

# Mulliken District Library

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2021

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MONDAY & FRIDAY 1PM - 6PM  
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Upcoming Closure Notice:

January 18<sup>th</sup> & February 15<sup>th</sup>

## Mulliken District Library Year in Review

What a year this has been! Definitely one for the history books, but the library staff never stopped working for you. In February, we had Food for Fines, 1 can = \$1, and the food collected went to the food pantry. In March, we decorated the library like 'Suessville' for March is Reading Month, but to no avail since the pandemic set in and we shut down mid-March. We were not able to see anyone again until beginning of June. During the shutdown we provided online events like scavenger hunts, escape rooms, book bingo, and other fun events. When we finally reopened, things looked different for us, but we still found ways to have fun. We had several outdoor events, a kid's carnival in the library's backyard, Joel Tacey put on an amazing magic show in the park, and we had Fun Times Painting come for painting in the park. While we had to stay our distance and could not intermingle, we still managed to smile and laugh through it all.

During the fall months we started our first ever Friends group so we can bring more events to the community. We held our annual Trunk or Treat on Main Street with safety measures in place. Afraid our turnout would be less than the previous years, we were not disappointed to see a decent turnout and we were thrilled to hold our first large outdoor in-person event. It was great seeing all the smiles and everyone heaving a great time. This year was full of ups and downs, but we are proud to say we still had great fun. We cannot wait to see what 2021 has in store (it's starting to look more promising than 2020).

### Upcoming Events:

**Winter Reading Program:** We will not be doing giveaways this time, but we will have our paper chain and our 'Snowball the Desk' with Stella the Snowlady.

**January:** Book Blizzard

**February:** Blind Date with a Book

Book Blizzard and Blind Date with a Book is a fun way to encourage everyone to discover a new author or book genre they might not have selected for themselves. Find a love for a new author or genre this Winter season.

We do not have much planned in the upcoming months, as times are still uncertain. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date on any pop-up events. Visit our website or watch the Pure Michigan website for upcoming events.

## Craft and Vendor Show

We will be extending our craft show through January. Our vendors are switching things from a more Christmas focus to a more winter and all year around theme. The virtual site will be active and updated with the new items as they come in. Please visit, <http://bit.ly/ChristmasInMulliken2020> to see all our vendors online.

## Pure Michigan | Michigan.org

We have a property page with the Michigan.org. You can view our upcoming events, access our website, or view our social media through the Pure Michigan website. Visit Michigan.org then search for Mulliken District Library, or select the events tab and see what is going on in the area.

## Mulliken Library Friends

The Mulliken Library Friends have brought the Mulliken area three amazing events in a short time. They officially became a group in the middle of November and went straight to work, not letting the pandemic slow them down. They never missed a beat bringing to life a Christmas Tree Lighting, Toy Drive, and a Light Fight for this year's Christmas In Mulliken'.

The Tree Lighting and the Light Fight were both regionally recognized on WILX and Lansing Family and Fun. The Mulliken District Library is honored to have this group as a part of the library, and look forward to many more events.

Mulliken Library Friends is a non-profit organization, meaning they rely on the community for support and funding. They will be having many fundraisers to bring events to life, however, if you would like to donate you can bring money donations to the Mulliken District Library, or donate to their Venmo account @MullikenLibrary-Friends.

Follow them on Facebook @mullikenlibraryfriends.

### Upcoming Events:

Future events are still pending as times are still uncertain. You can stay up to date on Facebook or on the Mulliken District Library website by hovering over Home and select Friends of the Library.

Do you have suggestions? Email the Mulliken Library Friends at [mullikenlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:mullikenlibraryfriends@gmail.com) with any suggestions you would like to see be brought to the community. We cannot promise these events will come to life right away, but with the help from the community you might just see them one day.

### Want to Volunteer on the Friends Board?

- **Secretary:** The Friends Group is looking for a skilled secretary with technology, social media, marketing experience, and who is community-oriented. This candidate must have good communication skills, as the secretary will act as the communication liaison for the Mulliken Library Friends.
- **2 Advisory Members:** The Friends Group is looking to add two advisory members to the team to be the community's voice. They will help set up events and be the spokesperson for community wishes and needs.

If you are interested, please submit your application to the Mulliken Library Friends by visiting <http://bit.ly/MLFBoardApplication>.

