

Lansing Youth Services Town Board Report October 2025

Make it Mondays 9/22 - 10/27 Life Skills: Planning/ Organizing, Teamwork

This program is all about planning for the next week and strategies for how to use their budget to best meet the group's interests. This group has decided to opt for some "free" days so they could make a bigger purchase, a set of nerf guns and safety glasses for a culminating tournament at the Ithaca Farmers Market. On one Monday the destination was Ludlowville Falls where participants got to watch a Flyfisher, see the fisherman's catches and explore both shores, Youth also planned a game day.

Outdoor Adventure: Base Camp Tuesdays, 9/30 - 10/28 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Critical Thinking

This rendition of Outdoor Adventure is focused on learning camping skills in preparation for some fall camping trips. The first day focused on safe travel, thinking ahead as when planning a trip in the wilderness, the importance of communicating your plans in the event of an emergency and about how seemingly small problems can quickly turn into big problems when in the backcountry. Tarp shelters are up next!

The Art Factory Wednesdays, 9/24 - 10/29 Life Skills: Learning to Learn, Marketable Skills

This program is the first of two rounds preparing for the Lansing Artisan Fair. Participants have done some research on projects they would like to complete, presenting some very creative ideas like donut keychains, leather keychains, paracord bracelets, and some great, but rather ambitious ideas like a remote-controlled boat and a never-ending electric waterfall decoration. Along with the research day, the group discussed basics of running a small business like the other vendors.

Dungeons and Dragons Thursdays, 9/25 - 10/30 Life Skills: Teamwork, Social Skills

The Dungeons and Dragons program has several participants who are brand new to D&D, and our Dungeon Master had a creative idea to start the program a little differently, by creating the world and society they are going to be navigating. They talked about their culture, what kind of terrain is around, establishments they will be able to access, what the people/ creature are like and will encounter, and even language and voices they will create. The next day of programming consists of character creation and allows them to enter their pre-planned world faster than in past programs.

Youth Employment

Youth Employees are either continuing or getting their feet wet in new positions. Our Employees at the Lansing Public Library are doing well and training has been completed for one new employee there. There are two new Assistants working with Lansing Youth Services, and another set to begin in the coming weeks. They both have done great so far, asking good questions like how to help with tasks and where to position themselves.