

GROUNDWORKS 101

Drop-in to learn the basics of using equipment in the new and improved Groundworks space at the Main Library. After the program, brainstorm your next creative idea and reserve Groundworks' creation equipment on herrickdl.org.

SEWING 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using sewing machines and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

Monday, March 11 | 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

PODCASTING 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using our Rodecaster Pro podcast station and show you where to find additional learning resources to get a podcast up and running.

Tuesday, March 19 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

CUTTING MACHINES 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using our Silhouette Cameo 4 cutting machine (cuts vinyl, cardstock, fabric, and more), Silhouette Studio software (FREE) and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

Monday, April 8 | 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

EMBROIDERY 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using our Baby Lock Bloom embroidery machine and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

Tuesday, April 16 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

3D PRINTING 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using our Prusa MK3S+ 3D printer and PrusaSlicer software and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

Tuesday, May 7 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

SUBLIMATION 101

Groundworks' staff guides you through the basics of using our Sawgrass SG1000 sublimation printer, our 7-in-1 tumbler heat press and show you how to find simple beginner projects.

Tuesday, May 21 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

STRONG READERS

For Caregivers & Children's Educators

Reading problems can manifest in children for a variety of reasons: lack of interest or early intervention, a missing puzzle piece in their overall health, and the list goes on. The (sometimes reluctant) readers in your life are full of potential. Whether you're a caregiver who's out of ideas to motivate a child or an educator looking to explore some fresh new ways to advocate for students, this series is for you.

LITERACY AND NUTRITION

In this kid-friendly workshop, Kids' Food Basket provides nutritious examples of how each color of the rainbow can support a child's learning and development, like how eating orange foods can promote eye health.

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

EXPERT PANEL & FILM SCREENING

View the WKAR Special, "Building the Reading Brain," exploring the science of reading, then participate in a panel discussion with local reading experts and leaders.

Thursday, March 21 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

MOVEMENT - DEB WEISS-GELMI

Join former schoolteacher Deb Weiss-Gelmi as she uncovers the connection between movement and literacy development in children. Deb is the founder of Sing Song Yoga® and a Teacher Educator (with a Masters in Reading and Literacy) who provides professional development for schools.

Tuesday, March 26 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

ASK THE LIBRARIAN

Find out which children's books are flying off the shelves and which books librarians love to recommend at this fun and informative Readers' Advisory panel. Plus, learn a few tips to help encourage your kiddo's reading adventures. Kids are welcome to join in the Librarian Q&A.

Tuesday, April 9 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

VISION THERAPY FOR READERS

One in four students struggle with vision problems that interfere with their ability to read, learn, comprehend, and even pay attention. Discover the link between eye health and reading as well as how you can better advocate for young readers in your life with Dr. Neil Renaud, OD, FAAO, FCOVD from Eagle Eye Performance Vision.

Thursday, April 18 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room



SPRING EVENTS FOR

ADULTS

This spring, HDL is "Blooming with Possibilities." Revel in the sweet start of the season. Open yourself up to the potential for growth. Cultivate your interests, try a new hobby, or explore new spaces. **Some events require registration at herrickdl.org/events.**

FEATURED EVENTS

MARCH BOOK BUNDLES

Celebrate Reading Month! Register, then fill out our survey to get matched with four library books recommended by HDL librarians. Registration required starting March 1. Surveys will be sent to registered participants. Books will be available for pick up during normal library hours March 16-22.

ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

For all ages

Holland will experience a deep partial eclipse at 3:10pm on April 8. Join us to witness the moon crossing paths with the sun and visit interactive and educational science stations. Eclipse glasses will be available while supplies last.

Monday, April 8 | 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

North Branch | Lawn

STAR WARS DAY

For all ages

Join your fellow Star Wars fans as we make Star Wars crafts and watch a Star Wars film or two. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite Star Wars gear and then test your knowledge with our trivia activity sheets.

Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

HOLLAND REPAIR CAFE

Throw it away? No way! Help keep items out of the landfill by learning skills to make your own repairs. You'll also find tools and materials to help make repairs and connect with local community volunteers who have experience repairing clothes, textiles, and other household items. Co-hosted by the city of Holland.

Saturday, May 18 | 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

ALL AGES

MARIO KART PARTY

Play a couple of rounds of Mario Kart against your fellow Mario Kart enthusiasts. Come ready to prove that you are the best racer in the Holland area. No registration required.

Saturday, April 13

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

BIRDS 101 WITH NATURE IMMERSION

Bird watching? I mean sure, but how do I know what I'm looking at or hearing? From learning how to look for the distinguishing features of the birds in your area, to navigating bird books, to discovering new tools to help make birding easier, Naturalist Megan Lotz will guide you through this all ages program. No matter your experience level, bird watching is a great way to get the whole family outdoors.

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

BIRD FEEDERS WITH NATURE IMMERSION

Naturalist Megan Lotz will teach you how to keep good feeder habits, how to offer a variety of foods, when and when not to put feeders out, and how to identify some of the most common bird feeder visitors. Get some ideas for DIY feeders and even make a bird feeder to take home with you!

Thursday, May 16 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

AVATAR: THE LAST AIRBENDER WEEK

Each day, complete a craft to master one of the four elements. On Thursday, show off your Avatar knowledge at trivia night! Check out the events going on all week:

- **Monday (Water):** Create a watercolor painting
- **Tuesday (Earth):** Make your own paper-mâché cabbages
- **Wednesday (Fire):** Craft your own tea blends
- **Thursday (Air):** Make a mini Appa or Momo plushy
- **Friday (Avatar):** Drop-in Avatar-themed crafts

**Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26
4:00 PM–5:30 PM**

North Branch | Community Room

HDL programs are paid for, in part, through contributions from *The Friends of Herrick District Library*. Learn more at <https://herrickdl.org/about-hdl/friends-of-the-library/>

SEED AND PLANT SWAP

For all ages

I swap. You swap. We all swap at the seed and plant swap! Bring your extra plants and seeds to the first ever HDL seed and plant swap. You do not have to donate seeds or plants to participate, but donations will earn you extra selections. There will also be crafts for our younger gardeners. Patrons are encouraged to drop off seeds and plants at the North Branch on Friday, April 19, to give library staff time to set up.

Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

TRIVIA NIGHT: AVATAR THE LAST AIRBENDER

Test your knowledge of all things Avatar the Last Airbender. Questions will come from *Avatar the Last Airbender* animated show and the live action show. Answer questions like what type of bending is best? What is the proper way to brew tea? And is the most dangerous business actually in cabbage sales? Beverages will be provided. Plan to be in teams of up to four. Themed prizes will be given out to the winning team.

Thursday, April 25 | 6:30 PM–7:45 PM

North Branch | Community Room

ARBOR DAY

Celebrate Arbor Day, and enrich your community by planting a tree. Pick up a free tree seedling while supplies last. Enter the drawing for your chance to win a free flowering tree or shrub online or in person. Drawing entry link will be available on herrickdl.org/events on the day of the event. Please note:

- Limit one seedling per person

- One drawing entry per person

Friday, April 26 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Both HDL Locations

ONGOING EVENTS

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Drop by our Writers' Workshop open hours to share what you're working on: a poem, novel, essay, cover letter... anything! Read other writers' work to give and receive feedback and help strengthen your craft. This is a safe space to learn and grow, whether you are new or a seasoned pro.

Tuesdays | 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 14 & 28

Main Library | Board Room

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Join us for lively discussions of your favorite mystery novels. No registration is necessary. Copies of the current month's book are usually available for check out at the information desk at the Main Library.

• **March 5:** *Shoot to Thrill* or *Snow Blind* by P.J. Tracy

• **April 2:** *Borrowed Crime* by Laurie Cass

• **May 7:** Bring your favorite mystery book

First Tuesday of the Month

7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Board Room

RANDOM READERS BOOK GROUP

Looking to read something new? Random Readers Book Group might be discussing your next favorite book. From non-fiction to romance, Random Readers will tackle any genre. Stop by, grab a book, and bring a friend! Copies of the current month's book are usually available for check out at the information desk at the Main Library.

• **March 4:** *Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

• **April 1:** *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore

• **May 6:** *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy* by Jamie Ford

First Monday of the Month

7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Board Room

TANKARDS & TOMES: SCI-FI/FANTASY BOOK CLUB

Join us at Tulip City Brewstillery as we discuss a variety of science fiction and fantasy books that can be enjoyed by the avid reader of the genre and those interested in testing the proverbial waters. Feel free to also bring some of your favorite sci-fi and fantasy reads to recommend to others. *Check our website or visit the library for book titles.*

Wednesdays | 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

March 27, April 24, May 29

Tulip City Brewstillery | 430 W. 17th St.

NORTH BRANCH BOOK CLUB

Every month the North Branch will pick a book for our community to read together from a wide variety of genres and authors.

• **March:** *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn

• **April:** *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

• **May:** The works of R.F. Kuang

North Branch

TECH HELP OPEN HOURS

Got a tech question you just can't figure out? Need help with email on your phone? Drop in and ask us your questions.

Wednesdays & Thursdays

2:00 PM–4:00 PM

March 6 - May 31

Main Library | Information Desk

SPECIAL EVENTS

UNDERSTANDING MODERN ELECTRONICS

Registration required starting one month before each event. *This series is part of the Holland Amateur Radio Club's monthly education and training program. For more information about these programs, visit hollandarc.org*

• **ELECTRONIC FEEDBACK**

Understand the math behind two basic rules that allow op-amps to leverage the magic of negative feedback. See how these rules allow op-amps to tame near-infinite gain in a circuit down to the exact amplification you want.

Tuesday, March 26 | 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

• **AMPLIFIER CIRCUITS USING OP-AMPS**

Now that the versatility of negative feedback has been demonstrated, adjust the strength of negative feedback in op-amp circuits to build amplifiers with whatever gain you choose. Create an amplifier that sums two or more inputs, see a circuit that converts current to voltage, and explore the design and operation of an op-amp-based light meter.

Tuesday, April 23 | 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

• **MORE FUN WITH OP-AMPS**

Explore peak detectors as well as Schmitt triggers. Use these concepts to design a practical circuit: an alarm to warn if your freezer's temperature has been above freezing.

Tuesday, May 28 | 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

HDL'S PRIVATE OBSERVATION TIME AT HEMLOCK CROSSING

Join Shoreline Amateur Astronomical Association (SAAA) for an opportunity to use Hemlock Crossing's Public Observatory outside of the normal public viewing hours. Registration required starting February 21, so participants can be notified in the event of inclement weather.

Wednesday, March 6 | 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Hemlock Crossing | 8115 West Olive Road

CHOCOLATE TASTING WORKSHOP

Learn how to taste chocolate like a pro. We'll explore how to identify different types of chocolate, learn tasting steps used by professionals, and eat lots of chocolate. Registration required starting March 4.

Monday, March 18 | 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

SOLAR ECLIPSE 101

Learn about solar eclipses before you have the chance to witness one in person. NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Michael Long will present on all things solar eclipses. Registration required starting March 6.

Wednesday, March 20 | 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

2nd ANNUAL PYSANKY PARTY

For ages 13 and up

Try your hand at making Pysanky eggs, a traditional Ukrainian egg decorating process. Use a tool to draw on an egg and then dye it to create elaborate, geometric, or simple designs. Registration recommended starting March 9.

Saturday, March 23 | 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

CHEESE TASTING: CULTURE CHEESE SHOP

Send your taste buds on a journey with Holland's own Culture Cheese Shop! Experience different categories of cheese at this deliciously educational event. Registration required starting March 11.

Monday, March 25 | 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

CREATE MASON JAR TERARIUMS

Create a living terrarium inside a Mason jar using sea glass, moss, rocks, and succulents. Try something new with us and fellow library patrons. Registration required starting March 14.

Thursday, March 28 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

SPRING POETRY WORKSHOP

Join HDL and Hope College Professor Pablo Peschiera as we spring into poetry. During this writing workshop, participants will write poems, learn three different approaches to poetry, and listen to renowned poets recite their favorite verses. Registration required starting March 16.

Saturday, March 30 | 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

Main Library | Board Room

OUT OF THIS WORLD BATH BOMBS

Make space-themed bath bombs to celebrate April 8's solar eclipse! Registration required starting March 20.

Wednesday, April 3 | 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

MINIATURE FIGURINE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Learn how to paint miniature figurines for games and hobbies. We'll provide brushes, paints, miniatures, and step-by-step instruction. Registration required starting March 30.

Saturday, April 13 | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

SPRING BIRD WOOL PAINTING

Wool painting is an extremely forgiving craft with a low cost of entry. Participants will be shown the basics of wool painting as they learn how to create a spring bird using wool roving and a tambour frame. Registration required starting April 3.

Wednesday, April 17 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

FLOWER CROWNS

For adults and teens

Make flower crowns for May Day!

Registration required starting April 16.

Tuesday, April 30 | 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

LOOK AT THAT STORY! GRAPHIC NOVELS AND COMIC BOOKS

Let's explore the world of graphic novels and comic books! Author and illustrator Elizabeth Trembley (*Look Again*) will talk about the exciting and edgy history of the art form. Everyone is invited to practice workshopping examples to see how we can push the boundaries of storytelling. Registration required starting April 3.

Wednesday, May 1 | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

WILDFLOWERS, PARKS, & TREES OF OTTAWA COUNTY

Join Ottawa County Parks Outdoor Educators as they lead a naturalist hike. Identify plants and perhaps run into wildlife inhabitants too.

Monday, May 6 | 6:00 PM–7:30 PM OR

Mt. Pisgah, 2278 Black Lake Ave

Monday, May 20 | 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Port Sheldon Natural Area, 6260 160th Ave

PUZZLE COMPETITION

This event for ages 13+

Bring your team to HDL's spring puzzle competition! Teams of up to four people will be given the same jigsaw puzzle to solve. The team that finishes first (or gets the furthest in the allotted time) will win a gift card to Out of the Box toy/game store. If you register a team fewer than 4, your team may be grouped with another team on the day of. Registration required starting April 29.

**Monday, May 13 | 3:30 PM–5:00 PM
OR 6:30 PM–8:00 PM**

Main Library | Groundworks

SIMPLE KINTSUGI

Create a ceramic Kintsugi piece! Kintsugi is a traditional Japanese style of ceramic repair that draws attention to damage and repair rather than hiding it. Registration required starting May 1. The process requires participants to wait a full day for the epoxy to cure, so this program will be offered in two parts. Participants must be able to attend both dates to register.

Wednesdays

May 15 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM AND

May 22 | 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Main Library | Groundworks

OUTDOOR MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY

Explore macro photography for beginners with help from Martin Keirnan of Tulip City Camera Club. We'll go over some basic macro equipment and techniques, then we'll head out into nature and try to capture some pictures. Registration required starting April 26.

Friday, May 24 | 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hemlock Crossing Nature Center

8115 West Olive Road