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## Notices:

Please check our website at [www.dexter.lib.mi.us](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us) for updates on Library hours, services and virtual programs.

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Friends of the Library Book Sales are canceled until further notice.

**The Library will not be accepting donations of books and other materials until Friends Sales resume.**

**The Library will be CLOSED Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day**

## Service Updates - Covid-19

The Library reopened for inside browsing on Monday, February 15. We hope to be able to continue to provide this level of service for the foreseeable future, but continuation will depend on area case loads. As we see a number of sectors of the economy returning to wider service, such as indoor dining and more school attendance, we hope our safety procedures at the Library will keep both members of the staff and public safe and services available.

As with the prior reopening, the Library will require all visitors to properly wear multi-ply cloth, medical or KN95 facemasks, covering both the nose and mouth, for entry into the building. A handout covering current Library use expectations can be found at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/welcomeback>. Library staff have not been prioritized in any way for vaccinations and the safety measures are designed to help make sure Library staff members do not become infected. While we have been fortunate to date that no staff mem-

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## E-Magazine Update



In mid-2020, the Recorded Books company began divesting itself of many

services to focus on recorded book production.

On February 18, the RBdigital magazine collection was converted to our Download Destination provider Overdrive.

As a result, nearly all the great magazines and audiobooks formerly found on the RBdigital app can now be accessed on our Download Destination service and by using the Libby app.

OverDrive has added nearly 3000 new magazine titles versus what was available through RBdigital including

titles such as Baseball America, Elle, Harper's Bazaar, Kitchens & Baths, Pioneer Woman, Salon, and many more.

The magazines can now be found under the "Collections" drop down menu. The menu provides a variety of subject headings for different types of magazines such as Food and Cooking, News and Politics among others.

If you need assistance with setting up the Libby app, please contact the Library at [734-426-4477](tel:734-426-4477) or electronically at our contact page

<https://dexter.lib.mi.us/contact>



# Youth and Family Activities and Events

**Turtle Dance Music – Music, Bubble and Comedy Show: Swing Into Spring!** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, March 24 at 11:00 am**. Turtle Dance Music engages children of all ages with comedy, “March”-ing songs, poems, bubbles, and children’s stories. Join us on Zoom for this active program. Registration is required on our website. This program is geared for younger children, under the age of six. A Zoom link will be sent to registrants prior to the program date.



**Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00 am** finds **Wildlife Encounters: Wonders of the Rainforest** coming to the Library. Meet animal ambassadors native to rainforest regions including a ring tailed lemur, crocodilian, boa constrictor, macaw, armadillo and a honey bear. Join us for this live, virtual, interactive event. Presenters will be able to respond to your questions and comments. Registration is required on our DDL website. Everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room will be sent to registrants prior to the program date.

**Alex Thomas’ Virtual Caricature Drawing Workshop** will be presented virtually on **Saturday, May 15 2:00 pm**. Learn to draw fun caricatures of some of your favorite characters led by a puppet instructor! Whether you are just beginning or more advanced, this workshop will teach you the tips, tricks, and techniques of caricature drawing. This program is geared for elementary aged children. Registration is required and available on our website. Visit [www.dexter.lib.mi.us](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us) and find the date on our events calendar.



The **All Star Readers Book Club on Zoom** returns this spring. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun discussion group. The Library provides free copies of the monthly selection to registered participants. Children in grades 3-4 are welcome to register and participate in these hour long programs.

On **Thursday, March 18 at 4:30**, the group will discuss “Donut the Destroyer” by Sarah Graley. Registration is currently open for this meeting.

**Thursday, April 15 at 4:30 pm** will find the group discussing “Because of the Rabbit” by Cynthia Lord. Registration for this meeting begins on March 18.

The All Star Readers will wrap up the spring session on **Thursday, May 20 at 4:30 pm** with a discussion of “Klawde” by Johnny Marciano. Registration for this meeting begins Thursday, April 15.



**Spring Virtual Story Times** begin on **March 23** and run through **May 18**. Story times will be held on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am**, live on the Library’s Facebook page. Check out our Facebook page @DexterDistrictLibrary. Visit the library from your living room. Ms. Krista will be singing familiar songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fun action rhymes every week on Tuesday at 10:30 am. Story times are geared for Toddlers and Preschoolers. Join through your phone, computer or other device and drop in. No registration is necessary.

Ms. Krista will hold a **Leprechaun Trap Read Aloud** for kids of all ages on **Monday, March 8 at 4:00 pm on Facebook Live**. Listen to books about leprechaun traps that will inspire you to create one of your own.

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, it's the best time of year to try to trap a leprechaun. Let your imagination run wild with the basic supplies contained in this kit. Pick up a **Leprechaun Trap Starter Kit**. Pickup begins on **Tuesday, March 9** and runs through **Tuesday, March 16**. Kids of all ages are welcome to register for a kit and registration is currently open.



**Club Create** returns on **Wednesday, March 17 at 4:30 pm on Facebook Live**.

Ms. Krista will share fun challenges, activities, and craft ideas you can try at home. She will also highlight a few of the newly acquired beginning chapter books and readers from the Library's book collection. Club Create is designed for children in kindergarten through second grade and will meet on a bi-weekly basis with future meetings coming up on March 31, April 14 and 28 and May 12.

## Get CRAFTY

Throughout the spring, the Library will be offering a **Monthly Craft Pickup for Kids of All Ages**. We don't know what the weather will be like, but there will be plenty of days for indoor activities. In March, pick up a **Leprechaun Trap Starter Kit**. See the information in the story above.

In late March, we'll offer a **Spring Break Activity Bag**. Pick up a bag full of fun crafts and activities to keep you busy when school is out of session during Spring Break. No registration required and the activity bags will be available while supplies last beginning **Monday, March 29** and running through **Saturday, April 3**.

The Library will offer a special **Mother's Day Craft Kit** for kids of all ages. Make something special for this special day. **Registration begins Monday, April 19 and runs through May 2**. Kits can be picked up from Monday, May 3 through Saturday, May 8.

## NEW BOOKS

Over the course of the last year, the Library has added many great new books; so many, in fact, our new book shelves could not hold all of them. As we return to providing in-person browsing, this is a great time to explore all areas of our collection.

A couple of great new books in our collection are: "InvestiGators" by John Patrick Green, found in the Juvenile Graphic Novel Collection, call number J 741.597 GRE. This is the first book in a new graphic novel series that will appeal to fans of the "Dog Man" books by Dav Pilkey. Two alligators, Mango and Brash, are undercover agents assigned the task of tracking down a missing cupcake chef, the famous Gustavo Mustachio. The "InvestiGators use spy technology, toilet based travel, and a little luck to solve the case. The series is full of silly fun.



"13 Ways to Eat a Fly" by Sue Heavenrich, call number J 595.77 HEA - Whoever knew there were so many ways to eat a fly! Poked, Soaked, and Liquefied are just a few ways this delicious bug is consumed. Science meets subtraction in this fresh and funny STEM picture book with plenty of ewww factors to please young readers. After you've read this nonfiction book you'll never look at flies the same way again.

# Fun for Teens and Tweens



Join us for the virtual program **Draw Your Pets** on **Saturday, March 6 at 11:00 am**. Geared for children in grades 4 and up, illustrator Corinne Roberts will demonstrate how to draw your pets, imaginary or otherwise. Use basic shapes and line techniques to create your favorite furry friends. No prior drawing experience is necessary. All you will need are paper, pencils and eraser. Registration is required and is currently open. A Zoom link will be sent via e-mail.

**Let's Draw Pokémon** on **Tuesday, March 30 at 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 4 through 12 are invited as artist Keith McGuire instructs how to draw Pokémon characters step-by-step. Bring your favorite Pokémon card and watch as Keith does quick sketches at the end of the program. Time will be available to ask questions and to share your work. The only things needed will be paper and a pencil. A thin black marker and colored pencils will help for color drawings and outlining. Registration begins Monday, March 1 and is required to receive the Zoom link.



Are you looking for something fun to make at home? Stop by the Library and pick up a **Boredom Buster** bag. In March, you can make **Catapults**. Students in grades 5 through 8 can register for a bag from February 22 through March 22. **Bag pickup begins March 26**. Full details will be provided to registered participants. Make catapults and see which one can launch different objects the farthest. Supplies and instructions will be provided. The only thing you will need is glue or a glue gun.

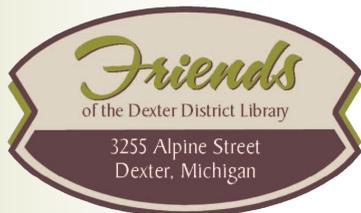
From chaos to calm, join us for virtual **Yoga for Teens & Adults** on **Saturday, April 3 at 12:00 pm**. Find peace and calm during this hour-long class with Sue Marsh, owner of Breath Yoga. Explore different elements of a yoga practice on a level fully accessible to all. Participants will leave feeling rested and refreshed. No prior yoga experience needed. This program is geared for students grades 6 through adult and registration runs March 8 through April 3 and is required to receive Zoom link.

The Library will offer **DIY Tea Cup Painting** for students in grades 5 through 12. Pick up your own ceramic tea cup and saucer to paint to hold an indoor plant. This could make a wonderful Mother's Day gift, or keep it for yourself to hold your trinkets. Paints, a paintbrush and Mother's Day card-making supplies will also be included. Registration is required and runs April 5 through 26. **Bag pickup begins April 30**. Full details will be provided to registered participants.

**Teen Self-Care Kits** will be available from the Library for students in grades 6 through 12. Need help getting through the school year? De-stress with one of our self-care kits which includes a mini Zen garden craft, calming exercises and more. Registration is required and runs May 1 through May 25. **Bag pickup begins May 28**. Full details will be provided to registered participants.

The Library will offer a **Star Wars Day Celebration** for students in grades 5 through 12. Prepare to celebrate Star Wars Day on May 4 with your own bag of crafts, stickers and more. Email a picture of one of your completed crafts to the teen librarian [dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us](mailto:dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us) by May 8 for a chance to win a Pop! Star Wars BB-8 Bobble. Winner will be chosen at random from all entries. Registration is required and runs April 1 through April 22. Bag pickup begins April 26. Full details will be provided to registered participants.





By Kantha Gardner and Cathy Fitzgerald

The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the **2020 Volunteer of the Year is Joelle Moroz**. Joelle was the voice for the Friends of the Dexter District Library for many years, reaching out to welcome new members. Her legacy is the active and dedicated group of Friends volunteers we have today. Through her regular interaction she helped transform the Membership Chair role by setting up a membership table at Library events and advocating for both the Library and the Friends group. Long after she moved from Dexter, Joelle chose to remain the Membership Chair and hosted membership tables at events.



Jeanne Bradish recalls "Joelle was so dedicated and consistent. She always stepped in with helping us all solve any problems to the extent that she could, and was easy to contact with any questions regarding her work with new members, existing members, and hours of service for any particular member."

In 2010 when Joelle joined the Friends and started attending Board meetings, she volunteered to work on a massive update of the membership list. By fall of 2011 she volunteered to be the new Friends Membership Chair, an almost decade long commitment. Joelle continues to work with the current membership chair, Amy Jerome. Thank you, Joelle, for your ten years of service, your innovative ideas and for sharing yourself with the Friends group.



Join us for a virtual **iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch** class on **Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 pm**.

In this class, you will be shown how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics for Apple products. We will also discuss Apple Watch apps and features. If possible, please attend the Zoom using a different phone/tablet or your computer so that your primary device is free for practice.



**Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 pm** finds a virtual presentation of **Android Phones & Tablets** offered. In this class, you will be shown how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics for Android products. If possible, please attend the Zoom using a different phone/tablet or your computer so that your primary device is free for practice.



**Getting the Most out of Your Smart Phone** will be offered virtually on **Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 pm**.

This is a follow-up class to the intro iPhone and Android classes. In this class, you will be shown more advanced topics like backing up your photos and videos, subscribing to podcasts and using your app store to the fullest extent. Learn about Library apps, how to buy apps without using a credit card and discover some of our favorite apps. If possible, please attend the Zoom using a different phone or your computer so that your primary device is free to practice on.

Please visit our web events calendar at [www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events) to register for any of these classes. Registration is required and a Zoom link will be e-mailed directly to all registrants ahead of the class meeting date.

# Events for Adults

**Registration for virtual programs** – The Library will present our virtual programming through the Zoom platform. Our virtual programs require registration. Registrants will receive a specific link for each event. Visit our web events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> and find the event date to register.

Join our virtual program on **The Great Influenza of 1918** on **Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm**. Worldwide, it is estimated that between 50 and 100 million people died during this pandemic. The virus spurred vaccine research and led to a better understanding of DNA. Join historian and retired Oakland Community College lecturer Dennis Fiems for this discussion on the sources of the global epidemic that raged from 1918 to 1919 and how ordinary people coped.

**Bird Watching and Birding** will be offered virtually on **Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm**. Novice and aspiring birders are invited to join Greg Bodker, a Michigan Audubon Society guide, to learn the differences between birdwatching and birding, how to attract more birds to your backyard, and great places to go birding in our area.

**Lying About History: A Holocaust Remembrance Program** will be presented virtually on **Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm**. In Hebrew, Holocaust Remembrance Day is called Yom HaShoah. It is an annual observance to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany. Join historian and retired Oakland Community College lecturer, Dennis Fiems, for accounts of Holocaust deniers and the damage that results from distortion of history.

On **Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm**, the Library will host the virtual program **Copper Miners: Trials and Tribulations in 1913**. In Michigan's Upper Peninsula, miners worked long hours in dangerous conditions. A 9-month labor strike in 1913 led to a tragedy that forever changed the industry. Join Donna Simons, author of the novel "Copper Empire" for a discussion of this historic era.

Join us for a virtual presentation of **Michigan in the Civil War** on **Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 pm**. At the beginning of the war Michigan recruited about 1,200 soldiers from the State Militia. By January of 1865, nearly 89,000 Michiganders served in the Union Army. This program tells their true stories. Join Al & David Eicher for a look back at Michigan's Civil War contribution and sacrifice.



Are you looking for other movie enthusiasts to discuss movies? Join us for our spring film discussion group. Watch the movie for free on our streaming service Kanopy, request the DVD through the Library catalog or watch the movie on your favorite streaming service. Attend every meeting or pick and choose the titles that appeal to you. Kanopy streaming details can be found on our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/digital-collections/>. Reel Talk provides the opportunity to explore diverse and complex films. Due to adult content and mature themes, viewer and participant discretion is advised.

**Movie and Discussion Dates:**

**March 1, 7:00 pm - Life's a Breeze**

**March 15, 7:00 pm - The Professor and the Madman**

**April 5, 7:00 pm - Denial**

**April 19, 7:00 pm - Save Yourself**

**May 3, 7:00 pm - The Farewell**

**May 17, 7:00 pm - Mrs. Lowry & Son**

The Library will virtually host the **Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild** on **Tuesday March 16, at 7:00 pm** for a variety of **St. Patrick's Day Stories**. Channel your inner Irish and join us for this fun filled evening guaranteed to put you in a St. Patrick's Day mood. The Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild is a group of people who enjoy telling, and listening to, stories of all kinds. Members range from professional storytellers to people who just love to tell stories.



## What's Cooking?



**Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 pm** finds the online presentation **Skillet Cooking with Mary Spencer** coming to the Library. Skillet cooking can put a quick, tasty and easy cleanup meal on the table for your family, but there are some tricks to the trade that you should know about. Join Mary Spencer, live in her kitchen, for this

Zoom cooking presentation. Mary will make Skillet Spanish Noodles and Skillet Tuscan Butter Shrimp and discuss the do's and don'ts of skillet cooking.

**Wednesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm** finds Mary Spencer offering an **Air Fryer Cooking Demonstration**. Get some pointers, new air frying ideas and learn how to make air fryer ravioli and salmon with garlic and dijon.

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years. She learned to cook from attending cooking seminars and is owner of Taste: A Cook's Place, LLC, a Northville Michigan cooking school and cook's resource center. Her website is [www.tastecooksplace.net](http://www.tastecooksplace.net)

The Library's co-sponsored Mindfulness Meditation sessions continue this spring on the Second Saturday of each month. Join us on **Saturday, March 13 at 9:30 am** for the next meeting. Sessions include guided and silent meditation along with discussion. Sessions can be accessed via Zoom. See @MindfulDexter on Facebook for the link.



Mindful Dexter is a wellness initiative of the 5HealthyTowns foundation, offering free ongoing opportunities in Dexter for anyone who wishes to practice mindfulness meditation in a safe, friendly group setting.

### Women in the Ancient World:

**You've Come A Long Way Baby** will be offered on **Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm**. In May we celebrate our Mothers and their contribution to society. This virtual program will examine life for a woman in the ancient world. How did they live 1500-3000 years ago, what did they feel, think, believe, produce and achieve? Join historian and retired Oakland Community College lecturer Dennis Fiems as he compares and contrasts the status and roles of Greek, Roman, and Egyptian women.

**Larry Martin's WWII in Their Own Words** returns on **Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm** with the story of **Robert Applegate**. Robert Applegate was drafted in 1943 and assigned to the Naval Armed Guard as a gunner on a civilian "Liberty Ship," the SS Jean Nicolet. On July 2, 1944, the Nicolet was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. One hundred men went into the water. Join Larry Martin for this Zoom presentation. This program will feature a taped interview with Applegate.

## Genealogy Series

An **Introduction to Genetic Genealogy: Using DNA Tests for Family History** will be presented on **Wednesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm**. Katherine R. Willson, lecturer and author of "The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan" will help you learn basic principles of genetic inheritance, the types of tests currently being marketed by the big DNA companies and examines the pros, cons, and ethics of DNA testing.

On **Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 pm** Willson will continue her series with **They Didn't All Come Through Ellis Island: Finding & Analyzing Passenger Arrival Lists**. Learn about the multiple points of departure from Europe, ports of entry into the U.S., how to find passenger arrival lists online, and how to analyze these lists as a means of filling in your ancestors' life stories.

The series wraps up on **Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 pm** as Willson discusses **Finding Historic Newspaper Articles Online & Offline**. Learn where to find free archived digital news articles from the past, as well as comparisons of the paid subscription sites for accessing archived digital news articles. Discussion includes helpful search tips, common OCR substitutions and the use of abbreviations and hyphens in news articles. All programs will be presented online and you are welcome to attend the entire series or just the topics that interest you.

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***imagination, creativity, and***  
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bers have contracted COVID-19, an infection among staff could require a temporary closure of browsing services. Depending on the severity, an outbreak could force the Library back to digital services only for a period of time. To date, only 5% of Library staff members have been able to obtain either a first and/or second vaccination. The majority of staff will need to wait until their age groups become eligible, so we expect our safety and social distancing measures will be in place for some time to come.

**Personnel Changes**

The pandemic has dragged on and, as in many work places, conditions have caused employees to evaluate their positions. In late 2020, our long-serving Head of Youth Services, Cathy Jurich, opted to retire. Cathy was with the Library from 1998 through 2020 and was the driving force behind developing the wide variety of children's programming and collections the Library offers. Under her guidance, use of the Children's department saw large

and steady increases over the years. Her dedication, creative ideas and ability to instill a love of reading in children of all ages helped the Dexter District Library exceed our greatest ambitions over the years.

The Library has promoted Youth Reference Librarian Ruth Jansen to the Head of Youth Services position. Ruth has been with the Library since 2019. A graduate of the Library and Information Science program at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Ruth came to the Dexter District Library with a wide variety of experience, having previously worked at the Winona Public Library in Winona, Minnesota as well as significant experience working for the Barnes and Noble book store.

We look forward to Ruth continuing our great traditions and bringing her new ideas to the Youth Department.

