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## Dates to Remember

Story Times resume the week of September 18

Friday movies resume

September 8. Check our web calendar for titles and times.

**The Library will be CLOSED:**

**Wednesday, November 22 closing at 6:00 pm**

**Thursday November 23 Thanksgiving**

## Story Times Resume This Fall

This fall, the Library will offer a variety of Story Time options from the week of September 18 through November 2. **Toddler Fall Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am** and **Preschool Fall Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am** will be held in the First Floor Youth Programming Room. These sessions will run from **September 20 through November 1** and registration is required.

The Library will also offer a wide variety of **Drop-In Story Times** in our Lower Level Meeting Room beginning the week of September 18 at the following times:

**Toddler Story Time** for chil-

dren 18 months to three years-old will be held on **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am**. **Preschool Story Time** for children ages three to five years-old will be held on **Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am**. **Combined Story Times** for children ages five and younger will be presented on **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 am**.

Children under 18 months may attend with their siblings, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Parents or caregivers are required to attend.

Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Our story times include picture, pop-up and interactive books, and songs that encourage a love of reading.



## Strategic Planning

This fall, the Library will undertake a new strategic planning process. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Library has needed to adapt to a variety of constantly changing conditions. Use of some existing services has changed over the last three years and we want to hear from the community about what direction the organization should take for future collections, programs and services.

The Library Board has engaged Fast Forward Libraries, LLC, a strategic planning firm focused on public library services, to help us with our efforts. Led by principal, Amanda

Standerfer, the consultants will help the Board gather data and lead the discussion regarding future offerings.

One of our first steps will be to offer a survey. Community members may complete this online by scanning the QR code here or visiting the link at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DexterDLCommSurvey>

The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete and your input will help us chart our future course.

The survey will be open through September 30. Hard copies of the survey will be available at the Library.



# Youth and Family Fall Events



KinderConcert returns on Saturday, September 9 at 12:00 noon. The September concert will feature Phelan Young presenting the bassoon. 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 orchestral instruments. Members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra lead children on a guided introduction to classical music instruments. This is a drop-in program and no registration is required.

**The Spooktacular Comedy Magic Show with Joel Tacey** comes to the Library on **Saturday, October 21 at 11:00 am.**



Magic, juggling, comedy and lots of audience participation highlight this hilarious Halloween hootenanny. Magical Halloween adventures await in this exciting-not-scary show that will have you celebrating the spirit of the season. All ages are welcome to this drop-in program. No registration is required.

Join us for the **Bob-a-loo** outdoor movement program on **Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 am.** Children can gallop like a giraffe, balance on one foot like a flamingo or sprint across the African savanna like a cheetah during the Bob-a-loo outdoor movement-based learning program. Kids build heart and body strength, learn how good it feels to eat healthy and explore the Farmers Market. Each family of a registered child will receive an \$8.00 gift card to use at the Farmers Market on the day of the event. Registration is required and is currently open. This program is geared for children ages 2 through 7 years-old. Families are welcome to participate and check-in begins at 9:45 am.



**A Drop-In Halloween Story Time and Craft** will be offered on **Saturday, October 28 at 11:00 am.** Families with children ages five and younger are invited

to join us for a fun Halloween story time filled with spooky books, songs, and flannel board fun. Everyone is welcome and a simple craft will follow the story time. Registration is not required.



**Drop-in Fall Crafts** comes to the Library on **Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 am.** Children of all ages are invited to celebrate the autumn season by making a variety of seasonal crafts including a colorful tree collage and a fall mask. Registration is not required for this hour-long program.

**A Spooky Crafts Program** comes to the Library on **Monday, October 30 at 4:30 pm.**



Join us for seasonal crafts inspired by spooky things that go bump in the night. Children in grades K-4 can make a monster lantern decoration. Registration is required and begins Monday, October 2.



**Movie & Popcorn for Kids** returns on **Friday, November 10 at 1:00 pm**. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Library and watch “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” (2023) on the big screen while enjoying a free bag of popcorn. Based on the Super Mario video games, Mario joins forces with Princess Peach and Toad. The trio is in search of Mario’s brother Luigi. Together, they hope to defeat the evil Bowser and save the Mushroom Kingdom from his destructive schemes. No registration is required. Rated PG – 92 minutes

The Library will host a **Drop-In Thanksgiving Story Time and Craft** on **Saturday, November 18** from **11:00 am to 11:30 am**. Children ages five and younger and their caregivers can join us for this seasonal story time celebrating Thanksgiving, food, and families. Everyone is welcome. A simple craft will follow the story time. Registration is not required.



The Library presented a full summer of reading and events with the program “All Together Now” attracting over 6,000 individuals to events and over 1,100 adults, teens and children registering for the reading challenges. All children and teens who met their reading goals this summer received a prize bag filled with goodies and were entered into a final prize drawing for additional prizes such as a Kindle Fire Tablet, Toledo Mud Hens tickets and a variety of gift cards. The Library congratulates all the participants in this year’s Summer Reading Program. We hope everyone keeps reading throughout the year.



## Recurring Programs

The **Super Stories Book Club** for young fives and kindergarteners is a 45-minute story and craft program. Adults should attend this program with their children. Registration is required for each session and opens the date of the previous meeting. Registration for September is currently open. Super Stories will meet on **Tuesday, September 12 at 4:30 pm** when the theme will be “Mythical Creatures.” Additional sessions will be held on **Tuesday, October 10 at 4:30 pm** and **Tuesday, November 14 at 4:30 pm**.

The **Club Create Book Club** is an independent reading book club for first and second graders. These 45-minute programs feature longer picture books and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to a theme. Registration is required for each session and opens the date of the previous meeting. Registration for September is currently open. The group will meet on **Thursday, September 14 at 4:30 pm** when the theme will be “School.” The group will also meet on **Thursday, October 12 at 4:30 pm** and again on **Thursday, November 9 at 4:30 pm**.

Children in third and fourth grade will enjoy the hour-long **All Star Readers Book Club**. Play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to a book. Books will be available to pick up at the Library at registration. Registration is required for each session and opens the date of the previous meeting. Registration for September is currently open. This group will meet on **Thursday, September 21 at 4:30 pm** to discuss the book “The World According to Humphrey” by Betty G. Birney. The group will continue to meet on **Thursday, October 19 at 4:30 pm** and again on **Thursday, November 16 at 4:30 pm**.

Make, build, craft and explore at our hour-long **Makerspace** programs. Children in grades K-8 can participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. Registration is not required. Makerspace will be offered on **Thursday, September 28 at 4:30 pm; Thursday, October 26 at 4:30 pm** and a special weekend edition on **Saturday, November 25 at 11:00 am**.

**Lego Club** for children in grades K-8 returns this fall. Spend an hour making Lego creations while visiting with old friends and making new ones. Legos will be provided by the Library. Registration is not required. Lego Club will meet on **Wednesday, October 4 at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, November 7 at 4:30 pm** and **Tuesday, December 5 at 4:30 pm**.

# Fall Programs for Tweens and Teens



Join us for **Sidewalk Art with David Zinn on Friday, September 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Teens and tweens in grades 5-12 can learn how to make art with your surroundings in a returning favorite program. Ann Arbor artist

David Zinn will do a demonstration of how to create with chalk. After the demo, try these techniques yourself on the Library sidewalk. This event will be moved indoors in the case of inclement weather. This program is co-presented with SRSly Dexter and the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation. Registration is required and is currently open.

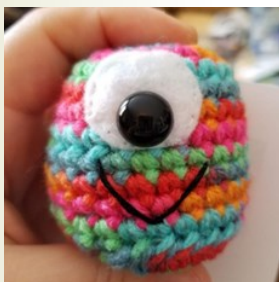
**Cookies and Canvas** comes to the Library on **Saturday, September 30 at 2:30 pm**. Students in grades 5-12 can have a sweet treat while you paint to your heart's content at this one-hour program. Canvas, brushes, paint and cookies will be provided. Registration is required and is currently open.

Build **Spooky Terrariums** at the Library on **Saturday, October 7 at 2:00 pm**. Students in grades 5-12 can get into the spooky spirit with this hour-long seasonal craft.



Use a container, moss, faux plants, and small figurines to make a wickedly fun decoration. Registration is required and is currently open.

Have you ever wanted to try crochet? Join us for **Crochet Amigurumi Monsters on Thursday, November 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**. Learn the basic skills needed to make amigurumi (crocheted toys),



and make a unique monster plush. Teens and tweens who are beginners or more advanced crocheters are all welcome. Registration is required and opens on Thursday, October 12.

## Monthly Programs



Tweens, Teens and even kids as old as seven, if you enjoy playing chess, join us for our monthly **Chess Club** this fall. Compete in tournament-style play or a casual game and improve your skills. Each meeting lasts one hour. Registration is required and currently open. Chess Club will meet on **Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm**. Future Club meetings will be held on **Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 pm** and **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**.

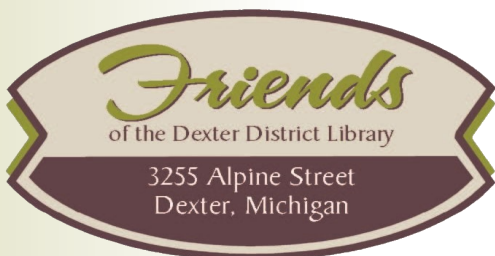
Fall finds the return of the **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**. Teens in grades 7 through 12 meet monthly to enjoy a pizza lunch and brainstorm with other teens about new programs, book selections, and how to make the Library an even better place. Registration is required and is currently open. The first meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 16 at 1:00 pm**. Future meetings will be held on **Saturday, October 28 at 1:00 pm** and **Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 pm**.

This fall, the **Tween Book Club** is expanding to include students in grades 5 through 7. Read the month's book and then join us for icebreakers, snacks, discussion, and a related activity during this hour-long program. This Club will meet on **Tuesday, September 19 at 4:30 pm**. September's book will be "Posted" by John David Anderson. Get a copy at the Youth Reference Desk after you register. Future meetings will be held on **Tuesday, October 17 at 4:30 pm** and **Tuesday, November 21 at 4:30 pm**.

**Magic: The Gathering** returns this fall. Join us monthly for MTG tournament-style play on **select Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**.



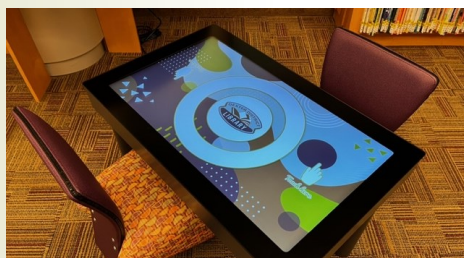
Prizes are awarded to the top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. This program is co-sponsored with 5 Healthy Towns and SRSly Dexter and will be held on **Friday, September 22; Friday, October 27; and Friday, November 17**.



The Friends of the Library held a very successful Book Sale over the Dexter Daze weekend. Over Friday and Saturday, the Friends raised nearly \$2,700 in used book sales. The Friends would like to thank all the shoppers for helping support their efforts.



The Friends also provided a number of volunteer hours over the course of the Summer Reading Program. Helping out at Big Truck Day were (l-r) Margaret Steptoe, Carolyn Tyson and Jeanne Bradish. Many volunteers helped out and the Library sincerely appreciates this help.



The Friends recently sponsored the purchase of an interactive PLAY table for the youth area. Children can play a variety of educational games like shapes, numbers, words and picture matching as well as recreational games like racing, snap and tic-tac-toe. The Library thanks this support from the Friends.



The Library will offer a variety of classes focused on technology topics this fall. 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.

**One-on-One Technology Help** offers half-hour tutorials on specific technology topics. Examples of topics include: 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. Sessions will be provided on **Thursday, September 28 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursday, October 26 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, November 30 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. While we are eager to help you learn technology, please note that we will not repair devices, remove spyware or viruses, or perform installations or upgrades.

The Library offers **Intro to Ancestry.com** where you can tour the Library's Ancestry.com service. Beginners' topics covered will include creating a family tree, creating a timeline and searching tips for Ancestry.com. Sessions will be offered on **Tuesday, September 12 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, September 14 at 6:00 pm**.

Spruce up your graphics with **Photoshop Elements**. Learn how edit digital photos, use the organizer, fix photos, learn the guided mode and discover photo projects. Sessions will be offered on **Tuesday, October 3 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, October 5 at 6:00 pm**.

**Paint.NET** is a free, powerful, easy to use alternative to Photoshop for Microsoft Windows operating systems. Learn topics such as cropping, layers, transparency, color correction, file types, and file/folder organization. Sample photos will be provided for practice. This class will be offered on **Tuesday, October 10 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 pm**.

Get hands-on practice learning how to use the Library's equipment with **Start Digitizing**. Learn to convert VHS tapes, slides, negatives, and print photos to digital files. Preserve your memories from deterioration and have them in an easily sharable format. Samples will be provided. This class is offered on **Tuesday, November 7 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, November 9 at 6:00 pm**.

# Fall Events for Adults

## Grandparents Day Concert

Join us for a **Grandparents Day Concert** on **Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 pm** sponsored by the Hudson Education Center. The concert will feature instrumental and vocal soloists from the Dexter Community Schools. This performance encourages the youth performers in the Dexter Community. You do not have to be a Grandparent to attend. All are welcome.



## Card Making Workshops



Monthly **Card Making** Workshops with Katherine Willson returns to the Library this fall. Join us on **Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 am** where you will create two beautiful handmade cards for someone special. All materials will be supplied. If you prefer evening programs, this event will be repeated on **Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 pm**. Additional programs will

be held on **Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30 am; Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 pm; Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30 am and Tuesday, November 28, at 6:00 pm**. Registration for each individual session is mandatory. This program is for adults ages 18 and older and held in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Please register online at the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Service desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

### LAST CALL

Two Library programs have seen dwindling attendance and are being considered for elimination. The **Reel Talk** virtual movie discussions will meet on **Monday, September 18 at 7:00 pm** via Zoom to discuss "The Conspirator." Additionally, the **Somewhere In Time** book club meets on **Monday, September 11 at 7:00 pm** to discuss "When Women Invented Television" by Jennifer Armstrong. To express your interest in these programs, please contact the Adult Reference Desk to register for these or future events.

**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 Events Calendar, at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. Class dates for the fall are on **Thursdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 14, and 21**.

## Cooking with Mary Spencer

The popular virtual cooking presentations with Mary Spencer return this fall. Join us on **Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm** for **Tailgate Cooking** when Mary presents fun, tasty and easy dishes for watching the big game in the stadium parking lot or at home.

Additional cooking programs will take place on **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm** when Mary shares her recipes for homemade **Halloween Treats**.

These are virtual programs presented via Zoom. Register on the Library's Event Calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed to all registrants the day before the event.



VIRTUAL EVENT

On **Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm**, join us for **75+ Free Sources for Filling Out Your Family Tree**. In this informative presentation by professional genealogist Katherine Willson, you will discover more than 75 options for genealogy research without paying for subscriptions. Willson is an engaging and dynamic genealogy lecturer at local, regional and national conferences and an educator teaching beginning, intermediate, and advanced genealogy classes in Michigan since 2001. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Please register online at the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Service desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

MANHATTAN  
**SHORT**

The **MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival** returns to the Library on **Friday, September 29 at 6:00 pm**. This event draws over 100,000

film lovers in over 250 cities across six continents to view and vote on finalists. Upon entry, festival attendees are handed a voting card and will view ten short films and will vote for the film and actor they feel should win. Votes are tallied by each host venue then emailed to MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival's NYC headquarters. All films selected will be eligible for an Oscar nomination. This is your chance to be part of the Oscar nominating process. Repeat screenings will be held on **Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 pm** and on **Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 pm**.

On **Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 pm** join us for **Sailing Adventures with Jerome Rand** where the captain will recount his sailing journey on the Mighty Sparrow, which departed from Rockland, Maine on a months-long voyage through the Trade Winds of the North and South Atlantic Oceans. Within days of leaving the Gulf of Maine, Jerome and the Mighty Sparrow were battling storms. With considerable damage and missing critical gear from the deck, it would take three weeks of sailing to reach the safety of port. The story of this latest voyage is brought to life with eye opening footage from aboard the Mighty Sparrow and woven together with the firsthand narrative by Jerome himself. This program will be held at the Library and no registration is necessary.



Find more great programs on our events calendar at  
[www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events](http://www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events)

**Cybersecurity and You: Effective Strategies for the Home Environment** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm**. This program will

explore the best practices for cybersecurity in the home and provide an opportunity to ask any questions you might have



about how best to protect your home network and internet experience. We will discuss antivirus, responsible use, network security, mobile security, web filtering, and more. This program will be a one-hour lecture and slideshow with information security professional Shane Harsch who has over 25 years of experience in both military and manufacturing security. This program will be repeated on **Friday, October 20 at 10:00 am**.

**Detroit Style Pizza: A Doughtown History** will be held on **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 pm**. The term

"Detroit Style Pizza" became official in 2012 but the pizza itself goes back to 1946 when Italian immigrant, Gus Guerra, came to the



United States and opened a bar called Buddy's Rendezvous. Gus and his family came up with a pizza recipe that was one part Sicilian and one part Motor City. Join author Karen Dybis for this Zoom presentation and find out how this Motor City inspired pizza style transformed from a neighborhood bar in Detroit to an international sensation. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the meeting. Register through the Library's Events Calendar or call 734-426-4477.



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