Join us for a virtual program this fall!

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FROM the DIRECTOR...

Do you have a “happy place”? Is it that special secret fishing hole on an amber-colored northern Michigan brook trout stream? Is it on a roller coaster at your favorite amusement park? Is it going back to a childhood home where you remember every room, fixture, or even sound? Is it riding on a wagon to go apple picking at your favorite orchard or cutting down a Christmas tree at your favorite farm? On July 6, when the library was able to reopen its doors after a three-month mandate to close, I was reminded about how the library is the “happy place” for so many residents of the community.

This issue of Library Matters covers September through December 2020 a period of time that is likely to be extra stressful with the uncertainty and challenges of the pandemic and election. Regardless of your political persuasion or whether COVID-19 has had a major or negligible impact on your life, I hope that you will take advantage of the many library services available to help get you to a “happy place.” Even better, I hope that you will help remind others of how adding the library to their lives can make their lives happier, too!

Tip #1 – Try Paper – The printed page may seem “old fashioned” in a 24/7 online, connected, instantaneous world, but its therapeutic qualities can provide focus, concentration and relaxation. Printed books don’t beep, have unwanted popup ads, vibrate or otherwise pull your attention in ten different directions. There are no cords or batteries to worry about. Borrowing them from the library means you will be saving money, hopefully making a trip to a place that will make you feel better and smarter for visiting, and an excuse to get out of the house!

Tip #2 – Try Humans – Did you know that librarians are required to have an undergraduate degree in any field plus a master’s degree in library science? By nature, we are people who love to help, whether it’s finding the answer to a question, recommending a good book to read for pleasure or an assignment, or to help with a technical question. It’s true that you can find 1,000 opinions and recommendations from random people on the internet, computer algorithms or even artificial intelligence, but there’s still nothing like the personal service of a local human being who not only truly cares about helping you but then wants to hear back. Did you enjoy that last recommendation? Did you get that job we helped you find?

Tip #3 – Try Digital – While this may seem to directly conflict with Tip #1, I know that there are many people in our community who are still trying to cross the digital divide. For example, we have a nonagenarian who learned how to use Zoom to continue participating in our virtual book discussion group. We get hundreds of views of our librarians’ virtual “book talking” programs. Our “take and make” kits are our way of trying to provide a physical connection between people and the library at a time when we aren’t allowed to have in-person programs. Our online resources “virtual CMPL” available through our website (www.cmpl.org) are almost endless. Many of our partner vendors are even temporarily extending services, such as Ancestry.com, which typically is limited to in-library use only, but now may be accessed from home at least through the end of September. And last, there are dozens of library programs of all types that you can enjoy from your home in real-time or at your convenience.

Tip #4 – Happy new year! – While it is important to appreciate the gift of each new day, there is much to look forward to in 2021. Pandemic and politics aside, 2021 is going to be an amazing year for the community with the late summer opening of the new North Branch Library. By then we expect to be able to hold a major, in-person, grand opening celebration and a new “happy place” will be born for generations to come.

Whether virtually, curbside, or in-person, we look forward to serving you and your family soon.

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On Aug. 13, 2020 the dome of the new North Branch was installed.
Millage Renewal Passes

On Aug. 5, residents of Clinton and Macomb Townships renewed a supplemental millage to support the library in every precinct! We thank you for your generous support of CMPL and its mission.

An exciting time is coming for CMPL. In 2021, the new North Branch will open its doors. It will be double the size of the current building and offer many amenities including a drive-up window for holds pick up. It will also include ample study and tutoring rooms, quiet study room, a separate, expanded children’s area and more shelving for books and other library materials.

The pandemic has taught us that a drive-up window is a useful addition the library. The South Branch already has a drive-up window and the new North Branch will have one as well. We plan to enhance the Main Library with a drive-up window for holds delivery. No appointment will be necessary. We also plan to replace carpet at the Main Library. Although the building is in good condition, it is 17 years old and could use some updates from being so well-used.

In addition to these improvements, the supplemental millage will help us keep collections up-to-date and robust. Over the closure earlier this year, we were able to add enough digital material to decrease the holds wait time by two weeks at a time when we saw a 47% increase in use of digital materials. We will be able to maintain our technology and add unique items to our Library Things to Go collection.

Thank you so much for your continued support of CMPL. We are looking forward to a bright future serving the community!

Grab & Go and Beyond

CMPL is still operating in Grab & Go mode. If you are sick or have recently been sick, do not come to the library. In order to stay safe and remain open to the public, CMPL must follow all public health guidelines. The following services are still affected:

- Computer stations are limited and seating is unavailable due to social distancing requirements.
- Public computer sessions are limited to 60-minutes per day.
- Meeting and group study room reservations are unavailable.
- Programming remains virtual through the fall.
- High-touch items such as puppets, toys and puzzles are on extended “vacation.”
- Consumption of food is not permitted in the library. Water fountains will be turned off so you may bring a nonalcoholic beverage in a covered container.

As a reminder, if you are uncomfortable coming into the library, we still offer Curbside Pick Up of items at the Main Library and the North Branch. Simply make an appointment when you are notified that your items are ready. The South Branch offers pick up at the drive-up window. No appointment is necessary. We also offer extended Wi-Fi in all CMPL parking lots so that you may connect to the internet on your personal device. No password is necessary.

When you visit the library:

- Maintain 6’ social distancing from anyone who is not a member of your household.
- Wear a face covering over the nose and mouth at all times while in the library.
- Plan for a shorter visit while capacity limits are in effect.
- Place browsed items on designated carts and tables if you do not want to check them out.

What’s Next?

CMPL will follow all public guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the community and library staff. As restrictions lift, we will bring back furniture, open areas that are currently closed and allow more computer time. We appreciate your understanding and assistance with following safety guidelines.
School Resources

It’s time for school again. We’d like to remind you that all students can take advantage of the services and materials that are available at CMPL, including a Virtual Library Card. Students who have a physical card with CMPL already have access to all materials. Those who do not have cards may use their student ID number. All student ID numbers have been imported into our system and ready to go for this school year. If you need help with your PIN, please email childrensservices@cmpl.org.

Virtual Library Cards provide access to electronic resources, including books, magazines and music in electronic format, research databases, free homework help sessions with a qualified online tutor, and internet access in the library.

To upgrade your child to a full-access regular library card just visit any CMPL location with proof of address and photo ID. Full access will allow your child to select from nearly 553,000 items in the library’s collections and more. For more information or for assistance in accessing your account please visit cmpl.org or call (586) 226-5000.

Tutor.com
An important service that comes with a Virtual Library Card is access to Tutor.com. This service connects students to live tutors online to help with homework questions. Additionally, Tutor.com allows students to submit a paper online for proofreading, submit a math question for a step-by-step solution within 24-hours and practice tests including SAT, ACT and AP test prep. Tutors are available from noon until midnight every day.

CMPL is currently operating in Grab & Go mode. In order to promote social distancing, we do not have chairs and study tables available at this time. Please encourage students in your life to access CMPL resources from home. See page 3 for more information.

Mobile Print at CMPL
Did you know you may print wirelessly using your laptop or other device from inside the library or from home? If you have printer trouble, simply send your print jobs to a printer at one of our locations, come to the library to release your print job and pay for your copies within 36 hours. Black & white copies are 10¢ per page and color copies are 50¢ per page. Get full details and links to print at cmpl.org/print/

Databases
If research is an important part of the school year, CMPL can help with quality research sources. From history to royalty-free photos, CMPL databases are excellent resources for students writing papers and completing projects. Visit cmpl.org/advanced-research/
Databases suitable for school are found under the Students header.

Tips for Top-Notch Teachers
In addition to resources for students, CMPL also offers services for teachers and parents. If you teach in a school within the CMPL service area, we offer a bi-monthly newsletter to highlight library resources that can be used in the classroom. This is also a great eNewsletter for parents who would like to know more about CMPL services and materials. Register for this eNewsletter at cmpl.org/newsletter-notify/

Early Lit Tips
Do you have a child between the ages of 1 and 5? CMPL offers a monthly eNewsletter to introduce you to early literacy concepts and activities that you can encourage at home. It also highlights events that support early literacy at CMPL. Register for this eNewsletter at cmpl.org/newsletter-notify/

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Learning to read begins long before your child starts school. Your child is gaining valuable exposure to language whether you read a book, the paper or the back of a cereal box. Reading aloud helps with language development, literacy skill building, brain development and bonding. Get started at cmpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten/
Book Discussions for Adults

South Branch Book Discussion
2nd Saturdays at 12 p.m. | Zoom
Meet other book lovers at this discussion.

Sept. 12: *The Woman’s Hour* by Elaine Weiss
Oct. 10: *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
Nov. 14: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
Dec. 12: *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter

North Branch Mystery Book Discussion
3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.

Sept. 15: *The Widow* by Fiona Barton
Oct. 20: *IQ* by Joe Ide
Nov. 17: *I Found You* by Lisa Jewell
Dec. 15: *A Cup of Holiday Fear* by Ellie Alexander

Books on Tap
2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Bring your own beverage and discuss a fiction title with other book lovers.

Sept. 14: *Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson
Oct. 12: *The Warehouse* by Rob Hart
Nov. 9: *Final Girls* by Riley Sager
Dec. 14: *The Switch* by Beth O’Leary

Let’s Get Real
3rd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles published in recent years!

Sept. 21: *The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea* by Hyonason Lee & David John
Oct. 19: *The Yellow House* by Sarah M. Broom
Nov. 16: *A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II* by Sonia Purnell

Adult Battle of the Books
Sat., Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Battle of the Books is a team-based trivia game, where readers from across Macomb County will compete for fun and prizes! This year’s selections are:

*In Shock* by Rana Awdish
*The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
*The Warehouse* by Rob Hart
*The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali
*Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim
*How Not to Die Alone* by Richard Roper

Book Discussion Kits Available
Is your book club looking for more titles to read? The library has dozens of Book Discussion Kits ready to be checked out. Each kit includes ten copies of the book, a synopsis with book reviews, and a helpful set of discussion questions to get you started. To check out a kit, go to the Adults page on cmpl.org, click Search for Discussion Kits, and select the title you want and the day you want to pick it up. Fill in your contact information and tell us which branch you’d like to pick it up from, and we’ll have the kit available for you on your chosen date. Distribute the books, keep them for up to 6 weeks, then bring the whole kit back!

Program Registration Information
Registration is required for all online programs. A library card is required for registration. Priority registration is given to residents in our service area and opens two weeks prior to the event for residents. Register at least one hour prior to the event. Before the program you will receive an email with details about how to join via the web service Zoom.

You may register online at http://cmpl.libnet.info/events or call us at (586) 226-5000 to have us register for you.

If you don’t have computer access, or would prefer to participate in an event via phone, call us at (586) 226-5000 to register. We will make sure you get the phone number to call to connect to the program by phone.

A note about craft programs: If you have registered for a craft program, supplies are only available for a period of time (see event details). Please do not come before that time. Your supplies may not be available.

Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs.
Library By Mail
CMPL is excited to launch Library by Mail. This free service will be available to resident cardholders of the CMPL service area who are unable to make it into the library’s buildings. Library by Mail patrons can receive books, movies, and music CDs through this service. To learn more, visit cmpl.org and select Library by Mail on the Adults page.

Trivia Live!
Tuesdays: at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join us for a fun night of themed or pub-style trivia. Each week will have a new theme with prizes going to the winners!

- Sept. 8: Video Games
- Sept. 15: TV Detectives
- Sept. 22: Bad Movie Descriptions: Books to Film
- Sept. 29: Pub-Style
- Oct. 13: Buffy the Vampire Slayer
- Oct. 20: Star Wars 2.0
- Oct. 27: Pub-Style
- Nov. 10: Twilight
- Nov. 17: Star Trek
- Nov. 24: Pub-Style
- Dec. 8: YA Books to Film
- Dec. 15: Lord of the Rings
- Dec. 22: Holiday Movies
- Dec. 29: Pub-Style

Freegal
Freegal is a great way to enjoy music for free. You may download up to five free MP3 songs each week. They are yours to keep forever. They never return. And now, through the end of 2020, Freegal is allowing free streaming 24-hours-a-day! Get started with Freegal at cmpl.org/digital-downloads

Facebook Chats
Librarian Chats
Select dates and times | Facebook
Join us this fall to learn more about our different departments and the librarians who work in them! We’re going live on Facebook for chats with each department once a month. Get to know your librarians, learn about books and materials you’ll want to check out and just have some fun. Just visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Clinton-Macomb-Public-Library to view these events.

- 1st Tuesdays at 3 p.m.: YA Chat
- 2nd Wednesdays at 12 p.m.: PopMat Chat
- 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m.: Youth Services Chat
- 4th Wednesday at 10 a.m.: Adult Nonfiction Chat

Tried It (So You Can Too): 2-Day Holiday Gift-Making Extravaganza
Mon., Dec. 7 & Tues., Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. | Facebook Live
Four librarians each day attempt to follow tutorials from our CMPL databases. Join us on Facebook Live where we’ll be sharing videos and discussing our adventures in trying new things. If you’re looking to get crafty this holiday season, tune in to get ideas about what you can make this year.

Family Story and Ornament Craft
Tues., Dec. 1 | YouTube
Listen to a heart-warming story with your children or grandchildren, followed by assembling a woodland ornament craft together. Gather for this multi-generational program. The library will be provide the glass ornament, miniature figurines, decorative snow, and instructions. A video of the story, The Wish Tree by Kyo Maclear being read by a librarian, followed by instructions on making the ornament will be available on YouTube on Dec. 1 to watch at your leisure. The library will provide the supplies; one ornament per family. Register between Nov. 12-25. Pick up supplies at the North Branch Nov. 27-Dec. 1.

Hour of Code
Sun., Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Celebrate National Coding week with an Hour of Code in this family event! This event is suitable for children 8+ and their parents or caregivers.
Writing Group  
Tuesdays: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Writers of all ages are welcome.

Tales & Talk: The Easiest Book Club Ever!  
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Zoom  
Relax and listen to a short story read aloud by a librarian, followed by a discussion. All stories relate to Michigan!  
Fall stories include:

- **Sept. 2**: *We Have a Job For You* by Lolita Hernandez
- **Oct. 7**: *Kill the Cat* by Loren Estleman
- **Nov. 4**: *The Beloved Murderer* by James Oliver Curwood
- **Dec. 2**: *Winter Life* by Bonnie Jo Campbell and *Calling the Shots* by Karen Dionne

Knit and Crochet Meet Up  
Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another craft? Hang out and show off your new creations! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

The Art of Henna  
Wed., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. | Zoom  
Honilynn Hendricks from Gilded Lotus Henna discusses this ancient form of body art, its history, and demonstrates how to prepare and apply beautiful designs.

Exploring Backyard Wildlife  
Wed., Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. | Zoom  
Explore the backyard through the eyes of local wildlife on a photo tour with naturalist Andrew Nowicki. Learn more about the creatures we live alongside every day and the reason some backyards have more critters than others. We’ll discuss the animals commonly seen living near people as well as some you may not have known were there.

55+ Living Well at CMPL  
Wed., Sept. 23 | Online  
CMPL wants you to live well! Check out the programs below, and visit us on social media throughout the day for health and wellness book recommendations, and guidance using some of our technology that’s perfect for seniors (or anyone looking to Live Well!).

Mental Health During COVID  
Wed., Sept. 23 at 1 p.m. | Zoom  
Marcia Relyea of CARE of Southeastern Michigan shares coping strategies for handling the stresses of life during the COVID pandemic.

Yoga for Stress Relief  
Wed., Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. | Zoom  
Jenny O’Laughlin, co-director of Hot Thrive Yoga, will demonstrate breathing techniques, yoga poses, and meditation to help calm your body and mind. Prepare for a deep state of relaxation through breathing exercises, yoga postures and guided meditation.

Essential Oils for Health  
Wed., Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Essential oils are powerful plant allies that help support your body naturally. What we breathe in, put on our skin, use as a fragrance, and take internally all play a roll in our health. Essential oils can be used daily in the air to help relax, applied topically as a fragrance, in cooking, for massage, meditation, and more. Bring your questions and Renee Pakoj will share how and why to use essential oils.

Michigan’s Unexplained: 19th Century Spirit Communicators  
Wed., Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. | Zoom  
Back by popular demand, Kat Tedsen joins us to tell the tales of two remarkable Michigan women. One was a medium who rose to international fame by bringing forward voices of the deceased. The other, guided by the spirits of the dead, painted shockingly revealing visions of the future.
Virtual Programs for Adults

Chapter One
Thurs., Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Fall into reading with Kate, Meghan, Nicole, Erin and Sarah for a night of book buzz and recommendations in a variety of genres. Catch up on the books we enjoyed, plus discover the inside scoop on hot reads for the fall!

Understanding Climate Change
Thurs., Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Ryan Shadbolt, Ph.D. will present a lecture that spans introductory topics regarding climate change symptoms, science, and solutions. Questions from the audience are welcome and encouraged. Shadbolt is an Advising Specialist within the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences at Michigan State University.

Yoga for Neck and Shoulder Relief
Wed., Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Jenny O’Laughlin, co-director of Hot Thrive Yoga, demonstrates a short practice that will release tension in the neck, shoulders and upper back. She focuses on targeted areas that get stressed through everyday activity to combat neck tension, shoulder pain, upper back pain, and poor posture.

Genealogy Basics
Sat., Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Learn about starting your family tree using Ancestry Library Edition.

Berlin: History and Highlights of a Great City
Wed., Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Berlin has been called edgy, poor (financially), rich (culturally), liberal, exciting, historical, international, and never-ending. Mariya Fogarasi spent ten years in this fascinating capital and will focus on favorite highlights of a city which marked the 75th anniversary of its World War II capitulation on May 8, 2020.

Murder at the Cider Mill
Wed., Oct. 28 and Thurs., Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
A limited event series! A murder has taken place at the cider mill and only you, our amateur detectives, can solve it. Join us virtually on Wednesday for suspect statements and interviews, and Thursday for more interviews and the big reveal.

Larry Martin’s WWII In Their Own Words
Mon., Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. | Zoom
For many years, Larry Martin has been dedicated to interviewing soldiers and civilians who suffered and persevered during World War II to ensure that their stories are not forgotten. Martin will present his filmed interview with Alexander Jefferson, who served with the Tuskegee Airmen as a fighter pilot, flying the P-51 and the P-47. He was a POW at Stalag Luft III. During his incarceration Jefferson endured a horribly cold, forced march ahead of the Russian Army and upon his release he witnessed the horrors of Dachau. Learn more about his incredible story. A Q & A session on anything related to WWII will follow the screening.

The Loss of Edmund Fitzgerald
Wed., Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Join Steven Mrozek, historian and former curator for the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, as he describes the final voyage and sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald 45 years ago.

Countertop Cooking
Thurs., Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join librarians from CMPL and Mount Clemens Public Library virtually via Zoom as we demonstrate how to use popular countertop cooking tools. We will be cooking up delicious food in the Instant Pot, air fryer, and more.

Holiday Reset and Refresh
Wed., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Too much to do during the holidays? Do you have energy drain, eye strain, and brain fog? Teri Flores will guide us using gentle chair exercises and stretching to help us reset and refresh. Breathing techniques, simple face yoga and a short meditation will be included. Wear comfortable clothing and use a stable chair for 50 minutes of relaxing and invigorating techniques. Question and answers after the session.

Yooper Talk
Wed., Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Learn the fascinating history of how the Upper Peninsula of Michigan developed its colorful and culturally distinctive Yooper dialect and identity. Grand Valley State University Professor Kathryn Remlinger, Ph.D. draws on sixteen years of research, fieldwork, and interviews with lifelong UP residents.

Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs. See page 5.
Craft Programs for Adults

Take & Make: Embroidery Craft-a-long with Creativebug
Saturdays: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Let’s do Creativebug’s Daily Embroidery Challenge together! Use Creativebug to learn 31 embroidery stitches, with weekly group chats on Zoom to ask questions, share tips, and show off progress. All instruction videos can be found on Creativebug, a resource for CMPL cardholders. Zoom meetings are optional. Register between Sept. 14 and 28. Pick up supplies for this program at the Main Library Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

Decorative Mini Pumpkins
Sat., Oct. 3 | Craft at Home
Get ready for the fall season! Create a pair of cute mini orange pumpkins to go with your autumn decor. The library will provide the basic supplies. Register between Sept. 15 and 28. Pick up supplies at the North Branch Sept. 29-Oct. 2. The library will provide two sizes of styrofoam balls, burlap, adhesive and written instructions. An instructional video on how to create the pumpkins will be available on YouTube on Oct. 3. One pair of pumpkins per family.

Imitation Art
Mon., Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Join us as we describe a classic painting and try to recreate it together. Probably very badly. We will likely not be creating masterpieces, but we will be having fun! Supplies for this program will be available at the Popular Materials desk at the Main Library from Oct. 28 through Nov. 1.

Acrylic Painting Workshop for Beginners
Thurs., Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. | Zoom
Join us for a Fall still life by Shveta Shah. Participants will learn fundamentals of scale and proportion of the subject, how to work layer by layer (along with the instructor), color mixing and application on canvas and brush techniques and different textures.

Participants will need the following: Acrylic paints (cadmium yellow light, titanium white, grumbacher red and Persian blue), #8 Filburt brush, #1 round brush, mixing knife, 12 x 18 inch canvas, palette and paper towel.

Technology for Adults

Tech Help
Tech Help is available by email at techhelp@cmpl.org or by calling to make an in-person appointment. Call the Main Library at (586) 226-5040 or the South Branch at (586) 226-5073. Please note social distancing and masks required.

Nine Ways to Improve Your Personal Cybersecurity
Wed., Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Join Keith Nabozny from Macomb Community College’s Cybersecurity Center to learn tips to keep yourself and your data safe online.

Google Like a Librarian
Fri., Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Are you frustrated with your search results? This program will help you find what you’re looking for! At the end of this program, participants will understand the basics of how Google produces search results, be able to formulate better keyword searches, understand the difference between a database and the internet and when to use one or the other, and evaluate website reliability.

File and Folder Basics
Fri., Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Learn the fundamentals of working with files and folders on your computer.

Internet Basics
Fri., Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Learn the fundamentals of the Internet. Basic computer skills are required.

Intro to Microsoft Word
Fri., Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Word. Basic computer skills are required.

Intro to Microsoft Excel
Fri., Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Learn the fundamentals of Microsoft Excel. Basic computer skills are required.

Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs. See page 5.
Ms. Carissa Rocks
Sat., Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Get ready to rock with Ms. Carissa in this fun family concert for ages 12 and under.

Cooking with Kids
3rd Sundays at 10 a.m. | Facebook
Join us in the kitchen to make tasty treats and snacks. Children ages 8-12 may tune in for a video featuring quick and fun foods to prepare. No registration required. Allergen Alert: These recipes will not be nut, gluten, or lactose free.

Virtual Kids Show & Tell
Tuesdays: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. | Zoom
Show us your favorite stuffed animal, tell us a story, share an art project you made, tell about your pet or just talk about what you are doing. Let’s catch up! We miss you! For grades 1-3.

Howell Nature Center: Creatures of the Night
Sat., Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m. | Zoom
Meet the creatures that come out at night! Meet owls and mammals and learn about their adaptations for living in the dark.

Joel Tacey's Spooktacular Comedy Show
Sat., Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m. | Facebook
Come watch and enjoy the fun and magic of Joel Tacey's Spooktacular Comedy Show. This program will be posted on Facebook Oct. 10 and will be available for viewing for one week after the initial posting.

Jokes, Brain Teasers, and Riddles
Mon., Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. | Zoom
Join us and share jokes, riddles, or brain teasers for this online event. Geared for ages 8 to 12.

Frostology
Sat., Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. | Facebook Live
Jump knee-deep into winter with the Michigan Science Center. We'll make fluffy snow and sparkling white slime. Learn the science behind all things frosty as we investigate the states of matter.

Stories & Songs with Mrs. Claus
Sat., Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
To get into the holiday spirit, kids ages 2-10 can enjoy stories and songs with Mrs. Claus.

Tween Take & Make: Bouncy Ball Craft
Mon., Sept. 14 | Pick up at any CMPL location
Tweens ages 8-12 years old can pick up a craft kit to make their very own bouncy ball. Instructions and all materials needed, except cold water and plastic wrap or foil, will be included with the kit. Registration for this program begins Sept. 1. Pick up for those registered will take place Sept. 14 - Sept. 30.

Tween Take & Make: Mandala Sand Art Craft
Wed., Oct. 14 | Pick up at any CMPL location
Tweens ages 8-12 years can pick up a craft kit to make a beautiful mandala with colored sand. Instructions and all materials needed will be included with the kit. Registration for this program begins Oct. 1. Pick up for those registered will take place Oct. 14 - Oct. 31.

Emoji Galaxy Paintings
Sat., Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Tweens ages 8-12 years old will learn to make an emoji galaxy painting. Register between Oct. 3-15 to guarantee supply availability. Pick up your supplies at any CMPL location between Oct. 12-15. If you can’t attend the live program, a video will be available on CMPLVideo after Oct. 19.

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Take & Make at Home Activities

Kiddie Crafts
Available Monthly | Pick up any CMPL location
Preschoolers ages 3-5 may pick up a take and make craft kit from any CMPL location. Materials and instructions to make the crafts are included with the kits along with other fun activities. Kits are available in Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. Register by the 14th of each month and pick up your kit any time after the 14th. Available while supplies last.

Take and Make Crafts: Pop Sockets
Fri., Sept. 11 | Pick up from any CMPL location
Grab a kit and decorate your own pop socket. Ages 9 and up. Each kit contains a blank pop socket and stickers and a YouTube link video with decorating ideas. Pick up your kits at any CMPL location Sept. 4 until Sept. 11.

Book and a Craft
Select dates | Pick up any CMPL location
Children ages 7-12 can pick up a book and a craft after registering for this program. Children will read the book at their own pace and in their own time frame. The kit will include a book to keep, a craft with instructions, questions or other activities. One kit per family.

Sept. 14: This month’s book is New Kid by Jerry Craft. Kits are available Sept. 14 - Sept. 30 and limited to those who register for the program; while supplies last.

Oct. 14: This month’s book is The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes. Kits are limited to those who register for the program and while supplies last from Oct. 14 to Oct. 31.

Nov. 14: This month’s book is Astronuts Mission One: The Plant Planet! by Jon Scieszka. Kits are limited to those who register for the program and while supplies last from Nov. 14 to Nov. 30.

Play, Play, Play to Go
Week of Oct. 5-Week of Nov. 2 | Pick up at South Branch
For little ones ages 1-3, parents stop by the South Branch to pick up a toy kit to actively play with your child. New kits available on Mondays for those registered; one per family. Pick up a new kit every Monday for five weeks. Kits will include toys, informational handouts and tips on playing with the items. We ask that all the toys and the bag be returned to the library before the next kit is issued. All kits are quarantined before being checked out to a new family.

Take and Make Crafts: Bug Jars
Thurs., Oct. 22 | Pick up any CMPL location
Kids will make a plastic bug jar to hold insects. One plastic insect is included. Register between Oct. 8-18 to guarantee supply availability. Pick up your jars between Oct. 16 and 20. The library will provide a bug jar with decorating instructions, a plastic insect, a temporary bug tattoo and a YouTube link to a bug story time available after Oct. 22.

Felt Poinsettia Necklace
Mon., Dec. 7 | Pick up any CMPL location
Register for this program beginning Nov. 23; pickup your kit beginning Dec. 7 at any CMPL location. The kit will contain detailed instructions and materials to create the necklace. All you need to add are a pair of scissors. A YouTube video will be available on Dec. 7 for visual learners. Each kit is available while supplies last from Dec. 1 to Dec. 23.

Enroll in a Reading Challenge this year!
Available for Pre-K-grade 4. Visit cmpl.org/childrens-reading-challenges/

Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs. See page 5.
**Story Times**
Session I story times will take place the week of Sept. 14 through the week of Oct. 12. Session II takes place the week of Nov. 2 though the week of Nov. 30. Join us on Zoom:

**Main Library**
**Baby Time:** Mondays at 10 a.m. (0-23 months)
Pick up a story time kit to keep for this five-week story time session at any CMPL location.

**North Branch**
**Preschoolers:** Thursdays at 10 a.m. (3-6 years)
Pick up craft supplies for all five weeks of Preschool Story Time at any location.

**South Branch**
**Little Listeners:** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (all ages)

**Fairy Tale Queen Story**
**Saturdays at 10 a.m. | Facebook**
Join the Fairy Tale Queen for another story each week on Facebook. Join us on Saturdays Oct. 3-31 for these special story time events.

**Pajamarama**
**Wednesdays: Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**
Put on your jammies and join us for bedtime stories and songs.

**Preschool Learning and Journaling**
**Wednesdays: Sept. 16, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and 14 at 11 a.m. or Wednesdays: Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. | Zoom**
Join us virtually for stories and activities for kids ages 4 to 6. Registered participants may stop by the library to pick up a journal and supplies to use for the 5-week series of weekly activities.

**Glow in the Dark Story Time**
**Thurs., Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**
Turn off the lights in a cozy room in your house and we will read stories and sing songs via Zoom. Registration includes a story time packet available at any CMPL location while supplies last. For ages 3 and up. Registration for this program is open from Nov. 27 through Dec. 7.

**Fun Fridays**
This fall, enjoy a children’s program on your time. Every Friday we’ll post a new children’s program online at CMPL’s YouTube page, www.youtube.com/user/CMPLVideo Enjoy it any time between then and Dec. 31. For a full list of children’s programs on-demand, visit cmpl.org/online-programs

**ABC and 123 Fun**
**Fri., Sept. 4 | YouTube**
Caregivers and children ages 2-5, join us to discover fun and easy ways to teach your child early letter and number recognition.

**Rhyme Time-Animals**
**Fri., Sept. 11 | YouTube**
Join us for rhymes and songs based on animals. This program is best enjoyed by kids under age 5.

**Little Scientists: The Three Little Pigs**
**Fri., Sept. 18 | YouTube**
Kids ages 2-5 are invited to build houses out of straw, sticks, and bricks as we test out which are the best building materials.

**Kitchen Science & Family Engineering**
**Fri., Sept. 25 | YouTube**
Join us for these fun and easy Science and Engineering activities. We will demonstrate how to use basic supplies around your house to do fun and easily adaptable activities at home. Children ages 5 and up will enjoy this the most.

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### Scholastic BookFlix

Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. Access BookFlix at: cmpl.org/advanced-research/

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Fun Fridays: On-Demand Programs

**Make and Take**  
Fri., Oct. 2 | YouTube  
Parents and caregivers, join us in this fun program as we create 6 different early literacy tools to use with your child. Activities include a color book, shape puzzles, pattern and color sticks, sensory letter cards, sensory color cards, and a spider web discovery basket.

**Sensory Discovery**  
Fri., Oct. 9 | YouTube  
Join us for some sensory fun! We will show you how to create activities that are both easy and educational using household supplies.

**Graphic Novel Workshop**  
Fri., Oct. 16 | YouTube  
Kids ages 7-11 are invited to learn about graphic novels and how to make their very own. We will discuss different types of graphic novels and how graphic novels are made. We will then put our knowledge and skills to the test and make our very own.

**Cricut for Kids**  
Fri., Oct. 23 | YouTube  
Ever wonder how to use a Cricut Machine to cut out cool designs and turn them into art? Check out a Cricut Maker from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library or use a machine or stencil you already have and join us as we create a basic Cricut project that looks great! This activity is best enjoyed by children ages 9-12.

**Rhyme Time-The Body**  
Fri., Oct. 30 | YouTube  
Join us for rhymes and songs based on the human body. This program would be best enjoyed by kids under age 5.

**Crayon Crafting**  
Fri., Nov. 6 | YouTube  
We are going to put those old discarded crayons to use. Join us in making beautiful suncatchers and scribble art with old crayons. Learn how to use basic supplies around your home and put your child’s gross and fine motor skills to work. This program is for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers.

**Chihuly Inspired Water Bottle Art**  
Fri., Nov. 13 | YouTube  
Kids ages 7-11 can create with us as we make Chihuly inspired creations. Supplies needed for this program include 4+ empty plastic water bottles, scissors that can cut plastic, a hole punch, colored Sharpie or permanent markers, and yarn or string.

**Water Wonders**  
Fri., Nov. 20 | YouTube  
Supplies needed include: Baking soda, Alka-Seltzer tablets or generic equivalent, clear jars or bowls, oil, food coloring, shaving cream, and water. This program is recommended for ages 4 and up.

**Messy Art and Math**  
Fri., Nov. 27 | YouTube  
Join us for a mess as we play with paint or use everyday household supplies to make math come alive. Art activities include marble painting, exploding paint, balloon painting, and feet painting. Math activities include Jenga Math, Uno Math, and Math bowling. Children ages 4 and up would enjoy these activities.

**Circle Time at Home**  
Fri., Dec. 4 | YouTube  
Join us as we sing and break down fun and useful songs commonly used in Preschool and Circle Time. Then get ready to have creative fun as we make bathtub chalk paint. Supplies needed for this program include: an ice cube tray, corn starch, water based food coloring, toothpicks or spoons, a bowl, and measuring cups and spoons.

**Fun in a Jar**  
Fri., Dec. 11 | YouTube  
Join us as we make 3 different jar creations: two types of lava lamps, and a rain cloud in a jar. Supplies needed include: Baking soda, Alka-Seltzer tablets or generic equivalent, clear jars or bowls, oil, food coloring, shaving cream, and water. This program is recommended for ages 4 and up.
Teen Food Frenzy
Select Wednesdays at 6 p.m. | Facebook Live
Join Team Teen as we create super yummy treats! Tune in at www.facebook.com/Clinton-Macomb-Public-Library/ No registration required.

Wed., Sept. 9: Edible Cookie Dough
Wed., Sept. 23: Crispy Rice Treats
Wed., Oct. 14: Salted Caramel
Wed., Oct. 28: Mug Cakes
Wed., Nov. 11: Chocolate Covered Treats

Virtual Volunteens!
Wednesdays: Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Join us for a quick chat about what’s going on for teens at CMPL. We’ll go over program ideas and you’ll earn volunteer hours! We might have a few fun games as well.

Virtual Escape Room
Select Sundays at 3 p.m. | Zoom
Join us and play as a team or by yourselves. The link to the Escape Room will be posted at https://cmpl.org/teen/ after the live launch of the Escape Room.

Sun. Sept. 27: Stranger Things
Solve the clues and crack the codes to gather important intel to help defeat the Mind Flayer.

Sun., Oct. 25: Nightmare Before Christmas
Join us and play as a team or by yourselves to help Jack Skellington fix Christmas in Christmas Town.

Sun., Nov. 22: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
Gather all of the missing ingredients to Willy Wonka’s new secret candy.

Sun., Dec. 20: Escape from the Island of Misfit Toys
Escape from the newest misfit toy - evil Furby - who wants to control all of the toys on Misfit Island.

Casual After-School Hangout (CASH)
Mondays-Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. | Zoom
Join the Teen librarians for some after school fun. Take a look at the schedule and register for any and all sessions.

Mondays: Anime with Ashley and Cooking and Crafts with BoBert
Tuesdays: Jackbox Games with BoBert and Ashley
Wednesdays: Fantasy Football with BoBert and Manga and Anime chat and viewing with Ashley
Thursdays: Hangout with Ashley and Karaoke with BoBert

Paint and Pour
Select Wednesdays at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Join us as we learn some painting skills that would make Mr. Ross proud. Follow along step-by-step and you’ll end up with your very own masterpiece! We’ll even kick off our event with a tasty mocktail recipe that anybody can enjoy!

Wed., Sept. 16: Day and Night Tree
Register between Aug. 28 and Sept. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for paint and canvas supplies for this program is at any CMPL location Sept. 12-15.

Register between Oct. 2 and Oct. 16 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for paint and canvas supplies for this program is at any CMPL location Oct. 17-20.

Wed., Nov. 18: Fall Leaf Painting
Register between Oct. 30 and Nov. 13 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for paint and canvas supplies for this program is at any CMPL location Nov. 14-17.

Wed., Dec. 17: Winter Wonderland
Register between Nov. 27 and Dec. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for paint and canvas supplies for this program is at any CMPL location Dec. 12-15.
Fun & Food & Games

**Maker Mondays**

Kick off each new month with Maker Monday! We’ll have a new take and make kit you can pick up and follow along with our video on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/user/CMPLVideo](http://www.youtube.com/user/CMPLVideo). Kits are available for grades 6-12 and are available for pickup until they’re gone. Kits may be picked up from any CMPL location once you are registered.

**Mon., Aug. 31: DIY Bookmark**
Kits available for pick up starting Aug. 31. Video available on YouTube Sept. 1.

**Mon., Sept. 28: Dragon Egg Craft**
Kits available for pick up starting Sept. 28. Video available on YouTube Oct. 1.

**Mon., Oct. 26: Book Folding**

**Mon., Nov. 30: Circuit Cards**
Kits available for pick up starting Nov. 30. Video available on YouTube Dec. 1.

**3D Holiday Ornaments**
Sat., Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Create a 3D designed ornament, just in time for the holidays! Come to this session where you can create your own design or modify another 3D print file. Each participant will get to choose a 3D file to be printed.

Winners will be chosen at random and prizes will be eligible for residents of the CMPL service area only. Must follow and tag @CMPLPics to be eligible.

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**Teen Take & Make: String Art**
Mon., Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Pick up a program kit then follow along with a virtual program. Register by Sept. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program at any CMPL location Sept. 11-14. If you cannot attend this virtual program, an instructional video will be available on YouTube after Sept. 14.

**Teen Take & Make: Spooky Lanterns**
Mon., Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Pick up a program kit then follow along with a virtual program. Register by September 27 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program at any CMPL location Sept. 28 to Oct. 5. If you cannot attend this virtual program, an instructional video will be available on YouTube after Oct. 5.

**Teen Take & Make: Fall Terrariums**
Mon., Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Pick up a program kit then follow along with a virtual program. Register by Nov. 1 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program at any CMPL location Nov. 2-9. If you cannot attend this virtual program, an instructional video will be available on YouTube after Nov. 9.

**Teen Take & Make: DIY Wood Coasters**
Fri., Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. | Zoom
Pick up a program kit then follow along with a virtual program. Register by Dec. 1 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program is at any CMPL location Dec. 1-4. If you cannot attend this virtual program, an instructional video will be available on YouTube after Dec. 4.

**CMPL Instagram Challenge**
Monthly Event | Instagram
Follow us on Instagram @CMPL.Pics. Participate in our monthly picture theme contests by using the hashtags below and you could win a prize!

**Sept.:** Take a picture fitting our theme “Cutest Pet” and post it Sept. 1st-30th with the hashtag #CMPLPets

**Oct.:** Post your “Best Halloween Costume” from Oct. 1-31 and tag us with hashtag #CMPLCostume

**Nov.:** Take a picture fitting our theme “Fanciest Feast” from Nov. 1-30 with hashtag #CMPLFancyFeast

**Dec.:** Gather up some cotton balls or fancy spray and take a picture fitting our theme “Faux Snow” and post it from Dec. 1-31 with the hashtag #CMPLFauxSnow

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Mini Used Book Sale

Due to the pandemic, the Friends of the Library had to forgo the spring and fall used book sales. However, there is still an opportunity to purchase used books! The North and South Branches offer used books for sale throughout the year. This fall the Main Library will also offer an ongoing mini used book sale. Stop by the lobby of the Main Library and check out the items, sorted by genre and ages. Fiction, cookbooks, nonfiction, children's books, puzzles and more are available. Inventory will change weekly. The books in this mini sale are of good quality. Cash and check are accepted for payment.

@Home @rt Show

Sept. 30-Nov. 2 | Main Library

Share your quarantine creativity with the community! Did you learn a new skill? Try a new technique? This fall we are hosting an art show to share the projects we created while staying home. Anyone over 18 who can bring their work to the library for display may submit. Work must be appropriate for general audiences. Amateur artists and craftspeople welcome.

To submit, please email a photo of your work along with its dimensions and your name to info@cmpl.org before Sept. 20. Please use the subject line “Art Show.”

View the @Home @rt Show in the display cases in the lobby of the Main Library from Sept. 30 to Nov. 2. All ages are welcome. Visit the display to vote for your favorite!