

Memory Cafe Mich-Lib-I replies:

Steve McGladdery, Adult Services Librarian– Commerce Township Community Library:

In response to your Michlib inquiry, we here in Commerce Township just started one of these last December. We currently meet once a month, every other month, but from what I have seen the more often you can do it the better. Some do it monthly, some biweekly. My hope is to increase our frequency to monthly once I am more accustomed to the role.

Instead of bringing them here, a colleague and I go to a nearby assisted living facility and any interested residents are brought to us in their meeting space. In December we did Christmas Song Bingo. We played nondenominational songs from a Spotify playlist, and helped them find the songs on their Bingo cards. Anyone who had a Bingo received a small plushie, which they loved. We made sure everyone won at least once before we finished.

Tomorrow we're going back and making a simple craft, seen here:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/shamrock-rainbow-necklaces-and-the-weekly-kids-coop--28640147608794963/>

I hope this is helpful; please let me know if you have any questions.

Brian R. Johnston, Adult Services Librarian– Lincoln Township Public Library:

Our local Area Agency on Aging is running this program for us plus a couple of other local libraries in Berrien County. It seems to be going very well; in fact, the Herald Palladium printed an article about it recently.

Katie Rothley– Northville Library:

We aren't doing one but our neighboring nonprofit, the Northville Art House, is doing one. Here's [the link](#).

Dana Allen, Administrative Clerk– Howell Carnegie District Library:

We had a Memory Cafe scheduled last week but cancelled it due to low enrollment. I'm not involved in the events too often so I'm not sure what they were planning to do.

We do offer a nice variety of MEMORY KITS though and they seem to be very popular. The one with the artificial dog is really popular and we actually have one in the library that folks enjoy while they're in house. Here's a link to our kits:

<https://catalog.howelllibrary.org/Union/Search?basicType=Keyword&searchSource=local&lookfor=memory+kits>

Chris Land, Technology Training Associate– Detroit Public Library:

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra runs the Legato Memory Cafe once a month here in Detroit. I copied in their accessibility manager, Kiersten Alcorn, and attached the flyer she sent me a few weeks ago.

Jennifer Harden, Assistant Director– Frankenmuth Wickson District Library:

I just started my cafe last month and it went great. I have my second cafe tomorrow. I will attach an outline for my agenda and conversation starters. Jennifer at Belleville Library has been a huge help, as she's had a program up and running for awhile now. I visited her program last fall to get ideas for my own. I am also including an agenda from the meeting that I had today with my volunteers who help me run the program each month.

All of the documents referenced in the replies can be found in this [Google Drive Folder](#).