



Library Life

The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

November 2026

Use Our Supplies to Wrap Your Gifts

Our Maker's Space will be set up as our patrons own personal gift wrapping all-in-one station from November 30 - December 22. Use our supplies to wrap your gifts! This is a great way to make sure gifts get wrapped before being around curious eyes, or just keep the mess out of your house! Save money on tape, tags, ribbons, bows and wrapping paper and put those extra funds into your gifts (or bills, or gas tank).



International Games Month

November 2 kicks off International Games Month, and we are celebrating all month long! On Monday November 2 we will be holding a party for all ages 5+ , featuring a diverse array of games from 6-8pm. Those games will then be available all week for patrons.

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Each Monday the games will be swapped, featuring a different theme. The themed games will be revealed for patrons to play each Monday from 6-8pm!

Monday November 9 - Life Size Games

Monday November 16 - Brain Games

Monday November 23 - Bring Your Favorite Game
(Guess Staff Favorite Games to Win a Prize!)

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

◆ Closed 11/11 for
Veteran's Day

◆ Closing at 5pm 11/25

◆ Closed 11/26,
11/27, & 11/28

for **Thanksgiving**

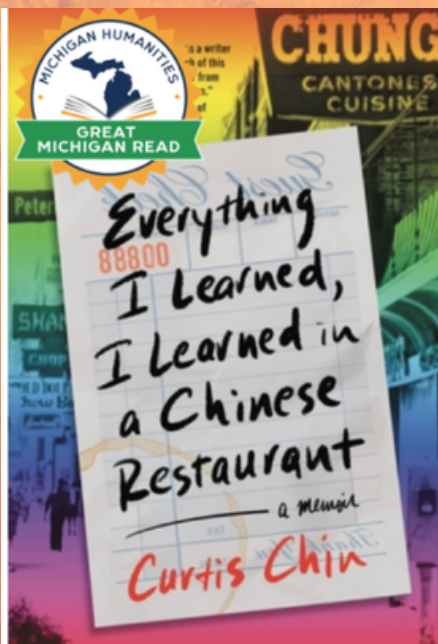
Great Michigan Reads Featured Book Lending Partner

"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 opportunity 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;

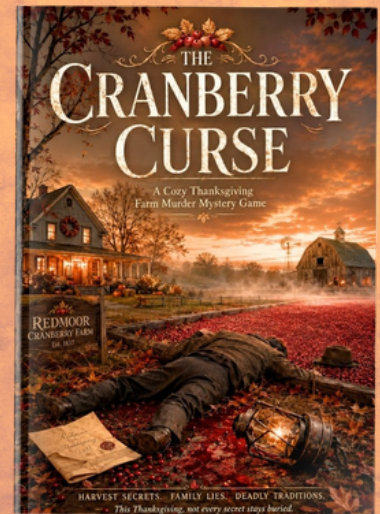
where he learned to embrace his identity as a gay ABC, or American-born Chinese; where he navigated the divided city's spiraling misfortunes; and where—between helpings of almond boneless chicken, sweet-and-sour pork, and some of his own, less-savory culinary concoctions—he realized just how much he had to offer to the world, to his beloved family, and to himself..



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

Murder Mystery at Redmoor Farm

A crime. A cast of suspects. And one big mystery. The Cranberry Curse will be cast at the library on November 13. Register now and select your character! Character Packets include your Public Role, your Private Background, your Core Rules, and your Prompts for each. There is no line memorization, so no need to worry. Costumes are encouraged, and a flair for the dramatic is always welcome, there will be an award for best costume and performance!



Step into Redmoor Cranberry Farm for a cozy Thanksgiving murder mystery filled with autumn folklore, family secrets, and one deadly warning from the cranberry bogs. When farm owner Marion Redmoor is found dead after claiming the old curse has returned, players must question suspects, trade clues, uncover motives, and decide who used the legend to hide a very human crime.

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Far more than you expect!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p (Adult) International Games Day 6-8pm (All Ages)	3 Canceled Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids) Creative Writing Club & Free Write Rescheduled for 11/17	4 STEAM Mini Maker's Lab : Wind Vehicle 5:30-6:30p- (Ages 8-14) Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	5 Adult Life Skills: Gmail 5:30-6:30p Adult The Art of Writing a Novel 5:30-6:30p (Adult/Teen)	6 High Intensity Interval Training 6:30-7a Adult	7 Local Author Meet & Greet 12-2pm All Ages
9 Teen Life Skills: Baking Cookies 3-4p Ages 13-18 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p Adult Life Size Games Day 6-8pm All Ages	10 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a Kids	11 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	12 Self Led Health- Depression: 5:30-6:30p Adult	13 High Intensity Interval Training 6:30-7a Adult Cranberry Curse Murder Mystery: 6-8p Adult	14

Register online, over the phone, or in person.

www.bridgeportlibrary.org/programs-events

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23 Youth Food Tasting: Artichoke & Brussels (Kids) 3:30-4:30P Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p (Adult) Bring Your Favorite Game Day: 6-8pm (All Ages)	24 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a (Kids)	25 Library closing at 5pm Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p (Adult)	26 Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 High-Intensity Interval Training: 6:30-7a (Adult) Closed Thanksgiving Weekend	28 Closed Thanksgiving Weekend
30 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p (Adult)	November 30 - December 22: Wrap Your Own Gifts! Use our wrapping paper, bows, gift tags, and more to make your presents merry.			November Take & Make Craft: Paper Bag Owl	Patron Wall: Decorate a cut-out with what you are thankful for!

Community Connection

*Winter can be tough, but kindness makes it warmer.
Give back in any way you can this season;
even small efforts create real change.*

Library Giving Tree

Accepting new, unused clothing items such as gloves, socks, shoes, hats, etc for our holiday tree. Items will be distributed to those in need.

Toys For Tots

Donate new, unwrapped toys in their packaging for all ages. Toys for Tots will be picking up their bins from us December 3-8. PLEASE GET YOUR TOYS TO US SOON- BINS CAN BE FOUND NEAR OUR FRONT DESK

Food Pantry

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AUTUMN SKY WATCHING

Michigan's geography—low population density in many regions, vast public lands, and wide lake horizons—creates naturally dark conditions ideal for sky watching. Conservation efforts by the Michigan DNR further protect these skies.

MICHIGAN'S DARK SKY PARKS & PRESERVES

Michigan has six state-designated Dark Sky Preserves, three International Dark Sky Parks, and one International Dark Sky Sanctuary, all offering exceptionally dark skies ideal for fall viewing.

Lake Hudson Recreation Area
(Lenawee Co.)

Negwegon State Park (Alcona Co.)

Port Crescent State Park (Huron Co.)

Rockport Recreation Area (Presque
Isle Co.)

Thompson's Harbor State Park
(Presque Isle Co.)

Wilderness State Park (Emmet Co.)

Internationally recognized parks:

Headlands Dark Sky Park (Emmet Co.)

Keweenaw Dark Sky Park (Keweenaw
Co.)

Dr. T.K. Lawless Park (Cass Co.)

Sanctuary:

Beaver Island State Wildlife Research
Area — Michigan's only Dark Sky
Sanctuary



MICHIGAN'S FALL

METEOR SHOWERS

Southern Taurids - Peak Nov. 4–5

Northern Taurids - Peak Nov. 11-12

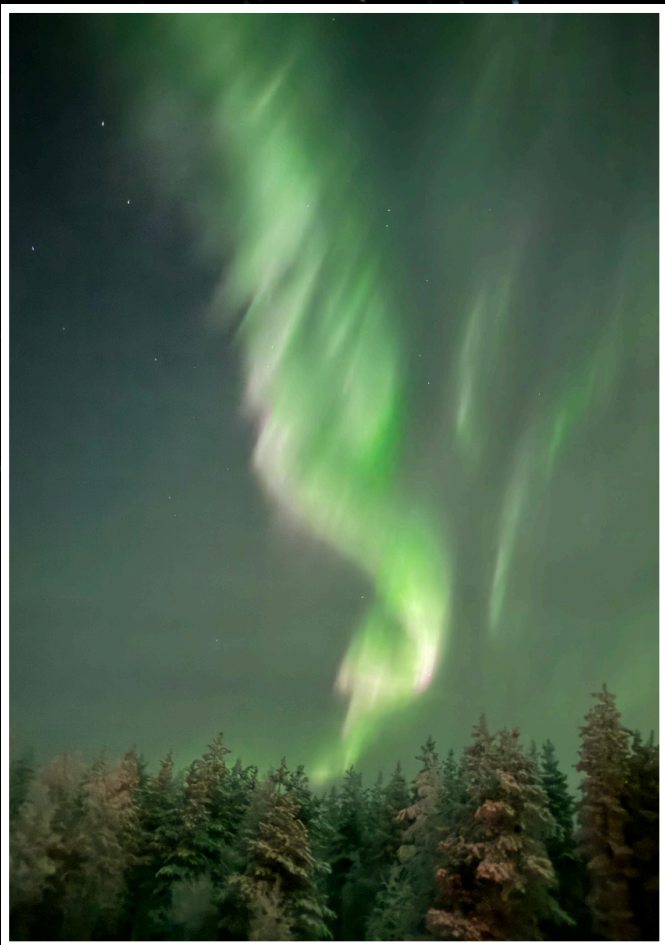
Leonids — Nov. 16–18

These showers are visible for days
around their peak dates.

Geminids – Dec. 13-14, 2026

One of the year's best: ~75
meteors/hour, peak around midnight.

Ursids - Peak Dec. 22-23



Northern Lights Season

Michigan's aurora season runs late August through early April, meaning fall is an excellent time to catch the Northern Lights—especially in the UP or northern Lower Peninsula.

Milky Way Viewing

Headlands International Dark Sky Park and Wilderness State Park offer some of the clearest Milky Way views in the Midwest.

What To Look For

The Big Dipper — Points to the North Star.

Cassiopeia — A giant “W” in the sky.

Jupiter — The brightest “star” in the east.

Saturn — A steady golden dot.

The Summer Triangle — Still visible early in fall.

Shooting stars — Any clear night might surprise you.

PRACTICAL TIPS

Buddy System

Never go exploring alone!

Check weather forecasts—clear, crisp autumn nights offer excellent transparency.

Equipment & Etiquette

Use red-filtered flashlights to preserve night vision; some parks require them.

Bring layers—Michigan fall nights get cold fast near the lakes.

Light Pollution Awareness

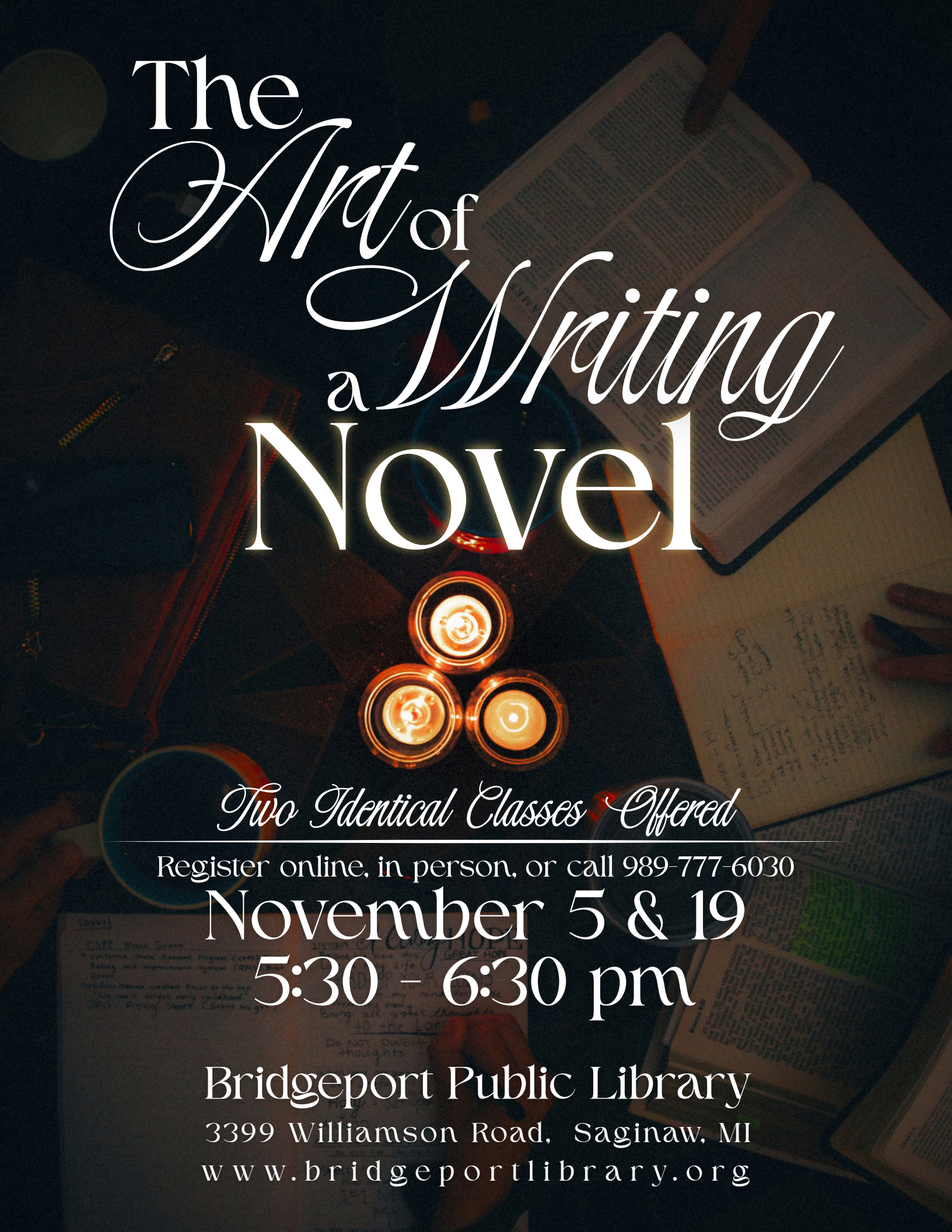
Michigan's preserves restrict artificial light to protect night skies. Be mindful of phone, camera, and car lights.

No/New Moon

Nights where the moon is the least illuminated are best for sky watching.

**INVITE KIDS TO COUNT
CONSTELLATIONS, DRAW WHAT THEY
SEE, OR MAKE UP STORIES ABOUT THE
SHAPES IN THE SKY.**

- **Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge** — Wide horizons and low light pollution.
- **Bay City State Park** — Lakefront views perfect for meteor watching.
- **Imerman Memorial Park** — Easy access, good for family outings.
- **Zilwaukee Riverfront** — Surprisingly dark pockets along the water.



The Art of a Writing Novel

Two Identical Classes Offered

Register online, in person, or call 989-777-6030

November 5 & 19
5:30 – 6:30 pm

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