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Monday/Wednesday

10am-7pm

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

10am-5pm

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10am-2pm



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BOOK NOOK

Friends of the Library used
and collectible book shop

Monday—Friday

10am-4pm

Saturday

10am-2pm

Call ahead for exact times—
100% Volunteer Staffed



Tax season officially begins **January 29th, 2018**. Forms will be available online at www.irs.gov/forms or you can visit our website at www.westbranchlibrary.org, under the **Books and Resources** tab, and scroll down to **Tax Resources**. Tax forms can be printed at the library for \$.20 per page. Booklets and forms will be available to pick up in the library lobby mid to late February.

March 13
@ 7pm

**FOUND AT
YOUR
LIBRARY!**

LOST IN MICHIGAN...

Just a man, his camera and a black lab named Cooper!

Mike Sonnenberg was born and raised in Saginaw. After graduating from Delta College he worked in the automotive industry where he designed test and assembly machines for about 20 years. Starting in 2013 he began traveling the back roads of Michigan in search of forgotten or overlooked places. He created the Lost In Michigan, website posting photos and stories of the interesting places that he had found. His work has been featured in the Detroit Free Press and the Lansing State Journal. He is also considered a "Michigan Expert" by USA Today and has contributed to their Top Ten List of Michigan. In the fall of 2017, he published his first book based on the posts on his website. He still continues to travel around Michigan looking for unique places and telling their stories.



The Book Nook will have daily "**FLASH SALES**"! Stop in to check out the new deals!!

Volunteers Needed



Do you love books or love to organize? Maybe you have a few hours during the day that you are looking to fill? If so, we may have the perfect opportunity for you! The Friends of the Library are looking for individuals who would like to volunteer some of their time in the Book Nook. Stop in the Book Nook and ask a volunteer for more details.

The library was closed for an unexpected clean up in December. A small plumbing problem occurred in the lower level, that was quickly remediated. We were *open for business the very next day*.

We thank the hard work of all involved for getting us back up and running so quickly. No permanent damage or significant loss occurred..

What value does your library have?

Visit our website at:
www.westbranchlibrary.org

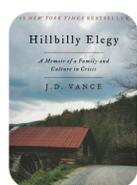
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Fun library fact...

There are more public libraries than Starbucks in the U.S.—a total of 17,566 including branches. Nearly 100% of public libraries provide Wi-Fi and have no-fee access to computers.





Join us for our Let's Discuss Book Group, **Thursday, February 8th, at 2pm**. This month is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Vance shares his story about family and upbringing, describing how he moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan, while navigating the demands of middle class life, and the collective demons of the past. Stop by the circulation desk to get your copy, and join us!

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Let's Discuss Junior!

If you are a student in grades 5-8 and love to read...you will surely enjoy our club, **Let's Discuss Jr.** The club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm. It is a fun way to read and discuss new and old books!

Our next discussion is: **Wednesday, February 7th, 2018.**

We are reading....*Story Thieves* by James Riley.

Owen's life is boring, until he sees his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the library. Then everything changes. Bethany is half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character. Stop in the library to pick up your copy!!

Author Visit

Local juvenile author **Marion Chard** will be at the library to visit with our **Let's Discuss Jr.** group on **Wednesday, March 7th, 2018 @ 5:30 pm**. She will share her experience as an author, and join in on our discussion of her book *The Story of Q*. Everyone is welcome at the discussion and meet our local talent!!

Calendar

Fri, Feb 2	10:15am Community Play Group
Mon, Feb 5	6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting
Tues, Feb 6	12:00pm Tech Tuesday
Wed, Feb 7	11:00am Preschool Story Time 5:30pm Let's Discuss Jr.
Thurs, Feb 8	2:00pm Let's Discuss
Fri, Feb 9	10:15am Community Play Group
Mon, Feb 12	6:30pm Mid-Michigan Writers
Tues, Feb 13	1:00pm Tech Tuesday
Wed, Feb 14	11:00am Preschool Story Time
Fri, Feb 16	10:15am Community Play Group
Tues, Feb 20	12:00pm Books for Lunch 1:00pm Tech Tuesday
Wed, Feb 21	11:00am Preschool Story Time
Fri, Feb 23	10:15am Community Play Group
Mon, Feb 26	6:30pm Mid-Michigan Writers
Tues, Feb 27	1:00pm Tech Tuesday
Wed, Feb 28	11:00am Preschool Story Time



**Library Funding Q & A...
Penal Fines**

In 1963, a new law, allowed for portions of fines collected through the courts from criminal and speeding violations, along with civil infractions to support local libraries across Michigan.

If you get a speeding ticket in the area served by a library—the library is given a portion of that fine. This distribution is based on the size of the population that is served by each library.

BEST SELLERS

Fiction

- THE WOMAN IN THE WINDOW—A.J. FINN
- THE WIFE BETWEEN US—GREER HENDRICKS
- LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE—CELESTE NG
- ORIGIN—DAN BROWN
- THE ROOSTER BAR—JOHN GRISHAM
- NO MIDDLE NAME—LEE CHILD
- BEFORE WE WERE YOURS—LISA WINGATE
- THE HANDMAID'S TALE—MARGARET ATWOOD
- OPERATOR DOWN—BRAD TAYLOR

non fiction

- LEONARDO DA VINCI—WALTER ISAACSON
- HORSE SOLDIERS— DOUG STANTON
- KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON—DAVID GRANN
- HILLBILLY ELEGY—J.D. VANCE
- PROMISE BE, DAD—JOE BIDEN
- WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR—PAUL KALANITI
- HOME SWEET MURDER—JAMES PATTERSON

Interested in these best sellers? All of the books listed here are available at the library. You can call, visit us or log on to our website, to see if it is available now or a hold can be placed.

