Spring Programming!
It's like, virtually, the...

...most fun ever!
March 2021

**MARISSA’S Marvelous Story Time**

**Marissa’s Marvelous Story Time: All Ages**
These interactive sessions include ASL, songs, stories, movement activities, and imagination promoting socialization and exploration. Early literacy practices are modeled throughout this story time series empowering both children and their caregivers to be literacy leaders.
(Ages Birth–5)
Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26
@ 10am

**Virtual Playdates**
Let’s socially interact! Join Miss Marissa on Zoom for a continuation of story time including songs, a story, and an interactive virtual playtime. Register at [www.thegdl.org/events](http://www.thegdl.org/events) with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join. *Please include both your name and your child’s name and age in the name field when registering.
(Ages Birth–5)
Mondays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26
@ 10:30am

**Marissa’s Marvelous Story Time: Baby Steps**
Sessions include songs, fingerplays, and stories that foster adult/child interaction. Activities are designed to build babies’ language skills through repetition and making connections between print and the world around them.
(Ages Birth–24 months)
Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
April 7, 14, 21, 28
@ 10am

**Kids Among Us**
Do you love Among Us? Come play in groups with other kids on Zoom. Register at [www.thegdl.org/events](http://www.thegdl.org/events) with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join.
*Please include both your name and age in the name field when registering.
(Ages 7–12)
Tuesdays, March 2, 16
@ 4pm

**Teens Among Us**
Do you love Among Us? Come play in groups with other teens on Zoom. Register at [www.thegdl.org/events](http://www.thegdl.org/events) with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join.
*Please include both your name and age in the name field when registering.
(Ages 13–18)
Tuesdays, March 2, 16
@ 6pm

**Northwood University College Selection Workshop**
Not sure which college is right for you? Join Northwood University to explore options after high school as well as important points to consider in the college admission process.
Thursday, March 4
@ 6pm

**Virtual Tech Tutoring**
Need help with your computer, smart phone, or iPad? Call (810) 230-3336 and make an appointment to receive help by phone, or virtually through Zoom.
Fridays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
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**March is Reading Month, and do we have challenges for you!**

- Pete the Cat (Kids Ages 2–8)
- Tweens Read (Ages 9–12)
- Teens Read (Ages 13–18)
- Log your reading and complete activities online through [thegdl.beanstack.org](http://thegdl.beanstack.org)
- March 1–31
- Prize Drawings: April 1
Pete the Cat Party
Celebrate March is Reading Month with Pete the Cat-themed music, stories, and activities. Register at www.thegdl.org/events with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join.
*Please include both your name and your child’s name and age in the name field when registering. (All Ages)

Saturday, March 6
@ 10:30am

Paws for Reading
Practice your reading with Miss Marissa and her darling pet rats. Struggling readers, new readers, and bookworms alike can practice reading aloud to a non-judgmental audience, helping them develop reading skills, confidence and a love of reading. Kids can choose any book they’d like. Register for a 10-minute time slot with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join. (Ages 1–12)

Saturday, March 6
@ Noon–1pm

Your Digital Library
Want to learn how to borrow an e-book or digital magazine? Join our Digital Services Librarian in this livestream as he demonstrates the library’s services, and answers your questions.

Monday, March 8
@ 4pm

Cooking with Ming
Cook supper with our favorite chef, Ming Louie. This month, Ming will make Oyster Sauce Beef with Rice Stick Noodles. We’ll supply the ingredient list ahead of time so you can purchase what you need. Then tune in at the appointed time and cook supper with Ming. He’ll answer your questions in real time. When the program is over, sit down and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner.

Tuesday, March 9
@ 5pm

Birdwatching vs. Birding
Greg Bodker’s beautiful photography will show you the joys and excitement of birding. Learn the differences between birdwatching and birding and how to attract more birds to your backyard. Greg will also share his favorite local birding hotspots.

Thursday, March 11
@ 6pm

Ice Age Imperials,
Mega Beasts of Michigan
Learn all about the Mega Beasts of Michigan from Paleo Joe, a paleontologist who has worked on archeological digs around the world.

Saturday, March 13
@ Noon

Seed Starting for Beginners
Learn to start your summer garden indoors, from seed. Save money, and get a jump start on the growing season.

Tuesday, March 16
@ 6pm

What Are You Reading?
Join Genesee District Librarians as they discuss the books they’ve read recently. They can also give you personalized book recommendations.

Wednesday, March 17
@ 1pm

Larry Martin’s
WWII, In Their Own Words
Larry Martin’s World War II—In Their Own Words is based on one man’s dedication to sharing with the world the heroes who fought for our freedom during the second World War. Watch an interview with Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman assigned to the 332nd “Red Tail” Fighter group.

Thursday, March 18
@ 6pm

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?
Join us for an evening of online trivia where librarians get to ask you the reference questions. Level of difficulty? Just challenging enough to be fun. Visit thegdl.org/trivia to play, or join us on Facebook Live or YouTube.

Thursday, March 25
@ 6pm

2D Animation Workshop
Explore the magic of animation in this virtual two-dimensional animation workshop. Alex Thomas will teach you to create several different exciting animations using free software. (Ages 7–18)

Saturday, March 27
@ Noon

Party Like an April Fool
Share your all-time favorite pranks, learn some new tricks, and get foolish playing games with other tweens through Zoom.
*Register at www.thegdl.org/events with your email address and we’ll send you the Zoom information to join. (Ages 9–12)

Tuesday, March 30
@ 4pm
Beginning Gardening for Adults
Are you new to gardening? No problem. Library Assistant Kelly Stack will teach you how to create your garden, start seeds, buy transplants, and tend your plants.
Tuesday, April 6 @ 6pm

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Tuesdays, April 6, 20 @ 4pm

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Tuesdays, April 6, 20 @ 6pm

Seed Saving 101
Ben Cohen of Small House Farm will give an informative presentation highlighting the importance of community seed sharing programs and why planting, saving, and sharing seeds is essential to the cultivation of sustainable neighborhoods and healthy communities.
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The Legend of Maple Syrup
Enjoy Don Snoeyink’s rendition of a favorite Native American legend regarding maple syrup and compare Native American syrup making techniques with what we do today. Learn to identify a sugar maple tree in any season and discover the mysterious process that turns watery sap into sweet and tasty maple syrup.
Saturday, April 10 @ 10:30–11:30am

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Monday, April 12 @ 6pm

Cooking with Ming
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Tuesday, April 13 @ 5pm

What are You Reading?
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Wednesday, April 14 @ 1pm

Professor Snoopenheimer
The brilliant but kooky Professor Snoopenheimer will take you on a journey snooping out mysterious hidden legendary animals like Bigfoot and Nessie. Do they exist, or are they tall tales?
Saturday, April 17 @ Noon

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Thursday, April 22 @ 6pm

Teen Theatre
Play theatre-style games, share your favorite shows, and perform reader’s theatre with other teens who love acting.
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Tuesday, April 27 @ 6pm

Breed & Bootleg: Legends of Flint Rap Music Documentary
Join us for an hour-long film about the birth of rap music in Flint in the early 1990s, beginning with the late MC Breed, known as the first commercially successful rap artist in the Midwest. Follow the friendship between Breed and Bootleg and learn about the golden age of rap music in Flint.
Thursday, April 29 @ 6pm
May 2021

Tween Bad Art Night
We provide the supplies; you provide the creativity. Design something truly one-of-a-kind with a bag of random craft elements.
*Register at www.thegdl.org/events with your email address and we’ll send you the Zoom information to join, and details about picking up your Bad Art supplies. (Ages 9–12)

Tuesday, May 4
@ 4pm

Are You a Hoarder?
Understanding and Treating Hoarding Disorder
This 90-minute interactive presentation explores the hoarding disorder, an insidious problem that takes on many different forms and becomes more difficult to treat the longer it goes unchecked. Most hoarders suffer from distorted thinking about the chaos around them, seeing order instead. Among the useless nature of their stuff, they see indispensable treasures.

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Virtual Family Dance Party
Join Miss Marissa for a virtual dance party on Zoom. Sing, dance, and get active with a variety of music and activities. Register at www.thegdl.org/events with your email address and we’ll send you the zoom information to join.
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Saturday, May 8
@ 10:30am

Tales & Tails
with The Music Lady
Get ready for a terrific fable of tall tales and trickery with feathered friends and tom foolery, all about tails. You will identify tails and find who is wearing which and then mix things up with a wild goose chase switch. Lots of puppets and stuffed animals abound for the most spectacular music show around.

Saturday, May 8
@ Noon

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CTE Healthcare Management Workshop
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Pick Your Poison
Meet a variety of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates that use unique defenses such as poisons, toxins, and venom. Learn the difference between these defenses, the amazing abilities of these animals, and how they are an important part of our ecosystem.

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Closing Dates
Spring Break, April 2, 3, 4
Memorial Day, May 29, 30, 31