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**Dates to Remember:**

**Friends of the Library Book Sales**  
 January 5  
 February 2  
 March 2

**January 16  
 Community Read Author Appearance in Ann Arbor**

**January 19  
 KinderConcert**

**February 21  
 Red Cross Blood Drive**

**The Library will be closed**  
**Sunday  
 April 21**

## Small Group Story Times Resume

Registration for Winter Story Time is currently open. The winter sessions will run from **Monday, January 14 through Thursday, March 7**. Registration is required and parents or caregivers of children may register in person at the Library or by calling 734-426-4477. Space is limited so registration will be on a first come first served basis. Children 18 months to 3 years of age may sign up for one Toddler Story Time. Toddler Story Times are held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Children under 18 months may attend, however books and activities are geared for toddlers. Children 3 to 5 years of age may sign up for one Preschool Story Time. Preschool



Story Times are held on Mondays or Tuesdays at 11:30 am. Combined Toddler/Preschool Story Times will be offered on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. Drop-In Family Story Times for all ages will be offered on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the lower level meeting room from January 17 to March 7. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend. Each session lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Winter Story Times for children include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays, crafts and other activities that encourage a love of reading to your child.

## Learn New Skills with Lynda.com

The Library is pleased to offer the community access to Lynda.com, an online learning tool providing access to over more than 5,000 video instructional courses. Enhance your technology and coding skills, leadership and management style, marketing and finance knowledge and more. This LinkedIn service aggregates courses presented by industry experts who are passionate about teaching.

Professional development is important, which is why Lynda.com provides a broad and deep library of on-demand videos. Development topics that include PHP, C++, Java and cloud computing, B2B marketing, graphic design skills and how to create and publish

newsletters are among the wide variety of topics.

Explore Lynda.com content to find the right tutorials for expanding your skills at [dexter.lib.mi.us/online-resources/lynda](http://dexter.lib.mi.us/online-resources/lynda).

When looking at a specific course, you can view the job roles and companies of other viewers, which is helpful when determining whether that course is relevant to you.

Videos range from one hour to multi-part courses that can be explored over a series of sessions. The lessons are frequently updated to cover the latest in emerging technologies and up-to-date versions of software programs with new items regularly added.



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# Children's Programs

Throughout the winter, keep the Library in mind when you are looking for something fun to do. The Youth Department has many fun activities planned and a variety of ongoing programs to occupy these cold months. Please check each event for registration requirements.



On Thursday, January 3 at 11:00 am Leslie Science and Nature Center Presents: **Understanding Owls**. These owls will engage, delight, and educate you during a personal visit to the Library. Classification, conservation, and survival techniques are just a few of the topics we will explore by observing live birds. Kids in kindergarten and up will be amazed as they discover what life is like for these nighttime predators. No registration required.

The Library will host a **Harry Potter Party** on Friday, January 4 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone with crafts, snacks and games for ages 6 and up. Costumes are optional and registration is not required.



**KinderConcert** returns on Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 am. Music comes alive at KinderConcert, a 30-minute concert designed especially for children ages five and under. No worries about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert – they will dance and move while listening to the music. Then they will be mesmerized by hearing a story being told with musical accompaniment. Join Arie Lipsky, Music Director and Conductor of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, as he introduces children to the French horn. Movement specialist Gari Stein and pianist Kathryn Goodson will round out this guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. Registration is not required.

**Drop-In Winter Crafts** comes to the Library on Friday, January 25 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Schools are out early this day and kids of all ages can stop by the Library for an afternoon of seasonal crafts.

Friday, February 8 at 10:00 am finds a **Morning Movie for Preschoolers** offered at the Library. Join us for a showing of the animated Disney classic **Lady and the Tramp** (1955), a romantic tale of a sheltered uptown Cocker Spaniel dog and a streetwise downtown Mutt. Rated G, 76 minutes. Preschool snacks will be served during the movie and registration is not required.

Saturday, February 16 at 11:00 am finds the **Fantastically Funny Family Entertainment Show** coming to the Library. Join us as we host comedian, ventriloquist and puppeteer Richard Paul for his family fun, outrageously funny puppet show. Adults and kids of all ages will be laughing out loud at the

jokes, life-size puppets, magic and audience participation. For more than two decades, Richard has entertained audiences with his awesome puppetry and his extraordinary ventriloquist skills. Everyone is welcome and registration is not required.

**Drop-In Games and Snacks** comes to the Library on Monday, February 18 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. School lets out early this day and teens and kids in grades K through 8 can stop by and munch on snacks while playing a variety of games. We will have board games, foosball and competition-style games for a chance to win a small prize. Registration is not required.



Saturday, February 23 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm finds **Preschool Makerspace** offered at the Library. Children, ages five and under and caregivers, are invited to make, create and play at the Library. Children will explore a variety of stations with open-ended activities designed to encourage early learning. Registration is not required. Caregivers must stay with their children.

**First Grade Reader Round-Up** with Bates and Cornerstone Schools returns this March. Specific dates are to be determined with the Schools. Look for Library card registration forms coming home from teachers in February. First Grade Reader Round-Up brings all first grade students to the Library for a story time, a Library tour and to learn about taking care of Library materials. Children who do not already have a Library card can receive one and check out a book on their own for the first time.

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**Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 pm** finds **Italian Cooking with Mary Spencer** coming to the Library. Adults, teens and kids in grades 5 and up are invited to enjoy an afternoon with Mary Spencer from *Taste: A Cook's Place*, in Northville. Mary will create a variety of popular Italian dishes. This class is demonstration style but participants will get to enjoy samplings of the dishes presented by Mary and her assistant. Participants may enter a raffle for a chance to win an Italian cookbook. Registration is required and begins February 1 in the Teen Zone or by calling 734-426-4477.



On **Monday, March 11 at 9:00 am**, Spring Story Time Registration will begin. Spring Story Times continue our small group sessions. Please see the story on page 1 for an overview. On Monday, March 25, Spring Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers resume.



When school is out on **Tuesday, March 26**, the Library will offer **Totoro Crafts and Movie from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Teens in grades 5 through 12 can stop by and watch the Japanese animated film **My Neighbor Totoro** on the big screen while making Totoro plushies. Pizza lunch and plushie materials will be provided. Registra-

tion is required beginning Monday, February 25.

**DIY Crochet Bracelets** will be offered on **Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm** when schools are closed. Learn how to make a crochet bracelet and add beads or buttons to make it unique. This DIY craft for grades 5 through 12 takes some practice but once you master the stitch, you will be hooked. All materials provided. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

**Friday, March 29 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm** finds the Library offering an **Elephant & Piggie Party**.

Elephant & Piggie fans in grades K through 3 can stop by the Library, read Elephant & Piggie stories, play silly games, make crafts and have snacks.

Registration is not required.



## Recurring Children's Programs

Our monthly programs for kids keep growing. Join us for our regular favorite programs throughout the year.

The Library's **Ukulele Club** continues to meet on the first Saturday of the month, returning on **Saturday, January 5 at 10:00 am**. Tweens and teens in grades 4 through 12 are invited to try out one of our ukuleles, learn basic chords and song structure from a professional. Bring your own ukulele or use one from the Library. All levels welcome, including beginners. The Club will also meet on Saturdays, February 2 and March 2 at 10:00 am.

The **First Tuesday Lego Club** resumes on **Tuesday, January 8 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm**. Kids in grades K through 8 are invited to spend an afternoon making their own Lego creations while visiting with old friends and making new ones. Everyone is welcome. Legos will be provided by the Library and registra-

tion is not required. The Club will also meet on Tuesdays, February 5 and March 5 at 4:00 pm.

The **Super Stories Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, January 10 at 4:30 pm**. This book appreciation group is for kids who are going into grades K through 2. Come share stories, snacks and activities. January's theme is "Food." Registration is currently open. Super Stories will also meet on Thursday, February 14 when the theme will be "Flight" and Thursday, March 14 when the theme will be "Lucky Leprechauns." Registration for each session opens the day of the previous meeting.

The **All Star Readers Book Club** returns on **Thursday, January 17 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**. This book discussion group is structured for kids in grades 3 and 4. This month the group will discuss *Overboard* by Terry

Lynn Johnson. Registration is currently open. The group will also meet on Thursday, February 21 to discuss *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling, and on Thursday, March 21 when we are reading *No Talking* by Andrew Clements. Registration for the next meeting opens at each meeting.

**Makerspace** returns on **Thursday, January 24 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. On school early release days, the group will meet earlier in the afternoon. This is a fun, drop-in program for grades K through 8. Make, build, create and explore. Participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. Registration is not required. The Thursday, February 28 session will meet at 4:00 pm and the March 28 session will meet at 2:00 pm during Spring Break from school.

# Programs for Tweens and Teens

The Library will host a **Harry Potter Party** on **Friday, January 4 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**. Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of the first Harry Potter book with crafts, snacks and games. Costumes are optional, registration is not required. For teens, tweens and kids ages 6 and up.

The Library's **Ukulele Club** returns on **Saturday, January 5 at 10:00 am**. Teens and tweens in grades 4 through 12 are invited to try out one of our ukuleles, learn basic cords and song structure. All skill levels are welcome. Light refreshments provided. The Club also meets on February 2 and March 2.

**Tween Book Club** meets on **Thursday, January 17 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**. Join our new Tween Book Club for 5th and 6th graders. Read the book and be prepared to answer trivia questions for a chance to win a prize. Registration is currently open. Stop by the

Youth Reference Desk for a copy of this month's book *The Thief* by Megan Whalen Turner. The group will also meet on February 21 to discuss *Pandamonium* by Stuart Gibbs and on March 21 to discuss *Island of Thieves* by Josh Lacey.

The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meets on **Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 am**. Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to get involved with the Library. Help plan programs, organize service projects, and volunteer at Library events. Registration is required, pizza lunch provided. The group also meets on February 16 and March 9.

**Magic: The Gathering (MTG)** comes to the Library on **Friday, January 25 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for monthly MTG games and pizza. Prizes are awarded to top players. Registra-

tion is required. Co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter, the group will also meet on February 22 and March 22.

**Drop-In Games and Snacks** comes to the Library on **Monday, February 18 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. Munch on snacks while playing a variety of board games, foosball and competition-style games for a chance to win a prize.

Join us for **Totoro Crafts and Movie** on **Tuesday, March 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**. Teens in grades 5 through 12 can stop by, watch *My Neighbor Totoro* on the big screen and make Totoro plushies. Pizza lunch provided, registration is required beginning Monday, February 25.

**DIY Crochet Bracelets** will be offered on **Wednesday, March 27 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Make a crochet bracelet and add beads or buttons to make it unique. This DIY craft is for grades 5 through 12. All materials provided. Registration begins Monday, February 25.

# Washtenaw Reads 2019

The 2019 Washtenaw Reads community reading program is pleased to present *Reading with Patrick* by Kalamazoo native Michelle Kuo as the featured title for the 2019 program. Readers throughout Washtenaw County will be discussing the book. A complete listing of area events can be found at [wread.org](http://wread.org). The Library has many free copies of the book available to take. Please see our second floor

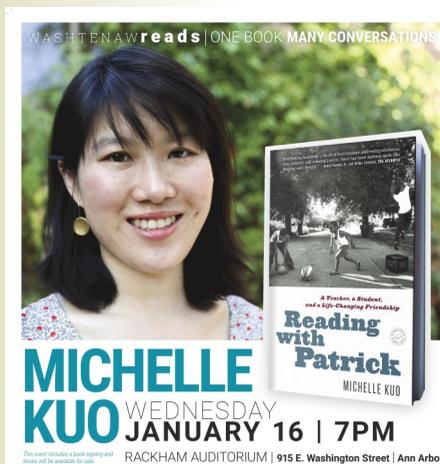
display. The Library provides these free copies for community members to take. We ask that you pass these along to friends and neighbors to help extend the conversation throughout the community. Feel free to leave these in a conspicuous spot (restaurants, doctor's offices, health clubs, etc.) for others to discover.

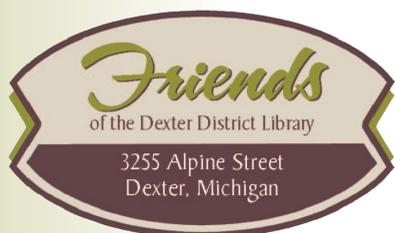
Michelle Kuo will be speaking and signing books on **Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm** at Rackham Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

On **Thursday, January 24 at 6:00 pm**, learn about the **Vocational Village**. With the goal of providing a positive learning community for prisoners who are serious about completing Career and Technical Education, the Vocational Village at the Parnall Correctional Facility was developed. Join Warden Melinda Braman to hear about this first-of-its-kind skilled trades training program for prisoners who are serious about completing career and technical education.

**Light from the Cage: 25 Years in a Prison Classroom** comes to the Library on **Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 pm**. Judy Wenzel did not expect to spend more than two decades in jail after going back to school to get a secondary certification in the mid 1980's. She taught English and social studies to students at the federal correctional institution in Milan, Michigan, the only program beyond GED in the country's nationwide prison system. Judy authored, *Light from the Cage: 25 Years in a Prison Classroom* and she will share stories about her students and talk about how extreme punitive policies are damaging our national identity.

On **Tuesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm** the Library will host a special showing of **Ken Burns' *The Address***, which follows a group of special needs students from The Greenwood School in Putney, Vermont as they prepare to recite the Gettysburg Address. This 90-minute documentary explores the history, context and importance of President Lincoln's most powerful address.





By Jeanne Bradish, Publicity Coordinator for the Friends of the Dexter District Library

This year was a great year for the Friends of the Library. At the December Annual Meeting, the Friends of the Dexter District Library Board discussed what was accomplished in 2018. Our book sales for the year were over \$15,000 and the Library projects that the Friends funded came to over \$19,000.

Projects that were funded included sponsorship of movies at the Library, the Summer Reading Program, outdoor flags, the Consumer Reports database subscription, Youth Department programming supplies, and poinsettias for

holiday decorating. Approved but not yet purchased include new lamps for the Story Time Room, an electronic PlayTable, sponsorship of the RB Digital downloadable magazine subscription service and purchase of an outdoor statue in memory of Marty Davis.

The Board elected a new secretary, Amy Jerome who replaces outgoing secretary Kathy Nesbitt.

The Committee Chairs remained the same with the exception of Carolyn Tyson, our Volunteer Coordinator. Carolyn has been the Volunteer Coordinator for over 14 years. The Board recognized her dedication and work by naming her the Friend of the Year. The Friends also instituted a recognition to name a book sale shelf the Carolyn Tyson shelf. Carolyn's position has now been filled by Yvonne Schmidt.

We would like to thank all our hard working volunteers, our donors for donating great used books and customers for shopping our book sales. Everyone helped make this a very good year for our Library.



Carolyn Tyson receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Friends Fundraising Chair, Kantha Gardner

**Upcoming Friends of the Library Book Sales**  
**January 5**  
**February 2**  
**March 2**



## MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Sponsored by the Friends of the Dexter District Library



On **Wednesday, January 2 at 11:00 am** school is out and **Movie & Popcorn for Kids** will show the animated feature **The Incredibles 2**. Rated PG, 188 min

Friday Night Movie for Adults returns on **Friday, January 11 at 6:30 pm** with a screening of **A Long Way Down**, starring Pierce Brosnan and Toni Collette as strangers who planned to jump off the same roof on New Year's Eve but save each other. Rated R, 96 min

On **Friday, January 18 at 2:00 pm**, Muffins-N-Movies features **Operation Finale**, starring Ben Kingsley leading a team of top-secret Israeli agents to Argentina to track down the Nazi Adolf Eichmann. Rated PG-13, 122 min

**Monday, January 21 at 1:00 pm** finds Movie & Popcorn for Kids screening **Christopher Robin**. This 2018 film stars Ewan McGregor as a working-

class family man, Christopher Robin, who encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh. Rated PG, 104 min

Morning Movie for Preschoolers returns **Friday, February 8 at 10:00 am** with a showing of the 1955 Disney classic **Lady and the Tramp**. The romantic tale of a sheltered uptown Cocker Spaniel and a streetwise downtown mutt. Rated G, 76 min

**Friday, February 8 at 6:30 pm** finds Friday Night Movie for Adults showing **Little Italy**, starring Hayden Christensen and Emma Roberts as the son and daughter of rival New York pizzeria owners whose friendship blossoms into romance. Rated R, 102 min

**Friday, February 15 at 2:00 pm** finds Muffins-N-Movies showing **Crazy Rich Asians**, starring Con-



stance Wu and Henry Golding in this film that is generating 2019 Oscar buzz. Rated R, 120 min

**The Children Act** will be the feature on **Friday, March 8 at 6:30 pm** for Friday Night Movie for Adults. Starring Emma Thompson and Stanley Tucci, High Court judge Fiona Maye has to make a life-or-death medical decision for a 17-year-old. Rated R, 105 min

**Friday, March 15 at 2:00 pm** finds Muffins-N-Movies screening **Brooklyn**, starring Saoirse Ronan as a young Irish immigrant, lured by the promise of America and navigating her way through 1950s Brooklyn. Rated PG-13, 117 min

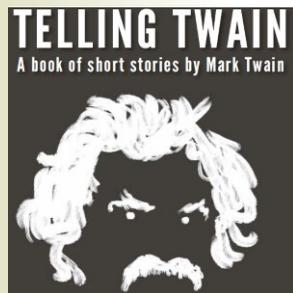
Movie & Popcorn for Kids returns on **Monday, April 1 at 1:00 pm** with a showing of **Mary Poppins Returns**. Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. Rated PG, 2 hours 10 minutes

# Programs for Adults

This winter, the Adult Department has a wide variety of presentations and events scheduled. Stop by to learn something new or for some fun entertainment during these cold months. In order to plan for refreshments, please register at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

Join us on **Thursday, January 3 at 6:00 pm** for the presentation **The Orphan Train in Michigan**. Over 12,500 orphans from New York and Boston came to Michigan from 1854 to 1927. Learn about this event in Michigan history from Al and David Eicher of Program Source International.

**Telling Twain** comes to the Library on **Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 pm**. Like



the Mississippi River itself, Mark Twain's broad and deep writing is presented by author Steve Daut, who explores the richness of Mark

Twain's legacy through highlights of his life and reciting Twain's stories. Daut's books about Twain will be available for sale and signing after the program.

**Michigan Statehood: Did We Really Have a War with Ohio?** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm**. By the 1830s, Michigan applied to the U.S. Congress to become a state, with a southern border that included Toledo. The rivalry between the Wolverines and the Buckeyes pales in comparison to the events of 1835. Presented by Joseph Oldenburg, author, historian and former Assistant Director at the Detroit Public Library.

The Library will present **Preventing Property Tax and Mortgage Foreclosure for Seniors** on **Friday, January 25 at 10:00 am**. Learn about services available to prevent property tax or mortgage foreclosure, obtain property tax reductions, assist with tax preparation and explore financial planning to maintain home ownership. The Housing Bureau

for Seniors at Michigan Medicine works to improve senior housing, link seniors and caregivers to needed services, prevent evictions and end homelessness. In cooperation with the City of Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County, the Bureau works closely with the Washtenaw County Treasurer to help seniors avoid losing their homes to foreclosure. This program is part one of three on senior housing.

**Walking the Camino: Six ways to Santiago** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, January 30 at 6:00 pm**. This documentary follows a diverse group of pilgrims, ages 3 to 73, as they attempt to cross Spain with only a backpack, a pair of boots and an open mind. The film will be followed by a discussion with David Larwa, who has walked the Camino six times.

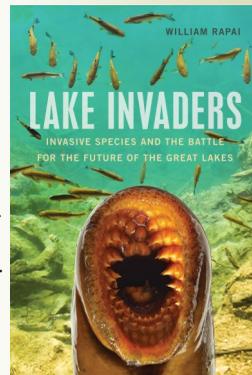
On **Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm**, **Detroit's Downtown Movie Palaces** come to the Library. Author, Michael Hauser will discuss Detroit's palatial movie palaces, of which only five remain today. Join us for a discussion and book signing as we revisit these beautiful "palaces" through photos and memorabilia.

The next **American Red Cross Blood Drive** takes place on **Thursday, February 21 from 1:00 to 7:00 pm**. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call Library Director, Paul McCann, to schedule an appointment.

The Housing Bureau for Seniors at Michigan Medicine returns on **Friday, February 22 at 10:00 am** to present **Assisted Living: Using Decision-Making Tools to Find the Right Housing**. Older adults will be shown a variety of housing and health care choices, from staying in their own home to moving into a new living arrangement. Learn the assessment tools used to evaluate housing and health care alternatives. This program is part two of a three part series on senior housing issues.

**Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm**. There are now more than 180 non-native spe-

cies in the Great Lakes. This presentation looks at who these invaders are, how they got here, the damage they are doing (ecologically and economically) and what can be done to prevent further damage to the lakes. Presented by William Rapai, a former newspaper editor and author of *Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes*.



**Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 pm** finds **Italian Cooking with Mary Spencer**

coming to the Library. Adults, teens and kids in grades 5 and up are invited to enjoy an afternoon with Mary Spencer from Taste: A Cook's Place, in Northville. Mary will create a variety of popular Italian dishes. This class is demonstration style but participants will get to enjoy samplings of the dishes. Participants may enter a raffle for a chance to win an Italian cookbook. Registration is required, beginning February 1 in the Teen Zone or by calling 734-426-4477.

The Library will host **Folktales and Tall Tales from Near and Far** on **Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm**. Professional storytellers from the Ann Arbor Storytellers Guild will awaken your imagination with folktales from lands afar and American tall tales from just around the corner. Come and be captivated as these enchanting stories are brought to life.

The Library will host a St. Patrick's Day tradition when **The Music of Ireland with Carol Kappus & Friends** stops by on **Saturday, March 16 at 1:30 pm** to present an afternoon of Irish music. Come hear Carol Kappus, the Ann Arbor Celtic Harpers and some special friends as they play a variety of harps and traditional instru-

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ments.

**The St. Louis World Fair of 1904** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 pm**. The Louisiana Purchase

Exposition of 1904 was the most beautiful, educational and exciting



international exhibition. Join historian John Hauger for this slide show presentation and learn more about this momentous event in St. Louis history. Memorabilia will be on display.

**Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm** finds **Albert Khan in Detroit** coming to the Library. Industrial architect Albert Kahn was a giant in Detroit, a visionary who developed “daylight factories” and helped birth both modern manufacturing and modern architecture.

Presented by Detroit News reporter and author of *Building the Modern World: Albert Kahn in Detroit*, Michael H. Hodges reviews Kahn’s regional legacy.

**Friday, March 22 at 10:00 am** finds the three part series on senior issues concluding with **Lessons Learned from HomeShare**. People share housing for different reasons such as companionship, personal safety, shared chores or to offset the rising cost of rents, taxes, utilities and maintenance. This event will discuss lessons learned from the HomeShare living option and help attendees decide if HomeShare might work for you or a senior in your life. This program is part three of three on senior housing issues.

**Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History** comes to the Library on **Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm**. Join Susan Nenadic, author and past president of the Washtenaw County Historical Society for this presentation on

women in history. Learn about a variety of 19<sup>th</sup> Century women whose actions significantly altered American society and left their mark as reformers, professionals, and adventurers.

**Mushrooms in Michigan: A Seasonal Guide** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, March 27 at 6:00 pm**.

Learn how mushroom hunting can be a fun and tasty way of getting out and exercising. Discover the wide varieties of edible mushrooms that grow in Michigan, mushroom selection, how to tell the tasty from the poisonous and hear about great places to start hunting from Phil Tedeschi, President of the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Club.

**Puzzle Palooza** comes to the Library on **Saturday, March 30 at 11:00 am**. Gather a group or come on your own and join us for some jigsaw puzzle fun. Choose from a selection of jigsaw puzzles for varying skill levels. Enjoy some snacks as you work with others to see who can complete their puzzle the fastest.



Technology classes take place in the Library’s adult computer area. Registration is required for all technology classes. Call 734-426-4477 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

**Downloadable Library Content** will be presented on **Tuesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, January 24 at 9:00 am**. Learn how to use our RB Digital, Download Destination and hoopla services. Bring your own devices so that you can get help setting them up to start downloading books, magazines, movies, and more.

**Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives** will be featured on **Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, February 7 at 9:00 am**. Are you tired of paying top dollar for underwhelming cable TV service? Join us for a discussion of cable TV alternatives PlayStation Vue, SlingTV, DirectTV Now, and more. These options

can provide you with much of the same content while paying less.

A discussion of **Home Theater Systems** will be held on **Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, February 14 at 9:00 am**. Do you find all the choices with today’s audiovisual systems daunting? This class will help you to understand: when to use which cable (HDMI, DisplayPort, etc.), screen resolutions (720p, 1080p, 4K), the different types of TV screens (LED, QLED, OLED), and more.

Learn **Digital Photo Editing with Paint.NET** on **Tuesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, February 21 at 9:00 am**. Paint.NET is a powerful yet free alternative to Photoshop. Students in this class will learn topics such as cropping, layers, transparency, color correction, file types, and file/folder organization. Sample photos will be provided for practice.

**Shopping Online – Tips & Security** will be presented on **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 pm** and on **Thursday, March 7 at 9:00 am**. Do you

want to learn how to find the best deals online? This class will discuss deal-of-the-day web sites, money saving tools like CamelCamelCamel and Honey, as well as techniques to protect your accounts.

The Library also offers **One-on-One Technology Help**. Individualized half-hour sessions will be offered on Tuesday, January 29 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday, February 26 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm and on Tuesday, March 26 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Examples of potential topics include (but are not limited to): Tablets, Smart Phones, Downloadable Library Content, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Windows, photo editing, social media, and basic computer usage. Bring your own device so that you can practice on it.

Please note that while we are eager to help you learn new technology, we are unable to assist with the following: repairing your device, removing spyware and viruses, or performing installations and upgrades.

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**Vision:**

*Dexter District Library:  
A community path to  
imagination, creativity, and  
learning.*

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## Director's Corner by Paul McCann



Transitioning to a new software for Library functions is never an easy task and we have experienced our share of hiccups during this recent migration. The most significant issue we have faced is with electronic notification of holds and items due.

Through the process of elimination, our cooperative, The Library Network, has identified the weak link in this chain. The notification service relies both on the shared computer system and a third party e-mail service provider to send these messages. Although this should be seamless, the third party e-mail service experienced several miscommunications with the catalog which caused intermittent periods where notices were not sent. This reached unacceptable levels after the transition and The Library Network has canceled the existing contract and moved to a Google-based application recommended by the software provider. We hope that this will rectify the communication issues and ensure prompt and reliable delivery of all notifications from this point forward. The situation will continue to be monitored and altered if necessary.

The catalog does have a new app in both the Apple and Google Play stores. For those looking for a specific app to access the catalog and manage your account, please search for the "TLN Library Catalog"

in the appropriate app store and download the app. This is actually an app wrapper, which provides direct connectivity to the catalog. The software running the catalog contains 'responsive design' code that alters the catalog based on screen size. The app will provide a quick link to monitor your account, place holds, renew items and search for titles.

The Library is in the process of testing LED lights in various areas of the building. After consultation with several electricians, we discovered a solution that would allow the Library to save money by replacing our florescent lighting without the need to alter or replace the fixtures. Test areas include Group Study Room 2 on the second floor, the second floor study table near the 600 books and the New Book Area on the main floor. We are looking for feedback as to whether the light levels are adequate and comfortable.

We have installed lamps with comparable lumens to the existing florescent tubes. We will continue the test through January and look for additional variations to ensure we maintain the feel of our existing lighting. Once we move forward with full building replacement, we expect the Library can achieve a significant savings in energy costs on an ongoing basis and see the project pay for itself within the first two years.