Food for Thought

A collection of programming recipes from libraries across Michigan. Compiled in October 2023 in collaboration with the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference.

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Program/Service Title: Appy Hour

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   (Adult (18+))   (Seniors (65+))

Description:

Appy Hour is a once-a-week class where adults and seniors come to the library and learn about different library apps. Patrons will learn how to download and use library apps for streaming, reading, listening, and more. Patrons can bring in their own devices, and the librarian will provide live demonstrations of different app features and usage, while also leaving time at the end to work one-on-one with patrons.

https://grossepointelibrary.org/calendar-of-events#/events/EDbyP9IkLo/instances/ZnCVC7ue39/

Name: Alexis Smith - Emerging Technologies Librarian

Email/phone: asmith@grossepointelibrary.org

Organization: Grosse Pointe Public Library   **Approximate cost:** Free

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Program/Service Title: Paint Party for Older Adults!

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   Adult (18+)   (Seniors (65+))

Description:

Join us for a fun, stress-free afternoon of painting at the library! All paint supplies will be provided. No prior painting experience needed. Just bring yourself, a dose of creativity, and a positive attitude!

Name: Anna Hay, Senior Outreach Librarian

Email/phone: anna.hay@farmlib.org

Organization: Farmington Community Library   **Approximate cost:** $300-350

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Program/Service Title: Adult Trivia Night

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   (New Adults (18-30))   (Adult (18+))   (Seniors (65+))

Description:

A game of trivia specifically geared towards adults.

If you decide to hand out prizes, this program will cost more.

Name: Sarah Rick

Email/phone: director@millingtonlibrary.info

Organization: Millington Arbela District Library

Approximate cost: $0-$100

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Program/Service Title: Exploring the Night Sky

Intended Audience (please circle)

(All ages)   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   Adult (18+)   Seniors (65+)

Description:

Join us for a magical night where science and wonder meet. The Bridgman Public Library will be setting up our telescope in this hands on demonstration. Learn why some parts of the moon are darker than other, how to identify planets, and fun facts about our local night sky. Our telescope will be available for check out through our library of things after this event. Cost is One time $200 for a telescope (afterwards, basically free) bridgmanlibrary.com

Name: Kyle Bartoszek

Email/phone: kyle@bridgmanlibrary.com

Organization: Bridgman Public Library

Approximate cost: $200

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Program/Service Title: Story Sketching

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

(High School)   (New Adults (18-30)) (Adult (18+))   Seniors (65+)

Description:

Learn to draw with an art professional while discussing a book of everyone's choice. This program combines a traditional library book discussion with art instruction.

https://fb.me/e/IfYGtflkR

Name: Matt Weston

Email/phone: mweston@dowagiacdl.org

Organization: Dowagiac District Library

Approximate cost: $25-$250

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Program/Service Title: Tech Time

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

(High School)   (New Adults (18-30) Adult (18+))   (Seniors (65+))

Description:

Community IT support, helping people 1-on-1 with device problems, account recovery, computer skills, etc

Name: Chris Land

Email/phone: 313-791-6064, ckland@dearbornheightsmi.gov

Organization: Dearborn Heights Library

Approximate cost: Free

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Program/Service Title: Craft Supplies Swap

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   (Adult (18+))   Seniors (65+)

Description:

Patron craft supplies swap. We do this twice yearly. The week before the swap, patrons drop off unwanted crafting supplies. They should be in condition that "you would be happy to receive." On the day following collection week, we set out all the supplies on tables in one of our meeting rooms. People who dropped off supplies receive a ticket for the "early shopping day." On the day following setup, ticket holders (only) shop the entire swap for free. The next day, and the following several days (however long we can book the meeting room for, usually 3-5 days) the swap is open to the rest of the public. All items are free. No limits are imposed. At the end, leftovers are boxed for charity pickup. This is a HUGE hit with our patrons.

https://ssldl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=12841&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2023/09/20

Name: Candace Mahoney

Email/phone: cmahoney@ssldl.info

Organization: Salem-South Lyon District Library

Approximate cost: Staff time only

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Program/Service Title: Library Makers

Intended Audience (please circle)

All ages   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School   for Staff

High School   New Adults (18-30)   Adult (18+)   Seniors (65+)

Description:

An organization for use by library staff to facilitate makerspace events and activities
https://www.librarymakers.org/

Name: Cindi Place

Email/phone: bellairelibrary@torchlake.com

Organization: Bellaire Public Library

Approximate cost: Free

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Program/Service Title: New Library Card Bingo

Intended Audience (please circle)

(All ages)   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   Adult (18+)   Seniors (65+)

Description:

During Library Card sign up month (September), when patrons get a new card or renew registration, give them a library bingo card or Beanstack challenge. The patron can either redeem the card for a bigger prize or be entered into a raffle.

Name: Grace Galvan

Email/phone: galvang@libcoop.net

Organization: Shelby Twp. Library

Approximate cost: $50+

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Program/Service Title: Princess and Prince Ball

Intended Audience (please circle)

(All ages)   Under 5   Elementary School   Middle School

High School   New Adults (18-30)   Adult (18+)   Seniors (65+)

Description:

Children dress in beautiful gowns and suits, enjoy a sit down dinner, entertainment, prizes and games

Name: Yvette Brinker Marion

Email/phone: Ybrinker0112@gmail.com

Organization: Pontiac Public Library

Approximate cost: $500+