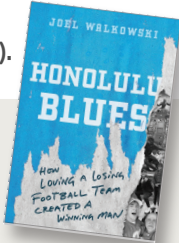


ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

Honolulu Blues:
Author visit with Joel Walkowski
Monday Sept 21 | 6:30pm

Can loving a losing football team make you a better person? Join author and comedian Joel Walkowski as he discusses his funny, moving memoir about family, addiction, recovery and die-hard devotion to the Detroit Lions.



Created Equal

Wednesday Sept 16 | 6:30pm
250 years after the Declaration of Independence, we examine the movements that challenged and redefined the meaning of equality in America.

After Hours!
Grownups Night Out
Friday Sept 18 | 5-7pm

Adults, want to get out of the house but can't find a sitter? Bring the kids with you and let us entertain them while you relax.

Capturing the Natural World in Photographs
Thursday Oct 1 | 6:30pm
Discover the beauty of nature through photography! Corey Seeman will share his growth as a photographer while offering practical tips to help you improve your own images.

Tai Chi / Qigong for Health & Wellness
Thursdays at 10:15am
Oct 22 | Oct 29 | Nov 5 | Nov 12 | Nov 19
Cultivate balance, flexibility and strength with smooth, continuous, mindful movements. Feel calm yet energized. Please attend all 5 sessions. Wear flat athletic shoes.

Speed Puzzling Competition
Saturday Oct 24 | 11am
Teams of 2 to 4 people will compete to finish a 500 piece puzzle. Grab your speediest puzzling friends and be the first to finish! For puzzle enthusiasts 16 and up.

Crow Party!
Thursday Oct 29 | 6pm
Become a crow for the night! Wear all black, bring a couple small, shiny objects to trade, and enjoy making sparkly, beaded bookmarks with a murder of fellow crows.

Women's Self-Defense Class
Tuesday Nov 17 | 6pm
For Women Ages 13 and Up
4th Degree Black Belt Andrea Moon will teach this self-defense seminar filled with practical techniques. Participants will work with partners as the attacker and defender. Please tie back hair, do not wear jewelry.

Becoming Hockeytown: the Red Wings at 100
Thursday Nov 5 | 6:30pm
Celebrate a century of Detroit hockey, from the team's 1926 debut as the Cougars to its evolution into the legendary Red Wings. Discover the players, championships, and unique hockey culture that made Detroit "Hockeytown."



Intro to the Sewing Machine
Tuesday Sept 15 | 3-5pm OR 6-8pm
Don't be afraid of your sewing machine! Learn how it works and how to keep it working in this small, hands-on class. Bring your sewing machine and everything needed to run it.

Sewing Machine Maintenance
Tuesday Sept 29 | 1-5pm
Learn to maintain your sewing machine for less than the cost of a single trip to a shop. Bring your machine and everything needed to run it and you'll be guided through the process of cleaning, oiling and troubleshooting.



Gardening Programs
Thank you to our wonderful partners at the Highland Garden Club. For our gardening programs, doors open at 6pm for seating and refreshments with the presentation starting at 6:30pm.

Benefits of a Native Plant Rain Garden
Monday Oct 12
Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash will teach the many benefits of a native plant rain garden, from reducing local flooding due to storms to increasing property values.

Comfort, Ease & Simplicity in the Garden
Monday Nov 9
Love your garden without all the labor! Jan Bills of Two Women and a Hoe shares sustainable gardening techniques that emphasize the right plant in the right place, smart design, and easy maintenance.



In-Person Adult Crafts
Limited space, registration required

Kinusaiga Fabric Art
Tuesday Oct 20 | 6:30pm
We'll use foam board and fabric scraps to make a small fabric mosaic.

Diamond Painted Ornament
Tuesday Dec 15 | 6:30pm
Make a sparkly little ornament to hang on your tree!

The Library in the Community
We'll be at the Highland Activity Center Health Fair on Sept 11 and the Highland Farmer's Market on Sept 12 - we'd love it if you'd say hello and see what's new!

Medicare Open Enrollment Counseling Days
Wednesdays Oct 28 and Dec 2
Open enrollment: Oct 15 - Dec 7
Certified counselors can help you compare and switch plans and troubleshoot. Information is free, confidential and unbiased, with no sales. Appointments must be made in advance by calling (248) 262-0545.

"The Book Ends" Book Discussion Group
Second Wednesdays
Your choice of 2pm or 6:30pm
Sept 9 | Oct 21 | Nov 18 | Dec 9
Pick up a copy of the month's book in-library or check out an electronic version, then join us for a friendly discussion.

Magazine Giveaway
Outside on the front walk.
First come, first served.

Monday Oct 5 | Titles A - D
Tuesday Oct 6 | Titles E - H
Wednesday Oct 7 | Titles I - M
Thursday Oct 8 | Titles N - R
Friday Oct 9 | Titles S - Z
Saturday Oct 10 | Leftovers

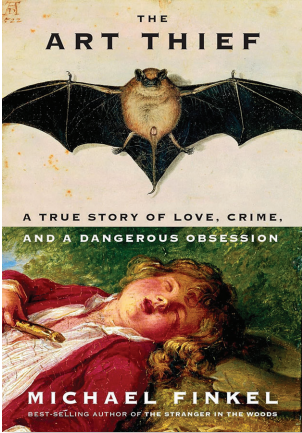
Technology help by appointment
Select Thursdays
Call or stop in to schedule your 1-on-1 session
Do you have questions on how to use your tablet, phone or laptop?
Would you like to learn how to download ebooks or audiobooks from the library?
Schedule a personal 30 minute session and we'll do our best to help.



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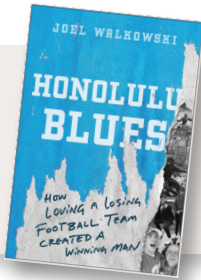


Meet Bestselling Author Michael Finkel
Saturday Oct 10 | 2pm at Milford High School
Join us for a fascinating evening with Michael Finkel, as he discusses his acclaimed true-crime book The Art Thief. The New York Times bestseller tells the extraordinary story of a man who stole more than 300 works of art. Finkel brings the compelling details of real-life crime to the page, reminding us that sometimes truth really is stranger than fiction. This event will be held at Milford High School; advance registration is required. In partnership with the Milford Public Library and FRIENDS of the Library. Please see our website for more details.

Honolulu Blues: Author visit with Joel Walkowski
Monday Sept 21 | 6:30pm

A heartfelt and humorous memoir inspired by the Detroit Lions, Honolulu Blues explores resilience, identity, and finding purpose beyond winning.

Author Visit



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.

Friends Meetings: Friends meetings will be held at 5:30pm every other month on the following dates: Sept 10 | Nov 12

Monthly Book Sales: Sept 19 | Nov 21 | Dec 19

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

Friends BIG Used Book Sale
Friends Members Preview Sale: Wed Oct 14 | 5-7pm
Thurs Oct 15 | 2-7pm | Fri Oct 16 | 10am-4pm | Sat Oct 17 | 10am-4pm

LIBRARY HOURS:
Mon-Thurs: 10am-8pm
Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm
Sunday Closed

CLOSINGS:
Sept 5,7 | Labor Day Weekend
Nov 11 | Staff In-Service Day
Nov 26 | Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24-25 | Christmas Holiday
Dec 31-Jan 1, 2027 | New Year's Holiday

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Michelle Finnigan
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Highland Garden Club
Highland Ace Hardware
White Lake Home Depot
HOT Robotics Team 67
Our wonderful volunteers
And a BIG thanks to our Friends of the Library

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

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YOUTH PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Abracadabra... It's Magic!

Select Saturdays at 11am

Sept 26 | Oct 24 | Nov 21

AGES 8 - 12 YEARS

Join our monthly Magic Club!

For beginners and Old Hats alike. Please email David at dschwaninger@highland.lib.mi.us or call 248-887-2218 x4 to join.



Family Board Game Nights

First Thursday of each Month

3pm - 7:30pm

AGES 3 TO 12, WITH FAMILIES

Drop in for board games, puzzles, and other activities with your family!



Kids Movie Afternoons

Select Tuesdays:

Sept 22 | Oct 6 | Nov 3 | Dec 8

1pm Matinee | 3pm Feature Film

AGES 3 AND UP

No school this afternoon? Drop in for a couple movies and some snackaroos.



Apple Antics

Thursday Sept 10 | 10:30am - Noon

AGES 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

A sensory morning filled with activities pertaining to apples! Please register.

Music Time @ Your Library

Monday Sept 14 | 10:30am OR

Monday Dec 7 | 10:30am

AGES 0 TO 5, WITH FAMILIES

Music Time! of Milford brings us songs, dance, movement games, and instrument play!



The Basics of Infant & Toddler Care

Thursday Sept 17 | 6:15pm

FOR TEACHERS & PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Brought to us by MSU Extension. Please register. MiRegistry Training Hours (1.5 per class) and certificates of attendance can be provided.

After Hours: Grownups Night Out

Friday Sept 18 | 5 to 7pm

Want to get out of the house but can't find a sitter? Bring them with you, and let us entertain them while you relax. Please check our calendar and register for this limited-space event.

YOUTH PROGRAMS & EVENTS: For ages birth through 6th grade. ALL PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
Registration starts 30 days before event date.
Call 248-887-2218 (ext 4), or visit www.highlandlibrary.info to register.

Bead Animal Keychains

Wednesday Sept 30 | 6pm

AGES 5 TO 12 YEARS.

Beaded lizards and more! A cool and easy craft. Please register.

Bingo Day

Saturday Oct 3 | 1-4pm

FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

Play Bingo for books! Drop in and out between games as you please. Drop in.



Mad Hatter's Halloween Party and Spooky Storywalk

Wednesday Oct 7 | 5-7:30pm

AGES 3-12, WITH FAMILIES

Join us for an Alice-In-Wonderland-themed Halloween Event, and take a walk down our not-too-spooky StoryWalk! Come in *any* costume. Please register.



Alien Invasion!

Thursday Oct 8 | 6pm

AGES 8-12 YEARS

Learn to draw simple cartoon aliens, monsters, and beasties! Please register.



Preschool Cars Play Day

Tuesday Oct 20 | 10am - Noon

AGES 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

Join us for a storytime followed by car crafts and lots of play! Please register.

Stranger Things Escape Room

Nov 5 - 7 | By appointment

FOR GROUPS AGE 10+, WITH ADULT(S)

Can you and your group escape the Upside Down? Solve riddles, puzzle out clues, and try to break the locks before your time runs out. Sign up for a time slot.



Family Tik Tok Game Night

Thursday Nov 12 | 6pm

FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

Try out some hilarious games made famous on Tik Tok and battle your family members for prizes! Please register.



Reading to Ruby

Tuesdays Oct 20 | Dec 8

FOR ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL-AGED READERS

Please call to make an evening appointment to read to Ruby, a sweet certified therapy dog. Reading to Ruby has been shown to boost confidence in young readers.

LEGO Fest Day

Wednesday Nov 25 | 10am - 4pm

AGES 3 TO 12 YEARS

Drop in to create with our massive LEGO collection! Your builds will be on display in the Youth Dept.

Merry Mess Makers

Thursday Dec 3 | 10:30am - 12:30pm

AGES 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS

A sensory morning full of holiday themed activities. Please register.

After-Hours Family Holiday Movie & Hot Cocoa Bar

Friday Dec 11 | 4:45pm

AGES 3 TO 12 YEARS, WITH FAMILIES

Our annual movie and hot chocolate combo! Feel free to come in PJs. Please register and be here promptly by 4:45pm!



Holiday Party

Wednesday Dec 16 | 5-7pm

FOR FAMILIES OF ALL AGES

Drop in for a fun holiday party and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus! Please register.



Winter Break Festival of Fests

AGES 3 TO 12 YEARS, PLUS FAMILIES

Looking for something to do over break? Drop into the Youth Department for crafts and activities.

Dec 21 - Book Fest

Dec 22 - Art Fest

Dec 23 - LEGO Fest

Dec 28 - Craft Fest

Dec 29 - Construction Fest

Dec 30 - Snow Fest



TAKE-AND-MAKE KIT Toddler Take-Home Crafts

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

K-3 Reading/Writing Tutoring

Does your child need a boost with their reading skills? Call us at 248-887-2218 x4 to sign up for tutoring.

BOOK CLUBS

Books will be available about 3-4 weeks before each meeting.



Parent-Daughter Book Club

Meets Monthly on Mondays at 6:30pm

Sept 14 | Oct 19 | Nov 16 | Dec 14

AGES 8 TO 12 YEARS

Bring dinner or a snack and visit with other book club members. We play a game and discuss a different book each month.

Parent-Son Book Club

Meets Monthly on Thursdays at 6pm

Sept 24 | Oct 22 | Nov 19 | Dec 17

AGES 8 TO 12 YEARS

Enjoy a monthly book discussion and game! Email David at dschwaninger@highland.lib.mi.us or call 248-887-2218 x4 to join.

STORYTIME

Every Child Ready to Read!

Our storytimes include the simple pre-reading practices of talking, singing, reading, writing and playing to help your child's language development.

Preschool Pages Storytime

AGES 3 TO 5 YEARS, WITH A CAREGIVER

This storytime features stories, movement, songs, and a craft. Please register for each 4-week session separately:

SESSION 1:

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Sept 15 | Sept 22 | Sept 29 | Oct 6

SESSION 2:

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Oct 27 | Nov 3 | Nov 10 | Nov 17

Learn & Grow Toddler Storytime

AGES 18 TO 36 MONTHS AT TIME OF

REGISTRATION, WITH A CAREGIVER

This storytime is designed to help children with socialization, cognitive and large motor development. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Our Toddler Storytimes are sensory-friendly! We keep the lights a little cozier, the music a little softer, and we keep comforting weighted stuffies within reach. Please register for each multiweek session separately:

SESSION 1:

Wednesdays at 10:30am OR 11:30am

Sept 16 | Sept 23 | Sept 30 | Oct 7

SESSION 2:

Wednesdays at 10:30am OR 11:30am

Oct 28 | Nov 4 | Nov 18

TEEN PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

Dinosaur Taxidermy!

Tuesday Sept 8 | 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.



DIY Light Switch Covers

Monday Sept 28 | 6pm

Flip the switch on boring décor! Design and decorate a blank light switch cover to match your personal style. Take it home and give any room an instant custom upgrade!



Miniature Apothecary Tin

Monday Oct 26 | 5:30pm

Design and decorate a miniature apothecary filled with tiny bottles, herbs, charms, and other mystical curiosities. Whether you imagine a witch's potion cabinet, an alchemist's workshop, or a fantasy healer's kit, your pocket-sized creation is yours to take home.



Spoonful of Cereal

Monday Oct 5 | 5:30pm

Freeze in time that first delicious bite (or slurp!) of cereal. Tres magnifique! And yes—of course we'll have real cereal to enjoy while you create your masterpiece.



Doll Head Cameo Necklace

Monday Nov 2 | 6pm

Transform a Barbie doll head into a delightfully creepy cameo necklace with embellishments and plenty of creativity. Weird, whimsical, and totally wearable.



Women's Self-Defense Class

Tuesday Nov 17 | 6 - 7:30pm

Presenter Andrea Moon will be teaching a women's self-defense class. Participants work with partners as the attacker and defender. They learn how to get out of different holds and techniques for counter attacks. For women ages 13 and up only.



Teen Laser Tag

Friday Dec 18 | 7 - 8:30pm

Yes, you read that correctly. After-hours laser tag at the library!



Greek Christmas Cookies with Chef George!

Monday Dec 21 | 6pm

Whip up traditional Greek Christmas cookies with Chef George Rapis from Schoolcraft College. Take home a batch—if any make it home!

