Welcome to the New North Branch!

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FROM the DIRECTOR...

A sense of JOY is what I feel every time I step foot into the new North Branch Library building as I have frequently visited to monitor the progress! It is hard to believe that over two years have passed since we broke ground on its construction; over three years since the architect, construction management, space planning and early literacy specialist firms were hired; and over sixteen years that I have been gathering ideas in my “Building New Libraries” file.

At just over 28,000 square feet, the new building will offer twice the space of the original North Branch plus another 6,000 square feet of porticos and courtyards to encourage everyone to enjoy the library on the inside and outside. As a state-of-the-art library building it will include the following standard features we are incorporating across all three of the library district’s facilities:

- Accessibility beyond ADA requirements with automatic sliding doors; airport style door-less entries into restroom areas; and a motorized scooter and wheelchair available to borrow
- Drive-up item return and drive-up window holds pick up
- Automated materials handling check in to remove items from accounts immediately upon return
- Ample study and meeting spaces – we have coordinated a new partnership between two of our vendors to fully automate reserving and accessing the six small study rooms and three group study rooms – use your resident library card to reserve a room online and then receive an email message with a PIN to unlock the door
- Dedicated programming room – story times are critical to helping young children develop the skills needed to become ready to read but can be disruptive to others using the library for study, job seeking and other activities
- Greatly enhanced display spaces for better merchandising of new books and other featured library items from the 80,000+ available in the North Branch collections
- Backup generator to reduce service disruption in the case of a power outage (the new North Branch can continue to fully operate on the generator and serve as a community emergency hub)

Regardless of where you live in the library district, I hope you will join us on Sunday, September 19 at 2 p.m. to dedicate and celebrate the opening of the new North Branch Library and experience your own special sense of JOY that only a public library can bring.

We look forward to serving you and your family in the near future.

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Library Board Trustee Peter Ruggirello

Peter Ruggirello recently resigned from the Library Board due to relocating out of the library district. He joined the Library Board on June 21, 2000, and has been a highly dedicated member providing invaluable input, expertise and leadership in particular during the library’s five building projects and two successful millage campaigns. He served twice as Library Board President from 2007-09 and 2016-18. Pete will be greatly missed and we wish him and his family all the best in the future. Library Board members are appointed by the two townships for four-year terms and serve without compensation.

Let’s Build A Library Program & Tour

Mon., Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 4 at 7 p.m., Mon., Nov. 15 at 2 p.m., or Tues., Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Join Library Director Larry Neal for a program and tour about the new North Branch. Find out why the library has a dome, what happened to the trees that were cleared to build the library and parking lot, what happens to the books once you return them on the conveyor belt, and much more! The program includes a behind the scenes tour and lasts about 90 minutes. Open to all ages. Registration required.

The new North Branch construction team from Quinn Evans and McCarthy Smith from left: Alexander Fritz, Bill Butka, Aaron Phillips, Ashley Roberts, Larry Neal, and Benjamin Telian.
TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten
Parents are their child’s first and best teachers. Research shows that when parents and caregivers talk and listen to young children, kids develop the cognitive and language skills they need to do well when they start school. Text messaging provides a convenient way to deliver important early learning concepts to a wide audience. With CMPL’s new service, TALK, parents receive two text messages per week with ideas for fun activities to try at home based on their child’s age to increase the back-and-forth interactions important for a child’s development. TALK is geared towards parents and caregivers of children five and under and you can register up to two children per family. To sign up:

- Text TALK to 75547 and enter information by text message as prompted
- Visit www.texttolearn.com and fill out the online form

Perennial Exchange
Sat., Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. | Clinton Twp. Comfort Station
Join us as we team up with the Clinton Township Beautification Committee to trade the extra perennials from our gardens. Bring your extra hostas, coneflowers, and more to exchange for something new. Join us in the new parking lot of the Comfort Station (south of the Main Library) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to exchange plants of various varieties. Participants may package their plants in labeled plastic bags, boxes, or other small containers. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced gardener, the exchange is a fun and economical way to diversify the plants in your garden. Committee members and librarians will be on hand to help identify plants and give information about CMPL’s new Seed Library.

Magazine Giveaway
3rd Fridays | Main Library
The magazine giveaway is back. If you are in need of old issues of magazines, stop by the Main Library on the third Friday of each month. We will have our back issues of magazines available. First come, first served. Any leftover magazines will be recycled the following Monday morning.

Celebrate Diversity with Us
CMPL will highlight books and authors that represent a wide variety of unique human experiences throughout the month of December. Close out 2021 and kick off 2022 with a month of reading that allows you to learn about others through their own words.

Go Library Card
Did you know that you have access to special discounts at local businesses just for having a library card? The Go Library Card program offers discounts at many restaurants and businesses around Macomb County. There are even premium discounts offered throughout the year to Detroit sports, theater events and more. Check out all the discounts available at https://www.golibrarycard.org/.

Facebook Chats
Select dates and times | Facebook
Join us 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. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Clinton-Macomb-Public-Library to view these events.

2nd Wednesday at 12 p.m.: PopMat Chat
3rd Monday at 2 p.m.: Children’s Chat
4th Wednesday at 2 p.m.: ANF Chat
Wonder awaits at the new North Branch

Join us at 54100 Broughton Road, Macomb 48042 on Sunday, September 19 at 2 p.m.

Donation Opportunities Still Available

There are still once-in-a-lifetime options for individuals and groups to donate and create a lasting legacy for the community to enjoy for decades to come. Please visit cmpl.org/donations for the current list and descriptions of items available or contact Library Director Larry Neal at (586) 226-5011 or lneal@cmpl.org
The new building offers six study rooms with full length windows so users may enjoy the nature that surrounds the building.

The day we have been working toward for more than two years has finally arrived. On Sun., Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. we are pleased to invite you to the dedication and grand opening of the new North Branch!

The new North Branch is double the size of the old library at 28,091 square feet and contains all the modern amenities that you have come to expect from CMPL.

Nestled in a scenic wetland across the street from the Macomb Township Hall and next door to the Recreation Center, the new North Branch is a combination of the style of classic Carnegie libraries on the outside and state-of-the-art modern libraries on the inside. Materials, colors and design elements were selected to harmonize with the other municipal buildings and to ensure proper proportion and contextual appropriateness to the Town Center.

With its increased size, the new building offers resident cardholders more meeting space, including six study rooms, three larger group study rooms, a conference room that seats 28 and a large meeting room perfect for homeowner’s associations and scout troops.

The Creative/Story Room is a dedicated space for children’s story times, craft programs, Family Place activities and more. With outdoor patios and porticos, the new building includes space to offer the high quality programs you expect from CMPL in indoor and outdoor areas.

The new building will also feature a convenient drive-up return and pick up window. There is no need to leave your car to pick up holds or return items, simply use the drive through at the south side of the building.

The total cost of the project was $18.5 million and was financed through bonds paid out of the library’s operating budget. Taxpayers will not see any increase in library millage rate due to the construction.

Join us on dedication day for our grand opening festivities. The day will include:

- Family-friendly DJ outside starting at 1:30 p.m. and following the ribbon cutting
- National Anthem by The Macombers
- Remarks from elected officials
- A chance to tour and check out items from the new building
- Visits from Macomb Twp. Parks and Rec Freckles the Frog, Princesses Elsa and Cinderella, and Spiderman
- Bring cash to enjoy refreshments from Dvine Cookies and Poppin Top Hat from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Dedication gift available to the first 1,000 visitors

Please feel free to bring a lawn chair or umbrella. The opening will happen, rain or shine. Please note that as a public space the library may be required to reinstate certain COVID-19 safety requirements which could impact our event. Updates will be posted on our website and social media channels.
Movie matinees and nights are back at the Main Library! Join us in-person to enjoy a movie on the big screen. **No registration is required.**

### Nomadland
**Thurs., Sept. 9 at 1 p.m. and Tues., Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Rated R, 108 minutes**

### News of the World
**Thurs., Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. and Tues., Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Rated PG-13, 118 minutes**

### Soul
**Thurs., Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. and Tues., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Rated PG, 100 minutes**

### Emma (2020)
**Thurs., Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. and Tues., Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Rated PG, 125 minutes**

### News of the World: Audio-described movie matinee
**Tues., Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. | Main Library**
This is a special audio-described screening of the movie, News of the World starring Tom Hanks. Audio description is an accommodation for low-vision and blind viewers giving them the opportunity to enjoy the full cinematic experience with their sighted friends. Audio description narrates the relevant visual information contained in video or film to provide context, clarify speakers, and articulate visual elements often missed when people are unable to see the movie or television screen.

CMPL wants you to live well! Join us throughout the day for programs specifically designed for those age 55+ and follow our social media throughout the day for recommendations featuring older adults living their best lives.

### Living Well at CMPL: Tech to Go Demos
**Wed., Oct. 6 from 12 p.m.–5 p.m. | Main Library**
Drop in to get hands-on demonstrations of a variety of items from our Things to Go collection. Bring up to 20 photos and a flash drive to have them scanned while you wait as we show off the borrowable photo scanner.

### Living Well at CMPL: Beginner Tai Chi
**Wed., Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. | Main Library**
Tai Chi instructor Garry Cabbil teaches an introduction to Tai Chi, including its benefits and the basic moves.

### Living Well at CMPL: The Science of Happiness
**Wed., Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**
Dr. Peggi Tabor, a certified integrated wellness coach, will examine recent studies on understanding happiness. What causes it? What limits our experience of it? What are the neural correlates of happiness and can we develop and expand them? Participants will leave this talk with a toolkit of both psychological and physiological behaviors designed to increase and maintain their experience of happiness.

### Podcasts
Can’t get enough CMPL? Listen to a podcast! The CMPL Podcast is released on the third Wednesday of the month. The topic and the librarians are different each month. Topics often include upcoming events, materials, and, of course, librarian recommendations for all ages.

Are you a teen or do you have one at home? Listen to the All Things Teen podcast with Teen Librarian Erin. This podcast discusses programs and materials suitable for teens. This podcast is released on the first Wednesday of the month.

Visit [https://cmplpodcast.podbean.com](https://cmplpodcast.podbean.com) to listen to all the CMPL podcasts.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Book Discussions for Children

Book Blasters Book and a Craft
Saturdays at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Children ages 7-9 can read a book and create a craft. Register the month prior to each event to ensure that you receive a book kit.

Sept. 25: Babymouse #1: Queen of the World! by Jennifer Holm
Oct. 23: I Survived the California Wildfires 2018 by Lauren Tarshis
Nov. 27: What is LEGO? by Jim O'Connor

Xtreme Readers Book and a Craft
Saturdays at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Children ages 10-12 can read a book and create a craft. Register the month prior to each event to ensure that you receive a book kit.

Sept. 18: Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
Nov. 20: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Graphic Novel Book Club (GNBC)
Tues., Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Kids ages 9-12 are invited to discuss and discover new graphic novels. We will be discussing Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell. Book pick up begins on Oct. 5.

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

Sept. 13: Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson
Oct. 11: Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner
Nov. 8: Black Widows by Cate Quinn
Dec. 13: Things You Save in a Fire by Katherine Center

Let’s Get Real
3rd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Join our book discussion group in-person this fall. It features some of the best nonfiction titles published in recent years!

Sept. 20: The Third Rainbow Girl: The long life of a double murder in Appalachia by Emma Copley Eisenberg
Oct. 18: Come Fly the World: The jet-age story of the women of Pan Am by Julia Cooke
Nov. 15: Nobody Will Tell You This But Me: A true (as told to me) story by Bess Kalb
Dec. 20: The Ride of Her Life: The true story of a woman, her horse, and their last-chance journey across America by Elizabeth Letts

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

Sept. 21: The Wife Between Us by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
Oct. 19: A Borrowing of Bones by Paula Munier
Nov. 16: Nothing Ventured by Jeffrey Archer
Dec. 21: The Plot is Murder by V.M. Burns

Bring Your Own Book Club
Wed., Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
A one-off book club meeting with no set book to read and no rules! Bring whatever book you are reading, in whatever format, and chat with us about it.

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CMPL ESL Conversations Group
Saturdays at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Are you learning English? Come converse with others who are learning English too. The Main Library will host an English as a Second Language Conversation Group on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for English language-learners to strengthen conversation skills. No registration is required.

Mitten Tales & Talk
1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library
Relax and listen to a short story read aloud by a librarian, followed by a discussion. All stories relate to Michigan!

Sept. 1: As in Sin and Subtlety by Ed A. Murray
Oct. 6: Living Well at CMPL: Bob Seger’s House by Ellen Airgood
Nov. 3: St. Certain’s FC by Joseph Heywood
Dec 1: Christmas at Kitson’s Ledge

Becoming An Inclusive Community: Our Journey to the Other
Wed., Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for Welcoming Week, September 10-19. The theme is Belonging Begins With Us and Immigrant Inclusion. Steve Spreitzer, President & CEO of Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion will talk about inclusion, equity and opportunity for all.

Knit and Crochet Meet Up
Thursdays: Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, and Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. | Main Library
Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another craft? Hang out and show off your new creations! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Walking Tour of the Tomlinson Arboretum
Sat., Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
The Friends of the Arboretum takes us on a narrated walking tour of the 25-acre Tomlinson Arboretum, just west of the Main Library. The tour is 1-1/2 miles long and will take two hours. We will meet in the Auditorium at the Main Library. All ages welcome. In case of inclement weather, the tour will take place Mon., Sept. 20.

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance
Tuesdays: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | South Branch
On the third Tuesday of the month, Medicare/Medicaid counseling sessions will take place by appointment only at the South Branch. Please call Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at 800-803-7174 to schedule your appointment.

Get Ready for Medicare Open Enrollment
Wed., Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library
Not sure which plan is best for you? Learn about your options for Medicare Open Enrollment. The team from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program from AAA1B can help you compare plans, explain enrollment options and find out what you qualify for.

Chapter One
Thurs., Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. | Main Library
Fall into reading with your CMPL librarians for a night of book buzz and recommendations in a variety of genres. Catch up on the books we enjoyed and discover the inside scoop on hot reads for fall!

Library Things To Go Demo
Fri., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. | North Branch
Stop by the North Branch to try out some of the new items in the Things To Go collection. We’ll have items relating to Tech, Hobbies, Tools, and STEM - all available for residents to check out!

How Money Works
Mon., Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
It’s never too late (or too early!) to improve your financial literacy skills. Join us for an in-depth discussion with Pam Redford, a licensed financial agent. Learn how to get out of debt, build savings and find your way to financial independence. Become knowledgeable about the power of compound interest, interest rates, revolving debt vs. fixed debt, and more.
In-person Programs for Adults

**Farming in Northern Macomb County**  
**Thurs., Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**  
Join author Linda Osborne Cynowa as she discusses her new book focusing on the farming history of the Macomb County townships north of M-59. Attend in-person or on Zoom.

**Tools for Healing Energy: Inside and Out**  
**Wed., Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**  
Stress can deplete us with exhaustion, depression and anxiety. Learn how to balance to the energy centers within. Join us with Nicole LaDuke, LMT & energy healer as we find out how to utilize the chakras, crystals, and meditation as tools to help heal and strengthen our energy levels.

**Statement Necklace in Plastic Canvas**  
**Thurs., Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. | Main Library**  
This is not your grandmother’s plastic canvas. Use colorful yarn and plastic canvas to create a unique accessory.

**Spooky Head-in-a-Jar Craft**  
**Mon., Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**  
We’re preparing for Halloween with a craft that will help you scare your friends, or just add ambiance to your Halloween party. Bring a glass jar with a lid, if you have one.

**Cricut for Beginners**  
**Mon., Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**  
Is your Cricut machine still sitting unused in its box? Wondering where to start? Looking for some gift ideas to create? Join us as we walk you through the basics of Design Space and show you how to create a project from beginning to end.

**Brown Paper Packages Tied up with Strings**  
**Sun., Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. | Main Library**  
Drop in with your unwrapped presents and use library packing paper to wrap your gifts. You can personalize the wrapping and it’s great for the environment. **No registration is required.**

Virtual Programs for Adults

**Writing Group**  
**Tuesdays: Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join us virtually via Zoom to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Adult writers (ages 17+) welcome.

**Midnight in Vehicle City: GM, Flint, and the Strike That Created the Middle Class**  
**Tues., Sept. 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Edward McClelland will read from his book on the unprecedented Flint sit-down strike of 1936-37. On Dec. 30, 1936, workers took over the General Motors factory in Flint and held it for 44 days, facing down bosses, vigilantes, and police. McClelland drew from newspaper reports, memoirs, and oral histories of more than 100 strikers.

**Smartphone Photography**  
**Wed., Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Learn how you can take professional-looking photos with your own smartphone. Pro photographer Jeffrey Smith joins us on Zoom to share strategies for improving your photos and to demonstrate how to make simple edits using built-in editing tools and the free app Snapseed. Participants who use their new skills to photograph our new North Branch building could win a prize!

**The Amazing Cone Sisters From Baltimore**  
**Sat., Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**  
Learn about the amazing Cone Sisters, two Victorian women from Baltimore who amassed one of the greatest avant-garde art collections of 19th century and early 20th century art, now housed at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Their circle of friends included Matisse, Picasso, Gertrude Stein and Leo Stein. The presentation is based on the book: *The Cone Sisters of Baltimore: Collecting At Full Tilt* by Ellen B. Hirschland and Nancy Hirschland Ramage. It will also include other women art collectors of the time.

**Trivia Live!**  
**Tuesdays: Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join us for a fun night of pub style trivia. Each week will have new categories with a prize going to the winner!
Virtual Programs for Adults

**Refresh and Reset**  
**Wed., Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**  
Work/life balance is hard to juggle at times. Take a “me” moment and join our guide Teri Flores as we do gentle chair exercises, stretching, simple face yoga, and a short meditation.

**Chinese Calligraphy for Beginners**  
**Wed., Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join artist Jojo Liu in this beginner’s Chinese calligraphy class, from the comfort of your own home. Jojo will be teaching traditional Chinese calligraphy basics including how to hold a brush, write basic strokes and write while standing.

**Macrame Scarf**  
**Sat., Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**  
Learn to upcycle a t-shirt into a casual scarf. We’ll provide the t-shirt and detailed instructions. Join us on Zoom on Oct. 2 where we can make our beautiful scarves together. Registration begins Sept. 18. Pick up your kits between Sept. 27 and Oct. 1.

**A Beginner’s Guide to the Golden Age of Radio**  
**Thurs., Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join Steve Darnell, host of the radio show Those Were the Days, dedicated to the Golden Age of radio for an overview of some of the biggest shows from the early years of radio. Listen to sound clips of Jack Benny, Bob Hope and The Shadow along with stories about how radio became America’s first mass medium transforming the U.S. from 48 states into a national listening community.

**Bats of Michigan**  
**Wed., Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**  
Bats are often associated with Halloween and vampires and are portrayed in pop culture as something to be feared. Seven Ponds Nature Center sets the record straight with this educational presentation about Michigan’s amazing bat species and their important place in our ecosystem.

**Michigan Haunts**  
**Wed., Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Trick or Treat! Explore Michigan’s most haunted places with Jon Milan and Gail Offen in their latest book, *Michigan Haunts: Public Places, Eerie Spaces*. Join the pair of Michigan travel chroniclers as they take us on a road trip to “the other side”, exploring countless hauntings, ghost towns and bizarre tales of murder and mayhem, drawing from more than 300 years of Michigan’s modern history.

**Detroit’s Thanksgiving Day Parade**  
**Wed., Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**  
Since 1924, Detroit’s annual Thanksgiving parade has delighted people of all ages. The parade’s spectacular balloons, floats, bands, special guests, and holiday spirit have made it the most celebrated civic event in Detroit. Romie Minor, CEO of Detroit History Company, joins us on Zoom to commemorate the parade tradition with a nostalgic visual journey down Woodward Ave., looking back at almost a century of magic and enchantment.

**Dark Side of the Mitten**  
**Tues., Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Author Tom Carr tells stories of murder, robbery and mayhem through the ages in the Great Lakes state. Delivered in a lively manner with irreverence and historical context, the stories include crimes of passion, greed, insanity and just plain awfulness. Carr is an award-winning reporter and columnist, and worked at daily newspapers in Michigan for more than 25 years.

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**Diego Rivera and the Detroit Industry Murals**  
**Wed., Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join a Zoom event with a representative from the Detroit Institute of Arts and learn about the complex and intriguing story behind Diego Rivera and his Detroit Industry murals, which have now been declared a National Historic Landmark.

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Take & Make: DIY Lip Balm  
Fri., Nov. 19 | Craft at Home  
Pamper your lips with a soothing DIY lip balm. The library will supply a glass melting cup and natural ingredients. You supply a saucepan with hot water on a stovetop or microwave as a heat source. Register between Nov. 1-14. Pick up supplies between Nov. 15-19. An instructional video will be available on YouTube on Nov. 19 to watch at your leisure.

Holiday Reset and Refresh  
Wed., Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. | Zoom  
Holiday preparations wearing you down? Take some time out for yourself. Teri Flores will guide us using gentle chair exercises and stretching to help us reset and refresh. Included will be simple face yoga, breathing techniques, and a short meditation. Wear comfortable clothing and use a sturdy chair.

Tales of Celestial Wanderers  
Wed., Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom  
What goes on in our night sky? While many of us know some basic constellations that we can see in particular places at particular times, there are roaming hunks of rock out there that show up irregularly to capture our attention. What are they and how can you see them? Solar System Ambassador Terri McCormick will present on comets, asteroids, and meteors.

Take & Make: Create-a-Calendar  
Fri., Dec. 10 | Craft at Home  
Welcome the new year! Create a small, custom 2022 calendar from a CD case that acts as an easel. The library will supply the CD case, calendar inserts, and glue. You supply scissors and creativity! Register between Nov. 22 and Dec. 5. Pick up supplies between Dec. 6-10.

Michigan’s Winter Playground  
Wed., Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. | Zoom  
Buckle up as Michigan travel guru Dianna Stampflier takes you on a whirlwind trip across our state and shows you the winter fun that awaits! Learn about the Gourmet Glide, Zhivago Night, mountaintop dinners, elk viewing carriage rides, ice sailing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, Suds-n-Snow, the Motown Winter Blast, the Women's Winter Tour, and other snow-filled Michigan adventures.

Tech Programs

Tech Tutoring  
Mondays from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. | North Branch  
Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | South Branch  
Stop by on Wednesdays for drop-in help using your smartphone, tablet, or other portable device.

Computer Classes  
Assorted dates and times | Main Library  
Computer classes are offered at the Main Library on various topics from the basics to Microsoft Office. Visit our online events calendar to see dates and times.

Zoom Basics  
Wed., Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Learn how to get into a Zoom meeting and how to use the basic features of Zoom. Prior to the session, you’ll receive a handout with detailed instructions on how to log in. You must have an email address and a smartphone, tablet or computer for this program.

All About Photos  
Thurs., Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. | Screenleap  
During this class you will learn how to manage pictures on your computer. Also, find out how to name, rename, and move pictures into folders to get organized. We will take a look at using the Photo Gallery and do minor editing of pictures, such as cropping and making enhancements. We will use pictures for desktop backgrounds and insert a picture into Microsoft Word to manipulate for flyers, invitations, and other printed materials. Not for Apple/Mac users.

Library Wizardry: ESL Edition  
Thurs., Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom  
The library is more than just books! Join us to discover all the digital services CMPL offers to support ESL patrons. We will demonstrate Pronunciator, ProCitizen, Overdrive and hoopla on how to browse for digital ESL materials.

Grow With Google: Supercharge Your Job Search Ahead of the New Year  
Wed., Dec. 15 at 12 p.m. | Zoom  
Use Google tools to aid in your search for employment and career development. We will watch Google’s livestream and have a short discussion afterwards.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Cirque Amongus  
Sat., Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. | Zoom  
Part comedy, part circus and a whole lot of fun! This virtual performance will amaze you. For all ages.

Cats of Catthulhu  
Sun., Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. | Zoom  
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a cat? At this program we will be playing a role-playing game where players take on the persona of an average domestic cat. No experience with role-playing games required. For ages 9-12.

Jokes, Riddles, and Brain Teasers - Halloween Edition  
Thurs., Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. | Zoom  
Join us and share jokes, riddles, or brain teasers that are about Halloween. This is an online event geared for ages 8 to 12.

The Kids’ Table: A Cooking School for Kids and Family  
Sat., Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. | Zoom  
Have a fun time cooking and learning with a Kids’ Table instructor. On the menu are TikTok-style quesadillas. This program is for ages 7 to 12.

No Bake Cookies  
Tues., Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. | Zoom  
Join us for some seasonal no-bake baking and make some cookies! There will be options available for those with food restrictions. One of the best holiday gifts you can give is something sweet. This program will require the use of at home measuring and mixing utensils. Ingredients and instructions are provided. Kits for this program will be available for pick up beginning Tues., Dec. 7. This program is for ages 9-12.

Little Library Loot  
Mondays: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 27 | Pick up at any CMPL location  
Attention young book lovers! Love to read but not sure what to read next or want to try a surprise suggestion? Sign up for Little Library Loot! Our Children’s Services team will work to pair you with your next favorite book by simply answering a few questions. This monthly program is for children ages 0-7. Kids who register monthly will receive one of our curated Book Box kits containing the following:

• 1 book to read and return  
• 1 book to keep  
• A fun activity  
• Maybe even more surprises!

Registration opens the 1st through the 15th. Book boxes are available for pick up at the CMPL location of your choice the LAST Monday of the month.

Library Loot  
Mondays: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 27 | Pick up at any CMPL location  
Attention middle grade book lovers! Love to read but not sure what to read next or want to try a surprise suggestion? Sign up for Library Loot! Our Children’s Services team will work to pair you with your next favorite book by simply answering a few questions. Library Loot is a monthly program for children in grades 3-5. Participants who register monthly will receive one of our curated Book Box kits containing the following:

• 1 book to read and return  
• 1 book to keep  
• Snacks and treats  
• A fun activity  
• Maybe even more surprises!

Registration opens the 1st through the 15th. Book boxes are available for pick up at the CMPL location of your choice the LAST Monday of the month.
STEAM Activities

Firelight Shadow Theater - Spin Me a Shadow, Tell Me a Tale
Sat., Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Discover the magical world of shadow puppetry. Enjoy shadow puppetry versions of folktales from around the world and learn how to create shadow puppets from scratch. A kit will be available with some resources and materials to get you started so you can create your own shadow puppetry shows. Registration begins Sept. 3. Kits will be available for pick up Sept. 11-18.

Howell Nature Center: Lords of the Sky
Sat. Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
See a variety of species of live birds of prey in this virtual program as we explore the unique characteristics, habitat, diet, and importance to the environment of the different types of raptors.

Leslie Nature Center: Out of This World
Sat., Oct. 9 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Come explore the universe with us! Recommended for age 5 to 12. Limited to the first 30 registrants. We’ll discover how our days, seasons, and years can be predicted by the orbit of Earth around the sun. We’ll learn how stars in our galaxy and planets in the solar system compare to each other and try our hand at modeling how stars are formed. Each registrant will receive only one kit.

Dinosaur George
Wed., Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. | Zoom
Children ages 3-6 will explore dinosaurs during a virtual event. What is a dinosaur? Dinosaurs are some of the most fascinating animals that ever lived. But how can you tell what is, and what is not, a dinosaur? Become a dinosaur “expert” with Dinosaur George as he explains everything you wanted to know about dinosaurs! During Dinosaur George’s lesson you will see images, as well as actual fossils, as he explains and shows the sizes and features of each animal.

Weird, but True!
Sat., Oct. 23 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Do you like weird, and mind bending facts? Join us to explore some weird, but definitely true facts and interactive activities that will blow your mind! This program is for kids ages 6-10. Kits for this program will be available for pick up on Oct. 13.

Terrific Tidepools
Sat., Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
The Center of Aquatic Studies at Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey, will present Terrific Tidepools. During this interactive program animal props will be used to read children a story about ocean life. Afterward, they will meet live animals from the story. For families with children under 6.

Investigating Invertebrates
Sat. Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Invertebrates are among the most successful creatures on the planet. Join us as we take a look at some of these strange yet wonderful creatures.

STEM Kits
Can’t get enough STEM? CMPL has STEM kits available for checkout. Explore outer space. Learn about fractions. Teach your child about volcanos, tectonic plates, building, light, and more. STEM kits are available at the Main Library and check out for two weeks.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Take & Makes, Crafts, and Fun

Giant Games
Sat., Sept. 11 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Main Library
Drop in to play our collection of Giant Games! We will have Giant Connect Four, Giant Uno, Giant Kerplunk, and more. This is a weather permitting event; it will not be moved indoors. Registration is not required.

Bedazzled Pumpkin Party
Thurs., Oct. 21 at 4:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join us and decorate your own mini pumpkin with markers and jewels. This program is for ages 4-10. Come decorate a pumpkin and listen to Halloween music while we celebrate the season! Kits will be ready for pick up on Thurs., Oct. 14.

Gratitude Journals
Sat., Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Kids ages 8-12 are invited to create their very own gratitude journals in this virtual Zoom program. Registrants can pick up their program supply kits beginning Sat., Oct. 30.

Thankful Wreath
Mon., Nov. 15 at 4:30 p.m. | Zoom
Create a colorful wreath using construction paper leaves. On each leaf you can write things for which you are thankful. Ages 5 and up. Registration begins Mon., Nov. 1. Kits will be available for pick up at the location you requested beginning Nov. 8.

Leaf Painting
Thurs., Nov. 18 at 4:30 p.m. | Zoom
With all the leaves on the ground, what’s better than to make some art? Join us for a handful of crafts that use fallen leaves! This program is for ages 5-10. At this program we will do a couple of crafts that involve the use of leaves. Before the program, grab a handful of leaves on the ground! All other supplies will be provided. Kits for this program will be ready for pick up beginning Wed., Nov. 10.

Take & Make: Swinging Puppet
Mon., Nov. 22 | Craft at Home
Explore the power of one of our simplest tools, the mighty lever, by using everyday materials to create a high-energy puppet. Instructions will be provided with kit. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Registration opens Nov. 8. Kits will be available for pick up at requested CMPL location starting Nov. 22.

Take & Make: Handprint Reindeer Craft
Thurs., Dec. 9 | Craft at Home
Make a reindeer ornament from a chocolate pudding handprint! Each child will make one ornament. Ages 0 to 6. Registration begins Nov. 26. Kits will be available for pick up beginning on Dec. 6.

Take & Make: Potential Energy Chain Reaction
Mon., Dec. 20 | Craft at Home
Use everyday materials to explore motion and energy. Instruction will be provided with kit. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration begins Dec. 6. Kits will be available for pick up at requested CMPL location beginning Dec. 20.

PAWS Dogs Needed
CMPL is looking for a couple of additional volunteers with certified therapy dogs who would be interested in participating in our PAWS for Reading program, beginning in Winter 2022. In our PAWS program, children in grades K-5 visit the library and practice reading to the dogs, which builds both reading skills and confidence. CMPL will need to keep a copy of the dog’s certification on file at the library. If interested, please contact Lisa at lmulvenna@cmpl.org.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Story Times
Select dates and times | Zoom
Story times will take place the week of Sept. 13 through the week of Oct. 11. Session II will take place the week of Nov. 1 through the week of Nov. 29. Join us on Zoom on the following days and times:

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.

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

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

Outdoor Rock N Read
Mondays: Sept. 13, Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. | Main Library
Join us on the Main Library's front lawn for stories and music. This program will be great for ages 2-5. Bring your blankets out and join us for fun. Note: in case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

Pajamarama
Wednesdays: Sept. 8, Oct. 13, and Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Put on your jammies and join us online for bedtime stories and songs. For families with children under 8.

At-Home Scavenger Hunt
Wed., Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. | Zoom
Join us while we develop our early literacy skills by playing a scavenger hunt at home. What will you find? This program is for ages 3-5. “Find something that’s your favorite color. Find something shaped like a square.” These are just some examples of what participants may be asked for during this program. In this program we’ll explore our own homes and develop our early literacy skills by finding items around our house that the librarian asks for. Get creative and exploratory while inside.

Outdoor Sensory Fun
Mon., Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. | North Branch Courtyard
Join us for stories and sensory activities for children ages 2-5.

Family Evening Story Time
Tuesdays: Oct. 19, Nov. 23, and Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Get cozy with your family for some evening stories with CMPL.

Story Walk in the Park
Macomb Corners Park | 19449 25 Mile Road
Waldenburg Park | 19225 21 Mile Road
Normandy Park | 34300 Little Mack Ave
Neil Reid Park | 37705 Harper Ave
If you love reading and being outside, then walk and read a story while visiting local parks this fall! Follow the stories on the following days:

Visit Macomb Corners Park Sept. 15-30 or Waldenburg Park Oct. 1-15 to read They All Saw a Cat by Brenden Wenzel.


5th Grade Battle of the Books Title Announcement
Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. | Facebook Live
Join us on Facebook Live as we announce the titles for the 2022 5th Grade Battle of the Books. All 5th graders are invited to participate! You just need a team of 2-5 5th graders and an adult coach. The battle will take place on Sun., March 6, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Family Events

Family Mystery
Sat., Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Library books are MISSING! Use your mystery solving skills and the clues we provide to figure out who has taken the books. One adult should register and tell us how many detectives are on your team. For families with children ages 7 to 11.

Stargazing at our New North Branch
Wed., Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Bundle up and join us outdoors on the patio of our New North Branch as Jeffrey MacLeod, Warren Astronomical Society member and NASA Ambassador shows you highlights of the night sky over Macomb with his telescope. This program is open to adults and kids ages 10 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. In the event of cloudy weather, we will reschedule if possible or present on Zoom.

Community Salute
Submit items for the "Community Salute"
This Nov. the Main Library will host a display to honor the veterans in our community. Veterans or their family members may submit for display up to two photos and up to two items to represent their service (no weapons please). All items must be appropriate for general audiences. Please email info@cmpl.org to receive more information about bringing items for display.

Everyone is invited to visit the Community Salute display in the cases in the lobby of the Main Library from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1. All ages are welcome.

Community Salute Opening Reception
Sun., Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. | Main Library
Community members, veterans and their families are invited to visit the Community Salute display in the cases on the Main Library’s first floor. Then join us in the auditorium to share stories and enjoy light refreshments. Those contributing to the display are especially welcome to attend!

Library for the Blind
Do you know someone who has difficulty seeing? Does someone you know have physical issues that prevent holding a book? Don’t forget, the Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (MLBPH) is housed at the Main Library. MLBPH sends audio-books, movies and downloadable books via mail to those who qualify and live in Macomb County.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, visit https://cmpl.org/mlbph/ to fill out an application.
Volunteers

Wednesdays: Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. | Main Library/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. You may attend in-person or virtually.

Teen Game Nights

Select Thursdays: Sept. 2, Sept. 16, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2, and Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join us as we partner up with other libraries around the state to play online games! This event uses Zoom and the Board Game Arena website to play virtual tabletop games.

Dungeons & Dragons

Sat., Sept. 18 at 1 p.m. | Zoom

Join us for a game of Dungeons & Dragons! No experience required to play. The first hour of this program will be spent helping with character creation and going over basic rules. The game will start at 2 p.m. This program is for participants ages 12-18.

Super Secret Book Box

Mondays: Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, and Dec. 27 | Pick up at any CMPL location

Love to read but not sure what to read next or want to try a surprise suggestion from CMPL Teen Librarians? Sign up for Super Secret Book Box! Each month participants will receive one of our curated book box kits containing the following:

- 1 book to read and return
- 1 book to keep
- Snacks and treats
- A fun activity
- Maybe even more surprises!

Registration is open the 1st through the 15th of the month. Book boxes are available for pick up the 4th Monday of the month.

Hands on History!: Historical Baking with Pretzels

Sun., Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Learn all about historical baking and just how big a part of history PRETZELS have played! You’ll even get to make your very own pretzel from scratch with instruction from Colonial Baker, Jeff Pavlik. This event will be a live, hands-on instructional on making pretzels as well as a fun look into the history of pretzels and other historical baking.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
Fun and Games

Trivia Live!
Select Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library/Zoom
Join us for a fun night of themed trivia. Each month will have a new theme with a prize going to the winner! This event will be a hybrid online/in-person event. You may join us in-person at the Main Library, or online via Zoom.

Sept. 14: Myths and Fairy Tales
Oct. 12: Stephen King
Nov. 9: K-Pop
Dec. 14: Winter Holidays

Teen Tech Programs

Teen Tech: 3D Printing - Spooky Glow Houses
Sat., Oct. 16 at 3 p.m. | Zoom
Curious to learn how you can add a simple circuit to a 3D print? Attend this program where we design houses in Tinkercad to use with a light up circuit. We will design spooky houses (just in time for Halloween). Participants will receive a 3D printed house and the pieces to make a glow circuit. We will also be painting and decorating our houses with supplies found in each kit. Register by Oct. 9 to guarantee supply availability; pick up a supply kit for this program at the library of your choice from Oct. 12-16.

Teen Fashion Friday
Select Fridays at 6 p.m. | Zoom
Rework your wardrobe from drab to fab as you learn new customizable, fashion-oriented skills that are perfect for expressing yourself just the way you want!

Sept. 10: Embroidery. Register by Sept. 1 to guarantee supply availability. Supply pick up for this program is Sept. 3-10.

Oct. 8: Block printing on fabric. Register by Sept. 29 to guarantee supply availability. Supply pick up for this program is Oct. 1-8.

Nov. 12: Hand-sewn headband. Register by Nov. 3 to guarantee supply availability. Supply pick up for this program is Nov. 5-12.

Dec. 10: Shrinky Dink jewelry. Register by Dec. 1 to guarantee supply availability. Supply pick up for this program is Dec. 3-10.

Banned Books Week
Sept. 26-Oct. 2
Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read that highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas! Join CMPL in celebrating Banned Books Week by signing up for a Banned Books Week Super Secret Book Box, checking out our Banned Books Week displays, or grabbing a list of Banned and Challenged Books and see if any of your favorite titles are listed!

Got Homework?
Don’t forget Tutor.com!
Residents can connect with a live tutor everyday between noon-midnight at cmpl.org.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 16.
**Paint and Pour**  
**Select Wednesdays at 7 p.m. | Zoom**  
Join us as we learn some chill painting skills that would make Mr. Ross proud. Follow along step-by-step and you’ll end up with your very own masterpiece!

**Wed., Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.: Seasons Minis**  
Register by Sept. 14 to guarantee supply availability; pick up supplies for this program Sept. 17-22.

**Wed., Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.: Metallic Butterfly**  
Register by Oct. 20 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program Oct. 22-27.

**Wed., Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.: Resist Watercolor Galaxy**  
Register by Nov. 10 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program Nov. 12-17.

**Wed., Dec. 22 at 7 p.m.: Winter Window**  
Register by Dec. 14 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program Dec. 17-22.

**Teen Craft: Upcycled T-Shirt Backpack**  
**Mon., Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. | North Branch**  
Come learn how to upcycle an old shirt into a handy new bag! Shirts will be provided, or you can bring your own. No sewing skills? No problem! We’ll be making a no-sew craft that will turn old t-shirts into super handy and fun drawstring backpacks. Bring your own t-shirt, or request one from CMPL when registering.

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**Maker Mondays**

**Select Mondays | Craft at Home**

Kick off each new month with Maker Monday! We’ll have a new take & make kit you can pick up and follow along with our video online.

Kits will be made available on the following dates and are first come first serve. Missed the kits or want to make another? No worries! We’ll list all the supplies you need with the video link so you can still grab your own materials and follow along.

- **Sept. 13:** DIY yearbook  
- **Oct. 4:** Sand art  
- **Nov. 1:** Paper beads  
- **Dec. 6:** No-sew drawstring gift bag

**Teen Take & Makes**  
**Select dates | Zoom**

Pick up a program kit then follow along with teen staff as we make a fun craft.

- **Sat., Oct. 9 at 3 p.m.: Creepy Craft**  
  Register by Sept. 30 to guarantee supply availability; pick up a supply kit for this program at the library of your choice from Oct. 4-9.

- **Mon., Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.: Fall Leaf Quilling**  
  Register by Oct. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Oct. 13-18.

- **Sat., Nov. 20 at 2:30 p.m.: Mini Loom Weaving**  
  Register by Nov. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Nov. 15-20.

- **Sat., Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.: Wood Slice Ornament**  
  Register by Dec. 11 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Dec. 13-18.

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Library by Mail
Of course we love you seeing inside the library, but we understand that there may be circumstances that arise that prevent you from being able to visit the library in-person. Maybe you’ve had surgery. Maybe you no longer drive. Whatever the reason, we still want you to be able to have access to library materials. This service is available to cardholders in the CMPL service area who are unable to visit the library in-person. Customers may receive fiction and nonfiction books, audiobooks, movies and music CDs. This can be permanent or temporary. Sign up for Library by Mail. Get started at http://cmpl.org/library-by-mail/.

Michigan Activity Pass
Fall weather is here. It is a perfect time to explore one of the many Metroparks in our area. And great news! With a Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) from CMPL, you can get free admission to all 13 Metroparks. In addition to free admission to Metroparks, MAP passes are available to various destinations around the state, including Sea Life Aquarium and LEGOLAND Discovery Center at Great Lakes Crossing, Michigan Science Center in Detroit, Anton Art Center in Mount Clemens and so many more.

Passes range from free admission to discounted admission. You may check out one MAP pass per library card every seven days. When you check out a MAP pass, you have seven days from the date it was reserved to use it. Get started at http://www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/.