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NOTICES

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

Registration is required for all in-person fall programs. All members of each group must be registered.

For fall programs, please look for the following icons to determine whether a program will be presented in-person at the Library:



or will be a remote presentation, accessible online:



VIRTUAL EVENT

Fall programs are subject to change between in-person and virtual events. Please check our events calendar frequently for the most up-to-date information at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/

Service Updates - Covid-19

This fall, the Library hopes to continue to return to a greater sense of normalcy through further restoration of services. Our big step will be the return to in-person programming. The planning window for events is long and began in late spring when the viral spread was low. The Library will continue to monitor public health conditions and programs may revert to virtual, should the need arise.

For fall programs, all attendees must be registered. Guests and walk-ins will not be admitted. Registration will be available on an event by event basis through our web site at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/>. Registration is a necessary precaution in order to ensure adequate social distancing. In order to make the events as widely available as possible, the Library is working with presenters and, when possible, will

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In-Person Story Time Returns

In-Person Fall Story Times return to the Library. **Registration for Fall Story Times begins Friday, September 10.** Fall Story Times for toddlers and preschoolers will start on Monday, September 27 and run until Thursday, November 18. Children 18 months to 5 years of age may sign up for one story time session. Story Times are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Children under 18 months may attend, however books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Fall Story Times for children include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading. Each session lasts

approximately 30 minutes.

Registration is required, parents or caregivers of children

may register on our website through our calendar of events or by calling 734-426-4477. Space is limited due to social distancing. Families must be registered and drop-ins will not be seated until pandemic conditions show significant improvement.

The Library will also continue to offer one Virtual Story Time each week. Join us on Facebook Live Wednesdays at 10:30 am when Ms. Krista will be singing familiar songs, telling stories, and demonstrating fun action rhymes each week.



Youth and Family Activities and Events



Saturday, September 18 finds the movement program **Bob-a-loo** coming to the Library. Children

five and younger can gallop like a giraffe, balance on one foot like a flamingo, sprint across the African savannah like a cheetah and jump in with Bob-a-loo. This preschool movement-based learning program teaches children to build heart & body strength and learn how good it feels to eat healthy. This is an outside event, held in person at the Library. There will be two sessions for this program. Session 1 will take place from 9:30-10:15 am and session 2 will be from 10:30-11:15 am. Check in begins 15 minutes before each program. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website.



Dancer's Edge: Music & Movement returns on **Friday, October 8 at 10:00 am**.

Children ages 3 and up, along with their caregiver, are invited to participate in a special dance class with Jennifer Smith of Dancer's Edge. Filled with music, playful interaction and movement, this class is designed for the youngest dancers. Get ready to wiggle, jump and move to music, props and



fun. Space is limited. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website.



Mad Science: Spy Academy

comes to the Library for two sessions on **Saturday, September 25**.

Session 1 will be held at 10:00 am and Session 2 will be at 11:30 am. Look out 007, the Mad Science Spy Academy is in session. Become a Mad Science secret spy and take a fascinating journey into the world of detection, forensics and classified information. Learn code language to send secret messages as part of your mission. Children will make their own Secret Code Breaker™ to communicate stealthily at home, like real spies.



This program is for children in grades K through 5. Space is limited. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website.



The Library will offer a **Virtual Cooking Program for Kids** on **Friday, November 12 at 4:30 pm**. Get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving from the comfort of your own home. During this hour-long class, students in kindergarten through grade 3 will learn how to create a seasonal and delicious holiday dessert to include in your Thanksgiving festivities. Chef Jyl Nolan from A Curious Kitchen will help you as we prepare, mix, measure and create a beautiful dish together. Please join us for this holiday fun, and get a jump start on your menu planning. Parents will be needed to assist with some tasks in the kitchen. Families will receive the recipe and ingredients list one week prior to the class. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website. Registration deadline is Friday, November 5. A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants before November 12.



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The Library will offer **Elephant & Piggie Craft & Activity Bags, Monday, September 20 – Sunday, September 26**.

These take and make crafts are for kids of all ages. No registration required and kits will be available while supplies last. There is a limit of five kits per family. Kits can be picked up at the Youth Services Desk.

The Library will offer two drawing workshops on **Wednesday, October 13**. Just in time for Halloween, follow along with artist Keith McGuire as he shares tips on how to draw a variety of Halloween themed creatures. Children in grades 1 through 3 will learn to draw **Not-So-Scary Creatures** from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Children in grades 4 through 8 will learn to **Draw Scary Creatures** from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Space is limited. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website.



Beginning this fall, we have added a new book club for kids and made the age ranges smaller for each group. Find

the best fit for your young reader below. Clubs meet monthly. Check the Library's events calendar for additional fall dates.

Super Stories Book Club for Young Fives and Kindergarteners resumes **Thursday, September 9 at 4:30**. This is a half-hour story and craft program is geared for kids transitioning out of story time. September's theme will be "Dragons." Each month Ms. Krista will read books related to a theme and then the kids will make a theme related craft. **Registration is required** and is currently open.

Club Create Book Club is a 45-minute, independent book club for first and second graders held in person at the Library on **Thursday, September 16 at 4:30 pm**. Ms. Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. **Registration is required** and is currently open.

All Star Readers Book Club for children in third and fourth grades returns on **Thursday, September 23, 4:30 pm**. Play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss during this one-hour program. Books will be available to pick up at the library after you register. **Registration is required** and is currently open. September's selection is "Dragonbreath" by Ursula Vernon.

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Fun for Teens and Tweens



Magic: The Gathering resumes on **Friday, September 17 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm**. Students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us monthly for MTG tournament-style play on Friday evenings. Prizes will be awarded to the top players each week.

Knowledge of game play and rules is encouraged. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. This event is co-sponsored with SRSLY Dexter. Registration is required and is currently open. Visit the Library's events calendar to register.



Applying to College: Where Do I Begin?

comes to the Library on **Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 pm**. Learn all about applying to



college using the Common Application with Elizabeth Levy, founder of "Essay Help for Colleges." Ms. Levy will present tips on what makes a great personal essay and how to craft one that reflects your own uniqueness with clarity, purpose and confidence. Time will be available

at the end of the presentation for participants' questions. Learn more about Ms. Levy at <https://essayhelpforcolleges.com/> Registration is required and is currently open.



The Library's **Tween Book Club for Grades 5 & 6** returns on **Tuesday, September 28 at 4:30 pm**. This hour-long program will meet once a month and will include icebreakers, discussion of a book and a related craft or activity. September's title will be "The Unteachables" by Gordon Korman. Registration is required and is currently open. Registered participants may pick up a complimentary copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk. Books for the October meeting and registration open on September 28.

Essay Help FOR COLLEGES



Continue to get a jump on the college application process when the Library presents **Crafting Your College Essay on Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 pm**. Elizabeth Levy, founder of *Essay Help for Colleges*, returns with more tips on applying to college using the Common Application along with information on what makes a great personal essay. Time will be available for participants' questions. This program is geared for both teens and adults. Registration is required and will open on October 18. Space will be limited for social distancing.



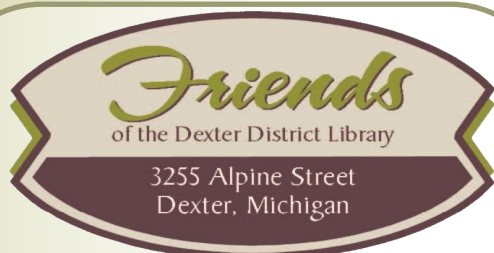
The Library is very happy to welcome Ms. Mollie as our new Tween and Teen Programming Librarian. You may recognize Ms. Mollie from her work at the Youth Services Desk. She has been with the Library for four years and the promotion will definitely allow her to flex her creative muscles. She has been instrumental in designing many of the decorations throughout the Youth Department and has run several sessions of the Library's 'Learn to use Cricut' programs. Mollie is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Information with a specialization in School Library Media.



Ms. Diane will still be with the Library as she will be transferring to our Adult Services Department.

Help the Library continue In-Person Programs

- ◆ Register ahead of time
- ◆ Register each individual member of your party
- ◆ Wear a face covering during programs
- ◆ Social distancing will require limited capacities and walk-ins cannot be seated



The Friends of the Library plan to resume their monthly Book Sales beginning Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and continue on the first Saturday of each month. Depending on pandemic conditions, occupancy limits and other protective measures may be required. The October Sale will be a clearance sale to help reduce inventory. **The Friends will resume accepting donations of used books beginning the week of October 4.** Depending on the volume of donations, appointments for drop-off may be necessary and the Friends may need to limit the amount of material donated at one time. We appreciate patience from the community. The Friends of the Library is fully staffed and managed through volunteer effort. Due to the variable nature of the pandemic and the longer lead times needed to secure willing volunteers, the Friends have faced a number of challenges to restarting this activity. We look forward to seeing you this fall.



This fall, our technology classes will be held in person in the second floor computer lab. Registration is required and COVID-19 mitigation measures may be required, including wearing face coverings for the duration of the class. Visit our online events calendar, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

Microsoft Excel Part 1

Tuesday, September 28 at 9:00 am

Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 pm

Learn how to create workbook files using Excel 2019. Discover how to organize data more efficiently using spreadsheets and how to set up a workbook to meet your informational needs. Practice different ways to duplicate, move, and edit data. Students are highly encouraged to take part 1 before taking part 2.

Microsoft Excel Part 2

Tuesday, October 12 at 9:00 am

Thursday, October 14 at 6:00 pm

Building off the skills learned in part 1, this class will teach you to use tools such as mail merge, pivot tables, conditional formatting and filtering as well as how to use macros to automate repetitive tasks.

Paint.NET

Tuesday, November 16 at 9:00 am

Thursday, November 18 at 6:00 pm

Paint.NET is a free, powerful and easy to use alternative to Photoshop for Microsoft operating systems. Learn how to use Paint.NET for cropping, layering, transparencies, color correction, file types, and file/folder organization. Sample photos will be provided for practice.

Canva.com – Design Free Cards, Posters, and More

Tuesday, November 30 at 9:00 am

Thursday, December 2 at 6:00 pm

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.



Events for Adults

The Library hopes to continue to move forward with program restoration this fall. Gathering individuals from different households to meet in an indoor environment is not without risk. In order to provide the safest experience possible, **registration will be required for all in-person events** to maintain social distancing. Walk-ins will not be seated and face coverings will be required. Programs may need to shift to virtual presentation if the spread of COVID-19 worsens. Please check the Library's events page frequently for updates regarding individual programs. Staff will confirm events with registered participants in advance of each program.

For all programs, register online at the Library's events calendar at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/ and look for the individual event. You may also call the Library at 734-426-4477 or stop by the Adult Services Desk on the second floor. For virtual programs, participants will receive log in credentials before each event.

Can time fly? Can you turn back the hands of time? Can you kill time? Find out on **Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm** when the Library presents **How Soon is Now?** Join Dustin Pari as he examines the concept of time, challenges our understandings of the passing days, and questions the way we measure our lives. Pari appears on SyFy television's *Ghost Hunters*, *Ghost Hunters International*, and has had appearances on *Destination Truth* and *Ghost Nation*.



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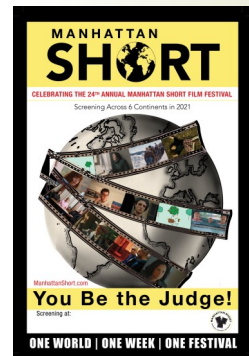


Join us on **Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm** when **Resources for Genealogical Research in Foreign Countries** comes to the Library. Once you've discovered your immigrant ancestor's home country, how will you go about finding documents generated in the old country and how will you research generations further back? Katherine R. Willson will discuss available resources for beginning your research in foreign countries, including how to locate foreign language genealogy terms and online maps providing contextual information on shifting country borders.



The **MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival 2021** returns for in-person showings on **September 26 at 1:30 pm, September 30 at 6:00 pm and October 3 at 1:30 pm**. Over 100,000 film lovers in over 250 cities across six continents gather in cinemas, museums, libraries and universities for one purpose...to view and vote on the finalist films in the 24th Annual MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival. Attendees receive a voting card and an official program before viewing nine short films. After viewing, participants will vote for the one film and actor they feel should win. Votes are tallied by each host venue then emailed to MANHATTAN

SHORT Film Festival's NYC headquarters. All films selected will be eligible for an Oscar nomination. Many past finalists have been nominated for an Oscar; *SHOK* and *Bear Story* from 2015, to name just two. This program is for adults. These films have not been rated.



Let's Go Birding on **Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 pm**. A follow-up to Greg Bodker's 'Bird Watching & Birding' program, this event shows the tools needed for birding in the field and how to get the most out of your field guide. Learn about binocular selections, field guides, bird songs, birding apps and more. Greg Bodker has been a serious birder since 2006, and has led birding trips for the Michigan Audubon Society.



VIRTUAL EVENT



On **Monday, September 27 at 6:30 pm** the program **Not Swamp Gas: The Story of the 1966 Michigan "Swamp Gas" UFO** comes to the Library. In March of 1966 something mysterious was seen in the night sky over Dexter and Hillsdale, Michigan. Dexter residents described floating discs in the night sky. Author Ray Szymanski will cover the testimony and records he analyzed to support his belief aliens flew a UFO over Dexter. There will be an author signing starting at 6:00 pm. This program will be taped and posted on the Library's website for one week following the program date.



Personal Cyber Security 2021 comes to the Library on **Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm** and will be repeated on **Wednesday, October 13 at 10:00 am**. October is Cyber Awareness Month. Learn how to protect you and yours in this age of ransomware. We'll talk passwords, mobile security, VPNs, and best practices. Questions are encouraged, so come prepared to play "stump the chump" with your friendly neighborhood cyberman. Shane Harsch is a Senior Solution Engineer at SentinelOne, a SANS Instructor, and an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Michigan with over 25 years of experience in military, manufacturing, consulting, and professional services. He is a commissioned officer in the US Army (MI), holds degrees in business (MBA), computational linguistics (BA), and maintains the following certs: GCIA, GCIH, GCED, CISSP,



CTIA. This program will be onsite in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Registration is required and available through the Library's events calendar, onsite at the Adult Reference Desk or by calling the Library at 734-426-4477.



The Library will host a **Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, September 29 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Walgreen's Pharmacy will visit the Library to provide flu shots for those ages four and older. No appointments are necessary. The vaccinations are for the standard flu, not COVID-19. 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 the flu shot will cost \$43.00. The Clinic will take place in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Rooms.



Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00 pm finds the virtual cooking program **Sheet Pan Suppers with Mary Spencer**

offered. Cool fall weather and busy work days can make meal planning tough. Sheet Pan Suppers are a no fuss, easy cleanup, delicious meal option for busy families on the go. Join Mary Spencer, in her home kitchen, for this Zoom presentation on making Sheet Pan Meals for your family. Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years and owner of Taste: A Cook's Place. Register on the Library's Events Calendar and a Zoom link will be sent the day before the event.



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record events and make them available through our web site for a limited time following the event. For in-person programs, the Library will follow the CDC epidemic levels for Washtenaw County, found at <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>. All attendees who can medically tolerate masks, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear face coverings during programs when the epidemic spread is at Substantial or High levels. The Library highly encourages all individuals to wear masks during indoor programs. The Library will not be offering food or beverages during events. Please note, programs may be switched to virtual presentations should pandemic conditions worsen.

After the Labor Day weekend, the Library will expand service hours to pre-pandemic levels. Sunday hours will resume. The

Library will restore access to the meeting room as of October 1, if pandemic conditions permit. Reservations will be open beginning September 7 for the October 1 through December 31 timeframe. The small group study rooms will be available beginning September 13. Please note the meeting spaces will have limited availability. The Library will continue to store some furniture in these spaces. The pamphlet racks and magazine exchange will be restored and available for use. The Library has ceased quarantine of returned materials. Overdue fines will resume as of September 7, as will charges for photocopying and computer printouts. Progress will depend on continued improvement in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in our area. Additional conditions may apply for public use of smaller indoor spaces.