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Reminders

**Summer
Reading
Kick-Off
June 14**

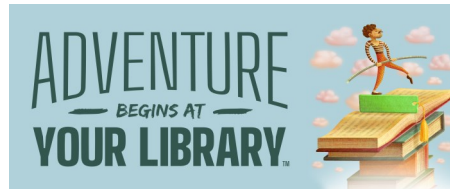
**Drop-In Story
Times Resume
June 24**

**Big Truck Day
July 12**

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1 and 2**

The Dexter District Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on Friday, June 14 and run through Friday,

August 2. During the summer, children of all ages are encouraged to set and achieve goals and read for fun while school is out. Summer is the time for adventure, so when you're planning what to explore and discover this season remember, "Adventure Begins at your Library." Whatever kind of interest, inspiration or imagination you have, the Library has something for you! Books, games, movies, music and more!



Plus, the Summer Reading Program has activities and events planned for kids of all ages – all summer long.

The Final Prize Drawing for the Summer Reading Program will be held on Monday, August 12. Kids, tweens, teens and adults who have met their reading goals will be entered into a final drawing with a chance to win a variety of great prizes. Everyone who finishes the program can pick up a goody bag full of school supplies, coupons, snacks and other surprises from Monday, July 29 until school begins.

Gemily Kicks Off Summer Reading

The Ann Arbor music duo Gemini, with daughter Emily make up **GEMILY** who will provide a concert in the park to kick off the festivities surrounding the Library's Summer Reading Program. The event will take place on **Friday, June 14 from 11 am – 12 pm.**



All ages are welcome to drop-in at Mill Creek Park North.

The concert will be performed in our Lower Level Meeting Room in the event of inclement weather.

Brothers San and Laz Slomovitz have been performing for over 40 years, presenting acoustic music for children and families and celebrating the fun, warmth, and humor of family life. Their recordings and concerts

are filled with rousing sing-alongs, folk tales, and music from around the world.

Refreshments will be served at the Farmers Market following the concert. This concert sponsored by Wolverine Glass.

Summer Youth and Family Fun



Drop-In Summer Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers will resume on Monday, June 24 and will run through Thursday, August 1. We will be meeting in the Lower Level Meeting Room. There will be no Story Time on Thursday, July 4 due to the holiday.

Story Time will be held on

Mondays and repeated on Thursdays at 11 am. Books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. 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. Registration is not required.

Adventure Stories with Storyteller

Adam Mellema comes to the Library on **Friday, June 21 at 11 am.** Celebrate Summer Reading and get ready to laugh as Storyteller Adam Mellema shares zany, high-energy adventure themed tales for the whole family. This drop-in program is geared for all ages and no registration is necessary. Sponsored by Chelsea State Bank.



Ming the Magician visits the Library on **Friday, June 28 at 11 am.** Prepare to be amazed by Ming the Magician as he presents an adventure themed magic show. This 45-minute show encourages summer reading through magic, laughter and audience participation. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Pearl Planning.

Join us for a **Family Puzzle Race** on **Saturday, June 29 at 1 pm.** Which family will complete a jigsaw puzzle first? Each team will have the same 300 piece puzzle to complete. Teams can have 3-6 people, but at least one adult is needed on a team. Space is limited and registration is required.

Join us for **Imagine That! Musical-Story-Theatre Show on Wednesday, July 3 at 10 am.** What do



an enchanted goose, a persnickety baby bunny, and four rather naughty sheep have in common? They're all part of this engaging and interactive Musical-Story-Theatre show. Imagine That! is a lively sing-along, do-along, just for fun show for family audiences of all ages. Sponsored by Verapose Yoga.

Introduction to Performance Arts with the Motley Misfits comes to the Library on **Tuesday, July 9 at 1 pm.** Have you ever wanted to join the circus? Learn how to use flow props like hula hoops, poi, juggling hats, dancing silks, and spinning plates. Children in grades K - 4 are welcome to drop in for this program.

Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day will be held on **Friday, July 12 at 10 am.** The Dexter District Library will host a large variety of trucks and emergency vehicles for children and adults of all ages to experience, rain or shine.



Aussie Didgeridoo and You comes to the Library on **Friday, July 19 at 11 am.** Learn about Australian Aboriginal art, music and culture by joining us for this Australia-themed presentation featuring the unique instrument the didgeridoo. Learn how a didgeridoo is made and hear a demonstration of various Australian indigenous animal calls such as the dingo and emu. This drop-in program is for children in grades K - 4 and registration is not required.

The Library will host a **Creature Feature – Live Animal program** on **Tuesday, July 23 at 11 am**. Join Dan the Creature Man as we meet and learn about a variety of animals in this fun and educational live animal Creature Feature show. Animals will include a chameleon, parrots, an alligator and more. This program is geared for children in grades K – 4 and registration is not required. Sponsored by Main Street Optometry.



On **Wednesday, July 31**, the Library will offer an **Ice Cream Social for Dexter Library Card Holders and Drop-In Crafts** from **11 am to 1 pm**. Show your Dexter District Library card and receive a **FREE** ice cream in front of the Library. During our Ice Cream Social, there will be a variety of drop-in crafts in the Lower Level Meeting Room for all ages. Registration is not required. Sponsored by Dexter Creamery.

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Theatrica Gladatoria wraps up our summer events on **Friday, August 2 at 11 am**. Join the performers of Theatrica Gladatoria as we embark through swashbuckling scenes of excitement and adventure. From times long ago in places far, far away to the here and now, take a trip with us as we tell stories through action! Registration is not required.



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

More Great Programs

Drop-in Bead Crafts will be held on **Tuesday, June 18 at 11 am**. Children of all ages can stop by the Library and make bracelets, bubble wands, and other crafts using colorful pony beads. Registration is not required.

Adventure Rocks! Rock Painting is coming on **Wednesday, June 19 at 10 am**. This drop-in event is for children of all ages. Stop by the Library and choose a rock to paint. Registration is not required.

The Library will host a **Percy Jackson Party** on **Tuesday, July 2 at 1 pm** for children in grades 3 - 8. Celebrate the series with crafts, games, and activities. Anyone who loves the Percy Jackson series is welcome to drop in and join the fun! Registration is not required.

Pirate Stories & Crafts will be featured on **Friday, July 5 at 11 am**. Join us for a special Family Story Time and craft program featuring pirates. Children of all ages are invited and registration is not required.

The Library's **Chess Club** will meet on **Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 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. Chess sets will be provided by the Library for this event. Registration is required.

A **Preschool Dinosaur Party** will be offered on **Saturday, July 20 at 11 am**. Children ages five and younger, along with their caregivers, are invited to a special dinosaur themed party at the Library. Get ready for an adventure as you explore a variety of stations with dinosaur crafts and activities. Registration is not required.

Drop-in Pokémon Crafts & Games will be offered on **Wednesday, July 24 at 11 am**. Children of all ages can design a pokeball, make a pom-pom Pokémon, and go on a Pokémon themed scavenger hunt. Registration is not required.

Join us for two sessions of **Life-Size Candyland** on **Friday, July 26 between 11 am and 1 pm** and again on **Saturday, July 27 between 1 pm and 3 pm**. See Candyland come to life as a giant game board where you can participate in different Candyland themed activities as you make your way through the game. All ages are welcome and registration is not required. Drop in anytime during the event.

Be sure to check our website for dates and times for our children's book clubs (**Super Stories, Club Create** and **All-Star Readers**) as well as sessions of **Makerspace** and **Lego Club**. All will continue through the summer.

Summer Programs for Tweens and Teens



The Library will offer an **Introduction to Parkour** on **Monday, June 24 at 2 pm**. Students in grades 5 – 12 will work with the Phoenix Freerunning Academy pros and learn how to jump, roll, balance, vault, and more during this fun, action-filled workshop. Phoenix Freerunning Academy is Michigan's first gym devoted to parkour.

Registration required and begins Monday, June 3.

Join us for a **Hobbit Door Craft** on **Monday, July 1**. Two sessions of crafting will be held at **1:30 pm** and again at **3:30 pm**. If you've ever wanted to hang out with Hobbits in the Shire or visit a fantasy world, this is the craft for you. Make a mini wreath that looks like a Hobbit or a fairy door. Add your own touches to this unique decoration. Registration is required and begins on Monday, June 3.



Join us for a **Painting Workshop with Katie Rothley** on **Thursday, July 11 at 7 pm**. Get creative with this artist-guided painting experience. Librarian and artist Katie Rothley will show you how to paint a hot air balloon on canvas using acrylic paints. Open to students in grades 5 – 12, registration is required and begins on Thursday, June 13.

Slide in for **Teens/Tweens-Only Life-Size Candyland** on **Friday, July 26 from 2 pm to 3 pm**. Join us for a special session of Life-Size Candyland especially for teens and tweens. Compete against friends in a giant version of the classic game and see who will get to the Candy Castle first to win a prize.



Perler Bead Art comes to the Library on **Tuesday, July 30 at 1 pm**. Follow a provided pattern, recreate your favorite character, or let your imagination run wild – the choice is yours. You can make art, keychains, jewelry, and more with these fusible beads. For students in grades 5-12. Registration opens on July 2.



An Introduction to Performance Arts with the Motley Misfits will be offered on **Tuesday, July 9 at 2:30 pm**. Have you ever wanted to join the circus? A performance artist from the Motley Misfits will demonstrate how to use flow props like hula hoops, poi, juggling hats, dancing silks, and spinning plates.

You may even get a chance to try out some of these techniques. This program is open to students in grades 5 – 12 and registration begins on Tuesday, June 11.

A Creature Feature Teen/Tween Live Animal Program will be offered on **Tuesday, July 23 at 1 pm**. Dan Briere of The Little Creatures Co. will share a variety of wildlife in this fun and educational presentation for teens and tweens. Animals will include snakes, parrots, a giant African bullfrog, and more. Open to students in grades 5 – 12. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, June 26. This program is sponsored by Main Street Optometry.

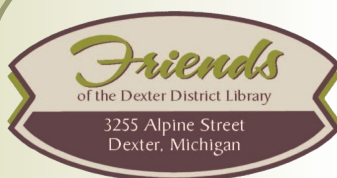


The Library will continue several Tween and Teen programs throughout the summer. Check our web site calendar for all your favorites including **Magic: The Gathering (Friday, June 28 at 6 pm)**, **Chess Club (Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 pm)**, the Library's **Teen Advisory Group (Thursday, June 20 and Saturday, July 13 both at 1 pm)**, and our **Tween Book Club (Tuesdays, June 18 and July 16 at 1 pm)**.

The Library will host a **Summer Adventure Photo Contest** from **June 14 through August 2**. Students in grades 5 through 12 can submit an original photo of your summer adventures for a chance to win a gift card. Get creative and have fun. Submit a photo by Friday, August 2.

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



Friends of the Dexter District Library held their April Book Sale in Dexter on Saturday,

April 6. Over 45 people waited patiently for the Library to open at 9 am.



FDDL volunteers (left to right) Jeanne Bradish, Susan Thomson and Jim Hutton assist Anne Marks of Dexter. The group raised \$1,340 at the April Book Sale, according to Friends Treasurer Mary Tobin. Many thanks to all the volunteers and avid book buyers for another successful Book Sale. May's Book Sale numbers were \$1,070 versus \$1,227 in 2023. Mark your calendars for the Friends multi-day Book Sale during the Dexter Summer Festival on August 9 and 10.

FDDL super volunteer, Christina Maier, was recently honored with a pin, acknowledging her many hours of service. Kudos to Christina.

Library Technology Classes



The Library offers a variety of technology classes to help you hone your skills.

You can **Start Digitizing** at the Library on **Tuesday, June 18 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm**. In this workshop, 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. Preserve your memories from deterioration and learn how to have them in easily sharable digital format.

A **Computer Buying Guide** will be offered on **Tuesday, July 9 at 9 am** and on **Thursday, July 11 at 6 pm**. Join us for a discussion of the different operating systems, parts, and options found with modern computers. This class will help you to sift through the acronyms, storage options and extra features to find the best machine for you. We will also discuss some of our favorite free software that will work great with a new computer.

The popular **Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives** returns on **Tuesday, July 30 at 9 am** and **Thursday, August 1 at 6 pm**. Tired of 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.

Learn about **Canva.com – Design Free Cards, Posters and More** on **Tuesday, August 6 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, August 8 at 6 pm**. Canva is a fun and easy way to create dazzling cards, invitations, or flyers. Do you wish your social media posts looked snappier? Come to this class to learn about Canva.com, a free online design studio.

Half-hour sessions of **One-on-One Technology Help** will be offered on **Thursday, June 27; Thursday July 25 and Thursday, August 22** with all days offering blocks between **9 am to 11 am** and **1 pm to 3 pm**. Examples of potential topics include: computer basics, tablets, smart phones, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Microsoft Office, photo editing, and social media. Bring your own device for practice. Please note that we cannot repair your device, remove spyware/viruses, or perform installations or upgrades. Session times have been changed to mornings and afternoons due to higher demand for daytime sessions.

Summer Events for Adults

We Are Dexter Series Continues

The Library continues to celebrate Dexter's Bicentennial with programs featuring individuals and groups that make up the Dexter community.

The **Amazing Monarch Butterfly** comes to the Library on **Thursday, June 27 at 6 pm**. Monarch butterflies are one of the best known and beloved butterflies in North America. Known for their long-distance seasonal migration to Mexico and California, the monarch butterfly population has recently declined to dangerously low levels. Join conservationist, **Jennifer Baker** of The Monarch Movement, LLC, for this presentation on the amazing Monarch butterfly. See the eggs, larva, chrysalides and butterflies in portable enclosures. There will be an outdoor butterfly release following the lecture.



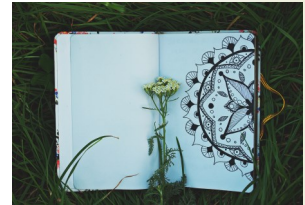
Join us for **McCarthyism vs Air Force Lieutenant Milo Radulovich** on **Wednesday, July 17 at 6 pm**.

People always say "It can't happen here." Well, it did right here in Dexter. In the 1950s, the United States lurched into a murky period of blacklists and witch-hunts for alleged Communists, led by a young Senator named Joseph McCarthy. The situation reached a turning point in the case of Air Force Lieutenant Milo Radulovich of Dexter, Michigan. Featured on Edward R. Murrow's gripping broadcast "See It Now" the case laid bare the Congressional abuse. Hosted by **Ginny Morgan** of Dexter Township, our program will feature the original "See It Now" presentation and special background by **Michael Ranville**, author of "To Strike at a King: The Turning Point in the McCarthy Witch-Hunt."

On **Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 pm**, the Library will present **Not Swamp Gas: The True Story of the 1966 UFO Sighting**. In March of 1966 something mysterious was seen in the night sky over Dexter, Michigan. Dexter residents described floating discs in the night sky. Using official government documents, recorded pilot testimony, and years of research, author and retired Air Force Engineer, **Ray Szymanski**, blew the lid off the Government's highly questionable "marsh gas" explanation. For those interested, a book signing will follow the presentation, with copies available for purchase.

Make a Soft-Bound Journal

Make your own **Handbound Softcover Journal with Katherine Willson** on **Tuesday, June 4 at 7 pm** or **Wednesday July 10 at 7 pm**.



In this easy beginning bookbinding class, we will make a faux leather-wrapped journal (slightly under 5" x 7") with sulphite pages perfect for art journaling, travel journaling or keeping a diary. All materials will be provided. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. 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.

The **Chelsea Amateur (Ham) Radio Club: Circumventing the Globe** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, June 12 at 7 pm**. With over 700,000 Amateur Radio operators in the US and over 3 million worldwide, this is a popular hobby. Learn what it takes to get started, licensed and talking with other operators across the globe. See Ham Radio equipment and speak with members of the Chelsea Amateur Radio Club. Both licensed amateur radio operators and those interested in amateur radio are encouraged to join the club. Membership opens the door for learning, advancement in knowledge, and most certainly, fun. Registration is appreciated. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.





Adventure Begin at Your Library with the 2024 Adult Summer Reading Program, starting Friday, June 14. It is also Dexter's Bicentennial year. Participants who register for the program can pick up a copy of the 'Dexter District Library Leader' which celebrates the history of the community and is chock full of activities to complete over the course of the summer. Complete any 6 activities over the course of the summer to be entered into the final prize drawing. Participants may also log reading minutes and complete online activities with Beanstack at <https://dexter.beanstack.org/>. The Adult Summer Reading Program is for adults 18 years of age and older. Register at the Adult Service Desk on or after June 14 and complete the program by August 4 to be entered in the final prize drawing.

Join us for live, virtual cooking programs with **Mary Spencer**, online this summer. On **Wednesday, June 19 at 7 pm**, Mary will present **Picnic Foods**. Summer time is picnic time and Mary will demonstrate three perfect picnic dishes for your summer outings. On **Wednesday, July 24 at 7 pm**, Mary will demonstrate **Cooking Fish**. Cooking fish can be tricky due to its delicate texture, but Mary will prepare three fish recipes and share tips to make your fish dishes come out perfect every time. On **Tuesday, August 27 at 7 pm**, Mary will demonstrate **Thai Cooking**. Need some international flavor in your life? Mary will take the mystery out of Thai cooking and explain some of the ingredients and techniques that tend to mystify people.

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years and owns Taste: A Cook's Place, LLC, a cooking school in Northville www.tasteacooksplace.net. All events will be presented over Zoom. Register on the Library's Events calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants the day before the presentation.



Michigan Oddities & Rarities with Ron Rademacher comes to the Library on **Wednesday, July 31 at 7 pm**. Journey across Michigan to find unique objects and mysteries. Learn about the enigmatic Keweenaw Wall, the ancient artifact in Nahma and the Sanilac Petroglyphs. Rademacher is the author of six books of road trips to little-known Michigan places. A book signing will follow the presentation. Registration is appreciated. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.

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

Movies at the Library

On **Friday, June 14 at 6 pm** the Library will screen **Somewhere In Time** (1980) starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. Rated PG, 1 hour 43 minutes.

Friday, July 12 at 6 pm will feature **Knox Goes Away** (2023) starring Michael Keaton. Rated R, 1 hour 54 minutes.

Killers of the Flower Moon (2023) will be shown on **Friday, July 19 at 1 pm**, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Lily Gladstone and Robert DeNiro. Rated R, 3 hours 26 minutes.



On **Friday, August 16 at 1 pm** the feature will be **Arthur the King** (2024) starring Mark Wahlberg. Rated PG-13, 1 hour 47 minutes. Movies are shown in the Library's Lower Level.

Join us on **Tuesday, August 13 at 6 pm** for **Medicare Made Easy and How to Stop Annoying Telemarketing Calls**. Terry Shoemaker will discuss how to help stop those annoying telemarketing calls from reaching your phones. During the second portion, Ashley Erickson will cover Medicare Made Easy. Learn about insurance coverage people need as they age, how to avoid paying for coverage that isn't needed, Medigap, Medicare Advantage, enrollment periods, pre-existing conditions, Part D drug plans, and what questions to ask before signing up for an insurance plan.

This program provides general information and is not a sales program. Please register online at the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Service Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

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As we gear up for our 2024 Summer Reading Program, the Library would like to thank our major donors who support our efforts.

Erratic Ale Co. and their customers have become a major sponsor of the adult Summer Reading Program through their "Good Neighbor Tap" program.



On a regular basis, Erratic Ale Co. earmarks a portion of proceeds from specific sales for community giving and support. This year, the program generated a donation of \$2,247 to support the Library. Erratic Ale Co. has also supported community groups such as the Dexter Senior Center, the Educational Foundation of Dexter, Ozone House, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society of Huron Valley and the Encore Theater.

Erratic Ale Co. owners Deb and Brian Schroeder

The Library would also like to extend our appreciation to the Friends of the Dexter District Library. The volunteer Board members have once again renewed the Friends commitment to supporting the children's Summer Reading Program with a donation of \$3,000.



The Library would also like to recognize the generous contributions it receives from the Dexter Lions Club and the Dexter Rotary Club in support of both ongoing events and the Library's Summer Reading Program. Each group has contributed over \$1,000 to support activities at the Library this year.



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