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NOTICES

Please check our website at www.dexter.lib.mi.us for updates on Library services and events.

Registration is required for select programs.

While Washtenaw County remains in a high level of COVID-19 transmission, masks are not required for program attendance, but highly recommended and appreciated.

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



The Library will be CLOSED
Sunday and Monday
July 3 and 4
Sunday and Monday
September 4 and 5

Summer Reading — Oceans of Possibilities

This year's Summer Reading Program theme has a dual meaning for us at the Library. "Oceans of Possibilities" was chosen to get all readers thinking about all the different things we can learn and enjoy through reading. We will continue to offer our annual summer reading challenges, where children and adults can set reading goals, track progress and be entered to win prizes at the end of the summer. The Summer Reading Program officially kicks off on June 22.

The flip side to possibilities is what the Library hopes to do with programming. This summer, the Library will continue to offer both in-person and virtual programming to accommodate patrons with different comfort levels regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to be able to present many programs outdoors to safely accommodate larger crowds. In the event of inclement weather, programs may be moved indoors. Programs may require registration, but a number of presentations will be open on a drop-in basis.



Kick Off Summer Reading with Jim Gill

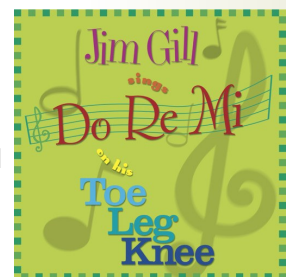
The Library's Summer Reading Program will get under way on **Wednesday, June 22 at 11:00 am** with an in-person program outdoors at Mill Creek Park North.

Get ready to sing, clap, dance and spin along during this visit by nationally touring award-winning musician and author Jim Gill. His distinctive music play creates the spirit of a



family room in the concert hall and is an invitation to children, parents and grandparents to sing and play together.

Whether it is the "Silly Dance Contest" or "Jumping and Counting," Gill will have everyone moving about. Gill has re-



leased 10 albums of children's songs over the years. Having originally been booked to kick off the 2020 Summer Reading Program, when programming was canceled due to the pandemic, we are fortunate to be able to bring him back this year. No registration is required for this free outdoor concert.



Youth and Family Summer Activities



Drop-In Summer Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers will start on **Monday, June 27** and run through **Thursday, August 4**. We will meet at **10:30 am** each Monday and Thursday. Story Time will primarily be meeting outside on the Library terrace adjoining Mill

Creek Park North, so make sure you bring along chairs or picnic blankets.

Story Time will be held on Mondays and repeated on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Our story times will include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading. Amplification will be used for outdoor programming. In case of inclement weather, Story Times will be relocated to the large meeting room on the Library's lower level. Depending on the progress of the COVID-19 virus, indoor capacity may be limited. At present, face coverings for indoor programming are highly recommended and appreciated. There will be no Story Time on Monday, July 4.



The **Creature Conservancy** comes to the Library to present a live animal program On **Monday, June 27** at **2:00 pm**. Students in grades kindergarten



through fourth grade will meet some unique animals such as a bearded dragon, pancake tortoise or armadillo.



Registration is required, is currently open and available on our web site or in person at the Library.



The Library will offer a **LEGO Challenge** program on **Wednesday, June 29** at **10:00 am**. Kids in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to join us for a building challenge at the Library. Use a selection of Library provided Lego bricks to construct an object around a particular theme. Registration is required, is currently open and available on our web site or in person at the Library.

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Page Turner Virtual Adventures returns this year. This program will run from **Monday, June 20 through Friday, August 12** and is for children of all ages. Discover **20,000 Books Under the Sea**. Viewers are transformed into Storyologists on an epic, interactive quest to discover the Lost



Library of Atlantis. Along the way, explore Coral Reefs, The Bermuda Triangle, arctic waters, and the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. This four-part Adventure will educate kids about our oceans, inspire them to read and visit the Library. This digital summer program is filled with shows, crafts, recipes, guests, virtual field trips, author visits, and more! Follow along on our website at dexter.lib.mi.us. Use the login username: **DDL** and the password **summer2022** to get started.



This summer marks the return of the **Ice Cream Social for Dexter Library Card Holders**. Join us in front of the Library on **Friday, July 1** from **11:00 am**



to **1:00 pm** and show your Dexter District Library card and receive one free ice cream provided by the Dexter Creamery. During our Ice Cream Social, we will also give out sweet treat themed craft bags. No registration is required and craft bags will be available while supplies last. There will be a limit of one ice cream per person and five craft bags per family.



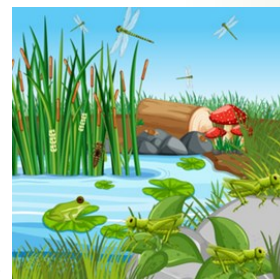


Join us at the Library for a **Family Fun Comedy Show with Richard Paul** on **Tuesday, July 12 at 2:00 pm**. All Ages are invited to enjoy a high energy, funny, family show that mixes pup-

pets, magic, music and a whole lot of audience participation. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, June 15.



Pond Ecology comes to the Library on **Monday, July 25** with two small group sessions. Kids in grades kindergarten through fourth grade can participate in either **Session 1, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm** or **Session 2, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm**. Learn about different kinds of ponds, the types of animals that live in them and what makes each pond unique. Naturalist Randy Baker will bring a diversity of small pond creatures from multiple ponds. Participants will have a chance to be scientists, get their hands wet, make observations, capture and sort the small creatures and learn the importance of our wetland habitats. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, June 29.



Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day returns on **Friday, July 15 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. The Dexter District Library will host a large variety of trucks and emergency vehicles for children and adults of all ages to experience, rain or shine. The parking lot will be closed during this event to allow freedom to browse, tour and talk to the owners and operators of the wonderful machines that make our lives easier and safer. Bring your camera as there will be plenty of photo opportunities with the vehicles and a popular costumed character.



The Library will present an **Ocean of Adventure with Paleo Joe** on **Friday, July 29** in Mill Creek Park North at **11:00 am**. Join us outside on the Library terrace adjoining Mill Creek Park North to learn about fossils with award-winning paleontologist and storyteller, Paleo Joe. This program is geared for students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, June 29.



Help us wrap up the Summer Reading Program with **Lori Fithian's Drummunity** on **Friday, August 5** in Mill Creek Park North at **11:00 am**.

All ages are welcome to join local resident Lori Fithian for this favorite percussion program. She'll bring the drums, you get to play them. The whole family gets to drum, sing and dance in this fun and energizing program. Lori brings all kinds of drums and percussion instruments, so the whole community can make music together. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, July 5.



Join us on **Friday, July 22 at 11:00 am** for an **Under the Sea Concert** presented by Dynamic School Assemblies and sponsored by Wolverine Glass of Dexter. The concert will be held

in Mill Creek Park North and all ages are welcome to participate in this fun, interactive concert featuring songs about sailing, ships, oceans, fish, sharks, and more. No registration is required.



Summer Fun for Tweens and Teens



Throughout the summer, tweens and teens in grades 5 through 12 are invited to participate in the challenge **MiLibraryQuest: Treasures of the Deep**, running from Wednesday, June 15 through Sunday,



July 31. Pirates, shipwrecks, and monsters have inhabited our oceans for millennia. This quest will challenge young explorers to complete a crossword puzzle by finding clues on the websites of Michigan libraries. Solve the puzzle by July 31 and enter to win a prize. Join our **Break-In Bags event on Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm** to work on the Summer Quest with other tweens and teens.



Help us get a great start to the summer with our **Teen and Tween Summer Reading Kick-Off Pirate Party on Wednesday, June 22 at 2:00 pm**. Teens and tweens can take part in pirate-themed games and activities to celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Program. Registration is currently open. Visit our website at dexter.lib.mi.us/events.



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Bad Art Night comes to the Library on **Thursday, July 7 at 6:30 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 can come to the Library to create the worst art possible. That's right, don't worry about making something good, just enjoy the creative process. Many materials will be on hand for you to make your disasterpiece. At the end, we'll vote on a "worst of the worst" to win a trophy commemorating this achievement. Registration is required and open on our website at dexter.lib.mi.us/events.



Join us for a **Bleach Stencil Shirt Craft on Monday, July 11 at 1:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 will have the opportunity to design your own unique ocean animal T-shirt with vinyl stencils and diluted bleach spray. Please bring a pre-washed cotton black or color T-shirt (no white shirts.) Registration is required and begins on Friday, June 10.



The Library will offer **Comic Art Fantasy with Artist Jerry DeCaire on Wednesday, July 13 at 1:00 pm**.



Students in grades 5 through 12 will be treated to a live drawing demo by Marvel Comic illustrator Jerry DeCaire. Comic art has long been used to bring fantasy to life. Super heroes, orcs, elves, sorcerers, dragons, wizards, and more. As quickly as the eye can follow, art and fantasy are created in this fascinating live drawing performance. Registration is required and opens on June 10.



The Library's **Magic the Gathering** continues this summer. The next session will be held on **Friday, July 15 at 6:00 pm**. Registration is required. Prizes 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. Co-sponsored with SRSLY Dexter.



Join us for the **Virtual Cooking Class: Strawberry Shortcake on Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 pm**.

Chef Jyl Nolan from A Curious Kitchen will show you how to prepare a classic summer dessert – strawberry shortcake. Receive the recipe a week before the program, gather your ingredients, and cook along with us. Students in grades 5 through 12 can register for this program beginning Tuesday, June 28.



Help the Library continue In-Person Programs

- ◆ Register ahead of time when registration is required
- ◆ Register each individual member of your party
- ◆ Face coverings are optional but highly encouraged
- ◆ Limited capacity remains in effect for indoor events



With Book Sales and donations resuming, there has been the opportunity for our Friends of the

Library to accumulate additional service hours. This spring saw three Friends members reach service milestones. Gale Jaynes (left) reached the silver level for contributing 100 service hours. Ben True (center) and Martha Keefe (right) reached the Bronze level for helping out over 50 hours. Approximately 35 volunteers are the proud owners of a Friends service pin and there are actually a couple of Friends who have volunteered more than 1000 hours. Without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, the Friends of the Library Book Sale would not be so successful.



Help us spread the word about book donations. Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and books on CD are appreciated and can be dropped off at the front desk. Certain items do not sell and end up being recycled. Please do not drop off tattered, soiled, musty, smelly or mildewed books, textbooks, Readers Digest Condensed books, cassette or VHS tapes and magazines. Books such as finance, travel guides or health/medical should be less than 5 years old.

Library Technology Classes

The Library is offering a variety of popular technology classes this summer. All classes will be held in-person and registration is required. To register: visit <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk. For classes focusing on personal devices, please bring your own device for practice.



iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch programs will be held **Tuesday, July 12 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and other topics.

Android Phones & Tablets will be covered on **Tuesday, July 19 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps and other topics.

Getting the Most out of Your Smart Phone will be offered on **Tuesday, August 2 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, August 4 at 6:00 pm**. This is a follow-up class to the iPhone and Android classes. Learn more advanced topics like backing up photos and videos, subscribing to podcasts and using app stores to the fullest. Library apps, how to buy apps without using a credit card and review of some of our favorite apps will be covered.

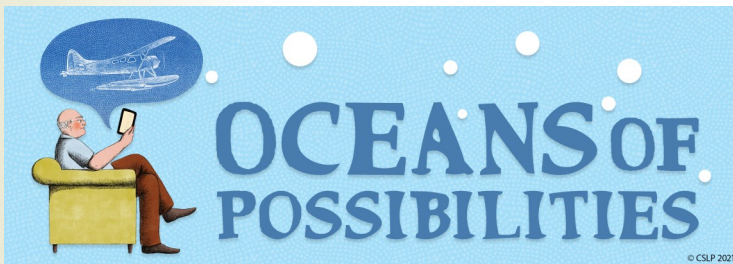
Microsoft Excel Part 1 will be offered on **Tuesday, August 9 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 pm**. Create workbook files using Microsoft Excel, discover how to organize data more efficiently, how to set up a workbook to meet your informational needs and practice different ways to duplicate, move, and edit data. Students are highly encouraged to have taken Part 1 before taking Part 2.

Microsoft Excel Part 2 expands on the previous class on **Tuesday, August 16 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, August 18 at 6:00 pm**. Learn about tools such as mail merge, pivot tables, conditional formatting and filtering as well as how to use macros to automate repetitive tasks.

Extended sessions of **One-on-One Technology Help** will be offered on **Thursdays, June 30, July 28 and August 25 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. See our website for registration.

Summer Events for Adults

This year's **Adult Summer Reading Program Oceans of Possibilities** kicks off on **Wednesday, June 22** and will focus on the coastal regions of the United States. Sign up in-person and collect your passport to adventure, which will include fun worksheets, program event listings, reading recommendations and recipes from coastal regions of the United States.



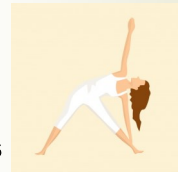
In addition to the **Oceans of Possibilities** passport, participants can sign-up for our online Beanstack reading log to keep track of minutes read and complete online activities at <https://dexter.beanstack.org>.

The Adult Summer Reading Program is for adults 18 years of age and older. You can pick up your **Oceans of Possibilities** passport at the Adult Service Desk on or after June 20. If you would like to log your reading minutes and complete the Beanstack activities you can register online at: <https://dexter.beanstack.org/> beginning on June 20. Complete the program by August 7 to be entered in the final prize drawing.

Join us in-person on **Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 pm** for **Crown Jewels: British Caribbean and the American Revolution**. In 1775, the British Empire in the new world consisted not of thirteen colonies, but of almost thirty. The largest were on the mainland, but the most valuable were in the Caribbean with Jamaica being the 'jewel in the Crown,' a sugar-exporting factory that generated more wealth for Britons than most mainland colonies combined. In this lecture, historian and University of Maryland professor Richard Bell explores how fearful imperial officials worked to split their empire in half, insulating the British West Indies from the contagion of American revolution. This program will be onsite in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. Register online on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.



Gentle Restorative Yoga for Stress and Anxiety Relief comes to the Library this summer. Join RYT Certified Yoga Instructor Andrea Dinsdale for these sessions. Classes will meet **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am from June 28 through August 30**. There will be no class on July 19.



Relax and revive your body with this gentle, stress relieving yoga practice. Create harmony and balance of body and mind through physical postures, breathing techniques and an extended guided relaxation at the end of class. Suitable for most fitness and experience levels. Modifications are offered for both dialing back and going deeper into your practice. This class is a perfect introduction to yoga.

Yoga classes will be onsite in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. These classes are for adults 18 and older. Registration is required for each class and space is limited. Participants will be required to sign an accident waiver and release of liability form prior to class. If possible, please bring a yoga mat or beach towel to class.



Join us on Zoom on **Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 pm** when Mary Spencer presents **New Orleans Cooking**. This demonstration from Mary's kitchen will feature Hot Crawfish Dip, Trout Almandine and Bananas Foster. Recipes will be provided. Spencer owns "Taste: A Cook's Place" in Northville. Register on the Library's event calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.





Have a **Drink Around the World with Tammy's Tastings** when this virtual presentation is offered on **Wednesday, June 29 at 7:00 pm**. Explore the world in your glass. We'll circle the globe in search of delicious regional spirits and cocktails. Drinks such as the Margarita, Mojito, Caipirinha, and Pisco Sour will be discussed. This is a slideshow presentation with a live demo of two classic drinks. Recipes will be emailed prior to the program. Attendees are welcome to mix along with presenter, Tammy Coxen or just take notes and enjoy the presentation.

Coxen is the Owner and Chief Tasting Officer of Tammy's Tastings and has been teaching cocktail classes for over 10 years. She 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. Register on the Library's event calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



VIRTUAL EVENT



Chart a course to adventure with two great programs on lighthouses offered by the Library this summer.

On **Wednesday, July 6 at 7:00 pm, A Welcome Sight: Lighthouses of Michigan** comes to the Library for an in-person presentation. Michigan Lighthouses have guided everything from 1,000 foot freighters to sailboats on the Great Lakes since the 1820s.

These iconic pieces of architec-

ture have saved countless lives. Join historian Andrew Kercher to hear stories of ever-changing technology, government corruption and lifesaving rescues.

On **Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 pm** join us for the virtual presentation **Female Lighthouse Keepers of America**. Women have kept the lighthouses of America for centuries, but not always with the acknowledgement they deserve. Discover the hard-working and remarkable women who have kept the lighthouses of America. Join Laura Keyes, graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison who has been presenting on historic topics for over ten years. She enjoys researching literary symbolism, and is contracted to write a book on that subject. Registration is required and can be completed on the Library's event calendar or by calling 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



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The Library will offer a **Coastal Coaster Craft** on **Wednesday, August 3 at 6:00 pm**. A cold summer drink deserves to rest on a beautiful tile coaster. As the Adult Summer Reading Program comes to an end, what better way to celebrate than by creating some fun, festive coasters. Create 4 custom tile coasters with the theme 'Oceans of Possibilities.' This program will be onsite in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Registration is required. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. This is an adult craft event for ages 18+.



Gardening for the Birds: Strategies for Optimizing Habitat

comes to the Library on **Thursday, August 25 at 7:00 pm**. Did you know that most of our native songbirds rely on native



insects to raise their young? With the ongoing insect decline, our native songbirds are at risk. Learn how you can help them through plant selection, garden design and maintenance protocols, making your garden a welcoming oasis for all species. Presented by Cheryl M. English, a long-time resident of the metropolitan Detroit area and an Advanced Master Gardener. She combines her abiding interest in things natural and indigenous with unique pottery designs from her Black Cat pottery studio. Her pottery has been featured in The Detroit News Homestyle Section and Handmade Business Magazine. This program will be onsite in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Registration is required. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.



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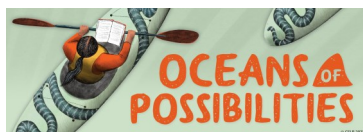
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Programs, Programs and More Programs

The Library staff have done such a wonderful job planning this year's Summer Reading Program, there are just too many events to fit into this newsletter. We have a variety of recurring events for adult ages, including book discussion groups, movie showings and lectures. Likewise for children of all ages, we'll see book discussions, craft programs, story times and craft bags to take home. Tweens and teens also have several programs continuing throughout the summer. Be sure to check out our web events calendar at dexter.lib.mi.us/events to see everything going on at the Library and to register for specific events. We'll have something going on just about every day over the course of the summer.



New Photo Scanner Available

Would you like to preserve your old photos digitally? The Library now has an Epson FastFoto 680W machine that is capable of digitizing 20 photos per minute. The scanner can accommodate both 4x6 and 5x7 photos, with the ability to go up to 8x10 inch photos. Patrons can save scans directly onto your own portable storage device, upload scans to cloud storage like Dropbox or Google Drive, or email the scans as attachments. This machine is for in-house use. For best results, patrons are encouraged to presort photos by size and subject, remove dust and adhesive from photos and feather photos to ensure they are not stuck together. Reserve time on the machine by calling the Adult Services Department at 734-426-4477.