

ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Adult Summer Reading 2026

You're invited to read with us this summer!
June 1-August 8, 2026

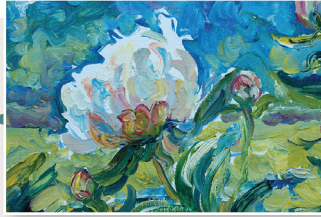
Download the ReaderZone app to track your reading online -or- pick up a bingo card at the library if you prefer a paper option. We'll have prize drawings throughout the summer for gift cards to local businesses. Thank you to our **Friends of the Library** for sponsoring Summer Reading!



Highland Public Library
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SUMMER 2026

Visit our website or online calendar for more information. Register in-person, online, or call us at 248-887-2218 (ext 3).



The Detroit Institute of Arts: In the Garden

Monday June 8 | 6pm

This talk explores the hidden meanings behind images of flowers, plants and gardens which are featured in some of our most favorite works of art. Presented by a trained Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) teaching volunteer.

Oakland County Clerk - Local Office Visit

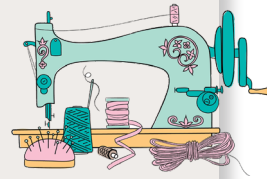
Tuesday June 2 | 11:30am-1pm

Save yourself the drive to Pontiac! The Oakland County Clerk & Register of Deeds is visiting Highland. Get on-the-spot copies of county records including birth, death and marriage certificates, deeds, mortgage docs, renew a CPL, sign up to be a notary and more. Normal ID requirements, fees and copying charges still apply.

Intro to the Sewing Machine

Tuesday June 23 | 3-5pm

Don't be afraid of your sewing machine! Learn how it works and how to keep it working in this small-group, hands-on class. Please bring your sewing machine and everything needed to run it



Gen Z Game Nights

Mondays: June 22 | July 20 | Aug 10
6-7:30pm

Try out new card, board, and lawn games while hanging out IRL. For ages 17-27.

Family Rock Painting

Select Wednesdays:
June 17 | July 15 | July 24 | 5-7pm

All ages are welcome to paint and help build our library rock garden. We provide materials, but feel free to bring your own rocks! Each session features a different theme or technique—join in or get creative. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Perspectives on the American Revolution at 250

Thursday June 25 | 6:30pm

Join us for a talk by Oakland University professor Todd Estes marking the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The lecture explores its meaning, goals, and legacy—examining how its significance has been debated from 1776 to today.



The Fossil Record

Monday June 29 | 6pm

Learn about earth's original archive from fossil expert Joseph Koniecki. He'll share info on finding, cleaning, and preparing fossils for display and show specimens from his personal collection.



Highland Library at the Highland Activity Center

Wednesdays at 11am: June 17 | July 22

We'll be visiting the Activity Center this summer! Stop by to:

- Sign up for a free library card
- Explore our "Show & Tell" featuring unique items you might not expect to borrow
- Learn how to access ebooks on your Kindle, phone, or tablet

IN-PERSON Crafts for Adults

Join us in our Community Room to create something fun. Limited space, advance registration is required. Free, all supplies provided, but we welcome you to bring appropriate or helpful items from home.

Sun Prints

Saturday June 20 | 2pm .

Plant Lady

Tuesday July 14 | 6pm

Scrappy Crafting

Monday July 20 | 6pm

Beaded Suncatcher

Monday Aug 10 | 6pm

Book Bedazzling

Tuesday Aug 18 | 6pm

Summer Puzzle Swap (and Sale!)

Saturday Aug 8 | 10am



Drop off gently used puzzles at the adult desk between **July 29 and Aug 7, then choose new-to-you puzzles on Aug 8.** We're hoping to have a special Friends puzzle sale with puzzles not included in the swap as well as the chance to purchase leftovers from the swap—stay tuned!

"The Book Ends" Book Discussion Group

Wednesday June 10

Your choice of 2pm OR 6:30pm
Pick up a copy of *Go As A River* by Shelley Read then join us for a friendly discussion. The group will be on break for July & August.

Technology Help by Appointment

Select Thursdays | Call or stop in to schedule your 1-on-1 session

Do you have questions on how to use your tablet, phone or laptop? Schedule a personal 30 minute session and Josh or Mona will be happy to help.



Red, White & Blues Festival

Saturday June 27 | 5-11pm

Join us in downtown Highland at the Red, White and Blues Festival to celebrate our country's 250th Anniversary.

CALLING ALL READERS...

This summer, your library card is your passport. From prehistoric jungles to modern kitchen gardens, the journey begins on page one. All ages are welcome, starting June 1st.



MOVIE CON!

Saturday July 11 | 10am-3pm

Join us for a blockbuster, all-ages movie-themed convention! Enjoy crafts, activities, and cinematic fun—costumes welcome.



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LIBRARY HOURS:
Mon-Thurs: 10am-8pm
Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm
Sunday Closed
CLOSINGS:
May 23-25 | Memorial Day Weekend
July 4 | Fourth of July
Sept 5, 7 | Labor Day Weekend

- Thanks to our Donors:**
- Huron Valley State Bank
 - Sheri Bakes
 - Nicole's Sweet Toppings
 - Dayle Tilden of Axford Acres
 - Multiple community bakers, library staff and FRIENDS volunteers
 - White Lake Home Depot
 - Highland Ace Hardware
 - Highland Garden Club
 - Genisys Credit Union
 - White Lake Tractor Supply
 - HOT Robotics Team 67
 - Wardell Family Farm
 - Jars & Sweets by Ashley
 - That Bakery
 - Butter and Flour

Library Board meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Public is welcome to attend. Please check website for details.

FRIENDS Used Book Sales
June 20 | July 18 | Aug 15
3rd Saturday of each month \$10/individual/year

FRIENDS Meetings:
10am-2pm
FRIENDS meetings will be held at 5:30pm every other month on the following dates:
Thursdays:
July 9 | Sept 10 | Nov 12

FRIENDS of the Library
The FRIENDS are folks from our area who are interested in supporting the library and keeping our community strong! Join now at \$10/individual/year.

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Donations:
Accepted ONLY on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, must be in bags or boxes

Christmas in July
BOOK BUNDLES \$8 EACH

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YOUTH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For ages birth-6th grade
All programs require registration unless otherwise noted. Registration starts 30 days before event date. Please register by calling 248-887-2218 (x4), or visit www.highlandlibrary.info

Dino Stomp Dance Party

Thursday June 4
10:30-11:15am
AGES 0 TO 5 YEARS W/CAREGIVER
Dance like a dinosaur in this dance party! Drop in.

Father's Day Surprise

Tuesday June 9 | 5-7pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS
Make a gift for your special someone! Please register.

Dragon Training

Saturday June 13 | 2pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS
Dive into the world of *How to Train Your Dragon*! Please register!

Dig into Worms

Monday June 15 | 6-7pm
AGES 18 MONTHS TO 8 YEARS
Join us for a grubby night of STEAM activities! Drop in.

Percy Jackson Quest

Saturday June 27 | 2pm
AGES 8 TO 12 YEARS
Gear up, solve challenges, and fight monsters! Please register.

Mosaic Tiles

Wednesday July 8 | 6pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS
Create museum-worthy clay and paper mosaics. Please register.

250th Celebration
ALL AGES
Drop in during mid-July for historical games, activities, and more!

StoryWalk

Enjoy a great book in the great outdoors! Take a short walk through the woods next to our library and enjoy a picture book—a page at a time! We'll put out a new title each month, all summer long.

Outdoor Drop-In Play Group

Through September:
Tuesdays & Fridays | 10am to Noon
AGES 0 - 5 YEARS, PLUS CAREGIVERS & FAMILIES
Drop in to play and socialize. Tuesdays will start with a mini-storytime!



SUMMER IS OUR FAVORITE TIME TO READ!

This summer we're challenging you to read every day! Sign up for our Summer Reading Program starting June 1, and stop by the library for:

- A book giveaway in June
- Reading challenges
- Weekly goodies & grabs
- Grand prize raffle entries for participants

As well as:

- Beating the "Summer Slide"
- Programs & events at the library
- A chance to read whatever you like!

Read to Ruby

Monday June 22 and Tuesday Aug 11
Boost your confidence by reading to Ruby, a sweet golden retriever and certified Therapy Dog! Please call to make a 15-minute appointment.



2026 Movie Con

Saturday July 11
10am to 3pm
FOR ALL AGES

Our annual Con is a blockbuster this year! Join us for movie-themed activities, games, giveaways, and goodies. Come in costume if you like. Drop in.



Dig into Playdough

Thursday July 16 | 10am-noon
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILIES
Spend a morning exploring various types of playdough. Drop in.

Expedition: Magic

Saturday July 18
1pm: **SHOW** for ages 5 and up with families
2:15pm: **CLASS** for ages 8-12 years
Journey through ancient and modern magic at this amazing show by Dave the Magician! Tweens are invited to join the class afterward and learn some tricks of their own. Please register for each.

Pokémon Paleontology

Saturday July 25 | 2pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS
Explore the world of ancient and mythical Pokémon! Please register.

Night at the Museum

Thursday July 30 | 6-7:30pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILIES
An interactive museum, in your library! Please register.

Ancient Pottery Class

Thursday Aug 6 | 2pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILIES
Make a bowl, or vase using ancient techniques. Please register.

End of Summer Foam Party

Saturday Aug 8 | 11am-1pm
FOR ALL AGES
Dance and play in mountains of foam as we end the summer season! Please register.

Diamond Painting

Thursday Aug 13 | 6pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILIES
Learn the basics of diamond painting. Please register.

Fairies & Dragons Festival

Wednesday Aug 12 | 6pm
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILY
Enjoy activities and crafts celebrating fantastical creatures. Please register.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Dino Days

Thursday June 18
Wednesday July 22
Wednesday Aug 5
Please register for each session then come between 10:30 and noon:
AGES 19 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS, WITH CAREGIVER
Dinosaur-themed sensory play, at your own pace.

Family Rock Painting

Select Wednesdays
5-7pm
June 17 | July 15 | July 29
AGES 3 & UP WITH FAMILIES
Explore painting techniques or just free-form!
Please register.

Slime Club

Select Wednesdays | 6pm
June 24 | July 22 | Aug 5
AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS
Ooey-goey fun! Make different slimes each session.
Please register.

Water Fun Days

Select Thursdays
10:30am-1pm
June 25 | July 9 | July 23
FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES
Messy and watery play!
Please register.

For Parents and Teachers

Classes from MSU Extension
Select Thursdays
6:15pm
July 16 | Screen Time for Young Children
Aug 27 | Potty Training 101
Sept 17 | The Basics of Infant & Toddler Care

Toddler Take-Home Activity

Pick up a new craft or activity each month, perfect for toddlers and young preschoolers. No registration necessary. First come, first served, while supplies last.

Please consult our online calendar or call 248-887-2218 (ext 3) for details and program pre-registration requirements.



TEEN SUMMER READING

Scan the QR code or visit the teen page of our website for details!



The Fossil Record: Earth's Original Archive

Monday June 29 | 6pm
Have fossils you'd like identified? Join us at the library as longtime collector Joseph Koniacki (54 years of experience) shares tips on finding, cleaning, and preparing fossils—and showcases pieces from his private collection.



Eat Like a Patriot

Monday July 6 | 6pm
Curious what Revolutionary War patriots ate? Join Chef George Rapitis of Schoolcraft College for a tasty trip back in time.

Red, White & You Resin

Monday July 13 | 6pm
Red, white, and YOU! Design a 4x4 resin coaster with American symbols and your own creative touches—mix, pour, and craft a unique keepsake.



D & D Miniatures Painting

Saturday July 25 | 10am-noon
Game Master Kenneth from Odyssey of Eternity—supported by our Friends of the Library—returns for a special D&D miniature painting session! Design a figure with Hero Forge (3D printed) or paint one of ours.



Dinosaur Taxidermy!

Monday July 27 | 6pm
Unleash your inner paleo-artist and give a dino a dramatic glow-up! Use bold backgrounds, wild colors, and epic scenery to decorate the palette and turn your half-dino into a roaring masterpiece.



Geode Smashing

Monday Aug 3 | 7pm
Crack open a mystery millions of years in the making—smash geodes to reveal sparkling crystals! Goggles on and let's rock this program.



Comfort Blankets with Kanako

Monday Aug 17 | 6pm
Join Kanako as we create two comfort blankets for Gift of Life Michigan, offering warmth and support to organ donor families. With help from the Friends of the Highland Library, special fabric has been purchased with Kanako in mind—come for friendship and a meaningful cause.



Movie Con

Saturday July 11 | 10 - 3pm
Join us for a blockbuster, all-ages movie-themed convention! Enjoy crafts, activities, and cinematic fun—costumes welcome.

