

# EX LIBRIS

## FIRE DEPARTMENT HELPS CLEAR LAND FOR NEW LIBRARY

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The Dexter Area Fire Department helped the Library clear part of the Alpine Street site for the new Library when fire fighters held a training session on Saturday, November 18, 2006. The Dexter Area Fire Department, in conjunction with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and the Putnam Township Fire Department, used one of the structures on the Library's property to help local fire fighters prepare for real emergencies. Under the direction of fire fighting instructors from Michigan State University, local fire fighters were able to learn

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Firefighters from the Dexter Area Fire Department used the Library's properties on Alpine Street for training.

## LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE:

WWW.DEXTER.LIB.MI.US

On Monday, February 12, the Dexter District Library launched its redesigned web site, complete with a new web address: [www.dexter.lib.mi.us](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us).

The Library's new web site becomes the one-stop-shop for patrons to access the library catalog, online resources, databases, monthly programs/events, download or view electronic versions of the Library's newsletters, and review various policies and other information related to the Library.

The new web site also offers interactive features such as online customer feedback

forms, online applications to become a Friend of the Library, and more!

While the Library introduced a new web address, the site continues to be hosted by the Huron Valley Community Network. HVCN is a non-profit web hosting organization, located in Ann Arbor.

The Library extends a big thank you to volunteer Allison Brueckner for all her hard work designing this new web site!

Please contact Paul McCann at [pmccann@dexter.lib.mi.us](mailto:pmccann@dexter.lib.mi.us), for additional information or questions about the web site.

## New Items in the Library

### Youth Items

#### New Picture Books

- 365 Penguins* by Jean-Luc Fromental
- A Particular Cow* by Mem Fox
- Angelina's Baby Sister* by Katharine Holabird
- Do Princesses Scrape Their Knees?* by Carmela LaVigna Coyle
- First Grade Here I Come* by Nancy Carlson
- Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- The Happy Lion Roars* by Louise Fatio
- If It Weren't For You* by Charlotte Zolotow
- Love You When You Whine* by Emily Jenkins
- This Jazz Man* by Karen Ehrhardt
- Toot & Puddle: The One and Only* by Holly Hobbie
- Wild Girl* by Chris Wormell

#### New Juvenile Fiction

- Abadazad: The Dream Thief* by J.M. DeMatteis
- Emlyn's Moon* by Jenny Nimmo
- Fergus Crane* by Paul Stewart
- Gilda Joyce: The Ladies of the Lake* by Jennifer Allison
- The Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron
- Judy Moody: Around the World in 8 ½ Days* by Megan McDonald
- Penny From Heaven* by Jennifer Holm
- Return of Skeleton Man* by Joseph Bruchac
- Secrets of Dripping Fang Series* by Dan Greenburg
- Tales of Deltora* by Emily Rodda
- Time Warp Trio: Marco? Polo!* by Jon Scieszka
- Water Street* by Patricia Reilly Giff

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## NEW BUILDING UPDATE

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techniques to manage live fires under controlled conditions. The Library was pleased to be able to offer this training opportunity to The Dexter Fire Fighters.

On December 11, 2006, the Library received final site plan approval from the Dexter Village Council. This approval was a major milestone in the process towards the new building. The Village's engineering firms reviewed the Library's site and building design plans for compliance with local codes and ordinances. Receiving final site plan approval from the Village Council now allows the Library to complete the construction drawings, which will

be the basis for contractor bids.

Subsequent to the final site plan approval, the Library was required to make a few minor changes to the site plan. The Library's engineers have completed the necessary additional details to the drawings and hope to have approval to solicit bids from site work engineers by the beginning of April.

The Library will pursue a two-pronged strategy to the construction project by splitting the site work and excavation into one bid package and the construction into a separate bid package.

The Library's construction management firm, O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor, anticipates the site work bidding to take place in April, with site work to begin in early May. The initial phase will

consist of site grading, tree removal, excavating the area for the foundation and installation of an underground water detention system.

The detailed construction drawings will be finished over the course of March and April, with bidding and the award of the construction contracts to be in May.

Barring any unforeseen conditions or difficulties securing the necessary building permits, the Library hopes to begin the physical construction of the new building by the end of June.

An official groundbreaking ceremony will be scheduled and that date will be announced through the Dexter Leader, Ann Arbor News, on the Library's web site at [www.dexter.lib.mi.us](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us) and through fliers in the Library.

## REVERSE MORTGAGE FOR SENIORS SEMINARS WITH MARY PIERCE MARCH 22 AND APRIL 25

Mary Pierce from the Home Lending Center in Dexter will present two workshops on the topic of Reverse Mortgages for Seniors.

Pierce is offering two sessions on the topic of reverse mortgages. The sessions will be on **Thursday March 22 and Wednesday April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's Group Study Room.**

A "reverse" mortgage is a loan against your home that you do not have to pay back for as long as you live in your home. With a reverse mortgage, the value of a home can be turned into

move or incur monthly payments. The cash from a reverse mortgage is paid in several ways: a lump sum, a regular monthly advance, a credit line or a combination of all these methods. No matter how the loan is paid out, individuals typically do not have to pay back the money until the home is sold, the individual permanently moves out or a death occurs. To be eligible for a reverse mortgage, individuals must own their own home and be 62 years-old or older.

Pierce will provide an overview of reverse mortgages and discuss the pros and cons of obtaining such a loan at each session. New attendees

are welcome at either session. Because of the complex nature of reverse mortgages, Pierce will provide ample time for attendees to ask questions, explore specific areas of this issue and answer questions.

Pierce has over 20 years experience in the mortgage industry, including 10 years of experience managing an independent mortgage business. A resident of Dexter, Pierce's firm, "The Home Lending Center" offers residents all the amenities of large mortgage providers with the personal attention of an owner run business. **Please RSVP Pierce at 424-9500** prior to the presentation.

# Upcoming Programs at the Library

**Monday and Tuesday, March 12 and 13**—The Library will host First Grade Reader Round-Up. Students from Bates and Cornerstone first grade classes take a field trip to the Library, receive their first library card and a book bag.

**Saturday, March 17 10:00 a.m.**— U of M Museum of Natural History Presents: “Backyard Meteorology: Forecasting the Future,” a Hands-on Science Program about Global Warming. This program is presented in conjunction with the Winter Family Reading Program and geared for children Ages 6 - 11 and a parent partner. **Registration Required.** Following the program there will be a **Pizza Party at 11:30 a.m. for All Winter Family Reading Program Participants.** Registration for the Pizza Party is also required.

## Monday, March 19

Spring Story Time registration begins. Interested parents may come to the Library or register by telephone at 426-4477. Spring Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will begin on Monday, April 2 and run until May 17. Story times for toddlers (ages 18 months to 3 years) are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and for preschool aged children (3 to 6 years old) on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. Each session is approximately 30 minutes long. Space is limited and registration will be on a first come first served basis. Spring Story Times for children include picture and pop-up books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and other activities that bring the fun of reading to your child.



Graphic Novelist Paul Sizer greeted students attending the Library sponsored workshop “How to Draw Anime and Manga” this past December.

**Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.**— Book Discussion for Adults *On the Road* by Jack Kerouac, registration required.

**Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.**— Financial Planning Workshop “Reverse Mortgages for Seniors” presented by Mary Pierce of The Home Lending Center in Dexter. (See article on page 2)

**Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.**— “Riding out the Bumps” a financial planning workshop with Matt Rolfes of Dexter Financial. (see page 5)

**Saturday, March 31, 11:00 a.m.**— Easter Story Time and Craft — Carousel Acres will be bringing their live petting farm of baby animals to the library, outside, under the tent following the Story Time Program. Ages 3 and up registration required.

**Monday, April 2 – May 17**— Spring Story Times; Toddler Story Times 10:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday or Thursday; Preschool Story Times 11:30 a.m. Monday or Thursday. Registration Required.

**Friday, April 13, 11:00 a.m. (Dexter Schools Closed)** - Ann Arbor Storyteller Barbara Schutzgruber will be coming to the library to celebrate Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with real Ghost Stories. Ages 8 and up

**Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.**— “Book Clubs 101” learn how to start or revitalize a book discussion group with Cynthia Hodges. (see pg. 5)

**Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.** - Financial Planning Workshop “Reverse Mortgages for Seniors” presented by Mary Pierce.

**Thursday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.**— “Where Are You Going?” A Financial Planning program on retirement savings presented by Matt Rolfes. (see pg. 5)

**Saturday, April 28, 11:00 a.m.**— “Spring on the Farm” with Margaret Schmidt, a.k.a. “The Farm Lady.” Schmidt will be bringing a live bottle fed lamb from her small farm in Novi, Michigan to do a special story time for children of all ages. Margaret will talk about Spring on her farm which includes sheep, wool, lambs and the making of maple syrup.

**Saturday, May 12, 11:00 a.m.**— Mother’s Day Story Time and Craft - After a Story Time, children will be invited to make a gift for Mom for Mother’s Day. Ages 3 and up. Registration required.

**Thursday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.**— “10 Questions People Often Ask About Mutual Funds” a financial planning workshop with Matt Rolfes. (see page 5)



Children asked many questions as Dan the Creature Man explained about the habits of his live caiman at a program this past January.

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New Children's Books-on-CD

- Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen  
*Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allen Crow*  
 by James Howe  
*Count Karlstein* by Philip Pullman  
*Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan  
 Patron  
*Manny Files* by Christian Burch  
*Mr. Chickee's Messy Mission* by  
 Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Stink and the Incredible Supergalactic  
 Janbreaker* by Megan  
 McDonald  
*The Yowler Foul-Up* by Simon  
 Vance

New Young Adult Fiction

- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by  
 John Boyne  
*Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine  
 Paterson  
*Forever in Blue: The Fourth Summer of  
 the Sisterhood* by Ann  
 Brashares  
*Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson  
*Horowitz Horror* by Anthony  
 Horowitz  
*House of the Red Fish* by Graham  
 Salisbury  
*The Last Apprentice: Curse of the  
 Bane* by Joseph Delany  
*The Love Curse of the Rumbaugh* by  
 Jack Gantos  
*Queen of Babble* by Meg Cabot  
*Sold* by Patricia McCormick  
*Voices* by Ursula Le Guin  
*Warriors: The Darkest Hour* by  
 Erin Hunter

New Young Adult Books-on-  
CD

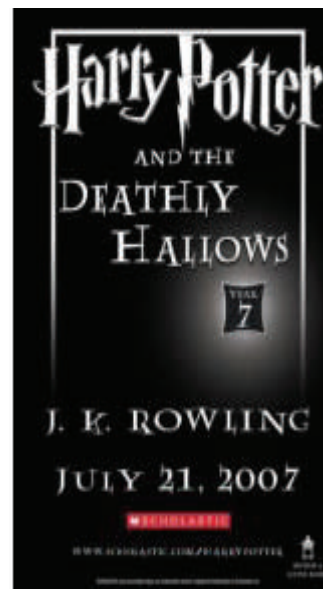
- Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing*  
 by M.T. Anderson  
*Cupid* by Julius Lester  
*Endymion Spring* by Matt Skelton  
*How to be Popular* by Meg Cabot  
*Love Curse of the Rumbaugh* by Jack  
 Gantos  
*Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street* by Mike Lu-  
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*Ptolemy's Gate* by Jonathan Stroud  
*Terrier* by Tamora Pierce

## FINAL HARRY POTTER DUE OUT JULY 21

The seventh and final book in the popular *Harry Potter* series is slated for release on July 21, 2007. The Library is currently taking requests for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. Cardholders may stop in at the Library and staff will gladly place a hold for you. You can also place a hold from home by accessing the Library's catalog at: <http://ibistro.tln.lib.mi.us>.

Because the Harry Potter titles have been in high demand over the years, the Library will be monitoring the hold list and adjusting order quantities based on patron demand. While many fans of the series are preordering books from local book stores or online, the Library often receives many requests.

J.K. Rowling promises to wrap up the series with some unexpected twists and turns!



## CHECK OUT THE NEW ADDITIONS TO INFOTRAC - AT THE LIBRARY OR AT HOME

The Dexter District Library provides access to a variety of full text databases through its web site at [www.dexter.lib.mi.us/resources.html](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us/resources.html).

Among these resources is the Infotrac—Thompson Gale set. Recently, Infotrac has added many additional resources including the complete backfile of the New York Times from 1995 to the present and audio files and transcripts of all National Public Radio programs from 1990 to the present. In the coming months, Infotrac will be add-

ing the full text of every Fodor's 2006 and 2007 travel guides.

Infotrac provides a wealth of full text articles that serve the needs of the student, consumer, casual reader and researcher by providing access to publications as varied as Consumer Reports, Discover, the Economist as well as many newspapers and research journals.

This resource may be accessed from home as well as at the Library. Use at home is limited to Michigan residents and as part of the logon proc-

ess, users will need to provide a driver's license or State ID number. This information is used for validation purposes only and is not stored or tracked in any manner.

This service is funded in part by the State of Michigan, Department of History, Arts and Libraries through the Library of Michigan. Additional project support comes from the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) via the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

The Friends of the Dexter District Library continue to hold their monthly Book Sales in the Library's Group Study Room on the first Saturday of each month. The next Friends of the Library Book Sale will be on **Saturday, April 7, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The Friends provide a wide variety of items for sale including hard cover and paperback books, videos, DVDs, CDs and sets of books. The

selection is constantly changing, so each month brings fresh treasures. Prices for most materials are generally \$1.00 or less, so stop in and stock up!

The Friends of the Library also have a new page dedicated to their work on the Library's web site. Click on the "Friends of the Library" link on the main page to find the members of the Friends

Board, how to get involved with the Friends, volunteer opportunities, past projects, and how to make book donations. An application to join the Friends is online and can be filled out and submitted electronically.

The Friends of the Library are currently saving funds to help provide additional amenities to the new Library building project.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY MATT ROLFES

Are you looking to take control over your finances? Are you looking to understand more about your current investments or the investment process? This new and exciting **"Investing for Life"** series offered by Matt Rolfes of Dexter Financial and the Dexter District Library will help you understand important key details individual investors fail to know.

On **Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.**, Rolfes will present **"Riding out the Bumps"** This program discusses the ups and downs of financial mar-

kets and provides strategies for coping with market volatility.

On **Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Rolfes will discuss retirement planning by presenting the program **"Where Are You Going?"** This program explains the options participants have for their retirement savings when changing jobs or retiring.

The subject of mutual funds will be Rolfes topic on **Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.** when he presents **"10 Questions People Often Ask About Mutual Funds."** What com-

prises a mutual fund? How does mutual fund investing differ from buying stock? What are the tax implications for mutual fund investing? Rolfes will address these and other questions.

With over 10 years experience in helping individual investors meet their financial goals, Rolfes will help you take charge of your financial future. Bring your questions and be ready to learn!

In order to plan for handouts, please RSVP Rolfes at 424-1700 to register.

### New Items for Adults

#### Books for Adults

- 19 Minutes* by Jodi Picoult  
*Capitol Threat* by William Bernhardt  
*Edge of Winter* by Luanne Rice  
*Free Fall* by Fern Michaels  
*Hell Hath No Fury* by David Weber  
*High Profile* by Robert Parker  
*Irish Linen* by Andrew Greeley  
*Past Perfect* by Susan Isaacs  
*Puss in Caboots* by Rita Mae Brown  
*Sisters* by Danielle Steele  
*Step On a Crack* by James Patterson  
*Storm Runners* by T. Jefferson Parker  
*Ten Days in the Hills* by Jane Smiley  
*Travels in the Scriptorium* by Paul Auster  
*Watchman* by Robert Crais  
*When the Light Goes* by Larry McMurtry  
*White Lies* by Jayne Ann Krentz  
*Written on Silk* by Linda Chaikin

#### New DVDs

- Black Dahlia*  
*The Break-Up*  
*The Devil Wears Prada*  
*Idlenwild*  
*An Inconvenient Truth*  
*Invincible*  
*Little Miss Sunshine*  
*My Super Ex-Girlfriend*  
*Prairie Home Companion*  
*Superman Returns*  
*When the Levees Broke*

#### New Books on CD

- Castle in the Forest* by Norman Mailer  
*The Measure of a Man* by Sidney Poitier  
*Nixon and Mao* by Margaret MacMillan  
*Ten Days in the Hills* by Jane Smiley  
*Thanksgiving* by Janet Evanovich

## DEXTER SCHOOL TEACHERS DONATE BIKE RACK

Next time you peddle down to the Library, try out the Library's new bike rack! This past fall, the Library received the bike rack as a donation from the Dexter Education Association with matching funds from the Washtenaw Council Education Association.

Each year, the Dexter Education Association looks to contribute funds to community projects that improve differ-

ent aspects of the community. With many children riding bikes to the Library, a convenient place to park bikes was a great opportunity for the DEA to utilize their grant funds and provide the children of Dexter with another amenity.

The Library would like to thank all the members of the Dexter Education Association for considering the Library for this donation.



Library Director Paul McCann and Dexter Education Association representative Bev Hill.

## BOOK CLUBS 101

On Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m., the Library will host a program on "How to Start a Home Based Book Club." Presenter Cynthia Hodges will be on hand to talk about what it takes to start your own discussion group or be an avid part of one that is already formed. People looking to join a book club are also invited to attend.

Hodges will give an overview to the variety of book discussion groups that are out there, including traditional book clubs, on-line book clubs and celebrity

or media sponsored book clubs.

From where to find reading guides to where to find discounts and perks for club members, Hodges will discuss the tools available to help keep a book club active and vibrant. Hodges will also discuss how to utilize blogs as part of the discussion and the use of journaling to help members get the most of their reading.

The program will also present ideas about how book clubs select a slate of titles to read,

govern and manage the book club once it is underway and give attendees ideas on how to find clubs that are right for them.

Cynthia Hodges is a member of the Friends of the Dexter Library and an avid reader. She started the Society of Women Engineers of Detroit Book Club that has recently celebrated its 10 anniversary. She is also a founding member of another women's book club in Ann Arbor.

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### *Mission*

*The Dexter District Library serves everyone by being a center for popular materials in a variety of print, audiovisual and electronic formats.*

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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER BY PAUL MCCANN

As we have all read in the newspapers and heard from TV and radio reports, the State of Michigan is facing a severe financial crisis. The Governor has proposed many cuts to the State budget. Among her proposals is a 50% reduction in State Aid to Public Libraries. Should the Governor's recommendation be enacted, the cuts could have a dramatic effect on the Dexter District Library.

While our local funding is stable, many of the improvements the Dexter Library has implemented, especially those tied to our shared catalog, came into existence through participation in our cooperative, The Library Network.

There are 13 library cooperatives in the State and these quasi-government entities provide a means for local public, school and academic libraries to bargain for discounts on materials, supplies and technology; share and deliver materials; and accom-

plish projects that individual libraries could not afford on their own. The library cooperative system is the most extensive example of cross-governmental cooperation in the State.

State Aid to Public libraries comes in three parts. One third is allocated directly to the Dexter District Library, one third comes to the Dexter Library but is earmarked by the State for purchase of cooperative services and the final third goes directly to The Library Network.

State Aid makes up 83% of The Library Network's general operating budget. It funds the basic operation of the Cooperative, provides for delivery of materials and provides the Dexter Library access to an international, interlibrary loan system. However, the Governor's proposed cut may force The Library Network out of existence.

What would the closure of The Library Network mean to the residents of the Dexter

Library District?

The Library currently receives delivery of interlibrary loan materials five days each week. Without The Library Network, delivery would cease. The Library Network hosts and manages the Library's Shared Automation System. This allows residents of Dexter to view and request over 3 million items available from 97 branch libraries throughout Southeast Michigan. Without the Library Network, the future of this service is unclear. However, if this service does survive, it will lose much of its value without the delivery portion provided by The Library Network.

This is an uncertain time in Michigan and the decisions in Lansing will definitely affect the Dexter Library's ability to provide our current level of service and selections to the community. Please keep apprised of this situation through the news media. I will provide more details in this column as they unfold.