

# Bridgman Public Library

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*Mission Statement: Bridgman Public Library enriches our community with resources that educate, inform and inspire.*

## Library Hours

Mon – Thurs.

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday

## January 2010 Library News and Activities

### *Message from the Director, Carol Richardson*

Happy New Year!

It may be cold and snowy outside, but inside we are cooking up new programs and adding new materials to the library collection. Be sure to check out the NEW items. Have you 'listened' to a book lately? You might want to try a Playaway – a small pre-recorded player that contains the unabridged version of a book. Looking to travel to Ireland this winter? Check out our non-fiction travel collection. There is a comfy spot by the fireplace to read a magazine or the newspaper while enjoying a cup of gourmet coffee or tea.

Thanks to a grant awarded to the library from the Virginia and Harvey Kimmel Arts Education Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation, students in all four schools will enjoy a taste of the arts this winter. Students from Immanuel Lutheran School will enjoy an art exhibition from Krasl Art Center on *Potawatami: Keepers of the Fire* and Krasl will also teach the basics of ceramics. The students will also travel to South Bend to see *The Nutcracker Ballet* presented by the Southold Dance Theatre. At the Bridgman Elementary School, The Michigan Opera Theatre will present *Little Red Riding Hood* and then go to the F.C. Reed Middle School to present a repertoire of music from popular opera's and Broadway musicals. Artist Sherrie Styx will present a special ceramics clinic to the Bridgman High School Art 3 and 4 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students at these schools to really get excited about the arts.

Coming soon!!! New shelving for the adult fiction area has been purchased by the Friends of the Library. It is expected to arrive in the next few weeks. THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Suppose somebody recommends a book to you and you want to know if it's available at the Bridgman Library – but the snow is falling and you don't want to leave the house. Simple! Just sign on to the internet, type in [www.bridgmanlibrary.org](http://www.bridgmanlibrary.org) and you will reach the library's "new and improved" website. Now, click on "Library Catalog", type the name of the book in the "Quick Search" box and ...Voila! You have your answer. If the book is owned by the library, you may now proceed to place a "hold" on that book. But what if the book is not in the library collection? Not to worry – return to the library website homepage and click on "MeLCat-Interlibrary Loan".

What is MeLCat? It's a statewide catalog of books, CDs, DVDs and so much more, and it provides a new way to borrow materials not available from your home library. Just follow the instructions on the website page and you'll soon learn if another library has the book you are looking for. If it does, that library will deliver the book to the circulation desk at Bridgman Library and you will be notified when the book arrives.

What if the other MeLCat libraries don't have the book you're looking for? Go back to the library website and this time click on "Suggest A Book". A form will come on the screen which you can fill in with information about the book, and your name, e-mail address and phone number. You will be notified if and when the book is purchased.

Also available on the library's website are links to the New York Times bestsellers list; the Facebook website; and Amazon.com (to search for new and used books).

BUT—please remember: all of us at the library love to have you drop in and see us when you can!!!

## Bridgman Library Staff

Carol Richardson, Director

Janet, Adm. Assistant

Gloria, Denise,

LaReine, Kay, Cindy,

Deb, Colleen, Ted and

Kevin

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With Free Internet and  
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## **What's Inside**

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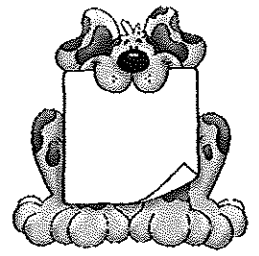
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# Children's Programs



Baby & Me            Monday - 10:45 a.m.  
Toddler & Me        Tuesday - 9:30 a.m.  
Storytime            Tuesday - 10:30 a.m.  
Kid's Club (K-4)     Thursday - 6:00 p.m.

Registration is required for all of the programs listed above.

## "PAWS"itive Reading Program

The Bridgman Public Library is currently providing an excellent program to help improve children's literacy skills through the very simple concept of having children read their chosen books out loud to therapy dogs to practice and hone their reading ability. The children that participate in this program must be referred by a teacher. The program takes place once a month for 4 fifteen minute intervals.

# Adult Programs

## Chocolate Lover's English Tea

On Saturday, February 20th, the Bridgman Public Library will host a Chocolate Lover's English Tea for our adult patrons. The Tea will be from 1 - 3 pm. Ladies, we invite you to break out your pearls, and gentlemen, take the mothballs out of your suits and come join us for a delightful afternoon of savories, sweets and tea. Reservations are required. Call 465-3663.

## Adult Winter Craft

Come join us and learn how to make a decoupage heart shaped frame on Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 10:00 - 12:00. Registration is requested. Please call or stop by. All supplies will be provided.



## Knit and Yarn Club Meeting Schedule

Every Monday at 1 to 3 p.m. Every Thursday 1 to 3p.m.  
The club will be meeting from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on:

January 19	April 20
February 16	May 18
March 16	June 15

## A Women's Support Group

The Bridgman Public Library provides an opportunity for ladies in the community to come together on a regular basis to support one another by listening and sharing. A regular format, led by a facilitator, includes a relaxation exercise. This group is not for therapy, problem-solving or taking care of one another. No one asks questions or gives advice. Confidentiality is required. The next meeting will be Monday, January 18 at 11am. Beginning February 1, the group will be meeting the first Monday of the month at 11am and the third Thursday at 6pm. Contact Janet for information and registration.

# Friends Of The Library

Welcome 2010!

The Friends Book Shoppe had a record year in 2009. Sales amounted to over \$3,700.00. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

February is Membership Month for Friends of the Bridgman Library. Time to renew your membership or become a new member of this great organization that promotes and funds many projects for the Bridgman Public Library. A reminder will be in the mail soon. Stop by the Book Shoppe and check out our sales in February for Friends Month.

The Friends have funded the purchase of additional shelving for the Library. This shelving will enable the Library to purchase and display many new and existing books for the convenience of the patrons.

A spring luncheon to honor the Bridgman Library Staff and Friends volunteers will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at Noon.

A general meeting for all members of the Friends of the Bridgman Library, to get together to discuss and share information about the Friends, is in the planning stage for Spring 2010. Watch for further information about "A Gathering of Friends" at the Library.

Circle your calendars --- The Annual City Wide Garage Sale will be held on May 15th and 16th, 2010. Permits will be available for sale starting April 24, 2010 at the Library.

The next FOL meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Louise Christensen Room of the Library. All members are invited to attend.

*Gerry Setzke, President  
Friends of the Bridgman Library*

## **Upcoming Events**

**Friends of the Bridgman Library**

**Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 11, 2010**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Louise Christensen Community Room**



## **Book Shoppe Hours:**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Every third Saturday  
Noon to 3 p.m.**

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### **Bridgman Public Library**

#### **Board Members:**

Randy Hill – President

Betty VanHellen - Vice President

Carol Siewert – Secretary

Barbara Hall – Treasurer

Coleen Birmingham

Karin Chappell

Frank French

Nancy John

John Maryanski

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Louise Christensen Community Room of the Bridgman Public Library. Meetings are open to the public.

### **New Faces at the Library**

The Library is proud to welcome Ted to the staff. He has been eagerly learning all the day to day functions of the library. When he is not waiting on patrons, he may be putting covers on new books or making videos and the DVDs look better. The next time you stop into the Library, be sure to welcome him and introduce yourself. He will be happy to help you in any way he can.

The Library is also pleased to have Kevin with us. You will see Kevin busily replacing books, movies and magazines so that they will be readily available to you.

The Library is delighted to offer coffee and tea to all patrons 16 years and older. Please be considerate of others and limit yourselves to one cup. Thank you.



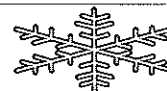
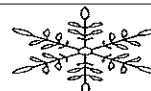
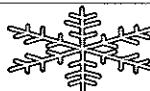
### **Michigan Blood Drive**

The Bridgman Public Library will be hosting a blood drive on March 11, 2010 from 1 to 5pm in the Louise Christensen Community Room.

### **Need help with your taxes?**

Call in February to set up your personal appointment.

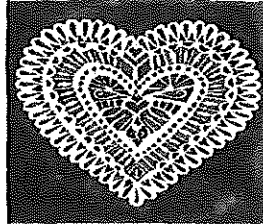
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### **Snow Days - Library Closings**

The decision to close the Library due to bad weather is made at the discretion of the library director. The Library does not automatically close along with the Bridgman schools. Every attempt is made to keep the Library open to the community as long as it does not threaten the safety of the library staff. Library closings will be posted on the Library website, [www.bridgmanlibrary.org](http://www.bridgmanlibrary.org), as well as on WYTZ and WNDU.

*Bridgman/Lake Township  
Historical Society  
"Historical Happenings"*



*Just in time for Valentine's Day  
2:00 Sunday February 7  
Lake Township Hall  
3320 Shawnee Road, Bridgman*

Fred "Killer" Burke was a hit man for Al Capone during the 1920's and was known to participate in the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago in 1929. Later, in December of that year, he shot and killed a city policeman in St. Joseph, Michigan. A nation-wide bulletin went out for his arrest and a search of his hideout in Stevensville revealed a huge arsenal, including the machine guns used in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. Burke's machine guns remain in the custody of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department.

The Bridgman/Lake Township Historical Society will host a presentation by Lieutenant Michael Kline of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. Lt. Kline will have "Killer" Burke's machine guns on display and will give a presentation on the Chicago "gangster" connection in our area. Please join us for this interesting program.