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Building Brighter Futures: St. Clair County Library System Launches “1000 Books Before Kindergarten”

The path to academic success doesn't start on the first day of school; it begins years earlier, nestled in the pages of a picture book shared between a caregiver and a child. Recognizing this vital window of development, the **St. Clair County Library System** has officially introduced its newest early literacy initiative: **1000 Books Before Kindergarten.**

The program is designed to be a fun, low-pressure way for families to prepare their little ones for the classroom. While the number “1,000” might seem daunting at first glance, the library is quick to point out how manageable the goal truly is. By reading just one book a day, a family will reach the milestone in less than three years. If you read three short stories a night, you'll hit the goal in just one year.



How the Program Works

Participation is open to any child from **birth until they enter kindergarten.** The **St. Clair County Library System** has streamlined the process to make it as accessible as possible for busy parents and guardians:

- **Sign Up:** Families can register at any branch of the St. Clair County Library System or online.
- **Track Your Progress:** Use the **Beanstack** app or a physical paper log to record every book read.
- **Every Book Counts:** This includes repeats (because we know toddlers love that one specific dinosaur book!), audiobooks, and stories read during library storytimes or at daycare.
- **Earn Rewards:** To keep the momentum going, children earn prizes at various milestones—100, 300, 500, 800 books read—culminating in a special reward and a sense of accomplishment when they reach 1,000.

Building Brighter Futures: St. Clair County Library System Launches “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” (Continued)

A Legacy of Literacy

One of the most unique aspects of the St. Clair County Library System’s “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” program is its permanence. This is not a summer challenge or a temporary event; it is an on-going program without an end date. This ensures that every child born in St. Clair County, regardless of when they start, has the opportunity to participate at their own pace. Whether a family takes six months or five years to finish, the library’s support remains constant.

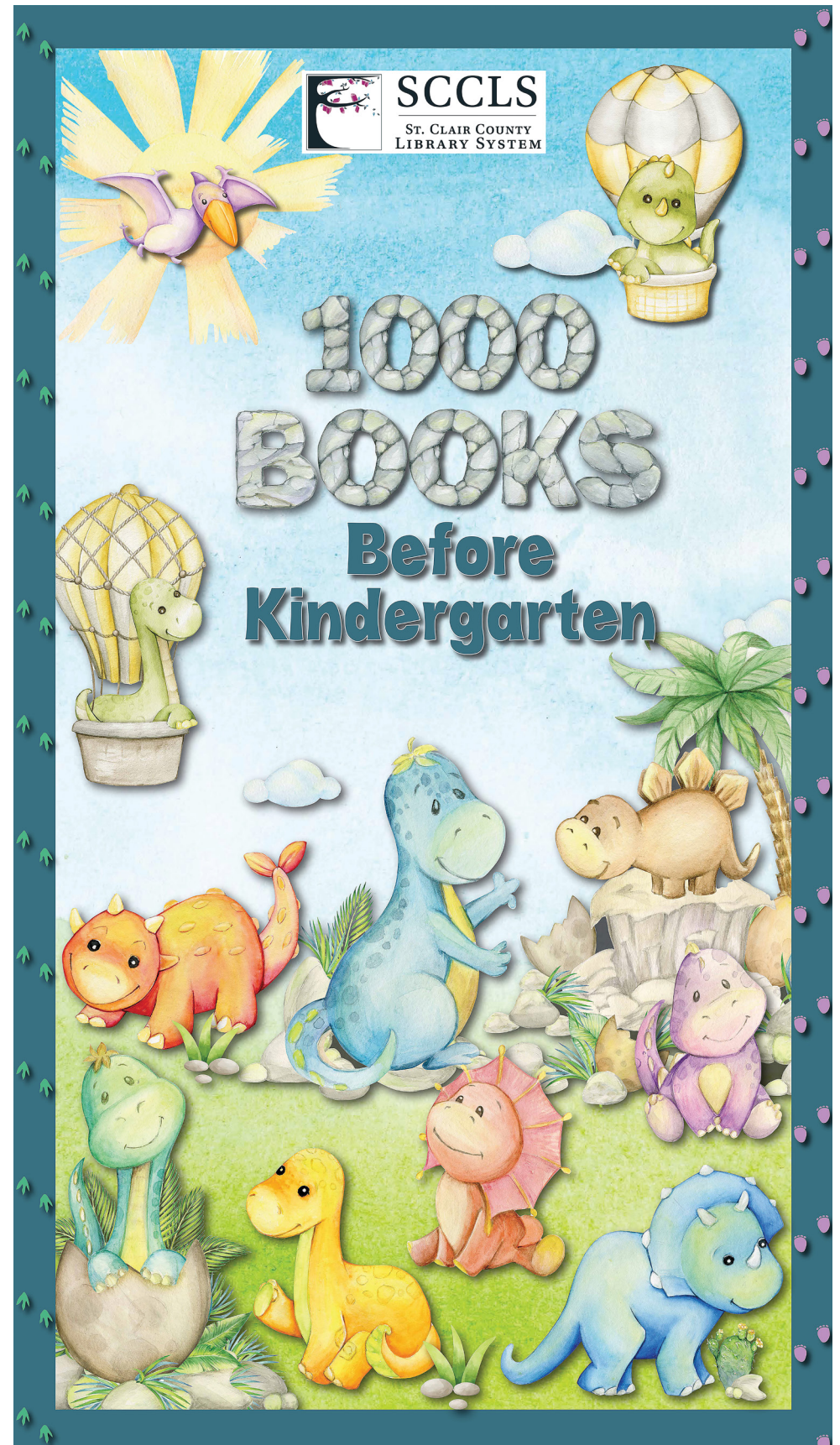
Why 1,000 Books?

Research consistently shows that children who are read to from an early age have larger vocabularies, stronger comprehension skills, and a more advanced understanding of how stories and sentences work. Beyond the academic benefits, the program fosters a deep emotional bond.

“The goal is about more than just a number,” says Cara O’Brien Youth Services Librarian. “It’s about creating a daily habit of connection. When a child associates reading with the comfort of a parent’s voice, they develop a lifelong love of learning.”

Get Started Today

There is no “right time” to start other than right now. Parents are encouraged to visit their local **St. Clair County Library System** branch to pick up a starter kit, which includes everything needed to begin the journey.



Unearth A Story: Dig Into the St. Clair County Library System's Summer Reading Program

Summer is the perfect time for an adventure, and this year, the St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS) is inviting you to grab your metaphorical trowel and brush to discover worlds hidden just beneath the cover of a good book. Running from **June 13 to August 15**, the annual SCCLS Summer Reading Program is back, promising a Titanosaur-sized mountain of fun for readers of all ages across the county.

The Theme: Unearth A Story

This year's thrilling theme is "**Unearth A Story**," a playful and exciting nod to the fascinating fields of dinosaurs, archaeology, and paleontology. Just as a paleontologist meticulously brushes away the dirt to reveal a massive T-Rex fossil, or an archaeologist uncovers the secrets of ancient civilizations, readers are encouraged to dig deep into the library's vast collection.

Whether you are uncovering the mystery of a long-lost civilization in a historical fiction novel, learning about the Mesozoic Era in the non-fiction section, or simply getting lost in a fantastical world of your own choosing, every book is a new artifact waiting to be found.

Who Can Join the Dig?

The best part of this expedition is that everyone is invited to join the crew! The Summer Reading Program is available to all SCCLS library cardholders and will be broken down into early childhood, children, teens, and adult categories.

If you don't already have an SCCLS library card, there is no better time to visit your local branch and sign up for one. Furthermore, the library has made it incredibly easy and stress-free to participate. There are no strict deadlines to join the fun; patrons can sign up anytime while the program runs between June 13 and August 15. Whether you are ready to start reading on day one or decide to jump into the dig mid-July, the adventure is always waiting for you.



Bonus Tickets

Patrons can earn additional digital raffle tickets by touring the SCCLS branches and completing three activities at each branch. Library passport maps will be available to pick up from any branch once the summer reading program kicks off. Certain programs at each branch will also award bonus raffle tickets, viewable with the Beanstack Summer Reading Program challenge after the launch.

Why You Should Participate

Participating in the SCCLS "Unearth A Story" program isn't just about the thrill of the reading hunt; it is about keeping minds active and engaged during the warmer months. For children and teens, summer reading is absolutely crucial for preventing the "summer slide," ensuring they return to school sharp and ready to learn. By tracking reading progress, patrons can earn exciting rewards, turning the solitary act of reading into a fun, community-wide challenge.

Start Your Excavation

Dust off your reading glasses, grab your SCCLS library card, and prepare to embark on a literary excavation like no other. Make this summer one for the history books by supporting your local library and challenging yourself to read more. Register for the SCCLS Summer Reading Program at your local library branch, via the Beanstack app, or on the library's website at: www.stclaircountylibrary.org

Connecting You to the World: The SCCLS Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books



For many, a trip to the library is a cherished routine. However, for residents with visual, physical, or reading disabilities, standard print materials can often feel like a closed door. The St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS) is dedicated to swinging that door wide open through the Library for Assistive Media and Talking Books (LAMTB).

A World of Content at Your Fingertips

LAMTB is an Advisory and Outreach Center for the Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL), a part of the network of regional libraries operated by the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). LAMTB serves residents of Huron, Sanilac, St. Clair, and Tuscola counties. This free service ensures that the joy of reading remains accessible to everyone, regardless of physical or visual limitations. Patrons have access to a large collection of materials in alternative formats, including:

- **Audiobooks and Magazines:** Professionally recorded “Talking Books” on digital cartridges.
- **Braille Materials:** Both physical braille books and digital braille cartridges.
- **Large Print Books:** A robust collection designed for easier reading.

Beyond the Books: Equipment and Delivery

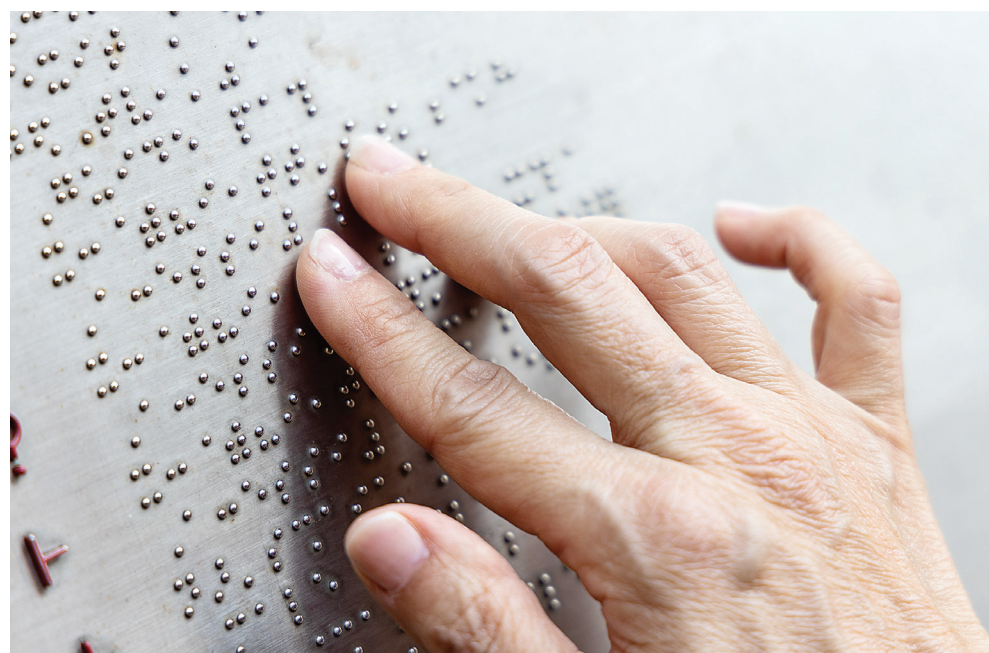
What makes LAMTB truly unique is its commitment to removing barriers. The service provides no-cost playback equipment, including specialized digital talking-book players and adaptive tools for those with significant physical challenges.

Perhaps the most convenient feature is the postage-free mail delivery. Materials are delivered directly to your front door and can be returned via the U.S. Postal Service at no cost to the patron. For tech-savvy readers, the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) Mobile app allows for instant downloads to personal devices.

How to Get Started

Eligibility is open to anyone—from people with learning disabilities, preschoolers to seniors—who cannot read standard print due to blindness, low vision, or physical disabilities that impact one’s ability to comfortably use print materials.

To join the program, residents simply need to complete an application certified by a professional, such as a doctor, social worker, or librarian. To learn more or request an application, contact the LAMTB Librarian, Maria Halvorsen, at (810) 987-7323, ext. 2553, or visit the Main Library in Port Huron.



Innovation at Your Fingertips: SCCLS Launches CreationStation 3D Printing-on-Demand

The **St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS)** is excited to announce the launch of its new 3D printing-on-demand service, bringing cutting-edge technology directly to our community. Located within the CreationStation, this service allows patrons to transform digital designs into physical objects.

The process is designed to be user-friendly for everyone. Patrons can submit their 3D design files in .STL format via the library's online submission form. Once received, our library staff will review the file, provide a cost estimate, and handle the technical printing process for you. **All projects** utilize PLA (Polylactic Acid) filament, a biodegradable and durable thermoplastic that comes in a variety of vibrant colors.

Ready to start creating? For detailed submission guidelines, pricing information, and to upload your files, please visit our website at:

<https://stclaircountylibrary.org/services/list/creationstation>

We can't wait to see what you build!



Creation Station



72G



258G



52G

Using PLA filament only.
Prints cost **\$0.05** per gram.

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(qrcode)

Allow for up to **2 weeks due** to printer
demand and availability

Contact us **HERE**
scclscreationstation@stclaircounty.org

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makerworld.com or printables.com

Federal Depository Library Program

The **St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS)** serves as a vital link between the public and the U.S. Government through its participation in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Established by Congress to ensure all citizens have free access to government information, this program designates the Main Library in Port Huron as a selective depository.

Patrons can explore a diverse collection of official documents, including:

- **Legislative materials:** Congressional bills, laws, and the Federal Register.
- **Statistical data:** Census reports and economic indicators.
- **Specialized resources:** Health, nutrition, and environmental studies.

By providing both physical archives and digital navigation assistance, SCCLS upholds the democratic principle that an informed public is essential to a healthy society.



Notary Services Available at All SCCLS Locations

The St. Clair County Library System (SCCLS) has expanded its community offerings by providing free notary public services at all 12 of its branches (including the bookmobile). In an effort to increase accessibility for residents, this vital service is now available not only at physical buildings but also via the SCCLS Bookmobile, ensuring that rural and underserved areas have equal access to document authentication.

To utilize this service, patrons are encouraged to make an appointment by calling their local branch. Residents must bring a valid government-issued photo ID and ensure their documents are unsigned until they are in the presence of the notary. This initiative reinforces the library's role as a cornerstone for essential public resources.





TECH DROP-INS

Did you know that you can book time with a SCCLS librarian to help with your basic technology questions?

We can help you download eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your mobile device, navigate digital library resources, use the Internet and email, and perform basic mobile device use or setup.

We are unable to provide help with computer repairs. Each appointment lasts 30 minutes, and patrons may book up to two appointments per month. These can be scheduled on separate days or combined for a full hour, depending on availability.

To set up an appointment, please fill out our brief located at: <https://stclaircountylibrary.org/services/list/techhelp> Click the "Request a Time" button and choose your preferred location to get started. We will do our best to accommodate requests in a timely manner.

Uncover Local History: The Port Huron Times Herald Archive

Have you ever wondered what Port Huron looked like a century ago? Or perhaps you're hunting for a long-lost family obituary? Look no further than the St. Clair County Library System's extensive newspaper archives.

We are proud to host a comprehensive collection of the Port Huron Times Herald, along with its predecessors like the Port Huron Daily Times. Available primarily on microfilm in the Michigan Room at our Main Branch, these archives allow you to scroll through decades of local headlines, high school sports scores, and community milestones dating back to the late 1800s.

Times Herald

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For those who prefer a digital touch, we also provide access to local newspapers through two databases, The Times Herald Archive and ProQuest's Michigan Historical Newspapers, making it easier than ever to browse from home using a valid library card. Whether you are a serious genealogist or just a curious neighbor, these archives serve as a time machine for our community. Visit us today to start your journey into the past! Contact the Michigan Room at (810) 987-7323 ext.2525 or michiganroom@sccl.lib.mi.us





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Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)

Discover Michigan's Gems with the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)

Michigan's natural beauty, cultural heritage, and recreational opportunities beckon exploration. The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) facilitates access to numerous attractions statewide, enriching experiences for residents and visitors alike. Let's delve into the essence of the MAP program and its benefits for adventurers across Michigan

What is the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)?

The Michigan Activity Pass program, a collaborative effort among the Library of Michigan, public libraries, and cultural institutions, provides library cardholders with complimentary or discounted entry to various venues. Patrons can access the program through the St. Clair County Library System website or in person to explore the diverse offerings across Michigan.

How Does It Work?

Participating libraries, including the **(SCCLS)**, allow library cardholders to access the Michigan Activity Pass through their website or in person. By visiting the MAP website or contacting the **(SCCLS)**, patrons can browse available destinations, check availability, and make reservations.

Upon selecting a destination, patrons can print out or download a pass, which grants them free or discounted admission to the chosen venue. The pass is valid for a specified time frame, typically within a week of the reservation date, allowing flexibility for planning visits.



Exploring Michigan's Wonders: The MAP opens doors to many attractions catering to various interests and age groups. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy state parks and recreation areas, while history buffs can delve into museums and historical sites. Additionally, cultural events and activities showcase Michigan's vibrant arts scene, fostering community engagement and shared experiences.

The Michigan Activity Pass is a gateway to Michigan's treasures, offering convenient and affordable access to its natural, cultural, and recreational activities.

The MAP program promotes exploration, learning, and community involvement statewide through partnerships with libraries and cultural institutions. Start your adventure with the Michigan Activity Pass today and uncover the wonders of the Great Lakes State!



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SYSTEM DIRECTOR

Allison Arnold, MLIS

When I first chose librarianship, I was drawn to the pleasure of providing well-researched, reliable information — and to the fundamental principle that knowledge should be accessible to everyone, regardless of background or circumstance. Over the past 26 years with the St. Clair County Library System, though, I have learned that providing access to the world of information is how we open doors — for every person who walks through ours.

Everything we do — from the programs we offer, to the spaces we create, to the services we provide — is rooted in understanding and responding to the needs of our community. My role as director is to help build an organization that is not only strong and efficient but genuinely connected to the people we serve. That begins with listening: to our community, and to the dedicated staff whose creativity, compassion, and commitment make this work possible every single day.

Our goal is simple, yet powerful: to create spaces where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas, develop new skills, and pursue their passions. We see that impact every day — a child receiving their first library card, a patron gaining the confidence to apply for a job, neighbors forming connections through a shared love of reading. These moments remind us that the St. Clair County Library System is far more than shelves and study tables. It is a starting point, a safety net, and a gathering place for the entire community.

Each day, we provide access to technology, trusted information, creative programming, and opportunities for lifelong learning — while fostering connections that strengthen our communities and help people grow, both intellectually and personally. At the center of it all, our mission remains clear: to help everyone discover, learn, and grow.

None of this happens without remarkable people behind it. I am grateful to our Board of Trustees for their vision, to our community for their trust and participation, and above all to our staff — whose creativity, compassion, and dedication turn ideas into meaningful impact every day.

It is an honor to serve alongside all of you in a community that believes in literacy, learning, access, and kindness.

With gratitude



Allison Arnold
Director
St. Clair County Library System





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Contact the Library for the location.

Hours and Locations

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210 McMorran Blvd.
Port Huron (810) 987-7323
L.A.M.T.B. (800) 272-8570
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri & Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Algonac - Clay Twp.
2011 St. Clair River Dr.
Algonac (810) 794-4471
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Burtchville Twp.
7093 Second St.
Lakeport (810) 385-8550
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 12:00 - 8:00

Capac
111 N. Main
Capac (810) 395-7000
Mon-Thur 9:00 - 8:00
Fri & Sat 9:00 - 5:00

G. Lynn Campbell
1955 N. Allen Rd.
Kimball (810) 982-9171
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 12:00 - 8:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

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(810) 201-6622
Bookmobile@sccl.lib.mi.us

Ira Twp.
7013 Meldrum Rd.
Fair Haven (586)-725-9081
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 12:00 - 8:00

Marine City
300 S. Parker St.
Marine City (810) 765-5233
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

Marysville
1175 Delaware
Marysville (810) 364-9493
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Fri 9:00 - 5:00
Sat 9:00 - 5:00

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34830 Potter St.
Memphis (810) 392-2980
Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat 9:00 - 5:00
Tue, Thur 12:00 - 8:00

St. Clair
310 S. Second St.
St. Clair (810) 329-3951
Mon - Thur 9:00-8:00
Fri 9:00 - 5:00
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