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Dates to Remember:

Thursday, December 31

Friday, January 1

Library Closed

Saturday, January 2

Registration Begins for Winter Story Times 9:00 AM

Story Times begin January 11
Toddler Story Times for ages 18 months - 3 years old—Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Times for ages 3 - 5 years—Mondays or Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007—Registration required

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.—Drop-In Sip 'n Stitch for Teens and Adults

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LIBRARY INTRODUCES REDESIGNED WEB SITE

The Library is pleased to announce its newly redesigned web site. The Library launched this new web presence on December 8, 2009. Please take a moment to visit the site at www.dexter.lib.mi.us and see what we have added.

The Library's web site now includes a direct search box to our catalog as well as the holdings of the other members in our shared catalog on the main page.

The new front page also includes a variety of links to new databases, options to follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, Delicious and Flickr as well as our upcoming programs, a link to our complete calendar of events and other special interest and featured topics.

The Library is expanding its offerings of online databases available to the public. Please see Page 3 for more details on information resources available in the Library and at home.



The Library's recently redesigned web site offers a variety of new links, reorganized information and clearer search paths to Library related information.

WINTER STORY TIME SIGN UP

As you wrap up your holidays and get back into the swing of the New Year, remember that Winter Story Times are just around the corner!

Registration for Winter Story Times begins on Saturday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Winter Story Time sessions for toddlers and preschoolers will begin at Dexter District Library on Monday, January 11th and run until Thursday, March 4th, at which time we begin to prepare for March's First Grade Reader Round-Up. Parents or caregivers of children may register in

person at the Library or by calling 426-4477. Space is limited so registration is on a first come first served basis. Parents are encouraged to register their child early as Story Time sessions fill up quickly.

Children 18 months to 3 years of age may sign up for Toddler Story Time sessions scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Children 3 to 5 years of age may be signed up for Preschool Story Time sessions scheduled for Mondays or Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. or Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. Due to space limitations, the Library

asks that parents register children for just one of the Winter Story Time session times.

Parents are welcome to attend the sessions with their children. Each Story Time will last approximately 30 minutes.

Winter Story Times for children include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays, crafts and other activities that bring the fun of reading to your child. The Library offers additional Drop In Story Times on an on-going basis. Please see our calendar of events for more Story Time opportunities!



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Thursday, January 8

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Introduction to Social Network-
ing—Registration required

Friday, January 8

2:00 p.m.
Drop-In Story Time for All Ages
“Get Your Body Moving!”
Refreshments
6:30 p.m.
Friday Night Movies for Adults
The Soloist

Saturday, January 9

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friends of the Dexter District
Library Used Book Sale

Monday, January 11

Winter Story Times begin and
run until March 4

Tuesday, January 12

6:30 p.m.
Family Movie & Popcorn Night
The Rescuers Down Under

Thursday, January 14

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Books & Chocolate for Teens
Drop-in Book Discussion Group

Friday, January 15

2:00 p.m.
Muffins & Movies for Adults
Julie & Julia

Saturday, January 16

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Genealogy: Telling Your Story!
Kris Rzepczynski from the Li-
brary of Michigan and genealo-
gist Lille Foster

Wednesday, January 20

4:30 p.m.
“Super Stories!” Book Club
Amelia Bedelia
Kindergarten through Second
Grade—Registration required

LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

Thursday, January 21

2:00 p.m.
The “Better Off Read” Book
Club for Adults
Registration required

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft
Word 2007
Registration required

Thursday, January 21

6:30 p.m.
Teen Movie & Popcorn Night
Rabbit Proof Fence

Friday, January 22

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Art Exhibit “Music and Dance”
Artist reception

Saturday, January 23

11:00 a.m.
Australian Walkabout live
animal show—All Ages

Tuesday, January 26

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Microsoft Excel, Part I
Registration required

Wednesday, January 27

4:30 p.m.
Book Snackers Book Club
Whales on Stilts by M.T.
Anderson, 3rd-5th Grade
Registration required

6:30 p.m.

Fried Rice with Ming Louie for
Ages 18 and Up
Registration required

Thursday, January 28

3:30 p.m.
Chocolate Tasting from
Zingerman’s for Teens!
Registration required

Saturday, January 30

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.—Drop-In
Rock Band II for Ages 10 and
Up

Sunday, January 31

2:00–3:00 p.m.
Happy Birthday Mozart—Music
and discussion of Mozart with
Julie and Louis Nagel

Tuesday, February 2

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Safety Net—Cyberbullying, Sex-
ting and Other Internet Dangers:
A Program for Parents

Saturday, February 6

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friends of the Dexter District
Library Used Book Sale
11:00 a.m.—noon—Drop-in Story
Time and Valentine Day Craft

Sunday, February 7

2:00 p.m. Dexter Community
Orchestra Free Concert

Tuesday, February 9

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Using the Library Catalog
Registration required

Thursday, February 11

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Microsoft Excel 2007, Part II
Registration required

Friday, February 12

11:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Drop-In Origami with Helen
O’Toole for Ages 8 and Up
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Books and Chocolate for Teens
Drop-In Book Discussion Group
6:30 p.m.
Friday Night Movies for Adults
The Proposal

Saturday, February 13

1:00–2:30 p.m.—History of the
Sanders Confectionery pre-
sented by
Greg Tasker, former editor of the
Detroit News—All Ages
Registration required



Wednesday, February 17

4:30 p.m.—“Super Stories!”
Book Club *Elephant and Pig-
gie* by Mo Willems—K to 2nd
Grade
Registration required

Thursday, February 18

2:00 p.m.
The “Better Off Read” Book
Club for Adults—Registration
required

Thursday, February 18

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Microsoft Excel 2007, Part I
Registration required
6:30 p.m.
Teen Movie & Popcorn Night
*Harry Potter and the Half
Blood Prince*

Friday, February 19

2:00 p.m.
Muffins & Movies for Adults
Leatherheads

Saturday, February 20

1:00 p.m.
Vault of Midnight Presents an
Afternoon of Gaming
All Ages

Tuesday, February 23

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Safety Net: Cyberbullying and
“Sexting”

Wednesday, February 24

4:30 p.m.—Book Snackers
Book Club *Chocolate Fever* by
Robert Kimmel Smith, 3rd-5th
Grade Registration required

Thursday, February 25

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Microsoft Excel 2007, Part II
Registration required

Saturday, February 27

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Drop-In Wii
Sports for Ages 8 and Up

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LIBRARY ADDS THREE NEW ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The Library is pleased to announce the addition of three new databases for the community's use. The Library is currently offering access to the Ancestry® genealogy resources, Mango Languages and will add the Overdrive Download Destination at the end of January 2010.

Ancestry® Library Edition, distributed exclusively by ProQuest and powered by Ancestry.com, delivers over 4 billion records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. Answers await everyone—whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian—inside the more than 4,000 available databases. Here, you can unlock the story of you with sources like censuses,

vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.

Due to copyright issues, Ancestry® Library Edition is only available for use within the Library.

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Our online learning system is so easy to use, you'll see incredible results after just one lesson!

It's the easiest way to learn a foreign language!

Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating after material designed from native conversations, you'll not only learn the individual words and phrases,

you'll know how they're used in practical situations and conversations. You'll learn more than grammar, vocabulary and conjugation, you'll learn how to communicate.

January will see the Library offer a new service, Overdrive's Digital Media Download Destination. The Dexter District Library will join with other area libraries to offer downloadable media services.

Items available on Download Destination include:

WMA Audio books: These items can be listened to on your computer, burned to CD, or transferred to a portable device that is compatible with Digital Rights Management (DRM.) Many of these titles are compatible with iPods, using the Overdrive Media Console for Windows v3.2 or newer.

MP3 Audio books: These can be listened to on your computer, burned to CD, or transferred to any mp3 device. All of these files are compatible with iPods and other Apple devices.

iPod Compatibility: Many .WMA and all .MP3 files can be downloaded to Apple devices.

eBooks: These are electronic PDF editions of print books that can be read on your computer, PDA, or other reading device. e-books are viewed with Adobe Reader or Adobe Digital Editions software.

Music: WMA files of music from a variety of genres can be listened to on your computer or transferred to a portable device that is compatible with DRM.

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Monday, March 1

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Free Tutoring for Grades 6 – 12 with Circle K student volunteers from the University of Michigan

Monday, March 1

Cutest Pet Picture Contest for Teens—Pet Pics are due on our Facebook page by Sat. March 6 - Vote online by March 12

Tuesday, March 2

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Creating a Green Home: New, Remodel, Addition Presented by Michael Klement of Architectural Resource, LLC.

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Drop-In Sip 'n Stitch for Teens and Adults

Friday, March 5

2:00 p.m.

Drop-In Story Time for All Ages "Celebrate Farms!"

Live Baby Farm Animals

Friday, March 5

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Drop-In Duct Tape Art for Ages 10 and Up

Saturday, March 6

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friends of the Dexter District Library Used Book Sale

Tuesday, March 9

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007—Registration required

Thursday, March 11

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Computer Basics I
Registration required

Friday, March 12

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Books & Chocolate for Teens
Drop-In Book Discussion Group
6:30 p.m.

Friday Night Movies for Adults
Terminator Salvation

Monday, March 15

Registration Begins for Spring Story Times

Wednesday, March 17

4:30 p.m.

"Super Stories!" Book Club
Hooray for Reading Month! With Dr. Seuss—K to 2nd Grade
Registration required

Thursday, March 18

2:00 p.m.

The "Better Off Read" Book Club for Adults
Registration required

Friday, March 19

2:00 p.m.—Muffins & Movies for Adults—*Seabiscuit*

Tuesday, March 23

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Microsoft Excel 2007, Part I
Registration required

Wednesday, March 24

4:30 p.m.

Book Snackers Book Club

Lowji Discovers America by Candace Fleming, 3rd-5th Grade
Registration required

Wednesday, March 24

6:30 p.m.

Weekend Canoeing with author Doc Fletcher

Thursday, March 25

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Computer Basics II
Registration required

Saturday, March 27

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drop-In Wii Rock Band for Ages 10 and Up

Monday, March 29

Spring Story Times begin and run to May 20

Tuesday, April 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Using the Library Catalog
Registration required

GETTING STARTED: RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY'S HERITAGE AT THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

Are you interested in re-researching your family history? The Dexter Library has a great program planned for Saturday, January 16, 2010 on getting started with genealogical research. Between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m., join us at the Library for a discussion of the genealogical resources available through the Library of Michigan. As one of the top genealogy collections in the United States, the Library of Michigan's holdings emphasize the Great Lakes region and states east of the Missis-

sippi River, including Michigan and the Great Lakes, the New England region, the Mid-Atlantic and Southern states, as well as the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This program will explore the many key and unique resources utilized in family history research, a review of the subscription databases available onsite at the Library of Michigan, and how to best maximize your research time there. Whether you're just getting started or a veteran researcher, there is truly

something for everyone at the Library of Michigan.

Program presenters will include Kris Rzepczynski and Lille Foster.

Currently the Michigan Genealogy Coordinator at the Library of Michigan, Kris Rzepczynski has worked at the Library for nearly 10 years. He holds a M.L.I.S. from Wayne State University, a M.A. in History from Western Michigan University, and a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan. In

addition, he is the immediate Past President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society. Lille Foster is a third generation family genealogist and a descendent of Dexter pioneers. Her presentation will focus on "personalizing" the genealogical information you gather. She will offer helpful tips and tricks to aid your own genealogical research. She holds a B.A. in Education from San Francisco State University and an M.L.S. from San Jose State University.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

At its annual meeting on December 1st, the Friends of the Dexter District Library honored long time volunteer Martha Davis for over 25 years of service to the Friends group. Davis has served as the book sale coordinator for as long as anyone can remember—not even Marty is sure when she took over the job! But under Davis' guidance, the book sale has grown tremendously.

Originally held just once a year during Dexter Daze, the book sales have expanded to be held once each month with a shelf of materials for sale on a continu-

ous basis on the main floor of the Library. During Davis' tenure as chair, annual sales have increased from \$1,000 to this year's record breaking total just exceeding \$10,000 in 2009.

The Friends of the Library presented Davis with a handsome rendering of the new Library as a token of their appreciation.

Davis will be succeeded by Susi Naperstek who has also served for many years helping sort books as donations arrive.

All proceeds from the Friend's Book Sales go to support Library programs and collections.



MUSIC AND DANCE—ART DISPLAY



The Library will open a new art exhibit, *Music and Dance*, in the lower level gallery space with an opening reception for the artists on Friday, January 22, 2010, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

This exhibit explores music in the broadest sense. We tend to think of music as an auditory experience through our ears, but these artists give us a visual experience of music as well.

See the *music* of water in a landscape, the *music* that accompanies the dancer, the *music* that comes from an instrument and the list goes on.

Look carefully at each piece and you will hear the *music*.

The exhibit was organized by Joy Naylor and Diane Bennett, art consultants of Distinct Designs, Inc. Distinct Designs, Inc. specializes in plac-

ing art in business and public environments with services that include commissioned works, permanent installations and rotating art exhibits.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOZART! MUSIC WITH LOUIS AND JULIE NAGEL

Join the Library on Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. to help celebrate Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthday with our special guests and Dexter residents Louis and Julie Nagel. The Nagels will provide an engaging program "Mozart and His Mother," an exploration of the role "Mrs." Mozart (Anna Maria Mozart) had in Wolfgang's tumultuous life. The program will include a discussion of fascinating letters from 1778, culminating with the letter from Mozart's father that really must have devastated the grieving son and a performance of the great piano sonata from that turbulent time, K. 310 in A Minor.

Louis Nagel combines an active concert and teaching schedule and is noted for his

lecture-recitals by musicians and non-musicians alike. He has performed in highly acclaimed solo recitals and concerto concerts in major American and European cities. He has taught at the Interlochen Arts Camp, International Music Camp in Poland, Adamant Music School, and the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Italy. He is director of the School of Music, Theatre & Dance Outreach Program at U-M and advisor to the Bachelor of Musical Arts Degree program.

For over 25 years Julie Nagel, PhD, has been helping people from all walks of life with personal and professional issues that interfere

with enjoyment of their relationships and success in their occupations. Some of these issues include anxiety, depression, relationship and career issues, and performance anxiety (musicians, public speakers, academics, test takers, social anxiety). She has been a frequent presenter at conferences and symposia on the topics of performance anxiety as well as the relationship between music and emotions and holds a doctorate in Psychology and Social work from the University of Michigan. Julie also holds two degrees in piano performance from the Juilliard School.

SAFETY NET: CYBERBULLYING SEXTING AND OTHER INTER- NET DANGERS TO CHILDREN

Parents...Does your child use the Internet, texting cell phone or other handheld communication device? Do they use Facebook, MySpace or other social networking sites? If so, there is a possibility that your child may be exposed to cyberbullying or "sexting," sending or receiving sexually explicit text messages.

Please plan to join the Library on Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. when Amber Moore from the Washtenaw Area Council for Children will visit the Library to present the program "Safety Net: Protecting Children and Teens from Cyberbullying and Sexting." Moore will give parents information on how to identify if your child is a victim of these issues, may be engaged in this behavior, what to do if it happens to your child and how parents and other adults can help prevent this behavior.

The Washtenaw Area Council for Children (WACC) is the Michigan Children's Trust Fund designated agency for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Washtenaw County. Amber Moore is the Internet Safety Program Coordinator for the WACC. She holds a Bachelor degree in Social Work from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. She has had a passion for social work and social justice issues for many years and has worked or volunteered with various organizations throughout mid-Michigan.

The Washtenaw Area Council for Children will provide free door prizes for the first 30 attendees.

DEXTER STUDENT ART SHOW

The Dexter District Library is proud to host student artwork from the Dexter Community Schools this February. From February 1st through the 25th a showcase of over 90 pieces of work from student artists in grades Kindergarten through 12th will be on display in the Library's meeting rooms.

This show will feature works in a wide variety of media that students have created during

this school year. Stop by and see the talent which abounds in our community!

The exhibit will be available for viewing during regular library hours. In order to help protect the art works, the meeting rooms may be periodically locked. Staff at the circulation desk can open the rooms on request so stop by and see what these great kids have been creating!



Ethan Holiday works with oil pastels.

AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Library is pleased to offer **The Better Off Read Book Club**, meeting on the third Thursday of every month from 2:00-3:30 in the lower level meeting room. This is a general reading group and it will focus on a selection of books from many different genres. Upcoming selections include:

January 21, 2010 Book Selection: *The Kitchen Boy*, by Robert Alexander Mikhail Semyonov (Misha) is a wealthy ninety-four year old Russian immigrant living in suburban Chicago in

the late 1990s. While recording his memoirs for his granddaughter, Misha claims to having been born a kitchen boy working at the house where Tsar Nicholas and his family were housed prior to being arrested during the Russian Revolution.

February 18, 2010 Book Selection: *Henry and Clara*, by Thomas Mallon

With well researched period detail and insight into human weakness and passion, Mallon has created an erotic and psy-

chological mystery.

March 18, 2010 Book Selection: *Case Histories*, by Kate Atkinson

Jackson Brodie is a former police officer turned private detective in Cambridge. In 2004, three murder cases come to his attention and although they seem unrelated, they begin to form a puzzle that he must piece together. **Registration is required. Contact Lisa Ryan 734-426-4477 (ext 119) for further information.**

MORE GREAT PROGRAMS ON TAP FOR TEENS THIS WINTER

Thursday, January 14th
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Books & Chocolate for Teens

Get a chance to win a brand new copy of *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins (sequel to *The Hunger Games*)! Come talk about books and eat chocolate. Bring a copy of a book that you really like or just the name of a book that you have read or want to read. We will have a raffle at the end for *Catching Fire*.

Thursday, January 21st
6:30 p.m.

Teen Movie & Popcorn Night- *Rabbit Proof Fence*

In Celebration of "Australia" month and **based upon a true story**. "RABBIT-PROOF Fence -- featuring the Golden Globe-nominated score by Peter Gabriel -- is a powerful true story of hope and survival and has been met with international acclaim! At a time when it was Australian government policy to train aboriginal children as domestic workers and integrate them into white society, young Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp. Molly and the girls, part of what would become known as Australia's "Stolen Generations," must then elude the authorities on a dangerous 1,500-mile adventure along the rabbit-proof fence that bisects the continent and will lead them home. As shown by this outstanding motion picture, their universally touching plight and unparalleled courage are a beautiful testament to the undying strength of the human spirit!" Rated PG Teens-Adults.

Thursday, January 28th
3:30 p.m.

Chocolate tasting and mini-class from Zingerman's for Teens!

Register for this tasty workshop open to students in grades 5-12. You will learn about where chocolate comes from, a brief history of chocolate and finally experience a chocolate tasting with Zingerman's chocolates from different parts of the world. Registration required.

Saturday, January 30th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop-in Wii Rock Band

Eat snacks and rock out on the BIG screen. Ages 10 and up.

Friday, February 12th
1:00-2:00 p.m.

Books and Chocolate for Teens

Take advantage of your day off school to get a new book to read! We will eat chocolate, talk about books we like and do a **book exchange!** Bring a book you own, that is in good condition, and that you think someone else would really like, to trade for a book that someone else brought. Bring your friends!

Thursday, February 18th
6:30 p.m.

Teen Movie & Popcorn Night- *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*

"Voldemort is tightening his grip on both the Muggle and wizarding worlds and Hogwarts is no longer the safe haven it once was. Harry suspects that dangers may even lie within the castle, but Dumbledore is more intent upon preparing him for the final battle that he knows is fast approaching. Together they work to find the key to unlock Voldemort's defenses and, to this end, Dumbledore recruits his old friend and colleague, Professor Horace Slughorn, whom he believes holds crucial information. Even as the decisive showdown looms, romance blossoms for Harry, Ron, Hermione and their classmates. Love is in the air, but danger lies ahead and Hogwarts may never be the same." Rated PG



Teens enjoy the Library's Duct Tape workshops!

Saturday, February 20th
1:00 p.m.

Vault of Midnight Presents an Afternoon of Family Gaming- All Ages

Board Games are exploding in popularity across the world. While Americans are more than familiar with classics like Monopoly and Risk, a new type of strategic, low luck, family friendly game is taking the rest of the world by storm. Join us on February 20th to sample this engaging, thought-provoking, extra-fun past time! Titles will include *Settlers of Catan*, *Dominion*, *Carcassonne*, and many others! All ages are welcome and no experience is necessary. YOU bring the gang, WE'LL bring the games!

Saturday, February 27th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop in Wii Sports

Eat snacks and play Wii sports on the BIG screen. Ages 8 and up.

Cutest Pet Picture Contest!

Teen Tech Week is the second week of March. Celebrate by submitting the cutest pic of your pet to our Facebook page (please submit only one image). You (and all your friends) will have a chance to vote on which pet is the very cutest by clicking on which one you "like" best. First, Second and Third place Winners will receive gift certificates to Nicola's books! **Please submit your pet pic by Saturday, March 6th. Vote by the conclusion of teen tech**

week, Friday, March 12th. Winners will be announced on Facebook on Saturday, March 13th.

Monday, March 1st
3:00-7:00 p.m.

Free Tutoring for Grades 6-12

Have questions about your finals or just your homework, in general? Need a little help with your studying? Come to the Dexter Library and take advantage of the Circle K student volunteers from the University of Michigan. They will be here to help! Refreshments will also be provided.

Tuesday, March 2nd
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Drop-In Sip-n-Stitch for Teens and Adults

Get great tips on sewing, crocheting, quilting...any needlework you can think of with this great program for crafty folks!

Friday, March 5th
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Drop-In Duct Tape Art

Take advantage of your day off school and create a duct tape masterpiece! Make a wallet, I.D. holder or something of your choice. All materials will be provided.

Friday, March 12th
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Books & Chocolate for Teens

Get a chance to win a brand new book! Come talk about books and eat chocolate. Bring a copy of a book that you really like or just the name of a book that you have read or want to read.

Saturday, March 27th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop-in Wii Rock Band

Eat snacks and rock out on the BIG screen. Ages 10 and up.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

As part of the construction of the new building the Library was able to add meeting room space on the lower level. During the planning phase, a projection and sound system was added to provide for a variety of media such as Power-Point presentations. A great by-product of this planning was the ability to show films in the meeting room.

The Library is pleased to offer four different, continuing programs presenting free feature film movies for the community. The Library offers Family Movie and Popcorn Night, Teen Movie Night, Muffins & Movies for Adults and our newest

program, Friday Night Movies for Adults.

Family Movie and Popcorn Night offers G rated films that are suitable for the whole family. Parents and children are encouraged to attend together as a family outing. If you don't feel like sitting in a chair, feel free to bring blankets and pillows and stretch out on the floor while enjoying the movies! The next film in this series will be *The Rescuers Down Under*. Future programs will be scheduled during school breaks and the monthly schedule will resume this summer.

Teen Movie Night offers a variety of PG and PG-13 films. These films are generally suitable for teens to view without parental supervision. Upcoming films in this series include the Australian film *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.

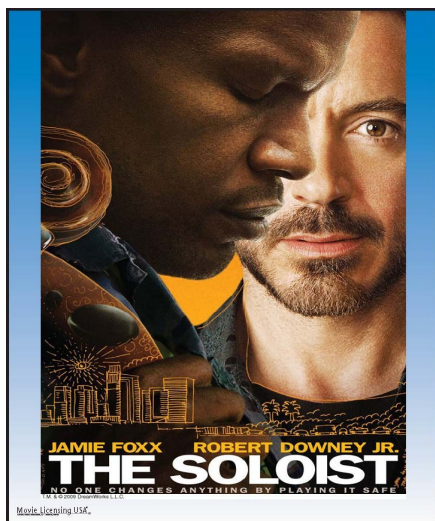
The Muffins and Movies program is an afternoon series of contemporary films for adults. Upcoming films in this series include *Julie and Julia*, *Leatherheads* and *Seabiscuit*.

In an attempt to provide more programming for adults, our Friday Night Movies pack a little more punch. These films are recommended for adults. Teens wishing to attend should be accompanied by a parent. Upcoming films in this series include *The Soloist*, *The Proposal* and *Terminator Salvation*.



Please see our events calendar for times and dates.

Each program presents full length feature films for the community to view, free of charge. While not as big as a commercial movie theater, the Library's big screen projection system shows the films on our six foot by 12 foot screen. The Library has purchased site licenses that allow us to present commercial feature films to the public. We hope the community will come out and join their friends and neighbors for these fun events!



SUPER STORIES AND BOOK SNACKERS GROUPS

This winter, the Library will resume its popular book groups for elementary aged children. The **Super Stories** and **Book Snackers** programs provide children who are reading on their own a chance to meet with each other and share their enthusiasm for books.



Super Stories is a Book themed program for children in **Kindergarten through 2nd Grades**. Parents may register children for this monthly celebration of favorite characters from children's literature. Stories, activities and crafts follow the theme each month. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to each program. The Super Stories group will meet on Wednesday, January 20, at 4:30 p.m. when the group visits the wacky world of *Amelia Bedelia* to discuss books by Peggy Parrish. The group will meet on February 17 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate friendship with the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo' Willems and on March 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Book Snackers

when 'Hooray for Reading Month!' takes center stage with a celebration of Dr. Seuss books.

The **Book Snackers** book discussion group is designed for children in **Grades 3-5**. Books are chosen in advance so that the children can read the book and come prepared for discussion. Discussion questions will be available in advance at the Circulation Desk. Snacks are provided. Registration begins after the previous month's meeting. The Group meets one



Wednesday a month at 4:30 pm.

On Wednesday, January 27, the group will discuss *Whale on Stilts* by MT Anderson. Following meetings will include *Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith on February 24 and *Lowji Discovers America* by Candace Fleming on March 24.

Start times for both programs are at 4:30 PM and registration can be made in-person at the Juvenile Reference Desk or by calling the Library at 426-4477.

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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

Here at the Library, we are very excited to be expanding our electronic resources and would like to remind everyone of the many offerings already available.

In the coming months, the Library will offer three new resources, the Ancestry genealogy database, the Mango Languages service and Overdrive Digital Media's Download Destination. The addition of these services is in direct response to requests from the public.

Several years ago, the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) dropped the Ancestry database due to problems with authentication and replaced this resource with Heritage Quest. The Ancestry database provides access to many more original documents and allows individuals to research their family history in much greater detail.

As part of the move to the new Library, we added several new CD based language learning resources to our collection. In order to augment these in-house resources, we have also added the Mango Language Learning system as an on-line resource. This resource will be available to patrons at home, at the Library and wherever you have Internet access. Full details on setting up an account to use this service are available at the Library.

We have received many requests to provide materials in a downloadable format. This service will be available at the end of January, 2010. The Library's decision to join the Overdrive Digital Media's Download Destination was driven by the available collection and

finances. In the world of digital media, even libraries have to buy items title by title and producers charge by format as well. By joining with other libraries in our cooperative, patrons of the Dexter District Library will have access to a collection that was started last year and currently contains over 1,800 titles in a variety of formats and the collection continues to grow.

With all the new offerings, the Library will receive statistics on how well the collections are used by our community. We hope you will take advantage of these offerings and we will judge continuation of these services based on use.

As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, we have also redesigned our web site. The front page of the web site highlights the offerings available through the MeL database program. We will be highlighting different areas of the MeL collection on the main page and hope this will encourage more Dexter residents to avail themselves of the vast amount of information available through this Statewide service. Currently, we have highlighted the Health and Wellness Resource Center. This resource provides full text articles on health and wellness issues from a wide variety of authoritative health and medical journals, magazines, encyclopedias and other health resources. Unlike general browsing on the Internet, these resources have been edited and produced by leading publishers in the health industry.

We will continue to highlight different areas of electronic resources on the Library's main web page, so check back often to see what's new at www.dexter.lib.mi.us!