Borrow the Internet from LDL

Working with the Ottawa County Planning and Performance Improvement Department, libraries in Ottawa County joined together in submitting a grant request to the Library of Michigan to provide mobile hotspot devices in all areas of the county. LDL is pleased to announce that the funding request was approved!

Mobile hotspots are small, portable devices that provide wireless Internet access for any device that can connect to a wireless signal such as a laptop, smartphone, tablet, or gaming device.

Present a valid library card at the Reference and Information Desk and get connectivity for a week! Please be sure to return the hotspot by the due date to be courteous of others waiting to checkout and to also avoid overdue fines of $1 per day. After three days overdue, the hotspot will no longer function. Hotspots must be returned to the Reference and Information Desk inside the library.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant administered by the Library of Michigan.

Help LDL Start the New Year Bright

Adopt-a-Book for the Holidays

Each year, The Bookman in Grand Haven partners with LDL in this holiday giving program. Browse through the special display of Adopt-a-Book selections at The Bookman. The store will deliver your purchase to the library, and staff will add a bookplate to recognize your donation. Memorialize a departed loved one, or honor a cherished family member or friend with your donation! Make sure to fill out the donation form, so we can send you a thank-you!

Additionally, the library maintains a wishlist of books for all ages at Amazon.com. Access the wishlist at loutitlibrary.org.

Donations

In addition to the Adopt-a-Book program, there are other ways to brighten your library. Either through donating your valuable time as a volunteer, or by donating money to help support library programs or material purchases. Donation ideas include: funds to purchase books for young children, teens and adults; programs for adults or children; support for music programs; support for art exhibitions; genealogy collection and programs; memorials, honor gifts, and other methods of remembrance of loved ones or friends. Gifts can be one-time or continuing. The possibilities are endless!

Contact Library Director John Martin for more information: jmartin@loutitlibrary.org or 616-850-6912

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters

Join us on Friday, February 14 from 2pm to 4pm and celebrate in recognizing 100 years of the League of Women Voters protecting and promoting our democracy through voter access, education, and advocacy.

Learn about League history, Michigan’s new voting rights law (Proposal 3), register to vote, and enjoy refreshments with other politically active community members.
In September, Loutit District Library eliminated late fees on most overdue items. Making our items fine-free removes the barrier late fees present for those with limited income, disabilities, and transportation issues. Our goal is to provide equitable access to library materials for all of our residents.

The library will continue to charge for materials that are checked out and never returned due to being damaged or lost. Donation jars will be placed on the Checkout Desk for anyone who still wants to pay late fees and will be considered a donation to the library!

Visit Santa at Cheapstacks
December 7 and 14
From 1pm to 3pm

Bring your camera for an opportunity to take a free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a new book to take home.

Courtesy of the Friends of the Loutit District Library.

Caddystacks IV
Library Mini Golf
December 26 through January 5

Pick up your putter, ball, and score card at the Youth Desk to play 9 holes throughout the library!

GenChat
Thursdays: Dec. 19, Jan. 16, and Feb. 20 at 7pm
Local History Room

Are you interested in genealogy? Do you have a brick wall you cannot get past? Do you need the support of other genealogists? Loutit District Library has the thing for you! Join others and talk genealogy in the Local History and Genealogy Room. This monthly group, led by Jeanette Weiden, meets every third Thursday. Everyone, from the beginner to the advanced, is welcome!

Coffee & Genealogy
Mondays: January 27 and February 24 at 2pm
Aldea Coffee, 17 South 2nd St.

Join LDL’s Jeanette Weiden for a cup of coffee and a casual conversation about genealogy at Aldea Coffee.

Local History and Genealogy
Room Hours

Monday……… 9am - 5pm
Tuesday……… 1pm - 9pm
Wednesday…… 9am - 5pm
Thursday………. 1pm - 9pm
Friday……… 9am - 5pm
Saturday……… 9am - 5pm
Sunday………. 1pm - 5pm
**Family Storytime**
For children 5 years and under with an adult.
- Wednesdays at 10am
  - December 4
  - January 8, 22, and 29
  - February 5, 19, and 26
- Thursdays at 10am
  - December 5
  - January 9, 23, and 30
  - February 6, 20, and 27

**Music Flows**
Mondays starting December 9 at 10:30am
Stories, games, songs, and activities designed to offer children ages 3-5 an understanding of basic musical terms and concepts, with a dash of wiggle and giggle. Presented by Shannon Donley.
Registration is required.

**Toddler Storytime**
Fridays at 9:30am
For children under 3 and an adult.
No Storytime:
- December 20 and 27
- January 3

**Baby Storytime**
Fridays at 11am
No Storytime:
- December 20 and 27
- January 3

**Play ‘n’ Learn**
Tuesdays, December 10, January 14, and February 11
at 9:30am, 10:45am, and 6pm
A literacy playgroup for children ages 5 and under with an adult. Sponsored by the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.

**Saturday Storytime at 10:30am**
December 14: Welcome, Winter!
January 11: Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Bring a “not-so-favorite” stuffed animal to stay overnight at the library, and see pictures of all the things they do!
February 8: Lots of Love

**LEGO Manics**
Saturday, January 25 at 2pm
Build a LEGO masterpiece with family and friends and create your own masterpiece.

**Stop Motion LEGO Manics**
Saturday, February 22 at 2pm
Build a LEGO masterpiece with family and friends and create your own stop-motion video! LEGO provided.

**Reading with Breslyn**
Saturdays: December 14, January 18, and February 22 at 11am
Practice your reading with a big and friendly therapy dog!

**Let it Dough! Play Dough Party**
Thursday, January 16 at 10am
Playdough supports early childhood skill development – and it’s just plain fun! Come, play with us and explore winter-themed stations! Ages 0-5.

**Preschool Dance Party**
Thursday, February 13 at 10am
Do you love to dance? Twirl, wiggle, jump, and shake at this dance party for kids ages 0-5 and their grownups.

**Board Game Night!**
Friday, February 7 at 6:30pm
It’s lights out at the library! Bring the family for fun and games that don’t need electricity or WiFi.
Best for ages 4 to 11.

**Polar Express Holiday Reading Program**
December 16 to January 4
Sign up at the youth desk!

**Teen Programs**

- **Teen Make & Take Holiday Craft**
  Monday, December 9 through Saturday, December 23
  Stop in the Teen Room to make and wrap a holiday ornament to give a special someone in your life!

- **Teen Advisory Board Meetings at 3:30pm**
  Wednesday, December 18
  Thursday, January 9
  Monday, February 10
  Set up this year’s TAB schedule, brainstorm program ideas, and eat Pizza.
  Registration required.

- **Teen Hamilton Party**
  Saturday, January 18 at 2pm
  Don’t throw away your shot to be the library Hamilton champion. Trivia, Song Lyric Competition, and more!

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All programs are held in Program Room A on the Lower Level unless otherwise stated. For more information, please visit the interactive calendar at loutitlibrary.org.

Registration Information
Please note that some programs require registration and fill up fast. Registration begins one month prior to program date. To register, visit loutitlibrary.org/calendar or call 616-850-6914 for assistance.

Coffee and Coloring
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, and February 4 from 10am to 12pm
Program Room B
Join local artist and colorist Kerry FitzGerald for tips and inspiration during this free, relaxing, drop-in session. Learn how to see, break down, and create realistic color with advanced shading techniques using colored pencils provided, or bring your own.

LDL Book Club:
Thursdays, January 30 and February 27 at 7pm
Program Room B
Pick up a copy at the Adult Information Desk and join us for a fun and lively discussion!

Traditional Irish Music Session
Saturdays, December 21, January 18, and February 15 from 1pm to 3pm
Bring your Irish musical instrument and participate in LDL’s merry band of Irish session players. Music will be provided. Even if you don’t play, come and listen!

Kanopy movie club

Thursdays December 5, January 2, and February 6 at 6:30pm
Join us on the first Thursday of each month for a fun, thoughtful, or dramatic movie screening with some discussion afterward.

Kanopy is an award-winning video streaming service offered by LDL that has over 30,000 independent and documentary films. Grab your library card and go to: loutitlibrary.kanopy.com
Sunday Afternoon Concert Series
All concerts are held in the Upper-Level Lobby at 2pm.

David Dilsizian
December 8
Enjoy “An Acoustic Christmas” in this collection of holiday music from around the world. You’ll hear the Christmas classics you know and love, as well as holiday favorites from France, Israel, Ireland, and Armenia.

Vocalist Elizabeth Barry
January 12
Elizabeth Barry is a Grand Rapids-based soprano who is praised for her rich, powerful voice, and dramatic versatility. Elizabeth can be seen performing in opera, oratorio, and operetta throughout West Michigan, the United States, and internationally.

Andrews String Band
February 9
The Andrews String Band is a three-piece acoustic folk-rock trio featuring guitar, mandolin, and violin. They cover classic rock favorites with folky stuff like John Prine and Steve Earle, plus a few bluegrass gospel types featuring their banjo player.

Cabin Fever Relievers 2020
Winter Adult Reading Program
January 2 through March 31, 2020
Read 10 books checked out from Loutit District Library and have your reading verified at the Checkout Desk to receive a commemorative LDL anniversary mug, courtesy of the Friends of Loutit District Library.

Downloadable audiobooks and books on CD, and eBooks checked out from Overdrive, Hoopla, or RBdigital are accepted.

Books over 500 pages and audiobooks over 10 discs count as two books.

Generously funded by Carol Alexander and Kevin Carbary

One-on-One TECH HELP
Bring your technology questions and devices (if applicable) to a free one-hour session with the Public Computing staff. Call 616-850-6914 to register.

Sessions are available weekly:
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm and 6pm
Fridays at 1pm and 2pm
Sign Up for Our E-Newsletter
Text LDL to 228-28

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00am - 9:00pm

Friday
9:00am - 6:00pm

Saturday
9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday
1:00pm - 5:00pm

Check the interactive calendar on our website for the latest updates and special closings.

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Located on the Lower Level
Browse, shop, donate!

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6:30pm - 8:30pm

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Thursday 10:00am - 5:30pm

Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm - 4:30pm