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Dig Up Your Next Great Read at NDL This Summer

Northville, MI — Looking for a way to relax, learn something new, or simply enjoy a great story this summer? Hoping to help your young students stay engaged and continue learning during summer break? Whether you and your family read every day or haven't picked up a book in years, Northville District Library's Summer Reading Program is an opportunity to discover stories that entertain, inspire, and connect us.

Reading offers more than just an escape. Studies have linked regular reading to reduced stress, improved focus, increased knowledge, stronger vocabulary, and greater empathy. A good book can help you unwind after a busy day, see the world from a different perspective, strengthen your imagination and creativity, and even spark conversations with friends, family, and fellow readers.

If becoming a "reader" feels intimidating, start small. Read for five or ten minutes a day, listen to an audiobook during your commute, or tackle one chapter at a time. The best book isn't the one someone says you should read—it's the one that keeps you turning pages. If you're not sure where to start, ask a friend, browse staff recommendations, explore what a favorite author or celebrity recommends, or talk with an NDL librarian about what interests you.

NDL's annual Summer Reading Program began June 1 and encourages readers of all ages to make reading part of their summer. Participants can track their reading with a paper log available at the Information Desk or online through Beanstack at northvillelibrary.beanstack.com or the free Beanstack app.

Readers can earn prizes by reaching age-based reading goals. Adults who read for 20 hours (1,200 minutes), teens who read for 900 minutes and children who read between 300 and 900 minutes can submit their completed reading log at the Information Desk to claim a prize. All reading logs must be submitted to NDL librarians by August 8 to claim prizes.

This year's theme, *Unearth a Story™*, invites readers and families to explore stories, discoveries, and prehistoric adventures all summer long. Along with reading challenges, NDL is offering a variety of themed events and activities for children, teens, and adults. Visit the Library's online event calendar to register and discover what awaits this summer.

Your next favorite book, fascinating fact, unforgettable character, or life-changing idea could be waiting to be discovered. Where will your summer reading journey take you?

Some featured events include:

Teen Color In the Lines Gallery Submission Opening

From now until August 8th

Visit the Library's front Information Desk and sign up for the Color Outside the Lines Art Gallery. When signing up, you'll be assigned a color to inspire your artwork. Submissions will be accepted from June 8th through August 8th. Please submit work at the Library Information Desk or virtually through nmolnar@northvillelibrary.org. Artwork will be available to view in the library's downstairs level from August 24th through the 31st.

Unearth a Story Storytime

Fridays, from 10:30 - 11 AM (June 12 & 19, July 10, 17, 24 & 31, and August 7)

Ages birth - 5 years, with a caring adult. Get ready for a dino-mite storytime that includes songs, rhymes, movements, and stories that let little explorers hatch their big imaginations while building early literacy skills. Register for each session each week.

World Wide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 13 from 10 AM - 1 PM

Celebrate with fellow crafters on World Wide Knit in Public Day. Weather permitting, we will meet in the park. Please bring your own chair and knitting or crocheting supplies. Share your current work in progress with other fiber enthusiasts. Drop in.

Unearth the History of Art with Shannon Karol, from the Northville Art House

Wednesday, June 17 from 6:30 - 8 PM

Join Shannon Karol, Executive Director of the Northville Art House, for an engaging exploration of art's past - including a few unexpected twists along the way. Register.

Summer Puzzle Swap

Saturday, July 11 from 10 - 11:30 AM

Drop off up to 5 new or gently used puzzles to the Information Desk from Friday, July 3 until Friday, July 10 in exchange for tickets (limit 5). Return on Saturday, July 11 to exchange tickets

for puzzles from 10 - 11 AM. From 11 - 11:30 AM, no tickets will be required to “shop” for new-to-you puzzles. Leftover puzzles will be donated. Tickets required.

Michigan Notable Book Tour with Author Rob Miller from Bloodshot Records

Tuesday, July 21 at 7 PM

Join 2026 Michigan Notable Books author Rob Miller in conversation with Craig Maki about *The Hours Are Long, But the Pay is Low*. A Detroit native and co-founder of Chicago’s acclaimed Bloodshot Records, Miller shares stories from the front lines of Americana and alt-country music. Learn more: robmillerwriting.com and carcitycountry.com. Register.

All Ages Summer Reading Finale Party

Wednesday, August 5 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Rain Date: Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

All ages. Join us for an evening of outdoor fun, games, and treats to celebrate the end of Summer Reading. The party will take place in the park behind the Library. Drop in.

Be sure to check the NDL’s Summer print newsletter, which you can pick up at the Library, and the online event calendar for a full listing of all Library events. To subscribe to the Library’s email newsletters visit [www.library.org>About>Enewsletter](http://www.library.org>About/Enewsletter) Signup.

For more information and to sign up to attend an event, please visit NDL’s website at: www.northvillelibrary.org; or call (248)349-3020. We are also on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Bluesky, YouTube, and TikTok.

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