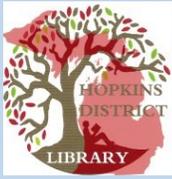


HDL Happenings



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News flash:

- Check out the library's renovations and keep up to date on what we are planning by joining us on Facebook and Pinterest!
- And don't miss out on our programs (we love suggestions!)

Did you know:

- ◆ We have DVDs! And rent them out for \$1/week?
- ◆ We have free ebooks?
- ◆ And e-audio books?
- ◆ We always take book and program requests!
- ◆ We have a Friends of the Library Group that helps us?
- ◆ We offer free computer assistance?
- ◆ We have groups and clubs that meet here and you can join them any time?
- ◆ We want you to come in and check us out!

Historical Makers Faire in Hopkins!



Historic Hopkins Post Card

Help us celebrate the history of our village and of the library! With our 50th year upon us, the Hopkins District Library is assembling the 1st Annual Hopkins Historic Maker Faire! We will have areas for crafters and artisans to sell their creations, free and low cost classes and demonstrations and a 'Choose your own Adventure Hopkins'.

Here's how this works: first figure out where you fit in - are you a crafter/artisan, instructor, learner or a buyer?

Now follow these instructions:

- * **Crafters/Artisans:** I know you are out there! Hopkins has an amazing collection of artists and crafters. Anyone who wants to set up a booth for \$10/space to show off your homemade/handmade items is more than welcome! Get the holiday shopping started!
- * **Instructors:** You make our classes happen! Let me know who you are (email, call or Facebook the library). We are always looking for volunteers and professionals to make this the best Faire we can!
- * **Learners:** Are you ever in the right place! We have 6 free classes scheduled which are limited first come first served and 5 classes requiring payment (pre-registrants are given first priority but you might be able to get in day of the event). To hold your spot, pre-register and pay at the Hopkins Library.
- * **Buyers:** Just show up! Its free to wander around and see what our local crafts people/artisans have for sale and if you are quick enough you can get into one of our limited free classes and move right over to 'Learner'!

Makers Kits ... WHAT!?!?

Making time to be creative is tough these days and we know it! So, the library with the help of a grant from the Allegan County Community Foundation has created a few (to start with) Makers Kits! These are kits you can check out for 3 weeks just like a book (and might have a book in there) or use at the library

with tools for different types of creative endeavors. Current kits include:

- * Fiber Arts (knitting, crochet, felting, pompom making, etc.)
- * Wood Burning
- * Carving
- * Fly Tying
- * Jewelry Making

Planned kits include:

- * Soldering kit with components
- * Rock tumbler
- * Photography backgrounds
- * Cameo Silhouette/Cricut

You will need to sign a release form when you check out a kit.

Make, Create, Learn, Share!

Upcoming Events!

Aug:

12th 7pm Library Board Meeting
20th 7am Book Club @ the Library
27th 6:30pm S'mores and Stories!

Sept:

Aug 30th - Sept 1st Closed
9th 7pm Library Board Meeting
6th 1pm Beer Making IN DORR
15th 6pm Fairy House Building!
17th 7pm Book Club @ the Library
24th 6:30pm S'mores and Stories
25th 7:30pm Wine Making

Oct.:

6th 11am & 6pm Glitter Glue Halloween Masks and Boo Bags
14th 7pm Library Board Meeting
15th 7pm Book Club @ the Library
18th 10am-4pm 1st Annual Hopkins Historic Maker Faire - Classes, demos, talks!
22nd 6-8pm Fused Glass Fun
29th 6:30pm S'mores and Stories (scary-ish)
31st 5-8pm Halloween Candy Checking and more!

Nov.:

1st 11am Holiday Photo (our backdrop, your family = amazing holiday photos)

8th 11am Glass Fused Snow Flakes

11th 7pm Library Board Meeting

15th 11am Holiday Wreaths

19th 7pm Book Club @ the Library

22nd 11am Holiday Signs (canvas, burlap or fan blade... yes, that's no typo)

22nd 10-3pm 3rd Annual Winter Bazaar

27th-29th Closed Happy Thanksgiving

Dec.:

3rd 6-8pm Make your own clay Christmas Ornaments

6th 11am Community Cookie Swap (bring some take some enjoy some!)

10th 6-8pm DIY Christmas Mats

24th - 26th Closed Merry Christmas

31st - Jan 1st Closed Happy New Years

Stay tuned to our Facebook and Pinterest for additional upcoming events! And watch for our Holiday Closures. _

For complete listing of events please check our website or Facebook since classes/events are subject to change!



Don't miss out on our 1st ever Homemade Christmas events November 1, 8, 15, 22 and our 3rd Annual Winter Bazaar to get your Holiday Season kicked off by supporting our local crafts people!

Photo from: <http://thegreenbacksgal.com/how-to-make-glue-for-making-homemade-holiday-gifts/>

Getting Ready for the Holidays...

We are, how about you?

Ok, we lied! But we will be and so will you. Come in November 1st and pose by our fireplace for a family holiday photo. November 8th we are having the West Michigan Glass Arts Center back and you can make your own glass snowflakes! Get your holiday decorations prepped with our Nov. 15th Wreath making or Nov. 22nd and make cute holiday signs (I made an Easter one).

Get started on your Christmas shopping early this year with the 3rd Annual Winter Bazaar (P.S. Crafters, tables are \$10 each. Please sign up early!).

Have a nice family day making a clay ornament on December 3rd. And last but not least in our Holiday extravaganza, do you love to make those cookies, that cake, those candies but don't have enough people to give them to? Well, join our Hopkins Cookie Swap! Bring in a plate of your holiday confections on December 6th and get a plate to bring home of some new (or old) favorites!

Have a wonderful Winter!

Did you know we are always interested in what you want to learn? Let us know! We want to schedule classes and buy materials that you want to use.