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Dates to Remember

September 30

Flu Shot Clinic

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Drop-In

October 6

Red Cross Blood Drive

1:00 - 7:00 pm

register at

redcrossblood.org

Please check our
website at

www.dexter.lib.mi.us
for updates on

Library services and
events.

The Library has returned
to in-person programming.

Registration is
required for most
programs.

To register for Library
events, visit our events cal-
endar at

dexter.lib.mi.us/events/

Or call the Library at
734-426-4477

**The Library will be
CLOSED**

**Sunday and Monday
September 4 and 5**

**Wednesday, November 23
at 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 24**

Fall Story Times Resume September 19

The Library will hold a variety of Story Times this fall, including Drop-In, Toddler and Preschool sessions.

Drop-In Fall Story Time will be held **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11:00 am** and will run from **September 19** through **November 10**. No registration required for these events.

Drop-In Fall Story Time for toddlers and preschoolers will meet in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

Each week, the presentation will be the same on Monday and Thursday, but



will change weekly. Books and activities are geared for both the toddler and preschool age groups. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes and include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading. Drop-In Story Times may be cancelled if public health conditions change.

The Library will also resume our small group **Toddler and Preschool Story Times** begin-

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News and Notes

Programs

The Adult Department is offering a variety of recurring programs, including book discussion groups, monthly movie showings, movie discussions and a number of individual programs later this fall. Be sure to visit our events calendar at dexter.lib.mi.us/events/ to see everything that is going on and to register for programs.

Meeting Room

Prior to the pandemic, the Library's lower level meeting room was used heavily by community groups. As pandemic conditions continue to improve, we wanted to make the community aware the meeting space is available for community use and we are currently seeing good availability. The Library's meeting room

offers tables and chairs for conversational meeting as well as a projector and screen for utilizing PowerPoint for presentations.

Millage

During this November's gubernatorial election, the Dexter District Library will be seeking renewal of its existing operational millage. The millage was originally passed in 2005, has a six-year renewal cycle and provides 61% of annual operational income. The millage has been subject to Headlee Amendment reductions and the original 0.7 mill request has been reduced to 0.6620 mills. The reduced rate will be the subject of the renewal request. The Library's budgets are available to review at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/about/>

Youth and Family Fall Events

Story Times

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ning September 20. Registration for these sessions is required and is currently open.

Toddler Story Time will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am**. Books and activities are geared for children 18 months to 3 years of age. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes. The Tuesday session will be repeated on Wednesdays.

The **Preschool Story Time** sessions will be held on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am**. Books and activities are geared for children 3 to 5 years of age. Each program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Children under 18 months may attend, however 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. Toddler and Preschool Story Times will be held in the Lower Level Meeting Room to help provide everyone with adequate social distance and address different levels of comfort in group settings.

**Toddler Story Time
&
Preschool Story Time**



Join us on **Saturday, September 17** for two sessions of **Bob-a-loo**, a preschool movement program. Two sessions will be offered,

one from **9:30 to 10:15 am** and a second from **10:30 to 11:15 am**. Children ages five and younger can gallop like a giraffe, balance on one foot like a flamingo or sprint across the African savannah like a cheetah. Jump in with Bob-a-loo, a preschool movement-based learning program where children build heart and body strength and learn how good it feels to eat healthy. This is an outside event, held in-person, at the Library. Registration is required on the Dexter District Library's website. Please only register for one session.



KinderConcert! returns on **Saturday, September 24 at 12:00 pm**. Children ages five and younger and their caregivers



will find that music comes alive during this 30-minute concert. Don't worry about wiggly tots sitting still for a concert, they will be encouraged to dance and move while listening to the music, hearing a story being told with musical accompaniment and learning about a special orchestral instrument. 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.



Our **Eye Spy Game** returns to the Youth Department this fall. Anytime you are in the Library, stop by the Youth Reference Desk to pick up a list of pictures to find hidden in the Youth Department. Find all the pictures and receive a small prize at the Youth Reference Desk. Picture locations change weekly. The fall theme is *Forest Animals*.



Get ready for Halloween with the Library's **Spooky Crafts Program** on **Monday, October 10 at 4:30 pm**. Children in kindergarten through



4th grade can join us for crafts inspired by things that go bump in the night. Make glow in the dark eyeballs out of rocks and design your own haunted house decoration. Registration is required and begins Monday, September 12.



STEMfest with Cayman Chemicals

comes to the Library on **Saturday, October 15** from



10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Children in kindergarten through 8th grade can experience hands-on science fun with Cayman Chemical chemists. Visit a variety of demonstration stations to learn about science and do some science experiments yourself. You could separate DNA from strawberries, help make elephant toothpaste, or crush a can with pressure. This program is geared for kids in grades K-8. No registration is required.



Fall Crafts for Preschoolers will be offered on **Friday, October 14 at 10:00 am.** Children age five and younger can stop by the Library and celebrate the fall season by making a variety of seasonal crafts. Decorate a leaf crown, string beads in the shape of a pumpkin, and paint a fall tree. Registration is not required.



A special **Preschool Makerspace** will be offered at the Library on **Friday, November 11 at 10:30 am.**

Children age five and younger are invited to make, try, create and play at the Library. Young children will explore a variety of stations with open-ended creative activities designed to encourage early learning. Children need an active adult partner to help them. This is a drop-in program and no registration is necessary. Stop by the Library and let your young one's creativity and imagination soar.



Super Stories Book Club for young fives and kindergarteners returns this fall. 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 should attend this program with their children. Each month Miss Ruth will read books and present a related craft or activity. Registration is required and opens the day of the previous meeting. Super Stories will meet on **Tuesdays, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13, all at 4:30 pm.**



The Library's **Club Create Book Club** for students in 1st and 2nd grades returns this fall. Club Create is an independent book club for first and second graders. Each month Ms. Krista will read longer picture books and offer activities and crafts related to the theme. Registration is required and is currently open for the September meeting. Registration for future sessions opens on the day of the previous meeting. The group will meet on **Thursdays, September 8, October 13 and November 10, all at 4:30 pm.**

The **All Star Readers Book Club** for children in 3rd and 4th grade returns this fall with some great selections. All Star Readers is an independent book club for third and fourth graders. Each month we will play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. Books will be available to pick up at the Library after you register. Registration is required and is currently open for the September session. Registration for the next session opens on the day of the previous meeting. The group will meet on **Thursday, September 15 at 4:30 pm** to discuss the book *Mac Undercover* by Mac Barnett. Additional meetings will be held on **Thursday, October 20 at 4:30 pm** to discuss *I Want My Mummy* by Nancy Krulik and on **Thursday, November 17 at 4:30 pm** to review *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K. Arnold.



The Library's **Makerspace** for children in kindergarten through 8th grade returns this fall. Make, build, craft and explore. Participate in a variety of open-ended activities. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. This hour long program is a drop-in event and no registration is necessary. Makerspace will be held on **Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00 pm, Thursday, October 27 at 4:00 pm** and we'll hold a special holiday session on **Saturday, November 26 at 11:00 am.**

Fall Fun for Tweens and Teens



Join us on **Friday, October 7 at 7:00 pm** for a **Stranger Things Fandom Night**. Students in grades 5 through 12 can spend an evening in the Upside-Down. Join us for crafts and activities revolving around the hit show *Stranger Things*. Registration is required and begins Friday, September 9.



The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** returns this fall. Students in grades 7 through 12 meet monthly to brainstorm new programs, book selections, and how to make the Library an even better place. TAG members will also do small service projects during meetings. This is a fun way to earn volunteer hours. The group will meet on **Saturday, September 17, Saturday, October 8 and Saturday, November 12**. All meetings are from **1:00 to 2:00 pm**. Registration is required.



Zom-Beanies comes to the Library on **Saturday, October 22 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. Students in grades 5-12 will stay warm this spooky season with a fun hat craft! Take a plain beanie and add eyes, stitches, and of course brains to turn it into a zom-beanie. Registration is required and begins Friday, September 16.



A **Custom Keychain Craft** comes to the Library on **Saturday, November 19 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. Make a keychain that's as unique as you. Design a simple word or image to cut out in vinyl, then apply it to an acrylic shape of your choice. Customize your keychain further with beads, charms, and more. This is a fun decoration for your backpack or bag, or you can make it as a gift. Students in grades 5 through 12 can register beginning Friday, October 21.



The Library's **Tween Book Club** for tweens in grades 5 and 6 returns this fall. Read the monthly book and join us for icebreakers, discussion and an activity. Get a copy of the book at the Youth Reference Desk. **Registration is required.** Meetings last one hour. Upcoming meetings will be on **Tuesday, September 20 at 4:30 pm** to discuss *Just Roll With It* by Veronica Agarwal and Lee Durfey-Lavoie; **Tuesday, October 18 at 4:30 pm** to discuss *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier and Douglas Holgate and **Tuesday, November 15 at 4:30 pm** to talk about *Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel and Sydney Smith.



A new **Readers' Choice Book Club** for students in grades 7 through 12 will be offered this fall. Join a book club where you always get to pick what you read. Bring what you have read to the book club and tell us all about it. Get book recommendations from other teens and hear about some of the new books in the Teen Zone. We'll also do a craft or activity to go with the monthly theme. **Registration is required.** The meetings will be on **Friday, September 16 at 7:00 pm**, when the theme will be 'Fantasy,' **Friday, October 14 at 7:00 pm** when the theme will be 'Mystery and Thriller' books and **Friday, November 11 at 7:00 pm** when the theme will be Science Fiction.

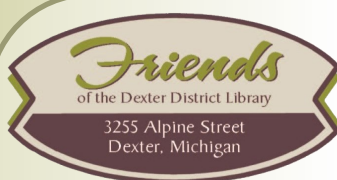


The Library will offer a **Chess Club** for children and teens this fall. Compete in tournament-style play or a casual game and improve your skills. All kids and teens with at least a basic knowledge of chess gameplay are welcome to attend. Each meeting will last 90 minutes. The club will meet on **Monday, September 26 at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm.**



Fall In-Person Program Tips

- ◆ Check our events calendar at:
dexter.lib.mi.us/events
- ◆ Register ahead of time when registration is required
- ◆ Register each individual member of your party
- ◆ Face coverings are optional but highly encouraged
- ◆ Capacity limits have increased, but remain in effect for indoor events



The Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale over the Dexter Daze weekend.

The Friends would like to thank all of the donors who brought in used books for the sale and all of the customers who visited and purchased items. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the sale netted \$3,089.86.

The Friends of the Library work is year-round and the group is currently looking for some new members to fill open Board positions. Positions include:

Secretary - The Secretary takes notes at our meetings throughout the year and posts meeting notes to the Library website.

Publicity Chair - The Publicity Chair writes the Friends' articles for the Library newsletters focusing on upcoming Friends events, member spotlights, and similar topics and posts to social media.

Book Sales Associate Chairs - Book Sales Chair, Cortney Ophoff, seeks two to three individuals who love organizing books. No prior book sale experience is required. Help with overseeing sorting of book donations and preparing for monthly book sales. Associate Chairs will need to be available for two to three Saturday sales per year.

If you are interested in a position or have questions, please contact Membership Chair, Amy Jerome amysuch@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you join the Board.



The Library offers a variety of in-person basic technology training classes. **Registration is required** and space is limited.



The Library will present **Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives** on **Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00 am** and again on

Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 pm. Are you tired of paying top dollar for underwhelming cable TV service? Join us for a discussion of over the air antennas and live cable TV replacements such as SlingTV, Hulu Live TV, and DirectTV Stream. We will also cover streaming content libraries such as Kanopy, Netflix, HBOMax, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video.

Photoshop Elements will be offered on **Tuesday, October 4 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 pm**.

Learn how to edit digital photos using Photoshop Elements. Topics such as using the organizer, fixing photos, guided mode, and photo projects will be covered.

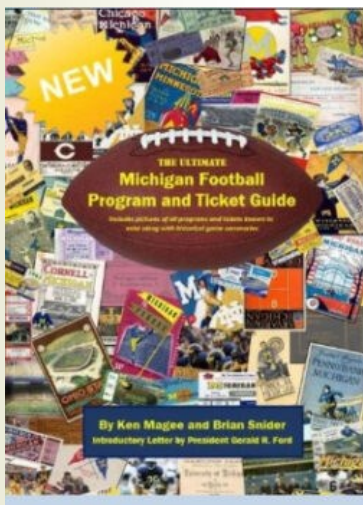
An introduction to **Paint.net** will be offered on **Tuesday, October 18 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 pm**. Paint.NET is a powerful yet easy to use alternative to Photoshop. Download it free on Microsoft Windows operating systems. Learn topics such as cropping, layers, transparency, color correction, file types, and file/folder organization. Sample photos will be provided for practice.

An **Intro to Ancestry.com** will be offered on **Tuesday, November 1 at 9:00 am** and on **Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 pm**. Join us for a tour of the Library's Ancestry.com service. Beginner topics covered will include creating a family tree, creating a timeline, and searching tips for Ancestry.com.

One-on-One Technology Help will be available on **Thursday, September 29 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm; Thursday, October 27 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Thursday, November 17 between 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. Examples of potential topics include: Tablets, Smart Phones, Downloadable Library Content, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Windows, photo editing and social media. Bring your own device for practice. While we are eager to help you learn, we cannot repair devices, remove spyware/viruses, or perform installations and upgrades.

Fall Events for Adults

Join us on **Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm** for **The Ultimate Michigan Football Program and Ticket Guide**. Author and lifelong University of Michigan fan Ken Magee shares his 50-year collection of Michigan football memorabilia and discusses his new book, *The Ultimate Michigan Football Program and Ticket Guide*, which contains over 2,500 photographs, dating back to 1881. The presentation will include images of vintage Wolverine artifacts and the history of Michigan football



through the depiction of game program and ticket artwork, as well as actual vintage items for the attendees to view. Books will be available at a discounted price for attendees of the presentation. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Register on the Library's events calendar or call the Library at 734-426-4477.



Gentle Restorative Yoga resumes on **Thursday, September 15 at 9:30 am** and runs weekly* through December 22. Relax and restore with this stress relieving yoga practice. Create harmony and balance of body and mind through physical postures, breathing techniques and an extended guided relaxation at the end of class. Suitable for most fitness and experience levels. Modifications are offered for both dialing back and going deeper into your practice. This class is a perfect introduction to yoga. Classes are for adults (18+). Registration is mandatory for each class and space is limited. Participants will be required to sign an accident waiver and release of liability form prior to class. If possible, please bring a yoga mat or beach towel to class. *Please note, there will be no class on September 22 (presenter conflict) or November 24 (Thanksgiving).



The Library's annual **Grandparents Day Concert** returns on **Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 pm**. Join us for a special recital, sponsored by the **Hudson Education Center**. The concert will feature instrumental and vocal soloists from the Dexter Community Schools. You do not have to be a grandparent to attend. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room. Registration is required.



Autumn Jewels: The Science Behind the Scenery comes to the Library on **Wednesday, September 14, at 7:00 pm**. As we look forward to the fall jewel-like displays of autumn foliage, join master gardener Cheryl English to discover the chemical and biological processes that go into our annual fall fashion show. Get a glimpse of the beautiful native species as they go through their annual transformation. Registration is required.



Friday, September 16 at 7:00 pm finds **A World of Folk Tales** coming to the Library. Storyteller Steve Daut will share a sampling of folk tales from around the world. From thought-provoking to hilarious, these family friendly stories demonstrate the rich and varied tradition of the spoken word. Daut has been telling stories ever since the dog first ate his homework. During his early years in Iowa, he told stories about imaginary aunts, lovelorn people seeking advice, and legendary pets. Daut is a graduate of numerous performance-based programs including The Second City, The Purple Rose Theatre, and Chili's Comedy Dojo. Registration is required.



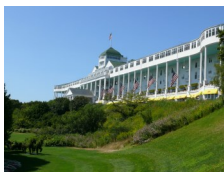


On **Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm** join us at the Library for a **Spanish Flamenco** dancing program. Flamenco is one of the most expressive and influential forms of dance and has profoundly influenced dance styles from ballet to modern dance. Join flamenco enthusiasts, Derek and Pam Brereton, for a multimedia lecture on the inherently

fascinating artistic genre known as the Spanish Flamenco. The presentation will consist of videos of flamenco performances, alternated with descriptions, explanations and anecdotes from their many visits to Spain. Registration is required.



One Year Living on Mackinac Island comes to the Library on **Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm**. Join historian Andrew Kercher and hear a firsthand account of what it is like to live an entire year on Mackinac Island. As a security guard for the Grand Hotel, Kercher experienced life on the Island after the tourists leave and the Island quiets down for the winter. Experience the beauty of the Island in all four seasons, learn the secrets of the Grand Hotel and discover what it is like to live like a local. Registration is required.



The **MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival** returns to the Library this fall. Join us for several showings on either **Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 pm or Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm**.

Over 100,000 film lovers in over 250 cities across six continents gather in cinemas, museums, libraries and universities to view and vote on the finalists' films. Attendees receive a voting card and official program. View ten short films and vote for the one film and actor you feel should win. Votes are tallied by each host venue and emailed to the Festival headquarters in New York. All films selected will be eligible for an Oscar nomination. This program will last approximately 2.5 hours with a 10-minute intermission. The program is for adults and the films have not been rated. Registration is required.



Wednesday, October 12 at 6:00 pm finds **Medicare Made Easy** being presented at the Library.



Learn what kind of insurance coverage people need as they age and how to avoid paying for coverage that isn't needed. Medigap, Medicare Advantage, enrollment periods, pre-existing conditions, Part D drug plans, and what questions to ask before signing up for an insurance plan will be discussed. The seminar is presented by Ashley Erickson, Debbie Holmes, and Terry Shoemaker, Medicare Plan Specialists with Michigan Farm Bureau. The seminar will include time for questions and answers. Registration is required.



Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 pm finds **Houdini in Detroit** making an appearance at the Library.

Harry Houdini performed in Detroit nineteen times between 1894 and 1926. Audiences witnessed nearly all his increasingly dangerous signature tricks firsthand and saw his star rise from the bottom of show bills to the very top. Tour Houdini's Detroit and discover the macabre link between the city and history's most famous magician. Presented by Jeremy Dimick, Director of Collections at the Detroit Historical Society. Registration is required.



We have many more programs scheduled for Fall 2022. Check our events calendar at: dexter.lib.mi.us/events/ for program listings and registration.

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