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Reminders

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**Friday
July 4**

**Sunday and
Monday,
August 31 and
September 1**

Color Your World at the Library

The Dexter District Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on Monday, June 16 and run through Friday, August 1. During the summer, children of all ages, as well as adults, are encouraged to set and achieve goals and read for fun while school is out. Whatever kind of interest, inspiration or imagination you have, the Library has something for you to enliven your world with books, games, movies, music and more. The Summer Reading



Program has activities and events planned for all ages, all summer long. The Final Prize Drawing for the Summer Reading Program will be held on Monday, August 11. Kids, tweens, teens and adults who have met their reading goals will be entered into a final drawing with a chance to win a variety of great prizes. Children and teens who finish the program can pick up a goody bag full of school supplies, coupons, snacks and other surprises from Monday, July 28 until school begins.

Library Retires Construction Bond

On May 1, 2025, the Dexter District Library officially retired the construction bond, which provided the funds to build the building on Alpine Street. The bond, which was approved by the community at the November 2005 election, provided the Library with \$7.8 million dollars to purchase three properties on Alpine, clear the houses on the properties and construct the new Library.

The original bond carried interest rates between 3.5% to 4.1%. In late 2014, the Library was able to call the outstanding bonds and refinance the package at rates between 2.0% to 3.0% for the final 10 years, saving over \$340,000 in future interest costs.

Through growth and development throughout the Library's service area, the annual debt retirement millage was reduced from the initial tax levy of 0.53 mills to 0.34 mills in the final full year.

After the final payment, there is less than \$10,000 in the debt retirement account. The excess funds will be transferred to the general operations account.

There will be no debt service levy from the Library on the December 2025 tax bills.

The Library would like to thank all community members, past and present, for their support of the Library and their faith in passing such a generous bond.

Summer Youth and Family Fun

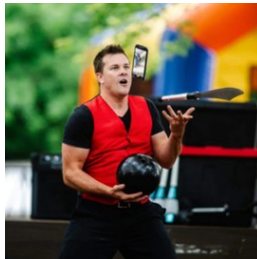


Drop-In Summer Story Times at the Library resume on **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11 am**. The summer session of Story Time will run **June 23 through July 31**. We will be meeting in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

The Story Time themes presented on Mondays will be repeated on Thursdays. Books and activities are geared for toddlers and preschoolers and each program lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Our story times will include picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading. No registration is required.

The **Crazy Craig Juggling Show: Summer Reading Kick-Off Event** comes to the Library on **Monday, June 16 at 11 am**. Be prepared for a high-energy, interactive, comedy, juggling, and variety show with performer Craig Wise. This 45-minute program full of non-stop action and audience participation is for all ages and will keep everyone on the edge of their seats. Refreshments will be served at the Farmers Market following the show. This event begins this year's Summer Reading Program "Color Our World". Registration is not required and all ages are welcome. This event is made possible through our generous sponsor Wolverine Glass of Dexter.



Join us for **MellyPop! Puppets** presenting **"Chicken Little and Friends" Puppet Show** on **Friday, June 27 at 11 am**. Come hang out with Aunt Betty, Chicken Little, and all your favorite barnyard buddies for a classic tale with a fun twist - **YOU** get to choose how it ends. This lively, interactive show mixes puppets, music, and plenty of laughs. Registration is not required.

The annual **Ice Cream Social** for **Dexter Library Card Holders and Drop-In Crafts** will be presented on **Wednesday, July 2 from 11 am to 1 pm**. Show your Dexter District Library card and receive **FREE** ice cream in front of the Library. A variety of drop-in crafts will be available in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Generous sponsorship from the Dexter Creamery makes this event happen.



Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day returns on **Friday, July 11 from 10 am to 12 pm**. A variety of work trucks and emergency vehicles will be on display, rain or shine. The parking lot will be closed during this event to allow everyone to get up close to these large machines and talk to the operators. Bring your camera as there will be plenty of photo opportunities with the vehicles and a special 'Cool Cat' costumed character.

Music at the Blissful Concert with Evan Haller comes to the Library on **Saturday, June 21 at 1:30 pm**. National touring musician, Music at the Blissful (Evan Haller), will present a fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music experience for the whole family. Come sing, jump, shake, laugh and go slow and fast with Music at the Blissful as Evan plays songs from his new album, "What's Next?" All ages are welcome and registration is not required.

The Nutty Scientist's Light and Color Workshop will be offered on **Tuesday, July 15**. Two sessions will be held: **1 pm** and again at **2:30 pm**. Children in grades K – 4 can participate in a one-hour STEAM program exploring light and color. Create colorful secret messages, discover the wonders of refraction, and make a kaleidoscope. This program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dexter. Registration is required.



Cameron Zvara brings his **Comedy Magician & Entertainer Magic Show** to the Library on **Friday, July 18 at 11 am**. Join us for a morning of fun. Cameron's show is filled

with mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation. You do not want to miss out. Registration is not required.

Camouflage Animals: Live Animal program comes to the Library on **Friday, July 25 at 11 am**.

Learn how animals use camouflage to survive, feed and find shelter in their natural environments. This amazing show features a variety of animals from different countries and diverse ecosystems. Everyone is welcome and registration is not required.



Wrap up the Summer Reading Program with a **Big Bubble Dance Party on Friday, August 1 at 11 am**. Children of all ages will enjoy playing with a huge variety of bubble wands to create

bubbles while dancing to family friendly music. Bubble machines will create thousands of bubbles all around. Weather permitting, we will hold this program in the park behind the Library. 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 provided by the Library. Lego Club will meet on **Tuesdays July 1 and July 29 from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm**.

The **Super Stories Book Club For Young Fives and Kindergarteners** returns this summer. This 45-minute 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, June 24** (Theme: Color) and **July 22** (Theme: Summer), with both programs starting at **2 pm**. Registration is required and opens the day of the previous meeting.

The **Club Create Book Club** is an independent 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 **Thursday, July 10 at 2 pm** (Theme: Oceans). Registration is required and opens on June 5.

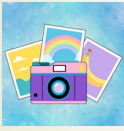
The next step up for reading groups is our **All Star Readers Book Club**; an independent reading book club for third and fourth graders. Each month, we will play an icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. This hour-long program will be held on **Thursday, June 26 at 2 pm** (Book: *Art Club* by Rashad Doucet) and **Thursday, July 24 at 2 pm** (Book: *Stick Dog* by Tom Watson). 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 **Wednesday, June 25** and **Wednesday, July 16, both at 2 pm**.

Chess Club returns on **Monday, June 30 at 2:30 pm**. Compete in tournament-style play or a casual game to improve your skills. All kids and teens with at least a basic knowledge of chess gameplay are welcome.

Chess sets will be provided by the Library and registration is required.

Summer Programs for Tweens and Teens



This summer, Tweens and Teens can participate in the Library's **Color Our World Photo Contest**. The contest runs from **Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, August 1**. Students in Grades 5 through 12 can submit an original photo of their colorful world for a chance to win a gift card. Get creative and submit up to one photo in each of three different categories: *Colors of Nature*, *Work of Art*, and *Pet Portrait*. Deadline for all entries is Friday, August 1. Check our website for more details at www.dexter.lib.mi.us.

Join us for a **Comics Workshop with Meggie Ramm** on **Monday, June 23 at 2 pm**. Students in grades 5 through 12 are invited. Ramm presents their workshop "Emanata: The Secret Code of Comics." Bring your comics to life with the stars that appear when Wile E. Coyote collides with a wall or the squiggles that show your character busting a sick dance move. Registration is required and is currently open.



Teens and Tweens in grades 5 through 12 can join us for a small group **Live Animal Program with Creature Conservancy** on **Tuesday, July 1 at 1 pm**. See a variety of animals up close in an educational and fun session just for older students. Registration is required and is currently open.

Join us for action, adventure and theatrics with the **Theatrica Gladitoria Sword Fighting Workshop** on **Wednesday, July 9**. The Library will offer two small group, hour long sessions at **1:30 pm** and at **3 pm** for students in grades 5 through 12. Combat performance group Theatrica Gladitoria will demonstrate the art of theatrical sword fighting. This is a hands-on workshop where you'll get to try it yourself, so be ready to move. Registration is required and is currently open. Individuals may register for one session only.



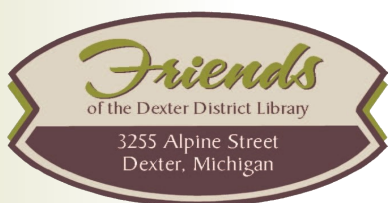
A Teen Movie, Pizza, and Craft evening will be held on **Thursday, July 24 from 6 to 8 pm**. Students in grades 7 through 12 can come to the Library to watch *Twisters* (2024, PG-13) on the big screen and make crafts. Pizza dinner will be provided. So we know how much pizza to order, registration is required and opens on June 26.



Come to the Library to create the worst art you can make during our **Bad Art Afternoon** on **Friday, July 25 at 2:30 pm**. That's right, don't worry about making something good, just enjoy the creative process. Materials will be on hand for you to make your disasterpiece. At the end, we'll vote on a "worst of the worst" to win a trophy commemorating the achievement. This program is for students in grades 5 through 12. Registration is required and opens on June 27.

Join us for a game of **Life-Size Clue** on **Thursday, July 31 from 6 to 7:30 pm**. We're finishing the Teen and Tween Summer Reading Program with a life-size version of the classic board game Clue! Students in grades 5 through 12 can channel their inner detectives and move around the board, making guesses and trying to find out "whodunit." Pizza dinner will also be served. Registration is required and opens on July 1.

The **Tween Book Club** for students in grades 5 through 7 continues this summer. Join us for icebreakers, snack, discussion, and an activity. On **Tuesday, June 24 at 1 pm**, the group will discuss "The Mona Lisa Vanishes" by Nicholas Day. On **Tuesday, July 22 at 1 pm**, the group will discuss "Gamerville" by Johnnie Christmas. Registration is required and free copies of the books are available.



The Friends of the Library annually provide volunteers for several Library events. On Friday, July 11, 2025 the Dexter District Library will present Big Truck and Emergency Vehicle Day in the Library parking lot. Volunteers from the Friends of the Library will be there to assist as well as to meet and greet and talk about the Friends activities. Local families and others should have an enjoyable morning visiting the big rigs.



Friends members Shery Bercu and Mary Wurz do raffle duty and information about the big trucks in 2024.

The Friends of the Dexter District Library raised \$1,091 for the Library at their May Book Sale. We hope to see many people at our next Book Sale during the Dexter Summer Festival, **Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9 from 9 am to 3 pm** each day.

The Friends of the Library also would like to recognize several volunteers who have reached milestones. Dan Chapman reached the Silver Level, contributing over 100 hours of service to the Friends. Polly Erb, Dale and Patsy Klassen and Jim Lewis all reached the Bronze Level, contributing over 50 hours of service. We appreciate all your hard work.

Library Technology Classes



The Library's technology classes continue over the summer. 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.

Start Digitizing will be offered on **Tuesday, June 17 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, June 19 at 6 pm**. Get hands-on practice using the Library's equipment to digitize various media formats including VHS tapes, slides, negatives, and print photos. Learn how to preserve your memories from deterioration and convert them into easily shareable digital formats. Samples will be provided.

Join us for **iPhone, iPad, and Apple Watch** on **Tuesday, July 8 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, July 10 at 6 pm**. Learn how to organize apps, bookmark websites, close non-responsive apps, and various other beginner's topics. We will also discuss the Apple Watch apps and features. Please bring your own device for practice.

Android Phones & Tablets will be offered on **Tuesday, July 15 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, July 17 at 6 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.

A follow-up to the iPhone and Android classes, **Getting the Most Out of Your Smart Phone** will be offered on **Tuesday, August 5 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, August 7 at 6 pm**. Learn about advanced topics like backing up your photos/videos, subscribing to podcasts, using your app store to find Library apps, learning how to buy apps without using a credit card and getting an introduction to some of our favorite apps.

For those needing more in-depth assistance, our half-hour **One-on-One Technology Help** sessions will be offered **Thursdays June 26, July 31 and August 28** with times each day between **9 and 11 am** and **1 to 3 pm**. Potential topics can include computer basics, help with 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 cannot repair your device, remove spyware/viruses, or perform installations and upgrades.

Summer Events for Adults

The Library's Summer Reading Program for Adults begins on **Friday, June 16**. This year's theme is **Color Our World** and the program will focus on the arts: painting, sculpture, music and more. Register and pick up a Summer Reading packet at the Adult Service Desk. Complete any 6 themed activity sheets to be entered into the final prize drawing. In addition to the Color Our World print version of the program, participants will also be able to log reading minutes and complete online activities on Beanstack at: <https://dexter.beanstack.org/>. The Adult Summer Reading Program is for adults 18 years of age and older. Complete the program by August 3 to be entered in the final prize drawing.



On **Wednesday, June 18 at 7 pm**, join us for a visit from the **Ann Arbor Storytelling Guild** as they present **Colorful Characters**. These experienced storytellers will have you marveling and laughing as they share stories about "colorful" characters they have known. This story concert is a great way to kick off your involvement in Dexter District Library's Adult Summer Reading program or just to enjoy a fun filled evening out. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. Registration is appreciated. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.

Painted with Silk: The Art of Early American Embroidery comes to the Library on **Monday, June 23 at 7 pm**. From the 1600s until about 1830, the education of American girls emphasized reading, writing, and embroidery. For girls whose families could afford to send them to school, a finely worked embroidery which was worthy of being framed for display in her home, served as a kind of diploma. It evidenced both her mastery of an important practical skill and the diligence and self-discipline that society expected of its more privileged members. Join Kathleen McBroom, docent and presenter from the Detroit Institute of Arts for this slideshow presentation on Early American embroidery.



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Movies at the Library

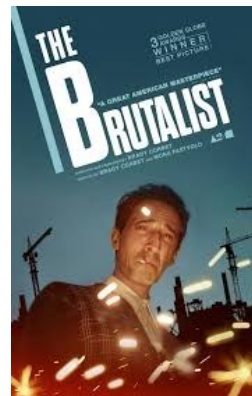


Come in and cool off during a hot summer with Movies at the Library.

On **Friday, June 20 at 1 pm**, join us for a screening of **Wicked**, starring Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo and Jeff Goldblum in the movie version of the successful musical. Rated PG, 2 hours 40 minutes.



Eadweard will be shown on **Friday, July 11, at 6 pm**. Starring: Michael Eklund, Sara Canning and Christopher Heyerdahl, this psychological drama about the turn-of-the-century photographer Eadweard Muybridge, who was the first to photograph subjects in movement and became the godfather of cinema, traces his pioneering movement studies while attempting to keep his marriage intact. This film is not rated and runs 1 hour 44 minutes.



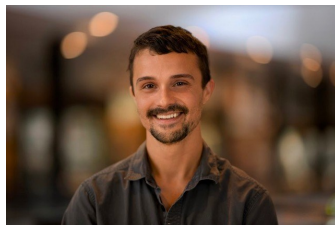
Friday, July 18 at 1 pm finds **The Brutalist**, starring Adrien Brody, Felicity Jones and Guy Pearce coming to the Library. Escaping postwar Europe, a visionary architect comes to America to rebuild his life, his career, and his marriage. Rated R, 3 hour 35 minutes.

Bob Trevino Likes It will be shown on **Friday, August 15 at 1 pm**. Starring Barbie Ferreira, John Leguizamo and French Stewart, a lonely 20-something accidentally befriends a stranger online who shares the exact same name as her own self-centered father. Encouragement and support from this new Bob Trevino could change her life for the better. Inspired by a true story. Rated PG-13, 1 hour 42 minutes.

On **Monday, July 7 at 7 pm**, the Library presents the virtual program **Dancing in the Dark: A History of Dance in the Movies**. The movies and dancing are a partnership born in heaven. From its very beginnings, the new medium of motion pictures turned toward dance as one of the best ways to showcase its unique ability to make movement come alive. Join Brian Rose, professor of Communications and Media Studies at Fordham University for this discussion of dance in the movies, supplemented with multiple video clips from over 100 years of dance in the movies. This is an online event. Register on the Library's Events Calendar or call the Library 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



The Career and Practice of a Michigan Artist comes to the Library on **Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30 pm**. Discover some of the nine acres of decorative art inside the Michigan State Capitol as Anthony M. Cairo, an artist who helps maintain and restore this State treasure, will discuss his background, artistic practices, creative history and conclude with a live demonstration of some of his techniques.



On **Monday, July 28 at 6 pm**, join us for the presentation **The Glass Academy: Working with Glass**. The Glass Academy is a family-owned, community-oriented glass art experience destination. Established to educate the global public about the wonders of glass, share life-long memories through creativity and exploration, and with the goal of producing the highest quality American-crafted glass products, the presenters will discuss the history of glass, why they do what they do and bring tools, color and other items to pass around and discuss. This is a two-hour program with plenty of time for questions with founders Chris Nordin and Michelle Plucinsky.



Shibori Design & Marigold Natural Dye Bandana with The Natural Dye Company comes to the Library on **Wednesday, July 16 at 6 pm**.

Shibori is a resist technique that might look similar to tie-dye but it has been around since the 6th century. In this workshop, you will learn how to make a shibori design and natural dye bath using marigold flowers and create a gorgeous golden yellow cotton bandana. All materials are included. This program will be led by Kristan Green, who considers herself an experimental natural dyer and enjoys seeing what mystery and abundance plants hold. Please wear something that you could potentially get dye on, or bring a smock or apron if you'd like. Registration is required (age 18+ only). **Registration will open on June 30 at 9 am**. Please register online at the Library's events calendar, at the Adult Service Desk or call the Library at 734-426-4477. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room.

Author Tim Mulhering visits the Library on **Tuesday, August 19 at 7 pm** to discuss his work **This Magnetic North: Candid Conversations on a Changing Northern Michigan**. Mulhering addresses the impact of the pandemic, climate change, and tourism on northern Michigan in this microcosmic look at the phenomenon that's occurring in communities throughout the Great Lakes region and other high-demand, scenic areas in the United States. The author spent more than a year researching and interviewing experts in tourism, agriculture, law enforcement, marine science, nature conservation, government, Native communities, retail and real estate. All weighed in on the profound changes that have come to Northern Michigan.

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Director's Corner by Paul McCann



The Library has so many programs this summer we couldn't fit all of them in the newsletter. A number of craft activities, clubs, gaming events and parties will be held in addition to what is listed in the print newsletter.

To keep up-to-date on all the happenings at the Library, but sure to follow us on Facebook. The Library also encourages everyone to sign up for our e-newsletter. Generally, this is a monthly release. With all that is going on during the summer, we will increase the frequency to let subscribers know what's happening in the coming week. Look for the sign up link on our web page.



The QR code on the front of this newsletter will take you to the Library's monthly calendar of events, which can be filtered by age levels and bookmarked on your devices.

The Summer Reading Program is off to a great start with two very generous donations of support.

In celebration of their 25th anniversary of service in the Dexter community, Chelsea State Bank donated \$2,500 in support of the Summer Reading Program. Joanne Rau, President of Chelsea State Bank (center, right) presented the Library staff



with the big check.

The Library was also the recipient of Erratic Ale's 'Good Neighbor Tap' Program this winter. The company and its patrons raised \$1,625 to support the Adult Summer Reading Program. The Library thanks these generous donors for helping us expand our offerings.

