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Dates to Remember

Monday, June 19
Summer Reading Kickoff

June 26
Story Times resume

July 5
Ice Cream Social

July 14
Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day

August 4
Summer Reading Program concludes

Check the Library's web page for more events
dexter.lib.mi.us/events

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

Summer Reading Program Returns

The Dexter District Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on **Monday, June 19** and run



through Friday, August 4. During the summer, children of all ages and adults are encouraged to set and achieve reading goals as well as read for fun and relaxation throughout the summer. This year's theme, "All Together Now," was chosen to inspire everyone in the Dexter Community to focus on joining together as a community and to discover new ideas,

interests and pursuits.

All participants are encouraged to attend the wide variety of programs the Library

has scheduled throughout the summer. Please check out the following pages of this newsletter and visit our web site to see the full slate of programs. Children who complete the program receive a goodie bag full of prizes and everyone who meets their reading goals by August 13 will be entered into final prize drawings held on August 14.

The Laugh Factory Comes to the Library



The Library will kick off our Summer Reading Program activities with a presentation of the **Laugh**

Factory Comedy and Magic Show featuring Doug Scheer on Monday, June 19 at 11:00 am. All ages are welcome to attend this drop-in program, which will be held on the Library terrace in Mill Creek Park North.

This performance is a perfect combination of wackiness and amazement, full of hilarious laughs and audience

participation. The Library will be returning to a full slate of pre-pandemic events and refreshments will be served at the Farmers Market following the performance. We'll also have a rousing game of kick-ball in Mill Creek Park North after the show. This event is the perfect time to swing by the Library and sign up and set a summer reading goal.

The Library would like to acknowledge our generous sponsor for this event, local Dexter business, Wolverine Glass.



Youth and Family Summer Events

Story Times



Drop-In Summer Story Time for toddlers and pre-schoolers will take place on **Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am from June 26 through August 3**. No registration is required for our summer sessions.

Drop-In Summer Story Time will be meeting outside on the Library terrace adjoining

Mill Creek Park North. Make sure you bring along chairs or blankets to sit on. The Story Time held on Mondays will be repeated on Thursdays and 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.

In the event of inclement weather please check with the Library for the status of Story Time.



The Library will host a **Drop-in Pre-school Beach Party Story Time** on **Wednesday, June 21 at 10:00 am**. This program is geared for children five years-old and younger and no registration is required. Wear your sunglasses and flip-flops for this special beach themed story time. We will make a simple craft at the end.

Kindness Rocks! Rock Painting comes to the Library on **Tuesday, June 20 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. All ages are invited to this drop-in program and no registration is necessary. Stop by the Library and paint a rock with a special message to keep or leave around town for someone else to find. Paint messages of kindness or humor to brighten someone's day when they randomly find one.



Come see **Stevens Puppets** presenting **Beauty and the Beast** on **Friday, June 30 at 11:00 am**. This touching and humorous marionette play is full of chuckles and drama. Artistic staging and clever effects accented with beautiful harp music brings this ever popular classic triumphantly to life. Registration is not required.

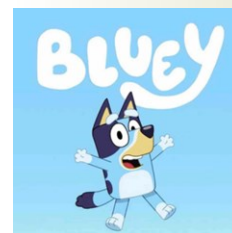


The Library's annual **Ice Cream Social** will be held on **Wednesday, July 5 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Stop by, show your Dexter District Library borrowers card and receive **FREE** ice cream.



Join Lori Fithian for **Drumunity!** on **Friday, July 7 at 11:00 am**. She'll bring the drums and the whole family gets to drum, sing and dance during this fun and energizing program that lets the whole community make music together. All ages are welcome and registration is not required.

Join us for a **Bluey Bash** on **Saturday, July 8 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm**. Children ages 5 and under, along with their caregivers, are invited to a special Bluey Bash



at the Library - for real life! Take a journey to Australia and explore a variety of stations with crafts and activities inspired by everyone's favorite blue heeler and her family. Registration is not required.

Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day returns on **Friday, July 14 from 10:00 am to 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. The parking lot will be closed so everyone can tour and talk to the 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 special costumed characters, Elephant and Piggie. Registration is not required.



Prepare to be amazed by **Baffling Bill the Magician** on **Friday, July 21 at 11:00 am**. **Baffling Bill** brings his sidekick, Gus the Bunny, for this 40-minute show which encourages summer reading through magic, audience participation and laughter. All ages are welcome and registration is not required. This program will be held on the Library terrace in Mill Creek Park North.



Wrap up the Summer Reading Program with **Talewise** and their presentation "**Science Heroes: Saving Earth Together**" on **Friday, August 4 at 11:00 am**.

Science and stories collide in this interactive STEM program. Two unlikely heroes must learn to work together to stop a super polluting mastermind. Throughout the story, you'll help the performer conduct amazing science experiments. Registration is not required. The Library thanks our sponsor, Pearl Planning of Dexter.



Recurring Programs



Super Stories Book Club for Young Fives and Kindergarteners is a story and craft program for kids transitioning out of Story Time. Adults should attend this program with their children. Children will hear books related to a theme and do a craft or activity

related to the theme. On **Tuesday, June 27 at 2:00 pm**, the theme will be "All Together Now." Registration is required and is currently open. On **Tuesday, July 25 at 2:00 pm**, the group will hear stories about "Oceans," with registration opening Tuesday, June 27.

The **Club Create Book Club** for children in first and second grades is an independent book club for beginning readers. Ms. Krista will read longer picture books and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. Club Create meets on **Thursday, June 22 at 2:00 pm** when the theme will be "All Together Now" and registration is currently open. On **Thursday, July 13 at 2:00 pm**, the group will read about "Mythical Creatures," with registration opening on Thursday, June 22.



The **All Star Readers Book Club** for children in third and fourth grades is an independent book club. Each month we will play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity. Books will be available to pick up at the Library after you register. The group meets on **Thursday, June 29 at 2:00 pm** to discuss "Saving Winslow" by Sharon Creech and registration is currently open. Then on **Thursday, July 27 at 2:00 pm**, "Squished" by Megan Wagner Lloyd will be discussed with registration beginning Thursday, June 29.



Makerspace for children in kindergarten through eighth grade will be presented on **Wednesday, June 28 at 2:00 pm** and again on **Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 am**. Make, build, craft and explore. Participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. No registration is required.

Lego Club is for kids in kindergarten through eighth grades and lets them spend an hour making imaginative creations. Visit with old friends or make new ones during this active building event. Everyone is welcome. Legos are provided by the Library. Lego Club meets **Tuesday, July 11** and **Tuesday, August 1 both at 4:30 pm**.



Summer Programs for Tweens and Teens

The Library has a great slate of programs lined up for Tweens and Teens this summer. Check us out when you are looking for something to do or to cool off from the summer heat at the Library. All events are geared for students in grades 5 through 12. Please check each event for the need to register.

Sand Art and Summer Crafts will be offered on **Tuesday, June 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm**. Drop in and create sand art and make other fun crafts, no registration is required.

Join us for our **Sword Fighting Workshop** on **Friday, June 23**. Two sessions will be offered: **Session 1 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm** and **Session 2 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm**. Combat performance group Theatrica Gladiatoria will demonstrate the art of theatrical sword fighting during this hands-on workshop. Registration is required and is currently open.



The virtual event **MiLibraryQuest: Survive Together Now**, will be offered from **Saturday, July 1 through Saturday, August 5**. Can you survive the MiLibraryQuest this summer? Face all manner of ghosts and ghouls as you solve the mystery of their appear-

ance in our state. Puzzles and riddles will help you in this quest which begins July 1. Participate in the Quest for a chance to win a gift card to a local business. Complete the virtual quest at any time on your own or join us at the Library on **Wednesday, July 26 at 3:00 pm** for our **Michigan Monsters and MiLibraryQuest** event where we'll work on the quest as a team.

Join us for a **Humane Society Presentation and Shelter Dog Visit, Thursday, July 6 at 3:00 pm**. Just like learning another language, this program provides the tools to decode what animals are telling us by identifying animal body language characteristics. There will also be an opportunity to meet an adoptable dog from the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Registration is required and is currently open. Space is limited for this presentation.

A **Crime Lab** comes to the Library on **Monday, July 10 at 1:00 pm**. Get immersed in the intriguing

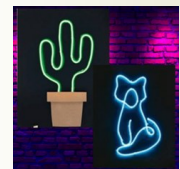
world of forensics with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Learn how to use science, problem-solving skills and some good old-fashioned teamwork to solve a mock crime. Registration is required and is currently open.

The Library will host a **Game Night and Pizza Party** on **Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. Eat pizza and play games like ping pong, foosball and a variety of board and card games, from old favorites like Uno and Giant Jenga to newer games like Throw Throw Burrito and What Do You Meme? Registration is required and currently open.

A **Special Effects Makeup Workshop** will be offered on **Monday, July 17 at 2:00 pm**. Professional makeup artists from Gals & Ghouls will teach you how to make scar wax and edible blood to create fake wounds. Get ready for Halloween early or gross out your friends anytime. Register beginning Tuesday, June 27.

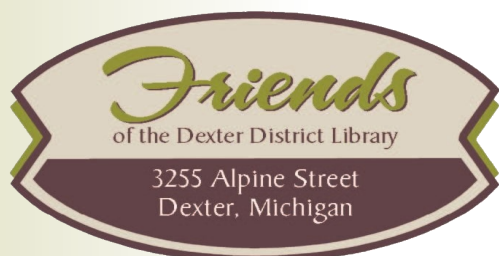
A **Mini Catapult Challenge** will be held on **Friday, July 28 at 2:30 pm**. Join us to construct a mini catapult and enter the launch contest! Registration is required and opens Friday, June 30.

DIY Neon Signs comes to the Library on **Monday, July 31 at 2:00 pm**. Brighten your favorite space with a light-up decoration. Create a design, then bring it to life using a canvas and electroluminescent wire. Registration is required and opens on Friday, June 30.



Bad Art Night returns on **Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 pm**. Come to the Library to create the worst art you can make. That's right – don't worry about making something good, just enjoy the creative process. Many materials will be on hand to make a disasterpiece. We'll vote on a "worst of the worst" to win a trophy commemorating the achievement. Registration is required and opens on Thursday, July 6.

Be sure to check our web calendar at dexter.lib.mi.us/events for more events for Tweens and Teens this summer.



The Friends of the Library have been having a great year with monthly Book Sales.



Avid readers prepare for the Friends of the Dexter District Library's Used Book Sale on May 6. Sales results, according to Library Treasurer Mary Tobin, surpassed revenue from May 2022.



Volunteers, led by Cortney Ophoff, Book Sale Chair, greet customers during the event. Left to right: Dan Chapman, Jim Lewis, Lupe Leidy, Cortney Ophoff and Jim Hutton.



Small room, big crowd. Used books line the Friends Room as shoppers look for bargains and treasures.



Looking for help with your device? The Library has you covered with **One-on-One Technology Help**. Community members can reserve a time for extended help with specific questions. Time is set aside monthly to work with our Technology Librarian, Scott Wright, to help you get a better understanding of topics like computer basics, tablets, smart phones, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Microsoft Office, photo editing, and social media. Bring your own device for practice and setup. Half hour timeslots will be available on **Thursday, June 29** between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm, **Thursday, July 27** between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm and again on **Thursday, August 31** between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please note that we cannot repair your device, remove spyware/viruses, or perform installations/upgrades.

Group classes offered over the summer include:

iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch will be offered on **Tuesday, June 20 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 pm**. In this class, you will be shown 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 device so that you may practice on it.

Android Phones & Tablets will be offered on **Tuesday, July 11 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, July 13 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics. Bring your own device for practice.

Getting the Most out of Your Smart Phone will take place on **Tuesday, August 1 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 pm**. This is a follow-up class to the iPhone/Android classes and offers more advanced topics like backing up your photos/videos, subscribing to podcasts, and using your app store to the fullest. We'll review Library apps, how to buy apps without using a credit card and some of our favorite generally available apps.

Registration is required for all technology classes. Sign up at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

Summer Events for Adults



The **2023 Adult Summer Reading Program** begins on **Monday, June 19**. This year's theme is "All Together Now" and will focus on the events in history that brought people together. Participants may pick up four activity and four event cards to complete

over the course of the program. Complete all four cards over the course of the Summer Reading Program to be entered into the final prize drawing. Want more of a challenge? Pick up additional activity and event cards to earn additional prize drawing entries for each card completed. In addition to the print version of the program, participants will also be able to log reading minutes and complete online activities on Beanstack at dexter.beanstack.org. Complete the program by August 6 to be entered in the final prize drawing.

Gentle Restorative Yoga continues throughout the summer. Join instructor Andrea Astley Dinsdale on **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am** to relax and restore with this gentle, stress



relieving yoga practice. Sessions are suitable for most fitness levels and held on-site in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Classes are for adults and registration is required for each individual class. Participants will be required to sign an accident waiver. Space is limited. Register online at the Library's event calendar, at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. Class dates for the summer are on **Thursdays, June 22, June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 17, August 24 and August 31**.

Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild



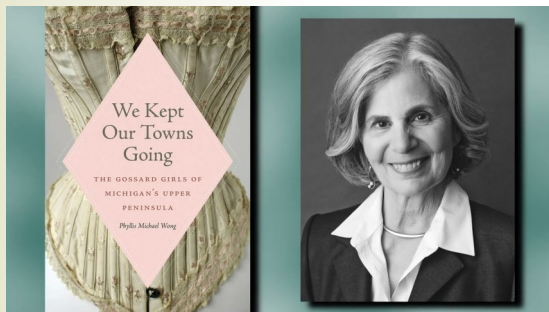
The **Ann Arbor Storytellers** will launch our summer events with **All Together Now** on **Friday, June 23 at 7:00 pm**. Professional Storytellers Jane Fink, Steve Daut and Genot Picor will share stories about times people came together and formed unique historical communities. Hear oral renditions of stories such as the overnight community that sprang up in 1849 around Sutters Mill, California when gold was discovered, the experiences with community clean-ups after Hurricane Camille and stories from the French communities that existed in Michigan in the 1710s to 1800.

This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Registration is required. Register on the Library's Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477.

Join us for **Card Making with Katherine Willson** for several sessions this summer. Each event will allow attendees to create two beautiful, handmade cards. All materials will be supplied. Each month, samples will be provided and attendees can deviate from the model to come up with their own unique idea. Morning sessions will be held on **June 27, July 19 and August 8 at 9:30 am** and evening sessions will be offered on **June 28, July 17 and August 9 at 6:00 pm**. **Adults 18 and older** may register online through the Library's events calendar, at the Adult Reference Desk or by calling the Library at 734-426-4477.

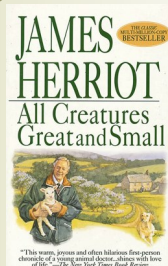


The Michigan Notable Books Author Tour stops by the Library on **Sunday, June 25 at 2:00 pm**. Meet and hear **Phyllis M. Wong**, author of "We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula," discuss her work. As Michigan's Upper Peninsula mines & forests became depleted, the



Gossard undergarment factories helped to sustain the local economy. The women who sewed the corsets and bras became known as the Gossard

Girls. From the early 1900's until the 1970's, the Gossard Girl's helped to support their families and keep the town going during war, the Great Depression and labor strikes. Michigan Notable Books speak "to our state's rich cultural, historical, and literary heritage and proves without a doubt that some of the greatest stories are found in the Great Lakes State." Copies of the book will be available for sale at this event. Registration is recommended. The Michigan Notable Book program is sponsored in part by the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Center for the Book, and Michigan Humanities. Register on the Library's Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477.



On **Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 pm**, **James Herriot: The Simple Life of the World's Most Famous Veterinarian** comes to the Library. Join Claire Evans as she recounts the life and times of Alf Wight, an unassuming country veterinarian who practiced for 50 years in one of England's most beautiful places, the Yorkshire Dales. He rose to international fame later in life under the pen name James Herriot as he recounted the

heartwarming animal stories and colorful characters of a by-gone era and was immortalized through the PBS series "All Creatures Great and Small." This program will be on Zoom and login information will sent the day before the meeting. Register on the Library's Events calendar or call 734-426-4477.



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

We Can Do It! Rosie the Riveter & Willow Run comes to the Library on **Monday, July 24 at 7:00pm**. This presentation

highlights the boldness, determination, creativity and bravery of American women as they prepared for and then valiantly fought World



War II. Spurred on by the message of Franklin Roosevelt's "Arsenal of Democracy" speech, Claire Kitchin Dahl will share the incredible history of the Willow Run B-24 Bomber Plant and the teamwork of the powerful Detroit automotive industry. "We Can Do It" became the rallying cry for millions of women who had, until this time period, never envisioned working on an industrial assembly line.

On **Monday, July 31 at 6:00 pm**, join Hamlett Lavender Farm for a **Lavender Sugar Scrub** demonstration. Learn about the farm, growing lavender, and the benefits of using lavender products from farm owner Regina Hamlett. This is a make-n-take program. Make a lavender sugar scrub to exfoliate and nourish



your skin. Space is limited and registration is required. Adults may register online through the Library's events calendar, at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

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Additional Programs from the Adult Department

The virtual program **Cooking on the Grill with Mary Spencer** will be presented on **Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm**. Grilling is so popular that some people grill all four seasons. Join Mary Spencer as she grills from her backyard. Learn techniques for grilling on charcoal, gas & wood. Mary will advise on the best seasonings, rubs and marinades for grilling and share a couple of her favorite grilling recipes. This event will be presented over Zoom. Register on the Library's event calendar or call 734-426-4477. A link will be emailed the day before the event.

On **Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 pm**, join us for the program **Decluttering (For the Rest of Us)**. Have you had a hard time getting things out of your home? Is your goal to make your space more comfortable and easier to manage? This workshop led, by Certified Decluttering Coach Jessica Beemsterboer, will include methods, tips, and mindset shifts to help you make progress and impact in any space, in any amount of

time. You'll leave with methods, resources, and motivation to help you declutter at the 'speed of life.'

Did you visit the Library for some relaxing reading but forgot your reading glasses? No worries. The Library now has reading glasses available at the Adult Reference Desk. With strengths from 1.25 magnification through 3.25 we have you covered.

Don't forget, the Library offers several recurring book discussions and movie events for adults. Please be sure to check our event calendar at dexter.lib.mi.us/events for times and dates.

Two recurring programs will be considered for elimination after the summer if we cannot increase attendance. The **Somewhere in Time** book discussion group and the **Reel Talk** online movie discussion group have both seen poor attendance numbers. In order to keep these, we'll need to see better participation to continue these offerings.