

Adult Programs and Outreach with Alcohol

Chelsea District Library, Emily Meloche, emeloche@chelseadistrictlibrary.org

We have a book club that meets once a month at the Chelsea Alehouse, as well as a trivia night at the Alehouse twice a month.

Belleville Area District Library, Hilary Savage, hsavage@belleville.lib.mi.us

We have a regular book club that meets in bar/restaurants around town each month. We also had the owner of Original Gravity Brewery in Milan come talk about brewing beer -- both in a brewery and at home.

Romeo District Library, Stacie Guzzo, stacie@romeodistrictlibrary.org

Homebrew: Crafting Your Own Creations: This class will give you the basics on brewing your own homemade craft beer! Topics include equipment techniques and ingredients needed to create your own homebrew. Class will be taught by Johnny Blast from Hopman's Beer and Wine and Making Supply.

East Lansing Public Library, Kristin Shelley, kshelley@cityofeastlansing.com

The East Lansing Public Library hosts a book discussion group at Jimmy's Pub once a month. It is called "Books on Tap." We order a couple of pizzas for the group and they can order their beverage of choice. It is a popular book discussion.

Capital Area District Library

CADL has a book club that meets at the Michigan Brewing Company and other Lansing locations every month since 2010. <http://www.capitalgainsmedia.com/features/book0429.aspx>

Big Rapids Community Library, Miriam Andrus, mandrus@bigrapids.lib.mi.us

We did a tour of a brewery in our town that is attached to a local restaurant. We also had a vineyard come and talk about the process of making wine. Both of these programs were part of our adult summer reading activities. Both businesses did the programs for free as it was an opportunity to promote their businesses. Each program was well received and several people were pleased with the presentations because they were different than our normal programs.

White Pigeon Township Library, Perri Saunders, perri@monroe.lib.mi.us

We have a library team at Tuesday trivia at a local bar here. I've seen an influx of the Tuesday night people coming in to the library now! They don't always check out books, but use our copy or fax service. I frequently answer questions on trivia night about our services. We've also done a couple of wine tastings, and they've been real hits!

Hopkins District Library, Natalie Bazan, hopkinslibrary@hotmail.com

In Hopkins we have had several events for adults only which included or allowed alcohol. Last year we had wine making and beer making (both after hours) with tastings and a series of Friday Night at the Library which was for 21 and over encouraged people to bring wine to share. We are currently working on setting up Beer and Wine making again for the second time in Hopkins and adding in Dorr. The Friday night events were busy but not that many people brought wine. The tastings with the how-to classes were very popular but encourage people to also bring snacks/appetizers to share.

Hamburg Township Library, Holly Hentz, hhentz@hamburglibrary.org

For the past three years we have had a wine tasting program at the library featuring Sandhill Crane Vineyards out of Jackson. They bring 10 different types of wines and each person gets a taste. People LOVE the program. It was so popular in fact that last year the library organized a bus trip to the vineyard. For \$35, each person was driven to the vineyard, got a tour of the operation, a very nice lunch, and a different wine with each course. Again, everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Ferndale Public Library, Darlene Hellenberg, darlene@ferndalepubliclibrary.org

The Ferndale Book Party has been running for about 5 years now. It's an every other month book club that meets at one of our local bars. The slogan is "not your mother's book club". It's designed to be pretty laid back. The bar donates a free appetizer and they give us some drink specials. Folks order their own drinks and sometimes dinner.

Sandusky District Library, Gail Nartker, gnartker@sandusky.lib.mi.us

We did an Adult Spelling Bee at a local restaurant/bar, and people LOVED it. We borrowed the idea from a library in Indiana. We also held an 'afterglow' party at another restaurant/bar following the (no-defunct) World Book Night, and we had great attendance.

Kent District Library, Morgan Jarema, mjarema@kdl.org

KD aLe debuted in January and February and KDL Uncorked started this week and runs through October. Both involve in-branch tastings and off-site brewery/winery tastings and tours. For KD aLe we created coasters bars and breweries could use in the weeks leading up to the event, and we did cocktail napkins of KDL Uncorked. Both series had FULL registrations and patrons loved them. The biggest/ best response we have gotten has been from NON-library users, who have rediscovered their library because the booze brought 'em in.

Grand Rapids Public Library, Jean Sanders, jeansanders@gmail.com

We've been doing programs at bars for about three years. We've done an Adult Scavenger Hunt at a bar, we've done two series (one this past summer and one a year ago) that a local mixologist did on drinking through the decades (history and social aspects of drinking) and then another series on different types of alcohol (one program on whiskey, another on gin). We also have hosted listening parties and done MartiniMoth sessions at local bars too. We get people who don't typically go the library so that's been great. It's a great way to get the 20 and 30 years olds to a library program.

Traverse Area District Library, Scott Morey, smorey@tadl.org

Traverse Area District Library has a Books and Brewskis book club that meets at a microbrewery across the railroad tracks from our main branch. The club meets once a month and participation is strong (just like the ale).

<http://www.tadl.org/event/filling-station/2014/09/30/books-brewskis>

Kalamazoo Public Library, Kevin King, kevink@kpl.gov

KPL is hosting our 1st Annual Booktoberfest starting this month.

<http://www.kpl.gov/booktoberfest/>

Howell Carnegie District Library, Donna Olson, olson@howelllibrary.org

Howell Carnegie hosted the 2013 Historical Pub Crawl and the 2014 Literary Pub Crawl (as our Adult Summer Reading event).

Troy Public Library, Holly Clarke, holly.hmc@gmail.com

Troy Public Library does Books and Brews <http://troypl.org/programs/adult/book-groups/>

We meet once a month at Granite City. It is a fun program and response has been very positive.

Library sponsored bar book club

<http://www.infotoday.com/mls/sep13/White--Books-on-Tap--The-Book-Group-That-Meets-in-a-Bar.shtml>

Another Library Summer book club

http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front_page/article_8e7dd036-d4b1-11e2-b6c1-0019bb2963f4.html