babies and parents to spend time together while building early literacy skills. For children 6 to 24 months.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH MUSIC MAKER MARGE

Thursdays, June 26th through August 14th - 10 a.m.

Enjoy singing stories and dancing with Ms. Marge! Songs are stories set to music. Geared toward children walking through age 5.

YOGA TALES & TWISTS

Second and fourth Monday of the month from May 5th through August 25th - 10 a.m.

Through gentle stretching and mindful breathing, kids develop focus and relaxation skills that can benefit them in daily life. Yoga for kids is all about fun, connection, and discovering the joy of movement!

TALES WITH TAILS ^(R)

May 14th - 5 p.m.

Practice your reading and hangout with a dog! Tales with Tails provides children the opportunity to practice reading with our trained therapy dog, Bailey.

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Tuesday Programs

ARK ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS ^(R)

July 1st - 1 p.m.

Stop by to meet a few animal friends and enjoy an interactive, educational program by Ark Animal Encounters. Meet exotic animals, learn all about them and where they come from!

TIE DYE AT THE LIBRARY ^(R)

July 8th - 1 p.m.

Bring some color into your life at this fun-filled tie-dye event! Bring your own white T-shirt and we will supply the rest.

DIAMOND PAINTING ^(R)

July 15th - 1 p.m.

Let your creativity shine at our fun-filled afternoon of diamond painting magic with tasty snacks.

Tuesday Programs

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW WITH SLOAN MUSEUM ^(R)

July 22nd - 1 p.m.

Join Sloan Museum and learn how a garden grows! From making your own terrarium to doing garden experiments, this informative program is perfect for a little gardener.

K-9 POLICE DEMONSTRATION ^(R)

July 29th - 1 p.m.

How do police dogs spend their work days? Head to the library and learn all about Macomb County's K-9 Unit, German Shepherds Enzo and Radar!

Tuesday Programs

COLOR YOUR WORLD ART PROJECT

August 5th - 1 p.m. ^(R)

Calling all young artists! Join the Anton Art Center and dive into a world of color with a special art project.

FIREFIGHTERS AT THE LIBRARY ^(R)

August 12th - 1 p.m.

Learn important fire safety tips and have the chance to check out a real fire truck with the Harrison Township Fire Department!



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MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

Ready to amp up your summer adventures?

Enjoy a variety of Michigan destinations with your Michigan Activity Pass! The MAP offers a great way for students to discover places like Carr Center, Cranbrook Art Museum, Legoland Discovery Center, Detroit Historical Museum, Lake St. Clair Metropark, and many more.

Michigan Activity Pass is an adventurous resource for families looking to enhance their learning experiences outside the classroom.

1

Get your library card



2

Go to miactivitypass.org



3

Choose your activity and date to get a pass!



Have you noticed our furry friends above the bookshelves in our Youth Section? From opossums and narwhals to sharks and beavers, HTPL has nearly 100 puppets available for checkout! Check in with the front desk and take a puppet on vacation to your home!



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

MAY - JUNE - JULY - AUGUST

Summer Programs

CAP DECORATING (R) **May 20th - 5:30 p.m.**

It's time to celebrate! Join the library to add a personalized spin to your graduation cap. All supplies will be provided.

FLOATS AND FINALS (R) **June 2nd - 4 p.m.**

Getting ready for finals? Stop by for a special study session with a twist. Enjoy ice cream floats while studying with friends!

CANDLE PAINTING (R) **June 17th - 5:30 p.m.**

Brighten up your space and paint candles with us! We will use colorful melted wax to add your design to a candle.

SOAP MAKING (R) **July 16th - 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for a soap-making workshop where you can mix colors, scents, and shapes to create your own unique soap bars!

MUG PAINTING (R) **August 13th - 5:30 p.m.**

Add a little creativity to every sip! Personalize your own mug and spend time at the library. All supplies will be provided.

Volunteer Opportunities

Need a few more community service hours? HTPL has you covered. Drinks and snacks will be provided at each session.

PUZZLE SORTING (R) **May 16th - 5:30 p.m.**

In preparation for our Kids Puzzle Swap, we're looking for teen volunteers to help categorize puzzles by size, count, and shape!

SUMMER READING KICKOFF HELP (R) **June 21st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Help your local library prepare for its huge Summer Reading Kickoff. Help set up, assist during the event, and tear down afterwards.

TIE DYE HELP (R) **July 9th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Feeling particularly colorful? Help out at HTPL's Tie Dye Program by setting up, assisting during the event, and tear down afterwards.

Volunteer Opportunities

PACKET STUFFING (R) **August 4th and 6th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Help HTPL stuff information packets for school packet pick-ups! It's that easy.

Take & Make Crafts

Pick up a kit from the front desk while supplies last!

May 9th: Mason Jar Succulents

June 13th: Sand Art

July 11th: Summer Suncatchers

August 8th: Pressed Flower Coaster



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SUMMER READING 2025!

JUNE 21ST - AUGUST 16TH

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SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY!

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

12:00-2:00 PM

Get ready to dive into a summer full of adventure, imagination, and reading! Join us for our Summer Reading Kickoff Bash, a fun-filled event perfect for families of all ages. We're celebrating the start of the library's *Summer Reading Program: Color Our World* with an afternoon packed with exciting activities, food, and a FOAM PARTY! Bring your bathing suit, a towel, maybe some goggles, because it's going to get wet! Enjoy old fashioned concessions signature lemonades, cool craft stations, special guests and face painting, as well as popcorn, cotton candy, hotdogs, and the Kona Ice Truck!



KIDS

Score a BINGO by completing five activities in a row! Bring your completed card to the library for a ticket to enter a raffle for a gift card or a special prize basket. At the end of the summer, you'll receive a brand new book!

TEENS

Read, attend, and win! Earn raffle tickets from punch cards for each book you read or each program you attend. The more punches you earn, the more chances you have to win a prize basket at the end of the summer!

ADULTS

Summer Reading is for all ages! Print or pick up your Summer Reading pamphlet. Complete tasks to receive raffle tickets for a chance to win a prize basket! Winners will be contacted at the end of the summer.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

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Summer Programs

ADULT FIELD TRIP TO MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION (R)

May 3rd - departing at 9 a.m.

Come along on an exclusive adults-only excursion to Michigan Central Station in Detroit! Visit htlibrary.org for more info.

SHRED DAY

May 17th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your documents for shredding and recycling! First-come, first-served basis. Full info can be found at htlibrary.org.

UFOS OVER MICHIGAN

May 20th - 6:30 p.m.

Join Bill Konkolesky, director of the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network as he discusses famous UFO sightings in Michigan!

A NEW BEGINNING: REBUILDING MICHIGAN CENTRAL STATION

June 4th - 6 p.m.

Learn about Michigan Central Station's extraordinary revival! Presented by Angela Wyrembelski, Senior Associate with Quinn Evans, who oversaw the transformation.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CROCHET

June 14th - 1 p.m. (R)

Learn the foundations of crochet at a beginner-friendly level! Please note that one-on-one instruction will not be given. Presented by The Michigan Paw.

ADULT SUMMER READING! (R)

June 21st - August 16th

Register for summer reading and earn raffle tickets throughout the summer for the chance to win a prize!

Summer Programs

BINGO FOR BOOKS! (R)

July 15th - 6 p.m.

Come play bingo, but with a twist: if you get a bingo, you win a book as your prize!

LAKESHORE UKULELE STRUMMERS

July 19th - 1 p.m.

Join us for a special summer concert with the Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers as they perform "Our Favorite Things," a collection of hit songs we all know and love!

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY

July 26th from 10 a.m. - noon

Drive up to recycle your old computers, phones, printers, and much more. Please visit htlibrary.org for the full list of accepted items.

FUNGI OF MICHIGAN

July 31st - 6:30 p.m.

Did you know that fungi have a kingdom of their own? Come learn about these intriguing organisms! Presented by Lorenzo Lo Piccolo.

ADULT MINI ART SHOW!

August 1st - 29th

Celebrate the completion of summer reading with HTPL! Grab a mini art kit from the front desk to create tiny masterpieces. Return your creation to the library ASAP to participate in our mini art show! A winner will be selected by the staff after August 29th and will receive a prize.

INTRO TO 3D PRINTING

August 28th - 6 p.m.

Whether you're a curious beginner or looking to learn more, this session will guide you through the basics of 3D printing. Presented by Joshua Ploep.

Regular Programs

DEL'S CHAIR YOGA

May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th - 7 p.m.

Del from The Move Collaborative guides us in a gentle yoga practice, using chairs to support our foundation so that we can move with ease.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT TOTAL SPORTS

May 15th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st - 6:30 p.m.

Max. team size of 8. Tickets are \$8 at the library or \$9 at the door and include unlimited food, soft drinks, and trivia fun! Cash or check payments only.

Tech Time at HTPL

Join the adult librarians as they discuss a different technology-related topic each month!

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY BASICS

May 7th - 6:30 p.m.

SUMMER WITH THE LIBRARY:

MAP & MEL

June 17th - 6:30 p.m.

AVOIDING CYBER SCAMS

July 23rd - 6:30 p.m.

SMARTPHONE BASICS

August 27th - 6:30 p.m.

DROP-IN TECH HELP

May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, and August 13th from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

An adult librarian is available for one-on-one basic tech assistance during this time on a first come, first served basis. No registration required. Please bring your device and any relevant passwords.

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Book Discussions

MURDER & BOOZE (R)

Meets once per month at different bars and restaurants to discuss mystery and thriller titles.

May 14th at Luigi's, 6 p.m.: *Good Bad Girl* by Alice Feeney

June 11th at Three Blind Mice, 6 p.m.: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

July 9th at Bentley's Roadhouse, 6 p.m.: *Daughter of Mine* by Megan Miranda

August 13th, Location TBD, 6 p.m.: *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Meets once per month at the library to discuss a variety of genres.

May 27th at 6 p.m.: *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach

June 24th at 6 p.m.: *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson

July 29th at 6 p.m.: *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

August 26th at 6 p.m.: *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton

Spice of the Month

Enjoy a sample packet of a new spice each month. We'll also give you free recipes and historical information about the spice to inspire you! Pick up begins on the following dates at the front desk, while supplies last.

May 12th: Rosemary

June 9th: Thyme

July 14th: Marjoram

August 11th: Lavender

Take & Make Crafts

Pick up a kit from the front desk while supplies last!

May 1st: Mother's Day Cards

May 7th: Lavender Sugar Scrub

June 4th: Beach Terrarium

June 5th: Father's Day Cards

July 2nd: Patriotic Windsock

August 6th: Pinecone Bird Feeders

Adult Craft Nights

Crafters of all skill levels are welcome at our monthly Adult Craft Night! Registration is required.

May 8th, 6 p.m.: Diamond Dot Painting (R)

June 12th, 6 p.m.: Sharpie Tie-Dye Tote Bags (R)

July 10th, 6 p.m.: Colorful Yarn Art (R)

August 6th, 6 p.m.: Book Page Wreath (R)

Clubs & Groups

KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

Meets at the library **every Tuesday** from 10 a.m. to noon.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Meets at the library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. **May 1st, June 5th, No July Meeting, August 7th**



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Looking to amp up your summer gardening at a fraction of the cost? HTPL's beloved Seed Library, tucked between the Newspapers and Audio Nonfiction shelves, is officially in season. From tomatillos and little finger carrots to geraniums and pansies, you can check out up to ten seed packets per season! Plant and grow your seeds to make your garden shine, and save your harvested seeds to give back to the library for next season's seed library.



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LOOK OUT FOR HTPL'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLOSURES!

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

MONDAY, MAY 26TH

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH
(CLOSED AT 6 P.M. FOR
STAFF IN-SERVICE)

FRIDAY, JULY 4TH

SATURDAY, JULY 5TH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST



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A Note from the Friends of the Harrison
Township Public Library:



The Friends of the Library have had a spring in
our step since the last newsletter.

The Friends are actively seeking grants and
were awarded Advancing Macomb's "Non-
Profit Accelerator" grant. Over the next few
months, experts will help us find ways to
strengthen our operations, leadership, and
impact within our township community.

Our Bake Sale at the St. Hubert's Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
was a great success! A big thank you to those who baked,
purchased, or talked up the event. All money raised will go
directly to supporting the Library.

Upcoming Friends-sponsored events and fundraisers include:

Saturday, May 17th - SHRED DAY

June 1st - 30th - BOGO USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, June 21st - SUMMER READING KICKOFF - Donate to
the Friends for a chance to win a child-friendly basket of goodies.

June, July and August - The Friends will be selling concessions in
conjunction with the Parks and Recreation **FREE** summer concerts
at Waterfront Park, 34890 Jefferson. Keep an eye out for the
dates and join us.

The Friends continue looking for ways to contribute to the library,
and with the expansion plan dates getting closer, we would love
to help with the "finishing touches." If you know of a business or
individual who would be interested in contributing, please reach
out and contact the Friends.

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