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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.

Register for Summer events at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/>

Don't have a Library card? Apply online at: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/library-card>



Resumption of the Friends of the Library Book Sales is under discussion. Please check our web site for updated information regarding sales and book donations.

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

**The Library will be CLOSED Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day**

## Service Updates - Covid-19

During the late winter and spring, the Library saw a wide variety of fluctuations in COVID-19 presence in the community and State restrictions. It has been difficult to keep up with the rapidly changing landscape, but we hope to continue to progress back to a better sense of normality throughout the summer. Our overriding concern throughout the pandemic has been to continue to provide quality library service while maintaining an environment that is as safe as possible for all members of the community.

Each year, our planning for the Summer Reading Program begins the previous December. The vast majority of activities and events are set by April in order to secure presenters. Due to signed contracts, the majority of the Summer Reading Program events will remain virtual for this summer. We will reinstate the in-person reading records and will continue to offer the Beanstack electronic alternative for tracking reading goals. We will continue

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## Summer Reading Returns

Everyone is invited to register for this year's Summer Reading Program "Tails and Tales." Readers of all ages will explore the animal kingdom this summer. Beginning Monday, June 21, registration for the program may be done in person at the Library, or online through the Beanstack website ([dexter.beanstack.org](http://dexter.beanstack.org)) or Beanstack app available in app stores for mobile devices. The Library will be offering both online and in-person registration to help keep everyone safe and provide options for different comfort levels. Participants can earn reading badges, activity badges, attend virtual Library programs and be entered in our final prize drawing by meeting their reading goal.

The summer events will kick off on

**Monday, June 21 at 11:00 am** with Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician & Entertainer. This 45-minute show for all ages is full of magic, card tricks, comedy and audience participation. Be sure to have your own deck of cards nearby during Cameron's interactive performance and prepare to be amazed. Registration is required on our website and a Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Monday, June 21.



# Youth and Family Activities and Events

**Page Turner's 6-Week Adventure** will be offered from **Monday, June 28 through Friday, August 6**. Join us for a variety of online events and on demand activities. Starting Monday, June 28 viewers can journey through the "Once



Upon a Time Machine" on our website for virtual adventures based on themes such as farmyard friends, fish tales, pet pals, celebrity critters, safari stories, and creepy crawlies. There are five days of programming for each weekly theme which includes professionally produced shows, author interviews, virtual field trips, guest performers,

crafts, recipes, contests, games and much more. Registration is not required. Check in anytime to find new installations and catch up on the ones you missed. Visit the Library's events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events> to find the Page Turner events and access the content with the **username: DDL** and the **password: summer2021**.

**Dancer's Edge Presents: Music and Movement on Friday, June 25 at 11:00 am.** Children ages 3 and up are invited to join Miss

Jenn from Dancer's Edge for a virtual program as we dance through a book in this music and movement class. We will be exploring the book 'How Do You Dance?' by Thyra Heder. Do you

dance with your fingers? Do you tap with your feet? Do your eyebrows like to boogie? Join us and explore all of the wonderful ways our bodies can dance! Registration is required on our website. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Friday, June 25.

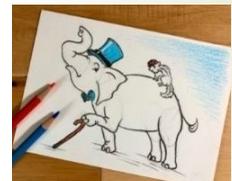


**Ice Cream Social for Dexter District Library Card Holders** returns on **Friday, July 2 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**. Show

your Dexter District Library card and receive **FREE** ice cream. Take & Make craft bags full of fun patriotic and summer-themed crafts also available, while supplies last.

**Learn How to Draw Wacky Animals on Friday, July 9 at 11:00 am.**

In this one-hour Zoom workshop, follow local artist and teacher Claudia Selene on a journey from basic shapes to cuddly characters. Once we get the basics down, we will add embellishments, accessories and colors. Practice making expressive eyes and other key features. Open to kids in grades K to 4 and their imaginative parents. All you will need on hand is plain paper, pencils, an eraser and crayons, markers or colored pencils for flavor. Registration is required on our website and a Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Friday, July 9.



**Summer Virtual Story Times** for toddlers and preschoolers continues on Facebook Live, **Tuesdays at 10:30 am from June 22 – August 10**. Visit the Li-

brary from your living room! Ms. Krista will be singing familiar songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fun action rhymes every week. Past presentations will also be available on a limited basis.





A virtual **Animal Yoga Poses for Kids** program will be offered on **Friday, July 16 at 11:00 am**.

Yoga is a fun way to explore different creatures in the animal kingdom. Kids in grades K to 4 are invited to join Sue from Breathe Yoga to learn different poses named after animals, mindfully move, breathe and make shapes with our bodies. Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent to participants before Friday, July 16.

Join us online for **Walking Up the Food Chain** on **Wednesday, July 21 at 11:00 am**. Together with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, kids in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will construct a live food chain. Meet an insect, arachnid, amphibian, reptile and raptor. Museum staff will discuss how these animals' lives are connected and the delicate balance that allows them to survive both individually and together as wildlife which share a habitat. Registration is required and space is limited.

Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 18. Digital supplies and a Zoom link will be emailed to registered participants before Wednesday, July 21.

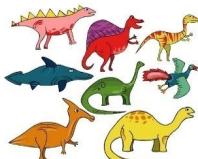


We have so many programs planned, we can't fit them all here. Be sure to check our events calendar at:  
<https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>



Join us online for our summer book clubs. The **Super Stories Book Club** returns on **Thursdays at 11:00 am** and runs from **June 24 through August 5**. Join us on Facebook Live to hear Ms. Krista read a book related to the Summer Reading Program theme 'Tails and Tales' and share an activity to try at home. Activities will include science experiments, crafts, games, and STEM challenges.

The **All Star Readers Book Club**, for children in grades 3 – 4 returns and will meet two times this summer to discuss books virtually on Zoom. We'll play an icebreaker game, discuss the book, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the Library after you register. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, June 24 at 1:00 pm** when the group will discuss 'I Survived the California Wildfires 2018' by Lauren Tarshis. Registration is currently open. Check our events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events> for additional dates for All Star Readers.



**Dinosaur Tales** will be presented online on **Friday, July 30 at 11:00 am**. Dinosaurs lived a long, long time ago. Kids in Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> grade can join the staff of the Sloan Museum and Longmire Planetarium to learn about these fascinating prehistoric creatures as we observe and touch real fossils, build our own fossil model and make a dinosaur tail to wear. You will even design and build your own dinosaur. Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 25. Supplies will be available for registered participants to pick up beginning Monday, July 26. A Zoom link will be emailed before Friday, July 30.

Join **Jitter Critters** online on **Friday, July 30 at 1:00 pm**. No need to get the jitters as you create your own critter. Kids in grades 2 to 5 are invited to use their artistic abilities and engineering skills to design and create their own battery-powered critter equipped with a vibrating motor with help from the Sloan Museum and Longmire Planetarium. Registration is required and space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Sunday, July 25. Supplies will be available for registered participants beginning Monday, July 26 and a Zoom link will be emailed to registrants before Friday, July 30.

# Fun for Teens and Tweens



**Basic Cartooning with Illustrator Corinne Roberts** will be offered online on **Tuesday, June 22 at 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 will learn to use basic shapes and line drawing techniques to create characters and scenery for cartoons or comic strips. No prior drawing experience needed. Recommended supplies include a pencil, eraser and paper. Registration is required and is currently open.

**Let's Play Chess.** Students in grades 4 through 12 are invited to learn to play chess or brush up on skills with long-time chess teacher Ray Garrison, owner of Arbor Chess ([arborchess.com](http://arborchess.com)) and have fun with tournament-style play. Attendees will need to create their own free account on [lichess.org](http://lichess.org) before class begins. Need a chess set? The Library has several for check out. Sign up for each session you will be attending. Registration begins on Monday, June 14 and Zoom details will be emailed to participants prior to the event. Chess sessions will be held on **Monday, July 12, Monday, July 19 and Monday, July 26 at 11:00 am each day.**



Take the first steps to learning **Faux Calligraphy** on **Wednesday, July 7 at 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 will learn how to create fun and fancy lettering without any fancy tools or computers. Follow along in this beginner's class and with a little practice you'll be amazed at how quickly you can begin to master this art. All you will need is a Sharpie fine point and extra fine point pens, pencil, eraser, paper and ruler. Registration is required and is currently open. See our events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events> to register. Zoom details will be emailed to participants prior to the event.



**Ukulele for Fun** for students in grades 4 through 12 returns when the Hudson Music Center staff will provide two 45-



minute, online beginner classes over the summer. Learn basic chords, strumming patterns and songs. Need an ukulele? The Library has several to check out. Sign up for each session you will be attending. Registration is currently open and Zoom details will be emailed to participants prior to the event. Join us on **Tuesday, June 29 at 1:00 pm** and again on **Wednesday, July 28 at 1:00 pm** for some musical fun.

Join us online and **Draw Creative Creatures** on **Tuesday, July 20 at 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 will learn drawing tips and techniques from illustrator Corinne Roberts as she focuses on a variety of fun and creative creatures. All you will need is a pencil, eraser and paper. Registration is required and begins Monday, June 21 and Zoom details will be emailed to participants prior to the event.

Teens and Tweens can participate in the Library's **Tails & Tales Photo Contest.**



Students in grades 5 through 12 may submit entries throughout the Summer Reading Program. The final deadline to enter is August 2. Submit an original photo of an animal for a chance to win a gift card. Subjects can be a pet, an animal on a farm, in the wild, or even a stuffed animal. Get creative and have fun. Submit up to one photo in any of three different categories: Tails & Tales, Champions and Unique Animals. Rules and details can be found on our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/tails-tales-photo-contest/>.



Join us online for **Basic Watercolor Painting** on **Wednesday, August 4 at 12:00 to 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 will learn how to paint a giraffe through detailed instructions

with artist Linda M. Polo. Learn basic watercolor tips and techniques from a skilled artist. Registration is required on our events page <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events> to sign up. For those attending the Zoom class, instructions will be emailed on how to pick up supplies.

The **Summer Reading Program Wrap-Up** will take place on **Friday, August 6 at 11:00 am** with Professor Snoopenheimer, a professional snooper-outer of mysteries, as he snoops out "Kooky Kryptids!" What, exactly, is a "kryptid?" Well it's a misspelled "cryptid," which is an animal or creature that is reported, but not proven to exist... like Big Foot. In the show, kids will learn about some "real" cryptids and then meet their kooky kousins, like Big Foot's kousin "Big Ear," a little furry juggler! The show features juggling, comedy, music, mime illusions, cool costumes and lots of kooky fun. But kids will



also learn about the great mysteries and adventures that are waiting to be snooped out in a book! Registration is required. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before Friday, August 6.

If you've completed this year's Summer Reading Program, pick up your goody bag of surprises beginning Monday, August 2. The Final Prize Drawing will be held on Wednesday, August 18.



The Library will offer a variety of online computer classes this summer. Brush up on your skills or learn something new. 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.

**Downloadable Library Content**  
**Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 PM**

Are you a beginner with our digital content services such as hoopla, Download Destination, or Kanopy? In this live Zoom discussion, we will show you how to navigate our collections and also how to install the appropriate apps on your devices to gain access to thousands of free digital titles.



**Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives**  
**Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 PM**

Join us for a live Zoom discussion of over the air antennas and live cable TV alternatives such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and AT&T TV Now. Streaming content libraries such as Netflix, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video will also be covered as well as the Library's free Kanopy streaming video service.

**Intro to Ancestry.com**  
**Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 PM**

Join us for a virtual tour of the Library's Ancestry.com service live on Zoom. Beginners' topics covered will include creating a family tree, creating a timeline, and searching tips for Ancestry.com. Now is a great time to take advantage of the Library's Ancestry subscription as free home access has been extended until at least 9/30/2021.



# Events for Adults

**Registration for virtual programs** – The Library will present our programming virtually 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/>, find the event date and register.

**When Mark Twain Came to Michigan** will be offered online on **Thursday, June 24 at 7:00 pm**. Al and Dave Eicher will show a multi-media program focusing on a period in Samuel Clemens' life when he took the name Mark Twain and came to Michigan. Hear stories of his early childhood in the 1850's and excerpts from his Michigan diary. Mark Twain travelled with his wife, daughter and manager. His time in Michigan was the beginning of his famous World Tour. The diary provides interesting comments about the St. Clair Flats and sites along the way to Mackinac Island and other parts of Michigan. This lecture along with 150 or more photos presents a timeline of events in his family life. You will see the good years and his times of great loss.



On **Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00 pm**, join us for **The Search for the Jarvis Lord Shipwreck**. Shipwreck hunter and author Ross Richardson explores the depths of Northern Lake Michigan, looking for lost ships and missing aircraft. Dive down to Lake Michigan's newest shipwreck discovery and meander through the histories and mysteries of the Manitou Passage, the most dangerous place in Lake Michigan. Richardson has spent the last two decades exploring the bottom of the Great Lakes and discover-



ing and documenting long lost shipwrecks. His website, michiganmysteries.com, is dedicated to the stories of the missing ships, missing aircraft and missing persons of the Michigan Region.



Do you love movies? Are you looking for other movie enthusiasts to discuss cine-

ma? If so, plan on joining us for the summer film discussion group, Reel Talk. Watch the movie for free on our digital service Kanopy, check out the DVD at the Library or watch the movie on your favorite streaming service and join the discussion. Attend every meeting or just ones that appeal to you. To receive the Zoom link to the meeting, register on our events calendar at [dexter.lib.mi.us/events](https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/).

Library cardholders whose cards begin with 29221 can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly. If you have one of our older library cards that begins with 29082, please stop by the Library and we'll upgrade it free. Due to adult content and mature themes, viewer and participant discretion is advised.

Titles and times include:

- June 21, 7:00 pm – Magic of Belle Isle**
- July 19, 7:00 pm – Breathe**
- August 2, 7:00 pm – The Lighthouse**
- August 16, 7:00 pm – Puncture**
- August 30, 7:00 pm – Pawn Sacrifice**

**All Manner of Tales** will be offered online on **Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 pm** as Ann Arbor Storytellers Jane Fink, Steve Daut, Beverly Black, Lorelle Otis, Jennifer Otto and Jeff Doyle will regale you with stories of adventures full of feathers and fur. The Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild is a group of people who enjoy telling, and listening to, stories of all kinds. Members range from those who occasionally tell stories as a fascinating pastime to experienced storytellers dedicated to carrying on the oral tradition of live story telling.

The SyFy Channel personality **Dustin Pari** returns on **Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm** to present **Once Upon Death and Dying**,



an interesting exploration of unique customs that pertain to the human transition from life to afterlife throughout various cultures and religious understandings the world over. This is a death positive presentation for all of us going through this human experience. With over 25 years of experience researching the unknown, Pari brings exciting and positive lectures about the paranormal as a part of SyFy Television's Ghost Hunters, Ghost Hunters International, and appearances on Destination Truth and Ghost Nation.

The tales of **Korea: Modern Nation, Ancient Folklore** will be hosted online on **Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 pm**. South Korea boomed over the past 50 years and became a world economic power. Recently cited as one of the world's most innovative nations and one of the most Internet connected countries, Korea is a country rooted in ancient traditions and folklore. Travel through Seoul, "The Miracle on the Han" and other highlights with Mariya Fogarasi who weaves together a modern nation and its time-honored past. Fogarasi lived for four years in Korea and will discuss her impressions of a country full of contrasts and beauty.



An **Introduction to Military Records Research** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, July 20 at 7:00 pm**. How can you determine the major conflict in which your ancestor might have served? Which records may have been generated during that time, and where are they held? We'll learn the various places to look and determine whether an ancestor served in the military and how to find his or her military records. Presented by Katherine R. Willson of Ann Arbor, join us online for an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecture. Willson has been teaching beginning, intermediate, and advanced genealogy classes in Michigan since 2001 and is the author of *The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan*, published in 2018 by *The In-Depth Genealogist*.



Join us online on **Thursday, July 22 at 7:00 pm** for **When Hollywood Went to War**. This is the real life story of nearly 90 celebrities who served in the United State Military during World War II. Historians, Al and David Eicher, have collected hundreds of photographs and films and have conducted several interviews of men and women from the entertainment world to create this fascinating program. See celebrities such as Kirk Douglas, Jimmy Stewart, Jonathan Winters, Henry Fonda, Mickey Rooney, Bea Arthur and many more who served in various theaters of the war and in every branch of service. Be prepared for some real surprises.

Learn about **Publishing Your Family History** on **Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 pm**. The worst thing you write is better than the best thing you didn't write. It doesn't matter that you're not done – we'll never be done. Let's talk about taking the materials you already have and organizing them to share with family members, whether it's as reports, forms, charts or narratives. Join Katherine R. Willson and learn basic structures for creating a family narrative that can become a treasured chronicle, handed down from generation to generation.

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**Current Altered Hours:**  
Mon-Fri: 10 AM - 7 PM  
Sat: 10 AM - 2 PM  
Sun: Closed



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***Dexter District Library:***  
***A community path to***  
***imagination, creativity, and***  
***learning.***

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to evaluate the potential for pop-up in-person programming. Historically, the summer Library programs have attracted 200-300 individuals for average programs and up to 1,200-1,500 for major events. These numbers seem a bit daunting at present, but we will continue to look for potential activities which can be safely managed with limited staff.

As of June 1, the Library discontinued the quarantine of returned items. We will begin processing items returned by patrons as well as requests arriving in delivery on a daily basis. These steps will help decrease the wait time for items requested. As we move into summer, we are also looking at reintroducing furniture to the study and lounge areas and expanding our open hours.

Because of the lead time for newsletter publication, it is difficult to predict all the changes to come, but continued progress is expected over the summer. Please check our web site for additional updates

which have not yet been solidified for printing here.

The Friends of the Library recently started discussing resuming their book sales. While there are many pieces to consider, we are making progress on this front. At present, the Library will not be able to accept donations of books and other materials until such time as the Friends plans solidify, but we are moving in a positive direction.

Over the past year, the pandemic upended the entire model of public library service. I would like to recognize each and every staff member at the Dexter District Library for their efforts during this unprecedented time. The staff have seen their standard mode of work change dramatically. The staff adapted well and explored many new ways of reaching out to the community. Our Library would not be what it is today without the dedicated staff. Please join me in thanking them for all their efforts over the past 15 months. ~ Paul McCann, Library Director