



HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY

READING CHALLENGE

TRAIL MAP

2025

HOW TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL MAP

1. Choose how you wish to complete each square on the trail map. You can either finish a book, read for 20 minutes, or complete one of the activities.
2. Every time you complete a square, fill it in.
3. Fill in all the squares to complete the trail map!
4. Bring your trail map to either the Herrick District Library between August 9-16 to claim your prizes!

START

City of Holland Parks Activities

- Walk along Heinz Waterfront Walkway or watch the boats launch at Kollen Park
- Take a stroll at Van Raalte Farms to see the barns, house, and sugar shack
- Check out the progress of the new ice rink or explore the Prairie Meadows at Window on the Waterfront
- Try pickleball, tennis, or another fitness activity at Moran Park

Ottawa County Parks Activities

- Count the dragonflies or try disc golf at Paw Paw Park
- Go for a bike ride or go "get lost" on Riley Trails
- Explore the Nature Center, the Book Nook, or the Wildlife Den at Hemlock Crossing
- Play in the sand or climb the dune at Tunnel Park

Herrick District Library Activities

- Check out the Library of Things collection to borrow pickleball, tennis, or metal detecting equipment
- Discover a new hobby by attending a library program or by visiting Groundworks
- Visit one of the 24-hour vending machines to borrow or return books or DVDs or to access free Wi-Fi
- Explore the newly renovated Main Library or the new playscape and walking trail at the North Branch

FINISH



Reading Activities

- Read a science-fiction classic
- Explore local folklore or legends from Michigan
- Try non-fiction mystery or a true crime story
- Read a book about a mythological creature
- Read a book about an epic adventure
- Read a book about or set in a National Park
- Read outdoors or while sitting under a tree
- Read a book about history

More Activities

- Create a nature journal
- Spend time bird watching or star gazing
- Paint with nature or watercolor with rain puddles
- Track and identify animal footprints
- Ride a bike or go on a hike
- Try nature photography
- Watch a sci-fi movie or TV show
- Go geocaching. Look for our Cryptid Caches!

READING CHALLENGE READING LOG

HOW TO FINISH THE READING LOG

1. Set your own reading goal.
How many books do you want to read this summer_____?
2. Log your reading below, and rate each title.
3. Complete this log along side or instead of the trail map on the other side.
4. Bring your reading log to either HDL location between August 9-16 to claim your prizes!



Rating: How would you rate this book?

Not very interesting Out of this world

#	TITLE & AUTHOR	RATING

NAME _____ AGE _____
(if you are under 18)



HERRICK DISTRICT LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE | 2025 JUNE 9-AUGUST 9

The Truth is Out There

The line between fact and fiction can be fuzzy. This summer, we're celebrating the joy of exploring what's "real," while playing with make-believe mythologies, sci-fi, and fantasy. Join us as we embark on a joy-filled journey of discovery, critical thinking, and the thrill of uncovering the truth, one story at a time.

KICKOFF EVENT MONDAY, JUNE 9

Drop by either HDL location any time on Monday to start the Summer Reading Challenge and create your own nature journal. We'll provide prompts and supplies to get you started on your journey this summer. You'll be ready to explore the parks, document your discoveries, and maybe even capture proof of cryptids.

Grand Finale Summerween

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 | 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Main Library

Celebrate the end of summer with an unforgettable Halloween-inspired event that transforms the library into a spooky, haunted space filled with fun and games, tricks and treats, and some summer twists on your fall favorites—like watermelon jack-o-lanterns. Come dressed in your spookiest or sunniest costume—like a ghost in flip-flops or a pumpkin in shades—and enjoy a day of creepy, creative chills and thrills for all ages.

PRIZE BOOK FAIR August 9-August 16

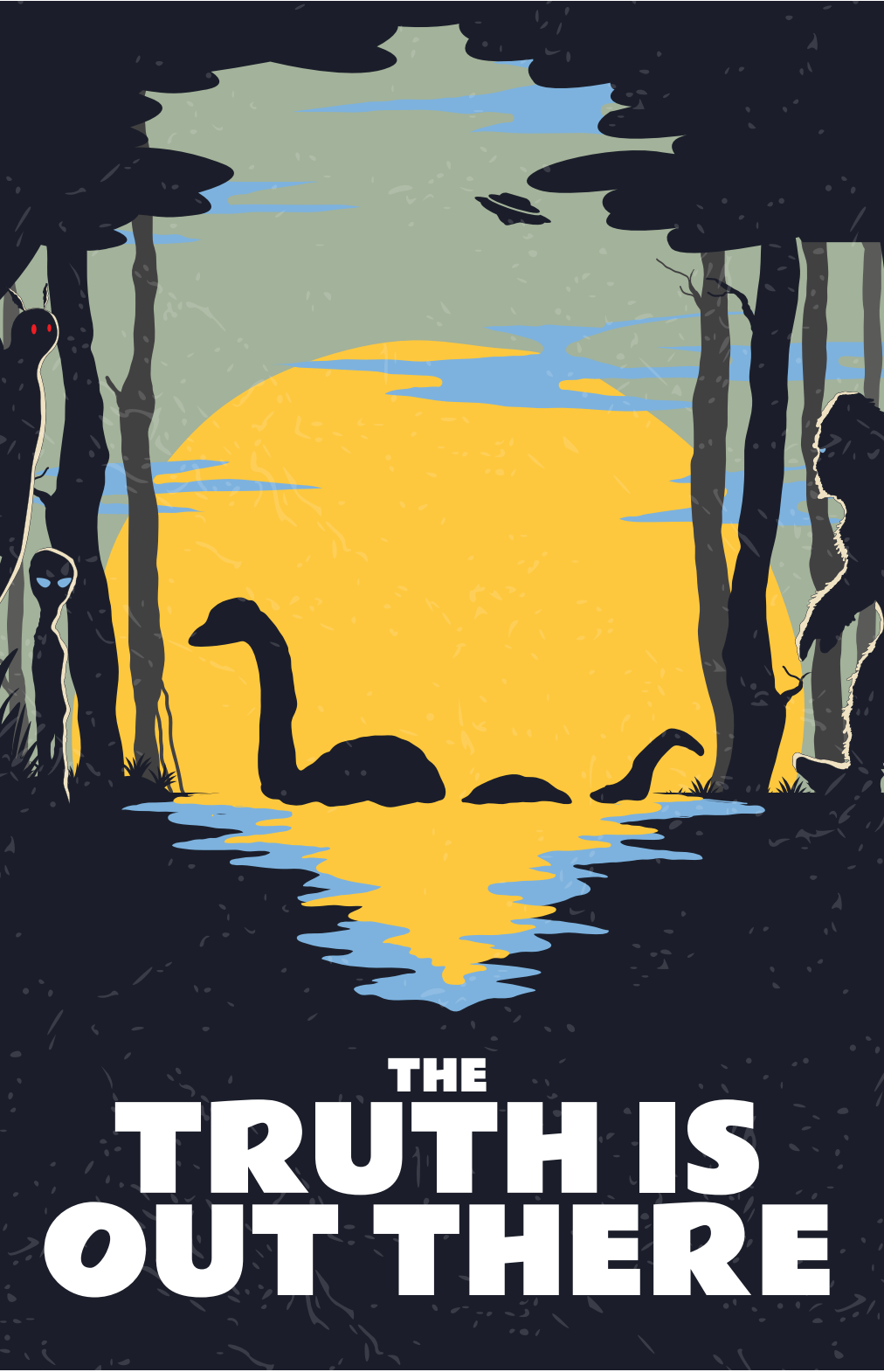
Bring your completed Trail Map or Reading Log to either HDL location to enter drawings and claim prizes—including a new book of your choice. Prizes are available while supplies last, so don't miss out on this end-of-summer blowout book fair extravaganza!

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Looking for something fun to do this summer? Herrick District Library, Ottawa County Parks and Recreation, and the City of Holland's Recreation Department have planned a huge variety of programs and events for all ages! Scan the QR code for a quick link to our program guides.



herrickdl.org/events



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