

# GARY BYKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

November/December 2016

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### KIDS' VOTE



Kids, ages 6 through 12, vote for your favorite past president, November 1st through 8th at the library. Ballots will be at the front desk (*only one vote a person.*) All voters will get a candy bar. One lucky voter will get a \$20 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.



### LEGO BUILDERS CHALLENGE

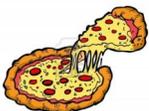
On the first Saturday of the month (*November 5th and December 3rd*), from 10:30 to 11:15 am, we will have a Lego building challenge. If you are in 2nd to 6th grade, bring a gallon size bag of your own Legos. A theme will be announced and you will have 30 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Build on!

### MOVE TO THE MUSIC



This weekly class will be offered Monday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45, November 21 & 28, December 12 & 19, and January 9 & 16. This is a free, walk-in program and registration is not necessary. This class gives kids ages 2 to 5 an opportunity to "dance" and sing. Parents are required to stay and dance along. We will listen to music, use some instruments and scarves, and just have fun!

### PIZZA AND PAGES



This monthly book club for 3rd through 5th graders will be held on Thursday, November 3rd and Thursday, December 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. We will eat pizza while we play word games, discuss the books we've read, and win some prizes. This club is free but please register so we can order the right amount of pizza.

## HOLIDAY STORY TIME



There will be a special Holiday story time for children ages 3 1/2 to 6 years old on Monday, December 5th from 11:15 am to 12:00 p.m. We will read holiday stories, play games, make a craft and have a snack. No fee, but please register beginning Monday, November 21st.

## HOLIDAY WEE WIGGLERS

There will also be a special Holiday story time for tots ages 18 months to 3 1/2 years old accompanied by an adult lap on Monday, December 5th, Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 8th from 10:15 to 11:00 am. We will read Santa stories, play games, make a craft and have a snack. No fee, but please register beginning Monday, November 21st.



## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

On Saturday, December 10th between 10:30 am and noon, join us in the Children's Program Room to make some holiday crafts. There will be Christmas cookies and juice. There is no sign-up or fee. Recommended for children ages 3 to 10 (*little ones with parents please.*)



The library is proud to be a Toys for Tots donation drop-off location! You may bring in toys from the middle of November until Dec. 17th.

## WINTER STORY TIME

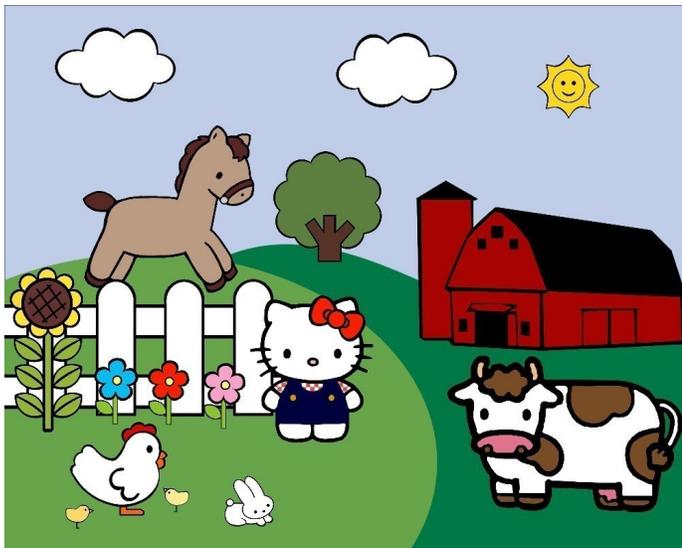


The winter story time will be **On the Farm**: stories about horses, cows, pigs and more. This story time is for children, ages 3 1/2 to 5, who can attend on their "own". Registration is

required and begins Monday, January 9th. The session will run for eight weeks beginning January 23rd. This 45 minute class will be offered Mondays from 11:15 am to noon. There will be songs, stories, and simple crafts. Parents are asked to help during craft time. *There is a \$10.00 for non-residents.*

**The Wee Wigglers** will also be doing **On the Farm**. (*Registration, fees and starting date are as above.*)

This eight week program for toddlers, ages 18 months to 3 1/2 years, accompanied by an adult lap is offered either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:00 am. The first 20 minutes are for stories, songs and finger plays and the last 25 minutes are for snacks, a craft, and playtime. This also allows parents a time to chat.



## Mini Golf in the Library!



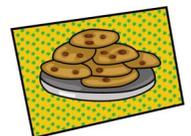
### MINI-GOLF FUND RAISER AT THE LIBRARY

On February 3, 4 and 6th we will have a mini-golf course set up in our basement. This is for children, teens and their families. All money from the entrance fees go towards buying materials for our library. Look for more details coming in January.



## Upcoming Events

### Valentine Crafts

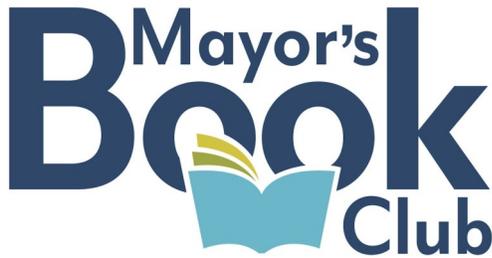


### Cookies and Coloring





This is a free program for Hudsonville Library card holders and story time participants. This program encourages parents to read 1000 books with their children before they enter school—a goal to help them learn to read for themselves. Your child will receive a small prize for every 250 books read to them (*rubber ducky, board book, & picture book*) and when they finish, their name will be written on our rainbow wall. This club doesn't end until your child's first day of kindergarten, so enjoy the time you spend with your child reading.



**Mayors Book Club:** The city of Hudsonville is proud to announce the fourth Mayor's Book Club for children ages 4 to 7. This program is designed to encourage a love of reading in our children. Read a book a month, along with the Mayor. **Here is how it works:** Each participant will get a list of the 12 books either at the library or downloaded from the library website ([www.hudsonville.org/library](http://www.hudsonville.org/library)). Every time the child reads (or is read) any of the titles, they can come into the library and get that title stamped. Children who read all 12 of the books will receive a book, reading certificate and special coupon. Deadline is December 31st.



## Magazines for Kids

(Can be checked out at our library.)



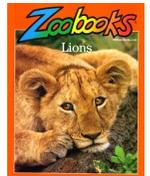
**Babybug** (*Babies/Toddlers*): With softly rounded edges and study pages, this magazine offers stories, poems and facts. A free app is available for download.



**Little Kids National Geographic** (*3-6 year olds*): Winner of the 2015 Parents' Choice Gold Award, this bold and glossy magazine brings animals, nature, science, and fun to the littlest of learners.



**Lego Club Magazine** (*5-9 year olds*): This magazine has many features such as special offers, comics, games, contests, modeling tips, and more.



**Zoobooks** (*6-12 year olds*): Each issue covers a different animal with pictures, different species of that animal, educational diagrams, and facts.



**Michigan History for Kids** (*8-12 year olds*): Using both print and digital platforms each issue brings to life a different part of our state's past and features stories about the diverse people, places, and events that have impacted Michigan over time.

**National Geographic Kids** (*8-12 year olds*): This magazine inspires young adventurers to explore the world through award-winning magazines, books, apps, games, toys, videos, events, and a website, and is the only kids brand with a world-class scientific organization at its core.



**Sports Illustrated for Kids** (*8-14 year olds*): This an excellent magazine for younger sports fans. In each issue you get collectible cards, the "Buzz Beamer" comic, trivia challenges and great sports articles that are not "dumbed" down.

# VETERANS DAY

## Who is a veteran?

Veterans are people who served in the military (*Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard*) in times of war and peace.

## What is Veterans Day about?

Great Britain, France and other countries celebrate November 11th as Armistice (*truce*) Day to commemorate the end of World War I on November 11, 1918.

## *The history of Veterans Day in the United States:*

1919—President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as Armistice Day to remind Americans of the tragedies of war.

1938— The day becomes a federal holiday

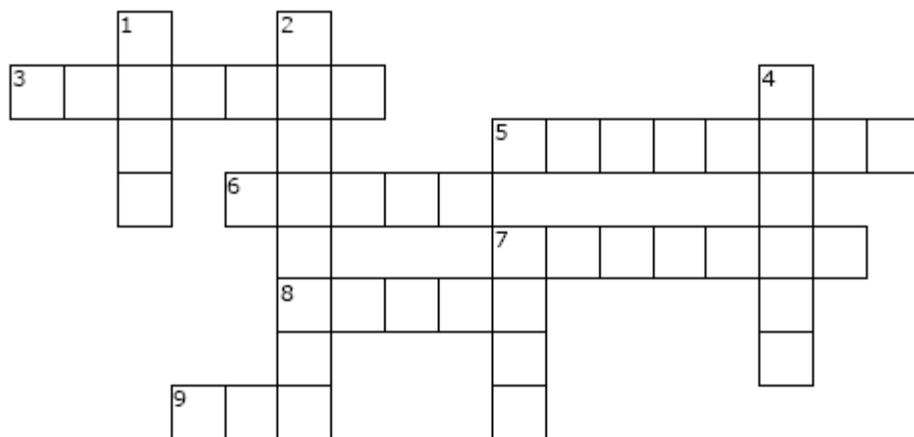
1954—Congress changes the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all United States veterans.

Today the United States honors the courage and patriotism of all the men and women who have served in the United States military on Veterans Day.



# Veterans & Remembrance Day

"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." - Douglas MacArthur



## ACROSS

3. Someone who fights when there is a war
5. Relating to the armed forces
6. A period free from war or violence
7. A day for celebration when many people stay home from work or school
8. To show no fear in times of danger
9. Fighting between two or more countries

## DOWN

1. A piece of cloth with a special color and pattern used to represent a country
2. To keep something or someone in your memory
4. a large number of people marching, walking, or riding in vehicles, usually as part of a celebration
7. A person who performs bravely in battle

peace	holiday	hero	brave	flag
military	parade	soldier	remember	war

## Veterans Day Picture Books

For nearly a century, our country has been honoring United States veterans on November 11. As this annual day of observance rolls around this time of year, some children may wonder why they have no school, or why mom or dad has the day off from work. These picture books are a great opportunity to share why we observe Veterans Day: A day on which we celebrate our American veterans and their patriotism, their willingness to serve, the sacrifices they have made, and their love of our country.

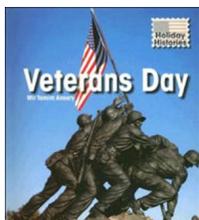
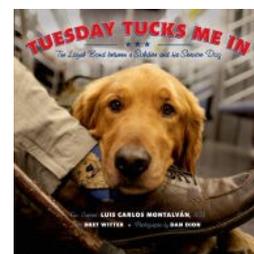


### **The Poppy Lady**, by Barbara Walsh

Based on a true story, this picture book follows Moina Belle Michael, a schoolteacher from Georgia who was determined to find a way to honor and remember soldiers. Moina set out to make the poppy a symbol of remembrance; her determination paid off and today, the poppy is a familiar symbol of Veterans Day. With detailed drawings and information on the period surrounding world War I, this book is a powerful way to share with your child what it means to serve your country. Once you have read this book together, your little one will be spotting red poppies everywhere you go .

### **Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond Between a Soldier and His Service Dog**, by Luis Carlos Montalvan and Bret Witter, photographs by Dan Dion

When a service member returns home from war, they sometimes suffer from injuries to their body, their mind, and their spirit. This story is about a service dog by the name of Tuesday who helps a veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Based on a true story and told through the eyes of Tuesday, this picture book helps children understand the true day to day life of a returning veteran. The adorable pictures of Tuesday will be sure to please your child, while also providing an example of how service dogs can help veterans.

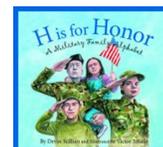


### **Veterans Day**, by Mir Tamim Ansary

What happens on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month of the year? This book will dive into the chronicle of Veterans Day with great detail. Perfect for little history buffs and parents who may need a refresher when your kids start asking you questions. Together you will find greater understanding of this important public holiday and why this day might just have special meaning for you and your family.

### **H is for Honor**, by Devin Scillian

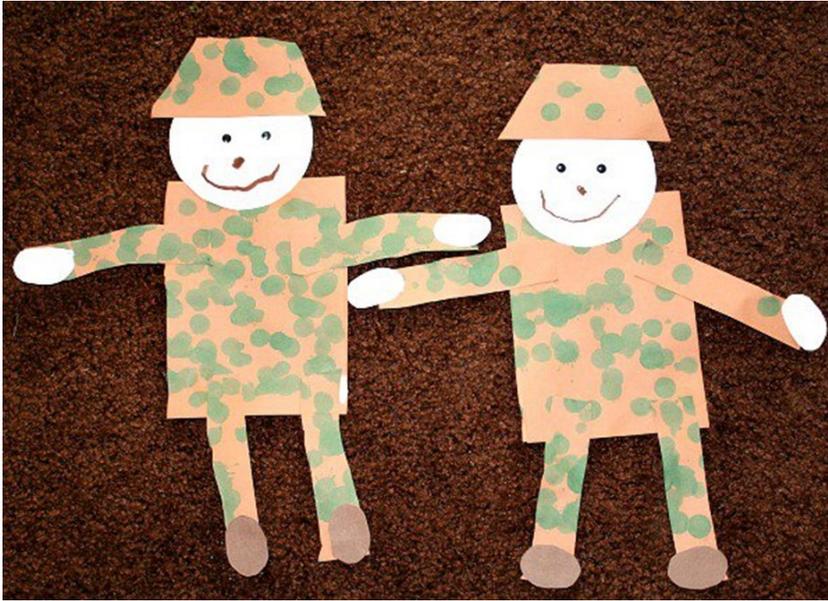
This alphabet picture book delves into everything military—from history, to the meaning of ranks and divisions, to what it is like to be a military child. Navy Seals, Green Berets, and Army Rangers are written about in more detail, and pictures reveal what life on base is really like. Together, you and your child will discover the meaning of patriotism and have an opportunity to discuss courage and commitment. After this book, your little one may be interested in sending off a letter care package to a soldier overseas.



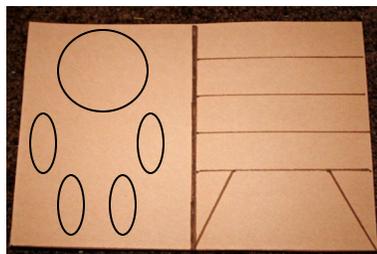
### **Rags: Hero Dog of WWI**, by Margot Theis Raven

Not all veterans of war are human, and this true story shows us how canines have been used as soldiers of war since World War I. Found on the streets of Paris by Private James Donovan, Rags was brought back to base and put to work. He learned to help clear trenches, deliver messages, and even salute! The muted illustrations show the dark time of war, but spare the reader from grim details. Dog lovers will enjoy learning about this furry war veteran and the capacity of one dog to be loyal to a country, as well as to the soldier who took him in.

# Veterans Day Craft



**Materials:** brown construction paper, pencil, ruler. Bingo or [Do-A-Dot markers](#), crayons or markers



## Directions:

Beforehand, cut a 9 x 12 inch piece of brown construction paper in half. Draw lines as shown below on one half of the paper so that the kids would only to cut a few lines to make their veterans.

Also cut out one large circle for the head, two small ovals for the hands, and two small ovals for the boots.

Many kids love dot painting so it's a great way to make the camouflage for the veteran craft. You can use bingo dotters from the Dollar Tree, but [Do-A-Dot markers](#) would be an excellent choice. They tend not to splatter.



Once the paint dries, turn over the paper and have the kids begin cutting. After cutting along the lines the kids end up with one large rectangle, four small rectangles, one trapezoid, and two small triangles. *(The two small triangles can be recycled)*. This works very well, and didn't result in a lot of waste. Then the kids glued the pieces on and added facial features to finish up the veterans.

# Holiday Games

## Melting Snowman Word Game



**Materials:** White board or chalk board, marker, eraser

**Directions:** This game is similar to Hangman. Draw two identical snowmen on the board, each with 10-12 parts, like two or three circles for the body, arms, buttons, eyes, nose, mouth, etc. Divide into two teams. Guess a letter, if correct guess again, when incorrect give a guess to the other team. When one team guesses the word, they erase one part of the other team's snowman. Play until one snowman has disappeared, or melted. If you start at the top, it would look more like melting, but that is not necessary.

**Possible Word List:** Angel, Bell, Bow, Candle, Candy Cane, Chestnuts, Chimney, Christmas Eve, December, Elf, Fireplace, Gift, Gingerbread, Lights, Mistletoe, Ornament, North Pole, Present, Reindeer, Rudolph, Santa Claus, Sled, Sleigh, Star, Stocking, Tree, Trimming, Wreath

## Christmas Art Game

**Materials:** sturdy paper plates and pens

**Directions:** The leader tells the players to put their paper plate on their head. Then the leader will give a series of instructions for the players to draw on their paper plates (that are on their heads) without looking.

Here are the instructions:

1. Draw a line for a floor.
2. Draw a Christmas Tree. Add decorations if you feel so inclined.
3. Draw a star on top of your tree.
4. Draw a fireplace with a mantel next to the tree.
5. Draw a stocking hanging from the mantel of your fireplace.
6. Draw a present below the tree.



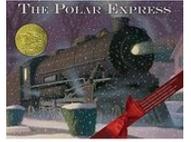
After the six steps have been given, let everyone look at their plates. Then have players count up how many points they received by following this rubric:

1. 2 points if the tree touches the floor.
2. 2 points if your stocking is touching your mantel.
3. 1 point if your star touches your tree.
4. 1 point if your star is above your tree.
5. 1 point for every Christmas ornament ball that is ON your tree, etc.
6. 1 point if your fireplace doesn't touch the tree (it's a fire hazard!).
7. 1 point if you actually drew something decorative on your stocking (or something cute, like a tiny kitten peeking out).
8. 2 points if your present is under your tree.

# Ten Great Christmas Picture Books

**The Mitten** by Jan Brett: When a little red mitten suddenly appears in the forest, all the animals aren't quite sure what it is. They do realize that it's rather cozy inside the mitten, so one by one, they crawl inside. The mitten keeps on stretching to include more animals—even a bear! How many of them will be able to fit in there?

**The Polar Express** by Christ Van Allsburg: A book that quickly became a classic (*and then a movie*), it's the story of one boy whose name we never learn as he steps onto a magical train that heads straight to the North Pole. It is there he meets Santa Claus himself and learns what it really means to believe.



**A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree** by Colleen and Michael Monroe: A small evergreen tree stands alone in the forest, wishing to be a beautifully decorated tree for the festive holiday season. Each animal tells the tree how special it is to them, and after they decorate it with things from the forest, it realizes that not being chosen may be the best thing after all.

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas** by Dr. Seuss: Everyone in Whoville celebrates the holiday season with joy and happiness, toys and feasting except the Grinch. His heart happens to be two sizes too small, and he's less than excited about the coming festival. So what does he do? On the eve of the big day, he dresses as Santa and steals Christmas! Or does he?



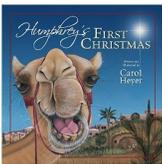
**Dream Snow** by Eric Carle: A farmer works hard all day, caring for his animals and then goes home to relax. One night he dreams about everything being covered in snow, and when he wakes up he finds that his dream has come true.

**Bear Stays Up for Christmas** by Karma Wilson: Bear snoozes all through winter, but the other animals of the forest want Bear to experience the joy of the holiday season. So they wake him up! For the first time, Bear stays awake and gets to bake sweets, hang stockings, and enjoy the company of all his friends. When everyone else finally falls asleep, Bear plans a special surprise of his own.

**Santa Claus** by Rod Green: Christmas children's books can remind kids that Santa knows when you are sleeping and when you are awake. But few actually know what goes on in his workshop and how his reindeer are taken care of. Learn "everything" about Santa Claus, from his massive mail room to how his sleigh works. The illustrations are amazing.

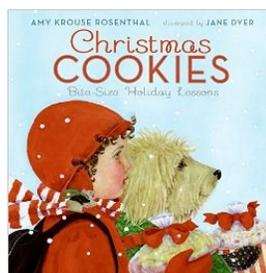


**Olive, the Other Reindeer** by Vivian Walsh: Olive, the dog, is having a good time during the celebrations, but when singing songs about reindeer, she thinks the line "All of the other reindeer" is actually, "Olive the other reindeer!" Convinced she must actually be a reindeer and not a dog, Olive sets out to become a part of Santa's team, with surprising results.



**Humphrey's First Christmas** by Carol Heyer: Who would ever think that children's Christmas books could feature a camel? But indeed they can. And why not? The three wise men rode in on camels as they transported gold, frankincense, and myrrh to baby Jesus. Humphrey is one of those camels, taking his rider to the special manger. See the story through his eyes.

**Christmas Cookies** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal: Each page is a morsel of joy as the author helps to enhance children's vocabulary even as they celebrate the seasons. Every page has a specific word on it with a definition. But the definitions aren't dull and dry. Instead they're filled with reason and real world meaning. For example, "Anticipation means I've been thinking all day about making the cookies." Indeed, that is a perfect definition of anticipation for kids who love cookies! Done in with bright colors and full of holiday cheer, any book with cookies is a hit.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

