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FROM the DIRECTOR...

While the library serves residents of all ages—and there is something for everyone in this issue of Library Matters—we decided to highlight the importance of early literacy and learning. Early childhood learning is the basic building block of success in life. Children with quality early learning experiences do better in school, are more likely to go to college, and are less likely to commit crime. But too many children fall behind before they enter kindergarten and never catch up. Too many parents and caregivers in our community are not familiar with the early literacy activities and skill achievement levels children should master before starting school.

To illustrate the magnitude of the problem in our community, I’d like to first share a few statistics. Our library district serves over 18,000 children ages birth through grade three. Over 50% of the students in grade three do not read at grade level with some schools reporting levels as high as 90%. In a June 2019 survey of 786 Clinton and Macomb Township residents with library cards who have or are a caregiver or babysitter of a child ages birth to five, an alarming 30% were not familiar with the early literacy activities and skill achievement levels children should master. An additional 36% were only somewhat familiar with the skills. As concerning as these numbers are, our community has a strong commitment to education and literacy, and the library is well positioned to play an essential role to empower parents as their children’s first teachers.

While striving to ensure that every child is ready to read, the library has moved well beyond the philosophy of “if you build it they will come.” Although we continue to offer three beautiful facilities with safe, clean, welcoming areas for children to interact in a public space that encourages curiosity, exploration and finding books and other materials to enrich young minds, we also have expanded our outreach efforts to take the library out into the community. You will find us in local preschools, schools, parks, shopping malls and other areas. You can connect to books online and even checkout story time-to-go kits. In the year ahead we will be making a concerted effort to develop materials, kits and other services that will better help parents assess their child’s progress and to understand what they should be doing to ensure their child is ready to read by kindergarten.

Thankfully, getting started is easy! It’s never too late to make a New Year’s resolution. Whether you are a parent, caregiver or family member of a child ages birth to 5, I encourage you to begin by setting a simple goal to ensure your child is read to at least 15 minutes a day. The library has over 32,583 board books and picture books to choose from. Sign up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program (see page 5). Attend one of our story time programs or just make a trip to the library part of your weekly routine. It’s fun! It’s free of charge! You and your child will leave feeling smarter and happier.* Longer term you will be setting your child up for success in the future.

We look forward to serving you and your family soon.

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*Note that certain exclusions apply. Some children (and adults) have been known to cry upon having to leave the library. This is a healthy response and we encourage everyone to start their own little libraries at home with both borrowed library books and books that you and your family members can keep as their own – our Friends Used Book Nook at the Main Library and Book Sale shelves at the branches provide great options at bargain prices. For an even larger selection see the back cover for the Used Book Sale dates.

Let’s Build a Library

Work has begun on our new North Branch! Construction was delayed a couple of months as reengineering work was done to change the exterior walls from structural steel to load-bearing masonry. The change resulted in savings of over $400,000! Our goal is to hold the grand opening in June 2021. To follow along with construction updates, visit http://cmpl.org/newnorth/

Cover: Olivia, Karen and Aurelia Scally read a book in front of the puppet theater at the Main Library, a gift of the Clinton Township Kiwanis Club.
Income Tax Assistance

**Thursdays, Feb. 6-April 9 | Main Library**
If your income is $55,000 or less or you are a veteran, you can get free tax help at the library. We are partnering with Macomb County Veterans Services volunteers to offer income tax assistance for federal and state returns. This service will be available, by appointment, Thursdays (February 6 through April 9) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Donald W. Green Local History Room on the second floor. Starting January 2, call 586-463-2537 for an appointment or more information.

Clinton Township Blood Drive

**Tues., Feb. 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Main Library**
**Wed., Feb. 5 from 12:30-6:30 p.m. | South Branch**
The library is an official partner in Clinton Township’s blood drive effort and blood drives will be held throughout the township on February 4 and 5.

On Tues., Feb. 4 drives will be held at:
- Main Library from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Clintondale High School from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Chippewa Valley High School from 1-7 p.m.

On Wed., Feb. 5 drives will be held at:
- Clinton Twp. Senior Center from 8 a.m.–8 p.m
- South Branch from 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Thank You Notes
We’d like to thank the following business for their support of library programs and collections:
- Vince and Joe’s-Clinton Township and Shelby Township (bags for the used book sale bag day)
- Nino Salvaggio’s (pumpkin pies for South Branch)

DIY Fest
Calling all DIYers! Would you love the opportunity to show off your mad skills while teaching community members at the same time? CMPL is hosting a DIY Fest! If you can cook, fix, grow, make or plan things, we want you! Please note that you do not have to be an “expert” at anything to participate! Do you make a fabulous pineapple upside down cake? Are you great at repairing drywall? Is your bullet journal a work of art? If so, please send us an email at DIY@cmpl.org

Winter Reading

**Wed., Jan. 15-Sat., Feb. 29 | All locations**
The cold winter days provide plenty of opportunity to participate in Winter Reading at CMPL! All ages need to read for 20 days between January 15 and February 29 to complete the program. Log your reading online at [http://cmpl.beanstack.org/](http://cmpl.beanstack.org/) or stop by any location to pick up a calendar. Once you have read for 20 days, you’ll receive a prize. Take time to enjoy a book this winter and you could be rewarded for it!

BookFlix

A great early literacy resource
Did you know that CMPL subscribes to a resource that couples technology and literacy development for children? Children will love their favorite storybooks come to life with animation at BookFlix from Scholastic. Stories are narrated and display the words which are highlighted as they are read. BookFlix is designed for preschool to third grade. Each fiction book is paired with a nonfiction book to further discuss the topic or theme. Children’s essential reading skills will be enhanced with reading building blocks such as comprehension, vocabulary and simple to use activities called Puzzlers. Access BookFlix from the Research drop-down menu on the library’s homepage, [http://cmpl.org](http://cmpl.org)

See page 15 for a special BookFlix program.
Early literacy is a major focus at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, both in the library and out in the community. But what is it and why do we do it? Early literacy is the development of skills that prepare children to learn how to read. It starts at birth and is closely linked with a child’s earliest experiences with books and stories. Babies learn language through parents or loved ones interacting with them using books. A study of three-to-five-year-olds who had been read to at least three times per week found the children were:

- Two times more likely to recognize all letters
- Two times more likely to have word-sight recognition
- Two times more likely to understand words in context

**Talk. Sing. Read. Write. Play.**

These five activities are skills that we target with CMPL’s early childhood programming as we work to build early literacy. You will see play spaces at all three CMPL locations because as kids play, they are talking and building their language skills. If your child attends a story time, they will read and sing. Programs that have crafts encourage your child to color, cut, or glue, which builds the strength in their hands so they will be strong enough to write.

But we also understand that it is sometimes hard to make it into the library as time is valuable. Whether both parents work, one adult has multiple jobs, or whatever your circumstances, CMPL works to give you the tools to build early literacy skills with your child. You are your child’s best teacher! Here are some activities to take advantage of when time is short:

- Each location’s children’s area has a selection of early literacy bookmarks with activities that you can do from home to build your child’s skills. For example, if you pick up a “play” bookmark, one activity is to play “I Spy” with your child while grocery shopping. Look for items that are red, taste sweet, or are healthy to eat.

- Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning. This is important because more than one in three children start at kindergarten without the skills necessary for lifelong learning. Join our 1,000 Books to Read Before Kindergarten program. Download a paper log sheet at cmpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten If you prefer to log online, you can register and log at cmpl.beanstack.org/

- During the summer, look for our Rock N Read story times out at local parks.

- If your child attends preschool in Clinton or Macomb Township, chances are good that we have visited with a special story time for their class. We are currently visiting many of the preschools and day care centers in the area to bring the library out to the school.

This year, look for these new or improved services that work to grow early literacy skills:

- Our new Preschool Picks book list has titles geared specifically towards preschoolers and their parents. Stop by to pick up a paper book list to help you find the pink starred books or visit the Lists We Love on our web site for an online list at http://cmpl.org/lists-we-love/ If you read every book on the list to your preschooler, come to the library to receive a sticker, a certificate, and a free book.

- Subscribe to our new early literacy e-newsletter for early literacy tips and activities right to your in-box: http://cmpl.org/newsletter-notify/

Want more? See the next page!
World Read Aloud Day
Wed., Feb. 5 | All locations
We’re celebrating World Read Aloud Day! This day has called attention to the importance of sharing stories by challenging participants to grab a book, find an audience, and read aloud! Visit any CMPL location on Feb. 5 for a program that celebrates the power of stories or reading aloud.

Follow our social media channels to get tips on books to read and ways to share reading with friends and family.

Story Time and PAWS for Reading
Select times | All locations
See page 15 for story time activities that require pre-registration. Visit the South Branch for a lively story time on Feb. 4 or 5 when a special guest from the Clinton Township Police Department will read a spirited story to children ages 2 and up.

Tales and Talk
Wed., Feb. 5 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library
Relax and listen to a selection of short stories connected to Michigan, read aloud by a librarian. A discussion will follow, and coffee and tea will be served. Special World Read Aloud Day edition!

Forgotten Tales of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula
Wed., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Join us for World Read Aloud Day as historian and research librarian Alan Naldrett tells stories of some of Michigan’s most compelling characters and lore nearly lost to time.

Telling a People’s Story: African-American Children’s Illustrated Literature
Feb. 22 - March 31 | Main Library
African American children’s illustrated literature is the focus of this exhibition that will be hosted at CMPL this winter. Twelve panels will offer a lens into the cultural, historical, and social makeup of African American identity, while shedding light on the long-neglected world of African American authors and illustrators from children’s literature. This exhibit was organized by the Miami University Art Museum through a grant from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Preschool Picks
The CMPL Youth Services staff has put together a new list of titles called Preschool Picks that will be available this winter. Some of the titles are older, classic stories and others are newer stories that we think will become classics. Pick up a booklist at any CMPL location and look for the pink starred books. Preschoolers who read/are read all of the books on the list will receive a certificate, sticker, and a free book.

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 the cereal box. Did you know that reading aloud helps with:

- Language development
- Literacy skill building
- Brain development
- Bonding

Isn’t 1,000 books a lot to read? Reading to your child for 15 minutes every day from birth to age 5 equals 27,375 minutes—over 450 hours! That’s more than enough time to finish 1000 books. Get started today by visiting the Children’s Reference Desk at the Main Library or either reference desk at the North or South Branches to get your first logging sheet. Then, bring your sheets into the library. Online sheets can be found at https://cmpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten/

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Instagram: @CMPLPics | Twitter: @CMPLTweets
South Branch Book Discussion
2nd Saturdays at 12 p.m. | South Branch
Meet other book lovers at this discussion.

Jan. 11: Educated by Tara Westover
Feb. 8: The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict
March 14: Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
April 11: Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan

North Branch Mystery Book Discussion
3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Mystery lovers will enjoy light refreshments and discussion.

Jan. 21: At Risk by Stella Rimington
Feb. 18: The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson
March 17: Monkeewrench by P.J. Tracy
April 21: The Widow by Fiona Barton

Books on Tap
2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Bar Louie Partridge Creek
We’ll discuss the book at 6 p.m. Appetizers will be provided.

Jan. 13: The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
Feb. 10: The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman
March 9: Whisper Network by Chandler Baker
April 13: The Stationery Shop by Marjan Kamali

Let’s Get Real
3rd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles published in recent years!

Jan. 20: The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War by Ben Macintyre
Feb. 17: Inheritance by Dani Shapiro
March 16: The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World’s Most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer
Apr. 20: In Shock: My Journey from Death to Recovery and the Redemptive Power of Hope by Rana Awdish

Silent Book Club
Sun., Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. | Main Library
Leave the chores at home and sneak away to the library for an afternoon of reading! We will offer hot drinks and snacks, comfy chairs, and a selection of good books (or bring your own). At 3:30 p.m. we’ll break our silence for a free form discussion of books we’re reading, have read or want to read. No registration is required.

Jan. 21: At Risk by Stella Rimington
Feb. 18: The Cold Dish by Craig Johnson
March 17: Monkeewrench by P.J. Tracy
April 21: The Widow by Fiona Barton

Family and Children Book Clubs

South Branch Book Clubs for Kids
Pick up your free book on the date of the previous book club. You must register in person at the South Branch.

Book Blasters (ages 7-9) at 1 p.m.
Jan. 18: The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin
Feb. 15: Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins
March 21: Who was King Tut? by Roberta Edwards
April 18: The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Xtreme Readers (ages 10-12) at 1 p.m.
Jan. 18: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
Feb. 15: Smile by Raina Telgemeier
March 21: Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
April 18: When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Book Blasters
Select dates at 1 p.m. | North Branch
Ages 7-9 are invited to the North Branch to discuss books. Register for this program in-person at the North Branch.

Mon., Feb 17: HiLo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

Mon., April 6: Giants Beware! by Jorge Aguirre

If you have a group of kids that like to read, try checking out a Book Discussion kit. These kits have 10 copies of the same book so everyone can read together! They check out for 6 weeks and include discussion questions.
### Taste of the Town: Roaring 20s

**Fri., April 24 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Put on your glad rags and get your caboose to the Main Library for a night of fun as we celebrate the Roaring 20s and raise funds for early literacy initiatives at CMPL. On Friday, April 24, the Main Library will turn into the CMPL Speakeasy for a night of food, entertainment and fun.

Local restaurants will be here to provide a strolling dinner. We’ll have beer, wine, signature cocktails, basket raffles, a reverse raffle and entertainment by the big band Swing Shift! Tickets are $30 per person in advance and $40 at the door. All proceeds go toward our early literacy installation at the new North Branch, opening in 2021. Get your tickets at any CMPL location or online at cmpl.org/taste-of-the-town/

**Buy a Ticket for the Reverse Raffle!**

Do you want a chance to win big at our Roaring 20s party? Buy a raffle ticket between January 2 and party night for your chance to win $2,500! We are only selling 200 tickets and we will hold a reverse raffle during the party. This is one game where you DON’T want your number pulled. The last ticket pulled is the big winner. Second place will win $300. Third place will win $200. Every 10th ticket has the chance to win $50 back, if you insure it for $10. Insure your ticket when you buy it for 19 more chances to win. Don’t want to insure your ticket? That means your number is up for grabs on party night and anyone can purchase it for $10. If your number comes up on a 10th pull, someone else could go home with the prize.

Buy a ticket at any CMPL location for $50 ($60 if you include insurance). Can’t come to the party, but still want to play? No problem! You do not have to be present to win. Get your ticket now.

### ESL Book Discussion

**Wednesdays: Jan. 29, Feb. 26 and April 22 at 6:30 p.m. and Tues., March 24 at 3:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us for English as a Second Language (ESL) Book Discussion at the Main Library! This book discussion is appropriate for intermediate level adult English-language learners. Visit the Adult Nonfiction department at the Main Library to pick up your “Easy English Newspaper.” We will discuss various topics, learn words, and prepare puzzles to improve your English in a fun way.

### CMPL ESL Group

**Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Main Library**

Are you learning English? Come converse with others who are learning English. **No registration is required.**

### Library Tours for ESL

**Mon., Jan. 20 at 3:30 p.m., Wed., Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. Sat., March 7 at 10:15 a.m. or Tues., April 21 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Welcome to our neighborhood. Do you speak a language other than English as your first language? Would you like to know more about our library services and programs? Looking for ESL or International Resources at our library? Take a library tour. Call (586) 226-5040 to register for one of these tours.

### New Location for International Language Collection

International language books and magazines have found a new home on the second floor in Adult Nonfiction at the Main Library. The collection is in the process of being thoroughly updated. New bestselling titles are being added each month in the following languages: Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Russian and Spanish. If you are interested in suggesting titles for the library to purchase, please visit the CMPL website and select “About” at the top of the home page and click on “Request Materials.” Fill out the “Suggest a Purchase” form and someone on staff will respond to you within a short period of time. You may also contact Uma Ravishankar at (586) 226-5044. Help us grow and improve our international language collection!

Our International Language Collection has moved! Visit the Adult Nonfiction section at the Main Library for these materials.
Writing Group
Mondays: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2 and April 6 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Writers of all ages are welcome.

Tales and Talk
Wednesdays: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library
Relax and listen to a selection of short stories connected to Michigan, read aloud by a librarian. A discussion will follow, and coffee and tea will be served.

Jan. 8: Saving Mother From Herself by Marge Piercy and The House by Nicholas Delbanco
Feb. 5: Special World Read Aloud Day edition!
March 4: North Country by Roxane Gay
April 1: Kill the Cat by Loren Estleman

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest
Tues., Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m. | Main Library
Grab some friends for a friendly competition of Jigsaw Puzzling. The puzzle will have 750 pieces. There will be refreshments and prizes. Teams may have up to four members, but only the team captain should register.

Ann Arbor Film Festival
Sun., Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for a screening of nine short films presented at the 57th annual Ann Arbor Film Festival. These original films include experimental, animation, documentary, narrative, hybrid, and performance based works and are intended for adults. Leslie Raymond, filmmaker and Festival Director, will be on hand to facilitate discussion after the screening. Refreshments will be provided.

An Empty Nester’s Guide to Retirement Independence
Thurs., Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Do I have enough to retire? How much do I need and am I saving enough to retire? This presentation will examine factors involved with retirement calculators. We will examine how time, interest rate and principal all interact to create the “Calculation.” Participants will be able to apply these concepts to their situation to better analyze their current and desired financial retirement goals.

Genealogy
Sat., Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for an introduction to using Ancestry and My Heritage Library Editions to trace your family history. Library computers will be available or bring your own laptop.

DIA Bus Trip
Thurs., April 9 at 12 p.m. | Main Library
A bus from the Detroit Institute of Arts will pick us up at the Main Branch and take us down to the DIA for a curator lecture and a cookie and coffee snack! Participants must be 55+. We will be at the museum until 3 p.m. and will return around 4 p.m. Registration begins March 9. A minimum of 25 people must be registered by March 26 in order to secure the bus. Group registration is not permitted.
Escape from the Nazis
Wed., March 4 at 7 p.m. | Main Library
Dr. Megan Koreman recounts how between 1942 and 1944, 330 ordinary men and women living in German-occupied Europe formed the Dutch-Paris escape line to rescue 3,000 strangers from the Nazis. This resistance network hid Jewish families in France and Belgium. They smuggled Jews, resisters and Allied aviators into neutral Switzerland and Spain. They served as a clandestine courier service for governments-in-exile, churches, humanitarian aid workers and families separated by the war. The Nazis caught 68 of them, then tortured and deported most of them to concentration camps. Dr. Koreman will illustrate the story of Dutch-Paris with maps and wartime photos of people and places involved. This talk is based on her book The Escape Line: How the Ordinary Heroes of Dutch-Paris Resisted the Nazi Occupation of Western Europe.

Freighters on Ice
Tues., Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
This presentation discusses ice coverage on Great Lakes waterways and the ice breaking vessels that free freighters caught in ice jams. Great Lakes winter ice coverage has far reaching effects on the overall environmental and commercial health of the entire region. This entertaining presentation uses scientific data charts from the NOAA, the NWS and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to examine the issues and includes footage of freighters caught in ice jams being broken free by the ice-breaking vessels of the U.S. Coast Guard and specially-equipped commercial tugs. Much of the action, filmed on Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Escanaba Harbor and Whitefish Bay in Lake Superior, was captured by the presenter, Captain Roger Hewlett, who served as Mate and Engineer aboard the ice breaking tug Erika Kobasic.

Underground Railroad Exhibit at the Detroit Historical Society.

The Harlem Renaissance: Through the Eyes of Miz Rosie the Storyteller
Sat., Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. | Main Library
Omega Xi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in partnership with CMPL will present a special story telling event. Miz Rosie will take us on a theatrical journey through the Great Migration, which laid the foundation for the cultural, social and artistic explosion known as the Harlem Renaissance. Historical figures will come alive as she and audience members reenact the literature, dance and music of the era. Don’t miss this dramatic storytelling experience.

The Underground Railroad
Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for an overview of the Underground Railroad and its importance in Michigan, presented by Dr. Roy E. Finkenbine, Professor of History at the University of Detroit Mercy.

The Underground Railroad has been called America’s first civil rights movement. A secret (and illegal) network of individuals, families, churches, and communities across the free states of the North, it aided freedom seekers to escape from slavery in the South to places of relative safety, including Canada. In Michigan, this was a tri-racial network, involving white settlers, African American communities like the one in Detroit, and even Native Americans. Moved by religious faith, humanitarian concern, and personal experience, workers on the Underground Railroad assisted thousands of runaway slaves in reaching freedom.

The Underground Railroad Exhibit at the Detroit Historical Society.
Technology

Tech Help
From software to cell phone questions, we have Tech Assistants available to answer your questions.

Main Library: Call 226-5040 to confirm.
• Tuesdays from 12-5 p.m.
• Thursdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Alternating Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

North Branch:
• Tuesdays 1-3 p.m.

South Branch: Call 226-5073 to confirm.
• Monday 1-9 p.m.
• Tuesday 1-4 p.m.
• Wednesday 4-9 p.m.
• Friday and Saturday 1-6 p.m.

Tablet and Cell Phone Assistance
Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | South Branch
Stop by on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for drop-in help using your smartphone, tablet, or other portable device. Please note that assistance will be on hiatus January 29-February 26.

Computer Classes
Various dates and times | Main Library
Introductory level computer classes will continue at the Main Library for: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Files & Folders, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Basic computer and mouse skills are required for all classes except Computer Basics. Registration for each class begins two weeks prior to the class. Call 226-5040 or register online at http://cmpl.libnet.info/events

Library Resources for Your Tablet
Tues., Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. or Wed., Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Did you know you can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, and stream music, movies, and TV shows through the library? Come learn about CMPL’s Digital Downloads! If you’d like to get started with these services, or have questions about them, this class is for you! Please bring the following required items: your tablet, e-reader, or smartphone; all relevant passwords; and your library card. R

Local History Technology
Wednesdays: Jan. 8 or April 22 at 9:30 a.m. | Main Library
Learn about the digital preservation tools we have available at the Main Library. Each session will last about 30 minutes and will cover one technology, including a demonstration, hands-on practice, and a Q&A. Residents are encouraged to come for one or all four. Learn about the 35 mm slide digitizer at 9:30 a.m., photo scanner at 10 a.m., the 8mm movie converter at 10:30 a.m. and the VHS to DVD converter at 11 a.m. R

Google Docs
Wednesdays: Jan. 15, Feb. 12, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. Thurs., March 19 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Join us for our introductory class on Google Docs. It will help you to learn how to create, edit, share and access files for free on the go. All you need is a Gmail account and internet connection, no additional software is required. This class provides information on how to work with Google Docs to accomplish your needs for school, business or home. A Google/Gmail account is required. If you can, please bring your own laptops. R
**Michigan Works**
4th Monday from 2-4 p.m. | South Branch
A representative from Michigan Works will visit the 4th Monday of every month from 2-4 p.m. They will provide information and guidance to those seeking employment. This is a free program and no appointment is needed.

**Library Databases 101**
Monday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Join us to learn about some of the databases you can access with your library card. You can play brain games, learn a new language, read full text newspaper and periodical articles, prepare for an exam, take online classes and view videos on software applications and other skills you want to learn. Join us to learn about some of our favorite electronic resources. Refreshments provided.

**Knit and Crochet Meet Up**
Thursdays: Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16 and April 30 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another fiber craft? Bring your own project and hang out while you work on your new creation! No registration is required to attend and all ages and skill levels are welcome. Please bring your own supplies. **No registration is required.**

**Create a Vision for Your New Year**
Sat., Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Visualize your wishes by making a decorative wishing mirror. Participants will be clipping and gluing images and embellishments to create a mirror that celebrates their goals.

**Intro to Crochet**
Wed., Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. or Tues., March 3 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
This is an introductory course to crochet. Attendees will learn how to make a foundation chain, how to do the single crochet and chain stitches, and how to read a pattern. By the end of the class, attendees should be able to make a simple cowl. All materials will be provided. This class repeats so please sign-up for only one session.

**Intro to Knitting**
Tuesdays: Feb. 11 or Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch
In this class you will learn how to cast-on, cast-off, a knit stitch, and how to read a pattern. All materials will be provided. By the end of the class, you should be able to make a simple cowl. This class repeats so please sign-up for only one session.

**Hanging Terrarium Craft**
Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Celebrate the coming of spring and reap the benefits of plants by creating a hanging terrarium for your home.

**Artist Trading Cards: Drop in Workshop**
Sun., April 19 from 1-3 p.m. | Main Library
Artist Trading Cards are small, original works of art that are made to be traded with other artists and crafters. The only official rule for ATCs is the size: 2.5” x 3.5.” This spring, CMPL will participate in a swap with patrons from libraries all over Michigan in an Artist Trading Card swap! The themes are “Share the Library Love” and “Pure Michigan.” We’ll provide everything you need to create your own miniature pieces of art - whether you draw, paint, print or collage. Then, we’ll trade with fellow ATC makers! All ages are welcome. **No registration is required.** Just drop in!
**Health and Wellness**

**Medicare 101**
Tues., Feb. 11 at 10 a.m.  | North Branch  
Tues., Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.  | Main Library  
Tues., March 3 at 10 a.m.  | South Branch  
Learn about Medicare, open enrollment and get your questions answered when a representative from the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) visits.

Medicare counseling sessions will also take place by appointment only at the South Branch on Tuesdays: Jan. 21, March 17 and April 21 between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  Please call MMAP at 800-803-7174 to schedule your appointment.

**Gentle Chair Exercise & Active Meditation**
Wednesdays: Feb. 12, 19 and 26 at 10 a.m.  | South Branch  
Terri Flores returns to present an active energy routine which will help you to increase flexibility, fitness, and reduce stress. She also includes an active meditation with the routine.

Dress comfortably. Please note that you are registering for all three sessions.

**Introduction to the Chakras**
Wed., March 11 at 6:30 p.m.  | Main Library  
Chakras are the energy centers of the body. They become blocked or unbalanced due to physical and emotional stress in the body. Nicole LaDuke, LMT & Reiki explains how bringing our awareness to the seven Chakras connects our mind, body and spirit. She will help you explore characteristics & tools to keep these energy centers in balance with a guided meditation.

**The Path: A Modern Way to Achieve Peace and Well Being**
Wed., April 29 at 6:30 p.m.  | Main Library  
Facilitator Ron Adams will lead an interactive discussion on a seven-step method for achieving peace of mind, introspection and mindful activism. This method also provides an alternative to the polarizing influences of our current culture.

**Music**

**Music at Main**
Join us for a free hour of music open to all ages. No registration is required to attend these concerts.

Sun., Jan. 12 at 2 p.m.: Westbound Situation. (Jazz)  
Sun., Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.: Johnny Rhoades featuring Tosha Owens. (Blues/Jazz)  
Sun., March 1 at 2 p.m.: Nessa. (Celtic/World)

_Do you love music? Try freegal!_ 
Download 5 free songs per week or stream 5 free hours per day! Start making your playlist at cmpl.org

**Environment**

**The Secrets of Spring Migration**
Tues., March 24 at 6:30 p.m.  | Main Library  
Bird migration is both mysterious and apparent. Nobody knows why some birds fly thousands of miles from Central and South America to raise their young in the North American woods every summer and then fly back for winter, but we do know their arrival is timed to very specific events along their migration routes. Bill Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon, will tell you how birds migrate, when to expect certain species, and how to identify the birds you see.

**Land Protection in our Local Headwaters Regions**
Wed., March 25 at 6:30 p.m.  | Main Library  
This presentation, by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, will explore the importance of four local headwaters regions. With a focus on the Clinton, Flint, Huron and the Shiawassee River Watersheds, we will delve into the unique ecological features of where these watersheds originate and why strategic land protection in these sensitive areas is so imperative.

**Rain Gardens and Rain Barrels**
Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.  | North Branch  
Learn about the importance of rain gardens and barrels and how to use them to enhance and beautify your yard’s landscaping. Presented by the Clinton River Watershed Council.
**CMPL Cinema**

Drop by to see a recent film on the big screen at one of our library locations.

**Rocketman**  
**Thurs., Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. and Wed., Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Rated R, 121 minutes  
Main Library

**The Art of Racing in the Rain**  
**Sat., Jan. 25 at 2 p.m.**  
Rated PG, 109 minutes  
South Branch  
[Call 226-5073 to register.]

**Aladdin (2019)**  
**Thurs., Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. and Wed., Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Rated PG, 128 minutes  
Main Library

**The Public**  
**Thurs., March 12 at 1 p.m. and Wed., March 18 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Rated PG-13, 122 minutes  
Main Library

**Yesterday**  
**Thurs., April 2 at 1 p.m. and Wed., April 22 at 6:30 p.m.**  
Rated PG-13, 112 minutes  
Main Library

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**CMPLCC KidCon**

**Sat., March 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Main Library**

CMPL Comic Con (CMPLCC) is back for its 4th year and while we’ll have a ton of drop-in, all-ages activities going on all day, we are kicking off the day with a special lineup of activities geared towards con-goers 10 and under.

- Activities and Crafts from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 10:10 a.m. Superhero story time
- 10:30 a.m. Superhero Training Camp
- 11:30 a.m. Super Mario Bros.
- 12:30 p.m. Minecraft
- Escape Rooms  
  Starting at 12 p.m. for families with kids 12 and under. Registration onsite starting at 10 a.m.

Then stick around for some all-day drop-in activities and photo ops.

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**CMPL Comic Con 2020**

**Sat., March 28 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | Main Library**

Comic Con is back and better than ever with games, crafts and fun for all ages and for FREE!

Highlights Include:

- 20+ Local artist vendors from 12-5:30 p.m
- Fantasy-themed scavenger hunts with great prizes from 10 a.m.-5 p.m
- Cosplay contest (entries accepted from 12-1 p.m.)
- Escape Rooms, 12-6 p.m., registration on-site
- Geeky Painting for Adults (pre-registration required)
- All-day Dungeons & Dragons from 12-6 p.m.
- Arcade from 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Make It Room 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Don't miss all the rest of the geeky goodness. We’re bringing back panels, games, crafts, food trucks, photo ops and prizes!

Keep an eye on our Facebook Event page for more details, times, and announcements!

Want to be involved with Comic Con as a presenter, artist, panelist, cosplay character, or other? Email us at Makeitso@cmpl.org or visit cmpl.org/comic-con
Yoga for Kids
Thurs., Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. | South Branch
Thurs., April 9 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
This playful class will combine simple yoga poses with engaging songs, puppets and stories that exercise social, sensory and motor skills while increasing flexibility. Children will strengthen their bodies as they learn how to focus through breathing and relaxation techniques. Parents and children may attend, please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. The session at the South Branch is for ages 3-6. The North Branch session is for ages 4-6.

Pop-In Play
Sat., Jan. 25 and Wed., April 1 from 9-11 a.m. | North Branch
Unstructured play for babies up to 23 months and their caregivers. Siblings are welcome. Registration is not required.

Preschool Fair
Sat., Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Will your child be heading off to preschool next fall? How do you decide which preschool program is best for your child? CMPL wants to help you with this important decision when we host the annual preschool fair. More than a dozen area preschools will have displays showcasing their programs and a representative to answer questions. Come by any time during the morning to learn about these schools.

Daddy Daughter Hair Workshop
Sat., Feb. 8 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
This workshop will teach dads some quick and easy hair styles for their daughters. For ages 3-8.

African American Artists, Inventors and Musicians
Sat., Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
This program showcases influential African American inventors, artists, and musicians through captivating multi-media presentations, live music, audience participation, and eye-catching visual props. For ages 5-12.

Registration Information
• When you see this it means that registration is required before the program.
• Priority registration is given to residents in our service area and opens two weeks prior to the event for residents and one week in advance for non-residents.

A library card is required for registration. Group registration is not permitted. You can always register online.

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5th Grade Battle of the Books
Sun., March 1 at 2 p.m. | Chippewa Valley High School
All 5th graders are invited to participate in the 5th Grade Battle of the Books! You just need a team of 3-5 5th graders and an adult coach. The battle will take place on Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Chippewa Valley High School Gymnasium, located at 18300 19 Mile Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038. Visit http://www.cmpl.org/BoB for more information, including the complete list of books, and to register.

Life-Size Candy Land
Wed., April 8 at 10:30 or 11:15 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 6-10 can join in a game of Candy Land where they are the pawns.

Family Mystery Night
Fri., April 17 at 5:30 p.m. | North Branch
Library books are MISSING! Help solve the mystery. For families with children ages 7 to 11. One adult should register and tell us how many detectives are on your team.
Story Times

Session I story times will take place the week of Jan. 6 through the week of Feb. 3. Session II will take place week of Feb. 24 through the week of March 23. Join us:

**Main Library**
- Baby Time: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (0-11 months)
- Tot Time Plus: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (12-30 months)
- Little Listeners: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2-3 years)
- Tot Time: Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (12-23 months)
- Family Story Time: Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (all ages)
- Rock N Read: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (all ages, no registration required for this program only)

**North Branch**
- Music & Movement: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2-4 years old)
- Tot Time: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. (12-23 months)
- Little Listeners: Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (2-3 years)
- Little Listeners: Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. (12-23 months)

**South Branch**
- Tot Time Plus: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. (11-30 months)
- Little Listeners Plus: Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2 years+)
- Little Listeners Plus: Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (2 years+)

**Grow, Play, Learn**
- Fridays: Jan. 10 - Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
- Mondays: March 2 - 30 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
- Thursdays: April 16 - May 14 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

As a part of our Family Place Libraries initiative, join our five-week parent/child workshop. This is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program is open to ages 1-3 and their caregivers. Siblings up to age 5 are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. We ask that families attend only one Grow, Play, Learn session per year.

**Pajamarama**
2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch
Put on your jammies and join us for bedtime stories; ages 1-8 will receive a free book.

**PAWS for Reading**
Help your child gain confidence in reading by practicing with a trained dog. No registration is required.

**Baby Shark Party**
Mon., Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Calling all Baby Sharks! Let’s have a party, doo doo doo doo doo doo! We will explore the deep ocean waters with music, stories, and more shark fun. This program is for children ages 2-6.

**Leap Year Day**
Sat., Feb. 29 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Leap into the fun! We are celebrating a once every four year event with a lively story time, songs, game, and a craft. A photo op will be available. For ages 2 1/2 to 6.

**A Creepy Crawly Story Time**
Tues., March 31 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Let’s explore stories about spiders, flies and other creepy crawly creatures. There will be bug related activities and crafts too. Ages 2-5.

**Learning with Play-Doh**
Fri., April 3 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 3 to 6 will use playdough to make letters and shapes, practice counting, and more!

**Bookflix Movie Day**
Wed., April 8 at 10 a.m. | South Branch
Children ages 2 1/2 to 6 will enjoy short movies based on popular books and a craft.

**Play to Learn**
Mon., April 13 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Tues., April 14 at 10 a.m. | South Branch
This early literacy program is for children ages 2-4 and their parents and caregivers. It encourages learning through play at several book-based stations. The activities at the North Branch will be based on the book *Go Away Big Green Monster* by Ed Emberley. South Branch will feature *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Walsh.

Want more on tips on early literacy? Follow @CMPLTweets on Twitter and follow the hashtag #CMPLearlylit at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings.
Fun & Games

Obstacle Course for Kids
Mon., Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. | North Branch
Burn up some energy crawling, jumping and hopping through an obstacle course set up just for toddlers and preschoolers. This program is for ages 2-5.

Valentine’s Day Dance and Play
Thurs., Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Celebrate Valentine’s Day early at our Dance and Play Party. We will dance and wiggle, shimmy and shake to some great songs and play some fun party games. Ages 1-5.

a2Magic
Mon., Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
A2Magic will amaze you with his sleight of hand and magic wand. Prepare to be wowed by Jeff Wawrzaszek’s magical abilities. This program is for ages 3-12. Registration is not required, but seating is limited to 250 people.

Toddler/Preschool Playground
Sat., Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Tired of winter yet? Join us for some indoor fun at the library! Babies are welcome with caregivers in their own activity corner. Adults must remain with children for the duration of the program.

CVS Literacy Night
Thurs., March 5 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Students attending any Chippewa Valley elementary school are invited to explore fun literacy-based activities, listen to stories read by CVS principals, and more!

Fairy Tale Ball
Sat., March 14 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
Come one, come all to the Fairy Tale Ball! Princes and Princesses, wear your costumes and have fun creating crafts, playing games, eating from the Unicorn snack bar, dancing and more. “Real” princesses will dance and take photos with children under 10.

Magic Class
Mon., April 6 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 6-11 are invited to a magic class where they will learn some tricks and leave with their own bag of magic.

Crafts

Painting with Dots - Pointilism Art
Fri., Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Create a unique art piece using cotton swabs to make dots and lines on your paper. Ages 5-12.

Critter Creations
Sat., April 4 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Children ages 4-10 and adults will craft a giant creature using tissue paper, string, and imagination.

Perler Beads
Tues., April 7 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Choose from one of our pop culture patterns or make a design of your own. This program is for ages 7-11.

Tween Crafts

Toddler Crafts
Wed., April 15 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 18-35 months are invited to the North Branch to make some art projects.

Tween - Dream Catchers
Sat., Jan. 18 at 3 p.m. | South Branch
Twens 8-12 years old come join us at the South Branch to learn the legend of the dream catcher and create a beautiful dream catcher of your own.

Tween - Pour Painting
Sat., Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. | South Branch
Twens 8-12 years old come have fun creating beautiful designs using a new painting technique called pour painting.

Tween - Sand Art
Sat., March 21 at 3 p.m. | South Branch
Twens ages 8-12 will have fun creating unique designs using colored sand.

Tween - Bouncy Balls
Sat., April 18 at 3 p.m. | South Branch
Twens ages 8-12 years old will have fun mixing ingredients to make bouncy balls.
STEAM Programs

Sensory Play
Fri., Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Visit us for winter-themed sensory play for ages 2-5.

Circuit Cards
Mon., Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Thurs., April 9 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Join TechKnowKids as we learn the basics of electricity and make a circuit card that lights up! This program is for ages 7-12.

Frostology
Mon., Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Join the Michigan Science Center as we investigate how temperature relates to the movement of atoms and molecules in this exciting presentation.

Baby Picassos
Tues., Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Babies ages 0-24 months and their caregivers can join us for some fun baby art projects. Please wear an outfit that you don’t mind getting messy.

Little Scientists
Wed., Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 3-6 are invited to the North Branch to hear a story and conduct some hands-on science experiments and activities.

Who Would Win?
Tues., Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Kids ages 6-11 are invited to this program based on the popular nonfiction book series. Learn about animals and make your guesses as to who would win as we work through different stations.

Dave the Science Guy
Wed., Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
A science program for ages 7-11.

Dot and Dash
Thurs., Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Sat., April 25 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
Kids, ages 6-10, will use Dash and Dot robots as a hands-on learning tool that teaches creativity, logic, and problem solving. This program is 1.5 hours.

Lords of the Sky
Sat., March 7 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
The Howell Nature Center presents Lords of the Sky. Meet live hawks, owls, falcons, vultures and a bald eagle up close and learn about the amazing adaptations of birds and prey! For ages 4-11.

STEAM Break
Fri., April 10 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 7-11 can come to the North Branch for some STEAM activities!

Discovery Dome: Dinosaur Prophecy Plus
Tues., April 7 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
Watch as these amazing giants roam across the dome. Then explore the world of dinosaurs even further by examining lifesized dinosaur bone replicas. Ages 6-12.

Over 20 STEM-to-Go kits, such as the frog kit shown to the left, are available at the Main Library. Bring the concepts of biology, health, math, weather and coding home to reinforce your child’s learning.
Teen Takeover
Monday-Thursday from 2:30-6 p.m. | Main Library
Monday-Thursday from 2-6 p.m. | South Branch
In grades 6-12 looking for a place to hang out after school? Join us for games, activities and more. We’re always adding fun stuff so don’t miss it! Teen Takeover doesn’t occur when schools are closed.

Volunteers
1st Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Need volunteer hours for school? Want to learn more about the library? Volunteens! We want teens in grades 6-12 to help the library with anything from fun kids’ programs, to planning teen events to creating displays, or anything else we can come up with! Join us to learn about upcoming opportunities and earn an hour of volunteer time just by coming to the meeting!

Volunteer Day
Sun., March 15 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Teens will work on volunteer projects and Comic Con prep. We will be at the door from 9:50-10:05 a.m. to let you in, otherwise you have to arrive after the opening at noon.

National Trivia Day Trivia Challenge
Sat., January 4 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Celebrate National Trivia Day by competing to see who has the most knowledge about all things Pop Culture related. Snacks will be provided.

Video Game Day
Fri., Jan. 24 at 12 p.m. | South Branch
Celebrate the end of exams and de-stress with game day! We’ll have plenty of games as well as a single elimination Mario Kart Tournament! This event is for grades 6 through 12 only. Tournament starts at 12:30 p.m.

Teen Program Reminder
When you see this symbol registration is required. Please note that parents and younger siblings will not be able to attend teen programs. Programs are for teens entering grades 6 through 12. To register call (586) 226-5030 or visit http://cmpl.libnet.info/events

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Will It Waffle?
Fri., Jan. 31 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library
What happens when you have a bunch of waffle makers and random stuff? WHO KNOWS?! Come to Will It Waffle and we’ll find out! Disclaimer: Much hilarity to ensue please prepare accordingly.

National Pizza Day Pizza Party!!
Sun., Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Come celebrate all things pizza! We’ll have pizza games, pizza crafting, and, DUH, pizza to eat!

Palentine’s Day Cards
Mon., Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. | South Branch
Wed., Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch
Drop in to create a card to give to your friend or family member this Valentine’s Day. This program will take place in Teen Takeover.

Nailed It!: Cupcake Challenge
Sat., Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library
Not the best at dessert presentation? Do your cupcakes usually look like they were run over by a motor vehicle? Then you're perfect for our Nailed It Cupcake Challenge! Join us for some fun in this program inspired by the hit TV show.
Cocoa and a Movie
Mon., Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. | South Branch
Wed., Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Come warm up and relax while we watch a movie and create fun hot cocoa concoctions.

Interactive Princess Bride
Sat., Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. | North Branch
Sat., March 7 at 2:30 p.m. | Main Library
Never experienced an interactive movie? Come watch the Princess Bride and prepare to join in with fellow movie watchers as they say “Upon a Star,” every time a character in the film says “As You Wish.”

Caramel Making
Mon., Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. | South Branch
Mon., March 2 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch
Come learn how to make a delicious salted caramel sauce and taste test it with all kinds of treats!

Comic and Graphic Novel Buttons
Mon., March 9 at 4 p.m. | South Branch
Tues., March 24 at 4 p.m. | Main Library
Drop by and make buttons of some of your favorite comic and graphic novel characters. This program will be held in Teen Takeover.

Weird Science!
Fri., March 13 at 3:30 p.m. | Main Library
Ever wondered what lives on your tongue? Or what happens if you mix potassium iodide and hydrogen peroxide? Join us as we try out all kinds of fun experiments.

Retro Games
Mon., April 6 at 3 p.m. | North Branch
Come play with the library’s retro games systems: Nintendo, Super Nintendo, PlayStation, Atari and Sega Genesis or play classic card and board games.

After-Hours Events

Door at 6 p.m. Participants must be in the building before; doors will not re-open until program end.

Extreme Hide & Seek
Fri., Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Ever wanted to play hide and seek in the library? Now’s your chance! Be prepared for funny challenges and weird rules. We won’t make this easy!

Fortnite Nerf Fight
Sat., April 25 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Put those Fortnite skills to use in this IRL Fortnite Team Challenge. Not into Fortnite? That’s okay come anyway! Who doesn’t love an excuse to shoot Nerf darts?! Personal Nerf guns welcome. You are responsible for any darts you bring. NO MODS.

Fortnite Open Play Tournament
Wed., April 8 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
Drop by to play Fortnite on one of our video game systems or computers.

Escape the Room: Aliens!
Fri., April 10 at 3:30 p.m. | Main Library
Mon., April 20 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch
Aliens are invading the planet and the key to stopping the invasion died with officer Elliot Hayes. See if you can crack the code and save the world. Hayes not only discovered that aliens had been living among us for years planning an elaborate invasion, but he found something (or someone) that could stop them; he hid the secret away and scattered the clues for you to discover. See if you can save the world at this fun teen event!

National Pretzel Day Pretzel Party!
Sun., April 26 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Celebrate National Pretzel Day by making chocolate covered pretzels and topping off soft baked pretzels with ingredients from our toppings bar.
Clinton-Macomb Public Library
40900 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038-2955


Used Book Sale
Stop by the Main Library for the used book sale to get a great deal on classics, best-sellers, children’s books and more! A membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

Teachers with valid identification will receive 50% off their purchase in the Children’s Room. Members of the Friends receive access to a Friends-only sale on Wednesday and an extra 20% off on Friday.

Wed., April 15: 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Friends Night Only
Thurs., April 16: 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
Fri., April 17 and Sat., April 18: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun., April 19: 12:15-3 p.m. - Bag Day

Volunteer at the Used Book Sale
Volunteer at the book sale on the following dates and times. Call (586) 226-5004 with any questions.
- Fri., April 3 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sun., April 5 from 1-5 p.m.
- Mon., April 6 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.
- Tues., April 7 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Wed., April 8 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Mon., April 20 from 9:30 a.m.-noon (cleanup)

Library Closures
The Library will be closed on the following dates:
- Wed., Jan. 1
- Sun., April 12
- Fri. April 24: Main Library closes at 2 p.m.

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