

Library Life



The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

June 2026

Summer Reading Program!

Summer Reading Program is here: **June 1 - July 31**
Unearth a Story: celebrate discovery, curiosity, and the thrill of uncovering hidden tales through reading, exploration, and STEAM activities for kids and adults. Keep your reading skills as sharp as a Velociraptor's claws! You can find all the information and materials needed contained in the pages of this newsletter.



HOURS

Monday: 9 am - 7 pm

Tuesday: 9 am - 7 pm

Wednesday: 9 am - 7 pm

Thursday: 9 am - 7 pm

Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday: Closed

CLOSED

June 19 & 20

Escape Room: Pharaoh's Tomb

**Can you find
the key to unlock
Pharaoh's Tomb?**

**For a limited time only:
June 1 - 31**

Reserve a time or drop in up to
one hour before library close



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3399 Williamson Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601

Far more than you expect!

Unearth a Story with Michigan Activity Pass

This summer we will be featuring Michigan areas of interest in alignment with our Summer Reading theme of "Unearth a Story"!

Oceanic dinosaur fossils, ancient mammoth trails, Native American petroglyphs...all accessible with your library card via the Michigan Activity Pass.



**MICHIGAN
ACTIVITY PASS**

Kits from The Library of Things

Thanks to the Library Services & Technology grant through Library of Michigan and Institute of Museum and Library Services, we have purchased several new kits!

Featured below are a few from our collection, if viewing digitally click on the link to view the item details in our catalog. There you can also check availability or reserve the item.

- [STEAM to Go! - Peppa Pig Phonics](#)
- [STEAM to Go! - Food & Nutrition](#)
- [STEAM to Go! - Emotions & Empathy](#)
- [Berenstain Bears Phonics Kit](#)
- [Penworthy Early Start Kit — Sensory Explorer](#)
- [Penworthy Object, Volume: Construction Kit](#)

Camp Stuffie

It's time for Camp Stuffie!

Drop your fuzzy friends off for summer camp on June 23 and pick them up after June 30!

Get updates on the fun activities and shenanigans they get into as they unearth stories and go on Summer Reading Program adventures!



Dig Into a Good Book

Write your book recommendation (s) on a dinosaur footprint to be placed throughout the library for others to find.

Bonus points if they relate to the "Unearth a Story" theme, but they don't have to! They could just be great summer reads, something to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, or your favorite book ever.

Follow the footprints on a path to discover new books for yourself, let us know where the trail takes you!



Meeting Room Policy Update

The library is officially waiving Meeting Room use fees!

There is a \$25 Cleaning Fee when applicable. Users will also be charged for any damages caused. Rooms may not be used for raffles or sales. To use the Community Room, one week prior notice is required.

Max Occupancies:
Community Room- 48
Einstein Room- 6
Reading Room- 12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Creative Writing: 5:30- 6:30p - Adults	3 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adults Craft & Movie: 1-3p - Adults Homeschool Meetup: 5:30-6:30p - All	4 Google Docs: 5-6p - Adults	5 High Intensity Interval Training: 10- 10:30a - Adults
8 Cooking- Roux: 3-4p - Teen Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adults	9	10 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adults	11 Garden Series: Planting 5:30-6:30p - All	12 Self Led Health- Mouth and Teeth: 10-11a - Adults
15 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adults	16	17 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adults	18 Tile Mosaic Coasters: 5-6p- Adults Digressing Divas Book Club: 12:30-2:30p - Adults	19
22 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adults	23 MSU Food Preservation: 5-7p - All Ages	24 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adults	25	26 Self Led Health- Eyes, Ears, & Nose: 10-11a - Adults
29 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adults	30			

“Regular” Tune Programs
 for Teens & Adults

P a t r o n B o o k R e v i e w

'Project Hail Mary' by Andy Weir

Science meets humanity in a race against extinction

By Lee Brown

Let's talk space, above and beyond.

No? How about space, the final frontier?

What about a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away?

What those have in common is that they are about the distant hope of humanity, decades or centuries in the future (or perhaps the past, silly George Lucas).

Project Hail Mary (Ballantine Books/Random House, 2021) by Andy Weir though is about the here and now. A veiled critique on climate change and a not-so-subtle jab at politics and nationalism, this story takes place today – or hopefully not until tomorrow if we're fortunate.

Scientists unknown have discovered the Petrova line between our sun and Venus (a handy *deus ex machina*) is acting weirdly despite space being known for staying constant. Since it is a function of the sun's output, that means the energy is decreasing.

Sure, the effect is slow but less energy reaching the planet means less heat on Earth. That's a bad thing which will result in widespread famine, starvation, wars, and extinction. Can humanity pull together, determine the cause of the decrease and fix it in the 30 years or so until environmental collapse?

What strikes me though is how accessible Weir makes the science. He doesn't shy away from telling us about the calculations necessary to determine the reduction in sun's output, the amount of fuel required to travel across the cosmos, even how many calories the human body will need to survive under different space-y conditions.

The mechanism for the reader is our main character, Dr. Ryland Grace. A disgraced (pun fully intended) academic, Dr. Grace has settled into teaching middle school science where he is the favorite. He's approachable and holds none of the aloofness one might associate with academia. Being written from his point of view, whenever hard science comes up, Grace's internal monologue functions in "teach it to middle schoolers" mode – which is right up my alley.

Even though PHM is science-heavy, it holds its focus on humanity. The novel alternates between scenes in the present (Grace waking up, no immediate memory of how he got there, aboard a spaceship) and the past (his memories as triggered by his unfamiliar environment).

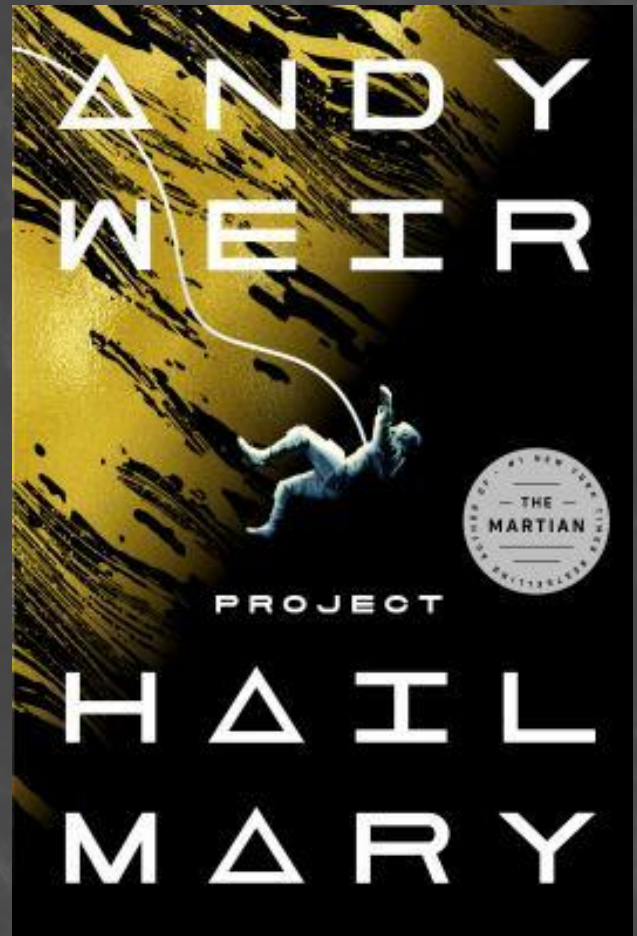
We quickly find out Grace is alone on the ship, accompanied only by the bodies of two crewmates who didn't survive the coma-assisted voyage..

When Grace meets Rocky – a five-armed, rock-like alien engineer with the same mission for his own planet, Weir gets to explore what makes Grace the most human while directly juxtaposing it to the harsh necessities of marshalling the entire planet to send an emergency space mission when we had never been farther than our moon.

And the ending? It's heart-breaking to know exactly what Grace went through, forgot about, and had to learn again. I won't spoil it here but it's a twist few will see coming. Even so, you'll finish Project Hail Mary with a happy tear in your eye and your faith restored in humanity.

Lee Brown is an author, educator, and editor. You can read more of his reviews, thoughts, and original fiction at leefbrown.substack.com. Want to write with Lee? Join him and several others monthly on the first Tuesday at 5:30pm for Creative Writing Club here at Bridgeport Public Library.

[If viewing digitally, click on this link to view this book in our catalog.](#)



[If viewing digitally, click on this link to order Project Hail Mary from Michigan eLibrary.](#)

'Project Hail Mary' by Andy Weir can be found in the Fiction section of our library. If unavailable, it can also be borrowed from another state library through Michigan eLibrary using your library card.

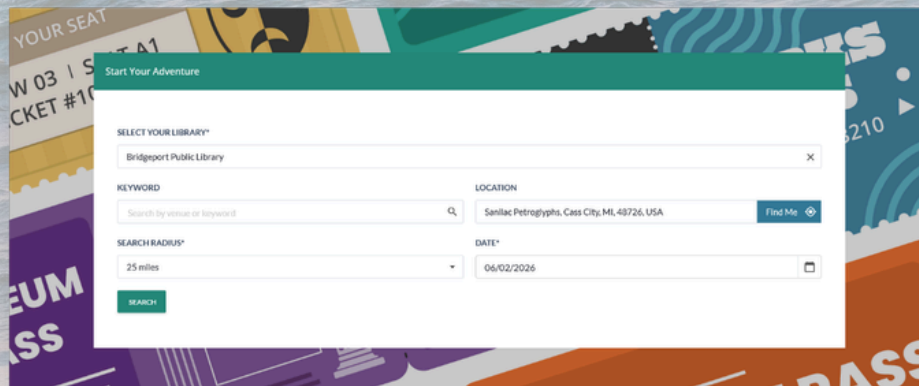
Unearth a Story in Michigan!

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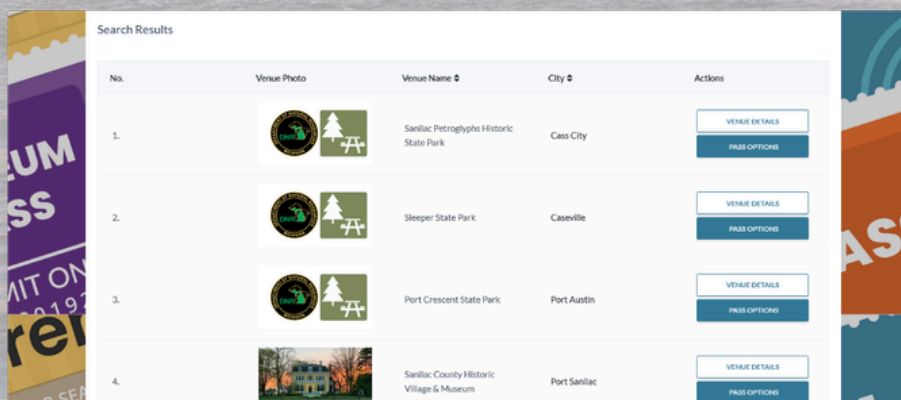
Prehistoric settlement sites, dinosaur fossils, ancient mammoth trails, Native American petroglyphs...all accessible with your library card via the Michigan Activity Pass. All locations featured will have Michigan Activity Passes available. All you have to do is claim them.







Visit www.miactivitypass.org and click **Get Pass** – fill out the form by selecting Bridgeport Library, enter the specific location or your area of interest, and your desired date to visit.



You will then see a list of search results. Click **Venue Details** for more information, or **Pass Options** to get a pass. You will then need to enter your Bridgeport Public Library card number.



No.	Venue Photo	Venue Name	City	Actions
1.		Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park	Cass City	VENUE DETAILS PASS OPTIONS
2.		Sleeper State Park	Caseville	VENUE DETAILS PASS OPTIONS
3.		Port Crescent State Park	Port Austin	VENUE DETAILS PASS OPTIONS
4.		Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum	Port Sanilac	VENUE DETAILS PASS OPTIONS

Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park, located near Cass City in Michigan's Thumb region, is the home of Michigan's largest known collection of early Native American teachings carved in stone. The carvings - called ezhibiigaadek asin, "written on stone," in the Anishinabe language - remain culturally significant to many Anishinabek.

To access the petroglyphs, visitors will walk along a quarter-mile, accessible trail consisting of hard-packed limestone to a roofed enclosure that sits over the petroglyphs viewing area.

Accidentally revealed after a forest fire in the 1800's, the site represents many aspects of traditional Native American spirituality and date back to around 1,000 years ago. Scientists have discovered the area was used as a settlement dating back to 8,000 years ago.

Migizi Inini, the Eagle Man, is said to be flying over to make sure Native American traditions are being followed. He is looking to the east, said to symbolize the dawn of a new day.

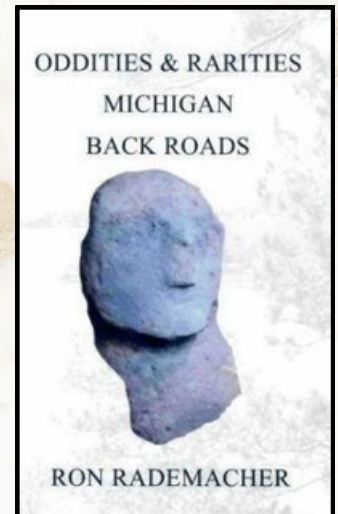
Mishibizhew, the Water Panther, is said to be a protector of the Great Lakes.



Due to the fragile nature of sandstone and years of unmaagled exposre, experts worry the glyphs may not be around much longer. Discover them before they are lost forever!



The archer Ebmodaakowet is said to shoot knowledge into the future with his arrows.



(left) The actual mastodon footprints discovered on Brennan's property in 1992. (above) Brennan and Dr. Fisher examine a mastodon jawbone found on the site.

Saline Mastodon Trail- Did you know mammoths and mastodons once roamed southeast Michigan? Harry Brennan, a Saline resident, wanted to create a pond on his property. After removing several feet of soil, large bones had become exposed. Brennan knew he had found something incredible and contacted the University of Michigan ten miles north.

In addition to an impressive collection of bones Dr. Dan Fisher, a paleontologist, and his team of excavators soon discovered a path of thirty footprints stretching for 75 yards. These imprints had been made by a mastodon 11,000 years ago. The salty nature of the soil (hence to name 'Saline', helped preserve the fossils).

The actual footprints are on private property so they cannot be seen. There is a trail that goes alongside them, Salt Springs Park trail, which begins alongside the wastewater treatment plant at 247 Monroe Street (US12). No footprints are visible, but you can walk alongside large boulders- remnants of receding Ice Age glaciers.

Visit **University of Michigan's Museum of Natural History** to walk on a replica of the footprints! You can also view two fully intact mammoth skeletons that were excavated and preserved from the same 1992 Saline site!

A look ahead...



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Far more than you expect!

America's 250th Birthday: 7/4

Surprises in store!

Dino Cafe: 7/15

Try something at the Carnivore Stand or perhaps
"Unearth Your Dessert"

National Ice Cream Day: 7/20

Come make your own old fashioned ice cream!

Murder Mystery: 7/24

Bridgeport history themed, 21+

Dino Clan Water Wars: 7/31

End of summer reading program party!

Find full lists and calendars of events on our website: www.bridgeportlibrary.org



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SRRP Kid's Calendars

June 2026

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"From the dust of ages, he brought giants back to life."

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins
— Barbara Kerley (2001)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1 "ESCAPING PHAROAH'S TOMB" (6/1 - 6/30) KICK OFF PARTY 2-6PM	2 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	3 HOMESCHOOL MEETUP 5:30-6:30	4	5 MOVIE DAY 2-4	6
	8	9 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	10 DIY AIR DRY DINO 4:30-5:30	11 PLANTING IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN 5:30-6:30	12 MOVIE DAY 2-4	13
14	15	16 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	17 "TEA" REX PARTY 4:30-5:30	18	19	20
21	22 STAR FRUIT AND PEAR TASTING 3:30-4:30	23 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	24 YOUTH DINO YOGA 6-6:30	25 FOSSIL DIG WITH CASTLE MUSEUM 1-2	26 MOVIE DAY 2-4	27
28	29	30 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30				

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**PHAROAH'S TOMB ESCAPE ROOM
AVAILABLE JUNE 1 - 30**

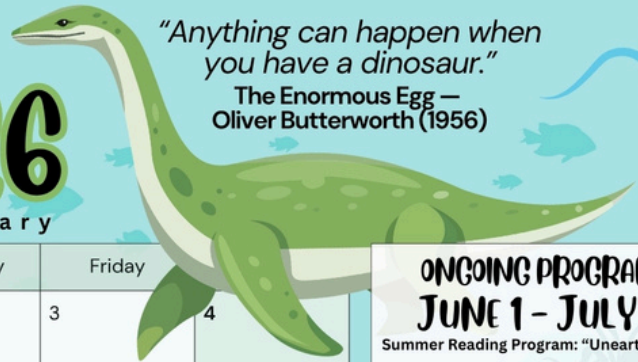
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July 2026

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"Anything can happen when you have a dinosaur."

The Enormous Egg —
Oliver Butterworth (1956)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	PICK UP A DINOSAUR BOOKMARK TAKE & MAKE ANYTIME		1 HOMESCHOOL MEETUP 5:30-6:30	2	3	4
5	6	7 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	8	9	10 MOVIE DAY 2-4	11
12		14 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	15 DINO CAFE: CARNIVORE CANTINA & UNEARTH YOUR DESSERT 5-6:30	16 PAINTING IN THE PARK 5:30-6:30	17 MOVIE DAY 2-4	18
19	20 ICE CREAM MAKING 1-3 EXOTIC FOOD TASTING 3:30-4:30	21 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30	22 MSU LIVING FOSSIL STEM DEMO 12-1	23 GARDEN SERIES: SURVIVING SUMMER HEAT 5:30-6:30	24 MOVIE DAY 2-4	25
26	27	28 STORY HOUR 10:30-11:30 DRAGON EGG MAKING 5-6	29 DINO KIDS YOGA 6-6:30	30	31 DINOSAUR CLAN WATER WARS 4-6	

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**DINOSAUR CLAN WATER WARS
JULY 31. 4-6PM**

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Craft & Story Hour

We promote early literacy with Ready to Read Michigan Skills!

Tuesdays
10:30-11:30a



LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED

DINO MOVIE DAYS!

- JUNE 5TH, 2PM: JURASSIC PARK
- JUNE 12TH, 2PM: JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH
- JUNE 26TH, 2PM: NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
- JULY 10TH, 2PM: THE GOOD DINOSAUR
- JULY 17TH, 2PM: ICE AGE: DAWN OF THE DINOSAURS
- JULY 24TH, 2PM: THE LAND BEFORE TIME
- JULY 31ST, 1PM: JURASSIC WORLD

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Ongoing Programs

Record Your Reading: Adults and kids of all ages can record reading time to qualify for prizes throughout the summer, with a raffle at the end for large prize packages. Record your own reading online by scanning our QR code or visiting readsquared.bridgeport.com. You can also pick up or print a paper log and return it to us at the Circulation Desk.

Digby Scavenger Hunt: Find Digby the dino in the library (he travels throughout the day) and win a prize! A new chance to find him and win everyday!

“Dig Into a Good Book”: Write your book recommendation on a dinosaur print for others to find in the library. Maybe they will pick up what you put down?!

What dinosaur would you choose to be? Cast your vote for whether you would choose to be a herbivore, carnivore, or omnivore. See which team wins at the end of summer!

Adopt-A-Dino: Be entered into a prize drawing each time you post your dino on Facebook AND tag Bridgeport Public Library. A new chance to post and be entered each day!

Dinosaur Bean Bag Toss: set up every day in the Children’s Area

“Create Your Own Dinosaur”: use paper and recycled material to bring a creature to life! Name it and put it on display for the summer. Patrons will cast their votes throughout the summer for their favorite dino.

“Guess How Many”: Guess how many Dinosaur Eggs are in the jar at the Circulation Desk. The winner will be chosen at the end of summer.

Dino Sensory Bins: set up every day in the Children’s Area

2026

Summer Reading Program

UNEARTH a story

Bridgeport Public Library- Saginaw, MI

SPONSOR LIST

The following companies have generously donated prize packages for our program completion raffle:



There is still time to join our sponsors, if your company is interested contact the library asap. Create a themed basket or prize package as a fun way to advertise and support your community!



Begins
June 1,
12:01 a.m.



Ends
July 31,
Midnight

Summer Reading Program has returned! Celebrate discovery, uncover hidden history, and seek adventure!

Kids and adults can use this log to record time spent reading and return it to a librarian at the Circulation Desk when you have made it to a Prize Circle. If you would like to record your time online, scan our QR Code at the Circulation Desk or visit <https://bridgeportlibrary.readsquared.com/> Stop at the Circulation Desk to claim your prizes.

= Prize

Adult: **Ages 18 & Up**

Check the box for every **1 hour** of reading.

Name:

Phone #:

Zip Code:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8	9	10	11	12	13	14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15
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Teen: **Ages 13-17**

Check the box for every **1 hour** of reading.

Name:

Age:

Phone #:

Zip Code:

1	2	3	4	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	7	8	9	10	11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12
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Child: **Ages 5-12**

Check the box for every **15 minutes** of reading.

Name:

Age:

Phone #:

Zip Code:

15	30	45	1 hour	15	30	45	2 hours
15	30	45	3 hours	15	30	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 hours
15	30	45	5 hours	15	30	45	6 hours
15	30	45	7 hours	15	30	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8 hours

Baby/Preschool: **Ages 0-4**

Check the box for every **10 minutes** of reading.

Name:

Age:

Phone #:

Zip Code:

10	20	30	40	50	1 hour
10	20	30	40	50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 hours
10	20	30	40	50	3 hours
10	20	30	40	50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 hours