

FROM THE DIRECTOR -Julie Grynowich-

“April is a moment of joy for those who have survived the winter.” — Samuel Johnson.
I think we can all relate, right? I am so happy to see the trees budding and more daylight!

There is a lot to celebrate in April, including National Library Week April 19th-25th, 2026. The theme for this year is “Find Your Joy”...perfect for April!

During National Library Week we also highlight these special days:

Monday, April 20th: Right to Read Day

Tuesday, April 21st: National Library Workers Day (that’s us!)

Wednesday, April 22nd: National Library Outreach Day

Thursday, April 23rd: Take Action for Libraries Day (support public libraries by writing to your representative!)

Also, make time this April to visit us to check out new books, or old, and our awesome programs! Everything is listed on our website, newbuffalotownshiplibrary.org, so check that out too. We are waiting to welcome you!

YOUTH SERVICES - Kristy Good-

April hosts the library's biggest celebration of the year, National Library Week. National Library Week is a special time to remember what an incredible place a library is amongst its community. We offer endless knowledge, amazing services, unlimited imagination, companionship, a place to stay cool or warm, and a place to teach your children all of the beautiful things that exist in the world. Shall I go on? This list could be infinite.

I feel strongly that a library is the basis for all of society and for civilization as a whole. The equity this institution brings to the world is quite amazing. The library is a rare gem that anyone can walk into, no matter who they are, and have access to so many opportunities, be it using free Wifi for job hunting, teaching your children to read, or building empathy one book at a time.

National Library Week is an important time to support your library. Write to your representatives to let them know how important your library is to you. Donate. Visit. Spread the word of how super cool we are!

Without libraries in the world, things would feel a lot more overcast. We need stories to thrive and to brighten our days. We need these lovely bedrocks of society to help us succeed, progress, and be more understanding of each other.

In other words...love your library and find your library joy. Celebrate with us April 19th - 25th.

**Learn more about
National Library Week!**



YOUTH SERVICES - Elana Sitrin -

Each year, the Michigan Reading Association publishes the Great Lakes Great Books Award winners. These books are nominated by librarians and teachers and voted on by school-aged children. Our catalog page now features lists of past and present winners that are available for checkout:

[Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners, Grades K-1](#)

[Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners, Grades 2-3](#)

[Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners, Grades 4-5](#)

[Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners, Grades 6-8](#)

[Great Lakes Great Books Award Winners, Grades 9-12](#)

Additionally, we have a new list of recommended books about Michigan for kids. Enjoy!

[Michigan Books for Kids](#)



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

“There are so many library kids and library grown-ups who have yet to fully embrace their library joy, and I am so excited for them! When they enter the world of libraries and stories, I am confident they will find not only their library joy but their courage to believe in their own story and maybe even share it with other s.”

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Visit your library or [ilovelibraries.org](https://www.ilovelibraries.org) to celebrate!



Meet our newest Kid Librarians! Jack and Charlie have been NBTL Library Kids since we can remember. They are incredible readers and incredible collectors of stories. We are so lucky to know them and to be a part of their adventures.

Current favorite books:

- Survivor graphic novels
- Bunny vs Monkey
- Cardboard Kingdom
- When Stars are Scattered
- Wildfires
- Hilo
- Arcade world
- Investigators
- Lightfall
- The Bad Guys
- Diary of an 8-bit Warrior
- Garfield
- Calvin & Hobbs
- Dragon Masters
- Boxcar Children
- Dungeoneer Adventures
- Wings of Fire
- Warrior graphic novels
- Chronicles of Narnia

Favorite audio books:

- Battle Dragons
- The School for Thieves
- The Cronus Chronicles / Shadow Thieves
- Wolf Called Wander
- Whale of the wild
- Land of Stories

Kid Librarian

JACK



AGE 11

**“I enjoy
reading
graphic novels
for the funny
characters
and jokes!”**



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Kid Librarian

CHARLIE



AGE 13

“My favorite thing about reading is transporting to another world in the stories”



Our Love of Books

Ever since we were little, books have been a big part of our lives. Our parents read to us all the time, and we loved getting cozy and jumping into stories together. We especially loved reading series because it felt like the adventures never really ended. Some of our favorites were *The Magic Tree House*, *Dragon Masters*, and traveling through magical worlds in *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

When we were five and six years old, we went on a real-life adventure and traveled around the United States in our Airstream, visiting national parks for almost a year! While we were on the road, audiobooks became our favorite travel companions. We listened to series like *The Boxcar Children*, *The Merlin Missions*, *The Land of Stories*, and *City Spies*. We also loved books by authors like Roald Dahl, Katherine Applegate, Barbara O'Connor, Kate DiCamillo, Anna James, Chris Colfer, and Rosanne Perry, whose stories always made us think, laugh, and imagine.

Lately, we've been reading tons of graphic novels, and we can't get enough of them! We love the colorful illustrations, the wild characters, and the moments that make us laugh out loud. Some of our favorites are *Hilo*, *Bunny vs. Monkey*, *Big Nate*, and *Cardboard Kingdom*. We also love diving into epic adventures like *Wings of Fire* and *The Survivors* series.

We are so thankful for the New Buffalo Township Library—especially Miss Kristy & Elana—for cheering us on, helping us discover new favorites, and supporting our love of reading as it keeps growing bigger and bigger!

-Charlie and Jack

Chess Club

Every Thursday

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Essentrics Gentle

Every Friday

10:00 am

Essentrics Intermediate

Every Friday

11:00 am

Library Closed

April 3rd

Hollywood Goes to the Beach: Exploring Classic Beach Movies of the 1950s & 1960's

Monday, April 6th

6:00 pm

Harbor Country Film Group with Eve Moran

“Life is Beautiful”

Monday, April 13th

6:00 pm

“Memoir Magic: How to Write A Compelling Story”

A Memoir Workshop with Julie Ryan McGue

Monday, April 20th

6:00 pm

Adult Program

Annette Bochenek, Ph.D.
Film Historian
"Hometowns to Hollywood"

Monday April 6, 6:00

Hollywood Goes to the Beach: Exploring classic beach movies of the 1950s & 1960's

TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF SUNNY CALIFORNIA'S CLIMATE, HOLLYWOOD FILMS FREQUENTLY FEATURE BEACH SEQUENCES AND SUN-DRENCHED STARS. JOIN FILM HISTORIAN ANNETTE BOCHENEK AS SHE EXPLORES CLASSIC HOLLYWOOD STARS AND THEIR TIES TO BEACH FILMS, THE BEACH MOVIE'S INFLUENCE ON FASHION, AND MEMORABLE BEACH MOVIE MOMENTS. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATION CONSISTING OF PHOTOS, VIDEO CLIPS AND CAPTIVATING STORIES.



Adult Program

**Harbor Country Film Group
with Eve Moran**

Monday April 13th 6:00pm

Life is Beautiful

Roberto Benigni steps away from the ugly historical truth of the Holocaust to bring us a story that centers on a different truth, i.e., the fierce love, ingenuity and resilience of a father who uses clownish ways to persuade his young son that their horrific concentration-camp experience is but an elaborate game. This is a film that garnered both high praise and fierce criticism. It took the Oscar award in 1999 for best foreign language film.



Adult Program New Buffalo Township Library

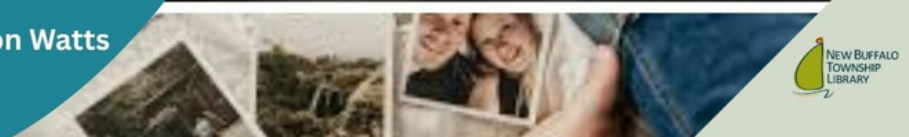
Monday April 20th 6:00pm

“Memoir Magic: How to Write A Compelling Story”

A Memoir Workshop
With Julie Ryan McGue

“Take a deep breath
and tell us your
deepest, darkest
secrets, so we can
wipe our brow
and know
we’re not alone.
Write like you
have a
message
from
the king.”

-Alan Wilson Watts





Youth Programs

APRIL
2026

Story Time

Mondays 10:00 am

Read to a Dog

Every Tuesday 10:30 – 11:30 am

Every Wednesday 4:00 – 4:45 pm

Teacher at the Library

Every Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Every Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Craft Time

Every Wednesday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Lego Club

Every Friday 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Every Saturday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Spring Break!

Nerf Battle

Thursday, April 2nd 3:00 – 4:00 pm,

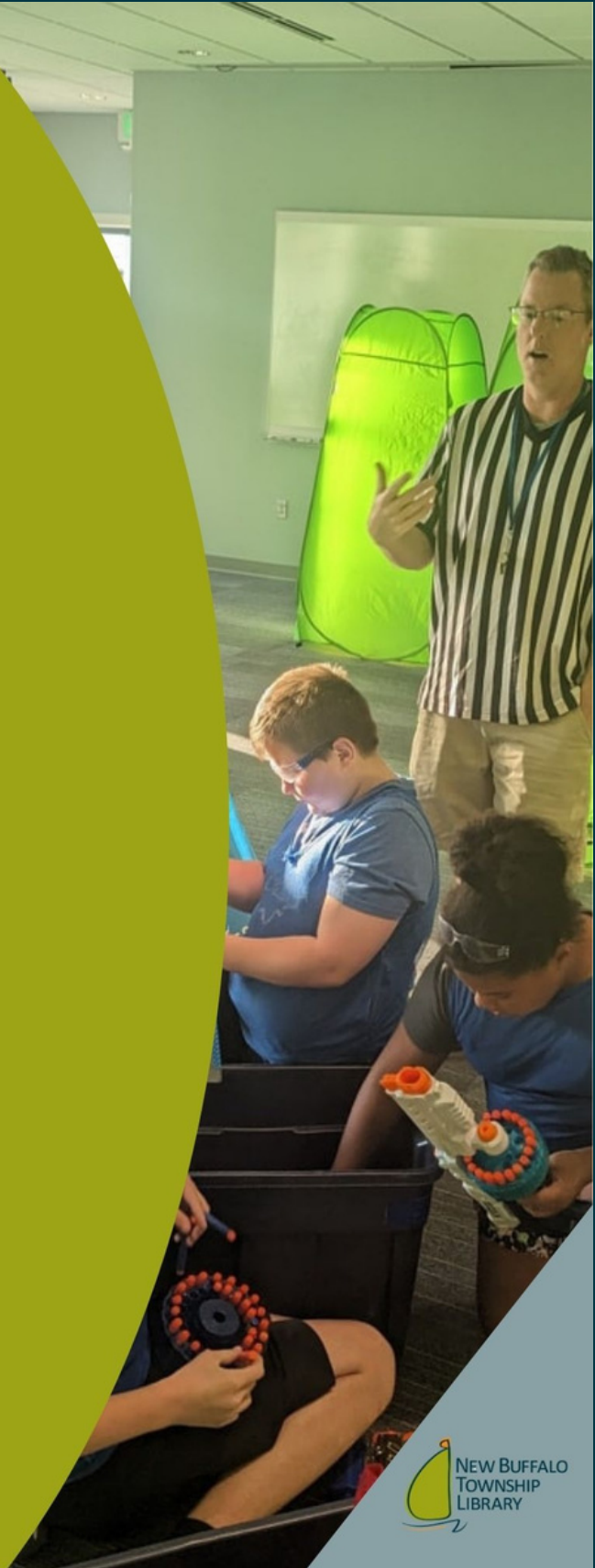
All Ages

Spring Break!

Nerf Battle

Thursday, April 2nd
3:00 pm

Join us for an epic
Nerf Battle for all
ages! All Nerf guns
and gear are
provided!





TEACHER IN THE LIBRARY

SCHOOL HELP FROM A REAL TEACHER

Drop in for help
with your school
work!
Our volunteer
teachers are
happy to assist!



TUESDAYS 4:00-5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAYS 4:00-5:00 P.M.

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New Buffalo, MI 49117
269-469-2933

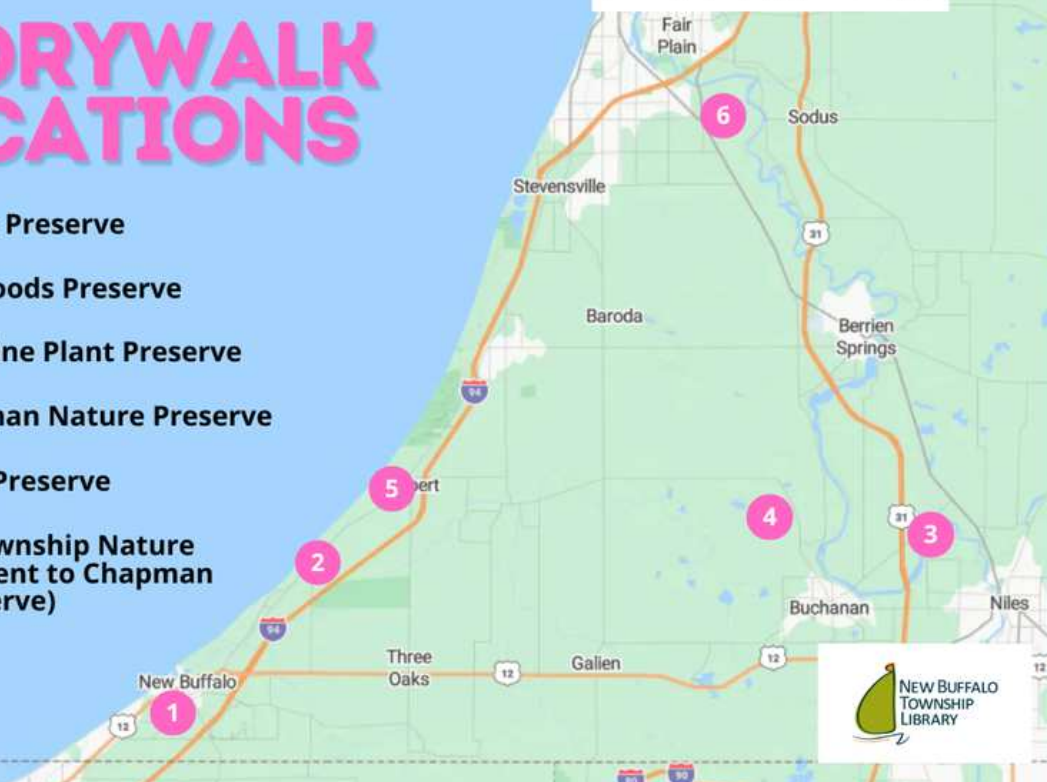


Scan the QR Code for more info!



2026 STORYWALK LOCATIONS

- 1 Turtle Creek Preserve
- 2 Robinson Woods Preserve
- 3 Trillium Ravine Plant Preserve
- 4 Myron Perlman Nature Preserve
- 5 Jens Jensen Preserve
- 6 Royalton Township Nature Trails (adjacent to Chapman Family Preserve)



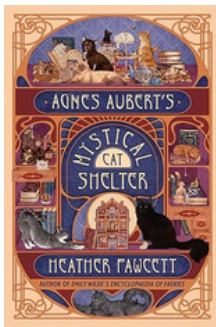
LIBRARIAN BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



Kristy's Pick

Hell Bent

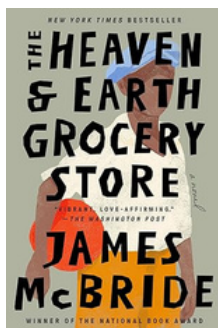
Leigh Bardugo



Nicole's Pick

Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter

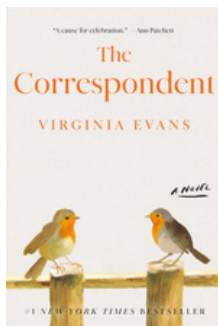
Heather Fawcett



Elana's Pick

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

James McBride



Julie's Pick

The Correspondent

Virginia Evans

LIBRARY SERVICES

SERVICES

- Computer Access
- Wi-Fi
- Printing
- Copying
- Faxing
- Laminating
- Material Check Out
 - Books
 - Books on CD
 - Playaways
 - DVDs
 - Magazines
- Online Resources
 - Library Card Sign-Up
 - Ebooks
 - Overdrive
 - Hoopla
 - MeL-Michigan Electronic Library
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Databases
 - & More!
 - ProQuest
 - & More!

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