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Dates to Remember:

November 1
Wild Swan Theater

Holiday Marimba
Concert
December 4

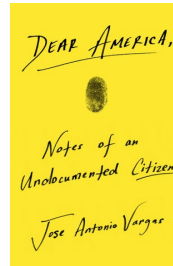
Friends of the
Library Book Sales
November 2
December 7

**The Library will be:
Closing at 6:00 pm
November 27
CLOSED
November 28
December 24, 25 and 31
January 1, 2020**



W A S H T E N A W **r e a d s**

The 2020 Washtenaw Reads book has been selected. This year's theme is "Everybody Counts" and the 2020 title is *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas. Vargas will speak at Washtenaw Community College on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm.



The book begins with Vargas recounting his childhood discovery that he was an undocumented American who had been brought to the U.S. from the Philippines. His life as an extremely successful journalist, however, required constructing an identity based on a series of lies in order to maintain his life in the U.S. Vargas published his story in the New

York Times Magazine in 2011. This book details the aftermath. *Dear America* is not a political book, but a memoir that asks "Who gets to exercise their rights as U.S. citizens, and why?"

The Washtenaw Reads program is a community initiative to promote reading and civic

dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing a common book. Participating libraries include Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter, Milan, Northfield Township, Saline, and Ypsilanti. Free copies of the book will be available at the Dexter District Library beginning in December.

Chilton Library Expires

Replaced by Auto Repair Source from MeL

This November, the Library's subscription to the Chilton Library will expire and the Library will be unable to renew the subscription under the current terms. Currently, Chilton is offered as a complete database, allowing library patrons to search for various makes, models and years of vehicles and access the appropriate repair documentation.

Beginning in November, Chilton will be migrating away from a comprehensive database subscription model and require libraries to purchase access to individual e-manuals for each make and model of vehicle.

While we have been able to see repeat users accessing the same vehicles for repair reference, overall use has been quite varied from month to month with little consistency in makes and models searched. Overall cost to access the site as currently constituted is very high and



due to the overall use, we will be dropping Chilton for our online service menu.

Instead, the Library will encourage patrons to try the Auto Repair Source database offered by the Michigan e-Library (MeL) database platform. Auto Repair Source provides many similar features to Chilton, including a wide variety of vehicle systems, step-by-step instructions, and exploded view diagrams.



Late Fall Children's Programs

When the weather gets colder and everyone wants to stay in the house, the Library has many great programs scheduled to get children, parents and caregivers out and about. Be sure to check our calendar on days when school is out as we try to schedule special events on these days.

Wild Swan Theater Presents: Once Upon a Time on Friday, November 1 at 11:00 am. When schools are closed, join us for an engaging collection of favorite children's classics including "Three Billy Goat's Gruff," "Reynard the Fox" and "The Three Little Pigs" that are sure to delight everyone. In true Wild Swan style, three performers and a musician create all the magic inherent in these timeless stories making this theater experience unforgettable. All ages, registration is not required.



Come to the Library and **Create a Journal on Friday, November 8 at 1:00 pm.** School will let out early and kids in Grades 1 through 5 are invited to learn about different journaling techniques and then decorate their own journal to take home. Registration is currently open.

Friday, November 15 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm finds **Drop-In Preschool Makerspace** at the Library. Children ages five and under, along with their 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 during the program.



Friday, November 22 at 11:00 am finds a **Drop-In Thanksgiving Story Time and Craft at the Library.** Join us for 30 minutes of stories and music celebrating Thanksgiving, food and families. Geared for children ages six and under but everyone is welcome. A simple craft will be provided following the program. Registration is not required.

Holiday Card Making comes to the Library on **Thursday, December 5 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.** Kids in grades K through 4 can stop by and create beautiful and festive homemade cards for friends and family while enjoying snacks. Registration is not required.

Rooftop Reindeer on the Terrace comes to the Library on **Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.** Due to the overwhelming response in previous years, we have moved this program to the park. Stop by the Library's outdoor terrace at Mill Creek Park North on Sunday, December 8 and get up close and personal with live reindeer from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. On the lower level, we'll have a variety of holiday crafts for kids. Registration is not required and everyone is welcome.



When school gets out early on **Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00 pm**

join us for **Star Wars Crafts** at the Library. Students in grades 5 through 12 are invited to celebrate the ninth film in the Star Wars saga by decorating your own t-shirt with your favorite characters. We'll also be making buttons and magnets. Registration is required, beginning Monday, November 11.

Drop-In Holiday Story Time comes to the Library on **Tuesday, December 17 at 11:00 am.** Join us for 30 minutes of stories, rhymes and music celebrating winter and the holidays. Geared for children ages six and younger but everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided following the program. Registration is not required.

On **Monday, December 30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm** join us for **New Year's Hats & Noisemakers Drop-In Craft.** Children of all ages are invited to drop-in and make New Year's hats and noisemakers to ring in the New Year. Registration is not required.

Wrap up the winter school break when **The Storytellers Present: Most Tropical - Music from the Caribbean Friday, January 3 at 11:00 am.** Spending the coldest month of the year thinking warm thoughts at the Library with tropical-themed events for all ages planned throughout the month.



Most Tropical is an upbeat concert of interactive stories, beautiful music, humor, interesting musical instruments and hands-on activities. The Storytellers are Audrey and Bob Allison, who use voice and vocal effects to captivate young audiences. Their music spans the globe from Australia to Brazil to the Caribbean Islands. Join us to celebrate tropical music. Adults and kids of all ages are welcome.

Recurring Children's Programs

Our **Ukulele Club** continues on **Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. All skill levels welcome, including beginners.

Try out one of our ukuleles or bring your own and learn basic chords and song structure from Hudson Education Center



for the Arts staff. This is a drop-in program for grades 4 through 12. The group will also meet on Saturdays, December 7 and January 4 at 11:00 am.

The First Tuesday Lego Club returns on **Tuesday, November 5 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 and Legos will be provided by the Library. Registration is not required.

LEGO CLUB



This program will also be held on

Tuesdays, December 3 and January 7 at 4:00 pm.

Thursday, November 7 at 4:30 pm finds the **Super Stories Book Club**

meeting to discuss books about "Night." Super Stories is a book appreciation



group for grades K through 2. We'll share stories, have snacks and do activities. Registration is required and is currently open. The Club will also meet on Thursday, December 12 at 4:30 pm, when the group will discuss books about "Pets."



All Star Readers continues on **Thursday, November 14 at 4:30 pm**. This is a book discussion group for kids in grades 3

through 4. Each month, we will read and discuss a book, have snacks and do activities. This month we are reading *Lights, Camera, Cook!* by Charise Mericle Harper. Registration is required, and is currently open. The next session will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 pm when the group will discuss *Stick Dog* by Tom Watson.

Makerspace returns on Thursday, November 21 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a drop-in program for grades K through 8. Make, build, craft and explore. Participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. Makerspace will also be held on December 27 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm when school is closed. Registration is not required.



Get Ready for Winter Story Times

Registration begins for Winter Story Times on Friday, December 27. Winter Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, January 13 and run until Thursday, March 5. Registration is required and parents or caregivers may register children in person at the Library or by calling 734-426-4477. Space is limited so registration is 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 or Tuesdays 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. A Combined Toddler/Preschool Story Time is held on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, registration is required.

Drop-In Story Times for all ages will be offered on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the lower level meeting room from January 16 to March 5. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend. Daycare Centers are welcome to all Drop-In Story Times. 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.

Winter Storytime



Programs for Tweens and Teens

Whether you are looking for something to do after school or need an activity during a school break, tweens and teens can find many great activities at the Library.

Paint on Canvas returns to the Library on **Friday, November 1 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**. Tweens, teens and even adults are welcome to attend. Follow step-by-step instructions by artist Linda Polo to paint the basics of a fall scene and then add your own personal touches to make it unique. No painting experience needed, but be prepared to get creative. This program is geared for students in grade 6 and older. Light refreshments provided. Registration is currently open.



Our **Ukulele Club** continues on **Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. All skill levels welcome, including beginners. Try out one of our ukuleles or bring your own and learn basic chords and song structure from Hudson Education Center for the Arts staff. This is a drop-in program for grades 4 through 12. The group will also meet on Saturdays, December 7 and January 4 also at 11:00 am.

The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** meets on **Saturday, November 2 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm**. Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to get involved with the Library by attending our Teen Advisory Group (TAG) meetings. Help plan programs, organize



community service projects, and volunteer at Library events. This is a great opportunity to build up your resume and

obtain volunteer hours. Registration is required and is currently open. Pizza lunch provided. The group will also meet on December 7 and January 4 at 12:30 pm.

When school gets out early on **Thursday, November 7** join us for **DIY Holiday Cards & Crafts from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. Tweens and teens in grades 5 through 12 can get a jump on your holiday card making during this fun, hands-on program. Light snacks will be provided and registration is currently open.



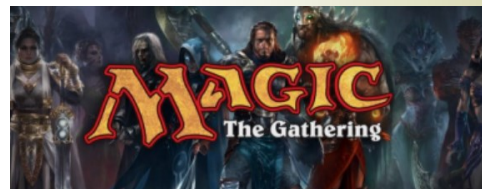
The Library's **Tween Book Club** returns on **Thursday, November 14 at 4:30 pm**. Students in grades 5 and 6 are invited to read the book and be prepared to answer trivia questions for a chance to win a prize. Enjoy a snack, and occasionally a craft or game related to the book. Stop by the Youth Reference Desk for a copy of this month's book: *The Matchstick Castle* by Keir Graff. Registration is currently open. This program continues into the winter with the next meeting on Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 pm when the group will discuss *Float* by Laura Martin. Registration for this meeting begins Thursday, November 14 when copies of the book will be available at the Youth Reference Desk.

Winter Wonderland Cupcake Wars comes to the Library on **Thursday, January 2 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**.



Tweens and teens in grades 5 through 12 are invited to battle other participants by designing the ultimate winter scene using cupcakes. Work

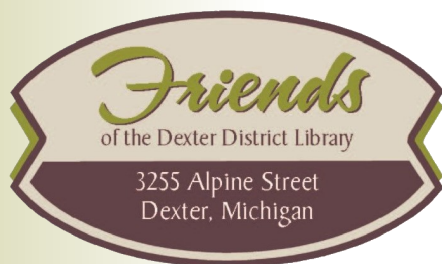
within some basic guidelines, a time limit and the provided supplies to design a scene for judging. Prizes will be awarded in three different categories. Registration begins Monday, December 2.



Join the Library and SRSly for more of the popular card/role playing game **Magic: The Gathering (MTG)**. Returning on **Friday, November 15 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**, tweens and teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for monthly MTG tournament-style games and pizza. Prizes are awarded to the top players. Registration is required and is currently open in the Teen Zone at the Library. This program is co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter and will also be held on Fridays, December 6 and January 24. Congratulations to our TAG (Teen Advisory



Group) members. The TAG group took on the project of making an entry for the Library in this year's Apple Daze Scarecrow Contest. The TAG entry ended up winning Runner-Up among over 20 entries. Their Pete the Scarecat, based on the popular children's books by James Dean was a hit with the judges. While the weather holds, Pete will be on display in front of the Library.



The Friends of the Library resumed their monthly Book Sales in October and continued the momentum from the Dexter Daze Sale in August. The October Book Sale netted the Friends \$1,784. That is quite a few items selling at 50¢ to \$1.00.

Thankfully, many people have been bringing in books to donate to the Library on a regular basis. The Friends of the Library book sorters are kept busy on a daily basis. Each time a volunteer comes in, the sorting cart is generally full, with additional overflow waiting on floors and counters.

The Friends also made a significant donation to the Library during the

month of September. The Friends transferred the \$3,700 gathered in memory of Marty Davis for the sculpture that was purchased to honor Marty's service. Additionally, the Friends donated the remaining \$1,100 to cover the cost of this purchase to the Library.

The Friends of the Library also want to make community members aware of the option to donate to the Friends through using Amazon Smile. This service allows all Amazon shoppers to specify a charity. Shoppers need to make sure to start at the smile.amazon.com page, rather than the generic Amazon page. Once logged on, the choice for selecting a charity can be found under the "Accounts & Lists" drop down menu to



the right of the search box. Through the "Your Amazon Smile" link. Qualifying purchases will generate a donation from Amazon to the Friends of the Dexter District Library. While the Library does not use Amazon extensively, purchases for the Library's collections and programming have generated \$20.05 to date.

Remember to mark your calendars for the big Holiday Book Sale on December 7. We have been saving many unique, gift quality books for your holiday shopping.

Upcoming Friends of the Library Book Sales: November 2 December 7 January 4



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Sponsored by the Friends of the Dexter District Library



On **Friday, November 8 at 6:30 pm** Friday Night Movie for Adults will view **Tolkien**, starring Nicholas Hoult and Lily Collins. As a young student, J.R.R.

Tolkien finds

love, friendship and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts. Rated PG-13, 112 minutes

Muffins-n-Movies returns on **Friday, November 15 at 2:00 pm** and will screen **The Hero** starring Sam Elliott and Nick Offerman. Lee Hayden is an aging Western icon with a golden voice, but his best performances are decades behind him. Rated R, 96 minutes



Wednesday, November 27 at 1:00 pm Family Movie & Popcorn will feature **Aladdin** A kind-hearted street urchin

and a power-hungry Grand Vizier vie for a magic lamp that has the power to make their deepest wishes come true. Rated PG, 128 minutes

Friday, December 13 at 6:30 pm, Friday Night Movie for Adults will view **The Bookshop**, starring Emily Mortimer and Bill Nighy. A free-spirited widow risks everything to open a bookshop in a conservative East Anglian coastal town and is forced to ask if there is a place for a bookshop in a town



that may not want one. Rated PG, 113 minutes

Muffins-n-Movies returns on **Friday, December 20 at 2:00 pm** with a showing of **A Street Cat Named Bob** starring Luke Treadaway in the moving true story of the unlikely friendship between a young homeless musician, a recovering drug addict and a stray cat named Bob who changed their lives. Rated (Not rated), 103 minutes

Movie & Popcorn for Kids returns during holiday break on **Monday, December 23 at 11:00 am** with a showing of **Toy Story**

4. When a new toy called "Forky" joins Woody and the gang, a road trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy. Rated G - 100 minutes



Programs for Adults

As the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, we tend to spend more time indoors. However, it is still great to get out, socialize and learn something new. Join us for a wide variety of adult programs we have planned at the Library this early winter.

On **Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm**, join us for **Cybersecurity and You: Effective Strategies for the Home Environment**. Explore the best practices for cybersecurity at home and the best practices to protect your home Internet environment. We will discuss antivirus software, responsible use, network security, mobile security and web filtering.



Presented by Shane Harsch, an information security professional with over 25 years of experience ranging from military to manufacturing to security consulting and professional services. This one-hour lecture and slideshow presentation will allow ample time for questions. Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

The Library's five part series on Alzheimer's and Dementia concludes on **Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00 pm** with **Envisioning a Dementia Friendly Community**. Sufferers with Alzheimer's disease and dementia can find it embarrassing when people get impatient at the store and frustrating when receiving difficult instructions. For people with dementia, it is a daily challenge to make their way in the community, with most living isolated with small family circles.



Cities nationwide are beginning to take simple, practical, low-cost steps to

embrace the "Dementia-Friendly Community" concept. In this presentation, learn what a dementia-friendly community looks like, how grocery stores, banks, recreation facilities, libraries and churches work to be more respectful of friends and neighbors living with dementia, and how to be helpful to them as they make their way in the community. Presented by Jim Mangi, PhD, in conjunction with the Washtenaw County Alzheimer's Association, this one-hour program will allow for discussion and questions. Registration suggested, but not mandatory. To register call the Library at 734-426-4477.

On **Wednesday, November 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** stop by the Library for a **Flu Shot Clinic**. Representatives from Walgreens Pharmacy will provide flu shots. No appointments are necessary. Be sure to bring your insurance information. The Pharmacy will process insurance on site and follow up with any billing. For those without insurance coverage who are under 65 the cost is \$40.99. For those 65+ who require the high-dose vaccine, the cost is \$69.99. The Clinic will take place in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Rooms.



The History and Legends of Finland come to the Library on **Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 pm**. Discover the sights and sounds of this 100-year-old republic. Begin the journey in Helsinki, home to 25 percent of Finland's population, and many universities (one dating back to 1640) and the country's center of high fashion and cultural institutions. Discover city and country life, religion, education, gov-

ernment and historic events. From arts and culture to a reindeer farm and the Northern Lights, discover this diverse country with Al and Dave Eicher of Program Source International, for this adventure in Finland. Register at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.



Understanding Owls comes to the Library on **Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 pm**. The Leslie Science and Nature Center will help you understand owls and their unique abilities. These owls will engage, delight, and educate you during a one-hour presentation discussing classification, conservation and survival techniques of these amazing birds. See live owls and discover what life is like for a nighttime predator. This program is approximately one hour with time for questions. Registration suggested, but not mandatory. To register visit the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, November 25 at 7:00 pm finds **Grieve Well During the Holidays** coming to the Library. In an ideal world, the holiday season is filled with family, friends, and festivities. However, in the real world the holidays can be a painful time for those who



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are grieving the loss of a loved one. Join us for helpful tips and activities for managing grief during the holidays. This workshop will be presented by GrieveWell and funded through the Dexter Community Fund, which is a permanent endowment dedicated to addressing community needs and enriching the quality of life in the Dexter community.

Classical Holiday Marimba Music comes to the Library on **Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm** featuring Paul Demick. The marimba is an instrument that resembles a xylophone. The bars on a xylophone are all the same size and are denser, giving off a sharper, more definite tone. The marimba's bars vary in length and are a bit softer, providing a warmer tone. Having studied the lives of composers, Demick's performances weave together music and stories about the songs and composers that



he is honoring. This special holiday performance will include classic holiday carols and the stories behind them. All are welcome to attend.

Estate Planning: Getting Started comes to the Library on **Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 pm**. Join Attorney Allison L. Stevens, from the HantzGroup to learn which documents you need, how to avoid probate, how to maximize your gifts to loved ones without estate taxes, the importance of having guardianship papers and power of attorney documents, when you should consider Estate Planning, and how to avoid common mistakes. This program is for educational purposes only. Registration suggested, but not mandatory.

The Library has plenty of space for new participants in two of our ongoing book clubs. These book clubs meet once a month and provide residents an opportunity to meet new friends in the community and partake in lively discussions about books and life. Participation is free and books are requested for

participants through our shared library catalog. Registration is required. Visit the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477 to sign up.

The **Somewhere in Time Book Club** will next meet on **Monday, November 11 at 7:00 pm**. This book club focuses on a wide variety of history and historical fiction. Recent reads have included *Smoke Jumpers* by Jason A. Ramos and *Guest of Honor* by Deborah Davis. The group will also meet on Monday, December 9 at 7:00 pm.

The **Better Off Read Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, November 21 at 1:00 pm**. This group discusses a wide variety of recent fiction and non-fiction titles. Recent books have included *Season of Water and Ice* by Donald Lystra and *The Maid's Version* by Daniel Woodrell. The group will also meet on Thursday, December 19.



For those using **Android Phones & Tablets**, we'll be offering sessions on **Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, November 21 at 10:00 am**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics. Please bring your own device so that you may practice on it.

Getting the Most out of Your Smart Phone will be offered on **Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, December 5 at 10:00 am**. Building on the introductory iPhone and Android classes, this class demonstrates more advanced topics like backing up your photos/videos, subscribing to podcasts, and using your app store to the fullest, including exposure to Library apps, how to buy apps without using a credit card, and some of our favorite apps.

Shopping Online: Tips & Security comes to the Library on **Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm** and again

on **Thursday, December 12 at 10:00 am**. Do you want to learn how to find the best deals online this holiday season? In this class, we will discuss deal-of-the-day web sites, money saving tools like CamelCamelCamel and Honey.

The Library offers **One-on-One Technology Help**. Register for an individualized, half-hour session to get help with specific topics. Times for this service include **Tuesday, November 26 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm** as well as **Tuesday, December 17 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Examples of potential topics include help with tablets, smart phones, downloadable Library content, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Windows, photo editing, social media, and basic computer usage. Bring your own device for practice. While we are eager to help you learn technology, please note that we will not be able to repair your device, remove spyware and viruses or perform installations and upgrades.

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Director's Corner by Paul McCann



For some time now, the Lynda.com online learning service has been owned by LinkedIn and been managed as a separate platform. Earlier in 2019, LinkedIn announced it would be migrating the content from Lynda.com to their LinkedIn branded service called LinkedIn Learning.

As part of the transition, the terms of service for library subscriptions would be changing. LinkedIn noted that customers accessing the LinkedIn Learning platform through public library subscriptions would need to create publicly viewable LinkedIn profiles in order to access the content. This new requirement goes against many principles



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of free access to information through public library services. While many more adept users of Lynda.com may already have LinkedIn profiles, many novice users may not and may not fully understand the level of personal information divulged to a for profit company as a requirement of accessing a public library service. Providing access to Lynda.com is an expensive service for the Dexter District Library. While the

content is rich, we did consider dropping our subscription because the new requirements are in direct conflict with the Michigan Library Privacy Act.

Over the summer, I was happy to lead an effort to bring together public libraries offering Lynda.com in Michigan to petition LinkedIn to reconsider their requirements. As a result, LinkedIn has put a 'global pause' on the migration of Lynda.com content to the LinkedIn Learning platform. While LinkedIn has not made any commitments for the future, we will be able to continue to provide access to the Lynda.com resources for the foreseeable future.

As mentioned on the front page, the Library will be discontinuing the Chilton auto repair manual database. It is unfortunate that we need to make this choice, but the overall use of the service has been extremely low and cannot justify the annual subscription cost.

Auto repair manuals have always been a difficult part of the collection. In years past, the print publications on hand never seemed to be the one a person needed. Now, with advanced vehicle technology, fewer people repair their own cars.

We are happy we can provide the alternative Auto Repair Source through the MeL database service.