



FALL 2025 PROGRAM GUIDE

**Berkley Parks & Recreation
Berkley Public Library**

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2025 FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Berkley Parks & Recreation
2400 Robina Ave. / Berkley, MI 48072

Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics

Session 1: Tues, beginning Sept. 9 / \$95

**Held at HW Rec. Center*

Session 2: Tues, beginning Oct. 28 / \$95

- Tiny Tumbles 1-4 yrs. 10-11 AM*
- Preschool Gymnastics 3-5 yrs. 12-12:50 PM*
- Basic Tumble 5-10 yrs. 4:30-5:15 PM*

Safety Classes **Held at HW Rec. Center*

Sun, Sept. 21 / Live Safe Academy: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

- Certified Babysitter/CPR/First Aid & Home Alone / \$75

- Certified Pet Sitter/CPR/First Aid (add-on): 3:00-4:00 PM / \$15*

Tues, Oct. 7 / Live Safe Academy 5:30-6:30 PM*

- Self Defense for Children / \$20

Drop-in Play **Great for preschool-aged children*

Wednesdays beginning Oct. 1 / 9-11 AM

\$2 Resident, \$3 Non-resident

Clay Club

Weds, Sept. 10, 17, 24 / \$60

10 AM - 0-5 yrs. or 4 PM - 6 & Up

**Adults free w/child registration*

Sanchin Ryu Karate

Session 1: Thurs, Sept. 11 **Rate per session*

Session 2: Thurs, beginning in Oct. TBD

6:00pm - Student: \$35 / 6:45 PM - Family: \$70

Guitar Test Drive: Beginner Lessons

Thurs, Sept. 11, 18, 25 & Oct. 2 / 3:00-5:00 PM / \$110

**Must have guitar in good working order*



REGISTER NOW

More information and details can be found on the registration portal.

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2025 FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

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Safety Classes **Held at HW Rec. Center*

Tues, Oct. 7 / Live Safe Academy

Self Defense for Women: 6:30-8:30 PM / \$40*

Yoga

Session 1: Tues, beginning Sept. 9 / \$50

Session 2: Tues, beginning Oct. 21 / \$50

Tues, 6:00 PM / Sat, 10:00 AM **Drop-in for \$10*

Session 1: Sat, beginning Sept. 6 / \$50

Session 2: Sat, beginning Oct. 25 / \$50



Dog Obedience

- Multiple class options beginning in mid-September, TBD

Beginner Tai Chi

Session 1: Weds, beginning Sept. 17 / 6:00-7:30 PM / \$45

Hunter Safety **Must attend all classes*

Tues & Weds, Oct. 21, 22, 28 & 29 / \$10

Ages 8-15 yrs. 7:00-10:00 PM **10/29 6:00-10:00 PM*

PiYo Live

Beginning in mid-September, TBD

Sanchin Ryu Karate

Session 1: Thurs, Sept. 11

Session 2: Thurs, beginning in Oct. TBD

7:30 PM / Adult: \$47 per session



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2025 FALL SENIOR PROGRAMS



More information regarding senior programs, including all dates/pricing, can be found in the Berkley Times newsletter.



Senior Mix Workout

Every Mon 10:00-11:00 AM beginning 9/15

Senior Exercise

Every Tues & Fri 9:30-10:30 AM beginning 9/16



September Monthly Lunch Bunch



- 9/22 Applebee's
- 9/17 The Breakfast Club

- 9/8 Hollywood Casino
- 9/10 Senior Day at the Detroit Zoo
- 9/16 Eastern Market

- 9/25 Senior Trivia
- 10/6 Blake's Orchard
- 10/1 Saarinen House Tour & Lunch
- 10/20 MGM Casino
- 10/24 BINGO

October Monthly Lunch Bunch

- 10/13 Cracker Barrel

- 10/29 Meadow Brook Theatre: "Catch Me If You Can"



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YOUTH SPORTS CONTACTS



Berkley Dads' Club
Dave Schmidt
berkleydadsclub.net



Berkley Moms' Club
Corrina Campbell
berkeleysoftball.com



Berkley Steelers Football
Scott Rowlett
berkeysteelers.net



Berkley Steelers Cheer
Michelle Rowlett
berkeysteelers.net



Berkley Hoops
Scott Rowlett
berkeleyhoops.org



South Oakland County Soccer
Mike Egnotovich
socsfc.com

All community youth sport league registration is done by each separate entity. Additional information can be found on their websites.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 2nd at Oxford Park

Halloween fun and outdoor movie, more details coming soon!



Stay Spooky



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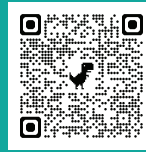
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PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

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AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Briar Club

By: Kate Quinn
September 9 @ 12:30 pm

We Hope for Better Things

By: Erin Bartels
October 14 @ 12:30 pm

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By: Gabrielle Zevin
November 11 @ 12:30 pm

Main Street

By: Sinclair Lewis
December 9 @ 12:30 pm

Millennial Memoir Book Club ★

Memoirs by millennials, for millennials (and anyone else!). Want to revisit the joy and trauma of coming-of-age at the end of the 20th century through the stories of the celebrities and pseudo-celebrities who lived it first-hand? This is the book club for you!

Open Book by Jessica Simpson
Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 PM

I Shouldn't Be Telling You This by Chelsea Devantez
Tuesday, January 13 @ 6:30 PM

LGBTQ+ Book Club ★

Calling all rainbow readers and allies! This book club is for anyone who wants to see themselves represented in courageous and tenacious stories of the LGBTQ+ community. Read the book ahead of time and bring a question and favorite quote to prompt some colorful conversation. Category is: reading rainbow realness!

Our Wives Under the Sea by Julia Armfield
Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 PM

Interested in supporting the library? The Friends of Berkley Public Library would love to hear from you! The Friends are a non-profit group who raise funds to support the library's programs and services.

For more information about the Friends visit www.berkleymi.gov/libraryfriends.



Origami Club ★

Mondays at 5:30 PM (October 6, November 3, December 1)

If you're interested in origami or are a seasoned folder, stop by the library's origami club! This club provides an opportunity to learn and explore with like-minded individuals.

Glaucoma Simplified ★

Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Dr. Stephen Walters, Michigan Glaucoma & Cataract

Glaucoma, the most common cause of irreversible blindness in the world, most often presents without symptoms causing permanent vision loss. This discussion aims to provide a simplified framework to understand this common and devastating eye disease. We will break down who is at risk and when one should be evaluated, as well as what glaucoma diagnosis and treatment entails. Through knowledge and awareness of glaucoma, we hope to limit its negative impact in our community and beyond.

First Time Home Buying Tips ★

Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Vibe Credit Union

Come join us for a FREE financial literacy workshop to learn about keys to home buying. What kinds of documents are needed? How long is the process? What does a realtor, lender, title company, and home inspector do? Where should I start? Who can help? Vibe Credit Union can! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Talking Lions ★

Monday, September 15 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Dave Birkett

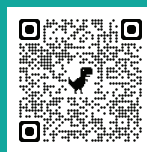


Award-winning Detroit Free Press sports reporter Dave Birkett joins us to talk all things Detroit Lions, including the start of the 2025 season, the team's Super Bowl aspirations and his book, *Detroit Lions: An Illustrated Timeline*. The book recounts the best and worst of the Lions' 91-year history in Detroit, from moving to the city in 1934, to the team's championship run of the 1950s, to the success of the team under Dan Campbell and Brad Holmes. Birkett, a four-time Michigan Sportswriter of the Year, has covered the Lions for the Free Press since 2010 and has been honored as one of America's top 10 beat writers and for his sports reporting covering the Lions.

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Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM

Learn the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, Alzheimer's stages and risk factors, current research and available treatments and ways the Alzheimer's Association can help.

Understanding Cataracts and Cataract Surgery

Monday, September 29 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Dr. Tom Obertynski, Michigan Glaucoma & Cataract

Join us for an informative session on cataracts – a common cause of vision loss as we age. We'll discuss what cataracts are, how they affect your vision, and the treatment options available. We'll also walk through the steps of cataract surgery, what to expect before, during, and after the procedure, and answer your questions. Whether you're considering surgery or simply want to learn more, this talk will provide valuable insights in a relaxed, community setting.

Meditation Program

Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Kadi Ledger, Sync Sessions Studio

In this session, participants will learn how meditation enhances the brain's focus centers for better attention control. They'll learn simple, science-backed practices to reduce mental clutter and distractions as well as how to create lasting mindfulness habits for sustained focus and learning. This program would be perfect for anyone looking to boost their focus, whether they're studying, working, or learning something new.

Chamber Music Concert: "Viva la France!"

Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 PM

Held at Berkley First – 2820 12 Mile Road

Program features French Music Through the Ages.

Terra Voce Ensemble:
Doris Hall, piano
Kelly Roenicke, violin
Karen Wingert, cello
Lillian Dean, clarinet

Pewabic: Detroit's Pottery

Monday, October 20 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Annie Dennis, Pewabic's Education Director & Archivist

Join Annie Dennis, Pewabic's Education Director and Archivist, for a look into the 120 year history of Detroit's iconic Pewabic Pottery. Explore images from the Pewabic archives during this presentation as we guide you through over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit. This presentation is free to all thanks to the generous operating support provided by our members, donors, and the Phillip and Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust.

Pollinator Preservation Strategies for the Home Garden: Native Plants and Their Unique Relationships with Beneficial Insects

Wednesday, November 5 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Master Gardener Cheryl English

Want to help out our native pollinators and other beneficial insects? Through plant selection, garden design and maintenance protocols, you can provide a haven not only for our beautiful butterflies and moths but also other critical beneficial species, from bees to beetles.

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Tips to Avoid Elder Financial Abuse

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 PM

Presented by Vibe Credit Union and Berkley Public Safety

Come join us for a FREE financial literacy workshop to learn about Tips to Avoid Elder Financial Abuse. What is elder financial abuse? Who is susceptible? What are some red flags to be aware of? Who can help me? Vibe Credit Union can!

Physical Media Swap

Saturday, December 6 at 12:30 PM

Do you have too much clutter and not enough ideas for holiday gifts? Let's trade! Bring in your used physical media items to the library and swap them for some that are new-to-you! From 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. drop off your music (CDs, vinyl records), movies (dvd's, blu-rays), puzzles and board games (please make sure all the pieces are accounted for) and in exchange we'll give you one ticket for every item donated*. Then, starting at 1:15 PM, participants will redeem their tickets for new-to-them items.

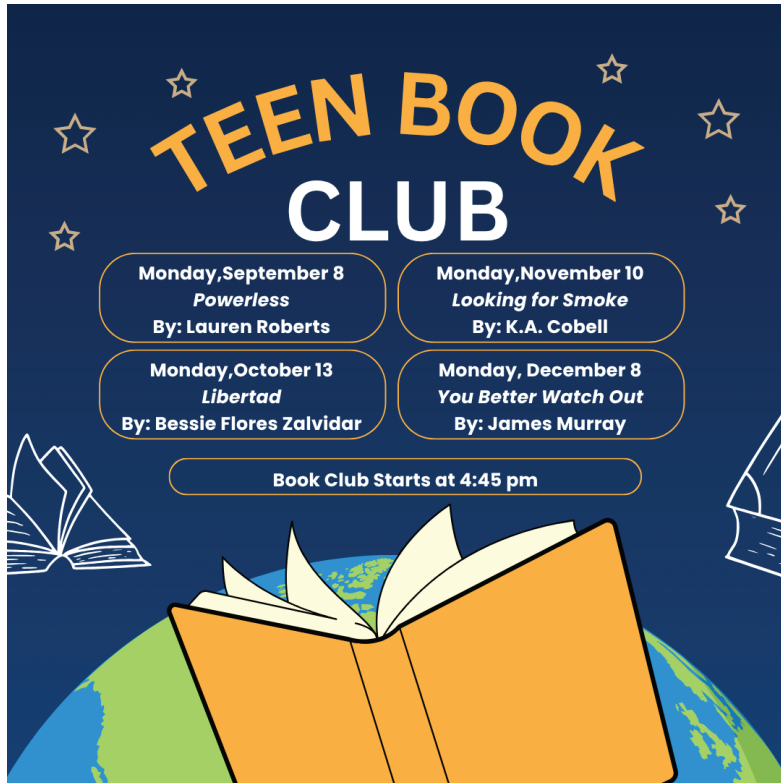
*Limit of five items donated/tickets redeemed per person.

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After School Activities

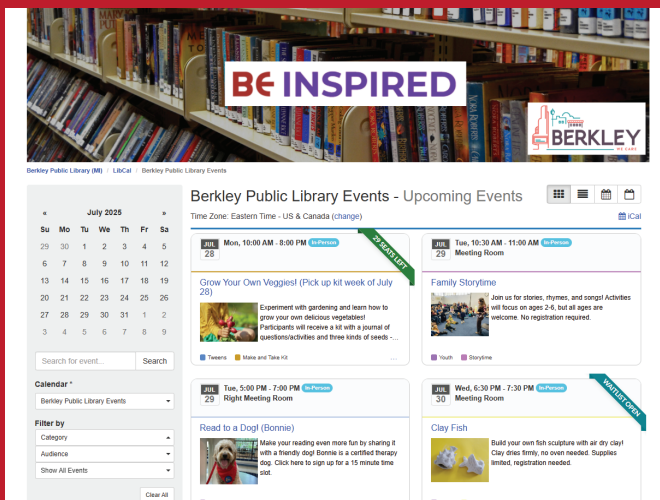
Every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 5:00 PM

Stop by the Teen Room after school for a brain break! There will be a different activity each week; activities may include simple crafts, board games, LEGO, coloring sheets, and more!

Register Online!

Most library programs require registration.

Visit www.berkleymi.gov/libraryevents to register.



Apple Fritter Waffle Donuts ★

Monday, September 22 at 6:30 PM

We'll work together to make a creative version of this delicious fall treat, and end with a taste test!

Cheese Ball Jack-O-Lantern Guessing Jar

All of October

Can you figure out how many cheeseballs are in the jar? Closest guess will get the cheeseballs!

Pretzel Spiderwebs Kit ★

Pickup October 20 - 25

Use simple ingredients to create a spooky and tasty treat!

Paying for College: ★

What's Changing and What You Can Do

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM

On Zoom or In Person

This workshop will explore recent changes in financial aid that may impact how much parents will pay for college and how they can adjust to these shifts. To help navigate the complex world of need-based and merit-based financial aid, families will learn actionable strategies to lower college costs and make informed decisions based on each college's financial aid formulas. The workshop will also review the college search, selection, and admissions process to help find good-fit colleges for students at an affordable price. You can access the program using Zoom on your personal devices, and we will also stream the workshop on the projector here at the library if you'd like to join us in person!

Oreo Tasting ★

Monday, November 17 at 6:30 PM

Blind taste test a variety of Oreo flavors and see if you can identify them!

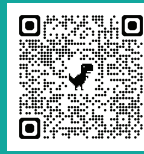
Water Marbling ★

Pickup December 8 - 13

Turn a plain mug into an artistic masterpiece!

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Family Storytime

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs! Activities will focus on ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome.

Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

Dates: September 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14

November 4, 18, 25

December 2, 9

Community Storytime

We're bringing storytimes into the community! Join us outside the library and get to know a business in Berkley.

Toadvine Books (2783 Coolidge)

Wednesday, September 24 at 11:30 AM

Vibe Credit Union (3082 Coolidge)

Wednesday, October 8 at 9:15 AM

Articipate (3833 12 Mile)

Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 AM

Read to a Dog

Bonnie and Frodo will return this fall! Stay tuned to the library's social media pages for dates, times and registration details!

Baby Playtime

Enjoy open-ended play with your infant or toddler, and social interaction with other families. Our toys are best suited for ages 6 months-3 years. Siblings welcome.

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Dates: September 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11

Month Long Activities

Library Card Sign Up Month

All of September

Sign up for your very own card, or show us your card, and pick a prize!

Halloween Scavenger Hunt

All of October

Find all the Halloween creatures hidden around the children's room and get a little candy!

Design A Bookmark

All of November

Pick up a bookmark template at the library, create your design, then bring it back. We will copy and laminate your design for people to use in their books!

Letters to Santa

All of December

Write and decorate a letter to Santa, and drop it in the special mailbox right outside the library!

Snowflake Scavenger Hunt

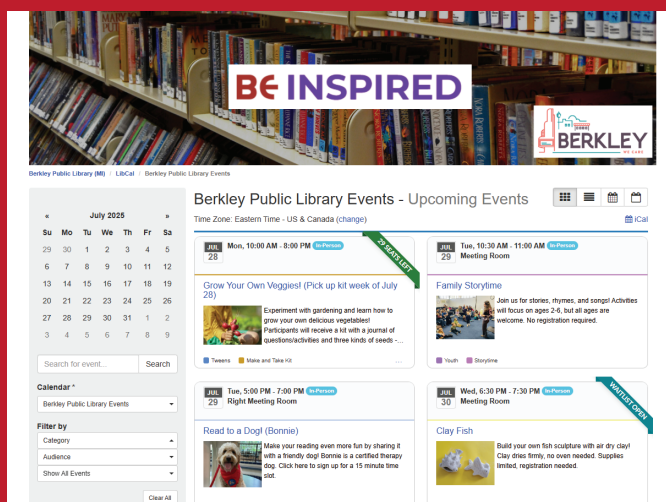
All of December

Find all the snowflakes hiding around the children's room for a chance to win a prize!

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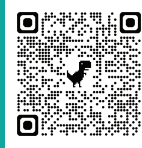


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Slime Making

Saturday, September 27 at 10:30 AM ★

Work together with your family to follow a recipe and make your own slime!

Yarn Monsters

Monday, October 27 at 6:30 PM ★

Turn yarn into a quirky or spooky friend (or 5!)

Kitty Forts to Donate

Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 PM ★

Turn a cardboard box into a cat castle! We'll donate your creations to the Michigan Humane Society. Please bring your own cardboard box if you can--roughly 12x12x12 inches is recommended.

Holiday Placemats

Monday, December 15 at 6:30 PM ★

Families, design a festive placemat for each member of the family! We'll laminate your creations before you leave so they last through your holiday dinner.

Early Reader Book Club ★

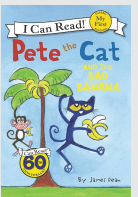
Read at least one book from the series and join us for a book discussion and some activities! Adults, please send your kids in for the discussion on their own, and then we'd love for you to join in during the activities.

Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 AM

Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems

Saturday, December 6 @ 10:30 AM

Pete the Cat series by James Dean



Messy Play ★

Messy play is great for your child's development, but can be stressful at home, so come join us for some messy fun at the library!

Water - Wednesday, September 17 at 10:30 AM

Leaves - Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 AM

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FALL BOOK SALE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:00PM TO 6:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10:00AM TO 3:00PM

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3155 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072