



# HACKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

JAN - MAR 2023

## Irene Miller, Holocaust Survivor, to visit Muskegon

Join us at Muskegon High School for Irene Miller, a Holocaust survivor. She will take you on a survival journey little written and known about.

You will sleep in the winter under an open sky on no man's land; you will freeze in a Siberian labor camp where the bears come to your door front. In Uzbekistan, you will live on boiled grass or broiled onions, and shiver with malaria. You will spend years in orphanages. When this is over you will wonder how a child with this background grows up to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy of living and

love to share.

Hackley Public Library is honored to collaborate with Irene Miller, and other community partners, to bring awareness to her courageous journey. We hope you'll mark your calendar for this moving event.

During the month of January, Muskegon Civic Theatre and Muskegon Area District Library are also offering cultural programs that provide insight and context around issues of racism and discrimination. Check their websites and/or social media platforms for more details.



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 6:00-8:00PM**

**MUSKEGON HIGH SCHOOL**

**80 W. SOUTHERN AVE, MUSKEGON, MI 49441**

### **WINTER READING PROGRAM - ALL AGES**

Cozy Up With a Good Book!

**JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 31**

Available in Beanstack so if you have participated in Summer Reading you will only have to open the app and click on your new challenge. Youth prizes and adult prizes will be awarded upon completion! Watch for more details to come at [hackleylibrary.org](http://hackleylibrary.org), or stop by HPL with any questions!

*\*Adult programs that require or prefer registration will open a month ahead of time.*



**NEW YEAR, NEW YOU YOGA**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 5:30-6:30PM**

Start out the new year on the right foot, and find a new sense of wellness and balance through yoga. This program will be offered both in-person and virtually. Registration is required.

**DRAWING CLASS: LIFE**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 5:30-6:30PM**

Get creative and explore drawing techniques at HPL! Led by artist Bill Embil, this Life Drawing Class will provide the chance to create still-life drawings of organic life forms, such as statues of animals and people. Registration is required.



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**Creative Writing Group**

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 3:30-4:30 PM | JAN. 11 FEB. 8 MAR. 8**

Participate in writing exercises, share your own stories, and meet other creative writers. This group provides a low-key atmosphere for writers of all experiences. Remember to bring a pen and paper!

**TAX PREPARATION with VITA**  
**MONDAYS DURING TAX SEASON**

Hackley Public Library is happy to partner with VITA to provide tax preparation services. On Mondays during tax season (February 1 through April 15), HPL will host VITA volunteers from 12-3pm and 4-7pm. **\*IMPORTANT - Please contact 211 to schedule an appointment.**

**COMPOSTING**  
**101**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 5:30-6:30PM**

Have you ever wondered about composting, its benefits, and how to do it? Join us for a presentation on composting, and how you can utilize this helpful resource! Registration is preferred.



**A CONVERSATION WITH UKRAINE**

Presented by Bob Wood

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 5:30-7:00 PM**

Ukraine is filled with courageous people. Bob Wood spent October and November, working alongside these folks, volunteering, traveling, and teaching. With dozens of interviews and hundreds of photos, you will learn more about Ukraine than political opinion, military tactics, and CNN Breaking News. Please join us for a conversation with Ukraine. This program will be offered in person and virtually. Registration is preferred.



**FOR ALL OF OUR FEBRUARY  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
ACTIVITIES PLEASE SEE THE  
BHM SECTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER!**



**\*NOT ALL PROGRAMS ARE LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER - WATCH FOR MORE PROGRAMS TO COME ON FLYERS IN THE LIBRARY, AT HACKLEYLIBRARY.ORG, OR ON HPL'S FACEBOOK PAGE!**

Adult Hackley Crafts schedule: see page eight.

# HACKLEY PROGRAMS CALENDAR

A quick glance for all HPL programs and events.

program departments: **A** = adult, **T** = teen, **Y** = youth, and **ALL** = all ages

## JANUARY

- ALL** | WINTER READING PROGRAM  
ALL MONTH
- Y-T** | TAKE AND MAKES  
Available JANUARY 3
- A** | NEW YEAR, NEW YOU YOGA  
5:30 PM, JANUARY 5
- Y** | STORY TIME  
10:30AM Fridays
- Y** | PAWS AND READ  
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- A** | TAPE ART  
5:00 PM, JANUARY 9
- Y-T** | ROBOTS & LITTLEBITS  
4:30 PM, JANUARY 10
- A** | DRAWING CLASS: LIFE  
5:30 PM, JANUARY 10
- A** | LEFT TO WRITE (ONGOING)  
3:30 PM, JANUARY 11
- A** | A CONVERSATION  
with Ukraine Bob Wood  
5:30 PM, JANUARY 19
- Y-T** | LEGO BUILD  
2:00 PM, JANUARY 21
- T** | TEEN EXCURSION  
3:30 PM, JANUARY 23
- ALL** | IRENE MILLER  
6:00 PM, JANUARY 26

## JANUARY

- ALL** | GOSPEL KICKOFF EVENT  
6:00 PM, JANUARY 30

## FEBRUARY

- Y-T** | QUILT SQUARES TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT  
Available FEBRUARY 1
- ALL** | SCAVENGER HUNT  
ALL MONTH
- A** | TAX PREPARATION WITH VITA  
FEBRUARY 1 - APRIL 15 Mondays
- Y** | STORY TIME  
10:30AM Fridays
- ALL** | BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA CONTEST  
2:00 PM, FEBRUARY 4
- Y-T** | TAKE AND MAKES  
Available FEBRUARY 6
- ALL** | OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT  
6:00 PM, FEBRUARY 6
- A** | MAGNETIC CLOTHESPINS  
5:00 PM, FEBRUARY 7
- ALL** | SWEET SOUL FOOD DESSERT CONTEST  
2:00 PM, FEBRUARY 11
- Y** | PAWS AND READ  
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- Y-T** | YOUTH SERVICES BHM CRAFT DAY!  
2:00 PM, FEBRUARY 18

## FEBRUARY

- Y** | LITTLE GOLDEN BOOKS MUSEUM STORY TIME  
4:00 PM, FEBRUARY 23
- T** | TEEN CRAFT  
3:30 PM, FEBRUARY 27
- ALL** | BLACK HAIR CARE CLINIC  
6:00 PM, FEBRUARY 27

## MARCH


- Y** | STORY TIME  
10:30AM Fridays
- Y-T** | TAKE AND MAKES  
Available MARCH 6
- A** | FLOWER BOOKMARKS  
5:00 PM, MARCH 6
- Y** | PAWS AND READ  
4:00 PM Select Mondays
- Y** | FOR REAL LIFE BLUEY STORY TIME EXTRAVAGANZA!  
2:00 PM, MARCH 18
- Y-T** | BOARD GAME EXTRAORDINAIRE  
4:30 PM, MARCH 21
- Y** | LITTLE GOLDEN BOOKS MUSEUM STORY TIME  
4:00 PM, MARCH 23
- T** | TEEN CRAFT  
3:30 PM, MARCH 27
- A** | COMPOSTING 101  
5:30 PM, MARCH 28

**PRESCHOOL**  
**STORY TIME**  
**FRIDAYS**  
**at 10:30AM**

Intended for ages 0-5, our in-person storytime is designed to teach early literacy skills to parents and caregivers while children enjoy a fun, interactive atmosphere. Join us for stories, songs, and movement activities! Please check our Facebook page for any cancellations.


**JANUARY TAKE AND MAKES**  
**HAPPY “MEW” YEAR!**

Did you know that January 2 is Happy Mew Year for cats?!? (That’s right, we’re bringing it back!) In honor of our furry four legged friends, we have put together two bookmark kits for mew to take and make at home. Our headband and felt kitty face is best for younger kids. Our ribbon and button kit includes a needle for hand sewing and is better suited for older kids and teens. **You can pick up these kits on January 3 and they will be available while supplies last!**



**PAWS AND READ**  
 with Breezy and Dolly  
**MONDAYS 4:00-5:00 PM**  
**JAN 9 & 23, FEB 13 & 27,**  
**MAR 13 & 27**

We have two four-legged reading helpers in Youth Services!! Practice and strengthen literacy skills by reading out loud to our friendly therapy dogs who are calm, non judgemental listeners. They’re excited to hear all the stories – and receive all the belly rubs. Please call 231-722-8014 to register for a 20 minute time slot.




**ROBOTS... ROBOTS, ROBOTS!**  
**AND LITTLEBITS**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Do you love Lego WeDo? Or is Cue your favorite? Have you tried our littleBits? We will have all of our kits available to code, play, build, and learn. Visit [hackleylibrary.org](http://hackleylibrary.org) to register and choose the robot for you!



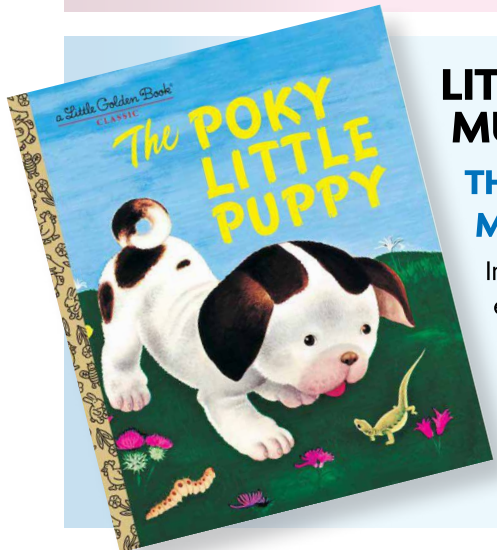
**LEGO BUILD** **SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Decorate the tops of our library bookshelves by building some awesome LEGO creations! We'll bring the bricks - all you need to bring is your imagination.



**LITTLE GOLDEN BOOKS**  
**MUSEUM STORY TIME**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AND**  
**MARCH 23 AT 4:00 PM**

In honor of the Little Golden Book exhibit at Muskegon Museum of Art, Ms Lydia and Ms Melissa will be hosting story time in the gallery of the Museum. Fun activities and little golden books will be the highlight!



**TEEN**  
**EXCURSION -**  
**BEHIND THE SCENES**  
**AT THE ART MUSEUM**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 3:30-4:30 PM**

We have been invited to a behind the scenes tour of the Muskegon Museum of Art when they aren't even open! We will be able to view the new Art Talks Back exhibit and try our hand at writing “ekphrastic” poetry (poetry that is written about works of art). All attendees are encouraged to enter their poem into the Art Museum’s contest that starts January 19 and runs until March 23. Visit [muskegonartmuseum.org](http://muskegonartmuseum.org) for more information.

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**FEBRUARY VALENTINE'S  
TAKE AND MAKE  
VALENTINE HEART FOXES**

How many hearts does it take to make an adorable foam fox magnet? As many as you can fit! **These delightful foxes will be available February 6.**



**FOR REAL LIFE BLUEY STORY TIME  
EXTRAVAGANZA!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18,  
2:00-3:00 PM**

That's a nice storytime, Rita. Sure is, Janet! Join Ms Lydia and Ms Melissa for some wackadoo fun with Bluey stories, activities, and an all around good time!



**TEEN CRAFT - PAPER FORTUNE COOKIES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 3:30-4:30 PM**

Valentine's Day may be over, but it's never too late to let your friends and family know how you feel about them. The teen room will be fortune cookie central as we munch on real fortune while we make paper ones!



**BOARD GAME EXTRAORDINAIRE**

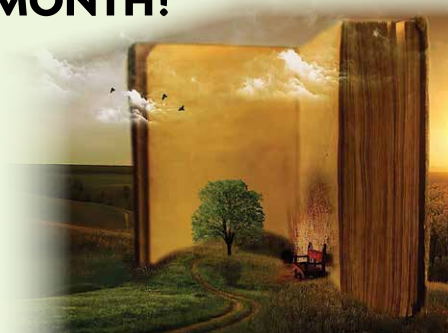
**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Did you know we have board games? At the library? YES WE DO. Are you a Jr. sleuth? Then try a game of Clue. Is candy your jam? We've got Candyland for you. Just can't make a choice? SORRY!



**MARCH IS READING MONTH!**

Youth Services is all about reading, especially when we get to celebrate that March is Reading Month! All month long, we'll have word finds and bookmarks to color, two (that's right TWO) scavenger hunts, fun reading themed take and makes, and so much more!



**TEEN CRAFT - MAKE A BOOKMARK  
FOR READING MONTH**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 3:30-4:30 PM**

Color, paint, make a collage - wanna craft more than one? Gotta make sure you have one for every book you're reading!

**MARCH TAKE AND MAKES  
PIGEON AND LLAMA!!!**

Yes, you read that correctly. Pigeon and Llama made out of perler beads - AMAZING!! Break out your pegboards and come pick up your kits! **These Take and Make kits will be available beginning Monday, March 6.**

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# Newspaper Archives at Hackley Library

For decades before the age of social media, the local newspaper was the primary outlet for the public to engage with the stories of their community. The *Muskegon Chronicle*, which began as a weekly paper in 1869, is the most well-known of our local papers - outlasting the *Muskegon Reporter*, *Times*, *Journal*, and many other "competing" newspapers that existed alongside it. Even before the days of wireless communication, newspapers reported the events of the time - whether wars in distant parts of the world or social activities right here in Muskegon. For many years, the Sunday edition of the *Muskegon Chronicle* often included over 30 pages of news!

Most newspapers reported events of local interest - marriages, births, deaths, and even birthday parties. This reporting offers a vital glimpse into the lives of those who came before, and provides a treasure trove of information for family & local history researchers. While we may know the facts of a story, newspaper reporting can provide insight into how the local community responded to these events.

Hackley Library's Local History & Genealogy Department holds the largest collection of local newspapers

on microfilm, as well as images of the *Muskegon Chronicle* after its 2019 switch to a digital archive. Since the advent of the digital age and the decline of print reporting, the "rights" to many newspaper archives have been purchased by large news corporations. Today, copyright laws and a costly conversion process prevent us from making most of our microfilm available as digital archives. However, all of our archives - both microfilm and digital - are freely available for onsite research. Our microfilm scanners are easy to operate, and can capture digital images of entire pages of the newspaper at very high resolution. Because the archives have not been fully digitized, a specific date is often required to locate a particular article. We have many finding aids for locating the date of an event, and our helpful Local History & Genealogy team is always available to assist. Stop by Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM, and check out our local history - reported as it happened, in the newspaper!

Stories that appeared in local newspapers highlighting the major events of the time are now valuable sources for historical research, like this 1913 article about the Lakewood area.



There's always something new to learn and do at all of the Lakeshore Museum Center locations! Experience hands-on, interactive exhibits, tours, and programs spanning 400 million years of Michigan's history.

**MUSEUMS MAKE YOU IMAGINE.**

Muskegon Museum of History & Science  
Muskegon Historic Sites  
Muskegon Heritage Museum of Business & Industry

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**FRAUENTHAL CENTER** **Box Office** Monday - Friday 11am - 5:30pm **231-727-8001**

**GOSPEL KICKOFF EVENT FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Get ready for a phenomenal musical performance from both Holy Trinity Praise Team and Kingdom Embassy Praise Team, as we jumpstart the beginning of Black History Month! In addition to enjoying musical talents, we'll witness a Praise Dance and Vignettes on Black History. Registration is preferred, but not required, and opens December 30. This program will be available to enjoy in-person or virtually through Facebook live streaming.



**BLACK HISTORY TRIVIA CONTEST**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2:00-3:00 PM**

Gather a group of friends and family (up to 4 people per team), and test your knowledge on Black History, from past history to current times! Prizes will be awarded to the winning team! Registration for teams will open January 4. If you are interested in watching the contest as a viewer, no registration is needed.

**OPEN MIC POETRY NIGHT**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Embrace an evening of inspiring poetry! Come to share poetry in this fun and casual event, or come just to listen to the sweet sounds of poetry. We're excited to hear your favorite poems, poetry you have written, or examples from African American poetry. Registration is preferred, but not required, and opens January 6. This program will be available to enjoy in-person or virtually through Facebook live streaming.



**SWEET SOUL FOOD DESSERT CONTEST**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2:00-3:00 PM**

Look through your recipes, find your best soul food dessert, and compete in HPL's Sweet Soul Food Dessert contest. Winners will be awarded prizes, and bragging rights! Participants are asked to bring enough for the judges and viewers to taste. If you wish to participate with a dish, please register. Registration opens January 11.



**YOUTH SERVICES QUILT SQUARES BHM CRAFT DAY! AT THE LIBRARY!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Learn a little about the rich history of textile making in Africa and how those roots manifested in African American quilting traditions in a display in the Youth Services Department. Our quilt square take and make is available throughout the month... but wait, what if you could stop in, make your quilt square here and not have to bring it back!? We will bust open the crafting cupboards and have all sorts of supplies available to make your quilt square spectacular!

**BLACK HAIR CARE CLINIC**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Have questions about hair care? Expert Nietra Hood will share tips, tricks, and knowledge on caring for your hair, as well as for a young person's hair. Registration is preferred, but not required, and opens January 27. This program will be available to enjoy in-person or virtually through Facebook live streaming.



**QUILT SQUARES TAKE & MAKE**

**AVAILABLE BEGINNING FEB 1**

Take a quilt square kit home and create your own work of art, but wait, bring it back to the library to become a part of our unity quilt. Take and make kits will be available on February 1. We will be adding to our unity quilt throughout the month of February (final squares needed by February 25) and will have a drawing on February 28 for 3 quilt square prizes!



**SCAVENGER HUNT**

**ONGOING THROUGH FEBRUARY**

Take a journey through the library and locate all the clues! This Black History Month scavenger hunt will be available to enjoy all throughout the month of February! Visit the service desk for details.

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**MAIN LIBRARY HOURS**

*\*Hours are subject to change*

**MONDAY - TUESDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM**

**WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM**

TORRENT HOUSE: TUES-SAT: 10-5PM

## ADULT HACKLEY CRAFTS

All adult Hackley Crafts require registration, and will open one month before each program date.

### TAPE ART

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 5:00-6:30 PM**

Create a new artistic masterpiece using a canvas board, painter's tape, and paint! Registration is required, and opens December 9.

### MAGNETIC CLOTHESPINS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 5:00-6:30 PM**

Decorate clothespins and create artistic magnets for your fridge! Registration is required, and opens January 7.

### FLOWER BOOKMARKS

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 5:00-6:30 PM**

Create personalized bookmarks with flowers and greenery, just in time for spring! Registration is required, and opens February 6.

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

***Hackley Public Library provides programs and services to unify the community, promote creativity, and encourage lifelong learning while preserving our storied past and preparing for an ever-changing future.***

Staff, board members, and volunteers have been working together over the past two years to craft a new guiding statement for the Library. It is important to share what the above statement means to us with the community we are honored to serve.

This statement helps us to define the impact we hope to make by providing programs and services such as lending items and hosting engaging programs and events. It can be difficult to gauge how well we are doing, so your feedback is always welcome and appreciated.

The first part includes "unify the community." We believe that reading and discussion creates opportunities for broadening perspective and connection. Next is "promote creativity," which we do through offering many creative hands-on activities. Increasing creativity engages the mind and facilitates processing and learning. Additionally, creativity promotes empathy, which serves to further strengthen our community. The third part,

"encourage lifelong learning" refers to how we hope to help people in our community discover their passions, make life more interesting, develop opportunities, and enhance their skills.

As we move forward, we here at the Hackley Public Library are aware of how important our past is. By sharing it and storing it, we are taking part in "preserving our storied past." There is so much history in the Library and Torrent House buildings alone. However, the people and resources in the Local History and Genealogy Department are here to help. Learning about our past helps us to gain perspective and learn about what is shaping who we are.

Even with new advancements in sharing of information and learning, the Hackley Public Library will continue to play a vital role in the growth and educational experience of our community by adapting to its changing needs. We will be able to reach this goal if we have a relevant guiding statement.

Joe Zappacosta  
Director, Hackley Public Library



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