Houghton Lake Public Library

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST - OCTOBER 2026

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OPEN HOURS

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

CLOSING DATES

Labor Day:
Sep 5 - 7

TECH HELP

Mondays by Appointment

Call or visit hlpl.org to schedule your time with our tech!

HLPL AFTER HOURS

When HLPL is closed, wireless internet access in the parking lot, the materials return, and virtual library services at WWW.HLPL.ORG are all open.

GMAIL BASICS

Aug 18 @ 1:30pm

Learn how to set up, access, and use a Gmail account. You'll learn the basics of how to send, delete, and organize emails, as well as how to identify spam and scams.

PAINTED TOTE BAG

Aug 24 @ 4pm

Carry your love of reading wherever you go! Join us to paint and personalize a canvas tote bag with a fall-inspired design. You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind tote that's perfect for library visits and bookstore trips. No artistic experience is needed! Registration required.

CLUES OVER COFFEE

Sep 2 & Oct 7 @ 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.

PUMPKIN DECORATING

Oct 10 @ 11am

Come have a gourd time putting your creative touch on a pumpkin. This activity is open to ages 14 and up. Registration required.

PRESSED LEAVES BOOKMARK

Oct 26 @ 4pm

Celebrate the beauty of autumn by creating one-of-a-kind bookmarks featuring pressed leaves, flowers, and other seasonal botanicals. Learn simple design techniques while crafting a beautiful keepsake that's perfect for marking your place in your favorite fall read. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary. Registration required.

BOOK CLUB

@ 1:30pm

Aug 20 - *Margo's Got Money Troubles* by Rufi Thorpe
Sep 17 - *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika Sánchez
Oct 15 - *Slewfoot* by Brom

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.

DIY ICE CREAM

Sep 11 @ 3pm

Kids can make their own ice cream using ingredients, ice, and plastic bags, and add whatever toppings they want! All materials provided.

AFTER SCHOOL SPACE

Sep 18, Oct 2, & Oct 16
from 3-4pm

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

MINI HAUNTED FAIRY GARDENS

Oct 14 @ 3pm

Get into the spirit of spooky season by making your very own haunted miniature “fairy” garden. Kids can decorate their space with an assortment of eerie figurines and creepy components to create a space that is their own perfect little happy haunt.

TEEN

TEEN MOVIE CLUB

Sep 21 & Oct 19 @ 3pm

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

FAMILY

COFFEE AND COVERS

Aug 13, Sep 10, & Oct 8
from 1-2:30pm

Join us at Kiss Me Coffee for a casual chat about the latest book recommendations while sipping your favorite drink!

PUZZLE PALOOZA

Sep 22 @ 1pm

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, so don’t miss your chance to fit right in. Registration required.

ADULT

GENEALOGY TIME

Aug 6 & Oct 1 @ 1pm

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

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST GIFT TAGS

Aug 15 & 25 @ 11am

Escape the summer heat and get a head start on the holidays! Join our fun crafting class and make some America 250 and Christmas themed gift tags. We'll provide all the materials, so just bring your holiday spirit! Registration requested.

MAKE AND TAKE

Throughout September

Stop by any time in September to pick up materials for a fun paper craft bookmark or backpack!

SPARKLE THE STORY

Sep 28 @ 4pm

Bring your favorite stories to life with a little sparkle! Add shimmering gems to your book cover and leave with a one-of-a-kind keepsake that's as beautiful as the story inside. Registration required.

COMPUTER PARTS DEMYSTIFIED

Sep 29 @ 1:30pm

Have you ever wondered what all those parts and ports on your computer do? Join us for a hands-on experience as we demystify those fancy-looking components.

WORLD CARD DAY

Oct 3 from 10am - 2pm

Come join us in making cards for Veterans Day, or create some of our cards from previous classes!

MICHIGAN PIONEERS

Oct 8 @ 4:30pm

Genealogist Katherine Willson joins us to explore two compelling case studies of New York families who migrated to the Michigan Territory and became pioneers of pre-statehood townships.

FALL CARD CLASS

Oct 20 @ 11am

Get creative, have fun, and take home a unique, handmade card. Registration requested.

TABLET & SMARTPHONE BASICS

Oct 27 @ 1:30pm

Learn the basics of navigating your smartphone or tablet. Discover how to change settings, install apps, and more!