

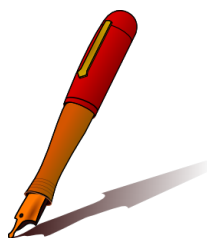
April Events Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Fernwood passes available starting today | 2 | 3 | 4 Story Time 10:30 Boys in Blue 1:00 (at the Senior Center) | 5 | 6 | 7 Yoga 9-9:45 |
| 8 National Library Week → | 9 | 10 JKC 3:30-4:30 National Library Workers Day | 11 Story Time 10:30 Board Mtg 6:30 Boys in Blue 7:00 | 12 | 13 Adult Craft Class 10:30/1:00 | 14 Yoga 9-9:45 Senior After Hours 2:00 - 4:00 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 JKC 3:30-4:30 Planning for the Community 8:00 - 9:30 | 18 Story Time 10:30 Boys in Blue 7:00 (at the Legion) | 19 | 20 | 21 Yoga 9-9:45 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 JKC 3:30-4:30 Planning for the Community 6:00 - 7:30 | 25 Story Time 10:30 | 26 | 27 Planning for the Community 9:00 - 10:30 | 28 Yoga 9-9:45 |
| 29 | 30 | | Story Time 10:30 | | | |

Planning for the community

During April members of the community will have three opportunities to give input on the future direction of the library. The focus will be on the building and how it currently serves the library's mission. These sessions will culminate in a long-range plan of maintenance and building enhancements that could be implemented gradually over several years as resources allowed. This would enable us to pursue grant monies and other donations to support these efforts. This long-range plan does not include any increase in the current library millage. We hope to better understand what the community feels the library is doing well and what the community feels the library needs to address in order to fully meet the community's needs. Please join us for one of the three sessions. Each will include a short presentation followed by discussion. They will be held **Tuesday April 17 from 8:00am until 9:30am, Tuesday April 24 from 6:00pm until 7:30pm and Friday April 27 from 9:00am until 10:30pm.** Coffee and light refreshment will be available.

Call the library director for additional information at 269.695.1911.



Save the Date!
Special book signing on Tuesday May 1st, 10:30 - 12:30, look for more information coming soon.

Big City Services In A Small Town Library!

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Hours:
Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9 - 6
Wednesday: 12 - 8
Thursday: 12 - 8
Friday: 9 - 6
Saturday: 9 - 2

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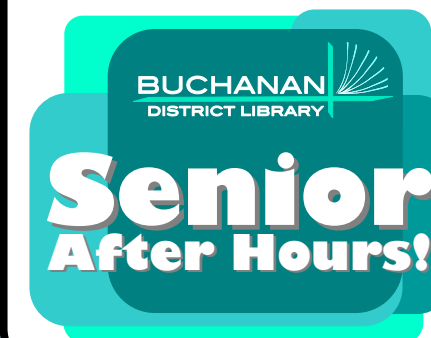
New Library Hours starting April 2nd

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Closed | Closed | 9 - 6 | 12 - 8 | 12 - 8 | 9 - 6 | 9 - 2 |

It would be difficult to find anyone not affected by the financial challenges of the last few years. The library board and I have struggled during this time to balance the annual budget and still maintain the current level of service to the community. The greatest portion of our income comes from your tax dollars and we take the responsibility of managing those funds very seriously and endeavor to do so as carefully as you would. In the coming year we are facing a possible 10% decrease in our funding from penal fines, direct state funding to libraries in Michigan has all but disappeared and it appears tax revenues will continue to decrease. We believe it would be irresponsible of us to put the library in the position of possibly operating at a deficit. In order to maintain our fiscal stability in the face of financial challenges the library board has made the difficult decision to reduce the library's hours of operation beginning the week of April 2nd. This is just one of many measures we have implemented over the last three years. In addition to the reduction in hours we have found a free recycling service, converted some lighting to florescent bulbs, set back our thermostat to keep it a bit cooler in the winter and a bit warmer in the summer and now use internal staff to perform janitorial duties. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope that such inconvenience will be offset by our commitment to remain fiscally responsible.

While this is a reduction in hours, it is also a restructuring of hours which we hope will prove to add some ease for library users. In recent years our surveys have shown patrons would like the library to offer earlier and later hours. In response to that the new library hours will include an earlier opening time of 9:00 am on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. On Wednesday and Thursday we will now remain open until 8:00 pm. We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to continuing to serve the community to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,
Kate Scheid
Library Director



Saturday, April 14th 2:00 - 4:00

Join us for this FREE after hours event for adults 55 and older. Activities will include bingo, karaoke, massages, food, beer and wine tasting, crafts, prizes, and much more!

For more information call 695.3681.

Kids have fun at the library!



Miss Betty reads a story.



Lucy makes a craft at the Dr. Seuss birthday party.



Leprechaun crafts for St. Patrick's Day



Lego creations made at Boyz Night Out.

Programming For Children



Pajama Day at the Library!

Wednesday April 18th

Wear your pajamas to the library on Wednesday, April 18th and get a surprise treat! Adults are welcome to participate too!

Preschool Story Time still at 10:30 on Wednesdays!

Story and craft time for children age 3-6

Because of our many loyal attendees, we have decided to keep story time at 10:30 through the remainder of the season. The library will be open just for those attending story time. Story time continues through the end of April and then takes a break for the summer. Hope to see you there!

April Story Time Themes

- 4th - Hans Christian Anderson Stories
- 11th - Kate and Daisy
- 18th - Sherlock Holmes
- 25th - Buchanan Fire Department

Programming For Teens

The Jack Knight Café—Where the Teens Come to Hang Out!!!!

This program is every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 for 5th thru 8th grade students. Come and hang with your friends after school and enjoy free snacks, Wii games, crafts, weekly prizes, and movies! Earn JKC dollars for an auction and a grand prize at the end of the semester!



Activities For Adults & Seniors

Buchanan Boys in Blue

Join Buchanan District Library's Archivist, John Urschel, on a sojourn into Buchanan's Civil War past. Journey back in time with the area's Union Soldiers as they are recruited, form companies and regiments, engage in battle, endure prisoner of war camps, perform acts of heroism, and more. Urschel has thoroughly researched the Civil War lives of area soldiers from Buchanan, Weesaw, Bertrand and Galien townships. A companion collection of all research material and data on over 1,700 military aged area men will be available for purchase for a nominal fee, but the presentation will be free of charge.



Lieutenant Ezekial P. Spaulding, Buchanan, MI

Wednesday, April 4th, 1:00 - Buchanan Senior Center
Wednesday, April 11th, 7:00 - Buchanan District Library
Wednesday, April 18th, 7:00 - Ralph Rumbaugh American Legion Post



Thinking about trying Yoga? Then join us Saturday mornings at the Library!

Classes are Saturday mornings at 9:00 and are appropriate for beginners and those brand new to yoga. Donations will be gratefully accepted and will go towards providing meals for the homeless at Hope Ministries in South Bend.

Lest We Forget Display



This unforgettable display will be at the library for the month of May. Come see the statue of Kelly a Vietnam War dog, a WWI soldier, a collage from the Korean War along with many other eye catching displays. "Lest We Forget" was started by a group of veterans who felt that patriotism was too important of a subject to be given the short shrift that it presently receives in our schools and community. Their operating principle is "To brighten the future we must illuminate the past." Don't miss this display while it is at the library!

MYSTERY PICS!

A very mysterious photographic tour around Buchanan

As a part of *One Book, One Michiana* the Buchanan District Library will be having a contest in the spirit of Sherlock Homes! Each week in the month of April there will be 5 photos on display taken somewhere around Buchanan. Use your powers of deduction to correctly identify the location, and each correct answer puts your name into a drawing for an MP4 player. With 5 new photos every week, that's up to 20 entries per person! **Mystery Pics** will be on display April 2nd through April 27th and the drawing will be held April 30th.



THE MYSTERY BEGINS THE WEEK OF APRIL 1ST!