

BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

MAY 2022



Bob Clark of Lake Township

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In a joint effort with the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, Bridgman Public Library, and Bridgman Public Schools, we present this community newsletter.

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SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent
Shane M. Peters

On behalf of the Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education and the Bridgman

Public Schools staff, let me start by congratulating the Class of 2022. These 69 graduates of Bridgman High School have had an outstanding and unique

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TOWNSHIP NEWS *Supervisor, John Gast*



'HE WAS LARGER THAN LIFE'

Longtime public servant John Gast dies at 68

A good person who made a lot of friends. A mentor.

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LIBRARY NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director
Dennis Kreps

"Spring into Summer"

This was the theme of our recent Storytelling series;

it is also an apt title for the Library's contribution of this issue of the Buzz; its contents provide a bridge from our Spring activities and encompass our Summer Reading Program

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CITY NEWS FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager
Juan Ganum

The last traces of winter are behind us and the active summer season is fast

approaching. Can you feel the enthusiasm and energy building in Bridgman! There's an unmistakable change in the air after two long years under a shroud

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Monday - Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5
Saturday: 10-4
Sunday: Closed

Director - Dennis Kreps

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activities. This issue contains a wide range of programs and activities, which will --

- Inspire contemplation and reflection
- Provide experiential opportunities for all ages
- Provide a mix of pop-culture-inspired and cross-cultural activities
- Offer intergenerational activities
- Offer opportunities to engage important historical and social topics

In addition, this Buzz issue reflects both new, and familiar activities:

- We will continue to offer early literacy programs throughout the summer
- We are hosting summer-themed movies on Mondays throughout the summer
- BPL is now the first satellite donation drop site for the First Tee program of Benton Harbor
- We will be offering more in-person programs and activities

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is Oceans of Possibilities; many programs and activities will reflect that theme:

- Summer Reading challenges
- Take & Make projects
- Special programs and activities for all ages

In the meantime --

- Look for promotional giveaways for new library card sign-ups
- We are adding more WIFI hotspots to the collection
- Visit us at the Bridgman Open-Air Market

Please remember -- we want to hear from you!

- Sign up for our email news list from the Library website
- 'Like' and 'Follow' us through our Facebook and Instagram sites

We look forward to seeing you indoors and outdoors, at the Library and out in the community. We sincerely thank you, our communities, for your ongoing support and continued participation and engagement of our programs and services.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kreps, Director



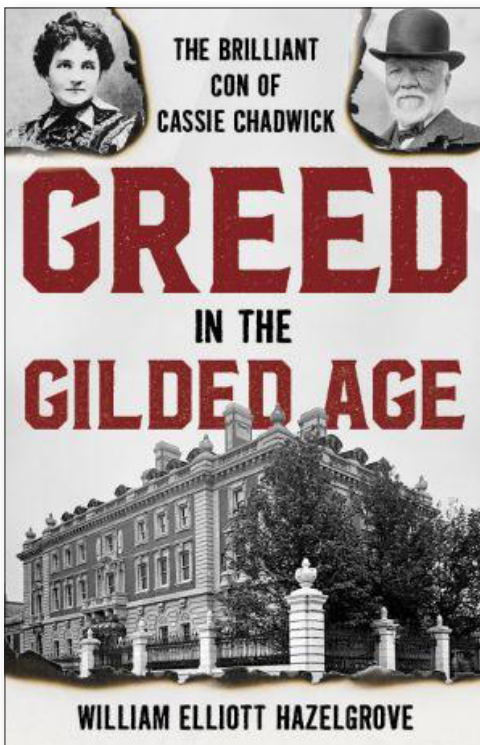
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ADULT PROGRAMS

GREED IN THE GILDED AGE

*Presented by author,
William Hazelgrove*



May 24, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

This Gatsby-like tale includes mystery, money, sex, and scandal. 'Millionaire' was a new term in America and Cassie Chadwick was front page news. Using these newspaper articles, Hazelgrove tells the story of one of the greatest cons in American history.

THE GROUNDBREAKING: AN AMERICAN CITY AND ITS SEARCH FOR JUSTICE

Presented by author, Scott Ellsworth

June 7, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Over the course of 24 hours in the spring of 1921, Tulsa's infamous *Black Wall Street* was wiped off the map—and erased from the history books. This long-suppressed story of the Tulsa race massacre unearths the lost history of how the massacre was covered up and of the courageous individuals who fought to keep the story alive.

ADULT SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

June 13 – July 23

Sign up and complete the challenge by reading five books (printed and/or audio) checked out from the library to receive a BPL water bottle.

WRITING FOR BLISS WORKSHOP

*Presented by author, Diana Raab,
PhD.*

June 28, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

This workshop includes a seven-step plan for telling your story and trans-

forming your life. By experimenting with different forms of storytelling, such as prose and poetry, you will be led down a path of self-discovery.

SUMMER SALADS

Presented by Mary Spencer

July 12, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Tune in as Culinary Instructor Mary Spencer teaches us how to make some delicious summer salads. Recipes will be provided to participants.

LOST ON THE LAKES

Presented by Bob Myers

August 2, 6:00 p.m.

In-person at the library

Bob Myers from the Historical Society of Michigan will talk about a selection of ships that sank off the Berrien County coast during the 19th and early 20th centuries. These ships fell victim to storms, fire, overloading, and collisions. Some of these wreck sites are popular places for exploration by sport divers, but others remain unknown.

DIY (DO-IT-YOURSELF) OBITUARIES

Presented by Larken Bradley

August 30, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Don't leave it to chance what is written about you after you depart this

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earth. Write your own obituary and pen a lively send-off! Larken Bradley offers an upbeat approach to a grave undertaking.

ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS

KNIT N YARN

**Every Monday, 1:00 p.m. &
3rd Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. - May 17,
June 21, July 19, August 16**

The Knit N Yarn group recently celebrated its 15-year anniversary – here's to many more years, ladies! The past few months we have worked on knitting sweaters for baby goats. Please join us to learn to knit or crochet, share your latest project, or get help with a yarning problem.

ZOOM YOGA

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

This FREE virtual yoga class is suitable for beginning to intermediate students and is led by certified Yin Yoga instructor, Cheryl Meadors.

2ND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

5:30 p.m.

Rick Fuller leads this group in-person at the library, or you may participate via Zoom from the comfort of your own home. Books can be checked out up to one month in advance of the meeting date.

May 11 *There Are No Children Here* - Alex Kotlowitz

June 8 *The World According to Fannie Davis* - Bridgett Davis

July 13 *George Washington's Secret Six* - Brian Kilmeade

August 10 *The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman* - Nancy Marie Brown

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

STORYWALK® AT THE PRESERVES

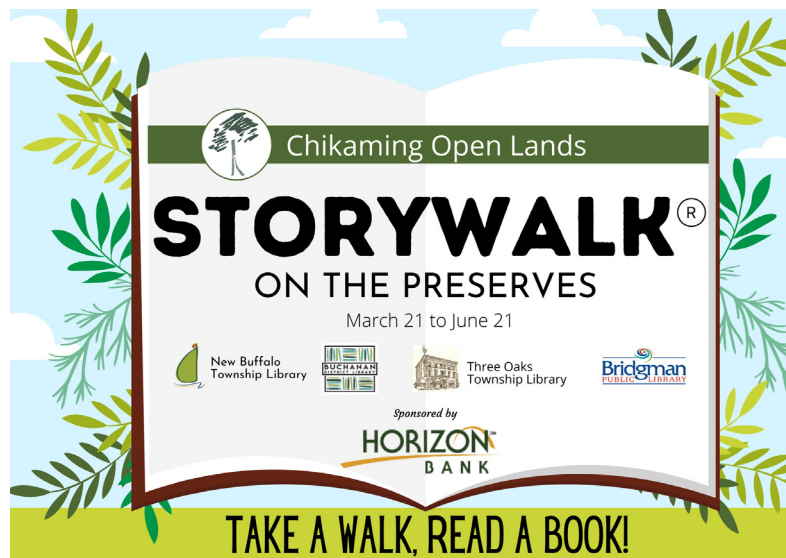
Now – June 21

Take a walk and read a book. Find family-friendly story books at four Chikaming Open Land Preserves, brought to you by your local libraries. Learn more at: chikamingopenlands.org.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

June 20, 10:30 a.m.

Commemorate Juneteenth at our outdoor flag ceremony. Sign up online starting May 20 to participate in the color guard, lead the Pledge, or read a poem.



HOW DOES THE STORYWALK® WORK?

A StoryWalk® is a way for people to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time! Book pages have been separately laminated and attached to stakes along the preserve path. As you walk down the train you are directed to the next page of the story!



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

PERSONAL PIÑATA PROJECT

May 18, Part 1 of 2

May 25, Part 2 of 2

Drop in between

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Part 1. Construct a tiny piñata for decoration or smashing. Part 2. Decorate your blank piñata. Will you make a pineapple, a lightbulb or something else? Grades 5 - 12.



OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMS

June 13 - July 23

Ages 2 - 18

Six weeks of reading and summer-time fun! Keep your brain sharp and explore the ocean and all things water-related. Movie Mondays are back at a new time! Plus, in-person programs, take & make projects, and try out our new reading tracking app, ReadSquared! More details on the library website.

READING CHALLENGE

June 13 - July 23



Registration opens June 1 at bridgmanpl.readsquared.com or in the ReadSquared app. Track the number

of minutes read to earn prizes and entries into the grand prize drawings. Age 2 - Grade 12.

ROCK & ROLL BEACH PARTY

June 13, 1:00 p.m.

Kick off summer by rocking out to classic music with our live musician! Ages 3 - 11.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Pick up your book: June 13 - 17

Book discussion: July 20, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

You will have one month to read one of two titles. Then we'll get together for pizza and talk about the books. Grades 7 - 10.

SURVIVAL ISLAND ESCAPE ROOM

June 17, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sign up begins online June 1. Can you work together to survive and send a rescue message? Pick a convenient time slot for you and your friends. Grades 6 - 12.



MICHAEL ALBERT POP ART EXPERIENCE

June 24, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Toth Street Park

Sign up begins online May 20. Meet collage artist Michael Albert and join us for a hands-on workshop where you can create your very own collage! Please bring an empty cereal box with you. Learn more at michaelalbert.com. Grades 3 - 12. Parents are welcome too.

BUBBLE DAY

June 30, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Plan to get wet at the intersection of science, water and fun! Meet in the library's south parking lot. Ages 4 - 10. Volunteers needed; 8th grade - adult.

LAND ART PHOTO CHALLENGE

July 1 - 9

Find a natural area like the beach or park; arrange natural materials (rocks, leaves, etc.) in patterns, circles, spirals or any way you choose; take some photos. Sign up online



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and share your pictures for a prize!
Ages 11 - 18.

ENCANTO WATCH PARTY

July 6, 2:30 p.m.

Join the library for a musical afternoon as you sing and dance along with the movie. Costumes welcome. All ages.

CHALK THE WALK

July 8, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Decorate the sidewalks around the library. You bring the creativity - we'll provide the chalk. All ages.

CRICHTLOW ALLIGATOR SANCTUARY

July 14, 10:30 a.m.

Sign up begins online June 24. Meet live alligators and learn about their habits and habitat. Age 5 and up (no exceptions, per presenter).

MOVIE MONDAYS

All movies begin at 2:30 p.m.

June 20 - *Oceans* (Documentary, Rated G)

June 27 - *Princess Bride* (Rated PG)

July 11 - *Dolphin Tale* (Rated PG)

July 18 - *Sing 2* (Rated PG)

July 25 - *Surf's Up* (Rated PG)

August 1 - *In the Heights* (Rated PG-13)

August 8 - *Luca* (Rated PG)

August 15 - *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* (Rated PG)

TAKE & MAKE PROJECT KITS

June 27 - July 1

Flying Fish. Age 8 and up.

July 11 - 16

Sea Life Quilling Papercraft Project. Age 12 and up.

July 18 - 23

Shark Lady Suncatcher. Age 6 and up.

July 25 - 30

Fish Tangram. Ages 3 - 7.

ONGOING YOUTH PROGRAMS

EARLY LITERACY CLASSES

Every Tuesday thru July 26.

Classes will resume in September.

Toddler and Me (ages 2 - 5)

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Story Hour (ages 2 - 5)

10:30 a.m.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

2nd & 4th Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

May 13 & 27, Jun 10 & 24, Jul 8 & 22, Aug 12 & 26

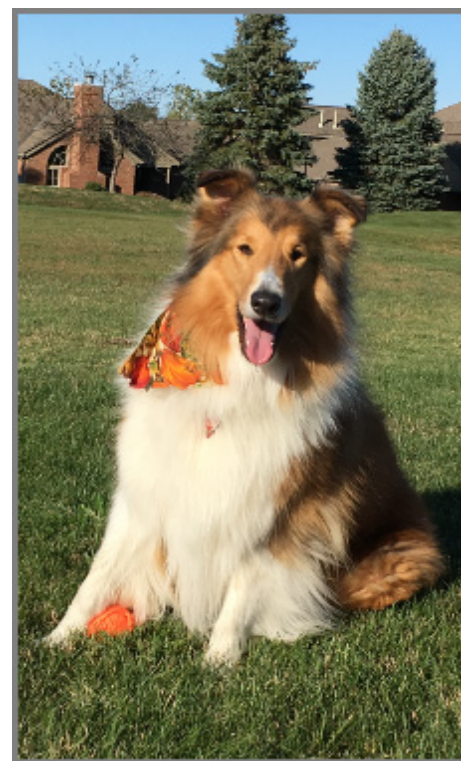
Fun, educational, hands-on learning. Explore process-based art, sensory play, and STEAM activities as you rotate through different stations. Ages 2 - 5.

PAWSITIVE READING

2nd Tuesday of the month

May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9

Elementary school children can practice their literacy skills by reading to Zuzu, the licensed therapy dog. Please call the library to reserve a 15-minute time slot.



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COLORS OF CANCER COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

July 7 - October 31

Join us as we create a visual representation of how cancer has impacted our community. The Colors of Cancer Wreath will be made with strips of cloth in colors that represent different types of cancer. Stop by and tie on a piece of cloth for yourself or someone else who has fought this disease. The completed wreath will be given to the Berrien County Cancer Service.

DISPLAY CASE

The library has plenty of openings for our display case for the year 2022. If you would like to showcase a hobby or collection, please contact Deb at 269-465-3663 or deb@bridgmanlibrary.com.



FIRST TEE DROP OFF SITE

Own golf clubs you never use? Drop them off at the library and we will donate them to the First Tee of Benton Harbor - a youth development program that enables kids to build character and leadership skills through the game of golf.



WIFI - FREE all day, every day

Access the internet inside the library, as well as outside on library grounds. Sign-on to: BPL Public Wi-Fi. No password required.

LIBRARY EMAIL NEWS

Stay in-the-know! Sign up to receive library emails on all of our upcoming programs and events. Go to bridgmanlibrary.com to register.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Can't remember when Story Hour begins? Need a Zoom link for the Book Group meeting?

Go to the library website and click the Community Calendar button at the top right of the homepage - you'll find all of our program details in one handy place!

