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Notices:

Please check our web site at www.dexter.lib.mi.us for continually updated information regarding Library services.

The Library's WiFi signal is on 24/7 and reaches most areas of our parking lot, the benches along Alpine and our terrace area in Mill Creek Park North.

The Library's drop boxes remain locked. Please keep all borrowed items at home for the duration of the current emergency. No overdue fines will be assessed during this time.

Friends of the Library Book Sales will be canceled until further notice.

The Library will not be accepting donations of books and other materials during this time.

The Library will remain CLOSED for the duration of the Statewide State of Emergency. Reopening will be dependent on future Statewide restrictions.

Greetings from the Library

While the Library building remains closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we hope you and your family remain healthy and well. The staff of the Library extend all good wishes for anyone affected by the Coronavirus and hope you have a speedy recovery.

During this unprecedented time, the Library has been required to dramatically change our operations. Currently, State guidelines do not allow the Library to make either its building or physical collections available for use. We are continually monitoring the situation and hope to resume lending as soon as it is both allowed and safe to do so. With conditions changing on a daily basis and new scientific information constantly emerging, it is difficult to predict a return to operations, but the Library will be closed through the end of April as of press time.

At present, our focus is on providing services electronically. The Library's website at www.dexter.lib.mi.us offers access to a wide variety of materials. In this brief newsletter, we will highlight the variety of services currently available to everyone in the community. Whether you have been a regular Library visitor or do not currently have a Library card, we are here to help you remotely. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy and look forward to seeing you at the Library in the near future.



The Library is adapting to the current "Stay Home, Stay Safe" orders and have recently instituted an online Library card application form. Whether you are a frequent Library patron, concerned that your Library card is going to expire, or have never registered for a Dexter District Library borrower's card, the Library has you covered.

If you would like to apply for a new Library card, go to the Dexter District Library web site at www.dexter.lib.mi.us

and follow the pull down menus Services > Adult Services. Click on 'Apply for a Library Card' in the list of services, fill in the required information, and click 'Send' at the bottom to submit the form. Once your request has been processed we will send you an email with your new card information so you can start using our online resources and electronic media from home. Your physical card will be delivered via U.S. Mail

along with other information about the Library.

All Dexter District Library cards that had recently expired or would be expiring soon have been extended, so you can continue using your card online until the Library re-opens.

Please note, online registration is limited to residents of our service area, which mirrors the Dexter Community School District. If you reside in another district, please check with your home library about getting a card.

Download Books and More at Home



Hoopla is one of the Library's digital lending products that anyone with a Dexter District Library card (starting with 29221)

can use Hoopla for free. Hoopla is home to more than 750,000 titles of eBooks, audiobooks, movies, television, music albums, and comic books. Many popular children's books have taken on new life and are now animated as well. The Library has raised its monthly borrowing limit for patrons to 15 titles per month. There are also more than 1,100 titles that can be borrowed without counting against the item limit. <https://www.hoopladigital.com/my/hoopla>

If you don't have a Library card that starts with 29221 - you can easily get it updated from home. <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/contact/request-a-library-card/>



TumbleBooks is a new resource offered by the Library. The TumbleBook Library is full of eBooks for elementary students. Children can follow along with the text as the stories are read aloud and accompanied by animation.

TumbleBooks also includes chapter books, nonfiction titles and graphic novels for older children. Some titles are also available in French and Spanish. Many books have quizzes available after the story to test comprehension. The site also provides access to TumbleMath, which has math-related books and lesson plans for kindergarten through sixth grade; a perfect resource to keep kids learning while at home.

TumbleBooks has resources for tween, teen, and adult readers. The site's Audiobook Cloud has titles available for all ages. Teen Book Cloud offers eBooks and audiobooks for middle and high school students, including some graphic novels and Romance Book Cloud is especially for adult readers, providing many romantic titles in electronic and audio formats.

Find links to all the TumbleBook offerings at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/spotlight/tumblebooks/>

RBDigital offers unlimited checkouts of both popular magazines and downloadable audio books for children, teens, and adults. When you create an account using your Library card, you will have instant access to thousands of choices via your computer, tablet, Kindle Fire device, or smartphone.

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hand. Anyone can request a phone call for help with electronic content. Go to the S.O.S life preserver Library's Contact page and click on "Request a Phone Call for Downloadables Help." Fill in the form to describe the problem, your Library card number, and the best time to call. A librarian will call you back to provide assistance. This service is available Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality and thoughtful entertainment, which may be just what you're looking for during your time at home. Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain. Library cardholders whose cards begin with 29221 can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://dexter.kanopy.com>. If you have one of our older Library cards that begins with 29082, you may request an updated card number using the Contact Us page of the Library website. Check out up to 15 titles (plays) per card, per month (temporarily increased from 10 per month for the COVID-19 closure period). The loan period is 72 hours (3 days). Enjoy the show!



The Library's Download Destination service offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks available for all ages, from children through adults. The biggest name authors and most popular titles will be found here. However, unlike hoopla and Kanopy, this service works more like a traditional library with only one user being able to access a copy at a single time. The service does allow for request queues.

The free Libby app provides access on mobile devices, is free and easy to install from your device's app store. Sign in, link your Dexter District Library card and you're ready to go. All digital content is free to borrow and books are automatically returned.



Online Learning Tools

A wide variety of learning tools can be found on the Library's Research Page at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/online-resources/>



Michigan eLibrary (MeL) is a robust collection of over 50 free, high-quality databases. It offers resources on a wide range of topics. The Ebsco ebooks and Explora sections provide leveled access to complete books, including textbooks, on many school subjects. Opposing Viewpoints in Context provides middle and high school students contextual views on hundreds of social issues. MeL databases also offer a Legal Information Reference Center. The Learning Express Library offers over 90 computer courses and Consumer Health Complete, which provides health and wellness information.

Lynda.com offers patrons a way to learn new professional skills while stuck at home and provides access to over 5,000 video instructional courses. Enhance your technology and coding skills, leadership and management style, marketing and

finance knowledge and more. Professional development is important, which is why Lynda.com provides a broad and deep library of on-demand videos, ranging from one hour to multi-part courses. Lessons are frequently updated to cover the latest in emerging technologies and up-to-date versions of software programs.



If you enjoy creating art or making crafts, Creativebug is the perfect resource to keep your hands active and your mind engaged. Offering unlimited access to thousands of video classes, taught by top designers and artists, Creativebug covers how to paint, draw, sew, knit, make jewelry, bake and even refinish furniture. Supply lists and downloadable patterns are provided. Work on projects at your own pace and skill level.



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Sat: 9 AM—5 PM
Sun: 1 PM—5 PM

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

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Additional Resources



Have you ever wanted to learn to speak a foreign language? The Library now offers Mango Languages. This online language

learning resource teaches practical conversation skills for real communication. More than 70 languages are offered through self-paced audio lessons that you can access via your desktop computer, tablet or smart phone via the Mango app. The lessons are quick, humorous, and intuitive. Additionally, Mango Movies provide feature-length films in the most popular languages to help provide cultural insights while building grammar and vocabulary.

Ancestry.com is now available for use at home. Do you have a genealogy project that you are working on or want to start? Due to the COVID-19 closure, we are now able to provide home access to the largest family history site online, with over



four billion names in historical records. Remote access is currently offered through April 30, 2020 and may be extended. The site's Quick Links feature will help you find the exact record you are looking for. In addition to its general genealogy resources, Ancestry.com also offers K-12 Student Resources about family history. All you need is your Library card number and PIN to access Ancestry's Collection of Genealogy, Family Trees and Family History Records.

Staff Picks for When You Are Stuck at Home is a new section on our website at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/spotlight/staff-picks/>. If you are wondering what to read or watch next, check out this page to see the movies, television shows, eBooks, audiobooks, or graphic novels staff members have enjoyed. The "picks" are from the variety of electronic content, which can be downloaded from Kanopy, Hoopla, RB Digital, Tumblebooks, or Download Destination and enjoyed at home. With suggestions from over 12 librarians, all with different tastes and interests, you're sure to find something you'll enjoy.

