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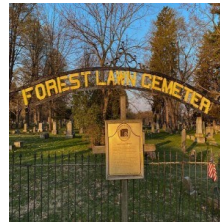
The Library
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Sunday,
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May 25 and 26

Forest Lawn Cemetery Tour

On **Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm**, the Dexter District Library, the Dexter Area Historical Society and Forest Lawn Cemetery of Dexter will be offering a walking tour of the historic Forest Lawn Cemetery, located on Grand Street. The free tours will include the graves of prominent Dexter residents such as United States Senator Royal Samuel Copeland, Dr. William C. and Lillian Wylie, Calvin Turner Fillmore and many more. Groups will be walking over uneven



ground to various grave sites. Group size will be limited to facilitate interaction with the characters who will be portraying the former Dexter residents. Registration is required and registrants will be assigned a time to arrive for each tour. Space is limited. Participants will be in small groups and a guide will usher each group. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. This cemetery tour is free. Donations will be accepted for the Forest Lawn Cemetery Tree Fund for those that wish to contribute.

Mindful Eating

Join Jeanette Brooks from Mindful Dexter for a free 90-minute workshop that will shift your thinking about what's on your plate. **Mindful Eating** comes to the Library on **Saturday, March 22 at 9:30 am**. Explore a different angle on eating and mindfulness as you discover how to approach eating as a meditative act. By cultivating mindfulness around eating, you'll learn to tune into your body's natural cues, make more intentional food choices, and find satisfaction in every bite.

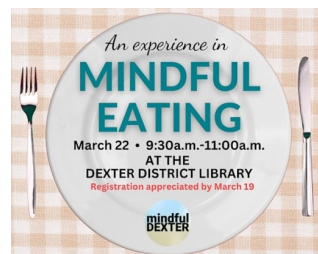
Several small food samples will be provided to each participant to practice the skill of

mindful eating. If you have food allergies or sensitivities, feel free to bring your own small portions.

Take the first step toward a more balanced and enjoyable approach to food and learn to nourish your body and mind in whole new ways.

Since 2018, Mindful Dexter has offered mindfulness meditation opportunities to the community, fostering awareness, community, and

wellbeing. Mindful Dexter is made possible by the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation and the Dexter District Library. Visit our events page for a registration link.



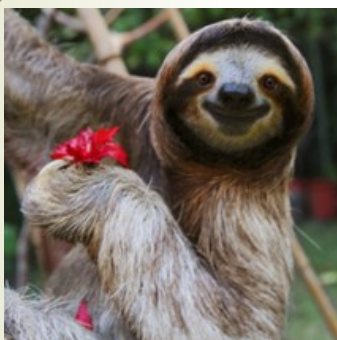
Spring Youth and Family Fun

Spring is on it's way and it is time for another session of Story Times at the Library. The Library will host **Drop-In Story Times** on several days. Toddler Story Time will be on Tuesday mornings at 10 am, Preschool Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 11 am and a Combined Story Time (for both toddlers and preschoolers) on Monday & Thursday mornings at 11 am. These meetings will run from March 24 through May 8 and are held in the Lower Level Meeting Room.



The Library also offers **Registered Story Times** for a more intimate setting. Toddler Small Group Story Time will be held on Wednesday mornings at 10 am and Preschool Small Group Story Time on Wednesday mornings at 11 am. These sessions will run from March 26 through May 7 and meet in the First Floor Youth Program Room. Registration is required for these sessions and is currently open.

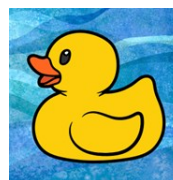
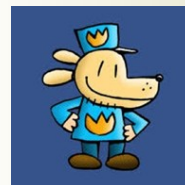
Children of all ages can drop in and **Make Your Own Spring Break Craft Bag** at the Library on **Wednesday, March 19 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**. Put together your own craft and activity bag to take with you on your travels or use at home during spring break.



Join us for a visit from the **Creature Conservancy's Live Animal Program on Tuesday, March 25**. We will host two sessions; **Session 1 from 1 pm - 1:45 pm** and **Session 2 from 2:15 pm - 3 pm**. School-aged children in grades K - 4 are invited to reserve a spot at one of the sessions to see live animals,

such as a sloth or armadillo, up close. To minimize stress on the animals, the audience size will be limited and age restrictions will be observed. Any adults accompanying children must also register to reserve a spot. Registration is required and is currently open.

A **Dog Man Party** comes to the Library on **Friday, March 28 from 2 pm to 3 pm**. All ages are invited to drop in and celebrate all things Dog Man. This supa awesome party will include crafts, games, and activities inspired by your favorite Dav Pilkey character. Registration is not required.



Drop-In Duck Decorating Craft comes to the Library on **Saturday, March 29 from 11 am to 12 pm**. Join us and transform ordinary rubber ducks

into imaginative creations. We'll have a variety of art supplies so you can decorate your duck however you would like. Registration is not required.

Movie & Popcorn for Kids returns on **Monday, March 31 at 1 pm**. Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the Library and watch *Moana 2* (2024) on the big screen while enjoying a free bag of popcorn. "Moana 2" reunites Moana and Maui three years later for an expansive new voyage alongside a crew of unlikely seafarers.



Rated PG - 100 minutes

A **Cotton Candy Science Show** will be offered on **Saturday, April 12 from 1 pm to 2 pm**. Children of all ages are invited to drop in and check out the sweetest science show around and discover the delicious science of cotton candy.



Learn how it's made, who invented it, and see some fun experiments done with this wonderful, sugary treat.

Drop-in Spring Crafts comes to the Library on **Saturday, April 26** from **11 am to 12 pm**.

Children of all ages can celebrate the season by decorating a flower photo frame and creating a Cheerio bird feeder. Registration is not required.



KinderConcert! returns to the Library on **Saturday, May 10 at 12 pm**.

Children ages five and younger and their caregivers will find that music comes alive during this 30-minute concert. Children will be encouraged to dance and move while listening to the music, hearing a story with musical accompaniment and learning about a special orchestral instrument. Members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra lead children on a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. Registration is not required.



Join us for **Preschool Makerspace** on **Saturday, May 17 at 11 am**. Children five and younger can make, try, create and play at the Library. Explore a variety of stations with open-ended creative activities designed to encourage early learning. Children need an active adult partner to help them, but registration is not required.



There are many more events on our web site:
www.dexter.lib.mi.us/events

Recurring Favorites



Our **LEGO Club** is designed for a wide age range, inviting students in grades K through 8 to drop in and build with Legos. Everyone is welcome and Legos will be provided by the Library. Lego Club will meet on **Tuesdays April 1 and May 6 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**.

The **Super Stories Book Club For Young Fives and Kindergarteners** returns this spring. This 45-minute story and craft program is for kids transitioning out of story time and into book clubs. Adults should attend this program with their children. Each month, Miss Ruth will read books related to a theme and then the kids will do a theme related craft or activity. The group will meet on **Tuesdays, April 8** (Theme: Spring) and **May 13** (Theme: Transportation), with both programs starting at **4:30 pm**. Registration is required and opens the day of the previous meeting.

The **Club Create Book Club** is a book club for first and second graders. Each month Ms. Krista will read longer picture books centered on a theme and the group will participate in activities and crafts related to the theme. Club Create meets **Thursdays, April 10** (Theme: Spring), **May 8** (Theme: Flight) and **June 5** (Theme: Color Our World) with all events starting at **4:30 pm**. Registration is required and opens on the day of the preceding meeting.

The next step up for reading groups is our **All Star Readers Book Club**; an independent reading book club for third and fourth graders. Each month we will play an ice-breaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. This hour-long program will be held on **Thursday, April 17 at 4:30 pm** (Book: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary), **Thursday, May 15 at 4:30 pm** (Book: *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies) and **Thursday, June 26 at 2 pm** (Book: *Art Club* a graphic novel by Rashad Doucet.) Registration is required and opens on the day of the preceding meeting. Free copies of the books will be available to pick up at the Library after you register.

Makerspace allows kids in grades K through 8 to drop in for an hour and have time to make, build, craft and explore. We supply the materials and you supply the imagination. Makerspace meets **Thursday, March 27 at 2:30 pm**; **Thursday, April 24 at 4:30 pm**; **Thursday, May 22 at 4:30 pm** and **Wednesday, June 25 at 2 pm**.

Spring Programs for Tweens and Teens



Join us for a showing of **Wicked** on **Monday, March 24 at 1:30 pm** for this Tween and Teen Movie, Pizza, and Crafts program. Students in grades 5 - 12 can visit the Library to watch the movie on our big screen while making crafts. Pizza lunch will be provided. Registration is required and is currently open. Rated PG - 160 minutes

The Library will offer a **Teen "Hunger Games" Party on Wednesday, March 26 at 2 pm**. Students in grades 7 - 12 are invited to a special teens-only program to celebrate the release of the next book in the "Hunger Games" series: "Sunrise on the Reaping." We will offer activities relating to the popular book series and give away a copy of the new book to two lucky teens. Registration is required and is currently open.



Pop-Art Pet and Animal Portraits comes to the Library on **Saturday, May 17 at 1 pm**. Students in grades 5-12 can show off furry friends and create a portrait anyone can paint. Trace an image of your pet or favorite animal, then use colorful watercolors to add pop and personality in this program inspired by artist Andrea Nelson. Registration is required and opens on Thursday, April 17.

The Library's **Tween Book Club** continues this spring. The Tween Book Club is for students in grades 5 - 7. Students can read the current month's book or theme and then join us for icebreakers, a snack, discussion, and a related activity during this hour-long program. **Tuesday, April 15 at 4:30 pm** finds the group discussing "Ellie Engle Saves Herself" by Leah Johnson. Get a copy at the Youth Reference Desk after you register. Registration begins Tuesday, March 18. **Tuesday, May 20 at 4:30 pm** the group will discuss the theme "Sports and Hobbies." Read any book (fiction, non-fiction, or graphic novel) that features your favorite sport or hobby to discuss at Book Club. Provide your own book and feel free to bring one from home or check out from the Library. Registration begins Tuesday, April 15.

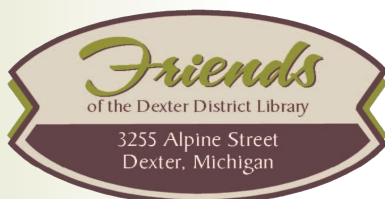
Teen/Tween Crochet Crafternoons are coming up on **Saturday, April 19 and Saturday, June 7 both from 1:30 pm to 3 pm**. Students in grades 5 - 12 can join us to learn crochet or practice your skills. Beginners and more advanced crocheters are welcome. Start a new project or bring in what you've been working on. Registration is required.

The Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) continues to meet this spring. Teens in grades 7 - 12 meet to enjoy a pizza lunch then work on projects to make the Library a better place. TAG members also have the opportunity to help out at Library events throughout the year. This is a fun way to earn volunteer hours and help the Library. Upcoming meetings will be on **Saturdays, April 5 and May 10, each at 1 pm**. Registration is required and is currently open.

Magic: The Gathering continues this spring at the Library. Join us for MTG tournament-style play. Prizes are awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 5 - 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. Co-sponsored with 5 Healthy Towns and SRSLY Dexter. Join us **Fridays, April 4 and May 16 from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Registration is required.



The Library's **Chess Club** continues this spring. If you enjoy playing chess, come compete in tournament-style play or a casual game. All kids and teens with a basic knowledge of chess gameplay are welcome to attend. Chess sets will be provided by the Library to use during Chess Club, which meets **Wednesdays, April 2, May 7 and June 4 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** each day. Registration is required.



The year 2025 has started off well with a successful used Book Sale in February. The Friends sold \$1,196 in donated books; up 1% over February 2024. Thank you to all of our used book buyers and donors.

At the Friends meeting in January, Jim Hutton was awarded the Volunteer of the Year by the Board of the Friends of the Dexter District Library. Jim has been a regular at the monthly used Book Sales events; working closely with Book Sales Chair Cortney Ophoff. He also visits the Library weekly to help sort and organize the large number of donations received. Congratulations Jim for all of your hard work. The Board greatly appreciates it.



Prior to their January Board meeting, the Friends of the Dexter District Library and Library Board hosted an evening reception celebrating the 30 years of service of Library Board Member Jim LaVoie, Circulation Supervisor Mary Graulich and Library Director Paul McCann. The small gathering included Friends, Library staff, Library Board members and other members of the community who have brought the Library from its humble beginnings on Baker Road in the Veripose Yoga house to the Library we have today.



The Friends also sponsored the Dexter District Library's participation in the Neighbors Read community reading event, which saw author Ellen Airgood visit the Library on February 13.

Library Technology Classes



Canva.com – Design Free Cards, Posters, and More will be offered on **Tuesday, April 1 at 9 am** and on **Thursday, April 3 at 6 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.

Cut the Cord: Cable TV Alternatives will be offered on **Tuesday, April 15 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, April 17 at 6 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, Max, Disney+, and Amazon Prime Video.

Join us for **Microsoft Excel Part 1 on Tuesday, May 6 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, May 8 at 6 pm**. Learn how to create workbook files using Microsoft Excel. Discover how to organize data more efficiently using spreadsheets and how to setup a workbook to meet your informational needs. Practice different ways to duplicate, move, and edit data.

We will follow up with **Microsoft Excel Part 2 on Tuesday, May 13 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, May 15 at 6 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. You will also learn how to use macros to automate repetitive tasks. Students should participate in the Part 1 class before taking Part 2.

Half-hour **One-on-One Technology Help** sessions will be offered on **Thursdays March 20, April 24 and May 29 from 9 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 3 pm** each day. Examples of potential topics include: computer basics, tablets, smart phones, eBooks and eAudiobooks, Microsoft Office, photo editing, and social media. Please be sure to bring your own device to the appointment for practice. While we are eager to help you learn technology, please note that we will not do the following: repair your device, remove spyware/viruses, or perform installations/upgrades.

Registration is required for all classes. Sign up at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

Spring Events for Adults

Spring Card Making comes to the Library on **Tuesday, April 1 at 7 pm** and again on **Wednesday, April 9 at 10 am**. Join us for a Spring card making program where you will create 3 beautiful handmade cards for someone special. All materials will be supplied.



Registration is required (age 18+ only) and is currently open. Please register online at the Library's Events Calendar, at the Adult Reference desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level meeting room.



VIRTUAL EVENT

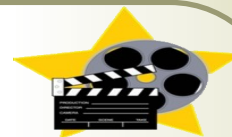
From Uptown Girls to Downton Abbey: How American Gilded Age Heiresses Invaded the British Aristocracy will be presented on Zoom, **Monday, April 7 at 7 pm**. Long before the British Invasion, the cash-strapped lords, viscounts, and dukes of Great Britain shifted their focus from hunting foxes and pheasants to more lucrative targets: cash-flush Gilded Age American socialites who were willing to trade their family's money for an ancient title and often a chilly reception in the British aristocracy. Fans of "Downton Abbey" and "The Gilded Age" on television and film will delight as Anglophile and former U.K. resident Claire Evans recounts the tales of some of the famously loaded young Americans who infused bank accounts of many stately homes, including close relatives of Winston Churchill and Princess Diana. She'll also give travel tips if you'd like to create a Gilded Age tour for yourself.

Claire Evans is an author, former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer who started her love of most things British as she and her mother watched countless Britcoms on PBS.

This is a Virtual (Zoom) Event. Register on the Library's Event Calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event. (Note: if you do not get the Zoom link message, check your spam folder.)



Movies at the Library



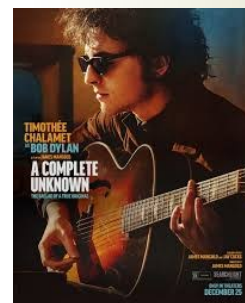
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry will be screened on **Friday, March 21 at 1 pm**. Starring Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton and Earl Cave, a seemingly unremarkable man in his sixties learns that his old friend Queenie is dying. He goes to mail a letter, only to keep walking for over 700km until he reaches Queenie's hospice, much to the despair of his wife Maureen. Rated NR, 1 hr. 49 min.



Friday Night Movie for Adults will feature **Argyle** on **Friday, April 11 at 6 pm**. Starring Henry Cavill, Bryce Dallas Howard, Sam Rockwell and Bryan Cranston, this star studded film introduces Elly Conway, a successful yet introverted writer of spy thriller novels. While preparing her latest manuscript, she unwittingly becomes embroiled in the schemes of a nefarious underground crime ring. Rated PG-13, 2 hrs. 15 min.

Ordinary Angels will be shown on **Friday, April 18 at 1 pm**. Starring Hillary Swank, Alan Ritchson and Drew Powell and based on a true story, the film centers on Sharon, a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky, who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed, a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. Rated PG, 1 hr. 56 min.

A Complete Unknown comes to the Library on **Friday, May 9 at 6 pm**. Starring Timothee Chalamet, Edward Norton and Elle Fanning, this film charts the rise of Bob Dylan in early 1960's. Rated R, 2 hrs. 16 min.





Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom comes to the Library on **Tuesday, April 15 at 7 pm**. Adults and children alike will enjoy hearing a first-hand account from Abraham Lincoln himself of the history of the United States of America during his time. From his childhood on the frontier to the twelve turbulent years to the Civil War, Lincoln describes a “new birth of freedom.” From his best-known speeches and writings, he talks about his own inspiring story, from a humble background to the highest office in the land. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to “the Great Emancipator.”

Registration is appreciated. Register on the Library’s events calendar or call 734-426-4477.

Wednesday, April 16 at 6 pm finds **Medicare Made Easy & How to Stop Annoying Telemarketing Calls** coming to the Library. Terry Shoemaker will discuss how to help stop those annoying telemarketing calls from reaching your phones and help you find a little more peace. After a brief 5-minute break, Ashley Erickson will present Medicare Made Easy. This informational presentation will cover what kind of insurance coverage people need as they age, 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. The seminar will include time for questions and answers. This seminar is presented by Ashley Erickson and Terry Shoemaker (Health Insurance Agents – Medicare Products with Michigan Farm Bureau.) Note: This program provides general information only and is not a sales program. Please register online at the Library’s Events Calendar, at the Adult Reference Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

I Can’t Remember If I Cried: Rock Widows on Life, Love and Legacy comes to the Library on **Wednesday, April 23 at 7 pm**. The stories of rock musicians who died young are the thing of lore and legend. Accidents, drug overdoses, plane crashes—all have taken the lives of male rock stars. But what became of their widows? Former Dexter resident Lori Tucker-Sullivan spent seven years interviewing the widows of her favorite rock stars. Named one of the Library Journal’s Best Nonfiction books of 2024, Tucker-Sullivan’s book chronicles fourteen widows of her favorite rock stars and what they taught her about grief. This program will be followed by an author signing for those patrons interested in purchasing a copy her book.



On **Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 pm**, **A Modern Journey Through the Ancient Mayan World** comes to the Library. The Mayans are part of a larger Mesoamerican civilization, defined by the United Nation’s World Heritage Convention as one the six birthplaces of human civilization. This talk will share some of the key aspects of the ancient Mayan society, but it will be done primarily as the speaker recounts his travels through the Mayan world over the past ten years. While some locations are among the standard tourist destinations in Mexico, most of the sites are a bit off the normal tourist track and some are a bit of an adventure to visit. Presented by Jim Craft; a career consultant and local historian who researches, writes, and presents at various venues around the country. He is currently working on a series of booklets, having completed two thus far: *The Good Roads Movement, 1888-1926*, and *New York’s Burned-over District*.



On **Tuesday, May 20 at 7 pm**, **Mind Your Gut: A Holistic Approach to Managing IBS and Enhancing Digestive Health** comes to the Library. Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) affects 45 million Americans and is a hard to diagnose condition. With the advent of the low FODMAP diet, nutrition has become one of the primary treatments. Dr. Megan Riehl, a gut-health expert who is a local resident, will discuss her book “Mind Your Gut: The Science-based, Whole-body Guide to Living Well with IBS” by Dr. Megan Riehl and Kate Scarlata. This program is designed to empower attendees with the latest science and holistic strategies to manage and thrive with IBS.

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More News and Programs



Mark your calendars for the next **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Dex-

ter District Library coming up on **Thursday, April 3 from 1 pm to 6:45 pm.** The Red Cross has sent out several urgent appeals for donations recently and has set an ambitious goal for the Library with 61 appointment slots. Many great times remain available. To register, visit redcrossblood.org or call the Library at 734-426-4477.

The Library has decided to drop the iVox picture/audiobook service from its web site. These children's books did not receive the level use we needed in order to continue to subscribe. Staff is currently looking for a replacement service and we continue to add the iVox products in our book collection.

If you are looking for a book club, the Library currently has spaces available in our **Somewhere in Time** group which reads a variety of historical fiction and non-fiction. This group

meets on the **second Monday of the month at 7 pm.** If interested, please contact our Head of Adult Services, Lisa Ryan at 734-426-4477 for the current title and to register.

The Library's **Gentle Restorative Yoga**

classes continue throughout the spring on **Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.** Relax and Restore with this gentle, 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. Activities are 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. Registration is required.

Be sure to check our web site calendar of events for more programs. The calendar can be found at: <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events/>

