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SPRING REMINDERS

Tornado Siren

Testing. Tests will take place at 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of each month April -September.



Burning in the City.

Permits are free and required for open burning. Residents may not burn branches, leaves and other vegetative debris in the City. Permits may be obtained through the Fire Department by calling 269-205-8510. More information can also be found on our website.

“We envision a literate society where people use information and knowledge to enrich their lives.” With this vision statement, Hastings Public Library supports many literacy programs and provides enriching opportunities for all ages.

Opportunities for infants through school aged children include *Explore 1000 Books and Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)* where books are given three times per school year to children at risk. Weekly reading programs Baby time, Toddler time and Preschool story time. Children 5 and up can get their own library cards. *Summer Reading* (a 100 year old nationwide program) seeks to maintain a child’s interest in reading throughout the summer with book logs, prizes, programs and hands-on activities .

Teens have a room of their own housing graphic novels, fiction, nonfiction and audio-books. Wi-Fi and five public computers support inquiry, gaming and other interests. *Pizza and Pages*, is a club for teens in which the book and movie are discussed over pizza. Monthly Dungeons and Dragons game play, annual video games tournament and a 12 hour gaming blitz have drawn interest as well.

Patrons will find many services to support reading, research, job searching, and public computing. You can fax, copy, check email, or gather reading material to take home. Movies, Memories and Milestones has sponsored a movie each Thursday evening. A

monthly adult book discussion club chooses from a wide range of genres to share.

Interlibrary loan, e-books, and databases expand the reach of our collections, 24/7, to resources outside the library. Our web site helps to organize standard resources from government sites along with local links to our community’s rich resources.

The library’s Community Room is used for numerous events open to the public. Some include Barry County Chamber of Commerce sponsors monthly computer software training sessions.

Friends of the Library are volunteers who enhance the library through their individual service and fund raising activities, clocking 200+ hours per month. They support the library’s collections, programs and staff development. Our youngest patrons receive a baby bag and book at Pennock Hospital courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Volunteers also work tirelessly shelving books, getting materials ready for circulation, assisting in programs, and dusting shelves. Volunteers participate in *Reach out and Read (ROAR)* at the local schools reading to young fives in a weekly program to help children become comfortable with reading.

Information on all events can be found on the library’s website, Facebook pages, and in the email newsletter. Like us on Facebook or request our email newsletter by signing up at hastingspubliclibrary.org.

WHAT’S GOING ON THIS MONTH

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| 03 City Hall Closed- Good Friday | 15 Wednesday - Joint Planning Commission 5:30 PM |
| 06 Monday - Library Board 4:30 PM | 16 Thursday - DDA Meeting 8:00 AM |
| 06 Monday - Planning Commission 7:00 PM | 16 Thursday - Cable Access 7:00 PM |
| 08 Wednesday - Cemetery Board 3:00 PM | 20 Monday - Joint Planning Alliance 5:30 PM |
| 08 Wednesday - Nature Area Bd. 7:00 PM | 21 Tuesday - ZBA 7:00 PM |
| 13 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM | 22 Wednesday - Airport Commission 4:30 PM |
| 15 Wednesday - LDFA/BRA 8:00 AM | 27 Monday - Council Meeting 7:00 PM |





April Library Events

We are celebrating American Library Week (4/13-4/18) with a “Read Down Your Fines” program. Stop into the Library and find out how it works.

Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers

Baby Time on Tuesdays at 9:30 Bringing an older child with you? Be sure they bring a stuffed animal to be their ‘infant’ for the activities.

Toddler Story Time weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30.

Pre-K Story Time weekly on Fridays at 10:30 (No Story Time on 4/24).

Pre-K through 5th Grades

Young Chess Tutoring every Tuesday at 4:00.

Teens (6th grade and up)

4/4: Dungeons and Dragons – 10:00-2:00.

4/17: Pizza & Pages having read “City of Bones” by Cassandra Clare, watches the movie and then discusses how the two compare – 4:00-6:00.

4/18: “Magic the Gathering” – The fun begins at 9:00 and lasts until 3:00.

Adults

Chess Club every Tuesday evening at 6:00.

Movie Memories and Milestones every Thursday (except New Year’s) at 4:30 April’s films are looking Westward, with “The Shepherd of the Hills,” “The Treasure of the Sierra Madre,” “The Paleface,” “High Noon” and “Night Passage.”

4/2: The Library Book Club discusses Gabrielle Zevin’s “The Storied Life of AJ Fikry” – Noon-1:30.

4/6: Library Board of Directors meet – 4:30.

4/14 and 4/28: Yarn Works Club – for all interested in needlework and the fiber arts – 6:15-8:00.

4/21: Frugal Living Exchange learns all about “Soap Making” with Jen Seif – 6:15.

4/24 and 4/25: Hastings High School Jazz Festival site.

4/28: Genealogy Club.

For more information: (269) 945-4263 – or --

<http://www.hastingspubliclibrary.org> – or --

Find us on Facebook at Hastings Public Library-MI

Public Notice — Beginning April 20 Spring Pickup Compostable Yard Debris

City crews will be picking up compostable yard debris beginning April 20, 2015. Pickup is limited to biodegradable yard waste only, such as grass, leaves, small limbs, and brush.

Residents should limit the size of limbs placed out for pickup to 6 inches in diameter or less. This is the maximum size that our brush chipper can satisfactorily handle. We also request that residents place all loose materials in Kraft biodegradable bags. No bags made of plastic or other non-biodegradable material used to contain the yard debris will be picked up.

We will be making only one pass throughout the City so we ask that all material be placed out for collection prior to the April 20th start of the pickup. This will allow us to remove it in a timely fashion.

The spring yard debris pickup generally takes about two weeks to complete. City crews will begin picking up leaves in the Second Ward and Third Ward south of State Street. City Crews will then finish Second Ward and Third Ward north of State Street and move into First Ward north of the Thornapple River. Crews will finish in Fourth Ward from Broadway to the west City limits.