

Lansing Youth Services February 2026 Report

Flight Fanatics Mondays, 1/12 – 2/26 Life Skills: Planning/ Organizing, Problem Solving

Flight Fanatics is back to visit the world of flight and the local history's role in aviation history. Each week a new lesson on local history is presented, from the Hangar Theater to the Morse Company, to the Tommy Plane, and the gliding history of Harris Hill. The first week consisted of several paper airplane competitions. Students could build one or multiple planes and learn about their flight patterns, adjusting their planes for each competition. Students are starting to build their solid fuel rockets to launch at Myers Park, weather depending.

Outdoor Cooking Tuesdays, 1/13 – 2/27 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Personal Safety

Outdoor Cooking is all about campfire cooking. The first day consisted of ash cakes, how to find the right coals and safely move them to different areas with homemade tongs. Removal of the cakes was also a lesson, and sometimes hot coals stick to the cakes. While the cold weather kept the group inside for 2 of the days, the group practiced the same techniques, just using the ovens for cooking. They made pizzas and campfire apple pie complete with vanilla ice cream! Skills are growing and ready for the fire!

6,7 Methods of Music Wednesdays, 1/14 – 2/25 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Social Skills

6,7 Methods of Music is brand new for everyone! The first day was all about sharing favorite music, so everyone got to be the DJ for a couple of their favorite songs. This seemed to open an appreciation for different kinds of music that they prefer, and the emotions the songs bring out. Karaoke finished up the day with some intense singing of the "6,7" song, and one boy, a 5th grader surprisingly took the stage right away, showing off his rapping skills! The group has moved on to making digital music using a free music making program that they are learning and creating some great sound! This has been requested for another day so they can continue developing their sound and songs.

Delicious Desserts Thursdays, 1/15 – 2/26 Life Skills: Teamwork, Disease Prevention

Delicious Desserts is again a very popular program with a waitlist, double the capacity. Students have been learning how to wash dishes, keep surfaces very clean and sanitized, and keep from crossing ingredients while prepping their food. Fruit Chalet's were the first dessert made, using peanut butter as glue and pretzels for the infrastructure of a traditional Chalet. The group also made healthy frozen yogurt fruit snacks and one student brought her favorite brownie recipe and was loved by all participants.

Youth Employment

Our Youth Employment team is back up and running at the library, and once schedules open up for some employees, they will be back working with Lansing Youth Services Programs. One brand new student is mid-term application and hopeful of getting her started soon, depending on her placement. The last staff meeting employees completed their Sexual Harassment Prevention training and Violence in the Workplace training.