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PROGRESS CONTINUES ON NEW LIBRARY

The Library continues to make progress toward the new building, with several major milestones being cleared over the summer.

On July 31st, the Library completed the purchase of the three residential properties along Alpine Street. These properties will be combined to form one parcel for the new Library building and parking area.

In July, the Library applied

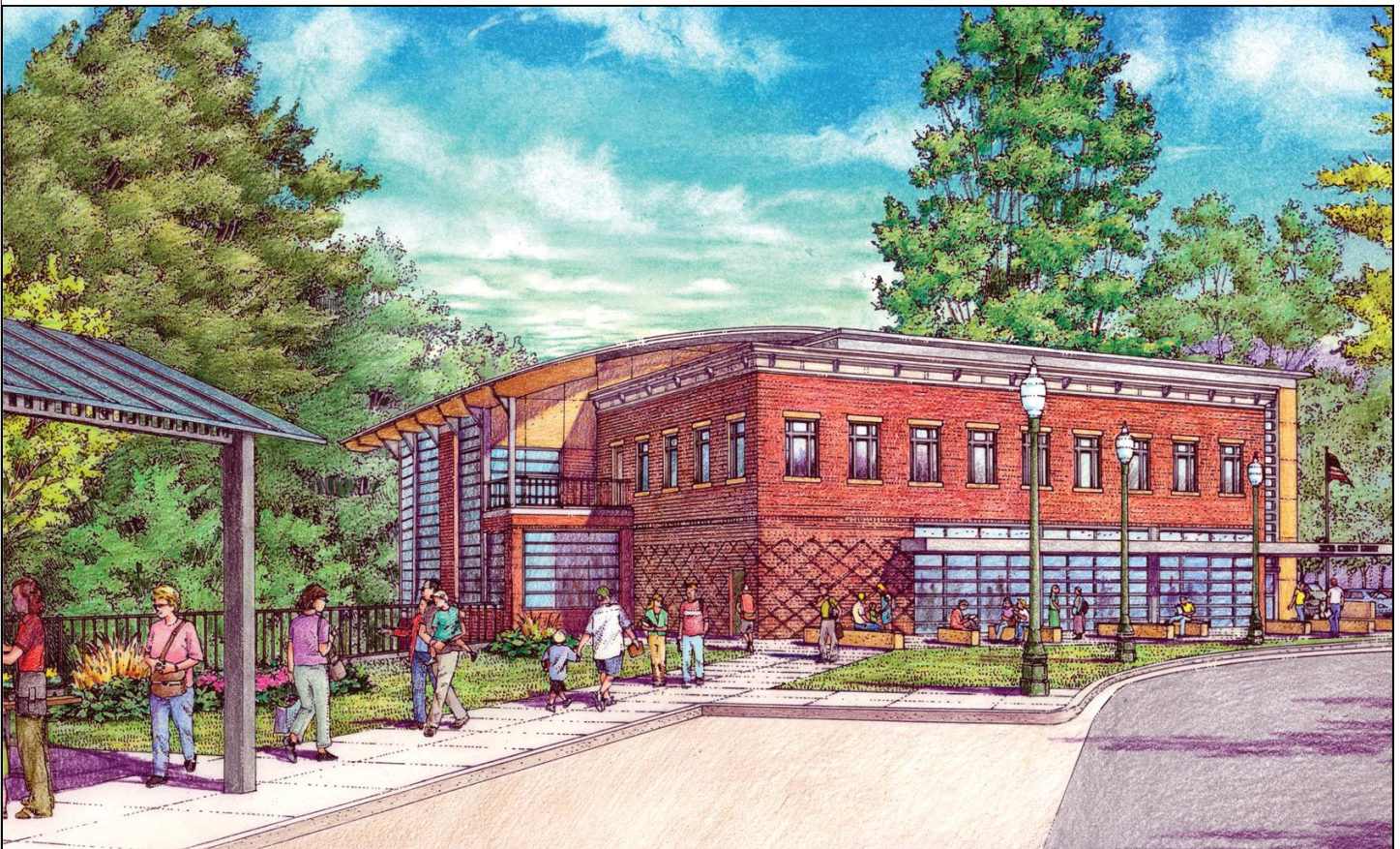
for preliminary site plan review with the Village and on August 7, the Library received preliminary approval from the Planning Commission. While a few minor issues were identified by the Village's engineering consultants, the Library's architects, Holzheimer, Bolek Architects, feel that these issues will be readily resolved. The Planning Commission has required greater detail regarding parking lot lighting,

landscaping and several other minor issues.

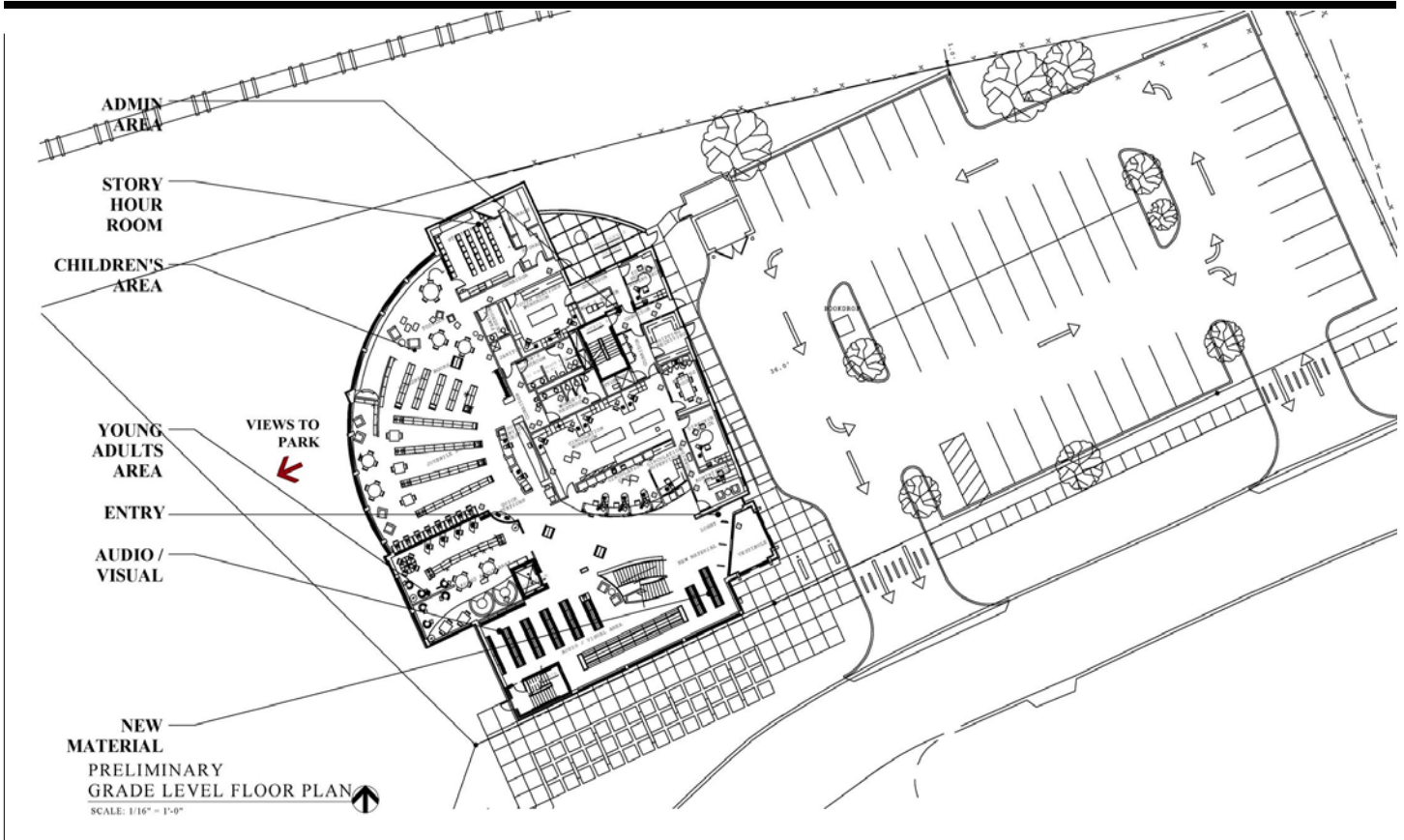
On August 28th, the Library received preliminary site plan approval from the Dexter Village Council.

The Library's engineering consultants are currently revising the site plans to provide additional detail and are working with the Village to resolve the outstanding issues related to Village

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Rendering of the Dexter District Library, Alpine Street approach by Holzheimer, Bolek Architects



NEW BUILDING UPDATE

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Ordinances.

The Library currently expects to file for final site plan review by the end of September. This process will require final review of the plans by the Village's engineering consultants, Planning Commission and Village Council.

Once the Library has received final planning approval from the Village, the construction drawings will be completed. With the current timeline for submission and review, the Library could receive final approval by November, providing all outstanding issues are settled.

During the month of June, the Library selected O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor to serve as the construction manager for the building project. The Library Board determined to hire a construc-

tion manager in order to help maximize the Library's construction budget. Due to volatile prices in the energy and materials markets, the Board selected O'Neal Construction to help the Library develop the construction budget. The expertise O'Neal Construction brings to the project will help the Library control expenses and create a final design that can be built within the limitations of the Library's financial resources.

The Alpine Street rendering of the new Library (appearing on the cover) and the floor plans included on pages 2 and 3, represent the Library's consolidation of the public input gathered over the course of its two-year planning period. In keeping with the character of the Village, the Library's architects have maintained a

traditional façade facing Alpine Street while transitioning the Library into an up-to-date facility. The architecture opens up on the southern face to capture the view across the park and the creek.

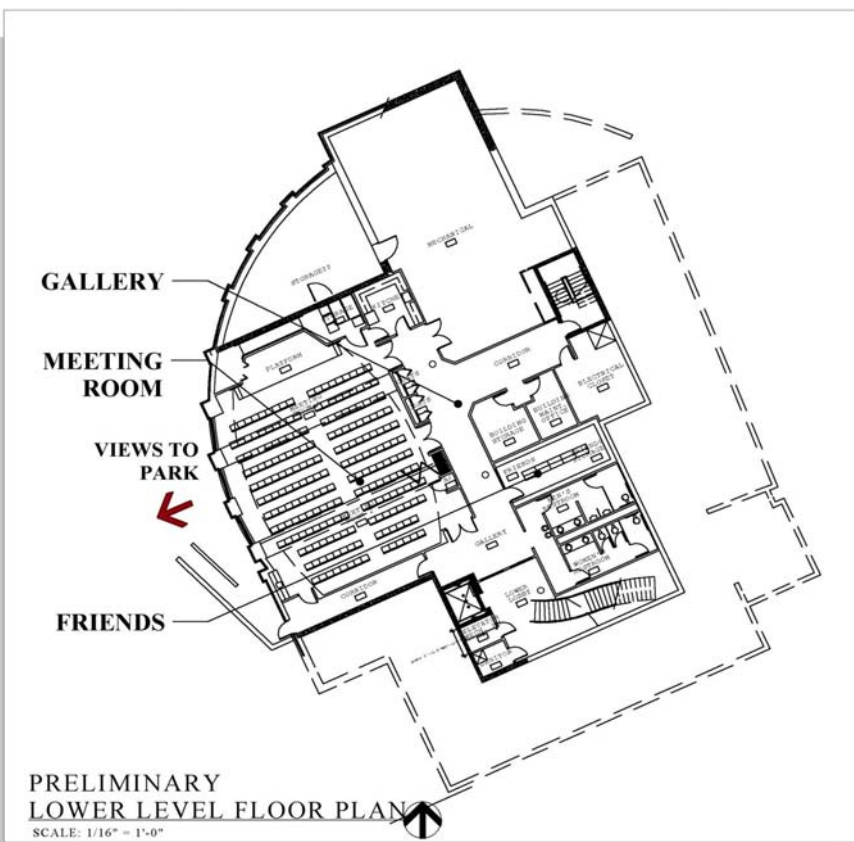
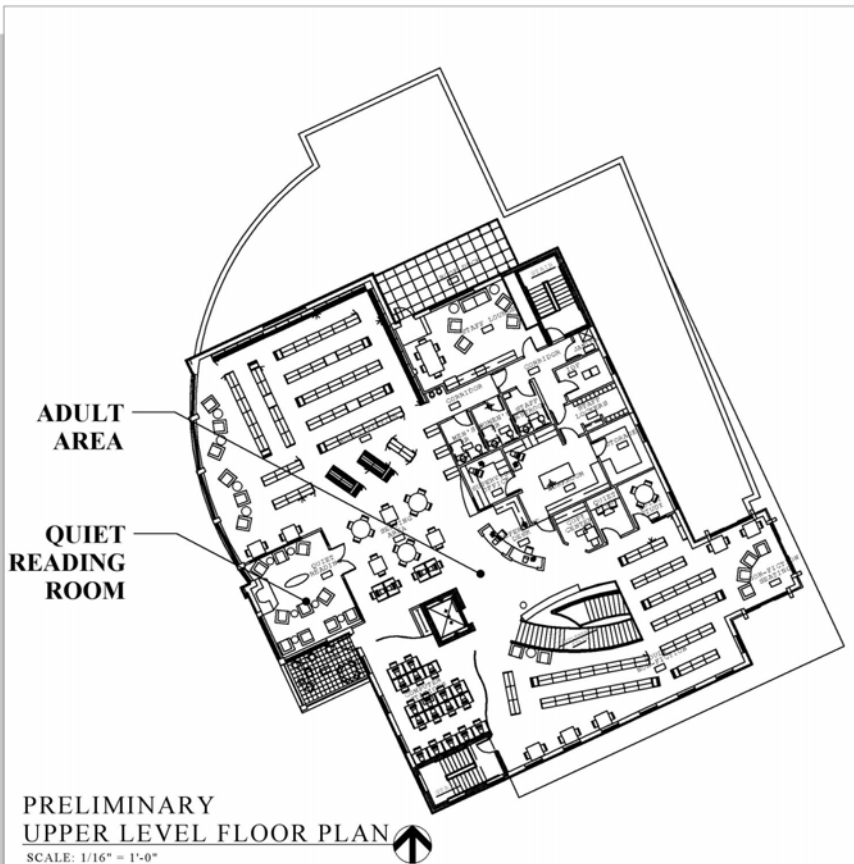
Main Floor - (above) The floor plan (labeled above as Grade Level) represents the primary entrance to the Library. Community members will arrive to find a 48-car parking lot with easy access to the Library, a convenient pick-up and drop off area near the front entry and a drive-up book drop accessible by vehicle drivers. The Library hopes to create a pleasant seating area outside the Library, facing Alpine Street, to encourage pedestrian traffic to and from Main Street.

The main floor concentrates many of the busier functions of library service. On this floor, patrons will find convenient access to our new books and

audio/visual materials. Separate areas for Young Adults and children will provide ready access to books, computers, study tables and comfortable reading areas. In addition to Internet access, the Library will provide computer terminals dedicated to accessing the Library catalog.

Separate circulation and reference areas allow for convenient check-out as well as better management of in-depth reference questions.

This floor will also house the picture book collection and provide parents and children ample areas to sit and read together. The Library will also provide a family restroom in this area. The Library's expanded Story Time room will be located on this floor as well. A patio off the Story Time room will allow for outdoor programming as well



as provide emergency egress.

The main floor will also house the bulk of the administrative offices and the network server room as well as areas for staff to process new materials and prepare programs, manage the Library's growing shipping and receiving of Interlibrary Loan items and store requests for patrons.

Upper Level (top left) - Reached by an elevator that connects all floors, the upper level will contain the bulk of materials geared for research and recreational reading for adults. The Library's reference collection, periodicals and newspapers will be shelved on this floor. Additionally, the Library's collection of mysteries, westerns and general fiction will be shelved in this area. A reference desk will support patrons searching for materials in the collection as well as computer users. Ample comfortable seating will allow patrons to browse and enjoy the views from the Library across Warrior Creek Park and Mill Creek. This floor will also feature a quiet reading room segregated from the general noise in the Library as well as several small group-study rooms. Computer resources for adults will be available on this floor and the workstation configuration will allow the Library to use this area for future computer training classes. This floor will contain the remainder of the Library's staff work spaces as well as the staff break room.

Lower Level - (bottom left) The Library's meeting room space will be concentrated on this level. The meeting room space will accommodate up to 200 people. This room can be divided to schedule multiple meetings at the same time. This space will greatly enhance the Library's ability to host programs and events, regardless of weather conditions and to accommodate larger groups than is currently possible. The gallery space will allow break out space before and after meetings as well as space to hang coats. The Friends of the Library will have greatly expanded space to receive, sort, store and sell materials at their regular book sales. The remainder of this floor will hold building maintenance, storage, electrical and mechanical rooms. Larger format floor plans and the color rendering are currently on display at the Library.

2006 SUMMER READING PROGRAM ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

BY CATHY JURICH

The Dexter District Library has once again wrapped up another successful Summer Reading Program. This summer over 800 children and teens participated in the program, the theme of which was "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales." Starting with the kick-off in June, each child set a goal for the number of books or amount of time they would read over the summer. Every week children visited the library, recorded their books and received a small prize.



Jacob (left) and Sam Laidlaw respectively won a Toys-R-U's and a Greenfield Village gift certificate.

Any child who met their goal in August received a book bag filled with prizes, coupons and gift certificates. Teens were asked to complete a Bingo Card with various reading and library activities on it.

Throughout the program, the Library held weekly prize drawings and a guessing contest. The Library also hosted several performers during the summer including The Dream Machine Variety Show, Lori Fithian's "Drumcommunity," Carousel Acres Petting Farm, Brainstormers Theater Group,

Naturalist Endeavors Michigan Wildlife Program, John Park's "How a Book Changed My Life" Comedy/Juggling Act, a Craft Day and two Bedtime Story Times complete with milk and cookies. The Final Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up in August brought The Amazing Clark to the Library where over 200 participants enjoyed magic, comedy, puppets, balloon animals and refreshments.

Many area businesses contributed money, incentives and gift certificates to the program this year, allowing the Library to hold special drawings. The Library displayed a large jar of Goldfish Crackers and each time a child recorded books on his or her reading record, they received a slip of paper to guess the number of crackers in the jar. This year there were 1620 crackers. The closest number and won a \$10.00 gift certificate to Nicola's Books and a very large candy bar for his guess of 1630 crackers.

The Library also held a Grand Prize Drawing at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program. All children and teens who met their summer reading goals entered their reading records into the drawings and names were selected at random. The Grand Prize Winners and their prizes are as follows:

Teen Read Program

Seven teens completed Bingo Cards and were entered into the Final Drawing. All entries won a prize.

Sam Laidlaw was the lucky winner of a \$75 gift certificate to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. Additional winners in the ran-

dom drawing included: Hannah Lahner, who received four tickets to a Detroit Tigers Baseball Game; Lia Viitala, who received an MP3 Player; Amy Read, who received a \$25 gift card to Goodrich Theaters; and Charlotte Read, Katerina Viitala and Emily Weber who received books and very large candy bars.

Reading Club

Two hundred and twenty children completed their Reading Club Records and were entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Peter Assenmacher and Juliano Steward each received \$75 gift certificates to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum; Sabina Carty, Benny Eickenberry and Edward Lewis each received a set of four tickets to a Detroit Tigers Game; Sydney Larmee and Gary Spikberg each received an MP3 player; Carson Howatt,



Ben Eickenberry was excited to win Tigers tickets.

Mikey Ramey, Leah Schwartzberger, Claire Ward and Grace Latshaw each received a \$25 gift card to Goodrich Theaters; Steven Li and Reed Yalisoivepairs each received a pair of binoculars; Sierra Lindskov received a \$20 gift certificate to Country Market; Allison Murphy



Katerina (left) and Lia Viitala both received prizes for meeting their Summer Reading goals. Katerina received a journal and a very large candy bar and Lia received an MP3 player through the prize drawing.

received a gift certificate to Westarbor Animal Hospital along with a book and a bag of surprises; Nicole Fredrich received a book and a bag of surprises from Comcast; and Jessica Black, Jacob Laidlaw, Clark Sprague and Emily Stumpo each received \$10 gift cards to Toys R Us.

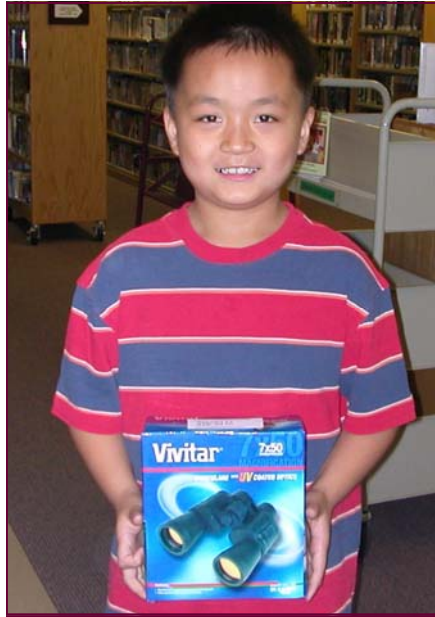
Read-To-Me Program

One hundred and seventeen children completed their Read-To-Me Records and were entered into a random drawing for prizes.

Ethan Dixon and Nicole Pfifer each received a \$75 gift certificate to Greenfield Vil-

lage and Henry Ford Museum; Cal Bavinneau and Kara Rider each received a Little Tykes Boombox; Elijah Tengowski received a Little Tykes CD Player; James Lewis and Clare McCormick each received a \$25 gift card to Goodrich Theaters; Sarah Cox, Chloe Mann, Ellie Williams and Meagan Williams each receive a \$10 gift card to Toys R Us.

Additionally, the following children who participated in either the Reading Program or the Read-to-Me Program won \$10 gift certificates to Nicola's Books: Zane Aridi, Steven Assenmacher, Will Blodgett, Owen Brooks, Kati Brueckner, Holly Clegg, Even Colby, MacKenzie Dixon, Elise Dombkowski, Tom Eakin, Olivia Eikenberry, Alyssa Emery, Nathaniel Fiegel, Morgan Fogleman, Dijouri Gatrell, Kevren Gatrell, Sophia Grant, Grisha Griffiths, Hannah Harshe, Wyatt Heaton, Jeffrey Jones, Patrick Kaercher, Jenna Kauffman, Katerina Kerska, Michael Kivel, Virginia Kivel, Kaitlyn Kivi, Rebecca Kivi, Margaret Lewis, Daniel Luongo, Megan Lynch, Sara McAllister, Nick McKenzie,



Steven Li received a pair of binoculars as part of the prize drawing.

Zach McKenzie, Amanda Merz, Mary Monroe, Ryan Murphy, Max Nowak, Liza Pritchard, Matthew Read, Paul Schaefer, Renee Steinbach, Anthony Sterlitz, Merritt Stimac, Christopher Tamer, Emma Tamer, Owen Wesorick, Isabelle Wilhelm, Malia Yalisove and Sammi Yalisove.

Congratulations to all the readers who participated in this year's Summer Reading Program! The Library encourages parents and children to keep this wonderful program in mind for next summer.

The Dexter District Library would like to thank the area business that supported the 2006 Summer Reading Program:

- Ann Arbor News
- Busch's ValuLand
- Comcast
- Country Market
- Dairy Queen - Dexter
- Dapco Industries
- DTE Energy
- Friends of the Dexter District Library
- Grohnert and Grohnert Law Offices
- Kiwanis Club of Dexter
- Lions Club of Dexter
- Nicola's Books
- RollerRama in Brighton
- Rotary Club of Dexter
- TCF Bank - Dexter
- Westarbor Animal Hospital



Kava Rider can't wait to try out her prize—a new boombox.

STORY TIME REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 5TH

The Library is happy to announce the return of Story Time! Registration for Fall Story Time begins on Monday, September 5th. Parents are encouraged to register their child early as the Story Time sessions fill up quickly.

Fall Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, September 18th and run until Thursday, November

9th. Parents or caregivers of children may register in person at the library or by calling 426-4477. Space is limited so registration will be on a first come first served basis.

Children 18 months to 3 years of age may sign up for Toddler Story Times with sessions available Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Children 3 to 6

years of age may sign up for Preschool Story Times with sessions available Mondays or Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Parents are asked to register their child for just one session, due to space limitations. Parents are welcome to attend Story Time with their child and each session will last approximately 30 minutes.

Fall Story Times for children

include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays, occasional crafts and other activities that bring the fun of reading to your child. All sessions are held at the Dexter District Library which is located at 8040 Fourth Street in Dexter. For further information, please call the library at 426-4477.

Upcoming Library
Programs

Monday September 5
Story Time Registration
begins

Monday, September 18
Fall Story Times Begin
Story Times run through
November 9

Saturday, September 23
11:00 am
Mother Goose Story
Time and Craft

Thursday, September 28
7:00 pm
Your Credit Score....
What It Means to You as
a Prospective Home
Buyer

Sunday, October 3
Sunday Open Hours Be-
gin, Library Open
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Saturday October 14
11:00 am
The Spoon Man music
and Stories

Thursday, October 19
7:00 pm—Financial
Planning Program “Can I
Afford to Send My Kids
to College?”

Friday, October 20
11:00 am
Bats of the World Live

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LIBRARY TO OPEN SUNDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 3

The Library is pleased to announce a further expansion of open hours. The Library will be open on Sundays beginning October 3, 2006. The Library will be open each Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through the school year.

During the following months, staff will monitor library use, computer use, circulation and the number of customers visiting the Library. Usage statistics will be used to determine whether Sunday

hours will become a year round program or whether the Library will close Sundays during the summer months.

Adding open hours on Sunday has been an item requested by the public and is now possible with the Library's increased operational budget.

Sunday hours will provide students the opportunity to perform research and work on school papers before the start of the class week as well as

providing additional time for those with full-time weekday jobs to enjoy the Library's services and materials.

**Starting October 1, 2006 the
Library will be open:**

Mon - Fri - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DEBT LEVY FOR CONSTRUCTION BONDS

This coming year, there will be a change in the way the Dexter District Library assesses the debt millage used to pay back its construction bonds. Due to a provision in the District Library Finance Act (PA 265 of 1988 Section 8 as amended) the Library is required to collect all debt service funds at the same time the County collects the majority of its funds. Because the County has shifted the bulk of its collections to the summer, the Library is now required to collect debt service millage with the summer

tax collection, beginning in 2007.

The Library is required to pay debt service payments on the construction bonds twice each year: once in November and once in May. Additionally, the Library collects its debt service millage just once each year. Through the advice of our bond counsel, the Library will reduce the bond levy this December from .52 mills down to .3 mills and collect only those funds required to pay the May 2007 bond payment. Beginning

with the July 2007 tax collection, the Library will levy one year's worth of debt service in July of each year.

Traditionally, the Library has collected its millage income (both operational and debt service) in December of each year. The Library will continue to collect its operational income in December. No similar statute exists regarding district libraries and operational income. The Library's fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) will remain the same for general operational purposes.

MORNINGSTAR MUTUAL FUND REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE AT LIBRARY

The Library is pleased to introduce the availability of the Morningstar Mutual Funds reports. This publication tracks the value of the majority of major mutual funds, providing information on gains and losses as well as charts on historical trends in value, an analysis of the stocks which comprise the

specific mutual fund and quarterly performance for the past five years. Additionally, Morningstar experts provide opinion and analysis of each fund as well as a five star rating system and “style” boxes that help determine the level of risk involved in each investment. While the bulk of this bi-weekly publication is filled with individual fund

analysis, each month provides expanded features on select funds. This publication is a good companion to the Library's subscription to Valueline, the leading publication reviewing individual publicly traded stocks. If you do your own investing, Morning Star will help you better understand mutual fund products before you invest your money.

FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY UNITED BANK

This Fall, the Dexter District Library is pleased to present two financial planning workshops in conjunction with United Bank and Trust of Dexter.

On Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m., the Library will present "Can I Afford to Send My Kids to College?" a workshop designed to inform all community members of the variety of options available for college savings. Coverdell ESA, 529 Plans, UTMA ...if you are confused with all of the options available for college savings, plan to be on hand when James W. Winslow, CFP, and Kevin Rogan, both from United Bank, present, com-

pare and contrast the variety of college savings options and answer your questions. This program is free and open to the public.

On Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. the Library will present "Guilt-Free Budgeting." Are you without a budget? Many of us just muddle through, trying to stay one step ahead of our bills. During this interactive session, Kevin Rogan and Brian Falzon of United Bank will discuss the keys to setting up and executing a budget that works best for you and your spending habits. Please join us as Kevin and Brian lead you through a practical and inter-

active session on setting up and executing a sound budget.

With over fourteen years of experience in providing sound and trusted investment advice, Jim Winslow, Vice President—LPL Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner, and Kevin Rogan, an LPL Financial Advisor, work out of United Bank & Trust.

Both are graduates of the University of Michigan. Brian Falzon, Community Banking Officer, works for United Bank & Trust. All are devoted to their community and to helping people prepare for the financial realities that life presents.

MEDICAL WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, DEPT. OF BARIATRIC SURGERY

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m., the Library will host a "Weight-Loss Surgery Information Session." This interactive presentation will be presented by Dr. John Birkmeyer, Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan. Dr. Birkmeyer will dis-

cuss different types of weight-loss surgical procedures, the benefits and risks of surgery, and the necessary life-style changes after surgery.

Along Dr. Birkmeyer will be Bill Palazzolo, MS, PA-C, Bari-

atric Surgery Program Director who will also be available to answer questions.

The Library will continue with a series of presentations on Surgery topics this winter, with dates and times to be determined.

REAL ESTATE PROGRAMS RESUME THIS FALL

The Library is please to continue its series of Real Estate workshops in conjunction with Park Place Mortgage in Dexter.

On Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m., the Library will host "Your Credit Score.... What It Means to You as a Prospective Home Buyer." This program will be presented by Mary Pierce of Park Place Mortgage.

The subject of credit scoring has become an increasingly

hot topic, and for good reason. Your credit score is a snapshot of your credit history, good and bad. It can determine what type of interest rate you get on a home loan and home insurance to name a few. This workshop will educate you about your credit score. You will be given the tools to better your situation to become a home buyer while the market is still a buyers market. Now is the time to become a home owner while home prices are low

and there is a surplus of homes on the market. Don't put it off any longer!

Mary Pierce will continue her series of programs, along with help from Cindy Glahn of Real Estate One in Dexter, on October 26th with "How to Purchase a Home with Zero Down and Zero Closing Costs" and on November 30 with "Reverse Mortgage Loans for Seniors Over 62." All programs start at 7:00 pm, are free and open to the public.

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animal presentation by the Organization for Bat Conservation

Thursday, October 26

7:00 pm

How to Purchase a Home with Zero Down and Zero Closing Costs

Saturday, October 28

11:00 am and 1:00 pm

Halloween Story Time and Craft

(registration required)

Saturday, November 5

11:00 am

The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt, presents "Turkey In the Straw" a program with stories, songs and good old farm wisdom

November 9

7:00 pm

Weight Loss Surgery Information

Presented by Dr. John Birkmeyer, Professor of Surgery, University of Michigan

Thursday, November 16

7:00 p.m.

Financial Planning Program "Guilt-free Budgeting"

Thursday, November 30

7:00 p.m.

"Reverse Mortgage Loans for Seniors Over 62"

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in a variety of print,
audiovisual and electronic
formats.*

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DIRECTOR'S CORNER BY PAUL MCCANN

From construction management contract negotiations and finalizing the purchase of the Alpine Street properties to preliminary site plan submittal and budget estimating, it has been a busy summer here at the Library. And things won't cool off this fall as we move through the final site plan approval process.

The Library will be finalizing its site plan drawings and submitting those to the Village for approval in September. The current time line for planning approval will hopefully see the Library get the green light from the Village sometime by the end of November. As with any building project, there are multiple levels of review from engineers, planning officials, County building officials and the Village Council in order to ensure the proposed project meets with all applicable codes and ordinances and fits into the character of the community. To date, the Library's project has received strong

support from the Village Planning Commission and the Village Council and we hope to complete the approval process in the coming months.

Once the site plans have been approved, the Library's architects will create a set of construction drawings. These documents will detail every nail and stud in the new Library building and also will be used by the Library's construction managers to help the Library hone its project budget and to garner bids for the actual construction work.

The first progress the public will see on the site will be the demolition of the houses on Alpine Street this fall. Just prior to demolition, the Dexter Area Fire Department has requested the Library allow the firefighters to practice exercises on the buildings. Due to the proximity of the properties to other structures, the Fire Department will not be burning these buildings. However, the vacant struc-

tures will give firefighter the opportunity to practice entering buildings. The Library is pleased to be a part of helping our local firefighters keep their skills fresh and training up to date.

On another note, the national media has reported a recall of a child's toy that was associated with many library summer reading programs. Two bendable figure toys (a dog and a cat) produced by the Highsmith company were found to have unacceptable levels of lead paint. [The Dexter District Library DID NOT purchase or distribute any of these toys as part of its Summer Reading Program.](#) The bulletin regarding the recall is available from the Consumer Product Safety Commission at:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06236.html>

This link includes a picture of the individual toys.