



**a Not-so-Silent NIGHT for the Library!**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**6 TO 8 PM**

**WITH THE BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY**

**on Zoom**

**SILENT AUCTION DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>—11<sup>TH</sup>**

Buchanan District Library's popular holiday event is coming soon! This fundraiser features a week-long silent auction and ends with a festive party on Zoom! The silent auction starts December 3 and runs through December 11. You will be able to bid on wonderful auction items from the comfort of your home using your phone or computer. We will end the event with an online holiday party (complete with entertainment from talented locals) on Zoom and close the auction on December 11. We hope you will be able to join in the fun!

The Silent Auction goes LIVE December 3rd! Visit our website for instructions on how to join in the fun!

[www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/not-so-silent-night](http://www.buchananlibrary.org/support-us/not-so-silent-night)

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Geneva and Kathy Swern

**MORE UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

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**STORYTIME | WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30AM NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17; DECEMBER 1, 8, 15**

Join us for Preschool Story Time at the Library. Come sing, dance, and hear stories! Designed for preschool-aged children, but families with children of all ages are welcome. Don't miss special days like a visit from Santa in December!



**KID'S HOLIDAY CRAFT TO GO | PICK UP FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

Register online by Wednesday, December 15, for a ready-to-make craft kit for elementary-aged kids. Pick up on Friday, December 17.



**Location & Hours**

**NEW HOURS!**  
 Sunday & Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9–7  
 Wednesday: 9–7  
 Thursday: 9–7  
 Friday: 9–7  
 Saturday: 10–4

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**REMEMBERING BUCHANAN**

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**SNEAK PEAK: OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR IMAGE**

Five young men sitting on a baggage wagon in front of the Michigan Central passenger depot in Buchanan. An old caption identifies them as Frank Stevens, Rollo Bates, Dan Merson, Archie Raven, and Kern Diggins, and dates the photo to about 1904 or 1905. Genealogical research corrects some names and adds birth and death dates: Francis Arthur Stevens (1886–1980), Rolland H. Bates (1886–1918), Dan P. Merson (1884–1957), James Archie Ravin (1889–1960), and Kern Smith Diggins (1883–1943). We may know the who, when, and where of this photograph, but we don't know the what and why. Why were these young men at the passenger depot and what were they doing there? Were they waiting for a train? That seems likely. But were they all going to board the train? Meet someone coming from out of town? Maybe Archie Ravin, the one with the satchel, was going away? If so, for how long? He couldn't be carrying much in that bag. And regardless of the explanation, an even bigger question remains—why was there a photographer at the station to take this picture? Alas, at this late date we'll probably never know, and your guesses are as good as ours.

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# REMEMBERING BUCHANAN



## 2022 CALENDAR

PHOTOS FROM THE LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION AT THE BUCHANAN DISTRICT LIBRARY

## REMEMBERING BUCHANAN 2022 CALENDAR

We're excited to continue this new Buchanan tradition, giving you the opportunity to enjoy amazing photos from the library's Local History collection all year long! **Remembering Buchanan** 2022 Calendars are available to purchase at the Library now and throughout the holiday season. These calendars will make great gifts! Supplies are limited, so pick yours up today.

**NEW LARGER 12" BY 12" SIZE!**  
CALENDARS ARE \$20 EACH OR \$16 EACH FOR 10 OR MORE

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# UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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### ADULT CRAFT WITH CLARE HAGAN

Thursday, November 18 | 10am–Noon

Join crafty library volunteer Clare Hagan to make a winter gnome just in time for the upcoming holidays! All materials will be supplied.

Space is limited and sign up is required.

**Sign up at the library or by calling 269.695.3681.**



### READ WITH JOURNEY THE DOG!

Wednesday, November 17 | 4–5:30pm

Journey the yellow lab would loves it when kids read to her! **Sign-up for your 15 minute spot and read to Journey by calling the library, 269.695.3681.**



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Dear Patron,

Another year has passed, and here at the Buchanan District Library we are looking back with gratitude. With your help, we have accomplished a great deal in the last few years, such as eliminating overdue fines, starting a Library of Things, and holding a successful community-wide reading program. Our library is always improving, enriching the lives of our patrons, and empowering our community to become stronger and better, for everyone. Looking forward, we are grateful to know we can count on your continued support.

Every day at the library, there is a buzz of activity. Books come in, books go out. Patrons are helped at the computers, faxes are sent, and copies are made. Children enjoy a storytime program at the Common, or learn to play a ukulele. New books and items for the Library of Things are ordered, received, and added to our collection. There are few dull or idle moments.

This year, in addition to all of this, an exciting process is happening behind the scenes. The Library Board of Trustees, as well as staff members and volunteers, are working to create a 5-year plan for the Library. If the daily buzz of activity is sea level, then this planning is a mountain-top view.

Maybe you participated in our community survey this spring—if so, thank you! If not, we are opening it one last time to gather your ideas and opinions. Details can be found on our website. This feedback has been an important part of our planning, and we appreciate all the helpful critiques and encouragements you've shared. Now, with your input, we are ready to dream for the future!

“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.”

GLORIA STEINEM

This quote from journalist Gloria Steinem perfectly captures what we hope to accomplish. We dream of creating a community gathering space on our second floor, offering English-as-a-second language classes, building a maker space, and bringing a Storyteller Festival to Buchanan! At the moment, we are limited only by our ability to imagine the possibilities.

YOU are the library's most important resource, and the reason we are here. Your enthusiasm for our books, programs, and services, your voice in our community, and your support towards our dreams for the future—this is what sustains us and moves us forward. If you can, we appreciate your gift to help us turn dreams into reality.

Gratefully,

Meg Paulette  
Director

Molly Thornton  
Board President



Library patrons Harrison, Averie, and Abby Avadarian in the Children's Corner.