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NOTICES

Please check our web site at www.dexter.lib.mi.us for updates on Library services.

Registration is required for all programs. For in-person programs, all members of each group must be registered.

We will continue to label programs to show which are in-person and which are virtual. Look for these symbols:



The Library will be CLOSED

**Sunday, April 17
Sunday and Monday
May 29 and 30**

Recovering from the Winter COVID Surge

When issuing the winter newsletter before the holidays, we were optimistic about restoring more services. Unfortunately, the Omicron wave had different ideas. The Library continues to recover from the wide variety of pandemic-related restrictions and safety measures. At publication time, the current COVID-19 situation continues to improve and new recommendations from the CDC have relaxed guidelines. The Library continues to be open for general use and we are adding additional in-person programming opportunities. Meeting space is available to reserve.

Face coverings are not required for general Library use. As of March 7, face coverings are optional while attending general programs. We will continue to require registration for programs. Please check the events calendar on our web site. Each event will have a registration link. The Library will maintain capacity limits for in-person gatherings. With continued improvement, these will be relaxed as well. The staff is busy both presenting spring programs as well as planning a great Summer Reading Program which will, hopefully, look much more like years past.

In Person Spring Story Time

Registration for Spring Story Time is currently open. Spring Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, March 21 and run through Thursday, May 12. Registration is required and parents or caregivers of children may register in the Library or by calling 734-426-4477. Space is limited due to ongoing social distancing. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children 18 months to 5 years of age may sign up for one Story Time session. Each session runs for eight weeks. Story Times are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Children

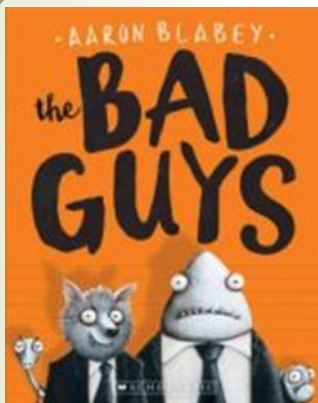
under 18 months may attend, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Spring Story Times will meet in the Library's lower level meeting room and will include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading.

The Library will also continue to provide virtual Story Time on Wednesdays at 10:30 am through May 11 on Facebook Live.



Youth and Family Activities and Events



The Library will present three sessions of **“Bad Guys” in the Library** on **Tuesday, March 29**. Times will be from **1:30 to 2:00 pm, 2:30 to 3:00 pm** and again from **3:30 to 4:00 pm**. *The Bad Guys’* next mission is taking place in the Library. Do you want to be part of their team? Join us at one of three sessions to complete your training before “The Bad Guys” movie comes out in April.

This popular series by Aaron Blabey finds *Misters Wolf, Snake, Piranha, and Shark*, who look like bad guys, sound like bad guys, and even smell like bad guys, but decide it’s time to improve their status by doing good. How will they achieve this new and improved image? By performing heroic tasks that prove their goodness. This series has been very effective at getting kids to read for fun and improve their reading skills.

The Library’s “Bad Guys” program is limited to students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Registration is required and currently open.



The Library will offer a special **Preschool Spring Story and Craft Program** on **Saturday, April 23 at 9:30 am** for children five years old and younger. Listen to stories about the spring season and make a spring craft. This program will be in-person and held in the lower level meeting room. Face coverings are not required but highly encouraged. Registration for this program is required, opens on March 28 and space is limited.



The Library will offer a **Mother’s Day Craft Program** for children in kindergarten through 4th grade on **Tuesday, May 3 at 4:30 pm**. Make a special gift to give to your mother on Mother’s Day. The Library will provide all the supplies to let you make an imaginative gift that will make mom smile. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, April 5.



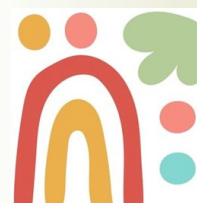
The Library will offer **Fabric Nature Portraits: A Virtual Craft Program** on **Friday, April 22 at 10:00 am** for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Create fabric portraits by using reused fabric scraps, buttons, craft items, googly eyes, and more! This craft will be

nature and animal themed to celebrate Earth Day! Registration is required. Space is limited. Please only sign up if you plan to attend. Registration deadline is Friday, April 15. Supplies will be available for registered participants to pick up beginning Monday, April 18. A Zoom link will be emailed before Friday, April 22. This program will be presented by Scrap Created Reuse of Ann Arbor. Registration is currently open.



VIRTUAL EVENT

Pint-Sized Picassos comes to the Library on **Wednesday, June 8 at 11:00 am**. This painting program is geared for children ages five and younger. Dress for mess. Listen



to stories and make your own unique masterpiece. Registration required and opens on Monday, May 9.

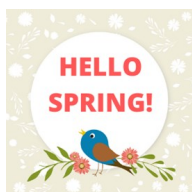


Monthly Craft Bags

Monthly Take and Make Crafts for kids of all ages will be available for pick up at the Library throughout the spring. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Library and pick up a bag with a variety of seasonal or themed crafts to make at home. Limit 5 per family. Kits are available at the Youth Reference Desk during the following time periods and while supplies last. No registration is necessary.

Spring Break Craft Bags

Available from Friday, March 25 through Sunday, April 3 while supplies last.



Superhero Craft Bags

Available from Monday, April 18 through Sunday, April 24 while supplies last.

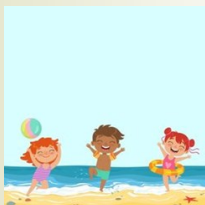
Pets Craft Bags

Available Monday, May 16 through Sunday, May 22 while supplies last.



Here Comes Summer Craft Bags

Available Monday, June 6 through Sunday, June 12 while supplies last.



**Mark your calendars for
Summer Reading 2022
Kick-Off is June 22**

Youth Book Clubs

Book Clubs will return for in-person meetings this spring. We have a variety of groups meeting to fit the needs of various ages and hope that we will be able to continue through the end of the school year.

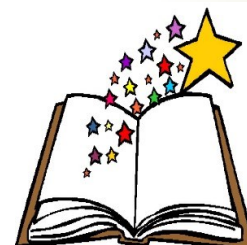
The **Super Stories Book Club** is for Young Fives and Kindergarteners and will meet on **Thursday, April 7 at 4:30 pm** to read about Spring. This story and craft program is for kids transitioning out of Story Time. Adults should attend this program with their children. Each month Ms. Krista will read books related to a theme and then the kids will make a theme related craft. Registration is required. Additional meetings will be on May 5 and June 2. Registration is required.



Club Create Book Club is geared for children in 1st and 2nd grades and will meet on **Thursday, April 14 at 4:30 pm**. This is an independent book club. Ms. Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. Additional meetings will be held on May 12 and June 9. Registration is required. No preparation necessary.

The **All Star Readers Book Club** is designed for children in 3rd and 4th grades and will meet on **Thursday, April 21 at 4:30 pm** to discuss the book "Knights vs Dinosaurs" by Matt Phelan. All Star Readers Book Club will meet in person this spring. We'll play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the Library after you register. Registration is required. The group will also meet on May 19 and June 30.

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Currently, in-person programming does not require face coverings for attendance, but anyone should feel free to wear a face covering. Check with the Library frequently for changes in policy.

Fun for Teens and Tweens

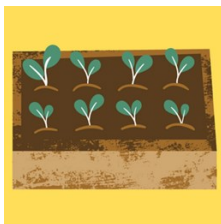


Creating Your College List comes to the Library on **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm**. Teens and adults are welcome to hear Elizabeth Levy, founder of Essay Help for Colleges, discuss selecting colleges and applying using the Common Application. The program is geared toward high school sophomores and juniors, but it is open to all teens and parents. Registration is required and is currently open.



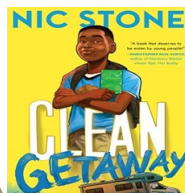
Registration is required and is currently open.

Take & Make: Gardening Kits will be available in the Youth Department with pick up running from **April 8-14 or while supplies last**. Are you looking for a new outdoor hobby? Do you want to help pollinators like bees and butterflies? Why not try gardening? Teens and tweens can pick up a kit with seed packets, dirt pods, pots, and plant markers to start their own garden this summer. Kits are geared for students in grades 5 through 12. No registration is necessary and kits will be available while supplies last.



The **Tween Book Club** returns to in-person meetings this spring. This program is geared for students in 5th and 6th grades. Read the book and then join us for ice-breakers, discussion, and a related craft or activity. Get a copy of the book at the Youth Reference Desk after you register.

On **Tuesday, April 26 at 4:30 pm**, the group will convene to discuss “The Doughnut Fix” by Jessie Janowitz. Registration is required and begins March 22.



The program continues on **May 24** when the group will be discussing “Clean Getaway” by Nic Stone. Registration is required and begins April 26.



There are more tween and teen programs on our events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>

Teen Advisory Group

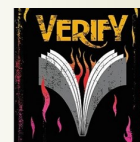


The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a volunteer opportunity for teens in grades 7 through 12 to get involved at the Library. Help us brainstorm new ideas for programs and services. Discuss what you are reading, watching and listening to and meet up with friends. TAG meets on select Saturdays each month during the school year. Join us for our next session on **Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 am**.



The Library’s **Teen Book Club** for students in 7th through 12th grades returns for in-person meetings. Read the monthly book and then join us for an hour-long program that includes icebreakers, discussion, and a related craft or activity. Get a copy of the book at the Youth Reference Desk after you register.

The Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm** to discuss “Verify” by Joelle Charbonneau. Registration is currently open.



The Library’s **Magic the Gathering** group returns in person. The next session will be held on **Friday, April 22 at 6:00 pm**. Registration is required. Prizes are awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with SRSLY Dexter.

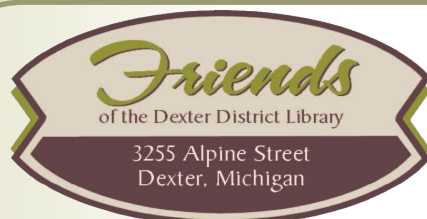


On **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 pm**, the group will discuss “The Inheritance Games” by Jennifer Lynn Barnes with registration opening on April 12.



Help the Library continue In-Person Programs

- ◆ Register ahead of time
- ◆ Register each individual member of your party
- ◆ Face coverings are optional but encouraged
- ◆ Limited capacity remains in effect
- ◆ Walk-ins cannot be seated



The Friends of the Library are excited to announce the Book Sales are back. Plan to be at the Library the first Saturday of each month to stock up on used books, videos, CDs and children's items. The Friends Used Book Sale is in the lower level of the Library. The next **Book Sale will be held on Saturday, April 2, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** and we are keeping our fingers crossed they will continue up through Dexter Daze 2022.

The Friends of the Library are once again accepting donations. After a very successful sale on March 5, the Friends were able to clear out a good portion of the backlog and find the space they need to resume efficient sorting. For the time being, please limit donations to three bags or boxes per day to help our sorters keep pace.

Remember you are always welcome to attend the Friends Board meetings to share your thoughts or ideas. The next meeting is at the Library on April 26 at 7:00 pm. Meetings are generally the fourth Tuesday of each month.



The Library's technology classes continue this spring. Join us in-person for a variety of beginning level introductions to different topics.



The Library will offer an **Introduction to Ancestry.com** on **Tuesday, April 12**

at **9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 pm**. Beginner genealogy topics covered will include creating a family tree, creating a timeline, and searching tips within Ancestry.com.

Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives will be presented on **Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 pm**. Join us for a discussion of over the air antennas and live cable TV alternatives such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and DirectTV Stream. Streaming content libraries such as Netflix, HBOMax, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video will also be covered. Please note, this class will be held in the Library's lower level.

Learn to **Design Free Cards, Posters and More with Canva.com** on **Tuesday, May 3 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, May 5 at 6:00 pm**. Learn fun and easy ways to create dazzling cards, invitations, or flyers. Do you wish your social media posts looked snappier? Come to this class to learn about Canva.com, a free online design studio.

Shopping Online: Tips & Security will be offered on **Tuesday, May 17 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, May 19 at 6:00 pm**. Join us for a discussion of deal-of-the-day web sites, money saving tools, how to spot false reviews, and techniques to protect your accounts.

Learn how to access **Downloadable Library Content** on **Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, June 2 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to use our Download Destination (OverDrive), hoopla, and Kanopy services. Bring your own devices and get help with setup and we'll also show you how to set up a feature in the Libby app to unlock over 100,000 additional items.

All technology classes this spring will be held in-person. Registration is required. To register: visit <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

Mix it Up with the Library



Join our Zoom event **The History of Bourbon** on **Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm**. Phil Kollin loves nothing more than talking whiskey, sharing stories about whiskey's colorful history, the fascinating process of distilling, and the stories behind each bottle. Kollin has made it his mission to travel down every highway, byway, back-road and no-lane road in the Bluegrass state while picking up as many great tales along the way as possible. This is a virtual event. Register on the Library's Event Calendar and a Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.

On **Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 pm** the Library will offer the virtual event **Tammy's Tastings: Born in the U.S.A.** Cocktails as we know them today are fundamentally American creations, although they are now made round the world. Take a cross country trip in your glass as we explore the regional classic cocktails of America, from New Orleans to Kentucky to California and beyond. Recipes will be emailed prior to the program. Attendees are welcome to mix along during the program. Tammy Coxen is the co-author of "Cheers to America", co-host of a regular cocktail segment on Michigan Radio and writes a monthly column for Hour Detroit magazine. This is a Virtual (Zoom) Event. Register on the Library's Event Calendar and a Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



VIRTUAL EVENT



Movies, Books and Discussions



The Library's variety of movie showings and book discussions returns this spring. The **Reel Talk** movie discussion group will continue to meet via Zoom through the spring starting with a discussion of **The Architect** on **Monday, March 28 at 7:00 pm**. Participants can view the movies through the Library's Kanopy streaming service.

The Library's in-person movie showings will resume with a **Friday Night Movie for Adults** showing of **Belfast** on **Friday, April 8 at 6:00 pm**. Also returning will be **Friday Afternoon Movies for Adults**, starting on **Friday April 15 at 1:00 pm** with a showing of **Underdog: The Kurt Warner Story**.

There is also space available in our **Somewhere in Time** and **Better Off Read** book discussion groups. Registration is required for all programs. Call the Library or visit our web site.



It won't quite be Hollywood Nights at the Library, but author Edward Sarkis Balian will present **Turn the Page: The Bob Seger Story** on **Friday, April 29 at 6:00 pm**. Sarkis Balian will share stories and information from his book of the same title, which is the first Bob Seger biography to date. Sarkis Balian grew up in Detroit and played in a local band at the same time as Seger and they shared the same Detroit-area entertainment attorney for over four decades. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Join local historian Jim Craft for the in-person program **The American Army in Normandy: Omaha Beach to the Falaise Gap** on **Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm**. June 6, 1944, is arguably the most important single day in western history. Failure of Operation Overlord could have resulted in a very different world than we know today. June 6 was the first day in the 11-week Battle of Normandy that destroyed the German Army in France and led to the defeat of Germany and an end to the Second World War. Join historian Jim Craft for this presentation discussing the strategy employed by the Allied forces, the terrible loss of life and the defeat of German Forces in the Battle of Normandy.



IN-PERSON PROGRAM

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

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Director's Corner by Paul McCann



While our optimistic predictions for the post-holiday winter season ran into some road blocks, we have crested another hump with COVID-19 and all of us at the Library are thankful for the support of the community.



During the month of January, the Erratic Ale Company designated the Dexter District Library as the recipient of their 'Good Neighbor Tap' community giving program. The Library would like to extend a heartfelt 'thank you' to Deb and Brian Schroeder for their generosity. The Good Neighbor Tap generated a donation of \$1,362 to the Library. The Library will designate Erratic Ale as a major sponsor of this year's Adult Summer Reading Program.

In March, the Friends of the Library

were able to resume holding Book Sales and the community responded. For March 2022, the Friends Book Sale generated \$1,985 in proceeds. The pent-up demand for activities in the community was palpable. The March 2022 Book Sale outpaced the last pre-pandemic Sale in March 2020 by 32% and surpassed the 2019 sale by 78%.

This is another indication of improving conditions. The Library continues to take an optimistic view of the pandemic. We have pivoted several programs back to in-person events for the spring and continue to look at options for the summer. With planning for our 2022 Summer Reading Program, we are looking at holding more events outdoors. The goal will be to accommodate larger groups and avoid the need for registration at these events. Much of the pandemic has been unpredictable, but the experiences of the last two years have taught us much about flexibility in planning.