We ❤️ Winter Reading!
This year, keep your brain sharp and the boredom of winter away by joining our winter reading club. All ages need to read for 20 days between Feb. 14 and March 31 to complete the program. Use your Beanstack account and log your reading in 5 day increments. When you have read for 20 days, you’ll receive a prize. Everyone who reads for 20 days will be entered into a grand prize drawing for gift cards to local businesses. You’ll receive an extra entry for every 5 days you read over 20. Take time to enjoy a book this winter and you could be rewarded for it!

Closings
All locations will be CLOSED on the following dates:

- Mon., Jan. 1
- Sun., April 1
- Fri., April 20 at 2 p.m. (Main only)

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50’s Night at the Races: A Taste of the Town
Friday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
Our Taste of the Town fundraiser at the Main Library is going strong! Join us at the Main Library on Friday, April 20 from 6:30-10 p.m. for great food, beer, wine, signature cocktails and “drag” races. Bring some cash for a chance to triple your money betting on “cars” as we run 7 races throughout the night. We’ll have caterers and many vendors from local restaurants serving you a strolling dinner followed by entertainment, chances for prizes and more. Want to name a drag car? For a $100 sponsorship, you can name a “car.” Tickets are available for $30 at any CMPL location or online at www.cmpl.org. The Main Library will close at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 20 in order to set up for the party.

There’s an App for That!
CMPL is pleased to announce the creation of a library app! The app will allow you to check your account, search the catalog, reserve study rooms and more. You can even input your barcode in the app to have a digital library card when you’re on the go.

We are on schedule for a late February launch. Please check your app stores after the new year if you are interested in downloading the CMPL app. Look it up under Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

CMPL Comic Con
Sat., April 28 • Main Library
CMPL Comic Con (CMPLCC) is happening once more! The full schedule of events will be available closer to the date, but there’s sure to be something for everybody! Want to get involved? We’re looking for panelists, artists to sell their own comic-related original artwork, costumed characters, cool collections and more. Email MakeItSo@cmpl.org with your idea or a link to your artwork! Have an idea but need others involved to make it happen? Email us! We might be able to match you with others with similar interests. Last year about 1000 people attended. Help us make it even better this year!
Inspire. Create. Dream. Learn. When we updated our website in 2016 and wanted a few words that we hoped would come to mind for people when thinking about the Clinton-Macomb Public Library; these were on our short list. Combine these with our ambition to be valued as an essential community service and we had the foundation of what would become our new strategic plan adopted by the Library Board last fall.

I will be the first to admit that talking about strategic planning can be a quick way to get people to vacate a room or skip over the director’s column in a newsletter. Minced words and meaningless sentences written by a committee can destine a plan for a quick place on a dusty shelf. I am hopeful that our new plan is none of the above! Our new plan is based on extensive feedback from the library staff who work on the frontlines helping members of our community every day, aggregated data from our 2017 community survey of residents that garnered over 5,200 responses, demographic data about the community and research from the library and other related fields. From this we have developed the following four areas of strategic focus:

**Inspire life-long reading and learning.** Libraries are synonymous with reading and learning so this will not come as a surprise. In fact, 96% of residents felt that this was an important role for CMPL. Although public libraries were often called “the people’s university” in the past, that role is becoming important again as the ways people learn and gain skills has been transformed greatly in recent years. The “life-long” component is also critical because keeping brains active is important regardless of age. Currently 30,000 or 15% of our residents are age 65 and over; by 2030 that number is expected to increase to 23%.

**Grow young readers.** Did you know that 90% of a human’s brain development occurs between birth and age 3 and that children maintain their reading level by reading just 5 books over the summer? With an estimated 18,000 members of the community between the ages of birth and grade 3, we see this as a core purpose of the library to support parents, caregivers, and teachers to ensure that children have the best possible chance of succeeding in life by becoming strong readers. Sadly, over 50% of the children in third grade in the library’s service area do not read at grade level with as many as 90% in some schools.

**Advance student success.** The library serves nearly 25,000 residents between the ages of 10 and 19. At a time when it can be hard to discern what information is real and what is not, or the difference between the opinion of a random stranger versus a credentialed professional, the ability to become a critical thinker and navigate a world of abundant information is more important than ever. Providing a safe, face-to-face community space to study together and work on projects together is also important. It is also a good investment in the future. Adults who drop out of high school are more likely to experience a wide array of adverse employment, economic, health, and social consequences over their lifetime.

**Connect the community.** We often hear that our library buildings are a point of pride for residents. As a highly mobile, bedroom community, it can become easy to never know your neighbors. The library can help people connect with those similar to, and different from, others. We often have over 13,000 visits and dozens of community meetings in our buildings every week. We also connect people in the electronic sense. Ninety-six percent of the residents surveyed felt that the library should be a free source of broadband connectivity including Wi-Fi. However, providing access alone is not enough. Offering opportunities for residents to acquire the necessary technology skills to thrive in the 21st century was also referenced as an important role of the library.

**2018-2020.** To address these strategic areas of focus we have developed several activities and ways to implement them over the next three years. Some are as small as providing a booklist of 100 books to read before Kindergarten to as large as replacing the North Branch Library with a new building about twice the size in the Town Center by the year 2020. I hope you will be as excited as I am about how the library plans to continue to be valued as an essential community service. To learn more about our strategic plan and activities please visit www.cmpl.org/StrategicPlan.pdf

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Visit the Used Book Nook!
The Main Library is the home of the Used Book Nook! Stop by to get a great deal on items that are so gently used, they are practically new. Want 20% off anything? Clip the coupon below and bring it with you when you visit. For information on hours and upcoming specials, please visit [http://cmpl.org/used-book-nook/](http://cmpl.org/used-book-nook/)

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**Computer Classes**
The library continues to offer introductory computer classes at the Main Library and South Branch. Each class is two hours long and covers one topic. Classes offered include: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Files & Folders, Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. These are open to residents of Clinton & Macomb townships with a library card in good standing. **Call Main at (586) 226-5040 or South at (586) 226-5073 to register starting Monday, January 8.**

**Tech Help**
Maybe you don’t need a class, just some assistance. From software to cell phone questions, we have a tech tutor that can help you. Drop in and ask away!

**Main Library**: Tuesday & Thursday, 5-9pm  
**North Branch**: Tuesdays, 1-3pm  
**South Branch**: Mondays 9:30am-4pm, Tuesdays 1-4pm, Wednesdays 9am-1pm, Fridays & Saturdays 1-6pm

**Michigan Works**
4th Monday from 2-4pm • South Branch  
A representative from Michigan Works will be at the South Branch the 4th Monday of every month from 2-4pm. They will provide information and guidance to those seeking employment. This is a free program and no appointment is needed. **Michigan Works will no longer meet at the Main Library. Please visit the South Branch for their assistance.**

**The Digital Download**

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**CMPL Book Groups**
CMPL offers different book discussion groups to appeal to all types of book lovers. Copies of the books are available at the location of the book discussion one month in advance of the program.

**South Branch**: Meet other book lovers on the second Saturday of the month at 12 p.m.

- Jan. 13: *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue  
- Feb. 10: *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs  
- March 10: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan  
- April 14: *The Zookeeper’s Wife* by Diane Ackerman

**North Branch**: Mystery lovers meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

- Jan. 16: *Sworn to Silence* by Linda Castillo  
- Feb. 20: *Discretion* by Allison Leotta  
- March 20: *Behind Her Eyes* by Sarah Pinborough  
- April 17: *Shadow Man* by Cody McFadyen

**Wine and Proses**
Tuesdays: Jan. 23 and March 27 at 7 p.m. • Filipo Marc Winery

- Tues., Jan. 23: *Young Jane Young* by Gabrielle Zevin  
- Tues., March 27: *George & Lizzie* by Nancy Pearl

**Registration is required.** If you’d like to purchase a bottle of wine, come at 6:30 p.m. Group registration for this program is not permitted. **Filipo Marc Winery is located at 39085 Garfield, Clinton Township, 48038.**
CMPL is pleased to offer a film series for adults. Movies are shown in the auditorium of the **Main Library**. Movies with an asterisk indicate an earlier start time to allow for the length of the movie.

**Thurs., Jan. 11** at 1 p.m. and **Wed., Jan. 17** at 6:30 p.m.: *Dunkirk*. Rated PG-13, 105 minutes.

**Thurs., Feb. 8** at 1 p.m. and **Wed., Feb. 21** at 6:30 p.m.: *Home Again*. Rated PG-13, 97 minutes.

**Thurs., March 8** at 1 p.m. and **Wed., March 21** at 6:30 p.m.: *Victoria and Abdul*. Rated PG-13, 112 minutes.

**Wed., April 25** at 6:30 p.m. and **Thurs., April 26** at 1 p.m.: *The Glass Castle*. Rated PG-13, 127 minutes.

**Thank You Donors**

We’d like to thank the following donors for their monetary contributions in the last quarter:

- Karen Meyer and Book Club
- Patriot Week Foundation
- Beth Ann Seyda

**Online Resources Uncovered**

**ReferenceUSA**

We’re happy to welcome back ReferenceUSA to our database collection. ReferenceUSA is a leading provider in business and consumer research. ReferenceUSA is a great tool that helps users gather data for marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, raise funds and locate people. Access it at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) > Services & Specialties > Advanced Research under Business & Investing. Have trouble getting started? Here is a short course on how to use Reference USA: [https://my.nicheacademy.com/cmpl/course/378](https://my.nicheacademy.com/cmpl/course/378)

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**Used Book Sale**

Stop by the Main Library on any of the following dates to get a great deal on classics, best-sellers, children’s books and more! A membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

**Wednesday, April 11**

5:30-8:30 p.m. - Friends Night Only

**Thursday, April 12**

12 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14**

9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sunday, April 15**

1-3 p.m. - Bag Day

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**Volunteer at the Used Book Sale**

Volunteer at the book sale on the following dates and times: **Wednesday, April 4** & **Thursday, April 5** from 4-8 p.m., **Friday, April 6** & **Saturday, April 7** from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and **Sunday, April 8** from 1:15-5 p.m.

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**Clinton Township Blood Drive**

**Tues., Feb. 6** from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • **Main Library**

**Wed., Feb. 7** from 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. • **South Branch**

The library is an official partner in Clinton Township’s blood drive effort and blood drives will be held throughout the township on February 6 and 7.

On **Tues., Feb. 6** drives will be held at:

- Main Library from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Clintondale High School from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Chippewa Valley High School from 1-7 p.m.

On **Wed., Feb. 7** drives will be held at:

- Senior Center from 8 a.m.–8 p.m.
- South Branch from 12:30-6:30 p.m.
Pop-In Play
Fri., Jan. 5, Mon., March 19 & Thurs., April 19 at 9 a.m. • North Branch
Come for unstructured play for little ones up to 23 months old and their caregivers. **No registration required.**

Signing Time
Mondays: Jan. 8 & April 9 at 10 a.m. • North Branch
Mondays: Feb. 12 & April 16 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Mon., March 5 at 10 a.m. • South Branch
Join our Signing Time instructor, Ms. Kelly, for a fun signing story time. The Signing Time Academy is a part of Little Hands Productions, creator of programming that can be seen on Nick, Jr. and educational programming. This program is for ages 2-5.

Homeschool “Libratory”
Thursdays: Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 12 and 26 at 1 p.m. • Main Library
Register your homeschooler for our Libratory! On the 2nd Thursday of each month, from 1 p.m.-2 p.m., we will offer the opportunity for homeschoolers in grades 1-5 to explore several hands-on STEAM activities. On the 4th Thursday we invite homeschool families to meet, mingle, and learn from each other from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Lego Fun
Saturdays: Jan. 13 and March 10 at 10:30 a.m. • Main Library
Bring your own Legos to the library and have fun building something new! We supply the theme and you have 30 minutes to make something, then time to see what everyone else created. Everyone gets a new Lego piece and a Lego kit will be awarded. Ages 6-11.

Reading Buddies
Thursdays: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 1, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
Could your emerging reader in grades K-2 use a little extra practice? Reading Buddies matches each child with a teen volunteer to read stories together and participate in early literacy activities.

Exotic Zoo
Mon., Jan. 15 at 10:30 a.m. • Main Library
Wed., Feb. 21 at 10:30 a.m. • North Branch
Animals will be taking over the library when Exotic Zoo comes to visit. Join us to meet and learn about wild animals such as a 100 pound tortoise, a 15 foot python, a crocodile and more. This program is for children ages 4-12 years old.

Car Day
Thurs., Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Bring your 2-6 year old and some Matchbox-sized cars (or other wheeled vehicles) to the Main Library where we will have pretend roads for them to drive on and to play with other kids.

Yoga for Kids
Mon., Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. • South Branch
Join CC Plus Fitness as we learn yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. This program is for children ages 3-6 years old.

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

A library card is required for registration. We cannot accommodate group registration for events. You can always register online.

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Story Times
Session I story times will take place the week of Jan. 8 through the week of Feb. 5. Session II will take place the week of Feb. 26 through the week of March 26 at the branches only. Session III will take place the week of April 23 through the week of May 21. Join us:

**Main Library**
- Baby Time on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (0-11 months)
- Tot Time Plus on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (12-30 months)
- Little Listeners on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2-3 years)
- Tot Time on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (12-23 months)
- Little Listeners on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (2-3 years)
- Little Listeners on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (2-3 years)
- Preschoolers on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3-6 years)

**North Branch**
- Music and Movement on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (ages 2-4 years)
- Music and Movement on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (ages 2-4 years)
- Tot Time on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. (12-23 months)
- Preschoolers on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (3-6 years)
- Baby Time on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Little Listeners on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (2-3 years)
- Little Listeners on Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. (2-3 years)

**South Branch**
- Tot Time Plus on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. (12-30 months)
- Little Listeners Plus on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2 years+)
- Little Listeners Plus on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (2 years+)

**Main Library Spring Series**
Join the Main Library staff this spring in fun and educational programs for kids ages 0-6. This series will take place the week of February 26 through the week of March 26. Registration is not required for this set of programs.

- Mondays at 10 a.m.: Sensory Art
- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Toddler Crafts
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Math Tykes

**Grow, Play, Learn**
Mondays: Jan. 22 - Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. • North Branch
Thursdays: March 1 - 29 at 10 a.m. • South Branch
Thursdays: April 19 - May 24 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
As a part of our Family Place LibrariesTM initiative, our five-week parent/child workshop returns! This is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with child development specialists. This program is open to ages 1-3 and their caregiver. Siblings up to age 5 are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. We ask that families attend only 1 Grow, Play, Learn session per year.

**Pajamarama**
2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. • South Branch
Put on your jammies and join us for bedtime stories; ages 1-8 will receive a free book. January will be a special Glow in the Dark program.

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

**Daddy and Me Play and Learn**
Saturdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17 and April 21 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Calling all dads and their kids ages 15 months to 3 years old. Join in this interactive playgroup hosted by Macomb Family Services. The sessions will include finger plays, songs, story times, preschool readiness activities and early childhood development resources. Mommies and other care providers are welcome to attend.

**Play to Learn**
Wed., Feb. 21 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. This session will focus on Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.

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= Registration is required. Two weeks prior for residents. One week prior for non-residents.
**Tween Crafts at South**

**Lava Lamps**
Sat., Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. • South Branch
Make your own "groovy" lava lamp and explore the science behind it. This program is for ages 8-12.

**Lanyard Keychains**
Sat., Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. • South Branch
Tweens, ages 8-12 years old, are invited to have fun making colorful lanyard keychains.

**Kumihimo Braiding**
Sat., March 17 at 3 p.m. • South Branch
Tweens ages 8-12 will have fun making beautiful friendship bracelets using the Japanese technique of Kumihimo braiding.

**Flower Pot Craft**
Sat., April 21 at 3 p.m. • South Branch
Tweens ages 8-12 will have fun transforming a flower pot into a decorative planter or desk organizer.

**Preschool Fair**
Sat., Jan. 27 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
How do you decide which preschool program is best for your child? CMPL wants to help you with this important decision at our annual preschool fair. More than a dozen area preschools will have displays showcasing their programs and a representative to answer questions. Come by any time during the morning to learn more about these schools.

**Family Jigsaw Puzzle Contest**
Sat., Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. • Main Library
Too cold to play outside? Bring the family for a fun afternoon! Family jigsaw puzzles have small, medium and large pieces in the same box. Teams may have up to 5 members, but only the team captain should register. A prize will be awarded to the family that finishes first.

**Fire and Ice**
Mon., Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m. • Main Library
Children ages 3-12 years old will be dazzled and entertained as they interact with our Mad Scientists! Foggy dry ice storms, giant beach balls floating in the air and even a special Mad Science “burp” potion will amaze children as they learn about chemical reactions, air pressure and the states of matter. No registration is required.

**Library Olympics**
Sat., Feb. 10 at 2:30 p.m. • Main Library
Get pumped up for the Library Olympics! Make team flags, play indoor sports, and create Olympic medals. This program is for ages 5-10.

**Valentine’s Day Crafts**
Tues., Feb. 13 at 10 a.m. • North Branch
Children ages 2-6 are invited to make some Valentine’s Day crafts.

**Little Scientists**
Thurs., Feb. 15 & Wed., April 18 at 10:30 a.m. • North Branch
For ages 3-6. The February theme is architecture. The April theme is sink or float.

**Family STEM Night**
Thurs., Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. • South Branch
Children ages 5+ and adults will explore several STEM challenges. Register children only.

**TechKnowKids**
Tues., Feb. 20 at 10:30 a.m. • Main Library
Learn the fundamentals of coding through educational and creative play! Kids, ages 6-10, will use Dash and Dot robots as a hands-on learning tool that teaches creativity, logic, and problem solving. Each program is 1 ½ hours.
The “Write” Stuff
Do you have “The Write Stuff”? This spring CMPL will be hosting a writing competition for 3rd-5th grades. Submissions will be accepted through the month of April. Details will be forthcoming on our website and on social media. We are pleased to have author Shelly Johannes as a guest judge. Shelley is the author-illustrator of the new Disney-Hyperion chapter book series, Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker. Before jumping into the wonderful world of books, she began her creative career with ten years in architecture—where she fell in love with felt-tip pens, tracing paper, and the greatness of black turtlenecks.

5th Grade Battle of the Books
Sun., March 11 at 2 p.m. • Chippewa Valley High School Gymnasium
All 5th graders are invited to participate in the 5th Grade Battle of the Books! You just need a team of 3-5 5th graders and an adult coach. The battle will take place on Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m in the Chippewa Valley High School Gymnasium, located at 18300 19 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp., MI 48038. Visit www.cmpl.org/BoB to register or for more details.

Bookmark Contest
March 1-31 • All Locations
To help celebrate March is Reading Month, artists in grades K-5 can participate in the Annual Friends of the Library Bookmark Contest! Participants are asked to design an original bookmark. Entry forms can be picked up from any CMPL location beginning March 1 or on our web site. The form must be returned to any CMPL location by Saturday, March 31. One winner will be chosen from each grade. Winners receive bookstore gift cards and their designs are reproduced and distributed in the library.

CVS Literacy Night—Every Hero Has a Story
Thurs., March 8 from 6-8 p.m. • Main Library
We will be providing stations where students and their families can explore different hero books and themes, while having fun. This evening will be geared towards students who are in Kindergarten through 5th grade and registration is not required.

Seussabration
Mon., Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. • North Branch
Wed., March 7 at 6:30 p.m. • South Branch
Celebrate Dr. Seuss by reading stories and making crafts. North’s event is for ages 2-6. South’s event is for ages 1-10.

Family Yoga
Thurs., Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. • North Branch
Join CC Plus Fitness as we learn yoga. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. This program is for families.

Game Day
Thurs., Feb. 22 at 12 p.m. • North Branch
Drop in between 12 and 4 to play some board games, giant Connect Four, and Giant Kerplunk! Registration is not required.

Princess Training Camp
Sat., Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. • South Branch
Pretty little princesses (ages 2-10) dressed in their favorite princess outfits will meet “real” princesses for tips and training to be princesses. Crafts, games, and a snack will be enjoyed.

Engineering Mystery Challenge
Wed., Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. • Main Library
We will give you a bag of supplies and some directions and you will build a creation. This program is for ages 7-11.

Tin Art
Sat., Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. • Main Library
Create beautiful tin art at the Main Library. For ages 7-11.

Brown Bear, Brown Bear Party
Thurs., March 15 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Listen to the story, enjoy fun activities at various stations and make a craft. For ages 2-5.

Going Green
Mon., April 2 at 10:30 a.m. • North Branch
Join the Michigan Science Center as we learn about energy, engineering, sustainability, and more! This program is for ages 3-12.
Registration is required. Two weeks prior for residents. One week prior for non-residents.
Snack & Chat
Select Saturdays at 2 p.m. • North Branch
Check out the book of the month, register for our chat, and join us for snacks and book discussion. R

Jan. 6: I’ll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
March 3: We Are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson

Journal Making
Wed., Jan. 3 at 4 p.m. • North Branch
Mon., Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. • South Branch
Start a fresh new year with a fresh new journal! We’ll talk about ways to use a journal to organize your thoughts, plans, or just for fun! Then we’ll make our own journals and planners. R

SAT Study Circle
Thursdays: Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and March 15 at 6:30 p.m. • Main Library
The SAT will be here before you know it! At the first meeting of the Study Circle, our librarian will go over all of the SAT resources the library has to offer—including some purchased specifically for the group! After, this will be a self-directed group of motivated studiers looking for some extra study time with their peers in the library environment. R

Video Game Day
Fridays: Jan. 26, March 23 & April 27 at 3 p.m. • South Branch
Come in from the cold and warm up those button pushing fingers with our video games. We’ll have retro games and current games and systems out for you to challenge your friends. Who will take the high score?! No registration is required.

Teen Program Reminder
When you see this symbol ⚠ registration is required. Please note that parents and younger siblings will not be able to attend teen programs. Programs are for teens entering grades 6 through 12. To register call 226-5030 or visit www.cmpl.org.

Teen Takeover
Monday-Thursday from 2-6 p.m. • South Branch
Teen Takeover is back! Looking for a place to hang out after school? Head to the South Branch for games, activities, and an after-school snack. We’re adding even more fun stuff this year. Check it out!

Volunteers
Mondays: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26 & April 23 at 4 p.m. • Main Library
Looking to get some volunteer hours at the library? Join us for a Volunteers meeting to learn about upcoming opportunities to assist with the Reading Buddies program, children’s and teen programming, and more. R

Learn to Play
Saturdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17 & March 17 at 2 p.m. • Main Library
Our collection of Board Games keeps growing! Are you interested in some of the popular games, but intimidated by some of the long rule books and large numbers of pieces? Come to the library to learn to play some of the most popular board games. Already know how to play? Come along and help some newbies. Adults, teens and kids 10+ welcome! R

January 20: Settlers of Catan
February 17: Ticket to Ride
March 17: Carcassonne

International Candy Taste Test
Wed., Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. • North and South Branches
What better way to celebrate Valentine’s Day than trying a bunch of candies? We’ll have all new things to try from around the world! Because of potential risks due to labeling language, this may not be appropriate for patrons with severe food allergies. R
Stuffed Animal Taxidermy  
**Tues., April 3 at 11 a.m. • Main Library**  
Using simple supplies, use old stuffed toys to create new wall art! We’ll provide the creatures. However, if you have one of your own and you are okay with destroying and remaking it into something new, bring it! WE WILL BE USING GLUE GUNS FOR THIS CRAFT.  

Escape the Room - Totally Radical 80’s Adventure  
**Fri., April 6 at various times • Main Library**  
Welcome back to 1986! Here you will find all of our cutting edge technology from the 1980’s which you will need to use along with your knowledge of all that was Rad in the 80’s to get yourself back to present day. You only have 45 minutes before you are “stuck in the past forever!” Because there are limited spaces available, we will run the escape room several times, starting at 3pm. No one will be allowed to join the game late, so please be here promptly at your start time. Register for one of the following times:  

- 3 p.m.: Family Escape! Parents AND children ages 10 and up  
- 4 p.m.: Family Escape! Parents AND children ages 10 and up  
- 5 p.m.: Grades 6/7/8 ONLY  
- 6 p.m.: High School ONLY (after hours)  

DIY Soap  
**Mon., March 5 at 6:30 p.m. • North Branch**  
Come learn how to make your own soap in colorful blocks or fun shapes! Make soap for yourself or some to give as a gift!  

Sushi Candles  
**Fri., March 23 at 3:30 p.m. • South Branch**  
Make adorable, functional, candles that look like sushi!  

Cake Pops  
**Mon., April 2 at 4 p.m. • North Branch**  
**Wed., April 4 at 4 p.m. • South Branch**  
Come learn to make and decorate adorable cake pops!  

CMPLCC  
**Sat., April 28 • Main Library**  
CMPL Comic Con (CMPLCC) is almost here! Full schedule will be available closer to the date, but get working on those cosplays! We’ll have panels, activities, contests, and hopefully some fun surprises! **No registration is required.**
Knit and Crochet Meet Up
Thursdays: Jan. 11 and Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. • Main Library
Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another fiber craft? Bring your own project and hang out while you work on your new creation! No registration is required to attend and all ages and skill levels are welcome. Please bring your own supplies. **No registration is required.**

Leave a Legacy: Save Your Life Stories
Wed., Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. • Main Library
This memoir writing workshop will inspire people to record their own stories or those of loved ones. Gigi Bott VanderWeele – co-owner of Your Personal Memoir LLC of Pleasant Ridge, MI – will explain the value of recording family stories, how to convince elders to share, and writing and interviewing techniques. Participants will practice storytelling and come away inspired to record family stories to be enjoyed for generations to come. **R**

Photographs: Protect, Organize, Enjoy!
Sat., Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Come learn about different types of photos, how to organize and protect them, and why the stories behind them are important. Photo organizer Cheri Warnock will offer a hands-on look at ways to store and display your pictures and offer advice on making sure they are backed up to prevent loss in a disaster. It’s time to start enjoying your photographs!

Cheri Warnock worked in publishing for 21 years before launching her own business, Cherish Your Photos. She now uses her organizational skills and scrapbooking skills to make sure everyone’s photos are enjoyed and that their stories will be around for generations to come. **R**

Hygge (hoo-ga)
Sat., Jan. 20 at 2 p.m. • North Branch
Dress cozy and learn about Danish contentment. A brief presentation will be followed by a candle craft and light refreshments. **R**

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**Registration Information**

When you see this **R** it means that **registration is required.** Registration for residents in our service area begins **two weeks** before the program. Adult programs are intended for those 18 and older unless otherwise noted. **If you register and cannot attend, please let us know so that another person may have the opportunity to attend.**

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You can also register online at the Events page at www.cmpl.org.

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**Learning Online Together**

This winter we will be exploring the learning circle method to those interested in participating in some of our online class offerings, powered by Gale Courses. Gale Courses are 6-week online classes. We plan to meet once a week in the library to help users successfully complete the course. Bring your laptop or we will provide required technology. There will be a staff member available to facilitate the class.

**Learning Circle: Computer Skills for the Workplace**
Wednesdays: Starting Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. through Feb. 21 **R**

**Learning Circle: Master Public Speaking**
Mondays: Starting March 19 at 10 a.m. through April 23 **R**

**Rockin’ at Main: Live Acoustic Performance by Tom Butwin**
Thurs., Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. • Main Library
Enjoy an intimate acoustic performance by Tom Butwin. The three time Detroit Music Award nominee is fresh off a Spring 2017 run starring as “Jesus” in Andrew Lloyd Webber’s hit musical, “Jesus Christ Superstar.” He will perform a selection of pop and rock tunes along with classics from musical theatre. **R**
Consumer Awareness Mondays
The Main Library is offering a series of programs to raise consumer awareness this winter. Join us for one or all of them!

Investment Fraud
Mon., Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. • Main Library
Learn investment fraud warning signs. Recognize and avoid affinity fraud—when fraudsters target members of identifiable groups. Learn about annuities and reverse mortgages.

Online Safety
Mon., Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. • Main Library
Staying connected 24/7 is convenient; however, it also opens users up to scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. Learn how to protect your devices and yourself while online. Learn how to keep your computer secure and how to recognize and avoid online scams.

Identity Theft
Mon., Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. • Main Library
A representative from the Attorney General’s office will explain how to recognize the warning signs of identity theft, how to protect your personal information online and off and what to do if you become an identity theft victim. This presentation has been updated to explain the Equifax breach.

PREVNT Elder Abuse
Mon., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. • Main Library
Gillian Bentley from the Disability Network Oakland & Macomb will teach you how to protect yourself or a loved one from elder abuse. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse. Discover resources in the community. Find out how to protect yourself and your wallet and what you can do if you have been a victim of financial exploitation. Through the PREVNT program you will learn how to recognize high risk situations and ways to get assistance. Attendees will receive a toolkit, snacks and giveaways!

CMPL After-Hours: Snakes on a Plane
Fri., Feb. 2 from 8-10 p.m. • Main Library
Come to the after-hours library for a showing of the classically bad 2006 film Snakes on a Plane. “An FBI agent takes on a plane full of deadly snakes, deliberately released to kill a witness being flown from Honolulu to Los Angeles to testify against a mob boss.” Movie snacks will be provided; colorful commentary is on you. Post your comments at #CMPLAfterHours.

DIA Behind the Seen: In Our Own Voice African American Art
Sat., Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. • South Branch
Join us at the South Branch for a presentation that highlights the creative contributions of African-Americans from the 19th century through present day.

Learn About Facebook
Mon., Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. • Main Library
Join us for a program that will outline how to get your account set up, learn about privacy settings, how to distinguish real information from fake and more.

Cooking the Books
Thurs., Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. • North Branch
We’re starting a potluck cookbook book club to rotate between our three locations. Find a recipe in a cookbook from our collection based on the theme of comfort cooking. Is there a creamy mac n’ cheese recipe or frothy hot chocolate recipe that looks amazing? One caveat: no alcohol please. Register for the program, indicating which recipe you’ll be using, from which cookbook; bring a copy of the recipe and your culinary creation for 20 people to sample. Those participating must bring a dish. The library will provide paper products and make copies of the recipes. You’ll be required to sign a disclaimer form at the program, and we’ll be distributing copies of the recipe so everyone is aware of the ingredients.

Black History Celebration: Tuskegee Airmen
Sun., Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. • Main Library
The history of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American pilots to serve during WWII, will be presented in honor of Black History month. The documentary Tuskegee Airmen, which tells their inspiring story, spotlights the 450 men who fought the Axis powers in Europe will be shown. A special plaque will be presented to the two remaining Tuskegee Airmen from Macomb County by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.
Scrabble for Grown Ups  
Sat., Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. • North Branch  
Sharpen your spelling skills and enjoy an afternoon of Scrabble at the North Branch. Light refreshments will be served.

Ann Arbor Traveling Film Festival  
Mon., Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. • Main Library  
You don’t have to go to Sundance to experience award-winning independent films. We will present short films from the 55th Ann Arbor Film Festival across all genres: experimental, documentary, animation, narrative, and hybrids. These films are intended for adults. Join us to view the following titles:

- **Commodity City** by Jessica Kingdon  
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- **Pokey, Pokey** by Junjie Zhang  
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Local History Technology  
Wednesdays: Feb. 21 and April 18 • Main Library  
Learn about the digital preservation tools we have available at the Main Library. Each session will last 40 minutes and will cover one technology, including a demonstration, hands-on practice, and a Q&A. Residents are encouraged to come for one or all three. Learn about the slide digitizer at 9:30 a.m., photo scanner at 10:30 a.m. and the 8mm converter at 11:30 a.m.

African-American Literature: Writing for Rights, Respect, and Art  
Sat., Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. • Main Library  
Scott Peller, Instructor of English at Macomb Community College, will provide a historical progress of African-American authors throughout the 20th century including classics and lesser-known works, with discussion to follow. Some titles will even be available for checkout.

Medicare Q & A  
Tues., March 6 at 10 a.m. • Main Library  
Tues., March 27 at 11 a.m. • South Branch  
Fri., April 6 at 10 a.m. • North Branch  
A representative from Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) will be here to discuss Medicare. Learn about the Who, What, When, Where, How and Why of Medicare and more about Medicare fraud. There will be ample question and answer time.

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest  
Tues., March 6 at 1:30 p.m. • Main Library  
Grab some friends and spend the afternoon at a Jigsaw Puzzling Contest! The puzzle will have 750-pieces. There will be refreshments and prizes. Teams may have up to 4 members, but only the team captain should register.

Consumer Education and You  
Tues., March 6 at 2 p.m. • North Branch  
Allison Bonacci from the Michigan Attorney General’s Office will present a program on phone, mail, and e-scams. Recognize the signs, and learn how to take steps to minimize your risk of being victimized.

Trivia Night  
Tues., March 6 at 7 p.m. • South Branch  
Join us for a fun night of trivia provided by Sporcle Live! Register teams of up to 5 people to test your collective knowledge and compete for prizes. Only one team member should register for their whole team.

Lost Restaurants of Detroit  
Wed., March 7 at 6:30 p.m. • Main Library  
Remember a time when downtown waiters spoke with convincing French accents? And all those stories of Prohibition, the Purple Gang and the police? Detroit's historic restaurants, many no longer in existence, were the stage for many of the Motor City’s dramas, but also for myriads of marriage proposals, family celebrations and business deals. And for decades, locals were fortunate to have a vast array of history infused bistros in which to celebrate. Patrons at the Caucus Club were among the first to hear the voice of an 18-year-old Barbara Streisand. The Machus Red Fox in Bloomfield Hills will forever be associated with the 1975 disappearance of ex Teamsters President Jimmy Hoffa. These are some of the themes explored in Paul Vachon’s presentation on the Lost Restaurants of Detroit.

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Learn to Crochet  
Thurs., March 8 at 6 p.m. OR Sat., March 10 at 10 a.m. • Main Library  
Back by popular demand! This is an introductory course in how to crochet. Attendees will learn how to make a foundation chain, how to do the single crochet, and chain stitches, and how to read a pattern. By the end of the class, attendees should be able to make a simple washcloth. All materials will be provided. This class repeats so please sign up for only one session.  

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle  
Tues., March 13 at 7 p.m. or Wed., March 28 at 2 p.m. • Main Library  
Please join Victoria Czapski from GFL Environmental as she leads us on a review of the three R’s – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Victoria will explain what can be recycled, where your recycled items go and the benefits of recycling. GFL (Green for Life) is the new waste hauler for Clinton & Macomb Townships. The same program will be presented both days.  

Rockin’ at Main: Live Music by Tino G’s Dumpster Machine  
Thurs., March 15 at 7 p.m. • Main Library  
Enjoy a free concert by Tino G’s Dumpster Machine. Fresh off performances at the Ann Arbor Blues Festival and Callahan’s, Tino G presents a rockin’, funky, blues jam style music that reflects everything Detroit. The incomparable Tino, also known as the singer from the Howling Diablos, played drums for John Lee Hooker.  

Divorce After 50  
Tues., March 20 at 7 p.m. • Main Library  
“Gray Divorce” affects couples, their friends, and adult children and grandchildren. Sean Cleland of Cleland Collaborative Solutions shares tips for those going through divorce and those surrounded by over 50 divorce to help lessen the impact on families and friends.  

Bestsellers Club  
Clinton and Macomb Township residents, this is what you’ve been waiting for! Automatic placement on hold for hardcover bestsellers by your favorite authors. Join the Club and we’ll watch for newly published titles and will place them on hold for you. Join today!  

Cows at the Opera House and Other Museum Mysteries  
Thurs., March 22 at 2 p.m. • Main Library  
A mystery is something unexplained or inexplicable, or as a person or thing having qualities that arouse curiosity or speculation. The many mysteries of the DIA include stories and images, newly discovered meanings and issues of authenticity.  

Escape the Room - Totally Radical 80’s Adventure  
Fri., April 6 at various times • Main Library  
Welcome back to 1986! Here you will find all of our cutting edge technology from the 1980’s which you will need to use along with your knowledge of all that was Rad in the 80’s to get yourself back to present day. You only have 45 minutes before you are “stuck in the past forever!” No one will be allowed to join the game late, so please be here promptly at your start time.  

3 p.m. – Family Escape! Parents AND children ages 10 and up  
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Miniature Zen Garden  
Sat., April 14 at 10:30 a.m. • North Branch  
Did you know that April is Stress Awareness Month? Find your inner peace this tax season by making your very own miniature Zen garden with natural elements to be in the present moment.  

The Ties That Bind: The History of Aprons  
Sat., April 28 at 11 a.m. • South Branch  
The ladies from Fashion and the Automobile are back with yet another insightful program about the history of aprons. They will discuss how it has evolved over the decades to today including a display of aprons. Join us at the South Branch for a fun and informative time as you enjoy tea and cookies. You can wear or bring your own favorite apron or one that was passed down from your mom or grandmother.
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Music at Main

Join us for a free hour of music open to all ages. No registration is required to attend this concert.

Sun., Jan. 7 at 2 p.m.: PanaMO. Panama and Motown, Afro-Latin Jazz—led by Obed Succari, master percussionist, with Motown’s finest jazz musicians: inspired original adventures in jazz-inflected music.

Sun., Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.: Planet D Nonet. “A down & dirty little swing band from Detroit” was founded by drummer RJ Spangler and trumpeter James O’Donnell. The Planet D Nonet is about swing, blues, space-age jazz and classic American songs all served with plenty of good humor with an eye toward turning people onto this kind of music.

Sun., March 4 at 2 p.m.: Brazil and Beyond. Brazil and Beyond is celebrating 20 years of playing Brazilian and World music in the Detroit area and will be featuring past and present members of the award-winning group. Brazil and Beyond was founded by prominent Detroit-area music educator and multi-instrumentalist Rich K. 20 years ago and will be joined by Anniversary Reunion band members Frank Marinello, Rob Emanuel, and Dennis Sheridan.

Sun., May 6 at 2 p.m.: The Tony Camilletti Quartet. This exciting new jazz program includes a collection of wonderful song standards made famous by Tony Bennett, with some additional material by Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra, Mel Torme and others. This quartet features piano, bass, horns and vocal.