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Reminders

The majority of Library events are in-person and held at the Library

For online events, look for the following logo:



To register for Library events, visit our events calendar online at dexter.lib.mi.us or call the Library at 734-426-4477

The Library will be CLOSED

**Sunday-Monday
Dec. 24-25
Sunday-Monday
Dec. 31 and
Jan. 1, 2024**

Story Times Resume January 15

The Library will resume presentation of Story Time in the new year. We will offer both Drop-In sessions as well as smaller group sessions requiring registration.

Drop-In Story Times will be offered on Monday & Thursday mornings at 11:00 am for combined toddler and pre-school ages. Drop-In Toddler Story Time will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am and Drop-In Preschool Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am. These ses-



sions will run from January 15 through February 29 and will be held in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

Registered Small Group Story Time will be held in the First Floor Youth Program Room with Toddler Small Group Story Time taking place on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am and Preschool Small Group Story Time held on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am. These sessions will run from January 17 through February 28. Registra-

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We Are Dexter Series

Dexter's Bicentennial year is finally here and the Library is preparing a variety of events to celebrate. Every month, the Library will host a "We Are Dexter" program. This program will feature individuals and groups from the community and will include artists, authors, musicians and individuals who have a hobby, talent, experience or story that contributes to the fabric of our town.

On Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm the Library will host Dexter Then, Dexter Now with

authors and local historians Bev Hill, Carol Jones, Nancy Van Blaricum and Jan Weaver. They will discuss the Dexter Area Historical Society's publication, "Dexter, Michigan: Then and Now Celebrating 200 Years." As current Board Members of the Dexter Area Historical Society and longtime residents of the community, these presenters have many historical facts and both public and personal stories to share. They are a wealth of knowledge about the history of Dexter. Copies of

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Youth and Family Winter Events

Story Times

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tion for the small group sessions is required and will begin on Wednesday, December 27. Space is limited. Parents or caregivers of children may register on our website through our calendar of events, at the Youth Service Desk or by calling 734-426-4477. Children may only be registered for one 7-week session. Registration will be on a first come first served basis.

Toddler Story Times are structured for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Preschool Story Times are geared for children 3 to 5 years old. Children under 18 months may attend, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend.



Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes. Our story times include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading.



The Library will be offering a **Winter Break Reading Challenge** throughout the month of December and over the winter school break. Youth and Teens can register at any time and complete a variety of reading challenges on Beanstack during their winter break. Sign up on the Beanstack website or app starting on December 1. Complete at least 10 virtual activity badges by January 5 to be eligible for a prize. Prize pickup will be during the month of January.

Join us for a **Winter Fun Magic Show** on **Thursday, January 4 at 2:00 pm**. This will be a mystifying and fun celebration of everything exciting about the Winter



Season. Presented by the Amazing Clark, audience members will be invited on stage to be part of the snowy fun as they participate in magical effects like the snowflake miracle, hot chocolate fiasco and the awesome snowman illusion. Lots of playful comedy and cool props keep this show a lighthearted celebration that can be enjoyed by all. Registration is not required.



The Library will present **Drop-in New Year's Hat and Noisemaker Crafts** on **Saturday, December 30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Children of all ages can drop in to the Library's Lower Level Meeting room to create hats and noisemakers to ring in the New Year. Registration is not required



Calling all Percy Jackson fans! The Library will offer a **Percy Jackson Party** on **Wednesday, January 3 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. Students in grades 3 through 8 can celebrate the books and new television show with crafts and activities. Enter for a chance to win a copy of the new book "Chalice of the Gods." Registration is not required.



The Ann Arbor Symphony returns with **KinderConcert!** on **Saturday, January 13 at 12:00 pm** with featured performer, cellist Michelle Kulwicki. Children ages five and younger and their caregivers will find that music comes alive during this 30-minute concert. Everyone will be encouraged to dance and move while listening to the music and hearing a story. Registration is not required.



Movie & Popcorn for Kids returns on **Monday, January 15 at 1:00 pm.**

Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Library and watch *The Little Mermaid* (2023) on the big screen while enjoying a free bag of popcorn.

Registration is not required. Rated PG – 135 minutes.

It might be too cold to play outside, but stop in and try **Mini Golf at the Library.** The Library will have a miniature golf course set up and available in the Lower Level Meeting Room on **Friday,**

January 26 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and again on **Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Take a swing at our 9-hole mini-golf course provided by *Hopper's Houses.* It's a hole lotta fun! We'll provide the putters and golf balls, you provide the talent. Children of all ages are welcome and registration is not required.



Kam Comics Comic Book Drawing comes to the Library on **Monday, February 19 at 2:00 pm.** Comic book artist and rapper Kamron Reynolds will introduce students in grades K-8 to the world of comics by teaching how to create original characters, backgrounds, lettering, and more. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own sketchbook. Registration is not required.



There are many more events on our web site:
www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events

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



The **Lego Club** group will meet throughout the winter on the first Tuesday of the month: **Tuesday, February 6 and Tuesday, March 5 all beginning at 4:30 pm.** The meetings last one hour.

Kids in grades K through 8 are invited to make their own Lego creations while visiting with friends.

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, December 28 at 11:00 am; Thursday, January 25 at 2:30 pm; Thursday, February 22 at 4:30 pm;** and again on **Thursday, March 28 at 2:30 pm.**



The **Super Stories Book Club** for young fives and kindergarteners presents a 45 minute 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, Miss Ruth will read a book 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 in the first floor Youth Programming Room on **Tuesday, January 9; Tuesday, February 13; and Tuesday, March 12,** 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. Each month, Miss Krista will read a book and the group will participate in related activities and crafts. Club Create will meet on **Thursday, January 11; Thursday, February 8; and Thursday, March 14** with all meetings starting at **4:30 pm.** Registration is required and is currently open for the January meeting.

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 18; Thursday, February 15; and Thursday, March 21** with all meetings at **4:30 pm.** Registration is required and is open for the January meeting.

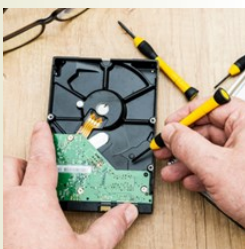


Winter Fun for Tweens and Teens



Join us monthly for our **Magic the Gathering** tournament-style play on **Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Prizes awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 5 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 the 5 Healthy Towns coalition and SRSLY Dexter. Upcoming events will be held on **Friday, January 19; Friday, February 23 and Friday, March 22**.

The Library will offer a **Pizza and Games** afternoon on **Wednesday, December 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm** for students in grades 5 through 12. Eat pizza and then play games with friends. We'll have ping pong, foosball, and a variety of board and card games available, from old favorites like Uno and Giant Jenga to newer games like What Do You Meme?, Exploding Kittens, and Codenames. Registration is required and is currently open.



Join us for **Teen Tech Take-Apart** on **Monday, January 15 at 2:00 pm**. Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited. Do you like learning how things work? Ever wanted to take something apart? This is your chance. 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. Registration is required and is currently open.

Join us for an **Anti-Valentine's Day Party** on **Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 pm**. Sick of the hearts, romance, and everything included in Valentine's Day? Celebrate with others who feel the same way. Instead of the usual celebrations of the holiday, we'll be playing games, making crafts, eating snacks, and (safely) smashing things. Open to students in grades 5 through 12. Registration is required and opens on January 12.



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



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 20, February 17 and March 9 all at 1:00 pm**.

The Library's **Tween Book Club** for kids in grades 5 through 7 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 Service Desk after you register. The Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 23** to discuss "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. Additional meetings will be held on **Tuesday, February 20 and Tuesday, March 19**. All meetings start at **4:30 pm**.

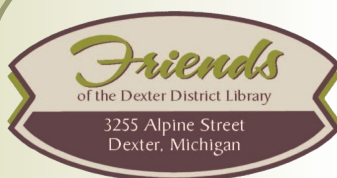
The Library's **Chess Club** continues this winter. Join us on **Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm**. Compete in tournament-style play or a casual game and improve your skills. All kids and teens with at least a basic knowledge of chess gameplay are welcome to attend. Additional meetings will take place on **Wednesday, February 7 and Wednesday, March 6, both at 6:30 pm**.



Pencil Eraser Pointillism comes to the Library on **Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 can try Pointillism, an art technique making an image out of tiny dots. We'll look at some examples and use paint, pencil erasers, and canvas to make our own unique artworks. Registration opens on February 2.

Winter 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



The Friends of the Library held their annual membership meeting on December 5. The

group received reports from section chairs. Notable, Amy Jerome, Membership Coordinator reported the Friends have 250 active volunteers as of the end of the year.

Treasurer Mary Tobin reported that Book Sale revenues continue to match pre-pandemic levels with the December sale garnering \$1,316.32 in just six hours.



Library Director Paul McCann presented Yvonne Schmidt with a certificate of appreciation signed by the Library's Board upon her retirement as the Friends of the Library's Volunteer Coordinator. Schmidt served in that capacity for the past five years. Moving forward, volunteer Tempie Stahlin stepped forward to assume the role of Volunteer Coordinator.

Library Technology Classes



The Library will offer **Start Digitizing** on **Tuesday, January 16 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 pm**. Get hands-on practice learning how to use the Library's equipment to digitize many media formats including VHS tapes, slides, negatives and print photos. Learn how to preserve your memories and have them in easily sharable digital format. Samples will be provided.

An introduction to **Downloadable Library Content** will be offered on **Tuesday, February 6 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to use our Download Destination (OverDrive), hoopla and Kanopy services. Bring your own devices and get help setting them up so you can start downloading books, magazines, movies, and more. We'll also show you how to set up the RLA feature within the Libby app, which unlocks over 250,000 additional items.

Canva.com – Design Free Cards, Posters, and More will be offered on **Tuesday, February 13 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, February 15 6:00 pm**. Learn to create dazzling cards, invitations or flyers as well as make your social media posts look snappier. Come to this class to learn about Canva.com, a free online design studio.

Curious about **Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives?** Come to the Library on **Tuesday, March 5 at 9:00 am** or **Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 pm** and find out how to avoid paying top dollar for underwhelming cable TV service. Join us for a discussion of 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, Max, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video.

A review of **Home Entertainment Systems** will be presented on **Tuesday, March 12 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 pm**. Attend this class to find out about the latest in TVs, speakers, cabling, and home entertainment systems. Learn how to make informed purchases of these devices.

One-on-One Technology Help will be offered on **Thursday, December 28, Thursday, January 25, Thursday, February 29 and Thursday, March 21**. Half-hour sessions will be offered between **1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**.

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 Service Desk to register.

Winter Events for Adults

We Are Dexter Series

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“Dexter, Michigan Then and Now Celebrating 200 Years” will be available for purchase for those interested.

On **Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm**, **Ben Goldstein** will visit the Library. Have you ever wondered what it takes to be selected as a contestant on Jeopardy? Join Dexter’s own Ben Goldstein as he shares what it is like to be on the most watched game show of all time. Learn how he was selected, how he prepared for the show and what happens behind the scene and in front of the camera. A Dexter resident since 2014, Goldstein appeared on *Jeopardy!* six times in June 2023, winning five games and qualifying for the show’s upcoming Tournament of Champions. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in English in 2002 and spent the first 12 years of his career working in journalism and online media. He is currently the Director of Content Marketing at Vitally, a business software company based in New York City.

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm finds **For the Love of Elephants** coming to the Library. Dexter is a caring community and this is exemplified by one resident’s mission to help orphaned elephants. **Helen Weingarten**, has supported the care and rehabilitation of elephants for many years. Please join us as Weingarten shares her experiences with orphan elephants rescued and cared for by the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and rehabilitation program in Kenya. Weingarten is an Associate Professor Emerita of Social Work at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Her contributions to social work reflect a commitment to core values of problem-solving, connection, integration, and relationship. “I’ve always thought of ‘career’ in terms of contributing to the world,” she says. “It never occurred to me to enter a non-helping profession.”

The “We Are Dexter” series is planned to take place monthly throughout 2024. If you have an interesting presentation about the history of Dexter, please feel free to contact our Head of Adult Services, Lisa Ryan at 734-426-4477 to discuss a possible presentation. Please look for additional events in upcoming newsletters or check our web site events calendar at: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/>

Gentle Restorative Yoga returns from the holiday break beginning **Thursday, January 4 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 morning at 9:30 am through March 21. Register online through the Library’s events calendar.



Lincoln on Slavery, Emancipation and Equality comes to the Library on **Wednesday, January 31 at 6:00 pm**. Join us when Mr. Lincoln shares his ever-evolving perspectives on

the subjects of slavery, emancipation and equality, including the relationship between the races during his time. Kevin Wood will be portraying Abraham Lincoln. Wood is a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to Lincoln and has made over 1,500 appearances in 31 states over 22 years. This program will be in the Library’s Lower Level meeting room. Register on the Library’s Events Calendar or call the Library at 734-426-4477. This program is part of the 2024 Washtenaw Reads. Pick up your free copy of “How the Word is Passed” by Clint Smith at the Dexter District Library or any of the participating libraries while supplies last.

Cooking Demonstrations

The new year finds the return of the Library's popular remote cooking demonstrations with Mary Spencer.

Join us online on **Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm** for **Air Fryer Cooking**. Are you new to Air Frying and could use some pointers? Or are you an Air Fryer pro who could use some new ideas? Join Mary Spencer for this live cooking demonstration via Zoom. Mary will make three Air Fryer dishes and provide recipes to those in attendance.

2024 is the Chinese Year of the Dragon. Mark your calendar for **Monday, February 5 at 7:00 pm** when Mary Spencer will present **Chinese Cooking**. To celebrate, join Mary Spencer as she will make three dishes and provide recipes to those in attendance.

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm finds Spencer presenting **Irish Cooking**. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Get prepared by joining Mary Spencer as she cooks up some delightful Irish dishes from her kitchen. Mary will make three dishes and provide recipes to those in attendance.

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years and is owner of Taste: A Cook's Place, LLC, a Northville, Michigan cooking school and cook's resource center. Her website is www.tastecooksplace.net. These are Zoom events. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. Zoom links will be emailed to those who have registered the day before the presentation.



Movies at the Library

Movies at the Library return this winter. Join us on **Friday, January 12 at 6:00 pm** for **Friday Night Movie for Adults** featuring **A Haunting in Venice** starring Kenneth Branagh and Tina Fey. Rated: PG-13, 1hr 43minutes.



On **Friday, January 19**

at 1:00 pm, join us for a screening of **Oppenheimer**, starring Cillian Murphy, Robert Downey Jr., Emily Blunt and Matt Damon. Rated: R, 3 hours.



Check our events calendar for more winter movies.

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm finds the Library offering a **Tempeh Workshop** presented by Peisy Sulimin. Tempeh is a traditional Indonesian food made from fermented soybeans. Tempeh's fermentation process and its retention of the whole soy bean gives it a higher content of protein, dietary fiber and vitamins. It has a firm texture and an earthy flavor. Sulimin is passionate about tempeh and wants to share the benefits of adding tempeh to your diet. From delicious recipes of homemade tempeh to insightful tips, Sulimin will share her knowledge of this nutritious plant-based protein. Registration is required (age 18+ only) and space is limited. Please register online at the Library's events calendar, at the Adult Service Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. This program will be in-person in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room.

We have many more programs scheduled for Winter 2024. Check our events calendar at: dexter.lib.mi.us/events/ for program listings and registration.

Card Making Workshops

The Library's popular card making workshops with Katherine Willson resume this winter with a new twist.

In January and February, the presentations will be offered remotely via Zoom. Register for sessions on **January 24 at 10:00 am, January 30 at 6:00 pm, February 7 at 10:00 am or February 8 at 6:00 pm**. Registered participants will pick up a card kit at the Library and join the appropriate Zoom meeting. Links will be emailed to registered participants ahead of each event. In-person workshops will return on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 pm** and **Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 am**. Registration is required for all sessions.



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A community path to
imagination, creativity, and
learning.*

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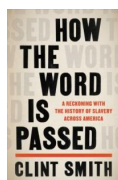
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Additional Programs for Adults

This year, the Dexter District Library will once again be participating in the Washtenaw Reads program. This year's title selected through an open community vote, will be "How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America" by Clint Smith.



Free copies of this title are now available in the Adult Department while supplies last. To participate in associated events, please check the Washtenaw Reads web site at <https://aabl.org/washtenawreads/events>. Due to extremely high author visit costs, the group will be looking for an alternate marquee event.

In addition to the Lincoln program listed on page 6, please join us on **Monday, January 29 at 6:00 pm for Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad**. Codenamed Midnight, Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad. Thousands crossed the river to freedom in Canada from Detroit. Detroit abolitionists helped freedom seekers from

the south evade slave catchers and local law enforcement. Detroit's abolitionist community was fierce in their support of runaways in the face of severe local opposition. . . This discussion will be presented by Billy Winkel, Assistant Curator at the Detroit Historical Society.

Join us on **Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm** for the virtual program **High Tea and the Low Down: An American's Unfiltered Life in the U.K.** One of the most shocking things Americans find when traveling in Britain is the completely different terminology in daily use. Would you know what to do with an aubergine and a courgette? American Anglophile and former UK resident, Claire Evans, author of "High Tea and the Low Down: An American's Unfiltered Life in the UK," discusses a wide variety of colloquial difference. This program will be on Zoom and links will be emailed the day before the program. Register on the Library's Events calendar or call 734-426-4477.

