

Library Life



The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

August 2026

Summer Reading Program Concludes

We have closed the books on the Unearth a Story Summer Reading Program - THANK YOU to all our participants. We hope with the stories you read, adventures you took, and programs you attended made this year one to go down in history.



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

Wildfire Smoke Safety and Tips

We live in an area that frequently experiences wildfire smoke. The library is a place to go if you need to get out of the smoke. Not only do we utilize filtered central air, we also keep all doors and windows closed, and run several HEPA air filters throughout the building. Wildfire smoke is a mixture of gases and particles from the burning of trees and plants. In the case of fires that enter nearby communities, additional pollutants are emitted from human-made structures. Most healthy people recover quickly from wildfire smoke exposure and will not experience severe or long-lasting health effects. However, some groups of people—including children, older adults, pregnant women, people with heart or lung disease, and people with higher exposures, such as outdoor workers—are at higher risk of experiencing health effects. See page 2 for tips on how to stay safe from wildfire smoke.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Changes

With the changing of the seasons comes change to our programming schedule and lineup. We also made some adjustments as per patron requests: Our Slow Flow Yoga class will soon be offered in the evening! Also, Homeschool Meet Up will be replaced with a new STEAM Mini Makers lab! See page 2 for more.



Kits & 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](#)

Program Changes, Continued

To better accommodate patron schedules, our Wednesday Slow Flow Yoga class for Adults will be moving to 7-8pm, as of September 2. Please register. Come unwind with us!

Homeschool Meetup will not officially be continuing, but homeschool families are always welcome to use the library to gather. We are now introducing STEAM Mini-Makers Lab- where kids can learn a new fun themed skill alongside their parents each month! For ages 8-14. Our first class will be focused on Caring for Pets, held Wednesday 9/2/26 from 5:30-6:30pm. Registration required.

Wildfire Smoke Safety And Tips, Continued

Wildfire smoke poses a serious threat to the health of humans and animals. Here are some tips from the EPA on how to stay safe during periods of increased smoke:

- Buy portable air cleaners/ air purifiers and replacement filters. Be sure to change the filters regularly.
- Ask an HVAC professional what kind of filters to use in your home's system.
- Set up a "cleaner air room" in your home like a bathroom or bedroom that is closed off with a filter running.
- Keep pets indoors and limit physical activity like intense play while outside.
- Keep children and those with lung or heart conditions indoors.
- Use NIOSH Approved N95 respirator masks.
- Stock up on food and supplies so you don't have to go out when it is smoky.
- Have a plan to stay cool if it is hot as well. Exposure to heat and smoke are much worse for your health than either alone.
- Purchase and learn how to use air quality monitor sensors. This can help you make informed decisions about when to go outside or open windows.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<https://permanent.fdlp.gov/gpo257685/prepareforwildfiresmokefactsheet.pdf>

August Programs

Take & Make Craft:
Paper Bag Kites

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adult	4 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids Creative Writing: 5:30- 6:30p - Adult	5 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adult Craft & Movie: 1-3pm - Adult Home-school Meetup: 5:30-6:30p - All	6	7 Self Led Health- Mental Health: 10-11a - Adult
10 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adult	11 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids	12 Slow Flow Yoga: 10-11a - Adult	13	14 High Intensity Interval Training 10- 10:30a - Adult
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Register online, over the phone, or in person.
www.bridgeportlibrary.org/programs-events
 989-777-6030

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 3399 Williamson Rd, Saginaw, MI 48601
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A look ahead...

9/2 STEAM Mini-Makers Lab:

Pet Care, Ages 8-14

9/15 Spanish Dance Class, 18+

10/16 Family Pizza Night

10/19 Anime Club, Ages 12-18

Coming Soon:

Creative Writing After Dark

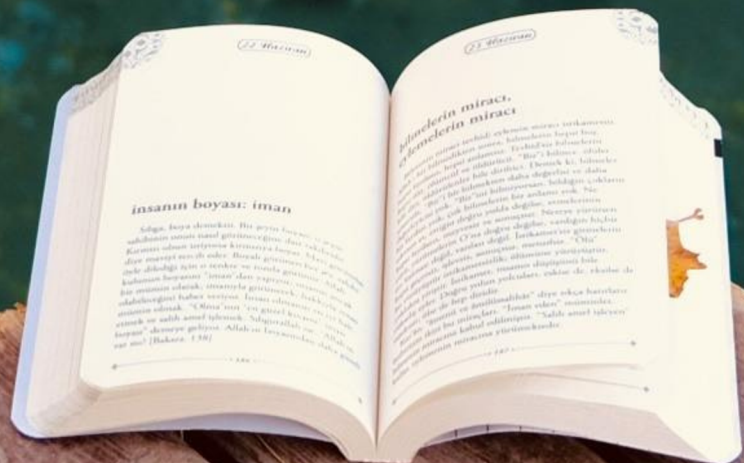
"The later at night it gets, the further into another world you go." -Mark Ryden



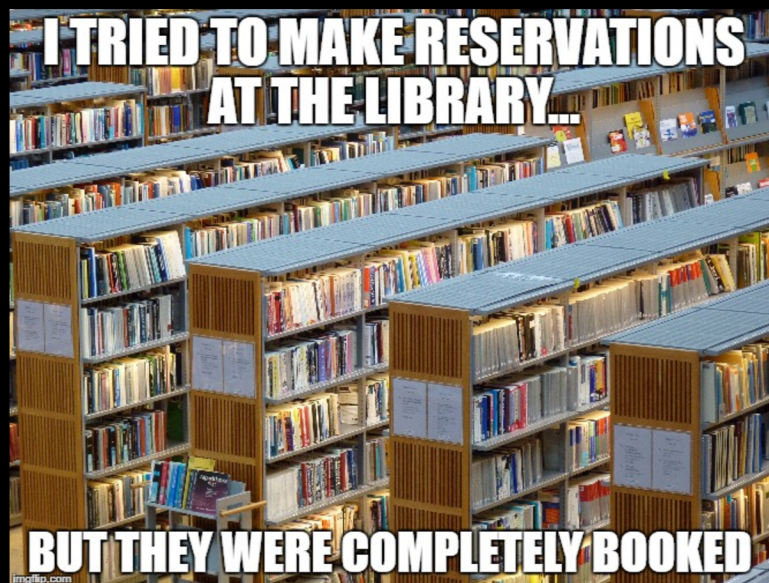
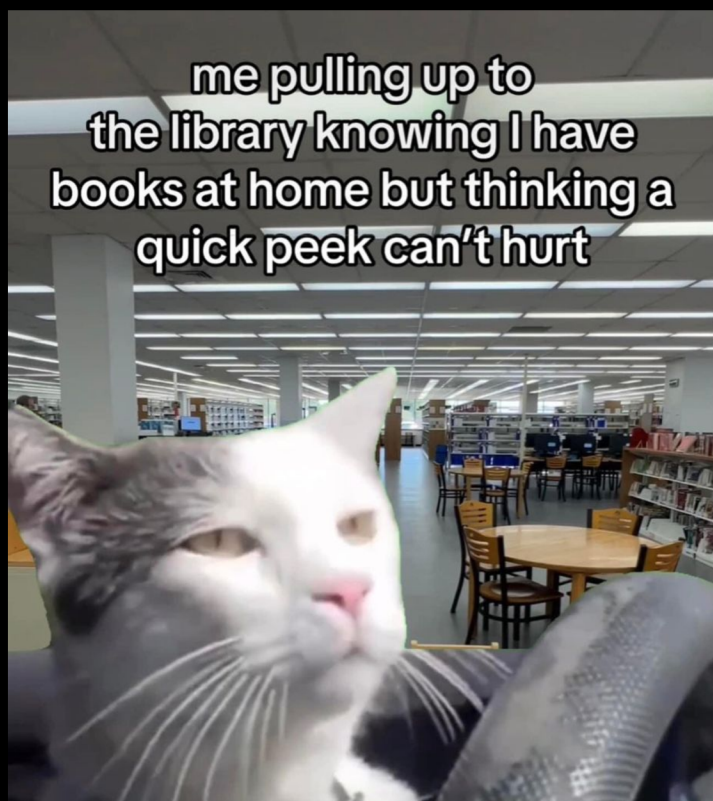
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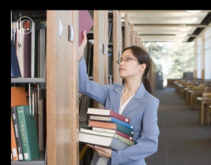
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BOOKISH MEMES AS
A MODERN-DAY
COMIC STRIP TO
ACCOMPANY YOUR
AUGUST UNWIND...



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What my friends think I do



What my mom thinks I do



What society thinks I do



What my boss thinks I do



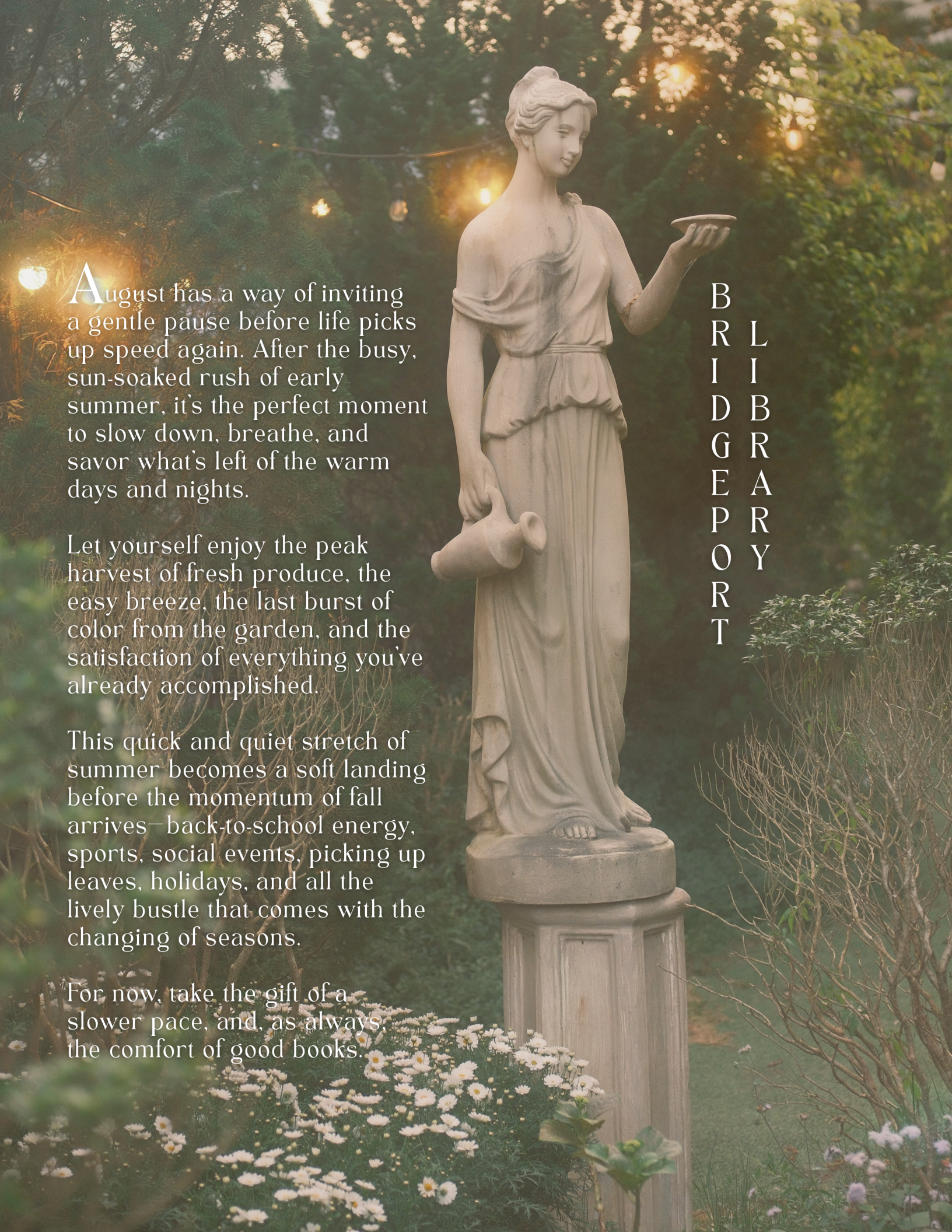
What I think I do



What I really do

Trying to fit in with a fandom
after reading a new fantasy
book





August has a way of inviting a gentle pause before life picks up speed again. After the busy, sun-soaked rush of early summer, it's the perfect moment to slow down, breathe, and savor what's left of the warm days and nights.

Let yourself enjoy the peak harvest of fresh produce, the easy breeze, the last burst of color from the garden, and the satisfaction of everything you've already accomplished.

This quick and quiet stretch of summer becomes a soft landing before the momentum of fall arrives—back-to-school energy, sports, social events, picking up leaves, holidays, and all the lively bustle that comes with the changing of seasons.

For now, take the gift of a slower pace, and, as always, the comfort of good books.

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