

BIRDS 101 WITH NATURE IMMERSION

For all ages

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

For all ages

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 to do at home and even make a bird feeder to take home with you!

Thursday, May 16 | 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

DROP-IN BLUEY PARTY

For families

Wackadoo! Come and party Bluey-style at Herrick North Branch. We'll play keepy-uppy, go into Dance Mode with a mini dance party, and more Bluey-based activities!

Saturday, May 18 | 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

GARDEN STEM WITH KIDS' FOOD BASKET

For kids ages 6-10

Drop in to join our friends from Kids' Food Basket as we learn about seeds, plants, and the KFB garden. Kids will be able to take home a STEM kit that includes three different experiments that will further expand their knowledge of growing things! (Kits available while supplies last.)

Saturday, May 25 | 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Main Library | Children's Area

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/>

STRONG READERS

For Caregivers & 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 promotes 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 functional vision problems that interfere with their ability to read, learn, comprehend, and even pay attention. Discover the link between visual development and reading and 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



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

SURPRISE BOOK BUNDLES

March is Reading Month! Let us surprise you with a personalized bundle of books to check out. When you register, you'll receive a link to a survey in your confirmation email. Fill that out to help us choose a few library books that we think you'll enjoy borrowing!

• For ages 0-5

Registration required starting February 26. Books will be available for pick up during normal library hours March 11-17.

• For kids and tweens ages 6-13

Registration required starting March 2. 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 3:10 PM 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 and Community Room

MARIO KART PARTY

For all ages

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

ARBOR DAY

Celebrate Arbor Day, and enrich your community by planting a tree. Pick up a free tree seedling at the main library while supplies last. A limited quantity of seedlings will also be available at the Herrick North Branch. Enter the drawing for your chance to win a free flowering tree or shrub online or in person. The drawing entry link will be available at herrickdl.org/ events the day of the event.

Please note:

- Limit one seedling per person
- One drawing entry per person

Friday, April 26

Both HDL Locations

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. Drinks will be provided.

Saturday, May 4 | 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

North Branch | Community Room

KIDS

KIDS WRITING CLUB

For kids ages 8-12

Join us at the Main Library every other Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 PM. Each session, we'll play a writing game and you'll get a chance to work on your own projects. All writing levels welcome.

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1, 15 & 29
Main Library | Children's Area

ARTFUL AFTERNOONS

For kids ages 6-10

Feeling artistic? Drop in anytime between 3:30 and 5:00 PM every other Wednesday to do some creating! From paper crafting to painting, each session will have a different project or two to try.

Wednesdays | 3:30 PM–5:00 PM

March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22
Main Library | Groundworks

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

For kids ages 3-5 with a caregiver

Explore early literacy skills by sharing stories, songs, and other activities.

• **MAIN LIBRARY**

Tuesdays | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM

April 2 - May 28 | Children's Area

• **NORTH BRANCH**

Wednesdays | 9:30 AM–10:00 AM

April 10 - May 22 | Community Room

TODDLER STORYTIME

For ages 18 months-3 years with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with fingerplays, songs, and stories.

• **MAIN LIBRARY** | *Children's Area*
Wednesdays | 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
10:30 AM–11:00 AM

April 3 - May 29

• **NORTH BRANCH** | *Community Room*
Thursdays | 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
10:30-11:00 AM

April 11 - May 23

BABY STORYTIME

For ages 0-18 months with a caregiver
Explore early literacy skills with stories, bounces, and music.

• **MAIN LIBRARY** | *Children's Area*
Thursdays | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM
April 4 - May 30

• **NORTH BRANCH** | *Community Room*
Tuesdays | 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
April 9 - May 28

PAJAMA STORYTIME

For ages 0-5 with a caregiver
Bring your favorite stuffed animal, and come in your jammies for stories and songs.

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM–7:00 PM
April 3 - May 29
Main Library | Children's Area

STORYTIME AT COMMUNITY ACTION HOUSE

For ages 0-5 with a caregiver
Join us as we explore 30 minutes of songs, rhymes, stories, and activities to support your child's early literacy growth.
Fridays | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM
March 15, April 19, May 17
Community Action House | 739 Paw Paw Dr.

DROP-IN BABY PLAYTIME

For ages 0-18 months with a caregiver
Drop-in for a casual playdate with other babies. Age-appropriate toys provided.
Tuesdays, 9:30 AM–10:30 AM
March 5, 12, 19 & 26, April 2, May 28, June 4
North Branch | Community Room

DROP-IN TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME

For ages 2-5 with a caregiver
Drop-in for a casual playdate with other toddlers and preschoolers. Age-appropriate toys provided.
Thursdays, 9:30 AM–10:30 AM
March 7, 14, 21 & 28, April 4, May 30, June 6
North Branch | Community Room

POSTCARD BOOK CLUB

For kids ages 6-11
Read a book, write down your thoughts on the provided postcard, then place your postcard in the book return slot at the North Branch library (or send it in the mail!). If you provide your address, we will write back!

• **March:** Pick a book, leave a book
We'll place your recommendation on display! Drop into the North Branch to check out any of the library patron-recommended books on display and find a book from our shelves you would like to recommend for other readers.
• **April:** Gardening and Nature
• **May:** Sports and Athletics

OAISD PLAY N LEARN

For kids ages 0-5 with a caregiver
Join OAISD for a special playgroup where there will be stories, fingerplays, creative art experiences, educational play, and a free book for each family. Caregivers stay with their children to learn and play.
3rd Mondays | 9:30 AM–10:30 AM
& 10:45 AM–11:45 AM

March 18, April 15, May 20
North Branch | Community Room

OAISD BILINGUAL PLAY N LEARN

For ages 0-5 with a caregiver
Join the OAISD for a special Spanish/English bilingual playgroup where there will be stories, fingerplays, creative art experiences, educational play, and a free book for each family. Caregivers stay with their children to learn and play.
3rd Tuesdays | 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
March 19, April 16, May 21
North Branch | Community Room

LEGO CLUB

For kids ages 5 and up
Join us for a weekly build at Lego Club! You provide the imagination; we provide the Legos. No registration required.
Wednesdays | 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
March 6 - May 29 (no meeting on April 24)
North Branch | Community Room

MUSIC CLASSES

Move, sing, and play together during these music classes specifically for each age group and their caregivers. Registration required at herrickdl.org/events. Registration begins two weeks prior to each event date.

- BABY MUSIC CLASS

For ages 0-18 months with a caregiver
• **Thursday, March 7 | 9:15 AM–9:45 AM**
• **Monday, April 15 | 9:15 AM–9:45 AM**
• **Friday, May 24 | 9:15 AM–9:45 AM**

- TODDLER MUSIC CLASS

For ages 18 months-3 years with a caregiver
• **Thursday, March 7 | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM**
• **Monday, April 15 | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM**
• **Friday, May 24 | 10:00 AM–10:30 AM**

- PRESCHOOL MUSIC CLASS

For ages 3-5 with a caregiver
• **Thursday, March 7 | 10:45 AM–11:15 AM**
• **Monday, April 15 | 10:45 AM–11:15 AM**
• **Friday, May 24 | 10:45 AM–11:15 AM**

Main Library | Children's Activity Room

STORYWALKS®

For families
We're collaborating with the Ottawa County Parks to continue providing StoryWalks this spring! Walk through the pages of a book as you make your way along a park path. StoryWalks are self-guided and available during regular park hours on the dates listed.

• **March 4 - March 24** at Paw Paw East:
Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner

• **March 4 - March 24** at Hemlock Crossing:
Once Upon a Book by Grace Lin and Kate Messner

• **April 1 - April 14** at Riley Trails:
Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer

• **April 15 - April 28** at Paw Paw West:
Fabulous Frogs by Martin Jenkins

• **May 6 - May 19** at Pine Bend:
Lola Plants a Garden / Lola Planta un Jardín by Anna McQuinn

• **May 20 - June 2** at Paw Paw Park East:
The Secret Fawn by Kallie George

SPECIAL KIDS EVENTS

TWEEN ART GALLERY: PHOTOGRAPHY

For tweens ages 9-14
For this month's Tween Art Gallery, we are looking at nature photography. Go out and take a nature photo that speaks to you! For more details see the direction and entry sheet found at the North Branch. All photos are due by March 15. Photos will be displayed March 16 - April 1.
March 1 - 15
North Branch

ENERGY BITES WITH KIDS FOOD BASKET

For ages 3-5 with a caregiver
Come explore early literacy skills by sharing stories and singing songs about yummy food. Then join us while we make fun no-bake energy bites in the Kids' Food Basket Kitchen!
Friday, March 8 | 10:00–11:00 AM
Kids' Food Basket, 652 Hastings Ave.

LAUGHFEST: KIDS JOKE TIME

For families
Budding comedians can show off their joke telling skills at this fun, family friendly event. Come with your best one-liner or borrow from joke books at the event. Interested performers should arrive 30 minutes prior to register for a time slot. For more information about Gilda's Club, Laughfest, and a full line up of events, visit laughfestgr.org.
Saturday, March 9 | 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
North Branch | Community Room

STUFFIE STORYTIME

For families
Bring your stuffie for a very special family storytime! After storytime is over, leave your special friend behind for a sleepover, and when you pick them up the following day you'll get a commemorative book to learn all about the fun time they had at the library!
Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30 PM–7:00 PM
Main Library | Children's Area

EXPLORING ENGINEERING AND STEM: ELECTRICAL

For kids ages 8-14
Explore engineering at the library! Learn from electrical engineering professionals, then learn how to build your own circuit!
Thursday, March 14 | 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
North Branch | Community Room

TWEEN ART GALLERY: CHARCOAL

For tweens ages 9-14
This month's Tween Art Gallery will put your drawing and planning skills to the test as we explore charcoal drawings. All materials for your charcoal masterpiece will be provided, as well as some practice exercises to learn the basics, while supplies last. All art due April 15, to be displayed April 16 - May 15
April 1 - 15
North Branch

SPRING BREAK MOVIE MORNINGS

For families
Put on your comfy clothes, bring a pillow and blanket, and settle in for a movie with us. All movies rated G.
Monday, April 1 - Paw Patrol the Movie
Wednesday, April 3 - The Lego Movie
Friday, April 5 - Cars
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
North Branch | Community Room

NORTH BRANCH CRAFTERNOONS

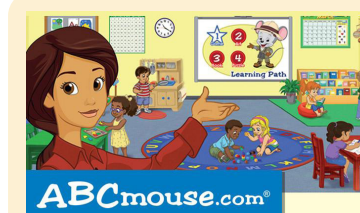
For kids ages 6+
Let's get crafty! Stop in to the North Branch to create something from your imagination using a variety of supplies and learn how to create a different type of space-themed crafts (inspired by the upcoming eclipse on April 8) each weekday during spring break.
Monday, April 1 - Friday, April 5
2:00 PM–3:30 PM
North Branch | Community Room

GET ECLIPSE READY!

For kids ages 6-10
Get ready for the eclipse by stopping in for some hands-on science and creative fun. Then grab a pair of eclipse viewing glasses on your way out while they last!
Thursday, April 4 | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Main Library | Children's Area

EXPLORING ENGINEERING AND STEM: ENVIRONMENTAL

For kids ages 8-14
Explore engineering at the library! Learn from environmental engineering professionals, then learn how to build your own water filter.
Thursday, April 11 | 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
North Branch | Community Room



NEW! Access ABC Mouse free with a library card

ABCmouse is an award-winning early-learning app for math, phonics, reading, and more. Designed by learning experts, your child can practice anytime, anywhere! Be sure to use the library's access through herrickdl.org in order to avoid a subscription fee.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

For kids ages 9-12
Join us at CAH's Food Club kitchen to make and enjoy kid-friendly recipes. Registration required starting April 6.
Saturday, April 20 | 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
12:00 PM–1:30 PM
Community Action House | 739 Paw Paw Dr.

MOVIE MORNING: 101 DALMATIANS (G)

For families
Put on your comfy clothes, bring a pillow and blanket, and settle in for a movie with us.
Saturday, April 27
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
North Branch | Community Room

TWEEN ART GALLERY: MINI CANVAS

For tweens ages 9-14
We will provide the canvas, you create the art. Materials will be available at the North Branch, while supplies last. Or, if you have art supplies at home, you can take your canvas home and bring it back when you're done. Paintings to be created May 1 - 15. Paintings due by May 15. Art to be displayed May 16 - June 15.
May 1 - 15
North Branch

TWEEN DIY SUGAR SCRUB DROP-IN

For tweens ages 9-14
Stop by and make your own custom sugar scrub. We will provide materials and containers. This is a drop-in program so stop by anytime during the window to create your own gentle exfoliant. While supplies last.
Monday, May 6 | 3:45 PM–4:45 PM
North Branch Community Room

EXPLORING ENGINEERING AND STEM: CIVIL ENGINEERING

For kids ages 8-14
Explore engineering at the library! Learn from civil engineering professionals, then build your own bridge.
Thursday, May 9 | 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
North Branch | Community Room



Check out the new and improved Children's Area on the second floor of the Main Library, opening by the beginning of March.