

# EX LIBRIS

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## Reminders

The Library has primarily returned to in-person programming. Registration is required for most programs.

With winter cold and flu season here, the Library will be offering a variety of virtual events. Check all programs to see if they are held in-person or online.

To register for Library events, visit our events calendar online at [dexter.lib.mi.us](http://dexter.lib.mi.us) or call the Library at 734-426-4477

**The Library will be CLOSED**

**Saturday, Dec. 31  
Sunday, Jan. 1**

## Winter Story Times

The Library's **Story Times** return this winter with the next session running from **January 16 through March 9**.

The Library will offer both Drop-In sessions as well as ones which require registration.

**Drop-In Winter Story Times** will be held **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 am** running from **January 16 through March 9**. No registration is required to attend



these events and the programs will be meeting in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

The Library will also offer smaller group Story Times which require registration. **Toddler Story Time** will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am**, and **Pre-school Story Time** will be offered on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am**. Registration for these sessions opens on January 2. Parents or

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## News and Notes



This season's Washtenaw Reads is getting underway. This fall, the greater Washtenaw area community voted in favor of selecting "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid as the book for 2023. The Library has free copies available to take, read and share with friends, neighbors and family members. Mark your calendar for the author event, scheduled for **Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm** at the main, downtown branch of the

Ann Arbor District Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave. in Ann Arbor. Seating will be limited, so plan to arrive early. Find book discussion questions and programs at libraries throughout the county on the Washtenaw Reads web site: [washtenawreads.org](http://washtenawreads.org)

In conjunction with the Community Read and Black History Month, the Library will present **The Fire of Frederick Douglass on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 pm**. Join University of Maryland Professor of History, Dr. Richard Bell, via Zoom as he explores the many sides of Frederick Douglass' life, family and career and discusses Douglass' impact upon the modern struggle to advance the cause of Black freedom in the United States.

# Youth and Family Winter Events

## Story Times

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Caregivers of children may register on our website through our calendar of events or by calling 734-426-4477. Children may only be registered for one 8-week session. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

Books and activities presented at Toddler Story Time are geared for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Selections for Preschool Story Time are geared for children 3 to 5 years of age and these sessions also last approximately 30 minutes.

Drop-In Story Time bridges both age groups with presentations geared for the toddler and preschool age ranges.

Children under 18 months may attend with siblings and caregivers, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Parents or caregivers are required to attend. Winter Story Times for children include picture, pop-up and interactive books; flannel-board stories; songs; puppets; finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading.



Join us on **Wednesday, January 4 at 10:00 am** for **Vision Board Creation**. Has your child ever had big dreams and goals but not know how to organize them? During the Vision Board Creation event we will help kids create their vision by placing photos, powerful quotes, and dream statements on a personalized vision board. This event aims to inspire and motivate kids to create a vision of who they want to be as a person, where they want to be headed and to begin thinking about how they are going to make that happen in a very fun and creative way. This one-hour crafting program is geared for children in grades K through 4. Registration is required and is currently open.



**KinderConcert!** returns on **Saturday, January 14 at 12:00 pm**. Children ages five and younger and their caregivers



will find that music comes alive during this 30-minute concert. Don't worry about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert, they will be encouraged to dance and move while listening to the music, hearing a story being told with musical accompaniment and learning about a special orchestral instrument. January's concert will feature the oboe, with guest soloist Timothy Michling. Children will receive a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra.



KinderConcert is geared for children ages 5 and under and registration is not required.

The Library will offer two sessions of **Space Art with Longway Planetarium** on **Monday, January 16** for children in grades K through 4. Session 1 will be at 1:00 pm and Session 2 will be at 2:30 pm. Create beautiful space-themed artworks while learning about the nighttime sky. Build a comet, use liquid watercolors to paint a starry scene and learn about eclipses while making a chalk project. Registration is required.

**A Drop-In Children's Movie** will be offered on **Friday, January 27 at 2:00 pm**. School gets out early this day and if you are looking for something to do, stop by the Library for the feature "Wonder Park."



June, a girl with a wild imagination, makes an incredible discovery: a fantastical amusement park filled with fun-loving, talking animals. The film is Rated PG. No registration is required.



## Drop-In Crafts

The Library will offer several **Drop-In Craft** days this winter. Children are invited to stop by the Library's Lower Level Meeting room to have fun and make something to take home. **Gnome Crafts** will be available **Tuesday, January 3 at 11:00 am** for children of all ages. **Winter Crafts** for Preschoolers ages 5 and under will be offered on **Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 am** and **Valentine Cards** for children of all ages will be offered on **Saturday, February 4 at 11:00 am**. No registration is necessary for these programs.



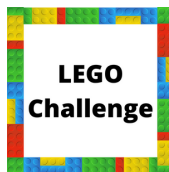
**Drop-In Preschool Makerspace** will be offered on **Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am**. Children 5 and younger can make, try, create and play at the Library. Explore a variety of stations with open-ended creative activities designed to encourage early learning. Children need an active adult partner to help them. No registration is required.



The Library welcomes back the Howell Nature Center on **Monday, February 20 at 1:00 pm** for their presentation of **Wild Super Powers: Live Animal Program**. What do Batman, Spiderman and Cat Woman have in common? They base their powers on amazing wildlife adaptations and abilities. Learn all about wildlife "super powers" that help animals survive in the wild. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. Registration is required and opens on Monday, January 23.



The Library offers a variety of recurring monthly programs for children throughout the winter season.



The **Lego Challenge** group will meet throughout the winter on the first Tuesday of the month: **Tuesday, January 3; Tuesday, February 7; and Tuesday, March 7 all beginning at 4:30 pm**. The meetings last one hour. Kids in grades K through 8 are invited to use a selection of Lego bricks to construct an object to fit a monthly theme. Registration is required and is currently open for the January meeting.

**Drop-In Makerspace** returns and children can make, build, craft and explore through a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. Registration is not required. Events will be held on **Thursday, January 26 at 3:00 pm; Thursday, February 23 at 4:30 pm; and again on Thursday, March 23 at 4:30 pm**.



The **Super Stories Book Club** for young fives and kindergarteners presents a half-hour story and craft program held in-person at the Library for kids transitioning out of story time and into book clubs. Adults should attend this program with their children. Each month we'll read books and then the kids will do a theme-related craft or activity. Registration is required and is currently open for the January meeting. Super Stories will be held on **Tuesday, January 10; Tuesday, February 14; and Tuesday, March 14**, with all events starting at **4:30 pm**.



Our next step up is the **Club Create Book Club** for children in grades 1 and 2. Club Create is an independent reading book club. Each month we'll read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in related activities and crafts. Club Create will meet on **Thursday, January 12; Thursday, February 9; and Thursday, March 9 with all meetings starting at 4:30 pm**. Registration is required.



The **All Star Readers Book Club** is for third and fourth grade independent readers. Each month we will play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books are provided at registration. All Star Readers will meet on **Thursday, January 19; Thursday, February 16; and Thursday, March 16; with all meetings at 4:30 pm**. Registration is required and is open for the January meeting.

# Winter Fun for Tweens and Teens



**Teen Anime Fandom Hangout** will happen on **Wednesday, January 4 from 2:00 to 3:15 pm.** Students in **Grades 7 through 12** are welcome to participate. Can't get enough anime and manga? Meet up to watch anime, do crafts, share your manga drawings and talk about your favorite series with other teens. Registration is required and is currently open.



**Virtual Cooking Class: Pizza** comes to your computer on **Monday, January 16 at 4:00 pm.** Students in grades 5 through 12 are invited to join Chef Jyl Nolan from *A Curious Kitchen* over Zoom and learn how to prepare pizza at home. Customize how you like and make a dish the whole family can enjoy. Receive the recipe about a week prior to the program, gather your ingredients and cook along with us. Registration is required.



Join us for a **Comic Book Collage Canvas** program on **Friday, January 27 at 2:30 pm.** Teens and tweens can get creative in this art program. Make a unique collage out of pages from recycled comic books and graphic novels. Students in grades 5 through 12 are welcome to register beginning Tuesday, December 27.



Join us for a **Faux Stained Glass** workshop on **Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 pm.** Youth in grades 5 through 12 can use common items like paint, glue and a picture frame to make unique items. Registration is required and opens Monday, January 9.



**Teen Tech Take-Apart** comes to the Library on **Monday, February 20 at 2:00 pm.** Do you like learning how things work? Ever wanted to take something apart? Join us to use tools to deconstruct small electronics and see what makes them tick. Then, we'll use the disassembled pieces to create art. Students in grades 7 through 12 can register beginning Monday, January 16.



The Library has several continuing programs for Tweens and Teens this winter. Stop by the Library and register for one of these upcoming events.

**TAG:**  
Teen Advisory Group



The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** is open to students in grades 7 through 12 who meet monthly to brainstorm new programs, book selections, and how to make the Library an even better place. TAG members will also do small service projects during meetings. Meetings will take place on **Saturdays January 14, February 11 and March 11, all at 1:00 pm.**

The Library's **Tween Book Club** for kids in grades 5 and 6 will meet through the winter. Read the monthly book and join us for icebreakers, discussion and related activities. Get a copy of the book at the Youth Reference Desk after you register. The Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 17 at 4:30 pm** to discuss "Artemis Fowl" by Eoin Colfer. Additional meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 21 and Tuesday, March 21.** All meetings start at 4:30 pm.

The Library's **Chess Club** continues this winter. Join us on **Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 pm.** Compete in tournament-style play or a casual game and improve your skills. All kids and teens with at least a basic knowledge of chess gameplay are welcome to attend. Additional meetings will take place on **Wednesday, February 8 and Wednesday, March 8, both at 6:30 pm.**

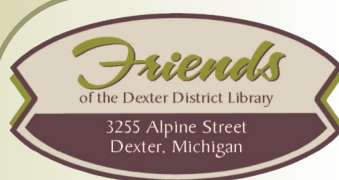


**Watercolor Arts and Crafts** comes to the Library on **Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 pm.** Join us to try out a selection of crafts and techniques using watercolors. Students in grades 5 through 12 can register beginning on Monday, February 6.



### Winter In-Person Program Tips

- Check our events calendar at:  
[dexter.lib.mi.us/events](http://dexter.lib.mi.us/events)
- Register ahead of time when registration is required
- Register the total number of members in your party who will attend
- Face coverings are optional, but highly encouraged
- Capacity limits have increased, but remain in effect for indoor events



The Friends of the Library are wrapping up a great year. Donations of used books and me-

dia remain steady and proceeds from Book Sales has substantially rebounded to pre-pandemic levels. The December Book Sale was a great success and the Friends thank all the volunteers who helped sort items beforehand and worked during the Sale.

The Friends have had a very successful quarter and added 29 new members to the ranks. Total Friends of the Library membership now totals 239 community members and volunteers provided nearly 300 hours of service during the last quarter.

Unfortunately, the Friends are still in search of a Secretary and a Publicity Chair. Since the last newsletter, the Friends did receive some interest, but unfortunately, due to life circumstances, the interested individuals needed to withdraw their offers. If you are interested in taking a more active role with the Friends of the Library, please contact Membership Chair Amy Jerome at [amyrsuch@yahoo.com](mailto:amyrsuch@yahoo.com) to express your interest. If you would like to see how the **Friends of the Library Board** works, their next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 pm** here at the Library.

Don't forget, the monthly Book Sales will continue on the first Saturday of the month through June 2023 and the big blow out sale will happen during Dexter Daze.



The Library's basic technology training classes return this winter. **Registration is required** and space is limited.



Join us for **iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch** on **Tuesday, January 3 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 5 at 6:00 pm**. This class explains how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps and various other beginner's topics. We will also discuss the Apple Watch apps and features. Please bring your own devices for practice.

On the other side of the computer divide, **Android Phones & Tablets** will be offered on **Tuesday, January 10 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps and various other beginner's topics. Please bring your own devices for practice.

Whether you have an iPhone or an Android, **Getting the Most out of Your Smartphone** may be of interest. This class will be offered on **Tuesday, January 17 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 pm**. This is a follow-up class to the basic iPhone/Android classes and covers more advanced topics like backing up your photos/videos, subscribing to podcasts and using the appropriate app store to the fullest. Library specific apps, how to buy apps without using a credit card and some of our favorite apps will be reviewed.

Design free cards, posters, and more with **Canva.com**. This class will be offered on **Tuesday, February 28 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, March 2 at 6:00 pm**. Are you looking for a fun and easy way 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.

The Library also offers more in-depth **One-on-One Technology Help**. Individuals may register for half-hour sessions during the afternoons and evenings on **Thursday, January 26; Thursday, February 23; and Thursday, March 23**. Topics may include: computer basics, tablets, smart phones, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Microsoft Office, photo editing, or social media. Please be sure to bring your own device to the appointment for practice.

# Winter Events for Adults

If you are looking for a fun activity to work on this winter, give the Library's **Adult Winter Read Bingo Challenge** a try. This activity will kick off on **Tuesday, January 3** and runs through March 3. Each bingo card will have 25 squares with a reading or activity option. Complete five squares in any direction to get a bingo. There will also be the option of completing the entire card for a greater challenge. Participants can participate virtually by completing an online bingo card on Beanstack or picking up a print version of the challenge at the Adult Services Desk. The Winter Read Bingo Challenge is for adults 18 years of age and older. Complete the program by March 3 to be entered in the final prize drawing.



Join us on Zoom, **Wednesday, January 4 at 7:00 pm** when the Library will present **America's Native Spirits: Kentucky Distillers Who Shaped What You Drink Today**, presented by Phil Kollin. Kollin loves nothing more than talking whiskey and sharing

stories about whiskey's colorful history, the fascinating process of distilling and the stories behind each bottle. Hear the tales about the spirit's lore, the unyielding appeal and the legendary Kentucky distillers who shaped this beverage. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



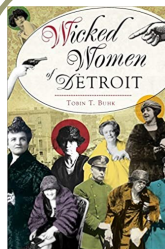
**The American Guide Series: The New Deal's Travel Books of the 1930's** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, January 25 at 6:00 pm**. The Federal One Project was one of the most unique programs of the New Deal, putting actors, musicians, artists and writers to work in the midst of the Great Depression. The Writer's Project produced a series of travel guides for every state. These books contain fascinating perspectives about American life in the 1930's. Join local historian Jim Craft for this program. Registration is required.



**Gentle Restorative Yoga** returns from the holiday break beginning **Thursday, January 12 at 9:30 am**. Relax and restore 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. These events are 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. Instructor Andrea Astley Dinsdale is a RYT Certified Yoga Instructor who has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. Sessions at the Library continue every Thursday at 9:30 am through March 16. Register online through the Library's events calendar.



**Michigan's Most Dangerous Women** comes **Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 pm**.

True-crime author Tobin Buhk will explore some of the wildest women in Michigan history. Take a peek behind the walls of the Detroit House of Corrections, meet a serial poisoner who killed over a dozen people because she wanted to dress in black and attend the funerals and discover a con artist known as "Queen of the Underworld." Buhk is a freelance author specializing in historic true crime and has published several books, many dealing with Michigan murders. Register online through the Library's events calendar, at the Adult Services Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room.



## Cooking Demonstrations



Join Mary Spencer for a variety of demonstrations via Zoom from the comfort of your home. Spencer has been a cooking instructor for over 20 years and is the owner of Taste: A Cook's Place in Northville, MI.

**Monday, January 30 at 7:00 pm** finds Spencer presenting **Air Fryer Cooking**.

Are you new to air frying or maybe you're an old pro looking for new tips? Spencer will make three dishes in the air fryer and provide the recipes.

Join us for **Instant Pot Cooking** on **Monday, February 27 at 7:00 pm**. Meals that take hours in the oven can be made quickly and easily. Spencer will discuss what to look for in an Instant Pot, techniques for using your pot and will prepare three meals. Recipes will be provided.

**Wednesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm** finds Spencer presenting **Cast Iron Skillet Cooking**. Skillet cooking can be quick and tasty, but there are some tricks to learn. Spencer will make three skillet meals and discuss caring for cast iron. Recipes will be provided to those in attendance.

These are all Zoom events. Register for each on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. Zoom links will be emailed the day before each presentation.



**Living with Our Wild Neighbors** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm**. Whether you love them or merely tolerate them, the wild animals that share our community are here to stay, so how can we coexist peacefully? Join representatives from the Humane Society of Huron Valley to discuss humane solutions to human-animal conflict, what to do about orphaned baby wildlife and dispel common myths. The program will conclude with time for questions with Eric Wright, Supervisor of HSHV's Cruelty and Rescue team. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Please register online through the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Services Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.



**We have many more programs scheduled for Winter 2023. Check our events calendar at: [dexter.lib.mi.us/events/](https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/) for program listings and registration.**

## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY



Friday Night Movie for Adults returns on **Friday, January 13 at 6:00 pm** with **Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris** star-

ring Jason Isaacs and Lesley Manville. Mrs. Harris falls in love with a couture Dior dress and must buy one of her own. Rated PG.

On **Friday, January 20 at 1:00 pm**, the Library will screen **Where the Crawdads Sing**. Murder and mystery surround a young woman who raised herself in the North Carolina marshes. Rated PG-13.

**Friday, February 10 at 6:00 pm** will feature **Ticket to Paradise** starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts. Distraught and long-divorced parents fly to Indonesia to derail their daughter's impulsive wedding plan. Rated PG-13.

**Top Gun: Maverick** flies in on **Friday, February 17 at 1:00 pm**. Tom Cruise reprises his role training a detachment of Top Gun graduates. Rated PG-13.

**Friday, March 10 at 6:00 pm** will feature **The Good House** starring Sigourney Weaver and Kevin Kline. A divorced small-town realtor struggles to feel normal in her day-to-day life. Rated R.

**The Banshees of Inisherin**, starring Brendan Gleeson and Colin Farrell will be shown on **Friday, March 17 at 1:00 pm**. Close friends question their friendship when one brings their lifelong bond to a swift end. Rated R.

Movie showings will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room.



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## Director's Corner by Paul McCann



This fall, we saw long-time Board Trustee, Rosemary Quigley, retire from her service to the Library. Appointed by Dexter Township, Rosemary served as a volunteer Library Trustee for 30 years. During her tenure, the Library passed its first ever millage support for operations which, in 1994, increased the Library's operational budget from \$40,000 per year to over \$200,000 per year. The additional income helped the Library expand its collections, integrate a computerized card catalog and expand hours and programs.



During her time on the Board, Rosemary served in a variety of capacities. She served as Secretary of the Board as well as Vice President of the Board for a number of years and served on both the Library's Policy and Finance Committees for multiple years.

As a former school principal, Rose-

mary's insights into policy, governmental operations and building management provided valuable contributions to operating the Library. Her input during the construction of the Alpine Street building and the Library's strategic planning process was vital to the Library's success.

Dexter Township has appointed James (Jamie) Estill to fill the open Board position caused by Rosemary's retirement. Jamie and his family have been residents of Dexter Township for the past decade. He holds a PhD in Plant Biology from the University of Georgia and currently works as an IT Manager for an academic center which translates molecular medicine discoveries into personalized cancer care. Jamie was raised in a small Kentucky farming community and he took great advantage of his childhood library. The Library Board welcomes Jamie and we look forward to his input in the months and years to come.