



Check It Out!

The Newsletter for the Vicksburg District Library

News and Notes

Open Sundays!

The Library is open Sundays from 1-5pm

Thursday February 2
5pm Fancy Nancy Cupcake Party

Thursday February 16
6pm Library Board Meeting

Monday February 27
6pm Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman

Vicksburg District Library
is now on

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How has the library helped you?

We are looking for stories of how the library's staff and/or resources such as computers and internet access has been a benefit to you or made your day brighter.

Call and ask for Diane to share your story today!
649-1648

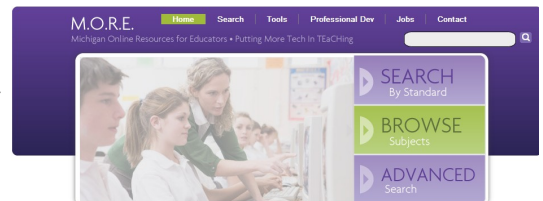
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Did you know the Michigan eLibrary at <http://www.mel.org> offers so much more than connecting you to books from all over the state? MeL also offers a huge variety of FREE guides, tools, resources and databases to satisfy a wide range of interests and needs!

Attention Parents & Educators!

Let MeL do M.O.R.E for you! Whether your child is learning about Africa, needs help with fractions, understanding the life-cycle, or the works of Shakespeare, the Michigan Online Resource for Educators (M.O.R.E.) provides resources and guides for your curriculum needs for grades K-12!



M.O.R.E offers lesson plans and curriculum aids that are searchable by subject or state standard. Take advantage of helpful tools such as their Resource Locker, Lesson Plan Builder, Collaboration Center, and Thinkfinity Community. There are also professional development resources available to advance your training as an educator. Sign up is free to access a calendar of training events and to keep in touch and network with peers and colleagues for collaboration and idea exchange.



What Else Can MeL Do For You?

Check this column each month to learn about a new resource available to you... all you need is your library card!

Special Events for February

Fancy Nancy Cupcake Party

5pm Thur. February 2nd



Girls and Boys of all ages are invited to come dressed in their fanciest finery for a special Fancy Nancy story time. After, decorate cupcakes by "accessorizing" them with yummy

extras to make them fabulously delicious! Cupcakes and accessories will be provided.

Experience the Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman

6pm Mon. February 27th

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating February as Black History Month with Storyteller Miz Rosie. As Harriet Tubman, she will share exciting tales of the underground railroad system. Refreshments provided.



To sign up, visit or call the library at 649-1648
or email Jessica at jenget@vicksburglibrary.org

It's story TIME @your library™

Get cozy during story times! Learn rhymes, songs, and finger plays to share together at home and discover new favorite stories.

Toddler Time

Age 19 mo. - 3 yrs
Mondays 10:15am-11am
February 13, 20, 27
March 12, 19, 26

Baby Time

Infants to 19 mo.
Tuesdays 10:15am-10:45pm
February 14, 21, 28
March 13, 20, 27

Library Lions

Age 3-5 yrs
Wednesdays 2-3pm
February 15, 22, 29
March 14, 21, 28

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Wii Gamers: DDR Tournament

February 9

Hope you polished your DDR skills! Bring them for the game and show us you've got what it takes to win prizes!

Thursdays 4-5pm

Lego Maniacs

February 23

Build, Lego Maniacs, build! We'll take pictures of our creations to post online!



Mission: Lorax!



Tweens: VDL is on a mission to help save an endangered animal. To successfully complete this mission, please bring soda cans and bottles for our recycling fundraiser. Proceeds will sponsor an animal of the Tween's choosing through World Wildlife. Please drop off bagged recyclables at Ms. Jessica's desk.

DEADLINE: February 29th

ATTENTION TWEENS AND TEENS!



Mardi Gras Masks!

Pt. 1: Thu. February 16 4-5pm

Pt. 2: Tue. February 21 3:30-5pm

Teens and Tweens are invited to come to this 2-day festive craft event! Prepare for one of the biggest festivals of the year by creating and decorating your own Mardi Gras mask! Team up with a partner on **Thursday** to mold a custom mask from plaster, then come back on Mardi Gras **Tuesday** to paint, decorate, and celebrate! We'll enjoy yummy Cajun food, play games and give away prizes!

Earn Free Apple Knockers

The library gives away **free** tokens to Apple Knockers Ice Cream Parlor! For each Tween/Teen event you attend, receive a token! Bring a friend who's new and receive a bonus token! Tokens do not expire and are good for \$1 off any item at Apple Knockers.



teens



Tuesdays 3-5pm

T.A.B.—Teen Advisory Board

Thursday February 16

TAB members plan library events, select books, music and movies for our library, and more! For an application, call John at 649-1648 or email jszilagyi@vicksburglibrary.org.

Tech 4 Teens: Videos

February 7

Did the Super Bowl commercials not live up to your expectations? Make your own! We'll create short videos and learn how to use video editing software.

X-Box Gamers

February 14

Come show off your game skills when the library hooks up with the Xbox!

Card Day

February 28

Members of the Teen Advisory Board will teach us their favorite card games. Bring ideas to share about your own favorite games!



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Adult Programming



2012 Adult Winter Reading Program
Ongoing through March 31st

There's still plenty of time to sign up! Travel the world without leaving the comfort of your home with this year's theme: "Novel Destinations!" Books, movies, eBooks and audio books are all counted! Turn in your circulation receipts to keep a record of items read, listened to, or viewed to collect your prizes. At 10 just items, you'll earn a Vicksburg District Library Book Bag! There are more prizes to be won! Find out more at the circulation desk!

Bridge

Every Tuesday 9:30am-Noon.

Book Discussion Group

Thu. February 2, 9-10 am



Sip gourmet coffee and snack on fresh baked treats while discussing great books with good company! Join us in front of the fireplace to share vicarious race track experiences from books by Dick Francis in February.

Ladies Library Auxiliary

Recessed during February.



OverDrive Ebook Tip: Tired of scrolling through pages and pages of unavailable titles on OverDrive? Try the **Advanced Search** on the top menu! Select your format (Kindle Book, Adobe EPub, Audiobook, etc), then click to check the box at the bottom to "Only show titles with copies available" before clicking the button to search!

Free Tax Help and Resources

Free Basic Tax Preparation

Free tax preparation is offered from January to April throughout Kalamazoo County for individuals and families with a yearly household income under \$49,000. At KPL, IRS-certified volunteers from VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) prepare taxes by appointment only. Call 2-1-1 or 381-HELP (4357) for more information. This tax preparation service is sponsored by the Kalamazoo County Tax Counseling Initiative.



Free Tax Forms

Not only does the library provide free copies of Federal and State tax forms and instruction booklets, but you can access any and all forms to print out and file your individual, joint, or business taxes online.

For Federal tax forms, go to:
<http://www.irs.gov>

For Michigan state tax forms, go to:
<http://www.michigan.gov/taxes/>

Ebooks for Nook & Kindle Workshop

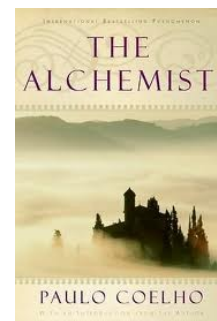
Mon. February 6, 10am

Do you have questions about your new Nook, Kindle or other e-reader? This is the workshop for you! If you can't attend, one-on-one appointments for assistance are available. Sign up today!

Evening Book Club

Tue. February 21, 7-8pm

Looking for a book group to better suite your working schedule? Sign up for our evening book club to join others in the enjoyment of great reads and authors. Our read for February's meeting is *The Alchemist* by Paul Coelho.



Knit Wits

Thu. February 16, 9-10 am

All needle-crafters, beginners to experts, are welcome to join us by the fireplace at the library for our knitting group.



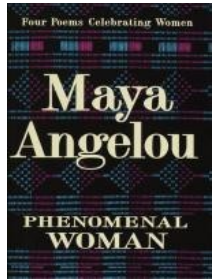
Quilters

Mon. February 27, 7-8 pm

Sat. March 3, 10-4:30 pm

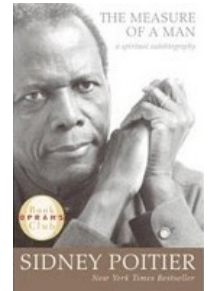
SERVICES

Book Club in a Bag



For those of you who love books and enjoy discussing them, the Library offers "Book Club in a Bag." The bag contains everything you need to start a book group or liven up a current book club.

We currently offer over 20 titles and new selections are being continually added to the program. Check back each month to keep up with what's new! Call or visit to request and reserve yours today!



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Enjoy eBooks!

Did you receive a new eReader device for Christmas, such as a Kindle, Nook, Android, Smart-phone or iPhone? If so, stop by the library and we'll help you get set up to start enjoying the convenience of eBooks and digital audiobooks through our OverDrive service!

You can search for books through our library catalog or at <http://smdl.lib.overdrive.com/> Have your library card in hand to check out and download your selections! If you need assistance, visit or call the library at 649-1648.



We're on the Web!
www.vicksburglibrary.org

Go Green and Support Your Library, Too

Many empty inkjet cartridges can be refurbished and refilled by manufacturers to be resold to consumers at a reduced price. Recycling keeps cartridges out of landfills through re-use!

tridge recycling. Not only will you be helping the planet, you'll also support your library! Our library can earn up to \$4.00 for each empty inkjet cartridge recycled.

If you have a Dell, Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard (HP), Mac/Apple, or other inkjet printer, your used cartridges can still be useful! Drop them off today!



The Vicksburg District Library now has a large drop box for ink car-



Check Us Out Online

Be sure to check out the Vicksburg District Library's website at <http://www.vicksburglibrary.org> for more information about services, programs and more!

events calendar and catch up on news and goings-on. You can also connect to our catalog from home and request a book to be held for you.

forms and guides, and a direct connection to MeLCat and free databases.

From our website, you can download the latest copy of our newsletter, check our

We've also put together a list of helpful links for local community information and resources, federal and state tax

We are continually working to improve our site. Stop by and explore today!



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