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Story Times
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September 22

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Wednesday,
November 26
at 6:00 pm

Thursday,
November 27

Story Times Set to Resume

Fall Story Times will resume the week of **September 22**.

Several **Drop-In Story Times** will be held each week. On **Monday and Thursday mornings at 11 am**, the Library will offer combined sessions for children five-years-old and younger. **Drop-In Toddler Story Time** will be offered on **Tuesdays at 10 am** for children 18 months-old to three-years-old and **Drop-In Preschool Story Time** for children three to five years-old will be held on **Tuesdays at 11**

am. No registration is required for Drop-In Story Times and these sessions take place in the Lower Level Meeting Room.

The Library will also offer **Small Group Story Times**. Registration is required for these sessions and opens on September 10. **Toddler Small Group Story Time** will be held on **Wednesdays at 10 am** and **Pre-school Small Group Story Time** will be held on **Wednesdays at 11 am**. Small Group Story Times meet in the First Floor Youth Program Room.



Hoopla Changes

With the start of the Library's next fiscal year on October 1, the Library will be implementing a change to the hoopla downloadable content service. The Library will be reducing the number of monthly borrows per card from the current level of 15 items per month to a maximum of eight items borrowed per month. This is in response to the rapidly escalating costs for this service.

The hoopla service provides a catalog of always available items with no request lists or waiting. The convenience is offset by varying costs charged to the Library on a per borrow basis. Costs to borrow any individual item can range from 99¢ to \$5.99 per item. The Library currently

averages approximately \$2.35 per item and hoopla charges full price for each individual use. With print books, the cost per use could be as low as 30¢ per borrow over time.

The limit on borrows was increased during the early stages of the pandemic. This brought in many new users to access digital content, but has also caused hoopla costs to more than double since 2020. Savings achieved through this change will be shifted to purchasing additional content for the Libby / Download Destination service to help reduce wait times. Download Destination works on a more traditional library lending model with hold queues, but also sees twice as much use as hoopla.

Youth and Family Fun



KinderConcert! returns to the Library on **Saturday, September 13 at 12 noon.**

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. This program will feature the 'Spectacular Saxophone' with special performer Noah Stoker. Members of the A²SO lead children on a guided introduction to the instruments of the orchestra. This is a drop-in program and no registration is necessary.

Drop-in Fall Crafts comes to the Library on **Saturday, September 27 at 11 am.** Children of all ages are invited to this drop-in program where they can celebrate the autumn season by making a variety of seasonal crafts, including a fall leaf wind chime. Registration is not required.



Storybook Tales with Bright Star Touring Theatre comes to the Library on **Saturday, October 18 at 11 am.**

Whether it's dashing through the streets of Gepetto's Italian village, or romping through the enchanted forest with Hansel & Gretel, comic duo Lenny and Mabel, "The Greatest Actors In The World," are sure to delight in this fun collection of stories. Learn lessons of responsibility and parental love as Pinocchio struggles to become real. Then travel to Germany with Hansel & Gretel! These tales are sure to delight any young audience, or anyone who is young at heart. Registration is not required and all ages are welcome.



Preschool Makerspace returns on **Friday, October 10 at 11 am.** Children ages five and younger can make, try, create and play at the Library while they explore a variety of stations with open-ended creative activities. Designed to encourage early learning, children will need an active adult partner to help them explore. Registration is not required.



Drop-in Spooky Crafts comes to the Library on **Tuesday, October 14 at 2:30 pm.**

Children of all ages can get ready for Halloween by dropping in to create seasonal crafts inspired by spooky things that go bump in the night. Registration is not required.



The Library will host a **Drop-In Halloween Story Time and Craft on Saturday, October 25 at 11 am.**

Children ages five and younger can join us for a fun Halloween story time filled with spooky books, songs, and flannel board fun. While the program is geared for children ages five and under, everyone is welcome. A simple craft will follow the story time. Registration is not required.



Drop-in Nutcracker Crafts will be offered on **Thursday, November 6 at 2 pm.**

Children of all ages can stop by the Library and create a Nutcracker craft to decorate your home for the holidays. Registration is not required.



The Library will present a **Ballet Story Time and Preview Performance on Saturday, November 8 at 11 am.** Join us for a special Ballet Story Time and then watch Ballet Chelsea as they share a preview of their winter ballet, *The Nutcracker*. We'll begin with a short story time, followed by dancers performing parts of their show while in costume. All ages are welcome and registration is not required.



Join us for a **Drop-In Thanksgiving Story Time and Craft on Saturday, November 22 at 11 am.** This seasonal story time will be celebrating Thanksgiving, food,

and families and is geared for children ages five and under, but everyone is welcome. A simple craft will follow the story time. Registration is not required.



Make Your Own Craft Bag for Thanksgiving Break at the Library on **Monday, November 24 at 4:30 pm.**

Drop-in and put together your own craft and activity bag to take with you on your travels or use at home during the holiday break. Kids of all ages are welcome to drop in during this hour-long program and registration is not required.



The Library's **Chess Club** will be held on **Wednesdays, October 8, November 5 and December 3 at 6:30 pm** each day.

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. Registration is required for each session and is currently open for the October meeting.

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, September 30, November 4 and December 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm** each day.

The **Super Stories Book Club For Young Fives and Kindergarteners** returns this fall. 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, October 7** (Theme: Nocturnal Animals), **November 11** (Theme: Fall), and **December 9** (Theme: Food) with all programs starting at **4:30 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 **Thursdays, October 9** (Theme: Monsters) and **November 13** (Theme: Food) at **4:30 pm each day**. Registration is required and is now open for the October 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 icebreaker game, have a book discussion, and do an activity related to the book we discuss. This hour-long program will be held on **Thursdays, September 18** (Book: *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney), **October 16** (Book: *Donut the Destroyer* by Sarah Graley) and **November 20** (Book: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic* by Lauren Tarshis), **all starting at 4:30 pm**. 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. Makerspace meets **Thursdays, September 25 and October 23 at 4:30 pm** and on **Saturday, November 29 at 11 am**.

Fall Programs for Tweens and Teens



Join us for a **Book Page Pumpkin Craft on Monday, October 13 at 1:30 pm**. Make a cute and festive honey-comb pumpkin out of discarded book pages. This will be a fun and creative way to reuse materials. Students in grades 5 – 12 are welcome to attend. Registration is required and opens on Monday, September 15.

The Library will host a **“Stranger Things” Party on Saturday, October 25 at 2 pm**. Students in grades 5-12 can spend an hour in the Upside-Down. Join us for crafts and activities revolving around the hit show “Stranger Things” as it prepares to air its final season. Registration is required and opens on Thursday, September 25.



Join our **Taste Test Challenge on Saturday, November 15 at 2 pm**. Ever wondered if name-brand products are actually better than generic grocery store items? Let's figure it out. We are going to blindly try and compare generic and name-brand snack foods like chips, crackers, and cookies to determine what tastes the best. Students in grades 5 – 12 can bring their discerning palates. Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, October 15.

The Library's **Tween Book Club** is set for another great season. Tween Book Club is for students in fifth and sixth grades. Read this month's book or theme and then join us for icebreakers, snack, discussion, and a related activity. The group will meet on **Tuesdays, September 16** (Book: *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan), **October 21** (Theme: Mystery) and **November 18** (Book: *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm), with all meetings starting at **4:30 pm**. Free copies of specific titles will be available at the Youth Reference Desk. Registration is required and opens the day of the previous meeting.

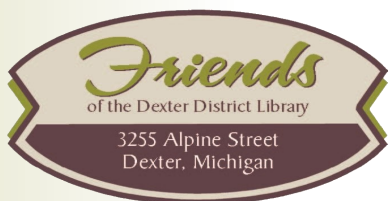


The Library's **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** returns this fall, meeting on **Saturdays, September 27, October 11, November 1 and December 6 at 1 pm** each day. Teens in grades 7 through 12 meet to enjoy pizza and give input on Library events for teens and tweens. Make your voice heard! Registration is required and opens the day of the previous meeting.

Join us for the **Teen “Bring Your Own Book” Club**. Teens in grades 7 through 9 are invited bring a book from each month's genre or theme to talk about with the group, share your recent favorites and get new recommendations from peers. We'll also do a craft or activity. The group will meet at **4:30 pm on Tuesdays, September 23** (Theme: favorite books), **October 28** (Theme: Fantasy) and **November 25** (Theme: Mystery and Thriller.) Registration is required and currently open for the September meeting.

Magic: The Gathering returns this fall. Join us for MTG tournament-style play. Prizes will be awarded to top players. Everyone in grades 5 through 12 with knowledge of game play and rules is invited to attend. Please bring a Commander deck to each session. MTG will meet **Friday, September 19 at 6 pm**. Registration is required and is open for September. Check our events calendar for future dates. This program is co-sponsored with SRSly Dexter.

Teen/Tween Crochet Crafternoons are coming back this fall on **Saturday, September 13 at 1:30 pm** and on **Thursday, November 6 at 1:30 pm**. Join us for a chance to learn crochet or practice your skills. Beginners and more advanced teens and tweens are welcome. Learn a new project or bring in what you've been working on. Students in Grades 5 – 12 are welcome and registration is required.



The Friends of the Library's long-serving Book Sale Chair, Cortney Ophoff, retired this summer. Cortney was instrumental in building the infrastructure that makes the Friends Book Sales the vibrant events they are. The Friends were very fortunate to have her energy and dedication for over a decade. The most recent Dexter Summer Festival netted the Friends nearly \$2,500 in sales over the two days.

It is important to keep Cortney's efforts moving forward. To that end, the Friends of the Library are searching for a new Book Sale Coordinator and Book Sale Leaders. At their upcoming meeting on **September 23 at 7 pm**, the Friends Board will be discussing this issue and are actively soliciting for interested volunteers. If you would like to get involved, please plan on attending this meeting. The QR code below will allow you to e-mail your interest to the Friends.

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The Friends of the Library are in search of the next Book Sale Coordinator and additional Book Sale Leaders

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Technology Classes



This fall, join us at the Library for a variety of helpful technology classes to hone your skills or learn new ones. Registration is required for all technology classes. Sign up at <https://dexter.lib.mi.us/events>, call 734-426-4477, or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register.

Intro to Ancestry.com will be offered on **Tuesday, September 16 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, September 18 at 6 pm**. Learn to use the Library's Ancestry.com service. Topics for beginners will include creating a family tree, building timelines, and tips for searching on Ancestry.com.

Learn to use a variety of **Downloadable Library Content** on **Tuesday, October 7 at 9 am** or on **Thursday, October 9 at 6 pm**. Explore our Download Destination (OverDrive), hoopla, and Kanopy services through guided tutorials. Bring your own devices and get help setting them up so you can start downloading books, magazines, movies, and more. We'll also show you how to set up the RLA feature within the Libby app, which unlocks over 387,000 additional items.

Interested in manipulating graphics? Join us for **Paint.net** on **Tuesday, November 4 at 9 am** and again on **Thursday, November 6 at 6 pm**. Paint.NET is a powerful, free and easy to use alternative to Photoshop. Learn how to crop, layer, create transparencies and color correct images. Sample photos will be provided.

Start Digitizing will be held on **Tuesday, December 2 at 9 am** or on **Thursday, December 4 at 6 pm**. Get hands-on practice using the Library's equipment to digitize various media formats, including VHS tapes, slides, negatives, audio cassettes, 8mm/Super8 film reels and print photos. Learn how to preserve your memories from deterioration and convert them into easily shareable digital formats. Samples will be provided.

One-on-One Technology Help returns on **Thursdays, September 25, October 30, November 20 and December 18**. Half hour sessions will be held between **9 and 11 am** or **1 to 3 pm** each day. We can help with 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 we cannot repair devices, remove spyware and viruses, or perform installations and upgrades.

Events for Adults This Fall



Join us at the Library on **Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm** for **Classic Michigan Food and Drink: The Stories Behind the Brands**. This program will present amazing stories and photos about many Michigan food brands. If you're a fan of Sanders, Faygo, Vernors, Guernsey, and Jiffy, you'll eat up this show. This will be presented by Gail Offen, adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological University, and Jon Milan, a well-known lecturer specializing in topics related to Michigan social history. This program will be in the Library's Lower Level Meeting Room. Registration is appreciated.

Back by popular demand, the Library, the Dexter Area Historical Society and Forest Lawn Cemetery will present a new **Forest Lawn Cemetery Tour on Sunday, September 21 between 2 and 4 pm**. Join us for a walking tour of this historic site on Grand Street. Tours will include the graves of prominent Dexter residents such as Royal Samuel Copeland, Dr. William C. Wylie, Calvin Fillmore and more. Group size is limited and the tour will cover uneven ground. Registration is mandatory and space is limited. Tours will depart on the half-hour. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. (Note: when registering online, select an open registration time: 2 pm, 2:30 pm or 3 pm.)

The **Manhattan Short Film Festival** returns to the Library this fall. Screenings will take place on **Friday, September 26 at 6 pm; Sunday, September 28 at 2 pm and Sunday, October 5 at 2 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 for the 28th annual festival. Each date will show all films in this year's running.

Festival attendees are given a voting card and an official program. Attendees will view 10 short films and vote for the one film and actor they feel should win. Votes are tallied by each host venue and emailed to the Festival's headquarters. Winning films will be eligible for Oscar nominations. Last year four films were short-listed and two were nominated for Oscars, including the winner for best live action "I'm Not a Robot."

Registration is not required, but appreciated.

Movies at the Library



Join us at the Library for a variety of feature films shown on the big screen in our Lower Level Meeting Room. Film showings include free refreshments. Registration is not required, but appreciated for planning.

On **Friday, September 19 at 1 pm**, **Penguin Lessons** (2024), starring Steve Coogan and Jonathan Pryce will be shown. During the 1976 coup in Argentina, an English teacher rescues a penguin and brings it to his school. His life begins to change when the bird's presence starts to have a positive effect on the school. Rated PG-13, 1 hour 50 minutes.

Friday, October 17 at 1 pm finds **See How They Run** (2022) coming to the Library. Plans for a movie version of a smash-hit play come to an abrupt halt after a pivotal member of the crew is murdered. When world-weary Inspector Stoppard (Sam Rockwell) and eager rookie Constable Stalker (Saoirse Ronan) take on the case, the two find themselves thrown into a puzzling whodunit. Rated PG-13, 1 hour 38 minutes.

On **Friday, November 14 at 6 pm** we'll show **White Bird** (2024), starring: Helen Mirren, Ariella Glaser and Gillian Anderson. Julian has struggled to belong ever since he was expelled from his former school. To transform his life, Julian's grandmother finally reveals her own story of courage during her youth in Nazi-occupied France. Rated: PG-13, 2 hours.

Friday, November 21 at 1 pm finds **Scrambled** (2023), starring Leah McKendrick and Andrew Santino, being shown. Quintessential eternal bridesmaid Nellie Robinson (Leah McKendrick) constantly finds herself between weddings, baby showers, and bad dates, when she begins to feel like the clock is ticking and is faced with bleak romantic prospects. Rated R, 1 hour 40 minutes.

The Library will offer several in-person and virtual cooking demonstrations with Mary Spencer this fall. Join us **in-person** on **Wednesday September 24 at 6 pm** for **Soups and Stews**. Learn to make Kapusniak (Polish Potato Kielbasa and Cabbage Soup) and Roasted Tomato White Bean Stew. Participants will be able to sample both dishes. On **Tuesday, October 7 at 7 pm**, Mary returns for **Instant Pot Cooking**. Whether you are new or a seasoned pro, Mary has many tricks to show you. This onsite Instant Pot cooking demonstration will cover German potato salad and chicken Tuscan pasta. Recipes will be provided to those in attendance at both programs.

Later this fall, the programs switch to Zoom presentations. Join us online on **Monday, November 17 at 6 pm** when Mary presents **It's Not Just About the Turkey - Preparing Thanksgiving Side Dishes**. Looking for some new side dishes for your Thanksgiving dinner? Join Mary online from her home kitchen as she cooks some delicious side dishes that your entire family will love. On **Wednesday, December 17 at 6 pm**, Mary will present **New Year's Eve Appetizers**. There will be plenty of time to ask Mary questions. Recipes will be emailed to those attending.

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years and is the owner of Taste: A Cook's Place, LLC. Her website is www.tasteacooksplace.net.

Both in-person and virtual cooking events require registration and you may register through the Library's events calendar or by calling 734-426-4477.



On **Monday, October 27 at 7 pm** the Library will host a Zoom presentation of the **Films of Alfred Hitchcock**. One of the most famous film directors, he made fifty-four films, including classics such as *Notorious*, *Rear Window*, *North by Northwest*, *Vertigo*, and *Psycho*. Few filmmakers have been as popular, critically celebrated, and influential. This presentation looks at his achievements as "the master of suspense" and, through dozens of film clips, examines his extraordinary creativity as one of the 20th Century's greatest filmmakers.

Presented by Brian Rose, a professor emeritus at Fordham University, where he taught for 38 years in the Department of Communication and Media Studies. He's written several books on television history and cultural programming. To register for this virtual event, visit the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477.

On **Monday, October 20 at 7 pm** the Library will offer a Zoom presentation of the **History of the Hershey Chocolate Company**. Today the name Hershey is synonymous with quality milk chocolate, but that wasn't always the case. Milton S. Hershey worked hard and failed often before his chocolate company was finally successful. And when he did become a household name and had earned a vast fortune, Milton and his wife Catherine decided to give it all away. Because of their generosity, tens of thousands of orphans have been saved, protected, and educated. Attend this illustrated lecture to hear the "behind the scenes" story of this beloved American company. Presented by Laura Keyes, a graduate of UW-Madison with a Master's Degree in Library Studies, who has been presenting on historic topics for almost 15 years. She has presented her research at multiple conferences and workshops. 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)



Join us online on **Wednesday, November 5 at 7 pm** for **Fact & Fiction: The Art of British Spycraft**. Author and former UK resident Claire Evans recounts her visit to Bletchley Park, the once top-secret hub of codebreakers vital to Allied intelligence during WWII. Delve into modern British spy novels and the real-life characters and circumstances that inspired countless plot twists.

Evans is an author, former journalist, attorney, and college lecturer. Her memoir, *High Tea and the Low Down*, is the true story of what it's really like to marry a witty Englishman and move to Britain. Register on the Library's events calendar or call 734-426-4477. A Zoom link will be emailed the day before the event.



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