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Dates to Remember:

January 11
KinderConcert

January 30
Community Read
Author Jose Antonio
Vargas at Washtenaw
Community College

February 1
Friends of the Library
Book Sale

The Library will be:
CLOSED
Monday, February 17
Sunday, April 12

Winter Story Times resume on **Monday, January 13**. Winter Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, January 13 and run until Thursday, March 5. 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. 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 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. Combined Toddler / Preschool Story Times are 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.



This winter, the Dexter District Library joins with the League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area to celebrate 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote. During the month of **February**, the Library will host "**Liberty Awakes in Washtenaw County**" a museum style display on the suffrage movement. The exhibit will be on display at the Library from February 5 through March 8.

On **Saturday, February 8 at 1:00 pm**, the Library will host a special screening of the movie **Suffragette**, starring Carey Mulligan, Meryl Streep and Helena Bonham Carter. In early 20th-century Britain, the growing suffragette movement forever changes the life of working wife and mother Maud Watts, who joins a diverse group of women to fight for equality and the right to vote. Rated PG-13, 106 minutes.

The Sociology of Clothing: Suffragettes

comes to the Library on **Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm**. Eastern Michigan University professor of costume design Melanie Schuessler Bond discusses the role fashion, beauty and modesty has historically played in society with a special focus on the suffragette movement.

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm finds **Women's Suffrage** coming to the Library. Michigan was one of the first to ratify the 19th Amendment. Join Susan Nenadic, author of "A Purse of her Own: Occupations of Nineteenth Century Women," "Legendary Locals of Ann Arbor" and former board member of the Washtenaw County Historical Society, for this presentation on the efforts of the women's suffrage movement on both a national and local level. More countywide events and information can be found at the League's celebration web site: <https://votesforwomen100.org/>

Children's Programs

The Library has some great summery themed programs planned to help you through these cold, dark days of winter. Whether you are looking for something to do when school is out or need to get out of the house on a snowy day, keep our calendar handy and check out what is happening at the Library.

Saturday, January 11 at 12:00 pm find the return of **KinderConcert** to the Library. Due to scheduling conflicts, **please note the time change** from previous events. Music comes alive at



KinderConcert, a 30-minute concert designed especially for children ages

five and under. Featured Symphony musician **Andrea Yun** will present the **Charming Cello** in January. No worries about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert – they'll dance and move while listening to the music. Then they'll be mesmerized by hearing a story being told with musical accompaniment. Members of the A²SO join movement specialist Gari Stein and pianist Kathryn Goodson for a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. Registration is not required.

Thursday, January 16 at 10:30 am finds a special **Drop-In Story Time at the Beach** coming to the Library. Celebrate summer in January with stories and songs about going to the beach followed by a simple craft. Recommended for ages 6 and under but everyone is welcome, summer attire is optional.

Monday, January 20 at 11:00 am finds **Animals of the Rain Forest**. Journey to the Rain Forest right here



in the Library to meet and learn about the animals that call it home. This is a

live animal presentation for ages 4 and up, registration is not required.

The Library will hold a **Drop-In Preschool Makerspace** on **Saturday, January 25 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. 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.

Saturday, February 15 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm will find **Frozen Drop-In Crafts for All Ages** at the Library. Join us for crafts inspired by the movies *Frozen* and *Frozen 2*. Registration is not required.



Make a **Mardi Gras Mask Craft** comes to the Library on **Tuesday, February 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**. Kids in grades K



through 4 are invited to drop by and celebrate Mardi Gras by creating their own party mask using feathers, sequins and colorful jewels. Registration

is not required.

The **Magic Carpet Theatre** visits the Library on **Saturday, February 29 at 11:00 am**. Children of all ages are invited to experience their favorite stories via live theater performances and audience participation. Enjoy "Where the Wild Things Are," "The Sneeches" and other children's books while



role-playing, creating sound effects and making rhythms along with the Magic Carpet performers. The focus of the Magic Carpet Theatre performance is to encourage children to use their imaginations so they will become better readers. The presentation is fast-paced with lots of humor and audience involvement. Performance begins promptly at 11:00 am, refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

On Monday, March 9, Spring Story Time Registration Begins.

Get lucky at the Library on **Friday, March 13 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** with our **Leprechaun Trap Program**. Kids in grades K through 4 are invited to listen to books about leprechauns and then design and build their own leprechaun trap. Registration begins Monday, February 10.



Our periodic **Drop-In Preschool Makerspace** returns on **Friday, March 20 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. 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.



Spring Story Times Begin on Monday, March 23. Registration is required and will open on March 9.

Recurring Children's Programs

The Library offers several children's programs on a recurring basis. Check out these book discussions and activities throughout the winter season.

The **First Tuesday Lego Club** will kick off the year on **Tuesday, January 7 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. Registration is not required. The Club will also meet on **Tuesday, February 4 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm** and again on **Tuesday, March 3 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm**.



The **Super Stories** book appreciation group for children in grades K through 2 will meet on **Thursday, January 9 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm**. This is a great stepping stone out of children's Story Times and into independent reading.

We'll share stories, have snacks and do activities. January's theme is "Superheroes."



Registration is required and is currently open. Registration for each succeeding session opens at the previous meeting. The group will continue to meet on **Thursday, February 6 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** when the theme will be "The Zoo" and again on **Thursday, March 12 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** when the group will discuss books about "Inventions."

The **All Star Readers** resumes meetings on **Thursday, January 16 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're reading "El Deafo" by Cece Bell. Registration is required and is currently open. Registration for future



events opens at the previous meeting. On **Thursday, February 13 at 4:30 pm**, the group will discuss "Nim's Island" by Wendy Orr. Registration is required and copies of the book will be available Thursday, January 16. In March, the group will meet on **Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 pm** to talk about "The 100-Year-Old-Secret" by Tracy Barrett. Registration is required and copies will be available beginning Thursday, February 13.

The Library's **Makerspace** returns on **Thursday, January 23 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. Registration is not required. This event will also be held on **Thursday, February 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, March 26 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm**.



Study Help with MeL



Have you ever found yourself at 7:00 pm on a Sunday night, remembering a report that is due on Monday morning? The Library's online resources are here to help you 24/7/365.

Working with the Library of Michigan, the Library's research section on our web site can point you to authoritative, full-text information to flesh out any homework project.

Through the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases, you can find a variety of information for any age level, elementary through adult.

A full list of available resources can be found by clicking on the MeL link or going to <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/mel>.

Here, you will find resources such as the Britannica School collection, which provides multiple databases for elementary, middle and high school age groups with encyclopedic type entries. The Ebscohost section contains full-text books and videos on a wide variety of non-fiction topics, geared to different age groups.

Middle Search Plus provides middle schoolers with access to magazines and reference books including thousands of biographies, primary source documents, over a million photos, maps and flags. Subjects covered include history, current events, science, sports and biog-

raphies. Newspaper Source Plus provides coverage from newspapers, news-wires, and news magazines. TV, radio transcripts, and ongoing daily updates from popular news sources are also included. Oposing Viewpoints In Context is an engaging online experience for those seeking contextual information and opinions on hundreds of today's hottest social issues.

Check out the "Research" section on our web site. Explore over 50 databases and keep a bookmark handy for those last minute school needs.

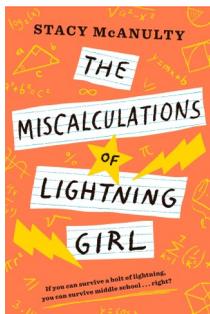
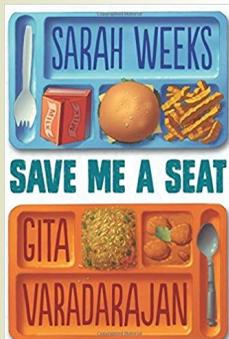
Programs for Tweens and Teens

Teens and tweens are invited to stop in for a variety of programs this winter. We continue many of our favorites. If you are looking for something to do when your homework is finished, think about stopping by the Library.

The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** resumes meetings on **Saturday, January 4 from 12:00 to 1:00 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. Pizza lunch will be provided. Registration is required and is currently open. Future meetings will take place on **Saturday, February 8 at 12:00 pm** and **Saturday, March 14 at 12:00 pm**. Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm.

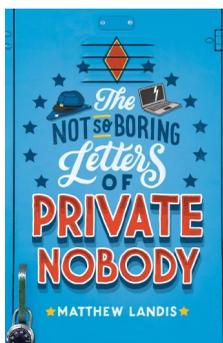


The **Tween Book Club** returns on **Thursday, January 23 at 4:30 pm**. Kids in grades 5 and 6 are invited to read the selected book and be prepared to answer trivia questions for a chance to win a prize. Enjoy a snack, and occasionally a craft or game related to the book. Stop by the Youth Reference Desk for a copy of January's book, **"Save Me A Seat"** by Sarah Weeks. Registration for the January meeting is currently

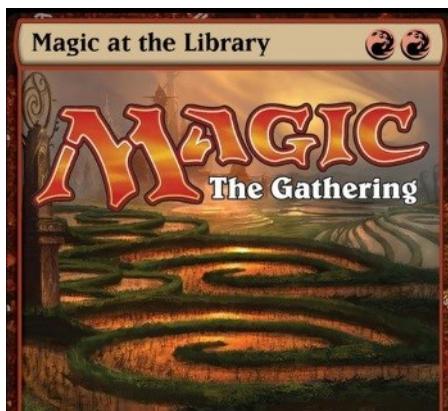


open. The club will also meet on **Thursday, February 13 at 4:30 pm**, when we will be discussing "The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl" by Stacy McAnulty. Registration begins Thursday, January 23 and cop-

ies of the book will be available on that date. The group will also meet on **Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 pm** to discuss "The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody" by M. Landis. Registration begins Thursday, February 13.



Magic: The Gathering (MTG) tournaments continue in the new year with the first event happening on **Friday, January 24 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for monthly MTG tournament-style games and pizza. Prizes awarded to top players. Everyone is welcome. Registration is required and is currently open. Co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter. The group will also meet on **Friday, February 21 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm** and **Friday, March 20 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**.



Friday, February 14 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm school is out early and the Library will host **DIY Heart-Shaped Hand Warmers & Chocolate**. Teens and tweens in grades 5 through 12 can keep toasty all winter

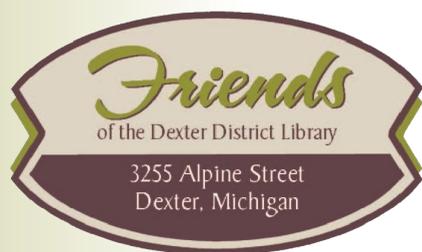


long with their own heart-shaped hand warmers. All materials will be provided including delicious chocolate snacks. Registration begins Monday, January 13.

We are sad to report Ukulele Club has come to a close. Due to dwindling attendance, we had to make the decision to end the Saturday morning programs. However, we still have ukuleles available for checkout in the Teen Zone. The kits come with one instrument, and instructional book, two CDs, a DVD and a tuner. This is everything you need to get started and have some fun on your own. Stop in and borrow a ukulele today.



The Tween and Teen Department is always looking for new ideas for programs and events that will attract young people to the Library. The Library maintains a suggestion box at the Circulation Desk and you are welcome to suggest ideas for new programs. We want to present things of interest to teens and tweens, so let us know your ideas.



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

On Tuesday, December 10, the Friends of the Dexter District Library held their Annual Meeting. Coffee and cookies were served, and 16 members attended. New officers were elected for 2020, and included Kevin Vrsek, President, Kantha Gardner, Vice President, Amy Jerome, Secretary and Mary Tobin, Treasurer. Volunteers continuing in their positions included Joelle Moroz, Membership Coordinator, Cortney Ophoff, Book Sale Chair and Jeanne Bradish, Publicity. The Friends are looking for new volunteers to step into the Membership Coordinator and

Publicity positions. Please contact us if you would like to get involved with a great group. We no longer have a fundraising chair, electing to focus on book sales for revenue until such time as additional fundraising is needed (but look below for another way to assist us with gaining more revenue.)

The Friends recognized outgoing President, Mary Westhof as our Volunteer of Year for her many years of hard work for our organization.

Mary Tobin, Treasurer, reported year to date book sale revenue for 2019 was \$15,267, up by 1% over 2018.

The Friends Board promoted the



smile.amazon.com service as another way anyone in the community can contribute. By selecting "the Friends of the Dexter District Library" as a preferred charity, Amazon account holders will see a percentage of purchases donated back to the Friends of the Library. Start at smile.amazon.com every time you make an Amazon purchase. This is such an easy, nifty way to add to the Friends revenue and help us support more Library projects.

Upcoming Friends of the Library Book Sales:

February 1
March 7
April 4



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Sponsored by the Friends of the Dexter District Library



The Friday Night Movie for Adults returns on **Friday, January 10 at 6:30 pm** with a screening of **The Peanut Butter Falcon**, starring Shia LaBeouf. After running away from a residential nursing home to pursue his dream of becoming a pro wrestler, a man who has Down Syndrome befriends an outlaw who becomes his coach and ally. Rated PG-13, 97 minutes

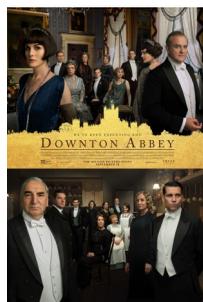


Friday, January 17 at 2:00 pm finds Muffins-N-Movies debuting **Judy**, starring Renee Zellweger as Judy Garland at the end of her career.

Rated PG-13, 118 minutes

Morning Movie for Preschoolers comes to the Library on **Friday, January 24 at 10:00 am** with a showing of **Babe** (1995). Babe, a pig raised by sheepdogs, learns to herd sheep with a little help from Farmer Hoggett. Rated G - 91 minutes

School is out early on **Friday, February 14 and at 1:00 pm** Movie & Popcorn for Kids will show **The Lion King** (2019) starring Donald Glover, Beyoncé and Seth Rogen. Rated PG - 118 minutes



Friday February 14, at 6:30 pm finds the Friday Night Movie for Adults showing **Downton Abbey**, the feature film starring Maggie Smith and Elizabeth McGovern. Come celebrate Valentine's Day catching up with the Crawley Family. Rated PG, 123 minutes

On **Friday, February 21 at 2:00 pm**, Muffins-n-Movies features **The Goldfinch**, starring Nicole Kidman and Oakes Fegley. Theodore Decker was 13 years old when his mother was killed in a bombing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The tragedy

changes the course of his life, sending him on a stirring odyssey of grief and guilt, reinvention and redemption. Rated R, 140 minutes

Friday, March 13 at 6:30 pm finds the Friday Night Movie for Adults screening **Yesterday**, starring Himesh Patel as the only person who remembers the Beatles in this alternate reality story. Rated PG-13, 116 minutes



School is closed on **Monday, March 30 and at 1:00 pm** Movie & Popcorn for Kids will feature **Frozen II**. Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient land to find the origin of



Elsa's powers.

Rated PG - 103 minutes

Programs for Adults

Join us at the Library for a variety of interesting and informative programs this winter. In addition to our general interest programs, the Library will be offering two series of special interest events in conjunction with the Washtenaw Reads community reading program and the Washtenaw County League of Women Voters 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. It will be cold outside, but you can stop in and warm up with these great events. To help us plan refreshments, please visit the Adult Reference Desk or call 734-426-4477 to register.

On **Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm**, join us for an exploration of the **Native American History of South Eastern Michigan**. This lecture and multi-media presentation surveys Michigan's Thumb region and its rich Native American History. Al and David Eicher worked with



the Ziibiwing Cultural Center in Mount Pleasant and other Michigan museums to develop this overview, spanning from early indigenous people of the Paleo era to the coming of the Anishanabe. This one-hour program will allow

time for audience questions.

Saturday January 11 at 9:30 am finds **Mindfulness Meditation** continuing at the Library. Join us on the second Saturday each month for an opportunity to practice mindfulness meditation in a community setting. Sessions are guided by experienced mindfulness practitioners, have no religious affiliation and are appropriate for beginners as well as experienced meditators. Brought to you by the Dexter Wellness Coalition and the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation.



Cooking with Alexandria Drzazgowski comes to the Library on **Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm**. The traditions, familial ties and history behind food

provide us with a beautiful window into the culture of a country and its people. At this program, Drzazgowski will be demonstrating Italian recipes for homemade fettuccini noodles, 3-ingredient tomato sauce, cacio e pepe (a cheesy pasta dish popular in Rome), and tiramisu. Drzazgowski's blog was nominated as Saveur Magazine's "Most Groundbreaking Voice" Award this year and can be found at <http://foreignfork.com>. Registration is required and space is limited.

The Library's next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be coming up on **Thursday, January 30 from 1:00 to 6:45 pm**. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code [dexterlibrary](http://dexterlibrary.org) to find our event and schedule your time.

Saturday, February 22 at 1:00 pm finds **Sailing into Oblivion** coming to the Library. Growing

up in Northern Michigan, Jerome Rand had a late start in the world of sailing. It wasn't until the age of 18 that sailing became his passion. Rand taught sailing on the small inland lakes and ventured into delivering yachts between the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. It wasn't long before the pieces of a long-held dream started to take shape, to sail solo and nonstop around the world. Hear about his preparations as well as the physical and mental tests of his 271-day journey around the world, which required perseverance and a bit of luck to see his small boat through some of the world's most dangerous seas. This discussion and multimedia presentation will be approximately one hour with time for questions. Families are welcome.



Introduction to Genetic Genealogy comes to the Library on **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm**. Join Mary Henderson, professional genetic genealogist with Genetic Genealogy Research,

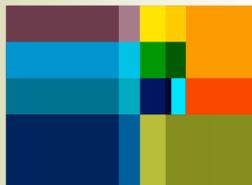
LLC as she presents an overview of this budding area of genealogical research. This program is geared towards people who have done DNA testing or are thinking about doing DNA testing and covers basic human genetics, the types of DNA tests available, the major DNA testing companies and how to interpret your DNA results. Mary Henderson has over 45 years of experience with traditional, document-based genealogy. Hear how to use genetic genealogy in conjunction with traditional genealogy research to help overcome dead ends encountered when tracing family trees. Henderson is Treasurer of the Genealogical Society of Washtenaw County. This program will last approximately one and a half hours with time for questions.

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm finds **Edible Gardening** coming to the Library. Growing fruits and vegetables is a great way to save money on your grocery bills and it's no secret that home-grown produce tastes so much better. Staff from English Gardens will give you some professional tips on how to get the most from your garden to enjoy at the table. This program is part one of a three-part gardening series. Part two will find **Attracting Pollinators** coming on April 15 at 7:00 pm and Part three will feature **Roses** on May 6 at 7:00 pm.

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue: New Directions in Celtic Harping comes to the Library on **Saturday March 14 at 1:30 pm** for the annual St. Patrick's Day



Concert with a twist. Harpist and singer Carol Kappus returns to the Library to present a look at Celtic Harping, past, present and future. Traditional tunes from Ireland, Scotland and Wales, flow with music by contemporary Celtic composers and wild new things performed on electric harps. Families are welcome.



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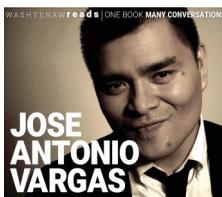
www.washtenawreads.org

In conjunction with the Washtenaw Reads community reading program, a number of events have been scheduled. Copies of this year's book "Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen" by Jose Antonio Vargas are currently available at the Library and the following events will happen this winter. All associated programs are open to everyone and reading the book is not required.

On **Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm**, the Library will host a showing of "**Documented: A Film by an Undocumented American.**" Following his 2011 essay published in the New York Times Magazine, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas outed himself as one of 11 million undocumented American immigrants. "Documented" follows the recently out Vargas as he travels the country, lending his voice to the cause of immigration reform and dealing with the media backlash of being undocumented

and working in America. There will be time after the viewing for an open discussion of the film and the community read book.

Author of the 2020 Washtenaw Reads selection, **Jose Antonio Vargas** will speak on **Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 pm**. Please note, this program will be held at **Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Auditorium**. In "Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen," Vargas begins by 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, howev-

er, required constructing an identity based on a series of lies in order to remain in the United States.

"Dear America" is not a political book, but a memoir that asks: "Who gets to exercise their rights as U.S. citizens, and why?"

Citizenship Through Naturalization comes to the Library on **Tuesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm**. The topics of legal and illegal immigration are top news items. Understand the process of how someone becomes a Naturalized United States Citizen from Frank Castria, Community Relations Officer with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Department as he explains how the immigration process works.

Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 pm join us for **Myths vs. Facts About Immigrants and Refugees**. Michigan is home to over 700,000 foreign-born residents. This program explores immigrant education levels, economic impact, crime and others. Presenter, Karen Phillippi, is the Director of New American Integration with the Office of Global Michigan.

Technology Classes

The Library offers a variety of basic introductions to technology and devices. If you would like to explore new technology or learn how to better use your current technology, try one of our upcoming programs. Registration is required for all technology classes. Call 734-426-4477 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

An overview of **Home Entertainment Systems** will be offered on **Tuesday, January 28 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, January 30 at 9:00 am**. It's the best time of the year to upgrade your TV. Attend this class to find out about the latest in TVs, speakers, cabling, and home entertainment systems in time to take advantage of the sales.

If you are looking to eliminate cable TV bills, check out **Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives** on **Tuesday, February 4 at**

6:00 pm and again on **Thursday, February 6 at 9:00 am**. Join us for a discussion of over the air antennas and live cable TV alternatives such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and AT&T TV Now. Streaming content libraries such as Netflix, Disney+ and Amazon Prime Video will also be covered as well as the Library's free Kanopy streaming video service.

Downloadable Library Content will be the topic on **Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm** and again on **Thursday, February 13 at 9:00 am**. Learn how to use our RB Digital, Download Destination (OverDrive), and hoopla services to access free downloadable content. Bring your own devices so that you can get help setting them up to start accessing our ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and more.

An introduction to **Canva.com** will show learners how to design free cards, posters and more on **Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 pm** and **Thursday, March 5 at 9:00 am**. Are you

looking for 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.

The Library also 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, January 21 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm** and again on **Tuesday, February 25 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



Recently, I answered a question posed by another library director about why we continue to produce a print newsletter. In this day and age, direct mail to our residents is the only way we can be assured that both library card holders as well as people who rarely use our services are aware of what the Library offers. All members in our community deserve to know what is available from this tax supported institution.

But the newsletter is just one touchstone. Production and mailing costs limit how often we can produce the print newsletter, so we encourage everyone to visit our web site on a regular basis. The web site can be found at www.dexter.lib.mi.us. We are always adding additional programs. Daily and monthly event calendars are available as well as spotlights on upcoming programs of interest. Our web site provides access to a wide variety of electronic content, including e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming music and movies and magazines. Of course, the Library's catalog of materials can be accessed through the web site as well as information from Library Board meetings.

Through the web site, residents can also sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and receive more regular information about events, Library issues and current best sellers directly.

We also celebrated several milestones at the Library this December. Both myself and our Circulation Supervisor, Mary Graulich celebrated 25 years as employees of the Dexter District Library. Additionally, Board members Jim LaVoie and Rosemary Quigley celebrated 25-year anniversaries as Library Trustees. Together we have come a long way with the Library and while we appreciate the recognition for our tenure, the success of the Library has been a total team effort. Thanks to all the staff members who have contributed their hard work and skills over these years, the many Trustees who have guided our efforts and a generous community, focused on education and learning, we have been able to create the wonderful Library we have and appreciate how far we have come.



Pictured L-R: Trustee Barbara Davenport, Board Vice President Shelly Vrsek, Director McCann, Supervisor Graulich, Board President Jim LaVoie, Trustee Rosemary Quigley and Board Treasurer Pat Cousins.