



The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

July 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

July 3 - 4 (Fri & Sat)

### Bridgeport Library Millage Renewal

This August voters are being asked to renew 1.47 mills of the previously authorized millage that expired in 2025 and .033 mill additional millage to restore the millage rate lost as a result of the Headlee Amendment millage reduction. This would renew the existing millage for 6 more years at the current tax rate with no increase. Failure to pass the operating millage renewal would result in a major reduction of library services. The number of days and hours of operations would be drastically reduced. Programs would be discontinued. New materials would be drastically cut. Most library staff would be laid off and services cut. Our library is needed and used. People depend on this library for multiple reasons; information, job searching, resumes, materials (books, magazines, DVDs and special collections such as literacy kits and board games), computers, printing, faxing, and free high-speed internet access. The community uses the library for meeting rooms, homework, classes, educational programs, socialization, summer reading programs and lifelong learning. The library provides a warm and welcoming environment to all people. Bridgeport residents can vote during the August 4 primary election.

### 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. See this month's discoveries on Page 5.



All ages!

**Monday**

**1-3 pm**

**July 20**



# National Ice Cream Day

Learn how to make  
homemade ice  
cream!

Ingredients and toppings  
provided - Free to attend!

 **Bridgeport Public Library**  
3399 Williamson Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601  
Far more than you expect!

## 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](#)

## 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
		<b>1</b> <b>Slow Flow Yoga:</b> 10-11a - Adults  <b>Homeschool Meetup:</b> 5:30-6:30p - All	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>6</b>  <b>Hot Yoga:</b> 5:30-6p - Adults	<b>7</b>  <b>Creative Writing:</b> 5:30- 6:30p - Adults	<b>8</b> <b>Slow Flow Yoga:</b> 10-11a - Adults	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Self Led Health-            Ear, nose, throat:</b> 10-11a - Adults
<b>13</b>  <b>Hot Yoga:</b> 5:30-6p - Adults	<b>14</b>  <b>MSU Food            Preservation:</b> 5-7p - All Ages	<b>15</b> <b>Slow Flow Yoga:</b> 10-11a - Adults	<b>16</b> <b>Digressing Divas            Book Club:</b> 12:30-2:30p - Adults  <b>Painting in the Park:</b> 5:30-6:30p- Adults	<b>17</b> <b>High Intensity            Interval Training:</b> 10- 10:30a - Adults
<b>20</b> <b>National Ice            Cream Day:</b> 1-3pm- All  <b>Hot Yoga:</b> 5:30-6p - Adults	<b>21</b>  <b>MSU Food            Preservation:</b> 5-7p - All Ages	<b>22</b> <b>Slow Flow Yoga:</b> 10-11a - Adults	<b>23</b>  <b>Garden Series-            Surviving Summer            Heat:</b> 5:30-6:30p - All	<b>24</b> <b>Self Led Health-            Genetics:</b> 10-11a - Adults  <b>Murder Mystery-            Bridgeport History:</b> 6-8pm- Adults
<b>27</b>  <b>Hot Yoga:</b> 5:30-6p - Adults	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Slow Flow Yoga:</b> 10-11a - Adults	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>High Intensity            Interval Training:</b> 10- 10:30a - Adults  <b>Dino Water Wars:</b> 4-6pm- All

# "Regular" July Programs

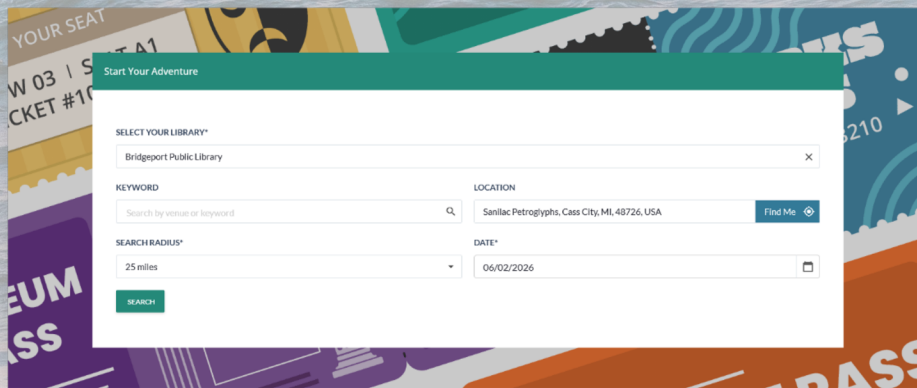
# Unearth a Story in Michigan!

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

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.

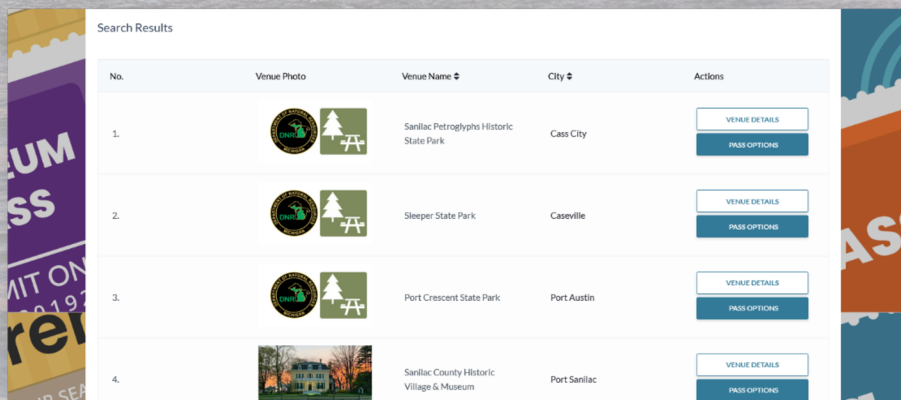


Visit [www.miactivitypass.org](http://www.miactivitypass.org) and click **Get Pass** - fill out the form by selecting Bridgeport Library, enter the specific location or your area of interest, and your desired date to visit.







The screenshot shows a search form titled "Start Your Adventure". It includes fields for "SELECT YOUR LIBRARY\*" (Bridgeport Public Library), "KEYWORD" (Sanilac Petroglyphs, Cass City, MI 48726, USA), "LOCATION" (Sanilac Petroglyphs, Cass City, MI 48726, USA), "SEARCH RADIUS\*" (25 miles), and "DATE\*" (06/02/2026). A "SEARCH" button is at the bottom.

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.



The screenshot shows a table of search results with columns for No., Venue Photo, Venue Name, City, and Actions. The results are as follows:

No.	Venue Photo	Venue Name	City	Actions
1.		Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park	Cass City	<a href="#">VENUE DETAILS</a> <a href="#">PASS OPTIONS</a>
2.		Sleeper State Park	Caseville	<a href="#">VENUE DETAILS</a> <a href="#">PASS OPTIONS</a>
3.		Port Crescent State Park	Port Austin	<a href="#">VENUE DETAILS</a> <a href="#">PASS OPTIONS</a>
4.		Sanilac County Historic Village & Museum	Port Sanilac	<a href="#">VENUE DETAILS</a> <a href="#">PASS OPTIONS</a>



Boasting a fascinating past as a limestone quarry, **Rockport State Recreation Area** stretches along the Lake Huron shoreline in **Alpena and Presque Isle** counties. This 4,237-acre park, just north of Alpena, offers a unique blend of history and outdoor adventure. Visitors can explore the remnants of the 300-acre quarry, alongside limestone formations, unique sinkholes and a protected natural area. Whether searching for fossils, horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking, stargazing or exploring the lakeshore, this park offers a unique experience. The park is home to a designated dark sky preserve providing awesome opportunities to view the night sky.



The Besser Natural Area, which forms the north section of the park, can be accessed via the trails or from the Besser Natural Area parking lot. Along with giant pines, the natural area contains a ghost town, the Besser Bell Pathway, a shipwreck and more than 4,000 feet of Lake Huron shoreline. Not a MAP participating location, but notable in the Alpena area is Dinosaur Gardens. Explore the 'no boundaries' exhibit to see what life was like when dinosaurs ruled.



**Cranbrook Institute of Science** is one of Michigan's strongest destinations for exploring the deep natural history of the region. The museum features an impressive collection of Ice Age material, including a full mastodon skeleton discovered in **Bloomfield Hills**. Exhibits walk visitors through Michigan's glacial past, showing how massive ice sheets shaped the land and how scientists use bones, sediments, and environmental clues to understand the animals that once lived here. The museum's paleontology displays highlight ancient ecosystems, extinct species, and the scientific methods used to study them.



Cranbrook also offers rich archaeological and cultural history exhibits. Its anthropology collections include tools, pottery, and everyday objects that help explain how early peoples lived and adapted after the glaciers retreated. Interactive displays encourage visitors to think like researchers, examining artifacts and natural evidence to uncover how Michigan's earliest inhabitants survived, traveled, and shaped their environment. The combination of Ice Age fossils, geology, and archaeological interpretation makes Cranbrook a place to explore Michigan's ancient past in a hands-on, engaging way.



# UNEARTH A STORY™



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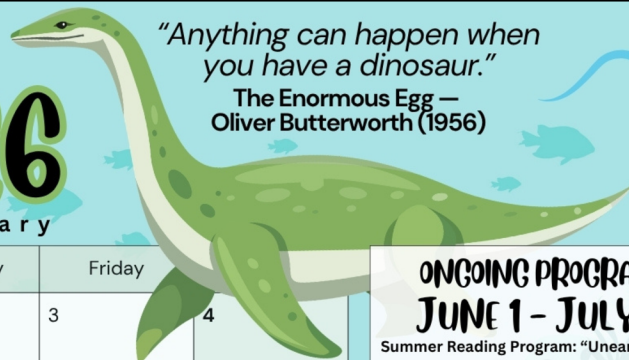
# SRRP Kid's Calendar

## 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	Saturday
	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 DINOS TODAY: LIVE ANIMALS 2-3PM	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 	

### ONGOING PROGRAMS JUNE 1 - JULY 31

Summer Reading Program: "Unearth a Story"

"Which dino would you choose to be?"—Cast your vote for herbivore, omnivore, or carnivore.

**Create Your Own Dino-** Use paper and recycled materials to bring a creature to life! Name it and put it on display for the summer. Voting will be open all summer to decide the favorite dinosaur!

**Digby Scavenger Hunt:** Find Digby in the library (he likes to travel) and win a prize!

**Adopt-A-Dinosaur:** Get entered into a prize drawing each time you post your dino on social media and tag our library.

**"Dig Into a Good Book"**— Write your book recommendation on a dino footprint for others to find!

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

[www.bridgeportlibrary.org](http://www.bridgeportlibrary.org)

# Dino Water Wars



**WATER GUNS    KONA ICE    FOAM CANNON**

**JULY 31    ALL AGES    4-6PM**

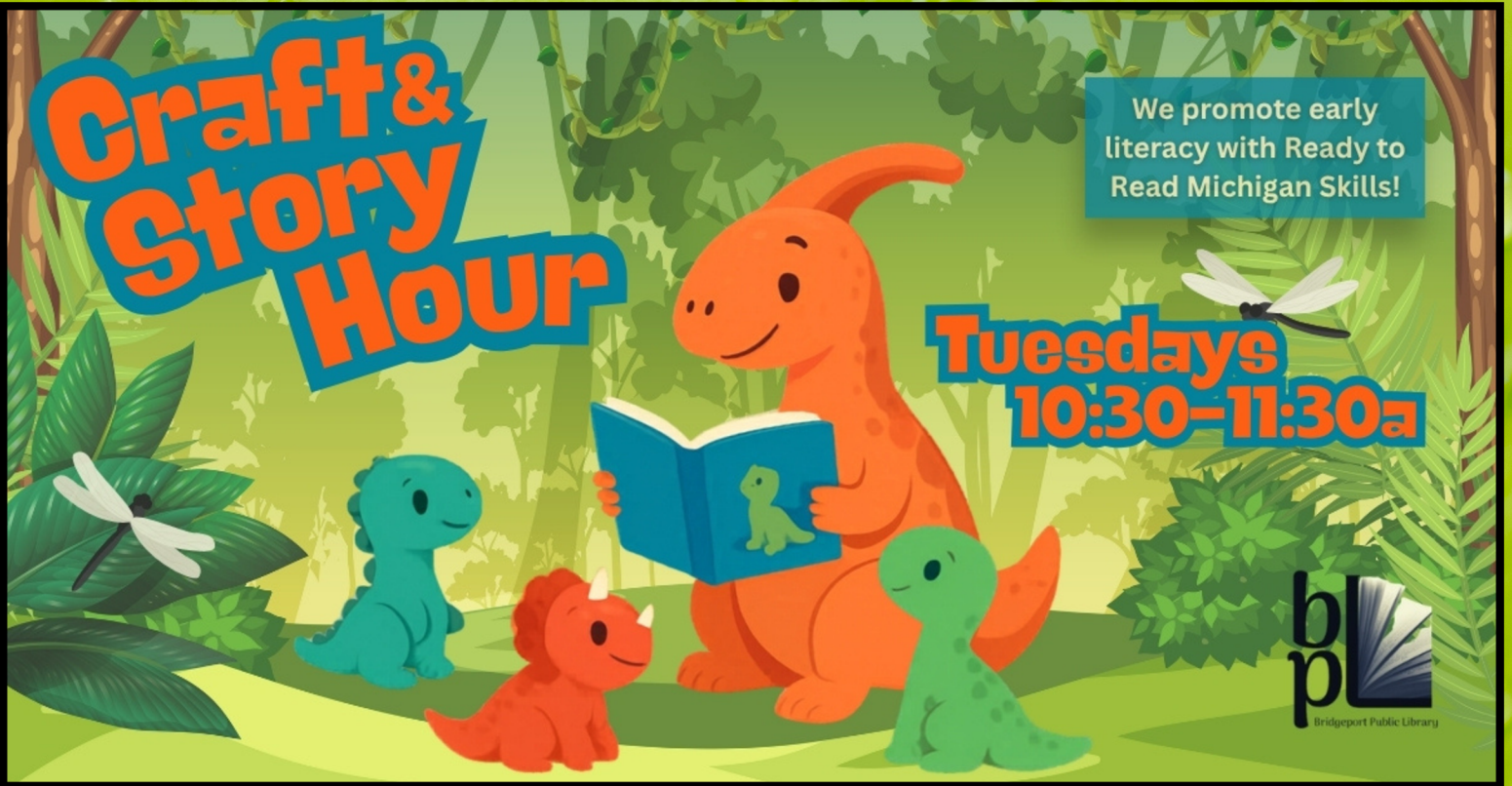


Bridgeport Public Library - 3399 Williamson Rd, Saginaw, MI

# 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](https://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

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## 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!

