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Concerts

**Holiday Songs with Peter Bergin**
Concert pianist Peter Bergin will bring the holidays to life with the most popular songs of the season.
**Baker Park**
Tuesday, December 10 @ 3pm

**Holiday Celebration Concert with Gemini**
Celebrate the season with holiday songs from five traditions: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali, and the Chinese New Year.
**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Saturday, December 14 @ 2pm

**Jymi Dill in Concert**
Song stylist Jymi Dill entertains with pop standards, jazz tunes and big band classics.
**Baker Park**
Tuesday, January 14 @ 3pm

Korea, Land of the Morning Calm
The Republic of Korea (or South Korea as we know it) calls itself, “The Land of the Morning Calm.” Join Mariya Fogarasi to learn about the history and culture of this incredible country.
**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Tuesday, February 4 @ 6pm

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19th Annual Black History Month Brunch
Don’t miss this fabulous event, featuring Casey J, Worship Leader and Stellar Award Winner. Each year, Genesee District Library honors individuals and an organization that are making a positive impact on our community.

**Award honorees:**
- Ms. Melinda Anderson - Award of Excellence
- Mr. Recco Richardson - Award of Excellence
- Mayor Karen Weaver - Award of Excellence
- The Ivy House - Partner in Progress Award

**Genesys Conference & Banquet Center**
805 Health Park Blvd., Grand Blanc
Saturday, February 1 @ 10am

Tickets are $35 and go on sale at the Headquarters Library on December 2.

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Register by visiting thegdli.org or calling (810) 230-3327

Celebrating Black History

Miz Rosie involves her audience in a dramatic, interactive, energized storytelling experience. Young and old alike will be swept up in the history and life stories she tells.

**Life and Times of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad**
**Beecher-Vera B. Rison**
Saturday, February 8 @ 11am

**Martin Luther King Jr. Through the Eyes of Coretta Scott King**
**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Saturday, February 8 @ 2pm
3D Printing

It’s easier than you think!
Our 3D printing programs are geared for beginners and experienced learners. Use Tinkercad or Thingiverse to design an item.

College Prep with Learning Express Library
Learn about online resources to help you prepare for the ACT, SAT, AP Tests and college placement exams.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Thursday, January 16 @ 5pm

Learn About The Foundation Directory Online
Learn how to use the Foundation Directory Online, a database to help you locate available grant funding for your non-profit organization.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Tuesday, February 4 @ 4pm

Technology Tutoring
One-on-one tutoring sessions to help answer any technology questions you may have. Computer help, cell phone help, and more.

Fun with Robots
Learn some basic coding concepts while playing with fun robots.

Gaines Station
Wednesday, January 8 @ 4:30pm
Wednesday, January 15 @ 4:30pm
Wednesday, January 22 @ 4:30pm

Lego Mindstorms
Build advanced creations and learn about coding with LEGO Mindstorms. Fun and educational.

Flushing Area
Saturday, February 8 @ Noon
Saturday, February 15 @ Noon
Saturday, February 22 @ Noon

Register by visiting thegdl.org or calling (810) 230-3327
DIY Body Butter
Make a rich, smooth, scented body butter that makes the perfect gift. You just might love it so much, you’ll want to keep it for yourself.

Davison Area
Saturday, December 14 @ 11am

Flint Township-McCarty
Saturday, December 14 @ 2pm

Ceramic Jolly Snowman
Decorate a holly jolly ceramic snowman.

Genesee-Johnson
Saturday, December 14 @ 11am

Flushing Area
Saturday, December 14 @ 2pm

Beautifuly Wrapped
Experience the colorful, spiritual and global practice of headwrapping, an art enjoyed by people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, and continents. Anthropologist and master wrapper, Zarinah El-Amin Naeem will teach you to tie your own headwrap, and share the unique history of wrapping across the globe. Bring a piece of cloth or use one provided. Note: This is a 90-minute program.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Saturday, January 18 @ 2pm

Yoga
Stretch, get strong and find a sense of calm.

Goodrich
Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Monday, January 6, 13 February 10, 17, 24 @ 6pm and 7pm
Due to the book sale and MLK Day there will be no class on January 20, 27 and February 3.

Flint Handmade Crochet Class
Learn how to make fiddle mats, muffs and cuffs to donate to residents with Alzheimer’s or dementia at care facilities in our community. All instruction and supplies provided. Program sponsored by Flint Handmade and instructed by Hayley Randol, Flint Handmade Yarn Brigade Coordinator.

Davison Area
Saturday, January 18 @ 10am

Michigan Kit Houses
Take a photographic tour of kit houses of all styles and sizes found in Michigan, and learn how can-do families transformed a boxcar full of building materials into a home using only blueprints and a manual.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Tuesday, January 14 @ 6pm

Genealogy
Genealogy enthusiast Ruth Britting will show you how to use GDL resources to explore your family tree. Note: this is a two-hour program.

Headquarters
Tuesday, February 18 @ 6pm

Federal Financial Aid 101
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) is the largest source of student financial aid in the nation. Make college or career education possible by filling out the FAFSA® to get grants, loans, and work study opportunities. Families can get help filling out the FAFSA® from skilled advisors at this Financial Aid event. Please bring Social Security numbers and 2018 Federal Income Tax Returns and W2s. Refreshments will be served.

Genesee Valley Center
Thursday, January 23 4:30–6:30pm

Oh Deer!
Take a closer look at our state mammal, the whitetail deer, and see how they’ve adapted to survive and thrive in today’s ever-changing landscape.

Clio Area
Monday, February 24 @ 6pm

Hawaiian Cooking with Chef Ming Louie
Chef Ming Louie will make you think you’re on a tropical vacation with these yummy Hawaiian dishes.

Kalua Pig
Swartz Creek-Perkins
Wednesday, January 8 @ 6pm

Chicken Long Rice
Linden
Monday, February 3 @ 6pm

Register by visiting thegdl.org or calling (810) 230-3327
Family Reading Fun with Dasher
Families with kids ages 5 and up, spend some time with certified therapy dog Dasher, share stories, enjoy snacks and make a craft to take home.

Montrose-Jennings
Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4 @ 6pm

Paws to Read
Join Children’s Librarian Miss Katie and certified therapy dog Dasher. Practice reading, or listen to your grown up and Miss Katie read while you pet the doggie. Get a Dasher button, sticker and bookmark.

Flushing Area
Saturday, January 18 @ 11am

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Saturday, January 11 @ 1pm

Linden
Saturday, February 8 @ 1pm

Mt. Morris
Saturday, January 18 @ 1pm

Science of Toys
Did you know that every time you pick up a toy, you’re playing with science? Have a ball finding out what makes toys spin, bounce, walk and talk.

Fenton-Winegarden
Saturday, December 7 @ 11am

Headquarters
Saturday, December 7 @ 2pm

Bubbleman
Ron Loyd has enchanted patrons for years with his bubble magic, creating volcano bubbles, tornado bubbles, kaleidoscope bubbles, square bubbles and much more. Don’t miss this mesmerizing program.

Burton Memorial
Saturday, January 11 @ 11am

Davison Area
Saturday, January 11 @ 2pm

Preschool Yoga
Parents, please bring a mat for your little yogis, and plan to stay with your child. (Ages 2–8)

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21 February 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:30am

Note: Due to the book sale there will be no class on January 28.

Your Wild Neighbors
Get to know your neighbors in this live animal program featuring animals that live in the great state of Michigan. Make friends with snakes, toads, frogs, turtles, salamanders and insects while learning about their Michigan habitat.

Flushing Area
Saturday, January 25 @ 11am

Beecher-Vera B. Rison
Saturday, January 25 @ 2pm

Animal Tales
Stories and folk tales come together with live animals to make the stories truly launch off the page.

Mt. Morris
Saturday, February 15 @ 2pm

ARK Animals
Cool animals will be presented in a show and tell and touch style, blending education and entertainment.

Forest Township
Saturday, February 22 @ 11am

Goodrich
Saturday, February 22 @ 2pm

Register by visiting thegdl.org or calling (810) 230-3327
**Sweet Stuff**

**Cookie Decorating 101**
Decorate a cookie that’s almost too beautiful to eat.
**Davison Area**
Saturday, February 8 @ 11am
**Fenton-Winegarden**
Saturday, February 8 @ 2pm

**Science of Cotton Candy**
Explore the science behind this wonderful, sugary treat. Chemists of all ages will enjoy this fascinating program.
**Flint Township-McCarty**
Saturday, February 1 @ 11am
**Genesee Valley Center**
Saturday, February 1 @ 2pm

**Magic by Jania**
Jania will make magic happen with comedy and storytelling. Fun for the whole family.
**Genesee Valley Center**
Saturday, January 11 @ 2pm

**Beach Party Hulabaloo**
Escape the winter blues and take a vacation to the beach inside. Sing and dance to all your summer favorites.
**Baker Park**
Tuesday, February 11 @ 3pm

**Amazing Inventions**
Learn how mankind's amazing inventions, such as computers, telescopes, satellites, space suits and rockets have taken us to the moon and beyond.
**Montrose-Jennings**
Saturday, February 29 @ 11am
**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Saturday, February 29 @ 2pm

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**WINTER MOVIE SERIES**

**Flushing Area**
Get out of the cold and enjoy a movie at the library. Popcorn included.
**Dr. Seuss’ The Grinch**
Thursday, December 19 @ 5:30pm
**Aladdin**
Thursday, January 16 @ 5:30pm
**Matilda**
Thursday, February 20 @ 5:30pm

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Beecher-Vera B. Rison

DIY Decorative Clipboard
We’ll make getting organized sassy and simple. Make your own decorative clipboard.
Saturday, January 11 @ 2pm

Davison Area

Children’s Christmas Party
Children will decorate holiday cookies. Sponsored by the Davison Library Board.
Saturday, December 14 @ 2pm

Fenton-Winegarden

Gingerbread House and Crafts
Make a charming gingerbread house out of graham crackers, and whip up a few other seasonal crafts.
Tuesday, December 10 @ 6pm

Fenton-Winegarden continued

Game Day
Join us for an afternoon of board games and card games.
Saturday, January 25 @ 1pm

Fiction Book Club
Join us for a lively book discussion:
- December title: The Chalk Man
  Monday, December 9 @ 10am
  Monday, January 13 @ 10am
  Monday, February 10 @ 10am

Non-Fiction Book Club
Nonfiction lovers unite. We discuss a variety of nonfiction books. Call the library for selected titles.
Tuesday, January 28 @ 6:30pm

Movie Club
Kind of like a book club, but we discuss movies instead. Watch the movies at home and join us for a lively conversation. Call the library for film titles (810) 629-7612.
Thursday, December 12 @ 6:30pm
Thursday, January 9 @ 6:30pm
Thursday, February 13 @ 6:30pm

Mystery Book Club
Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 18 @ 6:30pm

Poetry Club
Calling all poetry lovers! Join a discussion about poetry. A different poet is discussed each month.
Thursday, December 19 @ 3pm
Thursday, January 23 @ 3pm
Thursday, February 27 @ 3pm

Writers’ Group
All aspiring authors welcomed. This is a peer-review group.
Tuesday, January 14, 28
February 11, 25
@ 3pm

Flint Township-McCarty

Book Club
The group meets once a month to discuss a wide variety of fiction titles.
Wednesday, January 30 @ 6pm
Thursday, February 28 @ 6pm

Flushing Area

Book Club
Expand your heart and mind by reading fiction, nonfiction, classics and contemporary titles.
Tuesday, January 28 @ 6pm
Saints for All Occasions
by J. Courtney Sullivan
Tuesday, February 25 @ 6pm
A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

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**Geneseo-Johnson**

**Breakfast & Books**
Come and discuss the books you’re reading while enjoying bagels or doughnuts.
Friday, January 11 @ 10am

**Family Game Night**
Join us for board games, card games and snacks.
Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30pm

**Goodrich**

**LEGO Club**
Kids get to work together on LEGO creations.
Saturday, December 14 @ 11am
Saturday, January 18 @ 11am
Saturday, February 8 @ 11am

**Classics Book Club**
Read and discuss books that are considered timeless classics.
Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, January 21 @ 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 18 @ 6:30pm

**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**

**Children’s Christmas Party**
Saturday, December 7 @ 1pm

**LEGO Club**
Kids ages 6 to 12 build and create with LEGOos.
Saturday, December 14 @ 11am
Saturday, January 18 @ 11am
Saturday, February 15 @ 11am

**Geneseo-Johnson**

**Montrose-Jennings**

**Children's Holiday Party**
Children will be treated to crafts and snacks to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library. (Ages 0–16)
Saturday, December 7 @ 1pm

**Kids’ Crafts with Friends**
Children can create crafts of all kinds. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library. (Ages 3–16)
Saturday, December 21 @ 1pm

**Book Club**
Book Club will meet and discuss a new book every month.
Tuesday, December 3 @ 7pm
Thursday, January 9 @ 7pm
Thursday, February 6 @ 7pm

**Recipe Swap**
Foodies, this one’s for you. Swap, talk, share, discuss. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library. (Adults)
Thursday, December 19 @ 6:30pm
Thursday, January 16 @ 6:30pm
Thursday, February 20 @ 6:30pm

**Mt. Morris**

**DIY Christmas Cactus Snow Globe**
Bring some warmth to the holiday season with this adorable Christmas cactus snow globe craft. Kids will have fun watching their festive creation move and dance in the snow.
Saturday, December 14 @ 11:30am

**DIY Thumbprint Snowflakes**
Every snowflake is unique, especially when it includes your child’s thumbprint. This craft is sure to become a cherished keepsake.
Saturday, January 11 @ 11:30am

**DIY Flowerpot Snowman**
This decorative, super cute craft is easy to make.
Saturday, January 25 @ 11:30am

**DIY Romantic Wall Decor**
This easy to make craft is absolutely lovely.
Tuesday, February 4 @ 5pm

**DIY Valentine's Day Love Bug**
These love bug stick crafts are super cute and easy to make. Even the most avid bug hater will fall in love.
Saturday, February 8 @ 11:30am

**Swartz Creek-Perkins**

**Coloring Club**
Meet new people, relax, and create something lovely.
Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18 January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 2–4:30pm

**Doris’ Popcorn Reading Club**
Pop into the branch, join the club, grab a few books and read to win.
Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 30 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 4pm

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'Story Times

**Beecher-Vera B. Rison with Miss Lisa**
Mondays, January 13, 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
@ 10am
*Note: There will be no story time on Monday, January 20.

**Clio Area with Miss Nancy**
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18 & 25
@ 10:30am

**Davison Area with Miss Marcia**
Mondays, January 13, 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
@ 9:30 & 10:30am
*Note: There will be no story time on Monday, January 20.

**Fenton-Winegarden with Miss Heather**
Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
@ 10:30am

**Flushing Area with Miss Mary**
Mondays, January 13, 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
@ 10:30am
*Note: There will be no story time on Monday, January 20.

**Genesee-Johnson with Miss Marcia**
Fridays, January 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
@ 10:30am

**Goodrich with Miss Katie**
Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30
February 6, 13 & 27
@ 10:30am

**Grand Blanc-McFarlen with Miss Katie**
Mondays, December 2, 9 & 16
January 6, 13, 27, February 3 & 10
@ 11am

**Linden with Miss Marcia**
Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 10:30am

**Montrose-Jennings with Miss Nancy**
Mondays, January 6, 13, 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
@ 10:30am
*Note: There will be no story time on Monday, January 20.

**Mt. Morris with Miss Nancy**
Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14, 21 & 28
@ 10am

**Swartz Creek-Perkins with Mr. Johnnie**
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 30
February 6, 13 & 20
@ 10:30am

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**Baby Steps with Miss Katie**
Caregivers and little ones, ages 0–24 months, will have a ball with books, songs, rhymes and more.

**Flushing Area**
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5, 12
@ 10:30am

**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Mondays, December 2, 9 & 16
January 6, 13, 27
February 3 & 10
@ 9:15 & 10am

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**Evening Story Time with Miss Katie**
Can’t make it to Story Time in the morning? Join Miss Katie in the evening for stories, songs, rhymes and more.

**Grand Blanc-McFarlen**
Wednesdays, December 4 & 11
@ 6pm

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**Folklore for Adults with Special Needs**

**Davison Area**
Mondays, January 13, 27
February 3, 10, 17 & 24
@ 12:30pm
*Note: There will be no story time on Monday, January 20.

**Genesee Valley Center**
Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18 & 25
@ 12:30pm

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Book Sales

Burton Memorial
Thursday, January 23 @ Noon–6pm
Saturday, January 25 @ 9am–3pm

Clio Area
Saturday, February 1 @ 9am–4pm
Monday, February 3 @ 3–6pm

Forest Township
Saturday, January 25 @ 9am–3pm

Goodrich
Saturday, December 7 @ 9am–5pm

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
Wednesday, January 29 @ 5–8pm
Thursday, January 30 @ Noon–8pm
Friday, January 31 @ 9am–5pm
Saturday, February 1 @ 9am–5pm
Sunday, February 2 @ 1–3pm

Ongoing Sales

Beecher-Vera B. Rison
Burton Memorial
Davison Area
Fenton-Winegarden
Flint Township-McCarty

Genesee-Johnson
Goodrich
Headquarters (DVDs & CDs)
Montrose-Jennings

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Create Strong Bonds ~ Develop Literacy Skills ~ Build Vocabulary
Spark Imagination ~ Foster Social Skills ~ Instill a Love of Learning

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19 Branches to Serve You

Baker Park
G3410 S Grand Traverse
Burton, MI 48529
(810) 742-7860

Beecher-Vera B. Rison
1386 W Coldwater Rd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-2800

Burton Memorial
4012 E Atherton Rd.
Burton, MI 48519
(810) 742-0674

Clio Area
2080 W Vienna Rd.
Clio, MI 48420
(810) 686-7130

Davison Area
203 E Fourth St.
Davison, MI 48423
(810) 653-2022

Fenton-Winegarden
200 E Caroline St.
Fenton, MI 48430
(810) 629-7612

Children’s Center:
(810) 714-0917

Flint Township-McCarty
2071 S Graham Rd.
Flint, MI 48532
(810) 732-9150

Flushing Area
120 N Maple St.
Flushing, MI 48433
(810) 659-9755

Forest Township
123 W Main St.
Otisville, MI 48463
(810) 631-6330

Gaines Station
103 W Walker St.
Gaines, MI 48436
(989) 271-8720

Genesee-Johnson
7397 N Genesee Rd.
Genesee, MI 48437
(810) 640-1410

Genesee Valley Center
3293 S Linden Rd.
(North Wing)
Flint, MI 48507
(810) 732-1822

Goodrich
10237 Hegel Rd.
Goodrich, MI 48438
(810) 636-2489

Grand Blanc-McFarlen
515 Perry Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439
(810) 694-5310

Robert T. Bolo, Jr.
Business Center
(810) 694-5190

Headquarters
4195 W Pasadena Ave.
Flint, MI 48504
(810) 732-0110

Talking Book Center
(810) 732-1120

Administration Office
(810) 732-5570

Linden
201 N Main St.
Linden, MI 48451
(810) 735-7700

Montrose-Jennings
241 Feher Dr.
Montrose, MI 48457
(810) 639-6388

Mt. Morris
685 Van Buren Ave.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458
(810) 686-6120

Swartz Creek-Perkins
8095 Civic Dr.
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
(810) 635-3900

CLOSING DATES: Christmas, December 24, 25 & 26 | New Year, December 31, January 1

Call for Black History Month Brunch Nominations 2021

Now accepting award recipient nominations for the 19th Annual Black History Month Brunch to be held in February 2021 at the Genesys Conference & Banquet Center. Visit thegdl.org to submit a nomination. 2021 Nomination Deadline: September 30, 2020

Talking Book Center

Genesee County residents who are unable to read standard print due to visual or physical impairment are eligible to borrow talking books through the mail, postage-free, through the Talking Book Center. For more information, call (810) 732-1120 or (866) 732-1120. You may also download an application online at www.thegdl.org/services/talking-book-center.

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