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NOTICES

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

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

We will continue to label programs to show which are in-person and which are virtual. Look for these symbols:



Winter programs are subject to change between in-person and virtual events, depending on viral transmission in our area. Please check our events calendar frequently for the most up-to-date information at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/

The Library will be CLOSED

**Friday to Sunday
Dec. 24 through 26**

**Friday and Saturday
Dec. 31 and Jan. 1**

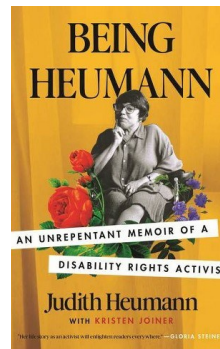
Winter Story Time at the Library

Registration for Winter Story Time begins on Tuesday, December 28. The Winter session of Story Time will resume on Monday, January 10 and run through Thursday, March 3. Registration is required and parents or caregivers of children may register in the Library or by calling 734-426-4477. Children 18 months to 5 years of age may sign up for one weekly session. Story Times are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers. Infants are welcome at story times with their siblings. Parents or caregivers are required to attend and each session lasts approximately 30 minutes. Story Time will continue in-person and space is limited due to social distancing. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. Face coverings during sessions are required. The Library will also offer a weekly virtual story time session via Facebook live on Wednesdays at 10:30 am from January 12 through March 2. Due to copyright limitations, Facebook sessions will only be live and no longer archived.



Winter Reading Challenge

This winter, the Library is offering a Winter Reading Challenge: Hot Reads for Cold Nights - Overcoming Adversity. This year's Winter Reading Challenge kicks off on **January 1, 2022 and continues through March 1.** The program is for adults and teens ages 12 and up and will feature this year's Washtenaw Reads selection, "Being Heumann" by disability rights activist Judith Heumann. Free copies of the book will be available at the Library in late December. A full slate of activities in area libraries can be found at aadl.org/washtenawreads/events. Registration for Dexter's program is quick and easy on the Beanstack



platform at 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 on both Android and iOS devices. See page 6 of this newsletter for more events.

Youth and Family Activities and Events

New Year's Hats & Noisemakers Craft Program comes to the Library on **Wednesday, December 29**. We'll offer two sessions, the first from **10:00 am to 10:45 am** and the second from **11:30 am to 12:15 pm**.



Children of all ages and their families are able to create New Year's hats and noisemakers to ring in the New Year. Registration is currently open. Space is limited to help ensure social distancing. Please register all participants planning to attend.



Preschool Music & Movement with Dancer's Edge returns on **Friday, January 7 at 10:00 am**.



Join Miss Jenn from Dancer's Edge as we dance through a book in our music and movement class. Children ages 3 and older and their caregivers are welcome to attend. This program will be held in person, space is limited and registration is required. Visit the Dexter District Library's events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> Registration is currently open.



The A2 Magic Workshop comes to the Library on **Monday, January 17 at 1:00 pm**. Your friends won't believe their eyes when you show them simply amazing, yet amazingly simple, magic tricks you'll learn from

Jeff Wawrzaszek. Learn "slight-of-hand" tricks with common items like ropes, rubber bands, crayons and money. Registration is required. Space is limited. Face covering are required. A session for tweens and teens will be held at 3:00 pm.



Monthly Take & Make Crafts for Kids of All Ages returns with **Winter Craft Bags** on **Monday, January 17 through Sunday, January 23**. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Library and pick up a bag with a variety of seasonal or themed crafts to make at home. Available while supplies last.



Maker Challenge - Building Challenges returns to the Library on **Monday, January 24 from 4:30 to 5:15 pm**. Get Creative at the Library. Participate in a variety of building challenges arranged by our staff. Build a tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows, try to balance stacks of candy, and create an amazing castle using index cards and tape. This program is geared for students in grades K - 4. Registration is required and begins Monday, January 3.



Virtual Cooking with A Curious Kitchen will be presented via Zoom on **Friday, February 11 at 4:30 pm**. Join us for a 1-hour virtual cooking class from the comfort of your own home! During this hour-long class, students from Young Fives - 4th grade will learn how to create a delicious cozy dessert. Chef Jyl Nolan from A Curious Kitchen will help you as we prepare, mix, measure and create a beautiful dish together! Parents will be needed to assist with some tasks in the kitchen. Families will receive the recipe and list of ingredients one week prior to the class. Learn more about A Curious Kitchen at their web site:

<https://www.acuriouskitchen.com/>

Registration is required and begins Friday, January 7. Visit the Library's events calendar to register. Registration deadline is Friday, February 4. A Zoom link and ingredients list will be sent to registered participants before February 11.



VIRTUAL EVENT



Space Craft Bags will be available Monday, February 21 through Sunday, February 27. Monthly Take & Make Crafts are geared for kids of all ages. Stop by the Library and pick

up a bag with a variety of space themed crafts to make at home. No registration is required and kits will be available while supplies last. Limit 5 per family.

Join us at the Library on **Tuesday, March 8** for two sessions of a **St. Patrick's Day Story & Craft Program**.

Separate sessions will take place at **10:00 am** and **again at 11:00 am**. Each session will last 30 minutes. Listen to St. Patrick's Day stories and make St. Patrick's Day crafts. This program is geared for children five and younger and their parents or caregivers. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 8.

Face coverings will be required during the program.



The Howell Nature Center's MythCrackers: Common Animal Myths comes to the Library on

Wednesday, March 9. Are owls really wise? Do turtles come out of their shells? You'll find the answers to these questions and more in this new live wildlife animal presentation. This program addresses common wildlife myths and together with the audience's help we'll find out if they are "correct" or "cracked." Students in first through fifth grades may attend one session. Session 1 will be at 1:00 pm and Session 2 will begin at 2:30 pm. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 1. Face coverings will be required for all participants.



Youth Book Clubs

Super Stories Book Club For Young Fives and Kindergarteners returns beginning **Thursday, January 6 at 4:30 pm**. The January Theme will be

"Winter." This is a half-hour story and craft program held in person at the Library for kids transitioning out of story time and into book club. Adults may attend this program with their children. 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. Additional meetings will take place on February 3 and March 3. Registration for each session begins the day of the previous meeting.



Club Create Book Club is an independent book club for first and second graders held in person at the Library. The club will resume on **Thursday, January 13 at 4:30 pm**. During this 45-minute program, Ms. Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in related activities and

crafts. The theme for January will be "Winter." Registration is required and is currently open. Additional meetings will take place on February 17 and March 17. Future registration will open the day of the previous month's meeting.

All Star Readers Book Club returns on **Thursday, January 20 at 4:30 pm**. Children in grades 3 and 4 will play an ice-breaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss during this program. In January, the group will discuss "Mr. Pop-



per's Penguins" by Florence and Richard Atwater. Copies of each month's book will be available to pick up at the Library upon registration. Registration is required and is currently open.



Fun for Teens and Tweens



Minute to Win It comes to the Library on **Monday, December 27 at 2:00 pm.** Have some fast-paced fun with friends at the Library! Test your skills with a series of 60-second games using everyday household items. They're more challenging than you might think! Can you handle the pressure? You have one minute to win it. Registration is required and is currently open. This program is geared for students in Grades 5-12.



2021 in 6 Words - A Writing Contest

Teens and Tweens are invited to enter a writing contest with the theme "2021 in 6 Words." Reflect on the year that was and share it in a micro format. Submit your 6-word memoir to Teen/Tween Librarian Mollie to have your work posted in the Teen Zone and for a chance to win a prize. Students in grades 5 through 12 can submit between January 1 to 31, 2022. New submissions will be posted on an ongoing basis throughout January.



Animal Care Education with Humane Society of Huron Valley comes to the Library on **Friday, January 28 at 2:00 pm.** Students in grades 5



through 12 will hear a presentation from the Humane Society of Huron Valley detailing their history and what they do each day to help animals in our community. After the presentation, we'll make no-sew pet toys for our furry friends or to donate to HSHV. Registration is required, and begins on December 20.



There are more tween and teen programs on our events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/>

Teen Advisory Group



After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, the Library's **Teen Advisory Group** will return beginning on **Saturday, January 22 at 11:00 a.m.**

Tweens and teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to participate. The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is a volunteer opportunity to get students involved at the Library and meets on select Saturdays during the school year. Registration is required and begins December 20.

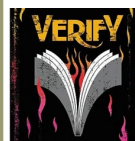


The Library's **Magic the Gathering** group continues to meet over the winter. Join us on the third Friday of each month, beginning on **January 21.** The Group meets from **6:00 to 8:30 pm.** Registration is required. Prizes are awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 6 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter.



The Library's **Tween Book Club** returns this winter. Read the monthly book and then join us for an hour-long program that includes icebreakers, discussion, and a related craft or activity. Get a copy of the book at the youth reference desk after you register. Copies of the next book will be available after each meeting.

The Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, January 11 at 6:00 pm** to discuss "Shadow and Bone" by Leigh Bardugo. Registration is currently open.

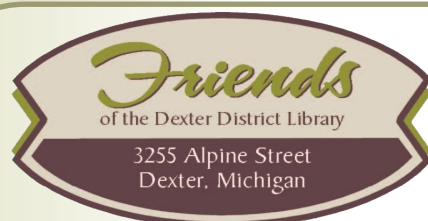


On **Tuesday, February 8 at 6:00 pm,** the group will discuss "Verify" by Joelle Charbonneau with registration opening on January 11.



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
- ◆ Walk-ins cannot be seated



The Friends of the Library have had a very successful fall. Book Sales resumed in October and the first three were met with great attendance and sales. In October, the Sale grossed \$958.00, in November the total was \$1,382 and in December, the total was \$1,795. Proceeds from the Book Sales support Library programs, furnishings and collections.

The Friends intend to continue the Book Sales through the winter. We will continue to monitor pandemic conditions. The Friends Book Sales are organized and run by community volunteers. While capacity limits and face coverings are required, customers have been very appreciative the Sales have resumed. We hope our conservative approach to visiting the Sales will ensure we can continue to find willing volunteers and help keep everyone healthy.

Members of the public may donate used books, CDs and DVDs, which are in good, salable condition, during all Library open hours. If you have a large donation, please contact the Library in advance so we can handle the volume.



The Library offers a variety of in-person, introductory classes covering software and technology. This winter, the Library will offer the following sessions:



Downloadable Library Content will be offered on **Tuesday, January 11 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 13 at 6:00 pm**. Learn how to use our Download Destination (OverDrive), hoopla, and Kanopy digital content services. Bring your own devices and get help setting them up so you can start downloading books, magazines, movies, and more.

An overview of **iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch** will be offered on **Tuesday, January 25 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, January 27 at 6:00 pm**. Discover how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics. We will also discuss the Apple Watch's apps and features. Please bring your own device for personalized practice.

Android Phones & Tablets will be held on **Tuesday, February 1 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, February 3 at 6:00 pm**. Discover how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics. Please bring your own device for practice.

Getting the Most Out of Your Smart Phone will be offered on **Tuesday, February 15 at 9:00 am** and again on **Thursday, February 17 at 6:00 pm**. This is a follow-up class to the iPhone/Android classes. In this class, you will be shown more advanced topics like backing up your photos/videos, subscribing to podcasts, and using your app store to the fullest.

Be sure to check our events calendar for additional computer class offerings in late February and March.



This winter, the Library will make a **VHS converter** available to check out and take home. The unit is self-contained and does not interface with a computer. Using your own storage device like a flash drive or external hard drive, this conversion kit can be used to preserve your VHS tapes in digital MP4 format. The kit includes a VHS player, ClearClick conversion unit, remote, cabling, directions, and packing list.

Events for Adults

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Mindfulness Meditation sessions return for in-person sessions on the second Saturday of each month beginning **Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 9:30 am**. The January meeting is shifted due to New Year's Day.

Join us for guided mindfulness meditation in a safe, positive, friendly group setting. These sessions are open to all and have no religious affiliation. Sessions will include short presentations by the instructor, technique coaching, silent meditation and time for discussion and questions. Sessions will be led by different instructors who include Diane Morse, Doreen Murasky and Jeanette Brooks. Registration is required and space is limited. Please find the events on the Library's events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> for the registration link. This program is presented in partnership with the Dexter Wellness Center, Dexter Wellness Coalition and 5HealthyTowns.org.

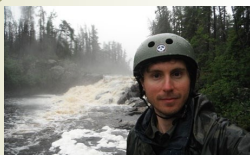


Genealogy Programs



Creating Google Alerts for Genealogy comes to the Library on **Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm**. Google Alerts notify genealogists when information about their ancestors is published online in the U.S. or in the home country of immigrant ancestors. Learn tips for creating the most effective Google Alerts in a who-when-where format, utilizing a variety of search operators, as well as techniques for managing the delivery of these notifications.

Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm finds **Exploring the Features of FamilySearch.org** coming to the Library. FamilySearch.org is the largest free genealogical website. Learn how to effectively search for your ancestor in digitized records, books, online family trees and how to use the catalog, the Learning Center, and wikis to better understand what's available in your ancestral area. Both programs are presented by Katherine R. Willson, local resident and author of *The Genealogist's Guide to Grand Rapids, Michigan*.



Wednesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm finds **Beyond the Trees with Canadian Author Adam Shoalts** presented via Zoom. "Beyond the Trees" is Shoalts' nearly four-month journey

weaving through ice floes, facing down snarling bears and galloping musk-ox, and paddling under the midnight sun. His presentation conveys why we urgently need to save vast wild places while it's still possible. Join us to hear Shoalts' firsthand accounts of his time in the wilderness.



VIRTUAL EVENT

Card Making Workshops

The Library's **Card making Workshop Series** will kick off on **Friday, February 4 at 10:00 am** with **Valentine's Day & Birthday Cards**. This program will also be repeated on **Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 pm**. Handmade cards can brighten anyone's day. Join us for this monthly card making series where you will create three beautiful handmade cards. With Valentine's Day around the corner, come make a card for someone special in your life or a birthday card for your favorite



Spring birthday person. All materials will be supplied.

On **Friday, March 4 at 10:00 am** and again on **Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm**, the card making series continues with **St. Patrick's Day & Birthday Cards**. These programs will be held in the Library's lower level meeting room. Registration is required and attendees must wear face coverings. Other card making classes in the series are scheduled for April 1 and 5, May 4 and 6 and June 3 and 7. All sessions require registration.

Cooking Demonstrations

Join us this winter for a variety of cooking programs presented through the Library.

On **Monday, January 24 at 7:00 pm** a virtual presentation of **Thai Cooking with Mary Spencer will be offered**. Need some international flavor in your life? Mary will take

the mystery out of Thai cooking and explain some of the ingredients and techniques that tend to mystify people.

On **Monday, February 7 at 7:00 pm** Mary Spencer will present the virtual program **New England Cooking**. Cold winter nights require hot comfort meals. New England cooking is perfect for the winter months. Mary will make the best easy clam chowder and another New England treat.

On **Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm**, **Polish Cooking with Mary Spencer** returns. March isn't only for the

Irish. Join us for this Polish cooking demonstration from Mary's kitchen. Polish cooking is comfort food at its best. Mary will make two Polish classics for you to prepare for your family. Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years. She learned to cook from attending cooking seminars from acclaimed chefs and is owner of Taste: A Cook's Place, LLC, a Northville Michigan cooking school and cook's resource center. Her website is www.tastecooksplace.net. These are Zoom programs. Register on the Library's events calendar at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/> and a Zoom link will be sent the day before the event.

On **Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 pm**, **Cooking with Scraps** comes to the Library on **Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 pm**. Cooking with scraps is a delicious way to help tackle food waste. Join Lindsay-Jean Hard as she shares why food waste is such an important issue to address, teaches how to transform often discarded food scraps into delicious and surprising culinary creations, and empowers participants to make changes in their own kitchens with waste-reducing tips for storing and preparing meals. Hard's passion for sustainability and education started at the University of Michigan and she has gone on to inform and inspire students many ways from going to extreme lengths to recycle at a post-college job to creating her cookbook, "Cooking with Scraps." Hard is a marketer at Zingerman's Bakehouse and Zingerman's Service Network in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This program will be held in the Library's lower level meeting room. Face coverings must be worn. Registration is required.



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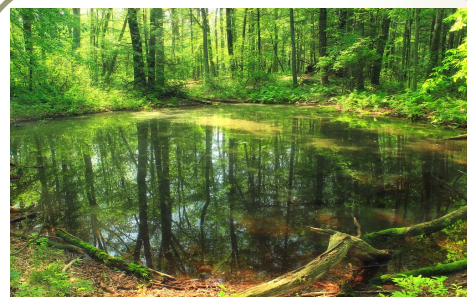
Navigating a World Not Built for All will be presented online on **Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm**.

The Americans with Disabilities Act brought awareness and change to our world, but many older buildings remain inaccessible. Erica Coulson, President of Walk the Line, will present what that world is like for her and the challenges she faces with everyday navigation. Ron Campbell, preservation architect and principal planner for Oakland County, will present the challenges faced by property owners and creative solutions.

This presentation is part of the Washtenaw Reads programming.



VIRTUAL EVENT



Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm finds **Michigan's Vernal Pools** coming to the Library. Unravel the mystery of these unique and important wetlands. Learn how to properly identify, interact with, and protect these delicate and magical habitats that are both home and essential breeding ground to many animals including blue spotted salamanders, wood frogs, and fairy shrimp. Program presented by Washtenaw County parks naturalist Elle Bogle. This program will be held in the Library's lower level meeting room. Face coverings must be worn and registration is required.



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The Erratic Ale Company in Dexter has started a new program called "The Good

Neighbor Tap." A portion of proceeds from this tap are donated to community services agencies each month. For the month of **January, 2022**, Erratic Ale owners Deb and Brian Schroeder selected the Dexter District Library as the recipient. As noted in a recent Sun Times News article "Erratic Ale Co. will match the donation that the customers contribute for that pint," said Deb and Brian Schroeder. "So, for every pint sold of the selected beer there would be a donation of \$2 to the selected organization." In an effort to reach a new constituency, the Library will hold a Library card registration event at Erratic Ale on **Friday, January 7, 2022 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm**. Proceeds from this donation will support programming organized by the Library's Adult Services Department.



**American
Red Cross**

The Library is looking forward to resuming **American Red Cross Blood Drives**. The first Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 1 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. Appointments are highly recommended. Visit redcrossblood.org and search the sponsor code dexterlibrary or call Library Director, Paul McCann at 734-426-4477 to schedule an appointment.

In late November, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a Public Health Advisory highly recommending all persons in indoor public settings wear a face mask, regardless of their vaccination status. We appreciate all our visitors taking appropriate precautions to help fellow community members and Library staff to remain healthy and well.

