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Reminders

In this newsletter, virtual programs will be denoted with the following icon:



If there is no icon, the event will be in-person at the Library.

Registration is required for most Library events. Visit our calendar online at dexter.lib.mi.us or call the Library at 734-426-4477 to register.

The Library will be CLOSED
Sunday, April 9
and
Sunday and Monday
May 28 and 29

Erratic Ale Supports the Library

The Library would like to thank Erratic Ale Company in Dexter for their generous support. Throughout the months of December and January, Erratic Ale designated the Dexter District Library as the recipient of proceeds from their "Good Neighbor Tap" program. Erratic Ale raised \$1,520 to support the Library.

This donation will be used to support the Library's 2023 Adult Summer Reading Program.



In collaboration with guests, Erratic Ale supports one charity or non-profit on a rotating basis and donates a total of \$2 per pint sold from the Good Neighbor Tap. That is \$1 from guests and \$1 dollar from Erratic Ale Company. Pictured from left to right are Brian and Deb Schroeder, owners of Erratic Ale Company, presenting Library Director Paul McCann with the donation. The Library sincerely appreciates this support from the local business community.

News and Notes

Toys Return

Toys are back in the Youth Department. Whether you are looking for a diversion for little ones during a regular visit or some extra time after Story Times, kids will find the return of our puzzles and little people toys. The Friends of the Library have paid for the purchase of a UV sterilization cabinet to help keep the toys as clean as possible.

Mood Lifter

This winter, the Library added two full spectrum therapy lights in the adult department. If the drab winter days have you down, stop by the Library, grab a book and sit for a bit near one of these lights. The lights are stationed in the second floor

Silent Reading Room and by the windows overlooking the park. Full spectrum light helps lift moods during these endless cloudy days.

Program Refreshments

Beginning April 1, the Library will once again offer refreshments at programs. Now that we are past the worst of the winter cold and flu season and the pandemic is on the wane, refreshments will return. We are still sorting out some of the logistics. After three years of pandemic restrictions, suppliers who have



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Youth and Family Spring Events

Story Times



Drop-In Spring Story Times will be held on **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 am from March 27 through May 18.** Drop-In Spring Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers will meet in the Lower Level Meeting Room. The Story Time on Mondays will be repeated on Thursdays. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes and includes picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading. Drop-In Story Times may be cancelled if public health conditions change.

The Library will also host small group Story Times. **Toddler Story Time will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.** The program is geared toward children 18 months to three years old. **Preschool Story Time will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am** and is geared for children three to five years old. Both will run from **March 28 through May 17.** Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes and includes stories, pop-up books, finger plays and songs centered around a weekly theme. Families may register for one meeting time beginning on Monday, March 13.

Join us for a Drop-In Suncatcher Craft on Saturday, March 25 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Celebrate the sunny days of spring by painting a suncatcher to hang in your home. A variety of designs will be available to choose from. This program is open to all ages and no registration is required.



Join Gordon Russ for a Fun Comedy Magic Show on Tuesday, March 28 at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a high energy, funny family show that mixes comedy, magic, funny situations, and a whole lot of audience participation. Registration for this program is required and is currently open.



The Library will host a **Wings of Fire Party** for students in kindergarten through eighth grade on **Wednesday, March 29 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.** If



you are a fan of the “Wings of Fire” books, come celebrate your favorite dragon series with crafts, games, and activities. Anyone who loves dragons is welcome to drop in and join the fun, but please tether your dragon in the parking lot. Registration is not required for this program.

Children of all ages can craft a **DIY Wood Slice Keychain Craft on Friday, March 31 from 10:30 to 11:30 am.** Create a wood slice keychain that is uniquely yours and decorate it using paint markers and other embellishments. Drop in to this program, no registration is required.

Drop-In Games for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade will be offered on **Friday, April 7 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.** Kids and tweens can stop by to play a variety of games. Take part in competition-style games for a chance to win a small prize. No registration is required.

Insects & Their Relatives crawl into the Library on **Saturday, April 22 at 10:00 am.** Children in kindergarten through fourth grade can see live insects and arachnids up close.



Learn about the life cycles, adaptations and amazing behaviors of animals with exoskeletons that range from honey bees to tarantulas. Registration is required and opens Wednesday, March 22.

The All Star Readers Book Club

for students in third and fourth grades continues this spring. This is a book club for 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 will be available to pick up at the Library at registration. The group will meet on **Thursday, April 20 at 4:30 pm** to discuss "The Lemonade War" by Jacqueline Davies and on **Thursday, May 18 at 4:30 pm** to discuss "I Survived: Courageous Creatures" by Lauren Tarshis. Registration is required for this group.



Join us for **Drop-in Spring Crafts Saturday, May 6 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. This drop-in program is open to children of all ages and their care-givers. Celebrate the season by making a variety of spring crafts to decorate your home. No registration is required.

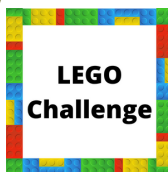


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KinderConcert! returns on **Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 noon**. Children ages five and younger and their caregivers will find that music comes alive during this 30-minute concert. Don't worry about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert; they will be 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. Children will receive a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. Drop in for this program. No registration is required for KinderConcert.



Recurring Programs



The Library's **LEGO Challenge** for children in kindergarten through eighth grade continues this spring. Join us for a building challenge and use a selection of provided LEGO bricks to construct an object to fit a theme chosen by the Librarian. Hour-long sessions will take place on **Tuesday, April 4 at 4:30 pm** and again on **Tuesday, May 2 at 4:30 pm**. Registration is required.

At **Preschool Makerspace**, children ages five and younger can make, try, create and play at the Library. Young children will explore a variety of stations with open-ended creative activities designed to encourage early learning. Children need an active adult partner to help them. Join us on **Friday, April 14 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm** and again on **Friday, June 9 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Registration is not required.



The Library also offers **Drop-In Makerspace** for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Make, build, craft and explore. Participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. This group will meet on **Thursday, March 23; Thursday, April 27; and Thursday, May 25** with all events taking place between **4:30 and 5:30 pm**. No registration is necessary.

Our **Super Stories Book Club** is a story and craft program for young fives and kindergarteners who are transitioning out of story time. Adults should attend this program with their children. Each month Miss Ruth will read books related to a theme and then the kids will do a theme related craft or activity. The group will meet on **Tuesday, April 11 at 4:30 pm** when the theme will be "Spring" and **Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30 pm** with the theme "Bugs." Registration is required.



The **Club Create Book Club** is the next step up, geared for children in first and second grades. This independent book club finds Ms. Krista reading longer picture books centered on a theme and the group participating in activities and crafts related to that theme. The group will meet on **Thursday, April 13 at 4:30 pm** when the theme will be "Food," and again on **Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 pm** when the theme will be "Spring." Registration is required for Club Create.



Spring Programs for Tweens and Teens



The Library's **Tween Book Club** continues this spring. This discussion group is geared for students in fifth and sixth grades. Registration for each meeting is required. Read the current month's book and then join us for icebreakers, discussion of the book and a fun activity. Free

copies of the books are available at the Youth Services Desk after registration.

The group will meet on **Tuesday, March 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** to discuss "Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy" by Nathan Hale. Registration is currently open.

On **Tuesday, April 18 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**, the book will be "Restart" by Gordon Korman with registration opening on Tuesday, March 21.

Tuesday, May 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm finds the group tackling "Swim Team" by Johnnie Christmas, with registration opening on Tuesday, April 18.

The Library will offer a **Tiny Art Studio and Show** for students in fifth through twelfth grades on **Monday, March 27 at 2:00 pm**.

Teens and tweens: channel your inner artist and design a miniature masterpiece.

We'll provide the materials – you provide the inspiration.

Create your pocket-sized painting at the event, then

see your work on display. Our mini art gallery will be on display through April 24. Participants can pick up their artwork when the display ends. Registration for this program is required and is currently open.



Don't forget, the Library has ukuleles to borrow. Find these in the Teen Zone near the new books. Each ukulele kit comes with the instrument in a case and another bag with an instructional book, CD, DVD and a tuner. These make for a great indoor activity while it is still a little cold outside.

The Library will host a **Wings of Fire Party** for students in kindergarten through eighth grade on **Wednesday, March 29 between 2:00 and 3:30 pm**.

If you are a fan of the "Wings of Fire" books, come celebrate your favorite dragon series with crafts, games, and activities. Anyone who loves dragons is welcome to drop in anytime and join the fun, but please tether your dragon in the parking lot. Registration is not required for this program.

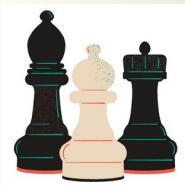


The **Chess Club for Kids and Teens** continues this spring. If you enjoy playing chess, join us for our monthly chess games.

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. Organizers will try to match similarly skilled players. Registration is required. Registration for the April meeting is currently open.

Meetings will be held on **Wednesdays, April 5 and May 3 at 6:30 pm**.



Reduce, reuse, recycle and help save the planet. Come celebrate **Earth Day Crafts** at the Library on **Saturday, April 15 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm**.

Teens and tweens can celebrate Earth Day early with a selection of environmentally-friendly crafts and activities. Make a creation and take it home. Registration is required and opens on Monday, March 13.

In-Person Program Tips:

- Check our events calendar at: 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



At their January meeting, the Board of the Friends of the Library selected Kim Swoverland, former Library Ad-

ministrative Assistant, to be Board Secretary. New volunteer, Bud Haynes, was elected Publicity Chair and Kevin Vrsek was reelected President.

In other Friends news, the Board selected Ben True as Volunteer of the Year for 2022, recognizing his many volunteer contributions including sorting duties and work at book sales. At the February 28 Friends meeting, Kantha Gardner (r), Vice President of the Friends of the Library, presented Ben True (l) with the plaque honoring him and all past volunteers of the year.



Mary Tobin reported that the Friends Used Book Sales revenue in February 2023 exceeded \$1,600, easily surpassing previous February sales.

The upcoming Friends Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in the group is encouraged to attend.



The Library offers a variety of introductory computer and technology classes free of charge. Registration is required for all sessions. To sign up, visit our website at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.

Individualized **One-on-One Technology Help** provides assistance with computer basics, tablets, smart phones, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Microsoft Office, photo editing, and social media. Please be sure to bring your own device to the appointment for practice. Half-hour sessions will be offered on **Thursday, March 23 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursday, April 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm** and on **Thursday, May 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**.

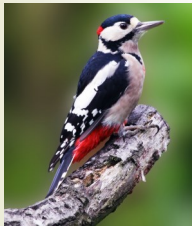
Microsoft Excel Part 1 will be offered on **Tuesday, April 4 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm**. Create workbook files, learn how to organize data more efficiently using spreadsheets and setup a workbook to meet your informational needs. Practice different ways to duplicate, move, and edit data.

Attendees are highly encouraged to have taken Excel Part 1 before taking **Microsoft Excel Part 2**, which will be offered on **Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm**. Building on the skills learned in Part 1, this class will teach you to use tools such as mail merge, pivot tables, conditional formatting and filtering, as well as how to use macros to automate repetitive tasks.

Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives returns on **Tuesday, May 9 at 9:00 am** and **Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm**. With the streaming landscape constantly changing, this discussion covers over-the-air antennas and live cable TV replacements such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and DirectTV Stream. We will also cover streaming content libraries such as Kanopy, Netflix, HBO max and more.

Are you in the market for a new computer? The Library's **Computer Buying Guide** will be offered on **Tuesday, May 16 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm**. Learn about different operating systems, parts, and options found on modern computers. Sift through the acronyms, storage options, and extra features to find the best model. Free software that will work great with your new computer will also be discussed.

Spring Events for Adults



Bird Watching vs. Birding will be presented on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**. Greg Bodker's beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds as he demonstrates the joys of the kinds of birding you can do in your own backyard and out and about, close to

home. Novice and aspiring birders learn about the differences between birdwatching and birding, how to attract more birds to your backyard, types of backyard birds, what they eat and appropriate feeders. Participants will also learn about places to go birding in our area and hear stories from the field. Greg Bodker has been a serious birder since 2006, combining his interest in birds, nature, and photography as often as possible. Greg has led birding trips for Michigan Audubon and was on its Board of Directors for three years as well as won multiple amateur photo contests including the overall winner in Michigan Nature Association's Photo Contest in both 2020 and 2021. The Zoom login information will be emailed the day before the event. Register on the Library's

Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477.



Gentle Restorative Yoga returns this spring. Bring your yoga mat or a beach towel each **Thursday morning at 9:30 am between April 6 through May 25** and



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 for adults and suitable for most fitness levels. Instructor Andrea Astley Dinsdale is a RYT Certified Yoga Instructor who has been practicing yoga for over 20 years. All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to each class. Registration is required and can be completed online through the Library's Events Calendar or by calling the Library at 734-426-4477.

Genealogy Series

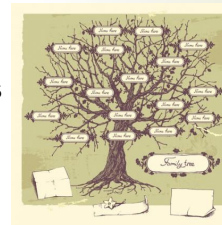
On **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm** join Katherine Willson for an **Introduction to Genetic Genealogy: Using DNA Tests for Family History**. Learn the basic principles of genetic inheritance, the types of tests currently being marketed by the big DNA companies and examine the pros, cons and ethics of DNA testing.

Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm finds **Using Social Media for Genealogy** coming to the Library. Discover the genealogical benefits of searching, following and reaching out to others on a wide variety of social media sites. Discussion will include search tips for multiple sources including blogs, Facebook, Flickr, Google Alerts, Instagram, LinkedIn, message boards and collaborative sites, Pinterest, podcasts, Twitter and YouTube.

The series wraps up on **Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm** with **40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names**. It can

be difficult to research your female ancestors when conducting genealogy research. Women have traditionally taken their husband's family name at marriage and are often only referred to by that name in historical documents making research difficult. Discover a variety of sources to consult when searching for maiden names.

Katherine R. Willson, an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecturer who has taught beginning, intermediate, and advanced genealogy classes since 2001, will be the presenter. Author of "The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan" Willson is a professional researcher for private clients. All programs will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. Register online on the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Service Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.



Cooking Demonstrations

Virtual cooking demonstrations continue this spring. Join Mary Spencer, owner of "Taste: A Cook's Place," from the comfort of your home.

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.

Italian Cooking will be presented virtually on **Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm**. Italian food is a popular meal choice that even the fussiest of eaters can enjoy. Spencer will make three Italian dishes and discuss how to make authentic Italian meals for your family. Recipes will be provided to those in attendance.

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years. She learned to cook from attending cooking seminars from acclaimed chefs including Jacques Papin, Milos Cihelka, Giuliano Bugialli and Nicholas Malgieri. She is owner of "Taste: A Cook's Place," a Northville, Michigan cooking school and cook's resource center. Her website is www.tasteacooksplace.net. These events will be offered over Zoom. Register for each on the Library's Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477. Zoom links will be emailed the day before each presentation.



VIRTUAL EVENT



E.E. Myers: America's Greatest Capitol Architect will be presented at the Library on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm**. Myers was the architect and designer of five state capitol buildings (including Michigan's State Capitol building), a dozen courthouses, and three major city halls.

Michigan's Capitol opened in 1879 and was hailed for its scandal free construction, clean elegance and for establishing the dome as a symbol of American democracy. Learn about Myers' fantastic rise to prominence and his ultimate fall from grace with Michigan Capitol Historian and Curator Valerie Marvin. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. Please register online on the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Service desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.



VIRTUAL EVENT

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY



In-Person Movies

Join us at the Library for movies, shown in the Lower Level.

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.

Friday, April 14 at 6:00 pm, the Library will show **Angry Neighbors** starring Frank Langella, Bobby Cannavale and Stockard Channing. A retired writer enjoying a quiet life in the Hamptons must contend with an extravagant mansion built across the street. Rated R

Friday Afternoon Movie for Adults returns on **Friday, April 21 at 1:00 pm** with a showing of **Mack & Rita** starring Diane Keaton and Wendie Malick. A thirty-something woman tired of the busy rush of youth wishes she could fast forward her life so she can enjoy her golden years. Rated PG-13.

Reel Talk - Virtual Movie Discussion

Join us for online discussions of films available through the Library's Kanopy streaming service. Explore diverse and complex films at home and join the discussion. Discussions are held on Zoom. Register on the Library's Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477.

Monday, March 20 at 7:00 pm, the group will discuss **Wild Mountain Thyme** starring Emily Blunt and John Hamm. A headstrong farmer (Emily Blunt) has her heart set on winning her neighbor's love. Rated PG-13.

Find additional in-person and Reel Talk movie events on the Library's Events Calendar.

Find more great programs on our events calendar at www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events

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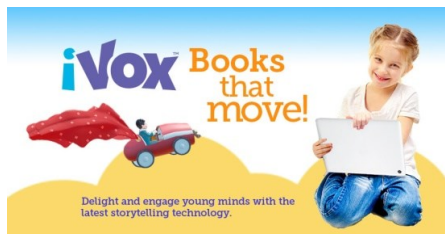
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disappeared and staff retirements, there may be a few kinks to work out to ensure an efficient way to maintain stock and variety, but programs like "Movies and Popcorn" will start living up to their names.

iVox eBooks for Kids



iVox is an eBook app, geared for children ages 3-8. The app engages and delights curious young minds with the latest in storytelling technology: part eBook, part audiobook and part virtual pop-up book. Children follow along with the exciting stories while interacting with 3D characters and scenes as they are immersed in the narrative. Find the links to the

app on our web site at:
dexter.lib.mi.us/digital-collections/
Please note that iVox has replaced our subscription to Tumblebooks.

Access to Digital Version of "The Economist" Ends

We regret to report that "The Economist" magazine will no longer be available through the Library's Download Destination electronic magazine service. This title has been particularly problematic in the electronic environment and the publisher is pulling the distribution rights from our magazine service as of February 1. The Dexter District Library will continue to provide access to electronic magazines through our Download Destination service provided in partnership with our cooperative, The Library Network and many other public libraries in the region. Through this partnership, the service is providing access to over 4,000 digital magazine titles. The Library will continue to carry the print edition of The Economist in our magazine area.