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Notices:

Please check our website at www.dexter.lib.mi.us for updates on Library hours, services and virtual programs.

Don't have a Library card? Apply online at: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/librarycard>



Friends of the Library Book Sales are canceled until further notice.

The Library will not be accepting donations of books and other materials until Friends Sales resume.

The Library will be closed for the holidays, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 2021. Both inside access and curbside service will not be available these dates.

Service Updates - Covid-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is like nothing we have experienced in our lifetimes and grappling with the constantly changing State requirements, recommendations and monitoring local viral spread is a constant challenge. The most up-to-date information regarding the Library can be found on our website at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/coronavirus/>. Our services are subject to change based on MDHHS, Washtenaw County Health Department or MIOSHA requirements. As of press time, the Library has closed the building for public access and is providing curbside service. We expect this status to last through the December 8 expiration of State recommendations. Please continue to place holds and call the Library for assistance in obtaining materials. During the last few months, a number of questions have arisen and we'll address some here. **Are you still doing curbside pickup for materials? - Yes -** We will continue curbside service for the foreseeable future. This helps both members of the

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Winter Reading Program



This Winter, the Library is offering a Winter Reading Challenge: **Hot Reads for Cold Nights: Award Winning Books**. To make it easier for everyone to participate in a way that helps maintain the safety and health of our community we will be using our Beanstack online reading tracker. Participants can also pick up a paper reading record at the Library. This year's Winter Reading Challenge kicks off on January 1, 2021 and continues through February 28. The program is for adults and teens ages 12 and up and will feature this year's Washtenaw Reads selection, "All American Boys" by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely.

Registration is quick and easy on the Beanstack platform at <https://dexter.beanstack.org>. Summer Reading participants can log in to existing Beanstack accounts and select the Winter Reading Challenge.

For those choosing to participate offline, you can register by calling the Library at 734-426-4477.

Beanstack is a free online service that offers an innovative new way to connect readers with books and activities to match interests, ages and reading levels. Beanstack provides activity logging, badges and registration for all members of the family under one account. You can also log reading and complete activities using Beanstack for Android or iOS.

Youth and Family Activities and Events

The Library's virtual programming continues through the winter. In lieu of offering in-person activities, staff have arranged a number of online and take-home activities for children. Check registration requirements below.

Holiday Decorations Craft Kits for children in grades K to 5 will be available for pickup **Thursday, December 10 to Wednesday, December 16**. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver a kit. Registration is required on our website beginning Monday, November 23.

The Library will offer **Winter Break Activity Bags** from **Saturday, December 19 to Saturday, January 2**. Kids of all ages are invited to pick up a bag full of fun crafts and activities to keep them busy during winter break. Bags will be available while supplies last and registration is not required.

Retro Crafts Kits will be available from **Thursday, January 7 to Wednesday, January 13**. Students in grades K through 5 can pick up these activity packs. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them or (hopefully) pick them up inside. Registration is required on our website beginning Monday, December 21.

From **Thursday, February 4 through Wednesday, February 10, February Craft Kits** will be available. Students in grades K through 5 can pick up another selection of at-home activities. Registration is required on our website beginning January 18.

The **All Star Readers Book Club** returns via Zoom on **Thursday, December 17**. All Star Readers is for grades 3 and 4. Registration is required and is currently open. December's book will be *Stargazing* by Jen Wang. Books are available for pick up when you register. All Star Readers will continue into the new year with the next meeting on Thursday, January 21 at 4:30 pm.

Preschool Super Stories will meet bi-weekly, beginning **Thursday, January 14 at 11:00 am**. Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms. Krista this winter on our Facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. Ms. Krista will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book.

Club Create will meet bi-weekly on **Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, January 20 to March 3**. Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on Facebook when Ms. Krista will share fun challenges, activities and craft ideas to try at home. She will also highlight a few new chapter books and readers. Everyone is welcome.

Richard Paul's Ho Ho Holiday Show will be offered on **Friday, December 18 at 11:00 am**. Comedy, music, puppets and some holiday magic for the entire family. Registration is required on our website and everyone is welcome to attend.



Wednesday, December 30 at 11:00 am finds **Winter Music with "The Music Lady"** coming to the Library's virtual meeting



room. Bev Meyer "The Music Lady" presents a family fun hour of music, dancing and sing-alongs. Join us on Zoom as we celebrate the winter months. Registration is available on the Library website.

storytime

Join us on **Tuesday, December 15 at 10:30 am** for a special **Winter/Holiday Story Time** as Ms. Krista presents a fun morning of picture books, flannel-board stories, songs, finger plays and other activities celebrating winter and holidays. Geared for ages six and under.

Our regular **Virtual Winter Story Times** resume every **Tuesday at 10:30 am, January 5 to March 2**. Winter Story Times are geared for ages five and under. Be sure to check out past episodes in the videos section of our Facebook page.

Fun for Tweens and Teens



This year's **Washtenaw Reads** community reading program is **All American Boys**, written by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely. In this Coretta Scott King Honor Award-winning novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension. Complimentary copies of the book will be available at the Library. County-wide events can be found at <https://aadl.org/washtenawreads>. All American Boys will also be the feature title for the Library's Winter Reading Program (see below.)

The Library's **Winter Reading Challenge—Hot Reads for Cold Nights: Award Winners** runs January 1 through February 28. Tweens and Teens can sign up on the Library's Beanstack reading log platform at dexter.beanstack.org. Complete challenges for chances to win prizes. Paper reading records will also be available at the Library.

The Library will host a **Winter Photo Contest for Teens, January 1 through 24**. Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit a photo for a chance to win a gift card. Photos will be judged in three categories: Winter, Dexter and Family/Friends. Entrants are limited to one picture in each category. Complete contest details will be emailed to registered participants. Photographs will be displayed on the Library's Teen Services webpage and (depending on the virus) in the Library's Teen Zone. Winners will be announced on January 28.

The Library will offer a **DIY Paint with Tissue Paper** program this winter. Tweens and Teens in grades 6 through 12 can get creative with this fun painting project. Everything you need will be included in your bag for pickup, including supplies, instructions and YouTube links for inspiration. Registration starts **Monday, January 4**. Participants may pickup supplies between **January 20 through 31**. Instructions for picking up a craft bag will be emailed to registered participants. Participants can submit photos of their completed works and the Library will create a virtual art gallery to recognize these creations.



Learn to **DIY Shaker Cards Using Cricut®** on **Saturday, December 12 at 11:00 am**. Join us on Zoom and follow along as Mollie teaches you how to use your Cricut® machine to make a fun shaker card. Geared for grades 5 through adult and registration is available on the Library website.



The Library will host a general **Cricut® for Beginners** class on **Saturday, January 30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Due to overwhelming demand, we'll reprise this popular virtual program and talk about the basic use of Cricut® machines. We'll also discuss the best tools, materials and demonstrate projects. This program is recommended for grades 6 through adults, registration is required and Zoom details will be emailed prior to the program.



Let's Make Tamales! on **Monday, December 28 at 2:00 pm**. "Fresh Food is Fun" comes to the Library's Zoom meeting room to demonstrate tamale preparation and techniques. Geared for grades 4 through adult but everyone

is welcome. Registration is required on our website.

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Events for Adults

January 21, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Writer Workshop: Truth in Writing. Truth in writing is a tricky thing. How personal is an author's writing? How much truth is necessary to build authenticity? Explore these questions and more with Michelle Tuplin, freelance writer and owner of Serendipity Books in Chelsea. This is a two-part workshop, appropriate for beginners and seasoned nonfiction and fiction writers. Part I will be a presentation and discussion. Before Part II, writers will submit a short writing sample and Michelle Tuplin will select a few samples to critique as well as give general writing pointers. **Register for either of these 2-part sessions: Session A: Thursdays, January 21 and February 25 at 7:00 pm - OR - Session B: Tuesdays, January 26 and February 16 at 7:00 pm.** Registration is available on the Library's website at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> or by calling the Library at 734-426-4477.



The Library will offer a new program **Reel Talk: a Movie Discussion Group** Beginning **Monday, January 4 at 7:00 pm.** Do you love movies? Looking for something to talk about over the cold winter?

Join us for the winter film discussion group. Watch films through the Library's Kanopy streaming service and share your impressions with others. We will kick off the series with the 2017 film **Collette**, a dramatization of the life of the famous author, starring Keira Knightly. Each session a different film will be selected: mystery, adventure, classic, comedy or documentary. Additional meetings will be held on January 14, 18 and 28 as well as February 1, 11 and 25. Reel Talk provides the opportunity to explore diverse and complex films. Due to adult content and mature themes, viewer and participant discretion is advised. Registration required to participate in discussions. **Register on the Library's events calendar or call the Library at 734-426-4477.** Once registered you will receive a link for a Zoom meeting. See the Library's events calendar for the list of movies, dates and times.

Programs for Foodies

On **Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 pm**, the Library will offer **Baking for the Holidays: Pies, Quick Breads and Sweet & Savory Treats.** Make the most of pumpkins, cranberries, pecans, spices, and all of our favorite ingredients as well as healthier, more delicious versions of classics, like apple pie, pumpkin bread and cornbread. Techniques, ingredients, and ways to become a more confident baker will be discussed. Join author Lisa Howard for this live virtual Zoom event. Register online at: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/baking-for-the-holidays-pies-quick-breads-and-sweet-savory-treats/> or call the Library at 734-426-4477. All are welcome to attend.

January 14, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – Healthy Oils and Fats: How to Choose, Use and Enjoy Them - Curious about coconut oil? Wondering what's up with flax seed? Thinking about trying ghee? Unrefined oils and fats offer a wealth of flavors and culinary uses. Join author Lisa Howard to learn all about oils and fats, from their health implications to cooking with them and how to decipher their labels. Visit our website events calendar to register for this live, virtual event.

Join us on **Tuesday, February 2 at 7:00 pm** for **Coney Detroit**, a look at the history of the Coney Island hot dog. In Coney Detroit, authors Katherine Yung and Joe Grimm investigate all aspects of the beloved regional delicacy, created by Greek immigrants in the early 1900s. Learn about the traditions, rivalries, and differences between the restaurants, some even located right next door to each other. Registration is required and log on links will be sent to registrants. Visit our events calendar to register: dexter.lib.mi.us/events/

Intro to Ancestry.com returns on **Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm**. Join us for a virtual tour of the Library's Ancestry.com service live on Zoom. Beginners' topics covered will include creating a family tree, creating a timeline, and searching tips for Ancestry.com. Free home access to Ancestry is currently slated to expire December 31, 2020 but may be extended.

Discover the Library's **Downloadable Content on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 pm**. Are you a beginner with our digital content services such as hoopla, Download Destination, or Kanopy? Learn how to navigate our collections, how to install the appropriate apps and gain access to thousands of free digital titles with your Dexter District Library borrower's card.

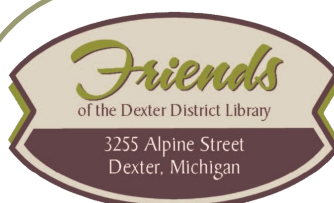
Are you tired of paying top dollar for underwhelming cable TV service? Join us **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm** for **Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives**, a live Zoom discussion of over the air antennas and live, cable TV alternatives such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and AT&T TV Now. Streaming content such as Netflix, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video will also be covered as well as the Library's free Kanopy streaming video service.



Lynda.com is becoming LinkedIn Learning

Lynda becomes LinkedIn Learning this December. LinkedIn Learning will have all the tutorial videos on technology topics but also offer new courses. Use your Dexter District Library card beginning with 29221 to access LinkedIn Learning to keep up to date with technology, build career skills, explore hundreds of topics in management, and marketing, gain multimedia, web development, and social media skills and get immediate answers to career questions.

Join us for a discussion of **Race, Police Oversight, and Social Justice: Where Do We Go from Here?** on **Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm**. The death of George Floyd, beating of Floyd Dent in Inkster, and others have sparked a national movement for policing reforms. These events also increased the desire to understand problems with policing, unequal treatment, and how citizens can influence change. This presentation by Dr. Barbara Patrick discusses police oversight policies and disparity in treatment for African Americans and other citizens and ongoing efforts to promote reforms. Dr. Patrick has a PhD. in public policy and is the Director of Community Outreach for the Eastern Michigan University Department of Graduate Public Administration Program. This program is part of the 2021 Washtenaw Reads program. Visit our events webpage at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/ and register for this Zoom, virtual program.



Are you wondering about the date of the next Friends Book Sales or when books can be donated? Unfortunately, so are we. Since the pandemic is keeping us socially distanced and avoiding crowds,

book sales and book donations are canceled until further notice. Limited storage space prevents accepting donations or conducting book sales. We are sorry about this inconvenience and hope to get back to business as usual as soon as possible.

There is something you can do right now. Sign up to be a Friend of the Library on the Dexter District Library's webpage on the Friends tab. Before book sales resume a large number of people will be needed to sort books, set-up, work and break-down the sale. Friends choose how they want to participate, how much they want to participate and there isn't a membership fee. We aren't sure when volunteer activities will resume but when the time is right we will need lots of helping hands. Go to the Library's webpage and click on the Friends tab to join today.

Mark your calendars for the Friends of the Library Annual meeting, Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm. This year, the meeting will take place virtually via Zoom. Please visit the Library's events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> to find the meeting link. Meanwhile, we thank you for your patience. Remember to visit the Library virtually and in person, continue to collect books to donate and please become a Friend.

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Mon-Fri: 9 AM—9 PM
Sat: 9 AM—5 PM
Sun: 1 PM—5 PM



Vision:

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

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public, who may feel uncomfortable entering places of business, receive service as well as the staff, who will come into contact with fewer individuals.

Are you accepting book donations?

- **No** - Unfortunately, the Library will not be able to accept donated materials until such time as the Friends Book Sales resume. No date has been set for resumption of Book Sales. The volume of donations would overwhelm our storage capacity without outflow from Book Sales.

What do I need to do to renew my Library card? - If you have recently registered for a card via our online application, we will continue to extend these registrations on a monthly basis. Long-time cardholders who have received an expiration notice may call (734) 426-4477 to update information and extend registration for another three years.

When will story times start again? - The Library is offering virtual story times through our Facebook page and this will continue for the foreseeable future. Due to the popularity, available space in the Library and ongoing social distancing advisories,

it is not currently feasible for the Library to present any in-person programming. We will continue to monitor recommendations for gathering restrictions and make decisions on a seasonal basis. At present, Virtual Story Times will continue through the end of March, 2021.

Are you doing any programs at all now? - As with Story Times, all our programs are virtual. The Library offers a number of book discussions, presenter and performer events, computer classes and children's programs through virtual platforms such as Zoom and Facebook Live. Please see our full events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> for a complete list of events.

Can we use the computers? - **Depends** - Our computer resources will be available when the building is open for public access. We are continually providing free curbside printing, faxing and copying, subject to daily limits. We also offer short-loan laptops for use outside the Library while the building is closed.