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Grand Rapids Public Library Events for September 2019

Building Basic Computer Skills

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 11:00 am
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Are you often confused by computer terms and lingo? By learning the key concepts and basic terminology used in technology, you can build a foundation for digital literacy that will last a lifetime. In this class, you will be developing your skills to navigate the Internet, mobile devices, and many types of software.

Victorian Lady

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 1:30 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Learn about the lives of Victorian era women with local historical interpreter Wendy Batchelder. She will offer a fascinating peek at the daily routine of a Victorian lady. Hear how fashions like hair and jewelry were presented. Guests are encouraged to bring their own photos for group discussion, as fashion clues can help date photographs. This program is co-sponsored by the Western Michigan Genealogical Society.

CHAOS Lab

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:30 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Toddlers and preschoolers will explore the world through merry mess-making. Each month there will be a new set of activities to make kids squeal with glee! Create some chaos in the library, not in your home. Dress for a mess! This month: Wheels of Mayhem. Use a toy truck to paint, pretend to make a care engine, or take your toy vehicles on a muddy course full of pine cones, shells, and other obstacles.

Discovering the Internet

Thursday, September 12, 2019, 11:00 am
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Using the Internet can be an intimidating experience for many people. Learn how the Internet works and basic definitions for the most common Internet terms. Discover tips and tricks on how to protect your information and identity while searching, shopping and surfing the web.

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West Side Branch
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Yankee Branch
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Social Justice Begins with Me: A Book Club for Kids

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 10:30 am

Main Library – 111 Library St NE

Children ages 4-11 can explore social justice topics that impact their daily lives through children's literature. GVSU, GRPL and community volunteers will read children's books on that month's social justice topic (e.g. celebrating diversity, gender, equity, disability). After the book readings, we discuss the month's social justice topic in small groups and enjoy a snack and themed craft activity. This program is a partnership between the Grand Rapids Public Library and the School of Social Work at Grand Valley State University. This month's topic: Racial Justice.

Exploring Social Media and Email

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

The Internet and social media have made it easier than ever to keep in touch with friends and family. Beginning with a brief introduction to email, this class teaches you how to communicate with others online and offers tips on how to be safe while doing so. Learn the basics of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Find out what you need to get started with Skype, Google Hangouts and other video calling services.

Reach Customers Online with Google

Monday, September 23, 2019, 7:00 pm

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Learn how customers find your business online and how to promote your business using Search Engine Optimization (SEO) and Smart Campaigns in Google Ads.

Managing Your Digital Footprint

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 11:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Have you ever forgotten a password? Do you wish you had a plan to manage your online information and protect your privacy? Managing your digital footprint may seem intimidating, but with a plan and the right tools, you can stay safe and get the most out your experience online. This class offers methods and tools you can use right away to begin managing your online profiles, passwords and information.

Yoga Time

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 11:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Bend and breathe in this yoga class for kids, led by an instructor from AM Yoga. Mats will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. For ages 4-11.

Baby & Me Storytimes

Bring your baby, 0-18 months, and bounce along to fun stories, songs, and rhymes. Baby & Me is a 15-minute storytime followed by a relaxed playtime where you and baby will meet new friends.

Mondays, September 9 – November 11

1:30 pm West Leonard Branch – 1017 Leonard NW

6:30 pm Main Library – 111 Library St NE

Wednesday, September 11 – November 13
11:00 am Yankee Clipper Branch - 2025 Leonard NE

Thursday, September 12 – November 14
10:30 am Seymour Branch - 2350 Eastern SE

Toddler Time

Bring your toddlers, ages 18 months to 3 years, to share fun stories, songs, and rhymes and learn together! Toddler Time is a 25-minute long storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime designed to help your child's brain grow.

Tuesdays, September 10 – November 12
11:00 am Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Wednesdays, September 11 – November 13
10:30 am Seymour Branch - 2350 Eastern SE
11:00 am West Leonard Branch - 1017 Leonard NW

Thursdays, September 12 – November 14
11:00 am Yankee Clipper Branch – 2025 Leonard NE

Pajama Time!

Come explore learning through fun stories, movement, and music activities during this evening storytime. Pajama Time is a 30-minute storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime. Wear your pajamas and get those wiggles out before bed! For families with children 5 and under.

Tuesdays, September 10 – November 12
6:30 pm Seymour Branch - 2350 Eastern SE

Thursdays, September 12 – November 14
6:30 pm Madison Square Branch – 1201 Madison SE

Storytimes for Families

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children 18-months to 5 years old to this 45-minute class featuring hands-on, literacy rich activities such as stories, songs, fingerplays, and hands-on fun. Classes end with a fun and creative art activity.

Saturdays, September 14 - November 16
10:00 am Yankee Clipper Branch - 2025 Leonard NE

STEAM Ahead Storytime

Children ages 3-5 can discover the world around them through science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Join us for a 20-minute storytime followed by 25-minutes of hands-on activities.

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Bilingual Pajama Time

Join us for an evening bilingual storytime filled with fun stories, movement, and music activities. The 30-minute English and Spanish storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime. Wear your pajamas and get those wiggles out before bed! For families with children 5 and under.

Mondays, September 9 – November 11

6:30 pm West Leonard Branch - 1017 Leonard NW

Open Lab - Bilingual Computer Help

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019, 1-3 pm

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Need help with your computer, tablet, or smartphone? We're here to help. Stop by during our drop-in computer help sessions.

Mindstorm Saturdays

Saturdays, September 7 - May 30, 2020, 10:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Kids ages 10 and up can explore robotics every Saturday at the library. Using Lego Mindstorms EV3 kits, these hands-on robotics teach essential coding skills, problem solving, and more. This is a self-guided, drop-in event.

Lego Block Party

Saturdays, September 7 - November 30, 2019, 1:00 pm

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Kids 6 and up can explore engineering, art, math, and other core concepts using Legos and other building blocks. Each month will feature a building challenge to teach critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and more. This is a self-guided, drop-in event. This month's challenge: Design your dream school.

All library events are free and open to the public. Visit www.grpl.org or call 616-988-5400 for branch hours and locations. The Grand Rapids Public Library connects people to the transforming power of knowledge.

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