

## FROM THE DIRECTOR -Julie Grynowich-

March is National Reading Month! Celebrate by visiting us at the library, and checking out our great new books! Life moves fast for most of us. I know I have a list of books that I want to read, but I put them off because there is so much to do. This year I decided to take the time to read the two books at the top of my list, and I wasn't disappointed.

The first book I read was *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. I couldn't put it down. It was worth letting other "stuff" go (and I did!). I recommend it!

The second book I read was *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. I'm almost finished reading it, and I recommend it 100%! I think this might be my favorite book of the year...or of all time. It's short, but so beautifully written and inspiring. Sometimes there are books that you just have to buy and add to your collection...this is that book.

I am choosing my next book now because everyone needs to make time to read; the other stuff will wait. So come in to the library and find your next great read!

Happy spring!

## YOUTH SERVICES - Kristy Good-

Spring is almost here! We cannot believe we get to say that! To celebrate the arrival of Spring and spring break, we are happy to bring some fantastic programs to the library.

During spring break, we are bringing back Arrayscape Gaming to host their awesome Minecraft programs. On March 30<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm, you can play specially created Minecraft games, Castle Attack and Pirate Quest. We only have 5 spots left for each day. Call or email the library to reserve yours!

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm we will have a Nerf Battle that is open to all ages (recommended ages 7+)! All supplies will be provided as we battle it out with capture the flag and plenty of other games.

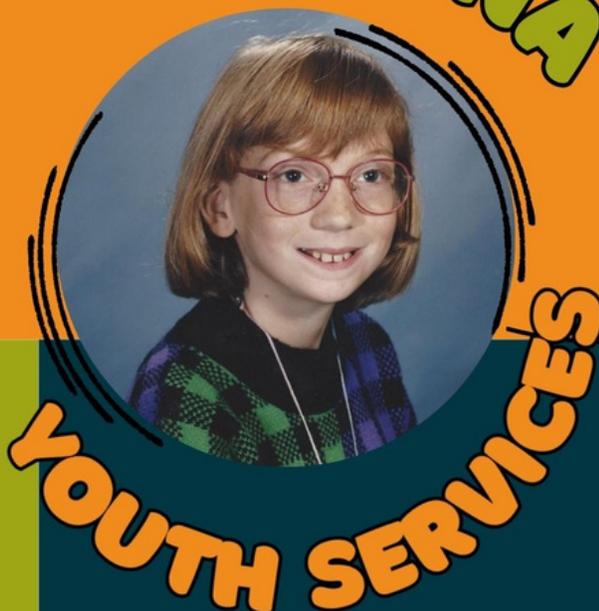
Did you know March is National Reading Month? Reading can strengthen cognitive function, improve memory, expand your vocabulary, and reduce stress. Reading has also proven to increase empathy for others. March is the perfect time to celebrate reading. Set a month long goal to read daily, visit your library, enjoy story time, or make a special Reading Month nook.

March is also Women's History Month. Check out our display in Youth Services to learn about all of the history making leaders and innovators!

Last, but certainly not least...we have once again teamed up with Chikaming Open Lands to bring you StoryWalk. Starting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, visit Turtle Creek Preserve to read the tale of *Bearsuit Turtle* by Bob Shea. Enjoy the beautiful trails and read a charming story in one go. After hiking Turtle Creek, go visit the other amazing StoryWalk locations in Berrien County.

## Librarians as *Kids*

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### Favorite Genre:

Nature books

### Favorite Book:

- anything Little Critter
- Where's Waldo?
- Miss Nelson is Missing
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

“The first book I learned to read was the *Monster at the End of the Book*, featuring Grover from Sesame Street. I read it to anyone that would listen and couldn't wait to treat them to the surprise ending!”

Chess Club

Every Thursday

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Essentrics Gentle

Every Friday

10:00 am

Essentrics Intermediate

Every Friday

11:00 am

Campus for Creative Aging:

Memory Café

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 - 11:00 am

Adult Literacy Class

Every Thursday

5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

4:15 pm

Author William Hazelgrove presents:

Capone's Vault

Tuesday, March 24th

6:00 pm

“The Light of Truth: Richard Hunt’s

Monument to Ida B. Wells”

Saturday, March 28,

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

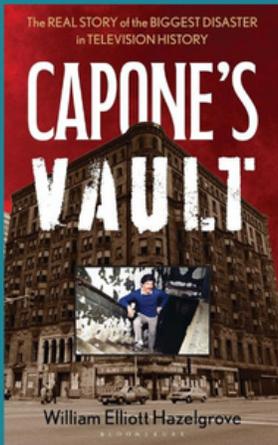
Chikaming Open Lands Nature Preserves

Monday, March 30th

6:00 pm

FOL Adult Program  
Tuesday March 24th 6pm

Author William Hazelgrove  
presents his latest work:



In 1986 a live TV special *The Mystery of Al Capone's Vaults*, hosted by Geraldo Rivera, promised to reveal secrets from Al Capone's hidden vaults but instead found only dirt and empty bottles



## They Vaults Tombs?



### THE MYSTERY OF AL CAPONE'S VAULTS

**“The Mystery of Al Capone’s Vaults achieves the highest Chicago rating of the past ten years for a non-sports program!”**



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THE MYSTERY OF AL CAPONE'S VAULTS (Apr '86)	57	53
DALLAS: WHO SHOT J.R.? (Nov '80)	55	53
MASH: THE FINAL EPISODE (Feb '83)	55	50
THE DAY AFTER (Nov '83)	52	47
ROOTS (Jan '77)	51	55
JAWS (Nov '79)	51	48

Source: Overights



Adult Program  
Harbor Country  
Film Group  
with Eve Moran

Saturday March 28, 12:00-2:00

**“The Light of Truth:  
Richard Hunt’s Monument  
to Ida B. Wells”**

This feature documentary weaves together sculptor Richard Hunt’s process and life story, with that of civil rights crusader, suffragist and anti-lynching activist, Ida B. Wells. Hunt creates the Light of Truth monument for the Bronzeville community at the former site of the Ida B. Wells Homes. Wells’ history and the sculptor’s history intersect in their mutual reaction and actions as they confront the injustices of racism with their work.

Director Rana Segal will present



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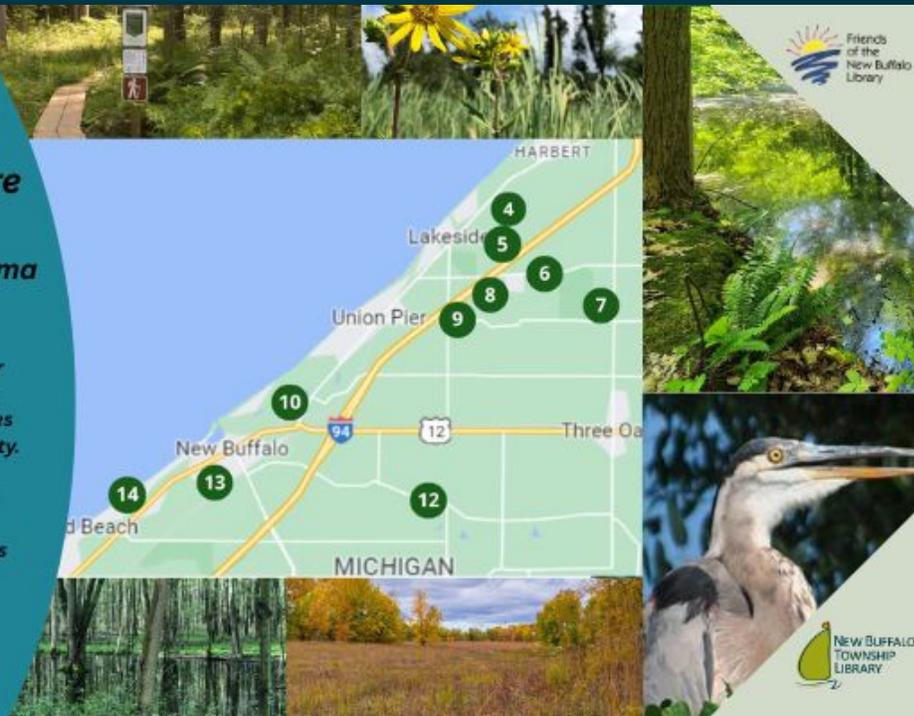
## Adult Program

Monday March 30, 6:00

### Chikaming Open Lands Nature Preserves with Executive Director Ryan J Postema

Interested in connecting with nature? Looking for your new favorite hiking spot? Join Chikaming Open Lands (COL) Executive Director Ryan Postema as he discusses COL's assortment of nature preserves in Berrien County.

From restored prairies to mature forests, a variety of ecosystems to explore and opportunities to immerse yourself in nature are available. He will highlight COL's most popular preserves as well as the hidden gems, and new opportunities on the horizon.



FREE

# Adult Literacy Class

at New Buffalo Township Library

Starts  
January 8!

Learn to read, or improve your skills.



- Thursdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
- January 8, 2026-March 26, 2026
- 12 week course
- Sign up here:  or call 269-469-2933

New Buffalo Township Library  
33 N. Thompson St., New Buffalo 49117  
269-469-2933



# CANNABIS AWARENESS

Monday, March 16, 2026, from 6:00 PM

## WHAT IS CANNABIS?



- Marijuana, THC, weed, vape cartridges, edibles, gummies.
- It's a substance that can be smoked or consumed
- It's illegal under 21 and is not allowed at school

## WHY IT MATTERS



- During the teen years, the brain is still developing. Cannabis use may affect:
- Memory, attention, and learning
  - Motivation and school performance
  - Judgment and reaction time

## AFFECTS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH



- Impacts memory attention and learning
- Affects motivation and academic performance
- Rise in anxiety and depression
- Impaired judgment or reaction time

New Buffalo Area Schools and the Berrien County Health Department are partnering to offer an Educational Cannabis Awareness Session at the New Buffalo Township Library (Pokagon Room) on Monday, March 16, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. For further information, please contact New Buffalo Area Schools at 269-469-6010



# CANNABIS AWARENESS

## WHY IT MATTERS FOR TEENS



Adolescence is a key period of brain development. Cannabis use may affect:

- Memory and learning/Mental Health
- Motivation and school performance
- Mood and anxiety
- Physical Health
- Edibles and vaping products may contain higher THC levels.

## HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD



Start early and keep the conversation going. •Ask questions and listen without judgment

- Share clear expectations and family rules
- Discuss health and safety impacts
- Encourage healthy activities and positive peer connections

## WHAT PARENTS MAY NOTICE



Possible signs can include:

- Sudden changes in behavior or mood
- Decline in grades or school attendance
- Strong odor on clothing or belongings
- Unfamiliar vaping devices or packaging

If you have concerns, reach out to the school for support.

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# Youth Programs

MARCH  
2026

## Story Time

**Mondays 10:00 am**

**Every Thursday 4:00 pm**

## 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!

### Minecraft Gaming Castle Attack

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 3:30 pm,  
RSVP only**

## Spring Break!

### Minecraft Gaming Pirate Island

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 3:30  
pm, RSVP only**

## Spring Break!

### Nerf Battle

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 – 4:00  
pm, All Ages**

## Spring Break! Minecraft Castle Attack

Monday, March 30th  
2:00 pm

Escape an evil wizard's castle by finding hidden keys, uncovering secret paths, and reaching the top. Battle waves of enemies and defeat powerful bosses in the mob arena. Compete in capture-the-flag by stealing the opposing team's flag and returning it to your base to score points.

RSVP by calling or emailing the library.  
7 spots available.



## Spring Break! Minecraft Pirate Quest

Tuesday, March 31st  
2:00 pm

Set sail on a high-stakes pirate adventure! Uncover hidden treasures buried deep within mysterious islands, outwit cunning traps guarded by fearsome creatures, and engage in epic naval battles between pirate and hero ships. Navigate treacherous waters, dodge cannonballs, and board enemy vessels to claim victory.

RSVP by calling or emailing the library.  
7 spots available.



## *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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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)



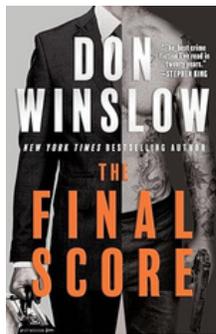
## LIBRARIAN BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



### Kristy's Pick

*Horrorstör*

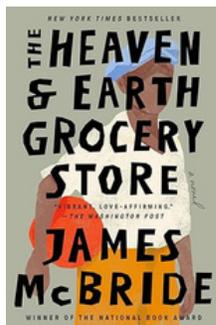
Grady Hendrix  
(MeL)



### Joe's Pick

*The Final Score*

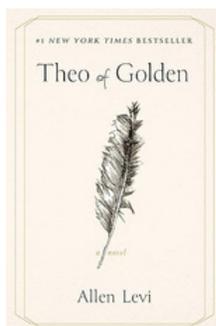
Don Winslow



### Elana's Pick

*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*

James McBride



### Julie's Pick

*Theo of Golden*

Allen Levi

# LIBRARY SERVICES

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## 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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