Library Life

Bridgeport Public Library Newsletter December 2026

Program Calendar
Free Assistive Devices
Hot Yoga Extended
Library Giving Tree
Duck the Halls

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."
— Maya Angelou



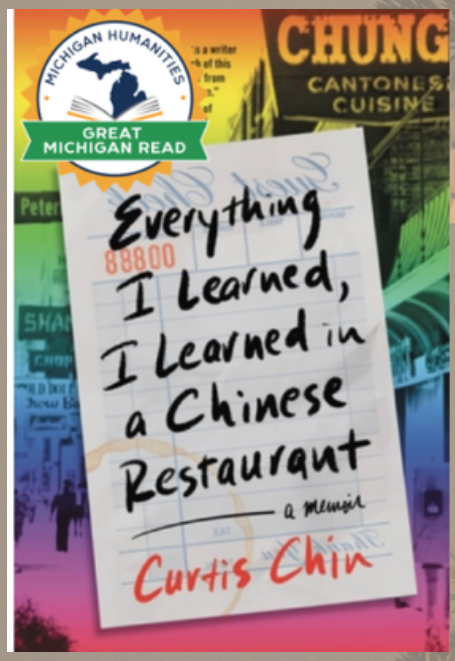
Michigan Great Reads Partner
Gift Wrapping Station
New Programs Cooking
Holiday Closures

Great Michigan Reads
Featured Book Lending Partner

"Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant" by Curtis Chin is Michigan Humanities selection for this year's Michigan Great Read. Bridgeport Public Library is proud to be a lending partner! Books are available through the end of 2026, and must be checked out as a set. This is a great opportnhity to start a book club if you don't have one!



Nineteen eighties Detroit was a volatile place to live, but above the fray stood a safe haven: Chung's Cantonese Cuisine, where anyone—from the city's first Black mayor to the local drag queens, from a big-time Hollywood star to elderly Jewish couples—could sit down for a warm, home-cooked meal. Here was where, beneath a bright-red awning and surrounded by his multigenerational family, filmmaker and activist Curtis Chin came of age; where he learned to embrace his identity as a gay ABC, or American-born Chinese; where he navigated the divided city's spiraling misfortunes; and where—between helpings of almond boneless chicken, sweet-and-sour pork, and some of his own, less-savory culinary concoctions—he realized just how much he had to offer to the world, to his beloved family, and to himself..



https://www.michiganhumanities.org/great-michigan-read/

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Christmas:

December 24, 25, & 26

New Year:

December 31

January 1 & 2

For the most up to date information on closures due to severe weather or unforeseen circumstances, follow us on Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/BridgeportPublicLibraryMI

Giving Tree

Donate new winter clothing and personal care items to help strengthen our community, one gift at a time.

Be the reason someone feels cared for this season.

- Gloves, mittens
- Hats, scarves
- Coats, blankets, pj's
- Shoes, socks, slippers
- Sizes for all ages

Please leave items with staff at the Circulation Desk



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

Free Assistive Devices

In partnership with Novi Library, The Guild of Library Makers, and RIDES, we are offering an exciting new program: Free 3D printed assistive devices!

See the list below of all devices currently offered. Photos and descriptions will soon be available on our website. Please come in to view our printed catalog, you can even too see and try the devices out!

You must have a Bridgeport Library Card, each patron may order one device per month. This is at no cost to you! And you don't have to return the device- it is yours to keep!

We send the order to Novi, they make your device, RIDES ships it to us with our other deliveries, then you pick it up from us.

- Bag Carrier
- Bottle Opener
- Button Helper
- Pull Tab Tin Can Opener
- Beverage Can Opener
- Fork and Spoon Support
- Light Switch Extension Lever
- Blister Pack Opener
- Seatbelt Release Aid
- Signature Guide
- Phone Magnifier Stand
- Book Holder
- Finger Pencil Holder
- Tube Opener
- Reading Bar
- Palm Pen Holder
- Milk Carton Opener

Gift Wrapping Station

Our Maker's Space is turning into Santa's Workshop!

Bring in your gifts, and use our supplies for free to make them beautiful! We have ribbons, bows, paper, tags- you name it! **Staff can direct you to our Maker's Space and make sure you have supplies, but cannot assist in gift wrapping. Library is not responsible for holding or hiding gifts.** Happy Wrapping!

Duck the Halls!

We have four holiday themed rubber duckies roaming the library this month! **If you find them, return them to the front desk for a prize!** They will be in different areas of the library doing whatever holiday ducks to every day. One is a Christmas tree duck, another is a ginger bread duck, one is Santa of course, and the lastly we have Santa's helper, the elf!



A New Year Brings New Programs and Changes

Due to popular demand Hot Yoga will be meeting for an extra half an hour. This will bring the class to a full hour long session.

Hot Yoga Extended!
Every Monday 5:30-6:30pm

Hot Yoga is any form of yoga that is practiced in a room with increased heat and humidity. The heat increases heart rate, boosts circulation, and can make muscles more flexible, allowing deeper stretches. Sessions are usually vigorous and sweat-inducing, but can be adjusted for anyone's ability and level of intensity.

Cooking Up New Programs

Cook Book Club

Adults meet Thurs, January 19 at 5:30pm

Together we choose a cookbook from the library, and everyone each chooses a recipe from that book to cook and bring to the next meeting! Ask Cindy for details.

Cook-A-Book

Kids meet Wed, January 20 at 5pm

Kids (Ages 6-12) learn fun recipes inspired by foods in children's books, while also learning basic kitchen safety.
Ask Sarah for details.

December

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Take & Make Craft: Paper Chain Snowman or Reindeer  Duck the Halls: Holiday Duck Scavenger Hunt	1 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids) Family Video Games (Every Tuesday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required) Creative Writing: 5:30- 6:30p (Adult) After Hours Free-Write: 6:30-9p	2 STEAM Mini Maker's Lab : DIY Slime 5:30-6:30p- (Ages 8-14) Cindy's Craft & Movie: "Serendipity"/ Pine Cone Ornaments Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	3 Adult Life Skills: Google Drive 5:30-6:30p Adult	4 Family Video Games (Every Friday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	5
7 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6:30p (Adult)	8 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a Kids Family Video Games (Available Every Tuesday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	9 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	10 Self Led Health-Anxiety: 5:30-6:30p Adult	11 Family Video Games (Every Friday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	12

Register online, over the phone, or in person.
www.bridgeportlibrary.org/programs-events
989-777-6030

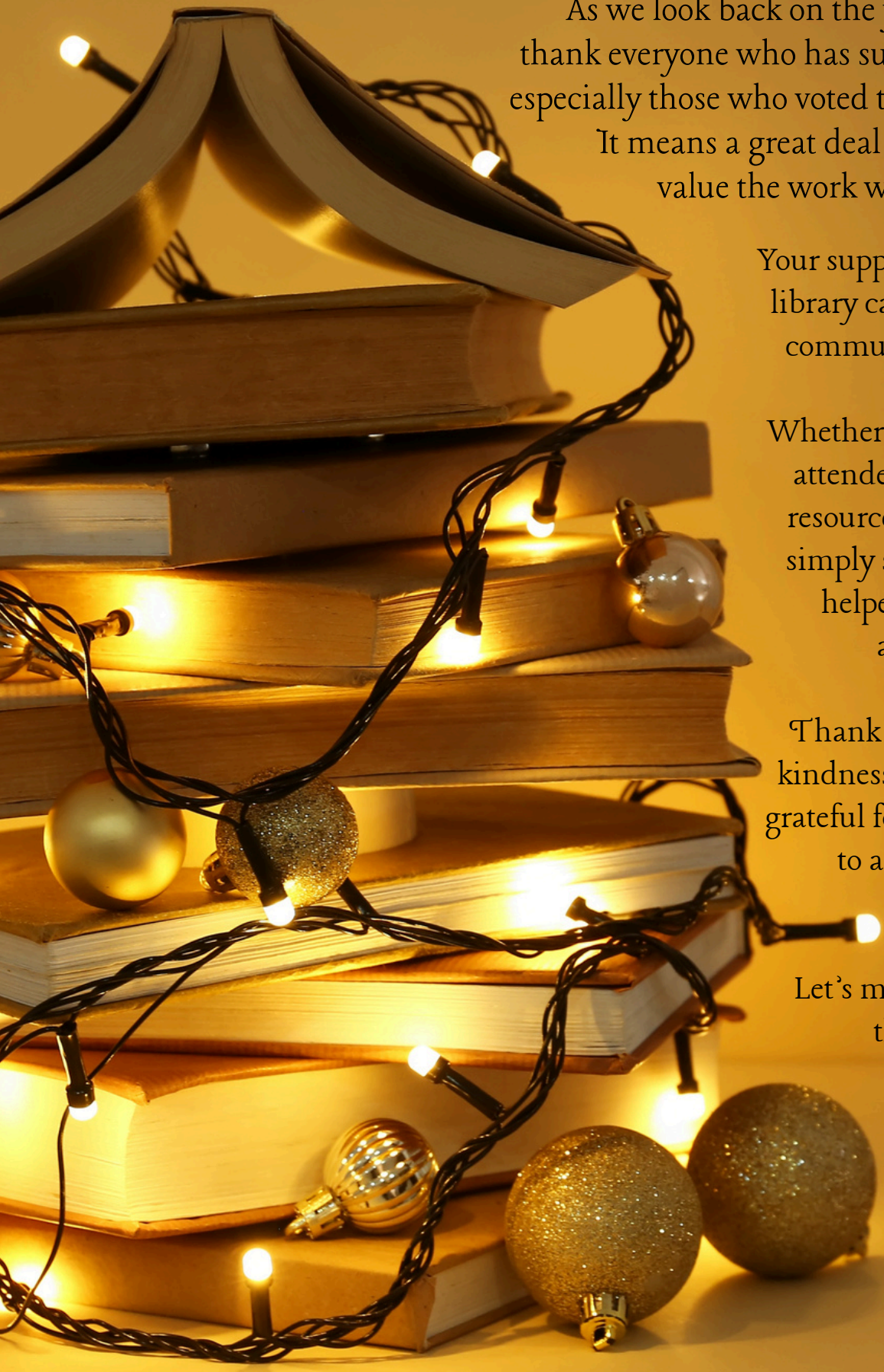
Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates!

December

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Teen Life Skills: How to Make Icing and Decorate Cookies 3-4p Ages 13-18 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6:30p (Adult)	15 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids) Family Video Games (Available Every Tuesday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	16 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	17 Digressing Divas Book Club: 12:30-2:30p (Adult) Adult DIY Club: Bath Bombs & Lip Balm 5:30-6:30p (Adult)	18 Family Video Games (Every Friday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	19
21 Anime Club: 5:30-6:30p Ages 12-18 (Teen) Hot Yoga: 5:30-6:30p (Adult)	22 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids) Family Video Games (Available Every Tuesday 2-5p: Sign-Up Required)	23 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	24 Closed Christmas Eve	25 Closed Christmas Day	26 Closed
28 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6:30p (Adult)	29 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids)	30 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	31 Closed New Year's Eve	1 Closed New Year's Day	2 Closed

Thank you for being part of our story this year!



As we look back on the year, we want to thank everyone who has supported the library, especially those who voted to renew our millage. It means a great deal to us that you value the work we do here.

Your support helps ensure that the library can continue serving our community for years to come.

Whether you checked out books, attended programs, used our resources, shared feedback, or simply stopped in to visit, you helped make the library a special place.

Thank you for your patience, kindness, and curiosity. We are grateful for you and look forward to all that 2027 has in store...

Let's make this next chapter the best one yet!

bpl
Bridgeport Public Library

A Look Ahead



Ugly Sweater Decorating:

This January ask the Circulation Desk for a sweater to take home, decorate, and return!

Cabin Fever Frenzy: January 4- February 28

Teeny Mini-Makers:

STEM Activity for Babies 0-5 y/o

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