

Library Life



The Official Newsletter of Bridgeport Public Library

September 2026

Nominate Bridgeport Veterans

We're asking patrons to nominate Bridgeport veterans for our upcoming **'Stories of Service'** feature in honor of Veterans Day on November 11. Veterans may also nominate themselves, though many are far too humble, which is why we encourage friends and loved ones to step forward as well. Please include a photo and a brief statement about where and when they served, along with any fun facts or current highlights such as career achievements, education, community involvement, or favorite hobbies. It's a meaningful way to honor those who've made a lasting impact in our lives and community. By **October 23**, please send submissions to c.stephens@bridgeportlibrary.org

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 FOR LABOR DAY

Saturday 9/5 & Monday 9/7

Program Changes for Fall

With the changing of the seasons also comes change to our programming schedule and lineup...

We have made some adjustments as per patron requests. Our Slow Flow Yoga class will now be offered in the evening! Also, Homeschool Meet Up will be replaced with a new STEAM Mini Makers lab! See Page 2 and our September calendar for more info.



Michigan Reconnect Scholarship Expands Eligibility

MILEAP has requested for libraries make the public aware that the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship is expanding eligibility- and for good reason! This gives Michigan students increased access to secondary education. Beginning this fall, students age 21 and older are eligible for free tuition to earn an Associate's Degree. Visit www.michigan.gov/reconnect and see Page 2 for more information about the Michigan Reconnect scholarship.

Dolly's Imagination Library Lives On

Dolly Parton's passing leaves a cloud of profound sadness in countless hearts, but her light continues to shine through the extraordinary legacy she built. A visionary artist and brilliant businesswoman, she ensured the **Imagination Library** would thrive far beyond her lifetime—placing free books in the hands of children everywhere and nurturing a love of reading

that will shape generations. We celebrate the enduring gift she left us: a future strengthened by literacy, positivity, self-expression, and endless possibility. Thank you to the partners who make Imagination Library possible like United Way of Saginaw County and the READ Association of



Saginaw County. **"Because books, my friends, are true magic bound between two covers" - Dolly Parton**

Program Changes for Fall

Wednesday Slow Flow Yoga class for Adults will now be 7-8pm. 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 skill alongside their parents each month! For ages 8-14. Our first class will be focused on Caring for Pets, and it will be held Wednesday 9/2/26 from 5:30-6:30pm. Registration required.

Self-Led Health will now be held just once per month, but H.I.I.T will now be every Friday at 6:30 am. See our calendar on the next page for details!

Michigan Reconnect Scholarship Expansion, *Continued*

Michigan Reconnect has recently expanded its eligibility, opening the door for more Michigan adults to earn a tuition-free community college degree or skills certificate.

Previously limited to residents aged 25 and older, the program now includes adults ages 21-24, thanks to new state funding aimed at helping more Michiganders access career-boosting education. To qualify, applicants must be at least 21, have lived in Michigan for at least one year, possess a high school diploma or equivalent, and have not yet earned a college degree. The scholarship covers in-district tuition, mandatory fees, and contact hours at Michigan's public community and participating tribal colleges, making higher education more accessible than ever.

Applying for Michigan Reconnect is straightforward and can be completed in just a few steps. Prospective students begin by submitting the quick online application, then apply to a Michigan public community college, complete the FAFSA, and enroll in an eligible associate degree or Pell-eligible certificate program. Applicants are notified immediately upon submission whether they qualify, and support is available through the state's Customer Care Center for anyone needing assistance. Once enrolled, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress and earn at least 12 credits per academic year to keep the scholarship. With the expanded age range and simplified process, now is an ideal time for Michigan adults to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

September

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Kid's Take & Make Craft: Apple Buddies	1 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids Creative Writing: 5:30- 6:30p - Adult After Hours Free-Write: 6:30-9p - Adult	2 STEAM Mini Maker's Lab : Pet Care Lab 5:30-6:30p- Ages 8-14 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p - Adult	3 Adult Skills Club- Google Sheets: 5:30-6:30pm - Adult	4 High Intensity Interval Training 6:30-7a - Adult
7 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adult	8 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids	9 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p - Adult	10 Self Led Health- Blood Type: 5:30-6:30p - Adult	11 High Intensity Interval Training 6:30-7a - Adult
14 Teen Life Skills: Vision Board 3-4p - Ages 13-18 Hot Yoga: 5:30-6p - Adult	15 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids Spanish Dance Class: 7-8p - Adult	16 Slow Flow Yoga: 7-8p - Adult	17 Digressing Divas Book Club: 12:30-2:30p - Adult Adult DIY Club: Paper Flowers 5:30-6:30pm - Adult	18 High Intensity Interval Training 6:30-7a - Adult
21 Program Cancelled	22 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids	23 Program Cancelled	24 Program Cancelled	25 Program Cancelled
28 Program Cancelled	29 Story Hour: 10:30-11:30a - Kids	30 Program Cancelled		

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

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Community Connection

Local businesses, nonprofits, and community groups—we want to spotlight YOU.

If you or someone you know are doing meaningful work in Saginaw, Bridgeport, or Spaulding, we encourage you to share your story with us.

This feature is not for commercial promotion, but for celebrating positive community impact. We want to acknowledge things like volunteer efforts, local initiatives, environmental projects, or recognizing an outstanding employee, volunteer, or committee member.

We're here to highlight contributions that strengthen and uplift our community. You can also nominate a business, organization, or individual for our Community Connection Spotlight, or recognize a VIP—Very Important Patron—who makes Bridgeport brighter.

This is your chance to shine, connect, and inspire!

Submit your feature or nomination today and help us celebrate the people who make our community amazing.



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Send submissions to:
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A Look Ahead

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10/16 Family Pizza Night

10/19 Anime Club, Ages 12-18

10/23 Pumpkin Carving & Painting

November: International Games Month

11/5 The Art of Writing a Novel

11/13 Murder Mystery