



Lewiston Children's Librarian, Ann Siejka and LCA Executive Director Irene Rykaszewski stand in front of "Bug" located outside the Lewiston Public Library.

Bug Fest!

Saturday, July 11 • Noon-4pm

Lewiston Library, 305 S 8th St, Lewiston, NY 14092

Join us to celebrate all things creepy crawly!

Bug Fest will be an afternoon of bug-related art activities following a week of bug themed programs at the Lewiston Library coordinated by Children's Librarian Ann Siejka. Stop by the library to see an extensive collection of bugs on display (courtesy of Mary Kate Fonzi).

The event will be comprised of a series of stations where children can

- Listen to a bug themed story & sing with [Karima Amin and Daughters of Creative Sound](#) ("Anansi, A Tale from Ashanti"; a story about a spider)
- Paint a river stone in honor of their favorite bug
- Design their own bug from natural materials
- Make a traditional Native American jitterbug
- Wash down a "bug" cookie with a swig of "beetle juice"
- Make their day memorable with a unique and beautiful face painting design
- Watch as the carver puts the finishing touches on a chainsaw carving

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite insect/bug!

Bug Fest will be held in Seneca ("BUG") Park adjacent to the Library where the LCA commissioned and sited 'Bug', the last sculpture created by Larry Griffis before his death. We have made arrangements with [Griffis Sculpture Park](#) to loan us another bug sculpture which will also be on display in the park for the summer season.

In addition we have commissioned the carving of a functional piece of wood sculpture (e.g. book worm bench) by a professional Chainsaw Chix. Most of the carving will be done ahead of time (too noisy during the event) and finishing touches will be done in full view of our audience. The piece will then be donated to the children's room at the Lewiston Library.

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