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BRIDGING THE GAP: HOW THE LRC IS REDEFINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

On October 17, 2025, the Genesee County Legal Resource Center (LRC) officially opened its doors with a grand opening celebration and open house.



The LRC was created by the 7th Judicial Circuit Court to meet a growing need right here in Genesee County. Every day, people face legal issues—like divorce, custody, probate, or civil disputes—without a lawyer. Some can't afford one; others simply choose to represent themselves. The LRC helps make that journey a little easier.

We offer free access to online self-help tools, court-approved forms, and trained navigators who can answer procedural questions, help you find the right resources, and guide you through the process.



While we can't provide legal advice, we can make sure no one has to navigate the court system alone.

Once only a law library, our space has been transformed into a modern, welcoming hub that blends history with fresh design. It is a dual purpose facility serving the legal community and the public. It features private offices for confidential meetings, computer stations for research, form preparation and remote hearings. There are dedicated partner areas for workshops and clinics.

The artwork of local artist Stefan Davidek adds a special touch with bold abstract artwork inspired by Genesee County—giving the space warmth, color, and personality.

We've also kept what people loved about the former law library: access to digital Westlaw and a collection of print legal materials. Attorneys and community members alike are welcome to use the space

for quiet work, client meetings, or research.

At the center of it all is our new glass-walled conference room—complete with state-of-the-art technology and a “fishbowl” appearance that makes it one of the most striking meeting rooms in the Courthouse.



One of the biggest improvements has been moving the Personal Protection Order (PPO) office into the LRC. This single, safe location allows survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking to get the help they need quickly and privately.

LRC navigators assist with paperwork and procedures, while YWCA advocates provide emotional support, safety planning, and connection to services—all under one roof.

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THE CHIEF SPEAKS

Judge David J. Newblatt, Chief Judge, Probate & Circuit Courts, delivered the following remarks at the grand opening of the Legal Resource Center on Friday, October 17, 2025.

Good afternoon. I'm David Newblatt, Chief Judge of Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts. It is my absolute pleasure to celebrate what feels to me like Christmas, Fourth of July and my birthday all rolled into one. Please forgive my giddiness, but this day has been a long time coming. We are marking the opening of the Genesee County Legal Resource Center! This represents not just a new addition to the courthouse, but a renewed commitment to the people we serve.

In Genesee County, we have a proud tradition of innovation and compassion. We under-

stand the economic challenges that many in our community face and have always sought ways to meet those challenges with creativity and care. The Legal Resource Center continues that tradition. It ensures that every person—regardless of income, background or education—has a place to find information, guidance and dignity within our court system.

Our center is also part of a larger statewide effort. The Michigan Supreme Court, through its Justice For All Commission, has made access to justice one of its highest priorities. The Commission's 2020 Strategic Plan noted that about 75% of civil litigants appear without an attorney. That number reminds us why projects like this matter. I'm proud to say that our center addresses all four pillars identified by the Commission: focusing on a service culture, simplifying and streamlining process-



es, providing easy-to-access resources and a collaborative network of diverse partners working together to solve problems.

Here, visitors can access Michigan Legal Help, complete and print court forms, attend Zoom hearings, receive guidance from our trained staff and engage with our partners, which include Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, the YWCA, the Friend of the Court, Senior Services and others.

I think it's also fitting to point out that our center occupies the space that once housed our law library—a room once filled with shelves of books that few could use once legal research moved on-line. We decided to reimagine that quiet space and fill it with people instead. Where once the law was read about, it can now be experienced directly through technology, trained Navigators and real human support.

I want to recognize our director, Rachel Hawrylo, who is doing a fantastic job. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this dream become a reality. I want to thank the Michigan Supreme Court and the State Court Administrator's Office for helping and supporting us. But I especially want to recognize the person who was nothing less than a tour de force who basically willed this center into existence: the greatest court administrator in the state, Barbara Menear.

Thank you all for coming to our celebration. May the Genesee County Legal Resource Center show what justice can look like—open, inclusive and human. It will turn barriers into bridges, thus transforming our courthouse into a place of help, belonging and hope. -cjdjn

ADMINISTRATOR CORNER



On Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 1:00pm, Genesee County Probate Court and the Family Division of 7th Judicial Circuit Court will host Adoption Day celebrations. The theme of the event is "Families Found in Every Form".

For the final time, Judge Jennie Barkey will preside over public adoption hearings. Cole Williams, an adoptive parent and Executive Director and Co-Founder of The Delta Project, will be the keynote speaker. The local celebration is part of a nationwide effort to bring attention to the number of foster children waiting for adoption and to celebrate all families who adopt.

Judge Barkey has presided over several Adoption Day ceremonies over the years. -jb

Below are images from past *Hearsay* editions highlighting Adoption Day events featuring Judge Barkey:



January 2020 Edition



January 2019 Edition



January 2018 Edition

COURT TALENT



Left to Right: Yanni Watson, Candice Minus



Shoyneese Chiles



Left to right: Brian Gibbons, Rowan Gerendasy, Sydney Seng

A welcome bag is being provided to our newest Circuit Court talent that includes a certificate of welcome, downtown Flint information (restaurants, menus, parking, etc.) and other goodies.

There is new talent that will be showcased at the Circuit Court.

Rowan Gerendasy is the judicial law clerk for Judge Latchana. Rowan graduated from Wayne State University Law School. She recently passed the July 2025 bar examination and is looking forward to a career as an attorney.

Brian Gibbons was a practicing attorney in Florida. He is currently a judicial law clerk for Judge Hanible and is in the process of transferring his license to Michigan. He is happy that the bar examination days are behind him and he doesn't have to take it again.

Sydney Seng is the judicial law clerk for Judge Christenson. He obtained his Ju-

ris Doctorate from Detroit Mercy and is planning on taking the bar examination in February 2026. Good luck Sydney!

Cindy Renteria (not pictured) graduated from Cooley Law School and is the judicial law clerk for Judge Hood. She passed the July 2025 bar examination.

Ashley Alecci (not pictured) has joined the juvenile records division as a juvenile court specialist I. Ashley has over 10 years of experience in record keeping and data entry.

Deja Scott is a public engagement specialist in the legal records division. Deja is excited to be a part of the Circuit Court and is looking forward to collaborating with all of her colleagues.

Shoyneese Chiles started with the Friend of the Court as a staff attorney on June 30, 2025. Before coming to FOC, Shoyneese was a lead assistant prosecuting attorney for Genesee County in the juvenile division.

Yanni Watson started with FOC as a FOC Specialist I in the customer service department on August 20, 2025. Be-

fore coming to FOC, Yanni spent over 10 years working in customer service.

Candice Minus started with FOC as a FOC Specialist I in the customer service department on August 25, 2025. Before coming to FOC, Candice worked in the corporate office for a property management and real estate company.

Welcome to the Circuit Court! We are delighted to have you as part of an integral part of the judicial system. -js



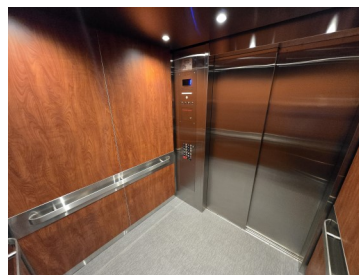
Deja Scott



• Since the LRC moved into its permanent location, 502 patrons have received assistance from a navigator and 141 personal protection orders have been filed.

• The refurbished elevators on the historic side of the Courthouse came on line on October 17th. They are safe and attractive. Thanks to Facilities and

Operations for oversight of the project and to the Board of Commissioners for the financial commitment.



STEFAN DAVIDEK, ARTIST



the artist Diego Rivera who painted himself in the Detroit Series murals located in the Detroit Institute of Arts. Davidek saw the Rivera murals as a youngster and credited this experience for his interest in muralism.

Crafts, located in Deer Isle, Maine and was often sought out by his colleagues for advice on technique.

Davidek decorated many area churches, including Sacred Heart, St. Paul's Episcopal, St. Mathews, St. Mary, Holy Redeemer in Flint, and St. Lorenz in Frankenmuth. He was responsible for two major mosaic installations at St. Luke Church and St. Robert Bellarmine in Flushing. His murals can be seen at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth, Michigan in addition to a large canvas at Bishop International Airport and mural restoration work on the Vernors Mural in downtown Flint.

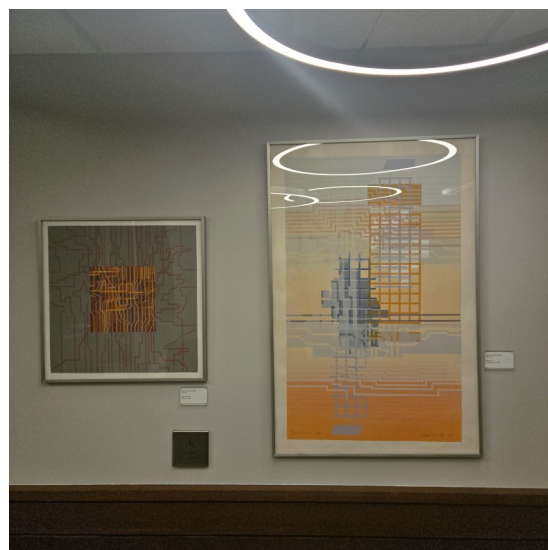
Davidek was an original member of the highly acclaimed DAS print group.

He is included in Who's Who in American Art and has won numerous awards. He was an early member of the local art community. There are Davidek paintings, lithographs, serigraphs and large canvasses in many private, international and museum collections. His work reflected the realism of life and the inexhaustible energy of the American spirit. His work is represented by the Armstrong-DeGraff International Gallery.

The family of Stefan Davidek is acknowledged for their assistance with the curation, installation and authentication of the artwork included in the Legal Resource Center. -bam

The Legal Resource Center is the site of a number of original prints by Stefan Davidek (1924-2016) as part of a life-long career that spanned a variety of styles and periods. Davidek was a key member of the team that restored the Historic 1926 Genesee County Courthouse during the Courthouse Square Project (1998-2003). He recreated a monumental size mural in Courtroom #308 and added the mural located in courtroom #515. Davidek painted himself in this mural similar to

Stefan Davidek was born in Flint, a first generation American who, with his brothers, managed a successful family business started by his father, Steve Davidek Painting and Decorating. At a very young age his talent was noticed and he attended the Flint Institute of Arts. It would be a lifelong relationship. He was a graduate of the Arts Student League in New York and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He taught at the Haystack Mountain School of Arts and



GENESEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING "THE TOWER"



Administration Building

Original Construction:
1979

Facility Consolidations:
4

Total Square Feet:
130,000

Number of Employees:
350-400

Funding Sources:
ARPA, Mott Foundation and General Fund

General Contractor:
E&L Construction Group

Architect:
THA

FLOOR DIRECTORY

Floor	Department
1	Clerk/Register of Deeds and Main Entrance
2	Treasurer's Office, EOC and Board Auditorium
3	Open Office Area, Meeting Rooms, Wellness Center, Micro-Market, Chill Zone and EOC Offices
4-6	Health Department
7	Senior Services, GCCARD and Veterans Services
8	Planning Commission, GIS, Facilities & Operations and Equalization
9	Fiscal Services, Human Resources and Information Technology
10	Board of Commissioners, Administration and Corporation Counsel

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THE DIGITAL DOCKET

CAPTURING AND ARCHIVING THE COURTROOM RECORD

The *Digital Docket* is a new column which will be included in future editions of Hearsay. It will feature articles and tech tips for court staff and others.

In some respects, what is said in a courtroom is the most important aspect of the court proceeding. MCR --- requires a court to capture the verbatim record of a court proceeding. There are standards imposed on the methods by which a court is permitted to capture what is spoken in a courtroom. The Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts use a digital recording platform that complies with SCAO requirements to insure *reliability* of both capturing the spoken word and *integrity* in the archiving of the recording. The court relies on the expertise of the Court Tech Team, under the direction of Court IT Director, David Combs.

Each courtroom and hearing room in the courthouse is equipped with a JAVS recording system—an automated digital audio-video solution designed to capture, manage, and archive courtroom proceedings. Typically, a Law Clerk initiates the recording at the start of a proceeding using the courtroom

PC that controls the JAVS software.

A central JAVS hardware rack is installed in each courtroom, housing and organizing the system’s key components. Two primary devices, the Primary Data Recorder (PDR) and the Secondary Data Recorder (SDR), work together

Archiving records for 15 years demands substantial storage capacity. Currently, the court’s digital archives exceed 30 terabytes (TB) of data—equivalent to approximately 7,600 DVD movies.

To ensure data redundancy, the court maintains two local copies on the JAVS system,

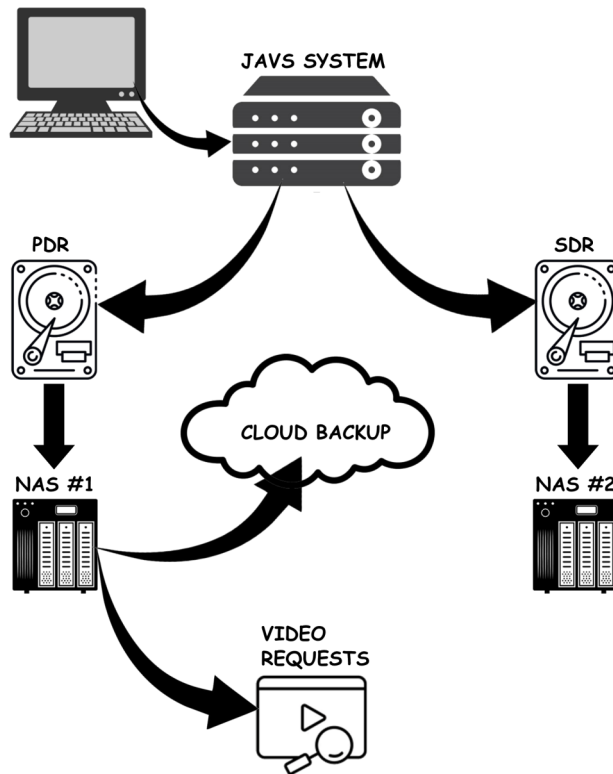
With the introduction of NAS devices, the court has moved away from outdated data-sharing methods like CDs and DVDs, instead offering digital download links for access.

Requestors may obtain a digital copy of a court record either online or in person (Click [HERE](#) for additional information). The inspection, reproduction, and creation of court records is governed by Local Administrative Order [2024-04J](#). Once a request is reviewed and approved, and the requestor is authorized to receive the recording, a member of the court's technical staff initiates an automated email notification. This email contains a secure link that allows the requestor to view or download the recording directly.

These downloads are protected by Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), a security protocol requiring users to verify their identity through two or more authentication factors before gaining access. –bam/dc

If you have a question that may be suitable for a future article, contact David Combs, Court IT Director at dcombs@geneseecountymi.gov.

COURTROOM COMPUTER



to create duplicate verbatim records of every proceeding. These recordings mark the beginning of the Circuit court’s 15-year retention period.

supplemented by two additional copies stored on Network Attached Storage (NAS) devices. Finally, a fifth copy is securely saved to the cloud.



ALICE TRAINING

On October 24, 2025, Active Shooter/ALICE training was held at the Genesee County Courthouse. Staff from the Circuit, Probate, Juvenile and Prosecutor's Office were included. ALICE, which stands for "A" Alert, "L" Lockdown, "I" Inform, "C" Counter and "E" Evacuate is a nationally recognized standard used at schools across the country to effectively deal with the potential of an Active Shooter or someone who intends to do harm. This system has also

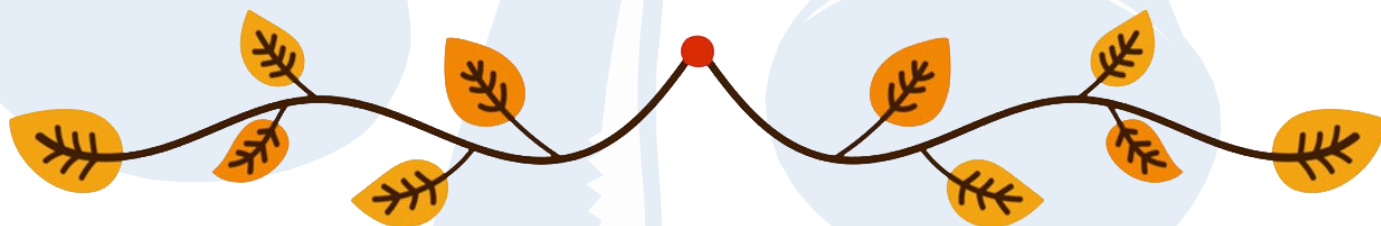
been used at other public and governmental buildings with great success and therefore has been implemented into training for court staff.

The training consists of a one hour PowerPoint presentation which goes over the key aspects of the system and provides a question and answer portion for staff to gain insight into what they would do in the event of an actual Active Shooter situation. The classroom portion is then fol-

lowed up with a live scenario to give participants a realistic feel for what an incident of this nature would actually be like. Anyone not wishing to take part in the live scenario portion is allowed to opt out of it and go to a "safe room".

The training went extremely well and potentially lifesaving knowledge was gained by all who participated. I would like to extend my gratitude to Lt. Rudy Lopez of the Office of the Genesee County Sheriff for

providing and conducting this critical training to the court staff. Court Security plans to make this a yearly training to ensure staff keeps current on ALICE. -jw



GUN VIOLENCE AND GUN CONTROL



67th District Court Judge Mark C. McCabe writes "*Ask the Judge*" for the *Tri-County Times*.

Gun Violence and Gun Control appeared in the September 2, 2025 edition.

The horrifying Aug. 27 shooting at a Minneapolis, Minnesota Catholic church resulting in two children being killed and 18 others injured, including 15 children, brought the subject of gun control and gun violence into sharp focus.

The Gun Violence Archive Group was formed in 2013 to track gun violence.

It defines a mass shooting as

a shooting that injured or killed four or more people, not including the shooter.

So far in 2025 there have been 291 mass shootings in the United States with the most recent being on Monday in Chicago, Illinois.

There are numerous federal and state laws intended to stem the tide of gun violence.

I can't list them all here, but among them are special criminal laws imposing harsh penalties on those who wrongfully use or possess firearms.

What follows is a brief background and summary of two of Michigan's laws.

It all started in 1927 when Michigan enacted its first significant gun control law

requiring licenses for handgun purchases.

Thereafter, other gun control statutes were enacted, and in 1976, in response to high rates of gun crimes in Detroit, the state legislature enacted the "Felony Firearm" law. It provided for a two-year mandatory prison sentence for defendants who were convicted of committing or attempting to commit a felony when possessing a firearm.

There is a unique punishment in that the prison sentence must be served before, not concurrently, with the sentence for the underlying felony.

The mandatory penalty increases to five years for a second offense and to ten years for a third.

In 1992, another significant law went into effect called the "Felon In Possession" statute, which due to recent amendments, is now called "Possession By A Prohibited Person."

Under this law, a person who has previously been convicted of a felony punishable by over one year in prison or a wide variety of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses, and who possesses a firearm or ammunition, is guilty of a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

Hopefully, there will be future solutions implemented to help reduce gun violence.

Thomas Edison once said "Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time."

YOUTH ARTS: UNLOCKED

BRINGING ART-BASED WORKSHOPS TO COURT-INVOLVED YOUTH

Since 2011, Youth Arts: Unlocked has been a staple program for justice-involved youth in court programming. Founded by Shelley Spivack, a former juvenile defense attorney and attorney-referee with the court, the program was borne out of the belief that every young person has a story worth hearing, and the arts can serve as the conduit for that story.



**Youth Arts:
Unlocked**

Today, Youth Arts: Unlocked (“YAU”) brings transformative arts-based workshops directly to some of the most disadvantaged and marginalized youth in Genesee County—youth navigating the juvenile justice system, many of whom have experienced significant trauma. The program currently serves youth at the Juvenile Justice Center

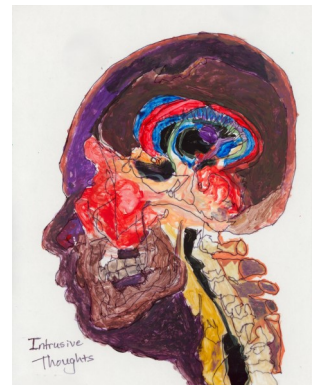
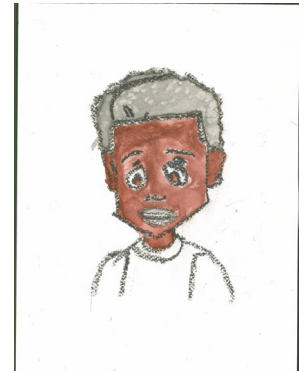
and youth in day treatment programming on probation.

Juvenile Justice Center Director, Chad Sharpe, sees first-hand the value YAU brings to the youth at the Center:

“We are very fortunate to work with YAU’s team of teaching artists, who are not only incredible artists, but caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals who serve as mentors to our youth. We are also fortunate to work with YAU’s administrative staff who understand the complexities of working within a juvenile justice institution.”

The Family Division considers YAU an important component of its spectrum of services for court-involved youth. -so

Below are several pieces recently featured in YAU’s art exhibits for the Flint Art-WALKs:



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Fall events from
www.exploreflintandgenesee.org

Oct27



A Symphony of Glass: Paperweights from the Ellis Collection

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until March 1, 2026

Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School (FIA)

Oct27



Echoes of Nature: 200 Years of Japanese Print-making

Recurring daily until January 18, 2026

Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School (FIA)

Oct27



Get Lost in our Corn Maze

Recurring daily until October 31, 2025

Flushing Farms

Oct27

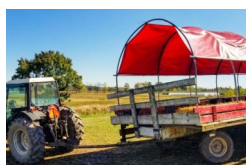


Metamorphosis: The Art of Found Objects and Collage

Recurring daily until January 4, 2026

Flint Institute of Arts (FIA)

Oct27



Porter's Orchard Fall Fun

Recurring daily until October 31, 2025

Porter's Orchard Farm Market & Cider Mill

Oct27



Spicers Orchard Corn Maze

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until October 31, 2025

Spicer Orchards Farm Market, Winery & Tasting Room

Oct27



Stockton Speaker Series: Paranormal Investigation

Recurring monthly on

the 4th Monday until October 27, 2025

Stockton House Museum

Oct27



The Way Things Go

Recurring daily until October 31, 2025

Flint Institute of Arts Museum + Art School (FIA)

Oct27



UM-Flint University Chamber Choir Invitational Concert

Court Street United Methodist Church

Oct28



Laser Halloween

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until November 2, 2025

1310 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI

Oct28



Local Author Book Signing: Melissa Lance

Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

Oct28



Pop Up Photography Tours

Recurring weekly on Tuesday until October 28, 2025

Brush Park

Oct28



Skies Over Michigan

Recurring weekly on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until November 1, 2025

Longway Planetarium

Oct29

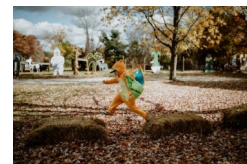


FrankE & DawnE Karaoke

Recurring weekly on Wednesday

S & K Hometown Pub

Oct29



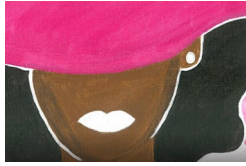
Halloween Ghosts & Goodies

Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad

Oct29

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**The Whitmore Project
Documentary Community
Screening -FLINT**
University of MI-Flint,
University Center - The
Kiva

Oct29



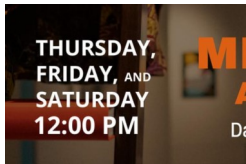
**WIP Wednesdays Work-
shop**
Recurring weekly on
Wednesday
Breads & Threads Hand-
made

Oct30



Laser Halloween
Recurring weekly on
Thursday, Friday, Satur-
day until November 1,
2025
Longway Planetarium

Oct30



**Midday at MW: Daily
Guided Tours**
Recurring weekly on
Thursday, Friday, Satur-
day
**Mott-Warsh Collection
Gallery**

Oct30



**Mushroomhead wsg/ Psy-
chostick, Black Satellite,
and Mind Incision**
**The Machine Shop Concert
Lounge**

Oct30



Ooky Spooky Light Show
Recurring weekly on Sun-
day, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday until November
2, 2025

Longway Planetarium

Oct30



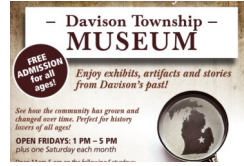
**This Bitter Earth: Living in
Harmony with Nature**
Recurring weekly on
Thursday, Friday, Satur-
day until January 24, 2026
Mott-Warsh Collection
Gallery

Oct31



**Clio Fire Dept Station 1
Halloween Open House**
Clio Fire Department

Oct31



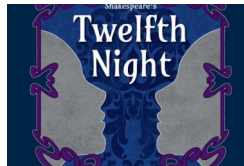
**Davison Township Muse-
um**
Recurring weekly on Fri-
day
**Davison Township Muse-
um**



**FIA Friends of Modern Art
films - Wicker Man**
Recurring weekly on Fri-
day, Saturday until No-
vember 1, 2025

**Flint Institute of Arts'
Film Theater**

Oct31



**Twelfth Night: Mainstage
Production**
**University of Michigan-
Flint Theatre and Dance**

Nov01



**Armstrong - The Advent-
urous Journey of a Mouse
to the Moon**
Recurring weekly on Sun-
day, Saturday until No-
vember 1, 2025
Longway Planetarium

Nov01



**Burton Race Series: Veter-
ans Honor Run**
Blessed Sacrament Catho-
lic Church

Nov01



El Ballet Folklorico
**Gloria Coles Flint Public
Library - C.S. Mott Founda-
tion Community Room**

Nov01



Fall Arts & Crafts Event
Lamb of God Lutheran
Church

Nov01



**Flint Firebirds OHL Hock-
ey**
Dort Financial Center

Nov01



**Smile Empty Soul wsg/
Primer 55 - Silhouettes &
Mayhem Tour**
**The Machine Shop Concert
Lounge**

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Nov01



Strutter - KISS Tribute
FIM Capitol Theatre

Nov01



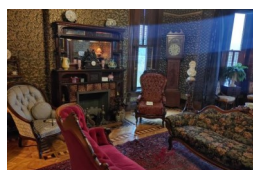
The Accidental Astronauts
Recurring weekly on Sunday, Saturday until November 1, 2025
Longway Planetarium

Nov01



VEX VRC Tournament
Kettering University

Nov01



Whaley Historic House Museum Open Tours
Recurring monthly on the 1st Saturday
Whaley Historic House Museum



FIA Friends of Modern Art films - Midsommar
Flint Institute of Arts'

Film Theater

Nov05



Flint Repertory Theatre:
Ghost Light Cabaret
Flint Repertory Theatre

Nov06



Dolly Tribute Show
Swartz Creek-Perkins Library

Nov06



Dolly Tribute Show
Swartz Creek-Perkins Library

Nov07



5th Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar
St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Nov07



First Fridays at Longway Planetarium
Recurring monthly on the 1st Friday

Longway Planetarium

Nov07



Two for the Show: The World's Premier Bon Jovi & Journey Tributes
FIM Capitol Theatre

Nov08



4th Annual Holiday Craft Show at St. John Catholic School
St. John Catholic School

Nov08



FIM Flint Symphony Orchestra: Pals & Parody
FIM Whiting

Nov08



Linden's Ladies Night Out
Downtown Linden

Nov08



Sensory-Friendly Planetarium Shows
Recurring monthly on the 2nd Saturday
Longway Planetarium

Nov08



Smetanka Fall Craft Show
Grand Blanc High School



The Ultimate Doors - A Tribute to Jim Morrison & the Doors
The Machine Shop Concert Lounge

Nov09



Fenton Food Fest
DW Events Center Bar & Catering Co.

Nov11



Marilyn Monroe Tribute Show
Baker Park Library

Nov13



18th Annual Christmas Market at Elections
Elections

MICHIGAN FALL PHOTOS



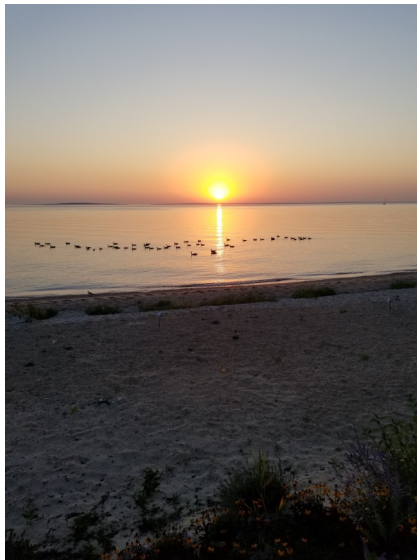
Tahquamenon Falls



Huckleberry Railroad



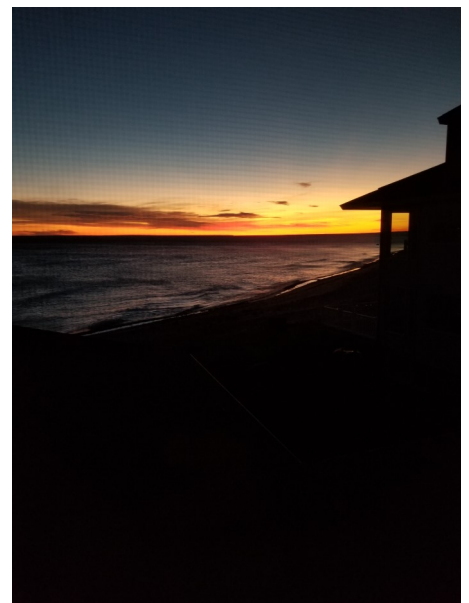
Mullett Lake



Sunrise on Lake Huron



Pictured Rocks



Sunrise after a storm on Lake Huron

BRIDGING THE GAP: HOW THE LRC IS REDEFINING ACCESS TO JUSTICE (CONT'D)

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We're also proud to host weekly legal clinics run by Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM), where community members can receive free guidance on family law issues such as divorce, custody, parenting time, and child support.

The LRC's growth has been powered by four grants from the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)- nearly \$325,000 since 2022—to create, expand, and strengthen our services. Those funds helped us launch legal kiosks, maintain electron-

ic research access, and support the staff who assist hundreds of visitors every month.

In 2025 alone, nearly 4,500 people turned to the LRC for help with PPOs, custody motions, guardianships, and more.

Our grand opening was a milestone—but it's only the beginning. Whether you need help with a legal matter, want to explore the new space, or are just curious about what we do, come visit us.

The LRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4

p.m. (except court holidays). By bringing together court staff, advocates, legal clinics, and technology, the LRC is helping build a fair accessible justice system for everyone in Genesee County. –rh



Charlie Campbell, Self-Help Center Coordinator at Michigan Legal Help attended the Genesee County Legal Resource Center grand opening event. He mentioned that Genesee County is the largest self-help center in the State of Michigan.

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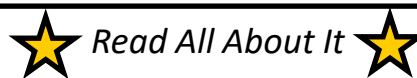


The Legal Resource Center is excited to welcome its first intern through a new partnership with the University of Michigan-Flint. This collaboration gives students valuable, hands-on experience while supporting the LRC's mission to make the Court-

house more accessible for everyone.

Our inaugural intern, a pre-law student from UM-Flint, assists navigators and helps collect entrance and exit surveys from visitors—data that will soon play a key role in a research project with Dr.

Kimberly Saks, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the MPA Program. Through this partnership, the LRC and UM-Flint are working together to strengthen access to justice and provide meaningful learning opportunities for future legal professionals. –rh



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