

# FALL 2025 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

Did you know that September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month? It's one card with endless possibilities! Register for a library card or renew your existing card during the month of September to receive a special HTPL prize! Be sure to check out our interactive display by the front door, where you can let us know what you love about the library all month long!

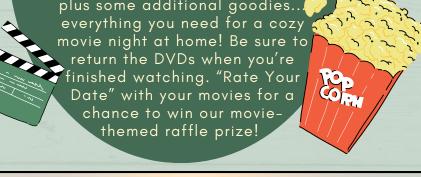
Join us for **Library Card Sign-Up Month: All-Ages Happy Hour** on *Friday*, September 26th from 2 - 4 p.m. for mocktails, snacks, special library-themed crafts, and more free fun! More information on page 5.



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November 4th through November 25th

Stumped on what to watch next? Come explore HTPL's
Blind Date with a Movie display!
Select a bag from the display near the front desk and check it out using your library card.
Each bag includes two DVDs plus some additional goodies...
everything you need for a cozy movie night at home! Be sure to return the DVDs when you're finished watching. "Rate Your Date" with your movies for a





## NEW TO HTPL: PRIVATE STUDY ROOMS AND CONFERENCE ROOM

Looking for a quiet space to study or a new meeting room for your group?
Reservations are now open to the public for HTPL's new study rooms and conference room! To reserve these free, quiet spaces, you must have a registered library card. Harrison Township residents can reserve a room up to 14 days in advance, while non-residents can make reservations up to three days in advance.

To check out a room, visit htlibrary.org/services.

## Study Rooms 1 and 2

- Fit up to 8 people
- Equipped with 65" flat-screen TVs, 96" whiteboards, HDMI adapters, and dry erase markers
- Perfect for group studying or smaller meetings

#### Large Conference Room

- Fits up to 60 people
- Equipped with visual media projector, microphones, and HDMI adapters
- Perfect for large meetings or presentations

## **PROGRAMS FOR KIDS**

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Fall Programs

FIZZY PUMPKIN ART®

Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of Fall with the library and make a fun pumpkin craft with a twist! This program is geared toward kids and tweens ages 5-13.

**BLUEY PARTY**(R)

Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m.

Join us for a delightful Bluey Party, where the fun of your favorite blue heeler comes to life! Perfect for young fans, this celebration will be filled with games, activities, and excitement inspired by the beloved series.

HALLOWEEN LUMINARIES (R)
Wednesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

BOO! Join us in making beautiful Halloween luminaries that will light up your space this spooky season! This program is geared toward kids and tweens ages 5–13.

DOG MAN PUMPKIN PARTY R Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m.

Let's celebrate everyone's favorite half-canine hero! Join us for pumpkin-themed games, crafts, and fun in the world of Dog Man!

MODEL MAGIC MASTERPIECES (R) Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1 p.m.

Getting out of school early? Stop by the library and make model magic masterpieces with us! This program is geared toward kids and tweens ages 5-13.

TODDLER DANCE PARTY (R) Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m.

Calling all toddlers! Join us for a kids-only dance party and get your boogie on!

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## Fall Programs

KIDS IN STEM PROJECT (R)
Tuesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Put your thinking caps on and join us for a fun STEM project for kids! We will be building our own fiber optic lamp! This program is geared toward kids and tweens ages 5-13.

HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT R
Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Hey kids! Get in the holiday spirit with the library! Join us for a fun, kids-only craft night where we'll be making ornaments, clay snowmen, and more! This program is geared toward kids and tweens ages 5-13.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TAYLOR SWIFT! (R) Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - 11 a.m.

Get ready to sparkle, sing, and shake it off! We'll celebrate every era with music, dancing, friendship bracelet making, and more! Dress up in your favorite Taylor-inspired look and be ready to enjoy sweet treats made for a superstar.

#### Take & Make Crafts

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

**September 12<sup>th</sup>:** Hot Air Balloon Craft

October 10th: Pumpkin Slime

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Craft

December 12<sup>th</sup>: Cinnamon

Ornaments

December 19th: Reindeer Food





## CAN YOU READ 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN?

Are you and your littles up for a challenge? It's never too early to start raising a library lover! If you read just one book each day for three years, you and your child will have read 1,000 books before Kindergarten!

Register yourself and your child at
the front desk to receive a
reading log and a list of
recommended books to check out
from HTPL. For every 100 books
you read, move your name up on our
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
wall! You'll get to 1,000 before
you know it!



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LIBRARY CARD!

Meet Charlie- HTPL's Elf on the Shelf! From December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 25<sup>th</sup>, Charlie travels from HTPL to the North Pole and back every single night! He visits Santa and his elf friends before reporting back to the library, but sometimes he gets into trouble... Swing by or check out social media pages to see what Charlie is up to!

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Regular Programs

## PRESCHOOL & TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m.

NO STORYTIME Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a morning filled with fun, stories, crafts, rhymes, dancing, and more! Ages 2–5 with a caregiver.

#### **BABY PLAYGROUP**

Mondays, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m.

## NO PLAYGROUP Nov. 23rd

Stories, songs, and playtime! Baby Playgroup is a great way for babies and parents to spend time together while building early literacy skills. This program is geared toward children ages 0-2.

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT WITH MUSIC MAKER MARGE

Thursdays, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>- 10 a.m.

#### NO MUSIC MAKING Nov. 27th

Enjoy singing stories and dancing with Ms. Marge! Songs are stories set to music. Come jam out with us! This program is geared toward children 5 years old and under.

## TALES WITH TAILS R Wednesdays, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - 5 p.m.

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



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Did you know?
You can check out a WiFi hotspot
from HTPL for up to 14 days!

### Clubs & Groups

#### **DROP-IN LEGO CLUB**

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 7 p.m.

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

## FLIP THE SWITCH: KINDNESS CHALLENGE

From Oct. 1 through Nov. 19, spread kindness with HTPL for a chance to flip the switch at the Tree Lighting! Share with others, help someone having a tough day, hold the door open for someone, or invite someone to join you when they're lonely. Complete your checklist and return it to the library, where you'll enter a VERY special raffle! Win and flip the switch at Harrison Township's Tree Lighting!



Bring your favorite stuffed animal for a magical overnight adventure at the library! First, tuck your cuddly friend in for a cozy night at HTPL. Then, join us the next day for a fancy Tea Party Reunion! Pick up your stuffy, hear all about their overnight fun, and enjoy a delightful tea party.

Costumes are encouraged!

Ages 3 and up. ®

SATURDAY, NOV. 15TH AT 1:00 P.M.



Santa's mailbox is coming to the library!
Children are invited to write a letter to
Santa and drop it in our special North Pole
mailbox during library hours. Make sure to
include your name and return address—
Santa will be sending a reply straight from
the North Pole! Don't miss your chance to
share your holiday wishes with Santa!

Drop off your letters between December 8th and December 19th!

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Fall Programs

DIAMOND DOT PAINTING (R) Wednesday, Sept. 10th - 6 p.m.

Join us for a sparkling craft night for teens only! We'll be making shimmering diamond dot paintings, a perfect decoration to make your space shine.

## HAUNTED GINGERBREAD HOUSES (R)

Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6 p.m.

It's officially spooky season, and we're celebrating with a creative, tasty craft! Join us in making gingerbread houses with a Halloween twist.

## CLAY CREATIONS (R)

Tuesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Get creative at this teens-only craft night! Using colorful clay, the possibilities are endless, making your own mini figures, charms, animals, and more!

## HOT GLUE ICICLES (R)

Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Swing by the library for an icy cold teens-only craft night! We will be making hot glue gun icicle ornaments to add a frozen touch to your holiday season!

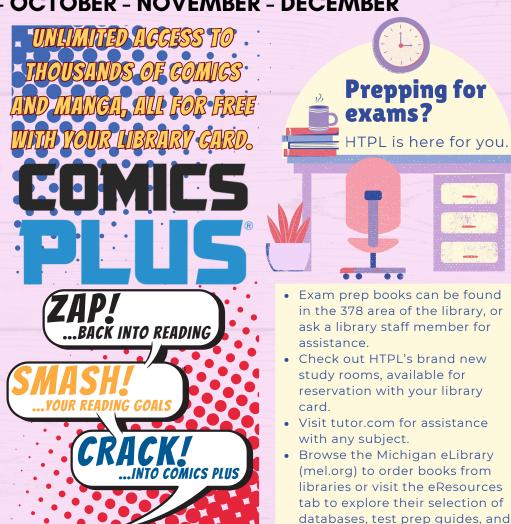
#### Take & Make Crafts

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

Salts

September 12<sup>th</sup>: Mini Lego Kits October 10<sup>th</sup>: Origami Pumpkins November 14<sup>th</sup>: Fall House Painting December 12th: Peppermint Bath

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Reminder Your L'Anse Creuse Student ID is a virtual library card!

Close

Your student ID gives you free access to all of HTPL digital services, including streaming movies, music downloads, eBooks, and audiobooks.

practice tests.

The library is open until 8 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays and

until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Your "Card Number" is LCS followed by your student ID number. (example: LCS1234567) Your password is your birthdate as a four-digit PIN (MMDD).

## LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE? TAKING A LANGUAGE CLASS?

## **⊋Transparent** Language® Online

Transparent Language Online, available free with your library card, provides an effective experience for language learners like you, helping you to build your vocabulary, practice your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, and maintain what you've learned. Transparent Language can be accessed anytime, anywhere, on almost any device with your library card.

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER



CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP
MONTH WITH HTPL! DROP IN (NO
REGISTRATION REQUIRED) AND JOIN
US FOR MOCKTAILS, SNACKS,
CRAFTS, AND MORE FUN FREEBIES.
BE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY
CARD IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH,

## HALLOWEEN HAPPY HOUR

BOO! CELEBRATE THE
SPOOKY SEASON WITH
MOCKTAILS, SNACKS,
CRAFTS, HALLOWEEN
FREEBIES, AND MORE! NO
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



# Movie Matinee

Join us for a magical matinee showing of *Wicked*! In celebration of *Wicked*: For Good, we'll stream part one starting at noon and serve up some spellbinding mocktails with enchanting snacks. Costumes are welcome! Registration is not required.

Saturday, Nov. 22nd Noon - 3 p.m.



Kick off the holiday season at Harrison
Township's annual Tree Lighting! This year's
theme is SPARKLE SPECTACULAR! Join us as we
count down to the grand lighting of the tree,
followed by a glittering celebration of
wonder and cheer!

`Thursday, December 4<sup>th,</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at HTPL\*



## WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

At HTPL, we're always seeking feedback on our space, programs, book selection, and community involvement in Harrison Township. Please tell us what you think. Your responses are greatly appreciated!



## LAKESHORE UKULELE SPRUMMERS CONCERT

Join us for a cozy indoor concert with the Lakeshore Ukulele Strummers as they perform holiday tunes that we all know and love!
Registration is not required, but encouraged.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 P.M.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Fall Programs

#### BACK PAIN MANAGEMENT Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.

Join orthopedic nurse practitioner Linda McParlan as she discusses back pain management, causes, and prevention.

## NAVIGATING GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

**Wednesday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.**Holidays can be a challenging time for those who are grieving. Learn the effects of grief and how to cope with it or support your loved ones.

## Regular Programs

#### DEL'S CHAIR YOGA R Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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

## TRIVIA NIGHT AT TOTAL SPORTS Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 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.

## Take & Make Crafts

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

September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Autumn Air

Fresheners

with ease

October 1st: Friendly Halloween

Ghosts

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** Stress Relief Kits

December 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mini Christmas Tree

Gnomes

#### Tech Time at HTPL

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

INTRO TO PRINTING & SCANNING Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 p.m.

ONLINE SHOPPING BASICS Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.

INTRO TO MICROSOFT WORD
Wednesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.

#### DROP-IN TECH HELP Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, and Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

An adult librarian is available for oneon-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.

## NEW: Join the HARRISON TWP DIAMOND DAZZLERS

## DIAMOND DOT CLUB TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

Drop in and join our new seasonal Adult Diamond \$\displays Dot club! Come chat with fellow Diamond •

- Dotters and treat yourself to a cozy and relaxing evening of crafting. Snacks and beverages provided. Bring your own project,
- or grab one of ours! Registration is not required.

#### **Book Discussions**

#### MURDER & BOOZE (R)

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

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at Octopus' Beer Garden, 6 p.m.: All The Sinners Bleed by S.A. Cosby

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at Luigi's, 6 p.m.: The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at River Rat, 6 p.m.:** *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna
Raybourn

#### **TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP**

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

**Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.:** The Lioness of Boston by Emily Franklin

Oct. 21st - 6 p.m.: The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.: Did You Hear About Kitty Karr? by Crystal Smith Paul



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## NEW: Read It and Eat Cookbook Club

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 6 p.m. Join us for the first date of our new "Cookbook Book Club." Reserve your recipe in our selected cookbook at the front desk. Cook the dish and bring it to share with the group! More details can be found at htlibrary.org. Future dates for 2026 to be announced.



## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

## Adult Craft Nights

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

September 11th - 6 p.m.: Open

Book Vases (R)

October 9<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.: Jewelry Making with Kitty Deluxe (R)

November 13<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m.: Winter

Wine Bottle Luminaries (R)

December 11th - 6 p.m.: Craft

Exchange & Drop-In Winter Craft

## 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.

September 8<sup>th</sup>: Chamomile October 13th: Ground Ginger November 10<sup>th</sup>: Cinnamon **December 8th:** Star Anise

### 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. September 4th, October 2nd, and November 6th



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## **UPDATES TO NEWSBANK!**

New resources have been added to NewsBank! Your favorite local newspapers, like the Detroit News and the Macomb Daily, can now be found under Access World News, a news collection where you can explore issues on an international level. HTPL has also recently added Heritage Hub, the largest collection of newspaper obituaries and death notices.

# News Banking.

Also included in HTPL's updated Newsbank subscription is Black, Hispanic, Indigenous, and Asian Life in America, a comprehensive record of the experiences and impacts of Americans in news media.

READ MORE AT HTLIBRARY.ORG

# HOLIDAY

Drop off up to 5 boxes of craft supplies starting December Ist until December IIth to participate! For each box you donate, you'll receive a "ticket to shop." One ticket on the day of the exchange equals one box you can fill with any supplies you'd like!

Accepted items for donation include:

- → Yarn or fabric
  - Knitting needles and crochet hooks
  - Sewing patterns
  - · Crayons, markers, paint, paint brushes
  - Canvases
  - Scrapbook supplies, ribbons, bows, string, buttons, construction paper, pom poms, and more!

THURSDAY, DEC. IITH FROM 6 - 8 P.M.

## We're a **2025** Library Passport Destination!

Receive special prizes along the way...

## **How it works:**

- 1. Pick Up Your Passport Visit HTPL to get your free passport booklet.
- **Visit Participating Libraries** 2. Explore other libraries in the cooperative—each one is unique!

Collect Stamps

**3.** Get your passport stamped at each member library you visit.

#### Earn Prizes\*

- Collect 8 stamps to earn your first prize, and collect 21 for your second prize!
- **Enter the raffle!**
- 5. Collect 21 stamps by Jan. 2, 2026, to be entered into a raffle for a









Harrison Township Public Library

## Look out for HTPL's Fall closures!

- Closed August 30 through September 1
- Closing at 5 p.m. on September 25th
- Closing at 5 p.m. on November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Closed November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- Closed December 31st and January 1st

## Library Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9AM - 8PM SATURDAY 9AM - 5PM

**CLOSED** 

**SUNDAY** 



Harrison Township Public Library 38255 L'Anse Creuse St., Suite A Harrison Township, MI 48045

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

Wow! The FRIENDS of the Library had a busy summer. We would like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support. The three Waterfront Park Summer Concerts were well attended and the FRIENDS concession sales were a hit!



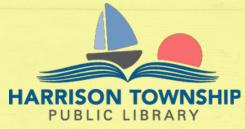
The FRIENDS had two other great community turnouts: *Dine to Donate* at Texas Roadhouse and our annual Lori's Lick'Em Up *Donation Match* event. We appreciate both of these local businesses for their support of our library.

Come see what the FRIENDS are all about! We will be having a general meeting on October 29th at 6:30 p.m. New faces are always welcome. Meetings are held in the Community room upstairs at the library. As a non-profit organization, the FRIENDS are committed to enriching life in Harrison Township by supporting the library as a center for lifelong learning and community connection. We work to strengthen the library's impact by raising funds for programs, technology, and other essential resources.

Mark your calendars! The next big opportunity to support the FRIENDS and the library is our annual Cookie Walk featuring homemade holiday cookies. The Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 6th from 12 – 3.

Visit our website for contact information and a calendar of upcoming Friends events – <a href="https://https:/

FRIENDS. Raise money. Spread the Word. Have Fun.



Contact Us Email: htlibrary.org Phone: (586) 329–1261

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