Houghton Lake Public Library

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2026 - FEBRUARY 2027

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OPEN HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
10:00am - 7:00pm
Friday & Saturday:
10:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday:
CLOSED

CLOSING DATES

Thanksgiving:
Nov 26 - 28
Christmas:
Dec 24 - 26
New Year's:
Dec 31 - Jan 2
Tip-Up Town:
Jan 23 & 30

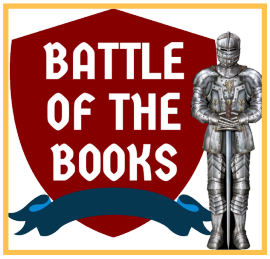
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We're looking for volunteers to help maintain the library's garden. Please stop in and fill out a volunteer form!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICKOFF

Jan 9 @ 10:30am

Meet coaches, form teams, read books, and compete against other local teams in a trivia-style competition. Who will be the last team standing? Event for grades 4-6. Please register in advance.



PAINT & SIP

Nov 10 @ 5pm: Fall Painting with Cider Mocktail
Feb 9 @ 5pm: Winter Painting with Hot Chocolate

Get cozy with us for a fun-filled evening of painting, creativity, and good company! You'll create your own seasonal masterpiece while sipping something delicious! Registration required.



WREATHS, WISHES, & WINTER MAGIC

Dec 1 @ 4pm

Create a beautiful winter wreath while embracing the season's cozy magic! Add your own festive touches, enjoy a little creativity and conversation, and take home a wreath filled with winter charm. Registration required.



INTERNET SAFETY IN AN AI WORLD

Dec 15 @ 1:30pm

Learn how AI is making online safety harder than ever. You'll see how social media, scams, and the internet itself are changing because of AI and how to best protect yourself.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Jan 12 @ 1pm

Bring your best chili and join us for a delicious competition! Taste, mingle, and vote for your favorite chili as we crown our Cook-Off Champion! Registration required.



BOOK CLUB

@ 1:30pm

Nov 19 - *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
Dec 17 - *A December to Remember* by Jenny Bayliss
Jan 21 - *I Who Have Never Known Men* by Jacqueline Harpman
Feb 18 - *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



YOUTH

STORYTIME FRIDAYS

Fridays @ 10:30am

Learn with us through stories, movement, rhymes, and playtime at this weekly program geared for toddler and preschool age children.

NATIONAL NACHO DAY

Nov 6 @ 3pm

Help us celebrate National Nacho Day! Kids can stop in after school and create their own delicious nacho bowl to enjoy!

AFTER SCHOOL SPACE

First and third Friday each month from 3-4pm

Kids can join us after school and enjoy an activity decided on by popular vote.

ARCTIC SLIME

Dec 9 @ 3pm

Cold weather got you stuck inside? We have the solution! Kids can join us after school to make some puffy, winter themed slime.

FANTASY TEA PARTY

Feb 13 @ 2pm

Houghton Lake Public Library cordially invites you and your littles to join us for a delightful afternoon of tea, snacks, and crafts. Come dressed as your favorite prince, princess, or character and make some magical memories. Registration required.

TEEN

TEEN MOVIE CLUB

Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 25, & Feb 22 @ 3pm

Teens can enjoy popcorn and snacks while watching a movie chosen from audience suggestions.

FAMILY

MUGS & MYSTERIES

Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, & Feb 3 @ 10:30am

Sip some coffee, enjoy a donut, and pick out a mystery item just for you. The clues may offer a hint, but you will not discover whether you selected a book, craft, or puzzle until you unwrap it at home.

UGLY SWEATERS

Dec 10 @ 5pm

Break out your tackiest, silliest, most festive sweater and join us at the library for some holiday fun! Show off your ugly sweater and compete for the title of Ugliest Sweater! Winner takes home a prize! Registration required at the door.

OLD YULE, NEW MEMORIES

Dec 21 @ 4pm

Celebrate the season with hands-on crafts and a look at traditional Yule customs, folklore, and practices. Come make something, learn something, and share in a little winter magic!

PUZZLE PALOOZA

Dec 28 & Feb 23 @ 1:30pm

Think you've got what it takes to piece together a win? Teams of 2 to 4 people will race to solve a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. The top two teams will walk away with prizes. Registration required.

ADULT

GENEALOGY TIME

Nov 5 & Feb 4 @ 1pm

Have questions on starting your genealogical research? Learn how to use the Library's e-resources and discover your family's history!

CRAFTY CARATS

Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, & Feb 11 @ 11am

Bring your own diamond art project and join us for crafting and creating! Whether you're a novice or experienced diamond painter, drop in and enjoy some sparkle.

APOTHECARY CABINETS

Nov 16 @ 4pm

Create and decorate your own charming mini apothecary cabinet. Each participant will also receive herbal recipes and herbs to take home. Registration required.

UGLY SWEATER CRAFTS

Nov 17 @ 11am

Create a delightfully tacky sweater card and garland. Add a personal touch to your holiday decorations!

VISION BOARDS

Jan 8 @ 2pm

Dream your way into the new year! Create your own vision board with images, words, and inspiring ideas that represent your goals, dreams, and what brings you joy.

AI CLASSES

Jan 26 @ 1:30pm: AI Basics

Learn about AI and how to use it. No AI knowledge required. Attendees should be comfortable using web browsers or apps.

Feb 16 @ 1:30pm: AI Coding

Learn about "vibe" coding and how AI is used to create websites and applications with no programming knowledge. Attendees should have basic experience using AI.

WICKED HEARTS

Feb 8 @ 4pm

Join us for a dark romance craft night filled with moody vibes and gothic-inspired creativity. Bring your dark romance energy and create something uniquely yours.