Pandemic. War. Politics. Climate change. Needless to say, the world around us can often feel like one massive energy drain and at times downright depressing. Will life ever return to “normal” and how will that feel? Whether it’s the best of times or the worst of times, normal times or abnormal times, the library has and will always be a place to escape from it all and this summer is no exception. We offer a place where you can let your imagination run free and dream of being in a different, perhaps better time or place.

This issue of Library Matters highlights CMPL Comic Con, one of our major community events that offers something for everyone. Whether you are someone who still enjoys the daily comic strip in a newspaper, comic books, graphic novels, anime, manga, cartoons or videogames, there is something for everyone. This world could certainly use a few more superheroes and we hope to see many of you at the library for the big celebration on August 13! Of course, you don’t have to dress up to gain joy or enrich your life by coming to the library. We offer numerous programs from book clubs to trivia nights to educational and craft programs all free of charge. We offer programs in-person, online and even in hybrid mode. We sometimes hear from adults wishing they could enjoy some of the programs we offer for younger people and have listened by implementing “Battle of the Books” for adults.

Also, summer would not be complete without our summer reading program! Given the many disruptions during the past two school years, this summer it is more important than ever to keep kids reading. The best thing is that kids can read for fun rather than being told to read for an assignment or to find books at a certain Lexile level. Reading a graphic novel or even a comic book is perfectly fine. If you have a reluctant reader, please be sure to let your child discuss his or her interests with a librarian for suggestions on what to read. We also strongly encourage adults to participate in our summer reading program as well; the reasons being it models great behavior for other members of the family and can help keep brains engaged and healthy. If you are headed on a road trip this summer, consider borrowing an audiobook (CD, streaming or Playaway format) for the whole family to enjoy and turn the “are we there yet?” boredom question into the “can we play just one more chapter?” request.

You will also note a few events marking the library’s 30th anniversary this summer. I don’t know if Bob and Cheryl Cannon and Dr. Genny Gangler-Brown could have envisioned the library system that we are today but the community owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to these visionaries who saw a need and stepped up to take action for positive change. Too many people to name subsequently stepped up to expand and support the library district, which was established on May 1, 1992, and have lent their time, talent and treasure to build one of the top libraries in the state if not country. Of course, even as we celebrate this milestone, we are as always looking to the future as to how we may continue to improve the library and best serve you, the community. In the works are a new, enhanced library app that allows you to read OverDrive/Libby eBooks without having to load a second app and behind-the-scenes analytic tools that will help us identify gaps in service to the community and better engage with you. In addition, the Main Library is approaching 19 years of service and needs some refreshing and updating, and the South Branch building has some unused lease space that we are ready to convert to usage for the library.

Inspire. Create. Dream. Learn. I hope these words are what you think of when you think about the library and how you can make it part of a happy summer ahead!

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

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News

We’re Getting a New App
CMPL is getting a new library app! Due to some performance issues with the current app, we have decided to transition to a new app powered by Communico, the same software that powers our events calendar and meeting and study room reservations. At this time, the old CMPL app does not work. Please uninstall it.

We will be without an app for several weeks while the new one is being built. The new one will have better performance for Android users and, best of all, you will be able to check out OverDrive/Libby e-books from the catalog and read them right in the new app! You will also be able to register for events, request rooms, get book recommendations, place holds, check out, renew, and consume digital content all within the library’s app. It will also allow you to integrate your Goodreads account and includes an Amazon Alexa skill. Keep your eyes on CMPL social media or visit https://cmpl.org/app/ later this summer to get links to download the new app.

Eagle Scout Partnership
The landscape behind the North Branch has some new educational signage for you to explore. Maximus VanJaarsveld, a Macomb Township resident, pursued his Eagle Scout achievement with Boy Scout Troop #208, through a year-long library partnership to create educational opportunities on the path along the McBride Drain. Three signs imparting information on Leave No Trace principles, Michigan State symbols, and the watershed in our two townships promote both discovery and responsible stewardship of the land. Max sourced the materials and funds for the project, designed the educational content for the signs, and installed the signage on the property at the beginning of this year. This enhancement to the library landscape will be a welcome addition as summer beckons outdoor exploration.

We’re Celebrating 30 Years!
On May 1, 1992 the Clinton-Chippewa Valley District Library was established. If that name sounds unfamiliar, it’s because our first library partners were Clinton Township and Chippewa Valley Schools (CVS). Macomb Township replaced CVS in 1997 and we have been the Clinton-Macomb Public Library ever since. Over the last 30 years we have grown from a small library located inside Erie Elementary School to a three location system serving over 185,000 people! We grew up with the internet, self-checkouts, eContent, automated returns and more. If it’s been a while since you’ve visited a CMPL location, stop in and see what’s new. We have something for everyone!

Library Board News

Board Trustee Fred Gibson has stepped down. Fred helped achieve a high-quality public library system for the residents of Clinton and Macomb Townships during his thirteen-and-a-half-year tenure as a Trustee and serving as President in 2014 and 2015. He played a critical leadership role for the development of the library through two successful millage campaigns and two construction projects. CMPL extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for Fred’s service over the years and wishes him well in the future.

We would like to welcome Ruth Cummins to the Library Board of Trustees. Ruth was appointed by the Clinton Township Board of Trustees. She grew up in Macomb Township and has been a Clinton Township resident for 40 years. She holds an undergraduate degree from Oakland University and masters’ degrees from O.U. and Saginaw Valley State University. She is a retired Chippewa Valley Schools elementary school teacher. She has received a Presidential Award for teaching science as well as Macomb County Elementary Teacher of the Year and Chippewa Valley Teacher of the Year. She also enjoys reading, crafting, and cooking. Welcome, Ruth!
CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!
CMPL NEEDS YOU!

CLINTON AND MACOMB TOWNSHIPS - Once again, superheroes of all ages will descend upon the Main Library on Sat., Aug. 13 for CMPL Comic Con!

Superheroes, comic book lovers, and library users of all ages are invited to explore and enjoy everything comic, superhero, and pop culture throughout the day.

Fanart Contest
Do you like to draw your favorite characters? Maybe you sculpt Batman figurines or knit Dean Winchester dolls. Whatever you make, we want to see it! Enter to win our fanart contest by submitting your reasonably-sized and family-appropriate work of art to the Main Library along with a submission form.

Submissions for the contest start on July 18 and end Aug. 6. Voting will take place at CMPL Comic Con and winners will be announced after the event. Prize categories will include Best Overall, Best in [Your Age Group], and Most Creative.

Kid Con
The day starts at 10 a.m. with Kid Con. These events are geared toward children under 10. Kid Con events will take place in the Children’s Area on the second floor and include story times and crafts. In order to allow walk-in participation, registration for each Kid Con event will open 30 minutes prior to the event on a sheet outside the door. Each event can only accommodate a certain number of participants. If you are interested in Kid Con, please make sure you are at the library and registered at least 30 minutes before the event begins.

CMPL Comic Con
Are you a teen or an adult looking to enjoy all things comic? We have something for everyone. We have a variety of panels being held throughout the day. There will be games, artists, RPGs and more. Take a look at the schedule on the next page and online at http://cmpl.org/comic-con for all the details. There will also be food trucks and costumed characters in the library throughout the day.

But wait there’s more! Enter into the Costume Contest 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop by the stage in the Auditorium during that time to get your picture taken and be entered to win a prize. The best part is that YOU get to choose the winner. All contestant photos will be posted on CMPL’s Facebook page, and the photo with the most likes WINS!

Please note: If there are a high number of COVID cases in our area, certain elements of Comic Con may be virtual. Check out our website for full details.


Don’t miss the food trucks, costumed characters, and Lego Lounge!
CMPL COMIC CON SCHEDULE

KID CON!
Pop Culture fun made just for kids 10 and under hosted in the Children's Room on the 2nd floor.

10 a.m.: Superhero Story Time
10 a.m.: Minion Craft*
11 a.m.: Super Mario Obstacle Course and Warp Pipes Bean Bag Toss
11:30 a.m.: Dog Man Party*
12:30 p.m.: Harry Potter Light Up Wand*
2 p.m.: Graphic Novel Workshop*

KID CON CRAFTS
Drop in during Kid Con to visit the craft stations available all over the Children’s Room.

- Make Your Own Slinky Dog
- Baby Yoda Bookmark
- Pokeball Decorating
- Build a Droid
- Star Wars Fortune Tellers
- Yoshi Egg Decorating

PANELS
Drop in for the following panel presentations:

11 a.m.: The 10 Commandments of Working with Artists to Create Comics
1 p.m.: Agency in the Age of Women: How Women are Portrayed in Modern Media
1 p.m.: From Lost World to Jurassic World, How Movies Depict Dinosaurs
2 p.m.: Wolverine: Overrated or Deserved Popularity
3 p.m.: Anime Movies: A Guide
4 p.m.: Science of Sci-Fi with Planetary Scientist Ryan Anderson
5 p.m.: Common Descent presents Jurassic World: Dominion Q&A

WORKSHOPS
Join us for live workshops where you can get hands on with Art, Cosplay, and Pop Culture!

12 p.m.: Cosplay Creation with Michelle
2 p.m.: Manga Drawing with Mark Crilley
3 p.m.: Nerdy Needlepoint Workshop

VIRTUAL TRIVIA
On Demand Trivia events happening throughout the day. Prizes awarded to winners! On-Demand Trivia launches at the time listed for each theme and remains open until 6 p.m.

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ARTISTS’ ALLEY
Open 12-5:30 p.m. Check out art and other wares made by local creators!

CRAFT ROOM
Stop in to our Make It Room for fun and easy pop culture crafts.

TTRPG ROOM
Drop in RPG room with fun and games for those brand new to Role Play Games as well as fun stuff for RPG Pros!

SCAVENGER HUNT CHALLENGE
Explore CMPL looking for clues to solve this year’s pop culture scavenger hunt challenge for your chance at a prize! Available 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

TABLETOP GAMES
Drop in all day for card and tabletop games from Fluxx to Sushi Go and everything in between.

ARCADE
Open from 12-6 p.m. for live video games. Learn new games, chat with other gamers, or compete in mini challenges! No quarters needed.

INTERACTIVE EXTRAS
10 a.m.: Pony Dance Party/Craft
11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Cosplay Contest
2 p.m.: Lego Live Build Challenge
4-6 p.m.: Live Action CLUE!!

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED
VISIT THE EVENTS PAGE AT HTTP://CMPL.ORG FOR DETAILS ON ALL EVENTS
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.

**West Side Story**
Tues., May 10 at 1 p.m. and Wed., May 18 at 6 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 156 minutes

**Respect**
Tues., June 14 at 1 p.m. and Wed., June 15 at 6 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 145 minutes

**King Richard**
Tues., July 12 at 1 p.m. and Wed., July 20 at 6 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 144 minutes

**Ghostbusters: Afterlife**
Tues., Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Rated PG-13, 124 minutes

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**Family Programs**

**Family Game Night**
Tues., June 28 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch
All ages may stop by for a night of fun and games! Play one of our many board games as a family or join in on some of our giant-sized games.

**Family BINGO Night**
Wed., Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Patrons of all ages are welcome to join us for Bingo Night! We will provide the BINGO cards and markers. One registration per family. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Come have fun and maybe win prizes!

**Outdoor Musical Instruments Open House**
Wed., Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | North Branch
Bring your family and your inner child to play on our colorful outdoor musical instruments. A family craft and refreshments will be available while supplies last. No registration required.

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

You may register online at [http://cmpl.libnet.info/events](http://cmpl.libnet.info/events) or call us at (586) 226-5000 to have us register for you. If you would prefer to participate in an event via phone, call us to register. We will make sure you get the phone number to call to connect to the program by phone.

For the safety of our librarians and your fellow program attendees, we ask that anyone who is experiencing symptoms of, or has been recently exposed to, COVID-19 to please refrain from attending library programs in person. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Facebook Chats**

Select dates and times | Facebook
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 [facebook.com/Clinton-Macomb-Public-Library](http://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

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Book Discussions for Children

Book Blasters Book and a Craft
Saturdays at 2 p.m. | South Branch
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.

June 4: Two Truths and a Lie: Forces of Nature by Ammi-Joan Paquette
June 25: Ranger in Time: Escape from the Great Earthquake by Kate Messner
July 30: Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Xtreme Readers Book and a Craft
Saturdays at 2 p.m. | South Branch
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.

May 21: The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
June 18: Weird but True: Ocean by National Geographic
July 16: Ghost: Track 1 by Jason Reynolds

Graphic Novel Book Club (GNBC)
Thurs., July 7 at 1 p.m. | Main Library
Kids ages 9-12 are invited to join the GNBC to discuss and discover new graphic novels and talk about them! We will be discussing Long Distance by Whitney Gardner. Book pickup begins on June 9 at 9 a.m.

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

May 16: The Tender Bar: A Memoir by J.R. Moehringer
June 20: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
July 18: In Love: A Memoir of Love & Loss by Amy Bloom
Aug. 15: The King of Confidence by Miles Harvey

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

May 17: August Snow by Stephen Mack Jones
June 21: The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
July 19: The Killing Trail by Margaret Mizushima
Aug. 16: Murder on the Red River by Marcie R. Rendon

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

May 14: The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson
June 11: The Library Book by Susan Orlean
July 9: The Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo
Aug. 6: The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell

Books on Tap
2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Bobcat Bonnie’s Patio at Partridge Creek
Discuss a fiction title with other book lovers.

May 9: Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia
June 13: The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune
July 11: So We Meet Again by Suzanne Park
Aug. 8: When the Stars Go Dark by Paula McLain

Adult Battle of the Books!
Sat., Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
The Main Library will welcome adult readers in Battle of the Books again this fall. This is a team-based trivia game where readers compete for fun and prizes. This year’s books are Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb, The Midnight Library by Matt Haig, Of Women and Salt by Gabriela Garcia, The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune, Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Sutanto, and The Maid by Nita Prose. Visit https://cmpl.org/bob for more information.

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Knit & Crochet Meet Up  
Tuesdays: May 10, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 16, and Aug. 30 at 6 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. **No registration required.**

CMPL ESL Conversations Group  
Saturdays at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Are you learning English? Come converse with others who are also learning English.

Understanding Credit Scores and Reports  
Mon., May 2 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Your credit can have a big impact on your financial life. Understanding how credit scores and reports work may help you achieve your financial goals such as buying a home, leasing a car, or paying off debt. Presented by Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union.

Writing Group  
Tuesdays: May 3, June 7, July 5, and Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Adult writers are welcome.

Medicare/Medicaid Assistance  
Tuesdays: May 17, June 21, July 19, and Aug. 16
10 a.m.-4 p.m. | South Branch
Fridays: May 6, June 3, July 8, and Aug. 5
10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Main Library
Medicare/Medicaid counseling sessions will take place by appointment only at the Main Library and South Branch. Please call Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at (800) 803-7174 to schedule your appointment.

Clean Slate Laws with Safe & Just Michigan  
Wed., May 11 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch
Clean Slate legislation, which started took effect in spring 2021, expanded eligibility to petition for an expungement in several ways and created a new process that automatically seals certain non-violent conviction records if a person has remained conviction-free for a period of time. Safe & Just envisions a Michigan in which all are safe in their communities and everyone is responsible for creating accountability, safety and justice.

Game Night  
Thursdays: May 12, June 9, July 14, and Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
All ages are invited to bring some friends and we’ll provide the games. We’ll even have cards available if you want to get a game of euchre going.

18+ Dungeons and Dragons  
Thursdays: May 19, June 16, July 21, and Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for monthly Dungeons and Dragons! Please pre-register so we can assist you with character creation before the event.

Intro to Disc Golf  
Sat., May 21 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world! This inexpensive and social game can be played by people of all ages. Jeff Bauman, PDGA member and disc golf instructor with Team Stony, teaches the basics of disc golf. He’ll cover the different types of discs and throws, how to find courses, and we’ll even get outside to practice putting.

Poetry Contest Reception  
Sun., May 22 at 3 p.m. | Main Library
Community members, poetry contest entrants, and their families are invited to join us for a poetry reading, presentation of certificates to winners, and light refreshments. Then join us for an optional walk to the Tomlinson Arboretum across from the Main Library to view the poems in their setting as part of the Poetry Walk.

Hiking in Michigan  
Wed., May 25 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Travel writer Celia Ryker presents a visual journey through some of the most beautiful hiking trails in Michigan.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 6.
Programs for Adults

Refresh and Reset
Wed., June 8 at 10 a.m. | South Branch
Time to refresh and reset for summer! Join us with our guide Teri Flores as we do gentle chair exercises, stretching, simple face yoga, and a short meditation. Wear comfortable clothing.

The Science of Happiness
Wed., June 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
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.

Walking Tour of the Tomlinson Arboretum
Sat., June 18 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
The Friends of the Arboretum take us on a narrated walking tour of the 25-acre Tomlinson Arboretum, just west of the Main Library. We will meet in the Auditorium. The tour is 1.5 miles long and will take 1.5 hours. All ages are welcome.

Way More Carrot, A Lot Less Stick: How to REALLY Be Your Dog’s Best Friend
Tues., July 19 at 3 p.m. | Main Library
Certified Professional Dog Trainers Jane Wolff and Laura Wirkowski discuss how to use humane, field-tested, science-based methods for dog training and behavior modification. There’s a lot of misinformation, pernicious myths and general confusion about how to train dogs. Jane and Laura will discuss the two ways dogs learn and how to harness that knowledge to get more of behaviors you like and less of the ones you don’t without ever hurting or scaring your dog.

Stroh’s Story: A Detroit Brewing Legacy
Wed., July 27 at 7 p.m. | North Branch
Founded in 1850 by Bernhard Stroh, a German emigrant to Detroit, the Stroh Brewery Company created classic Michigan beers using recipes developed in Germany. Once sold door-to-door in a wheelbarrow, Stroh’s beer quickly became a Detroit staple. Presented by Jeremy Dimick, Director of Collections for the Detroit Historical Society.

Pollinator’s Garden
Wed., June 22 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Brian Peterson of Bees in the D visits us during National Pollinator Week to tell us how to grow plants in our yards and gardens that help benefit pollinators.

Introduction to Genealogy
Sat., June 25 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Learn about starting your family tree using Ancestry Library Edition and other popular family history sites. Participants may bring their own computer or tablet. The library will have several computers available for use.

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Hybrid Programs for Adults

MLBPD @ CMPL
Sat., June 25 at 10 a.m. | Main Library and Zoom
What do you know about the Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (MLBPD)? It’s not just for people who are blind! Individuals with visual, physical, and reading disabilities of ALL ages may also qualify to receive free library service by mail. Join this introductory session to explore the programs, services, resources and adaptive technology MLBPD offers, along with who qualifies and how to register.

In addition, MLBPD was recently awarded the Improving Access to Information Grant to develop a new library program that will help provide access to technology within the disabled community. The Adaptive Technology Lending Program (ATLP) gives community agencies an opportunity to borrow an array of technology for their clients to try out. Learn more about this new program and how it might benefit someone you know. Funding for the (ATLP) is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.

Virtual Programs for Adults

MLBPD @ CMPL
Sat., June 25 at 10 a.m. | Main Library and Zoom

Petite Potted Plant
Fri., July 22 at 2 p.m. or Sat., July 30 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
Plant a tiny succulent in a petite pot, perfect for your desk at home or work. The same program will be held on two dates; please sign up for only one session.

Paint & Pour: Finger-painted Flowers
Thurs., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. | Main Library
Join us to re-learn an old painting skill: finger-painting!

Craft Programs for Adults

Bird’s Nest Necklace
Sat., May 7 at 2 p.m. | South Branch
Make a lovely wire necklace using faux pearls and sparkly wire. Bring your reading glasses!

Summer Suncatcher
Sat., June 4 at 10 a.m. or Fri., June 10 at 2 p.m. | North Branch
Create a vertical suncatcher with faceted glass beads—a zen addition for a patio or deck. The same program will be held on two dates; please sign up for only one session.

Macramé Keychains
Sat., July 16 at 3 p.m. | Main Library
We’ll be making easy and beautiful macramé keychains.

Lake Monsters and Odd Creatures of the Great Lakes
Tues., May 3 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
It’s National Paranormal Day! Shetan Noir joins us to explain what lies beneath the water’s surface. The Great Lakes have a long history of lake monster reports and sightings. Join Michigan-based author and journalist Shetan Noir as she talks about the different types of lake monsters that have been reported.

Voting Rights in Michigan: An Update on Rights, Bills, and Two Initiatives
Tues., May 10 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Presented by the League of Women Voters, Macomb County, this virtual lecture will give an update on voting rights, voting bills, and two ballot initiatives in the state of Michigan.

Trivia Live!
Tuesdays: May 31, June 28, July 26, and Aug. 30 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

Saving and Sharing Seeds
Tues., May 17 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join author, herbalist, seed saver and owner of Small House Farm, Bevin Cohen for a presentation on how to save seeds and share them with friends. Sharing our heirloom garden seeds is the cornerstone of any localized food movement. Attendees will learn all about seed libraries, seed swaps, and how to organize and maintain these important programs for their communities. From material lists and organizational best-practices to programming, marketing, and securing volunteers, Bevin breaks down the steps to building a sustainable seed community.

Cold Case Michigan
Tues., June 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join true crime author Tobin T. Buhk’s presentation as he excavates some of the most vexing unsolved crimes in the history of the Great Lakes State. Tobin will talk about Cold Case Michigan and many of the state’s most notorious unsolved crimes. Be warned that these are cases that haunt Michigan residents and some may contain details that are not for the faint of heart. Plunge into the world of unsolved homicide and help us examine the evidence, ponder the forensics, and consider the suspects in some of the most vexing murder mysteries in Michigan history.

Zooming Around the Solar System
Wed., Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Please join us for a virtual planetarium show! We are using Zoom to host a live planetarium show about the solar system. Ethan Parington, Physics PhD candidate from Wayne State University, will guide you through a show about the night sky over Detroit. Then they’ll fly you to each planet (and Pluto) and teach you about what each world is like!

Tech Programs

Tech Programs for Adults

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

Digital Preservation Tools
Tues., June 28 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Learn how to preserve your family history with the library’s digital preservation tools! Each demonstration will last about 30 minutes and will cover one technology. Residents are encouraged to come for one or all four sessions:

- Photo scanner at 2 p.m.
- Slide digitizer at 2:30 p.m.
- VHS to DVD converter at 3 p.m.
- 8mm film converter at 3:30 p.m.

All About Apps
Tues., Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Learn about some of the best apps for enhancing your life and having fun with your device, as well as how to find, install, and update them. Please bring your tablet or phone if you have one.

Grow With Google Workshops
Explore online tools in a series of Grow with Google workshops. Join us for one or all sessions.

Creative Marketing Skills
Thurs., May 5 at 12 p.m. | Zoom
In this Partner Digital Series workshop hosted by Google and Canva, we’ll be exploring what makes a strong brand, why it’s important for your business, and how to create a style guide and brand kit to build better brand consistency and attract more customers.

Protect Yourself from Online Scams
Tues., June 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Understand what online scams are, identify scam warning signs, learn best practices for keeping info safe, and open and take notes in Google Docs. Learn to identify and protect yourself and your personal information from online scammers. In this workshop you’ll learn about three real-life online scams and familiarize yourself with some of the techniques scammers commonly use to access sensitive information.

Navigating a Career Change
Wed., July 27 at 12 p.m. | Zoom
Learn to use Google tools for career success. We will watch Grow With Google’s Livestream and have a short discussion after.

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Summer Reading Kick-Off!
Sat., June 11, 10:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for Summer Reading Kick-off at the Main Library. You can register for Summer Reading, check out books, get a glitter tattoo, make a craft, and join us for one of these fun events:

10:30 a.m.: Ryan Higgins Story Time
Join us on the Main Library south lawn as we do a fun story time featuring the works of Ryan Higgins. There will be a Penelope photo op! In case of rain, the event will be held in the Children’s Room.

11 a.m.: NERF Mobile Games
Players will run, dodge and dive as they try to outwit and out-blast the competition. All equipment will be provided. This program is best for ages 5-11.

1 p.m.: Penelope Meet and Greet
Meet Penelope the dinosaur from the popular Ryan Higgins picture books. This is a great photo op!

Teen Summer Reading Kick off!
Sat., June 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Main Library
Teens going into 6th grade and having just graduated 12th are welcome to come join us for a SRP kick-off event! We’ll have plenty of fun and games as well as prizes. Come sign up for Summer Reading 2022, then try out some video games, mini carnival games, and compete for some kick off prizes!

Cooking Demonstration
Sat., June 11 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Adults, please join us for your very own Summer Reading Kick-Off with a cooking demonstration from the Curious Kitchen! Nicole Seals, co-owner of both Due Venti and the soon-to-open Victuals & Vine, will teach us how to make the perfect summer appetizer for all of those upcoming BBQs. This adults-only event will take place after hours so make sure to arrive before 6 p.m.

How Summer Reading Works
- Read whatever you want!
- Count the days when you read at least 15 minutes.
- Read at your own pace. You may log every day or only when you have reached 15, 30, and 45 day increments.
- Each time you finish reading for 15 days, come in to get a prize. You do not have to read for consecutive days.
- Track your reading through your online Beanstack account.
- Registration starts May 31 at https://cmpl.org
- See the prize chart below. All prizes must be collected by Aug. 13.

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June 11-Aug. 13
All CMPL locations

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**Little Library Loot and Library Loot**  
**Tues., May 31, Mon., June 27, Mon., July 25, and Mon., Aug. 29 | Pick up at any CMPL location**

Attention young book lovers! Love to read but not sure what to read next? Want to try a surprise suggestion? Sign up for Little Library Loot or Library Loot! Our Children’s Services team will pair you up with your next favorite book when you simply answer a few questions. Little Library Loot is a monthly program for children ages 0-7. Library Loot is for kids in grade 3-5. Kids who register 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!

Pick a theme from the list when registering and our Children’s Librarians will create a kit just for you! Registration opens May 2 for the May box. Book Boxes are available for pickup at the CMPL location of your choice on the LAST Tuesday of the month. Please choose which of our locations you would like to pick up your kit from when registering. To maintain the surprise, library materials will not be checked out for you until kits are available for pickup. You are responsible for returning the library items in your kit by the due date listed in the kit. For questions or concerns, contact childrensservices@cmpl.org.

**STEM to Go**

Don’t let summer stop your child’s learning! Check out a STEM kit from CMPL and keep those STEM concepts going all summer long.
Mobile Learning Center: Outstanding Owls
Sat., May 7 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Kids ages 3 to 7 will explore “wide-eyed owls” with all their neat features, from hooked beaks to silent wings to oh-so-sharp talons, through movement, artifacts, and taxidermy. We’ll also listen to the sounds of Michigan owls and try to mimic them!

Dinosaur Hill: Furry, Hairy, Fuzzy
Tues., June 14 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Kids ages 3-6 will have fun exploring the furs of many different animals, looking at their teeth and learning about the different critters that share our world. Each child will put together a “touch book” to take home.

Friendship Is...How to Braid a Friendship Bracelet
Fri., June 17 at 2 p.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 8-12 will use geometry and measurement to make a loom for easy braiding.

Engineering in the Afternoon
Tues., June 21 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for an engineering-themed story, then complete several engineering challenges with a variety of materials. This program is for grades 2-5 in the fall. This program will take place on the outside. The rain location is the Auditorium.

Eureka!
Wed., June 22 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Imagine where we’d be without inventions such as the light bulb, the microwave, or even our favorite toys. Join the Michigan Science Center as we explore the unexpected and amazing tales of how these modern day marvels came to exist and the brilliant minds behind them.

Outdoor Summer Sensory Play
Thurs., June 23 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Children ages 2-5 can join us for some sensory play that focuses on summer! Join us on the Main Library’s front lawn for some sensory activities.

Talewise - Animation Workshop
Sat., July 9 at 2 p.m. | Zoom
Guided by an animation specialist, tweens ages 8-12 will explore storytelling and design as they work together to create a short animated scene complete with music and sound effects.

Little Scientists
Fri., July 15 at 11 a.m. | South Branch
Children ages 3-6 are invited to the South Branch as we test out the science of The Three Pigs.

The Reptarium: Zoo to You
Wed., July 27 at 1:30 p.m. | South Branch
Mon., Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Meet some rare reptiles. Families with children over the age of 3 will enjoy a variety of reptiles. The Reptarium staff will interact with and discuss a variety of animals that they will bring. It is a hands-on and immersive experience for everyone.

Bricks & Books Club
Wed., Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
We will discuss Front Desk and do a LEGO elevator challenge. Book pick-up will start on Tues., July 5 from your preferred CMPL location.

Galaxy Chalk Pastel Art
Mon., Aug. 8 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch
Join us as we learn to create galaxy art out of chalk pastels. This program is for grades K-5 in the fall.
Crafts and Fun

May the 4th
Wed., May 4 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Families are invited to celebrate May the 4th with this Star Wars drop-in event. Participate in the Jedi Academy obstacle course, help fight off Stormtroopers, and more!

Love You, Dad! Handmade Father’s Day Card
Wed., June 15 at 2 p.m. | North Branch
Kids ages 3-12 can drop by the Creative Story Time Room to make a personalized card for the special guy in their lives. No registration is required.

Rock, Paper, Scissors
Mon., June 20 at 11 a.m. | Main Library
Join us for the story of Rock, Paper, Scissors and the Rock, Paper, Scissors building challenge. This program will take place on the outside. The rain location is the Auditorium.

Pint-Sized Picassos
Wed., July 6 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Learn about a famous artist and create your own masterpiece to take home. This program will focus on the work of Wassily Kandinsky.

Bet You Can’t Eat Just One!
Mon., July 11 at 3 p.m. | North Branch
Listen to a story about George Crum, the African American inventor of potato chips. After, test your taste buds at our potato chip tasting and vote which potato chip is best! This program is for ages 8-12.

Avatar Legends: The Role Playing Game
Fri., July 22 at 1 p.m. | Main Library
Do you love Avatar the Last Airbender? Have you ever wished you could bend an element? Join us for a role playing game where players will bend the elements in the world of Avatar! This program is for ages 9-12.

Surfer Joel’s Magic Show
Sat., July 23 at 1 p.m. | North Branch
Hang 10 with Surfer Joel as he brings an ocean of books to life! All ages welcome. Featuring magical surprises, wacky stunts, and lots of audience participation, this wholesome show will have kids and grown ups laughing out loud and crazy about reading.

Nailed It: Marshmallow Edition
Thurs., July 28 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Try to recreate summer-themed marshmallow pops in this food-based challenge. This program is for kids going into grades 3-5. We will supply all materials needed for this food challenge.

Life-Sized Self Portraits
Tues., July 5 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Children are invited to make a portrait of themselves - as big as they are! This program is for children in Pre-K through first grade in the fall. Caregivers will trace the child’s body onto paper; children will then be able to draw, color, paint, and add whatever details they wish. This program may get messy. We suggest wearing play clothes.

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Story Times
Select dates and times | All locations
Story times will take place the week of April 25 through the week of May 23. Session II will take place the week of June 27 through the week of July 25.

Main Library | In-person
Mondays at 10 a.m.: Baby Time (0-23 months)
Mondays at 11 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years) Session II will be outdoors.

North Branch | In-person
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years)
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Baby and Tot (0-18 months)
Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Preschool Story Time (3-6 years)

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

Family Evening Story Time
Tuesdays: May 17, June 21, July 19, and Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. | Zoom
Get comfy for this virtual story time. All ages are welcome.

Pajamarama
Wednesdays: May 11, June 8, July 13, and Aug. 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.

Bilingual Story Time
Select Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom
Join us for Bilingual Story Time where we’ll learn about another language! Recommended for ages 3-6, but all ages welcome.

May 25: French
June 29: Arabic
July 20: German
Aug. 17: Korean

Doggie Tales
Fri., May 6 at 10 a.m. | South Branch
Children ages 3-6 will enjoy the story and then make a special furry friend. Enjoy several doggie tales and then make your own special stuffed dog friend.

Garden Tales
Tues., May 31 at 2 p.m. | Main Library
Join us for stories about gardens, followed by some garden-themed crafts. This program is for ages 2-5.

PAWS for Reading
Select dates and times | Main Library & South Branch
Do you have a child who has a hard time reading? Help them gain confidence in their skills by reading to a trained PAWS dog. No registration is required.

Main Library: Third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

North Branch: Tuesdays at 6 p.m.: May 10, June 28, July 26, and Aug. 23. Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: June 14, July 12, and Aug. 9.

Play to Learn
Wed., June 1 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 stations for this session will all be focused around the book Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert.

Yoga Story Time
Mon., June 6 at 11 a.m. | Main Library
Children ages 2-5 years old may join us for stories and yoga poses. We will be on the front lawn, weather permitting. The rain location will be in the Auditorium. We recommend bringing a beach towel or yoga mat.

Butterfly Tales
Mon., June 13 at 11 a.m. | Main Library
Children will listen to stories about butterflies and will be able to make some butterfly-themed crafts. This program is for ages 2-5. This program will take place on the outside. The rain location is the Auditorium.

Grow, Play, Learn
Mondays: July 25, Aug. 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 22, and Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. | North Branch
This program is open to ages 1-3 and their caregivers. As a part of our Family Place Libraries initiative, our five-week parent/child workshop is returning this quarter. This is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. We ask that families attend only one Grow, Play, Learn session per year.
**Children’s Outreach Events**

**Story Time at the Mall at Partridge Creek**
Various Dates at 10 a.m. | Mall at Partridge Creek
Join us at the Mall at Partridge Creek for a big, fun story time! We will have stories, songs, and crafts. The mall is located at 17420 Hall Rd, Clinton Twp., MI 48038.

Fri., May 13: Spring Story Time
Fri., June 10: Dinosaur Story Time
Fri., July 8: Summer Story Time
Fri., Aug. 12: Transportation Story Time

**Rock N Read-Story Time in the Park**
Select Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
Grab a blanket and a picnic lunch and get ready for stories, songs, games, and fun! No registration is required.

June 21: Visit us at George George Park 40500 Mora-vian, Clinton Twp., MI 48036

Aug. 16: Visit us at Macomb Corners Park: 25 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI 48042

**Story Walks**
If you love reading and being outside, then walk and read a story while visiting local parks this summer! Follow the stories on the following days:

Read *Do Like a Duck Does* by Judy Hindley at Macomb Corners Park July 1-15 or Waldenburg Park July 15-Aug. 1. Macomb Corners Park is located at 19449 25 Mile Road in Macomb Township. Waldenburg Park is located at 19225 21 Mile Road in Macomb Township.

Read *I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morroson at Normandy Park July 1-15 or Neil Reid Park July 15-Aug. 1. Normandy Park is located at 34300 Little Mack Ave. in Clinton Township. Neil Reid Park is located at 37705 Harper Ave. in Clinton Township.

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Teen Summer Party
Sat., June 18 at 5:30 p.m. | Main Library
Celebrate the start of Summer AND Summer reading with our after-hours summer party! We’ll have a movie with popcorn, and snacks, plenty of games (including Nerf and video games), and tons of other fun! This is an after-hours event and late arrivals will not be admitted after 6 p.m. The event will run until 8 p.m.

Volunteers
Wednesdays: May 4, June 1, and Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
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.

Pixilation Workshop
Sat., May 7 at 3 p.m. | North Branch
Participants will create a stop-motion, group-animated project where everybody works together to create a live animated video starring the participants. Pixilation is a live action, experimental form of stop-motion animation where the people are the puppets!

Virtual Trivia
2nd and 3rd Tuesdays | Online
Play CMPL Trivia from ANYWHERE with our Virtual Trivia Challenges. Compete against your friends, family, and community for bragging rights and prizes! Log in every 2nd and 3rd Tuesday in May-Aug. and compete for prizes with friends and family in our Virtual Trivia Challenges. Trivia is open for play between 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Get the link at http://cmpl.org/teen and log on for the following games:

May 10: 90s Pop Music
May 17: Supernatural
June 14: Summer Blockbusters
June 21: Bad Movie Descriptions: Rom Com Edition
July 12: Just Dance!
July 19: Board Games
Aug. 9: Iconic Toys
Aug. 16: Disney Villains

National Pizza Party Day
Sat., May 14 at 3 p.m. | Main Library
May 20 is National Pizza Party Day so come join us for an early pizza party and learn some fun games to have at your very own pizza party! We’ll have lots of fun pizza-themed games, challenges, and treats!

Tie-Dye
Fri., May 20 at 6 p.m. | Main Library
Mon., May 23 at 6 p.m. | South Branch
Get ready for summer with our tie-dye event! Bring any one cotton item you wish to dye and dress in clothes that can get messy. The Main Library event is after-hours and late arrivals will not be admitted after 6 p.m.

Super Secret Book Box
Tues., May 31 and Mondays: June 27, July 25, and Aug. 29 | Pick up at any CMPL location
Love to read but not sure what to read next, or want to try a surprise suggestion by Teen Librarian? Sign up for Super Secret Book Box (SSBB)! SSBB is a monthly program where 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
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In June we’re celebrating Inclusivity and Representation! Registration is open the 1st through the 15th. Book Boxes are available for pickup starting the last Monday of the month.

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**Teen Virtual Game Night**  
**Thursdays: May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, Aug. 4, and Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. | Online**

Join us as we partner up with other libraries around the state to play online games! A Zoom invitation will be sent via e-mail an hour before the event. This event uses Zoom and the Board Game Arena website to play virtual tabletop games. Please fill out our form to make sure we have your correct Board Game Arena username: bit.ly/TeenBoardGameNight

**Resin Pens**  
**Mon., June 13 at 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. | North Branch**  
**Wed., June 22 at 3 p.m. | South Branch**

Design your own clear resin pens by adding gold leaf, mica powder, glitter and more!

**Teen Art: Paint and Pour**  
**Wed., June 29 at 6 p.m. | North Branch**

Join us as we learn some chill painting skills that would make Bob Ross proud. Follow along step-by-step and you’ll end up with your very own masterpiece! This session we will make rainbow trees.

**National Video Game Day**  
**Sat., July 9 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

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**Teen Game Night - Hide & Seek**  
**Fri., July 15 at 6 p.m. | North Branch**

Come check out our new North Branch and find all the best nooks and hiding spots for our after hours Hide & Seek game night. We’ll have plenty of fun variations on this classic game. This is an after-hours event. Late arrivals cannot be admitted after 6 p.m. and attendees must be picked up at 8 p.m.

**Will it Waffle?!**  
**Wed., Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. | South Branch**  
**Mon., Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Ever wondered what happens when you put mashed potatoes in a waffle maker? Maybe you wanted to create your own super waffle! Come try those and more!

**Teen Art: Paint and Pour**  
**Wed., Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. | North Branch**

Have you heard of paint pouring? Try a new painting technique as we learn ways to pour paint over our canvas to create intriguing designs. Wear clothes that can get messy.

**Teen Craft: DIY Firefly Jars**  
**Wed., Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. | South Branch**

Come relax and celebrate summer nights while we make sparkling firefly jar craft.

**Virtual National Teen Lock In**  
**Fri., July 29 at 6 p.m. | Online**

Ready for NTL 2022? Coming to you LIVE from across the nation. From weird art to video games, author chats to anime, NTL 2022 has something for YOU! We’ve got lots of amazing activities and giveaways planned for teens across the nation so don’t miss your chance to participate.

This program starts at 6 p.m. on July 29 and runs until 1 a.m. July 30. You can participate at any time! Registrants will be given a link to the event at least one hour before the event begins. An e-mail address is required for this virtual event.

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Design a Library Card Contest
Now-Aug. 20, 2022
It’s our 30th anniversary this year! Our communities are so talented that we’d like you to have the chance to design our new library card designs. We are looking for several card designs suitable for all ages. We’d also like a new library card design for babies and young children, ages 0-5, who are getting their first library card. Here are the rules:

- Create your own original library card design. Design must include the library’s full name, “Clinton-Macomb Public Library,” somewhere in the design.
- Use any medium you would like, but photography and digital art is strongly encouraged. Please be sure that any handwriting is legible and the design is dark enough to be reproduced easily. No erase marks may be visible. Copyrighted characters may not be used.
- Winning artists will be asked to provide a digital original of the artwork if it is available.
- The size of the library card is 3.375” wide x 2.125” tall. The size of the key fob library card is 2.5” wide by .875” wide.
- Winning designs will be printed and distributed in the library.

We will narrow down the entries to semifinalists and then let the entire community vote for their favorite designs online this September. Pick up an entry form at any CMPL location and let your imaginations go! You may also submit your design at http://cmpl.org/design-a-card.