



Eaton County FREE Youth, Teen and Family Holiday Events



Check out our listing of FREE December healthy alternative activities for youth and families. New research shows regular conversations and at-home rituals like meals are also great ways to improve family connections. Check out the [Six Reasons Why Spending Time with Family is More Important than You Think!](#)

Charlotte

Gingerbread House Building for all Ages Youth

Saturday, December 8, 11 – 12:00 p.m.

Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813

All ages of youth. <https://charlottelibrary.org/featured-youth-events/>

No registration required. A come and go event.

Teen Friends of the Library

Saturday, December 8, 11 – 12:00 p.m.

Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813

Teens in 7th grade and up invited! <https://charlottelibrary.org/featured-youth-events/>

Enjoy pizza and pop while meeting others teens who love to read and help the library.

No registration needed. Can count for volunteer time.

Charlotte Community Band

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Charlotte Performing Arts Center, 378 State St., Charlotte, MI 48813

FREE! No ticket required. <https://www.charlotteperformingartscenter.com/upcoming-events>

Christmas Around the World

Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 11 AM – 1 PM

Join us in the Spartan room to learn about Christmas traditions around the world! Try food from different countries, crafts for the kids, and meet exchange student's who are staying in our community! [Charlotte Community Library](#), 226 S Bostwick St, Charlotte, Michigan 48813

Perfect for kids of all ages!

Minecraft Jr. (Ages 6 – 9)

December 28, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813

<https://charlottelibrary.org/minecraft/>. Pre-registration is required. Call 543-8859.

Minecraft (Grades 4th – 12th)

December 28, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813

<https://charlottelibrary.org/minecraft/>. Pre-registration is required. Call 543-8859.



Winter Book Pre-Game Show

Thursday, January 3, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Charlotte Community Library, 226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813

<https://charlottelibrary.org/featured-youth-events/>

Join for the kick off of winter book games with hot chocolate and a cookie treat. Stick around and play some board games.

Delta Township:

Holiday Drop & Shop

12/6/2018, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Delta Township District Library, Elmwood Room

Registration required: Youth Services, (517) 321-4014 ext. 3

Need some time to get your holiday shopping done? Parents may bring their children, ages 3 and up, to the library between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. We'll provide craft activities, snacks, and a movie for the kids while parents can get in some uninterrupted shopping time. Space is limited; pre-registration is required by December 4. Parents may sign up using their name and can register all of their children at once using the "group" option.

Gingerbread Houses for all ages youth

12/8/2018, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Delta Township District Library, Elmwood Room, 5130 Davenport Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

Registration required: Youth Services (517) 321-4014 ext. 3

All ages. Decorate your very own candy-coated dwelling using graham crackers, frosting, and a variety of sweet treats. Space is limited; pre-registration required. Adults are welcome to help but don't need to be included in registration. Groups will only receive materials for one house, so if kids want their own house, please sign them up separately.

Winter Break Activities @ the Delta Township District Library

Dec 26-28 and Jan 2-4

Delta Township District Library, 5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

All ages. Looking for something to do during the school break? We'll have drop-in crafty activities for families each day, Minecraft is available on all of our computers, and our play area is always open.

<https://www.dtdl.org/>

Grand Ledge:

"Gingerbread House" Pre-Parade Party

Fri, December 7, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Grand Ledge Area District Library, Main Branch, 131 E Jefferson St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Come decorate a graham cracker "gingerbread" house in the 1931 Room, join us for stories in the Children's Department or enjoy cocoa and coffee from Biggby Coffee while you wait for the parade!

Donations accepted of cash or new or gently used children's books for Book on Every Bed program. Help share a story this holiday season!

<https://grandledge.lib.mi.us/events/>



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Grand Ledge Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

BEFORE the 7 pm Parade

Friday, December 7, 2018,

Join us as Mayor Thom Sowle lights up the Christmas tree in Bridge Street Plaza. Ornaments are decorated by Willow Ridge Elementary 3rd graders this year!

Downtown Grand Ledge

Grand Ledge Night Lights Christmas Parade & Festivities

Friday, December 7, 2018, 7:00 pm

The 47th Annual Night Lights Christmas Parade is a spectacular night time parade packed full of lots of lights and music! It starts at the Grand Ledge Fire Barn and then makes its way straight down Bridge Street. Santa and Mrs. Claus will make their appearance at the end of the parade, trading in their red sleigh for a red fire truck.

Free Shrek Movie at Grand Ledge Sun Theatre After the Parade

Friday, December 7, 2018

316 S Bridge St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Youth and their families are invited to visit with Santa at the Sun Theater after the parade and watch a free Shrek the Halls movie. The theater will collect canned goods for the local food bank.

<http://grandledgesun.com/>

Breakfast with Santa

Sat, December 8, 9:00am – 10:30am

Grand Ledge High School Cafeteria, 820 Spring St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Breakfast with Santa by the Grand Ledge Community Recreation: children enjoy a breakfast buffet, visit and picture with Santa (parents bring your own cameras), letter to Santa, and Christmas craft and activity areas. Stories by GLADL!

Pre-Registration required: <https://grandledgecomets.org/main/otherad/contentID/47163383>

Kids' Crafting for Christmas Open House

Sat, December 15, 11am – 1pm

Grand Ledge Area District Library -- Main Branch, 1931 Room, 131 E Jefferson St, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Calling all kids! Craft a Christmas present for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, sister, brother--friends too! We'll have craft stations to visit and create- Kids can work independently or with library staff and teen volunteers to make 1-5 small crafts to wrap and take home to put under the Christmas tree. Under-8 must have parent in the library, 8-up may come alone!

Registration is required-- please call 517.627.7014

<https://grandledge.lib.mi.us/events/>



Eaton Rapids:

Family Night: Glass Painting

December 5, 2018, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

[Eaton Rapids Area District Library](#)

220 S Main St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Get the whole household involved for a night of holiday fun. Revamp recycled wine bottles and glass globes into delightful decorations. All supplies needed are provided by the Library.

No Library Card needed, but registration is required.

Register by:

- calling ERPL - Phone: (517) 663-8118, press 4
- visiting ERPL - 220 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
- or by commenting on the Facebook event page

<https://www.facebook.com/events/200676490833467/>

LEGO Club Houses

Youth Event Grades K-3

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 1 PM – 2 PM

[Eaton Rapids Area District Library](#), 220 S Main St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Design your dream home with LEGOs! Make cute cottages, mega mansions, or build a replica of your own home. Snacks will be provided. Free and open to the public.

No Library Card or registration required.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1299441436865193/>

Christmas On The Farm

Dec 8, 2018 6-8pm

[Miller Farm](#), 635 State St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Enjoy the Christmas spirit with the night activities. Stroll through the historical village while enjoying Christmas music. Check out the decorations in the buildings. Warm yourself by the firepots and roast a marshmallows or two. Christmas sing in the church. Peppermint ice cream will be available in the parlor. All our Museums will be open. Church service and sing at 7pm Kids Activities. In the community room Christmas Crafts and cookie decorating. SANTA will be in the Kline Building for pictures. This event is free. Only cost is Parlor or Concessions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/924334391098769/>

Free Music Jam

December 8, 2018, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

[Griffith United Methodist Church](#), 9537 S Clinton Trl, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Do you like to sing? Do you play an acoustical musical instrument? Maybe even both? Or do you just like to listen to people who sing and play their instruments? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please join us this Saturday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. for a jam session! Be sure to bring your family and friends along. Snacks will be provided and there is no charge for this fun-filled evening of entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Doors will be open at 5 pm for musicians to set up.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/464018940660520/>



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Teen Reads, Grades 8-12

Tuesday, December 11th @ 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

[Eaton Rapids Area District Library](#), 220 S Main St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Join us at the Library on the second Tuesday of each month for a fun and exciting book club for teens. Chat about young adult books and literature, make new friends, and munch on free pizza!

Who Killed Christopher Goodman? by Allan Wolf Stop by ERADL to pick up your copy of the book. <https://www.facebook.com/events/538655606575900/>

Youth Book Club Pre-Teen Event (Grades 4-7)

Wednesday, December 19th @ 4:15 p.m.

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

[Eaton Rapids Area District Library](#)

220 S Main St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Kids grades 4-7 can join our monthly Book Club. We meet every fourth Wednesday of the month to chat about the selected book while chowing down on pizza. Read along and come join us!

Stop by the Eaton Rapids Area District Library @ 220 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids to pick up your copy of the Youth Book Club book.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/674932156213327/>

Pre-teen/Teen Felt Christmas Trees

December 20, 5pm

[Eaton Rapids Area District Library](#)

220 S Main St, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827

Pre-teen & Teen Event (Grades 4-12)

It's time to get in the Holiday spirit! Create a Christmas tree out of felt fabric and decorate it however you please.

Free and open to the public. No Library Card needed, but registration is required.

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/349355532490428/>

Potterville:

Vikings Lego Club

Tuesdays December 4, 11, 18: After school until 4:15 pm for ages 7 through

A great way for your child to challenge themselves and use their creativity to complete building challenges.

Potterville Benton Township Library, 150 Library Ln, Potterville, MI 48876, (517) 645-2989

<https://pottervillelibrary.org/lego-club/>

Potterville Christmas Parade & Lighting of the Tree

Thursday, December 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

For more information: http://www.pottervillemi.org/newsdetail_T3_R575.php