# Clinton-Macomb Public Library Library Matters

Let the Main Library Refresh Begin!

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## FROM the DIRECTOR...

How can it be that a quarter century has passed since planning for the Main Library began? The opportunity to build

a library system from the ground up including a staff, main library and two branches was too good to pass up for my former boss and mentor, Christine Lind Hage. She was the director of the Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) and a nationally known public library leader. An information gathering meeting between Christine and the late Donald W. Green, the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) Board President at the time, turned into an interview and the rest is history. Christine had overseen the design and construction of RHPL's library in 1992, which remains a vibrant and well-loved hub in downtown Rochester. Christine and I started at CMPL in 1999, I as the number two in charge. With many overlapping team members between the two projects including the architectural and construction management firms, people familiar with both often nicknamed CMPL's Main Library "RHPL 2.0."

Constructed between 2002 and 2003, the Main Library has become a bustling center of community life for the residents of Clinton Township and Macomb Township. It has logged millions of visits and checkouts, and tens of thousands of programs, community meetings, and service hours since opening on October 26, 2003. The Library Board was mindful of the fact that by investing in high quality materials and workmanship up front, the paybacks would last long into the future. In fact, many people still marvel at what great shape the building is in relative to its age. In addition to investing in high quality

materials, the Library Board has been committed to proactive maintenance for the care, upkeep and safety of the building. After all, the building belongs to you, the community, and it's our job to take care of it. If it's broke, we fix it. If it's cracked, we fill it. If it's burned out, we replace it.

That said, there does come a time when age and use catch up with a building. Chair frames can only be repaired so many times. Carpeting frays turn into runs and dangerous tears. Twenty-one years of heaving in the winter and baking in the summer take their toll on even well-maintained parking lots. The fluorescent fixtures specified 25 years ago can't begin to compete with the efficiency of today's LED fixtures and electronics that significantly reduce energy consumption by being dimmed or turned off when not needed or to harvest natural daylight, and that do not require nearly as much maintenance.

So, to keep the Main Library one of the jewels of the community for the next quarter of a century, to ensure that systems don't fail and take months to repair due to supply chain issues or even obsolescence, to avoid turning the building into a patchwork of new fixtures and old and the extra costs associated with a band-aid approach, the Main Library will be undergoing a major renovation starting around June 1. While it would have been easier to close the building, we are going to work hard to keep as many services and collections available as possible through phasing (visit cmpl.org for regular updates). We thank you in advance for pardoning our dust, noise, interruptions in service, and obstacles to browsing the collections, and hope that you will join us in celebrating a rejuvenated Main Library in the summer of 2025!

Of course, with a renovation project comes the questions, what's staying and what's going? We are very mindful that there are many special "touch points" in the Main Library that generations of community members have grown up loving and enjoying. This is also a building that functions well and we don't want to mess it up! To start, Thomas the Train, the big

globe behind the staircase, the mural, the Pewabic fountain and the fireplace are all staying



right where they are! The big ongoing used book sale which took over the lobby during the pandemic now has a permanent home in the room across the hall. Aside from the updated infrastructure, carpeting, furniture and parking lots, the major "modifications" include adding a drive-up window and built-in book drop as we have at the North and South Branch Libraries, and a new dedicated programming room for adults and small computer lab which will replace the current computer lab. We will be adding flexible work counters on the first floor looking out on the patio and along the windows looking over the staircase in the Teen Room and in the Nonfiction Department on the second floor. The Quiet Study Room on the second floor will take the place of the meeting room that now houses the ongoing sale on the first floor and quiet study carrels will be moved to the Donald W. Green Local History Room. The children's room will be enhanced with exciting new early literacy features similar to what we have at the North and South Branch.

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The last, and very important question is, "will my taxes go up to pay for this?" The answer is "NO." The Library Board has been carefully setting aside funds over the years for future capital replacement projects and the Main Library's bonds will be paid off in three years. So about \$5M of the project will be paid from our fund balance savings and the remaining \$9M will be paid with new bonds, which are paid for out of our annual operating fund. We are also hoping to bring back some of our federal tax dollars to the community for the heating/cooling system replacement.

Again, we know the renovation will be disruptive as 60% of the library

system's use is at the Main Library. If you've not taken the opportunity to use the North Branch or South Branch this would be a great time to do so. Those buildings offer the same high quality you expect from the Main Library. You are welcome to return materials or request holds pickup at those locations, too. And even





though I'm a "print guy" my last suggestion is to try out the many books, audiobooks and magazines we have available online through the library's website, CMPL app and Libby app.

We look forward to serving you and your family soon.

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#### **On the Cover**

Photo of the Main Library drivethru returns window before the grand opening in October 2003.



#### **Friends Used Books**

The ongoing book sale now has a new permanent home in a dedicated room. Visit the first conference room on the right on the first floor of the Main Library for all the great used books you've come to enjoy. The sale is still self-service and the prices have not changed.

#### Poetry Contest Reception Sat., May 18 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Community members, poetry contest entrants and their families are invited to join us in the auditorium 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. We'll view the poems in their setting as part of the Poetry Walk.

#### Tomlinson Arboretum Tour Sat., June 8 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

The Friends of the Arboretum will take us on a narrated walking tour of the 25-acre Tomlinson Arboretum, just west of the Main Library. We will meet outside at the gazebo at the historic village south of the library. The tour is 1.5 miles long and will take two hours. All ages welcome.

## Happy 10th Anniversary South Branch!

Sat., June 22 at 1 p.m. | South Branch

Join us in celebrating South Branch's 10th anniversary with fun activities during the week of June 17th, including a scavenger hunt.



Celebrate our actual anniversary on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. with a delicious ice cream social. We look forward to celebrating with you!

#### **North Branch Landscaping**

Two students from the Utica Academy for International Studies will be partnering with CMPL to develop a brochure for the public about North Branch's unique natural landscape. Kyla Palczewski and Makayla Koerner are working on their Creativity,

Activity, Service (CAS) project in partnership with the North Branch to research, identify, and showcase their findings. Their project will



highlight the flowering plants across the growing season, explain their role in a sustainable and educational space that supports pollinators, and enhance the community's understanding and appreciation of the North Branch's outdoor space.

#### Vision Network Group Summer Series 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, June-Aug.,

10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Clinton Twp. Senior Center

Please join us for an informal and informational series of meetings hosted by the Macomb Library for the Blind. These meetings are for people with low vision or who are blind. Caregivers are also welcomed. This summer, due to remodeling at the Main Library, we will be meeting inside the Clinton Township Senior Center, which is located at 40730 Romeo Plank Road in Clinton Township. Speakers will include staff from the Clinton Township Senior Center, Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Lions Club, and SMART Bus. No registration is required. For questions or more details, please call (586) 286-1580.

## Living Well at CMPL

**Thurs., May 9 | Main Library** Join us for a morning of education, interaction, and fun for those 55+! There are a variety of activities and events occurring at the Main Library for Living Well at CMPL. Take a look at the schedule and see what events are of interest, then stop by!



**9:30 a.m.:** Join us as we start our day with exhibitors and a continental breakfast.

#### 10 a.m. (Choose one session)

#### • Digital Downloads

Did you know you can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, and stream music, movies, and TV shows through the library? Come learn about CMPL's Digital Downloads! Please have the following required items available: your Android or Apple tablet or smartphone, all relevant passwords, and your library card and PIN. If you do not have a library card, please visit the library to get one prior to this event.

#### Senior Services Brainstorming

Join us for a conversation about the services that the CMPL the senior outreach team offers to support our residents as they age, and discuss the challenges faced by seniors today. You'll have a chance to offer new ideas as we learn from and inspire each other!

#### • A Matter of Balance

Learn about the importance of exercise in preventing falls while practicing simple exercises to improve strength, coordination, and balance.

**11 a.m.:** Visit exhibitors, interact with Macomb County Humane Society, enjoy the ice cream social, and learn about CMPL Tech to Go.

#### 12 p.m.: Making a Difference in Retirement

Adrienne Polumbo, longtime volunteer engagement manager and volunteering advocate, shares the many benefits of volunteering in retirement, as well as how to identify personal strengths and interests, and then find volunteer opportunities that match those strengths and interests to maximize enjoyment and impact.



This June, the Main Library will begin renovations to improve the building. CMPL plans to keep the Main Library open and operational as much as possible during this renovation. However, there will be times when the building, or specific areas in the building, will not be accessible.

Phase one of the renovation work will begin in the staff parking lot where we will begin the process of updating the current HVAC system to a geothermal system, like the heating and cooling system at the North Branch. Approximately 100 wells will be dug underground in the rear of the Main Library. You may wish to use the Romeo Plank entrance to the Main Library during this time.

Phase one will also include exterior work on the parking lot and the new drive-thru window. At times, it may not be possible to return items on the belt. The Main Library will have a returns bin available in the parking lot for those who do not wish to come into the building to return during this time.

The biggest impact of the first phase of renovations will be the closure of all meeting rooms and study rooms at the library. These rooms will be unavailable to the public beginning June 1 as the library works to shift staff and materials to these spaces while improvements are being made. Both branches have meeting rooms and study rooms available to schedule during the downtime at the Main Library. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Finally, please remember that you may return your items to any CMPL location or an SLC library and they will get back to the Main Library. Now is a great time to check out a CMPL branch and see what they have to offer.

Thank you for bearing with us as we work to improve the Main Library to ensure that it is a landmark community space for decades to come.

## Summer Reading at CMPL June 10-August 13, 2024

Summer Reading is an important way to keep minds sharp over the summer and we've made it easier than ever! Simply read for 30 days between June 10 and Aug. 13 and you will finish the challenge. Pick up a calendar at the library or use Beanstack, CMPL's reading challenge software, https://cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365.

Read whatever you want! Put an X on the days you've read. Bring your calendar to the library or log online. We recommend reading at least 15 minutes per day. Read at your own pace. You may log every day or only when you have reached day increments. You do not have to read for consecutive days.

Summer reading wouldn't be complete without prizes! Children and teens will receive a book just for registering. Adults will be entered into a \$25 gift card drawing when they register. Children will receive a book, grand prize drawing entry and coupon to Noodles and Company for completing the program. Teens will receive a book, backpack and a grand prize drawing entry for completing the program. Adults will receive a grab bag and a grand prize drawing entry for completing the program.

Instead of having one kick-off event, we're hosting a week of kick-off events. Come to one, come to all! Just make sure you register for summer reading when you attend.

## Speed Dating With Books Adult Summer Reading Kick-Off

#### Fri., June 7 at 4:30 p.m. | North Branch Sat., June 8 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Participants will have a chance to introduce themselves to new books in a "speed dating" environment. Everyone will walk away with a list of books that might be a perfect match for them.

### **Bugs on Wheels**

#### Monday, June 17 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Join Bugs on Wheels as we learn about bugs in this interactive and hands-on experience. This program is for ages 3-11.

#### Summer Resin Pondscape Mon., June 17 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Come build a mini pondscape around a resin pond

that doubles as a coaster! Resin projects are awesome, but take some time to cure. The base of the craft can be taken home day of, but attendees will



need to return to pick up the resin at a later date. For teens in grades 6-12.

#### **The Reptarium**

#### Tues., June 18 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

The Reptarium will be visiting and teaching us about various reptiles. This program is for ages 3-11.

CAPL Summer Resetting

#### Weather Watch

Wed., June 19 at 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. | North Branch Join the Michigan Science Center as we put our building skills to the test and work together to come up with a structure that withstands different weather events. We'll take a dive into the weather and climate to see if your team has what it takes to beat the destructive forces of nature. This program is for children who will be in grades 2-5 in the fall.

#### Mr. Evan

#### Fri., June 21 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

National touring musician, Evan Holler, will be performing a fun filled, interactive music experience for the family.



## **NERF Mobile Games**

#### Sat., June 22 at 11 a.m. | South Branch

Join us for various NERF games, from Capture the Flag to Zombies vs. Humans. This program is for ages 6-11.

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

## Adult Technology Events

### **Tech Tutoring**

#### Mondays, 1-3 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.

## Basic Computer Skills: 7 Things All Adults Should Know

#### Wed., May 29 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Join Mike Wilson for this informative class, exploring seven computer-related topics. The topics covered will

be entertainment, communication, writing, website resources, seniors' interest, information, and online shopping. Mike will demonstrate and discuss You-Tube, game apps, email tips



and tricks, your free word processor, favorite websites, AARP, an introduction to Google Search, and exploring Amazon shopping features.

#### **Mobile Device Basics - Apple**

## Select Tuesdays: May 7, June 4, and July 2 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Learn features and functions of Apple iPads and iPhones. Tablets will be provided and you are welcome to bring your own device if you have one. **No registration is required.** 

#### **Program Registration Information**

**Registration is required for all 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. Due to construction at the Main Library, some events will meet at the Mcomb Intermediate School Dsictirct (MISD) 44001 Garfield #1100, Clinton Twp, MI 48038.

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

This logo (S) signifies that a particular program will have accommodations in place to make patrons with sensory needs feel more comfortable. Review the long description of the program on the Events calendar to learn more about what specific accommodations will be in place.



#### **Movies at Main or South**

Join us in-person to enjoy a movie on the big screen at the Main Library or South Branch. Tuesday matinees will have the subtitles turned on. Evening movies will not have subtitles. **No registration is required.** 

#### **Everything Everywhere All At Once**

Tues., May 14 at 1 p.m. and Wed., May 15 at 6 p.m. Rated R, 139 minutes, Main Library

#### The Color Purple (2024)

Tues., June 11 at 1 p.m. and Wed., June 5 at 6 p.m. Rated PG-13, 140 minutes, South Branch

#### **Asteroid City**

Tues., July 9 at 1 p.m. and Wed., July 17 at 6 p.m. Rated PG-13, 105 minutes, South Branch

#### The Little Mermaid (2023)

Tues., Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. Rated PG, 135 minutes, South Branch

#### NorthFlicks

Join us for a classic movie on the big screen at the North Branch. No registration is required.

#### The Bad News Bears (1976)

Thurs., May 2 at 6 p.m. Rated PG, 102 minutes

#### Xanadu (1980)

Thurs., June 6 at 6 p.m. Rated PG, 93 minutes

#### Meatballs (1979)

Thurs., Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. Rated PG, 92 minutes

## Sensory Movies at CMPL (S)

#### Select Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. | North Branch

Join us to enjoy a movie in a sensory friendly environment. All movies will be shown with the lights on, volume at a reduced level and subtitles will be on. **No registration is required.** 

May 7: Wonka (PG) June 4: Moana (PG) July 2: Migration (PG)



## Book Discussions for Adults

## Graphic Novel Book Club (GNBC)

#### Tues., May 7 at 6:30 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 *Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures* by Jason Pamment. Book pickup begins on April 8 at 9 a.m.



## As the Pages Turn: Middle School Summer Book Club

#### Select Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | Pitchford Park

Join CMPL and Macomb Township Parks and Recreation at Pitchford Park for a fun outdoor book club! Participate in all three meet-ups, and win a free pizza from Bubba's 33. Teens in grades 6-8 may join us for good reads, conversations, and a themed activity.

#### June 25: Smile by Raina Telgemeier

July 23: Realm of the Blue Mist by Amy Kim Kibuishi Aug. 19: Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza

### **Book Blasters Book Club**



## Sat., Aug. 17 at 3 p.m. NEW TIME! | South Branch

Do you like books, snacks and playing games with friends? Then sign up for Book Blasters, a book club for ages 7-9. This month we're discussing *Meena Meets Her Match* by Karla Manternach.

### **Passive Programming at CMPL**

CMPL has fun passive programming happening in the children's department. These programs allow children and families to engage with the library on their own terms and around their busy schedules. The scavenger hunts at Main and South draw hundreds of participants every month! Additionally, families are encouraged to sit and color together at each of the three branch's writing stations. All passive programming enhances early literacy skills and provides a fun experience for a variety of ages.

### **Follow Us on Social Media**

Don't forget to follow us on social media! Get information on upcoming events, library information, and more. Follow **(@cmplib** on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter, and Snapchat.

## South Branch Book Discussion 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 12 p.m. | South Branch

Meet other book lovers at this discussion.

PINEAPPLE STREET JUNEU JENNYU JACKSON

May 11: *The Maid* by Nita Prose June 8: *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson July 13: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

Aug. 10: *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn & Janie Chang

### **Books on Tap**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m. | Main Library or MISD, Room 104

Discuss a recent fiction title with other book lovers. The May discussion will be held at the Main Library. The others will be held at the MISD. See page 6 for details.



May 13: Peach Blossom Spring by Melissa Fu (Main Library) June 10: Say You'll Be Mine by Naina Kumar (MISD) July 8: Every Last Fear by Alex Finlay (MISD) Aug. 12: Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor

Jenkins Reid (MISD)

## Let's Get Real 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m. | MISD, Room 104

Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles! See page 6 for details.



**May 20:** *Dear Prudence* by Daniel M.

**June 17:** Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant: A Memoir by Curtis Chin

July 22: Easy Beauty by Chloé Cooper Jones

Aug. 19: Spare by Prince Harry

## Mystery Book Discussion

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | North Branch



Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.

May 21: *The Gatekeeper* by James Byrne June 18: *The Survivors* by Jane Harper July 16: *Before She Disappeared* by Lisa Gardner

Aug. 20: *Dead Even* by Brad Meltzer

## adult PROGRAMS

## CMPL ESL Conversations Group

## Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | North Branch

Join our informal group and improve your English by participating in learning exercises that include topics such as pronunciation, life skills, current events, and learner-suggested topics. **No registration is required.** 

## Knit & Crochet Meet Up

#### Mondays: May 7 and 21 at 6 p.m. | Main Library Every other Tuesdays starting June 4 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

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.** 



## Writing Group

#### First Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch



Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Adult writers are welcome.

### **Mitten Tales and Talk**

## First Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library or Zoom

Relax and listen to a short story read aloud by a librarian, followed by a discussion. All stories relate to Michigan! Registrants may attend in person or online via Zoom. Stories include:



May 1: Cross Country by Jim Daniels June 5: A Talented Individual by Andy Mozina

### **Medicare Counseling**

#### Fri., May 3, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Main Library Third Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | South Branch



Medicare/Medicaid counseling sessions will take place by appointment only. Please call the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at (800) 803-7174 to schedule a meeting.

### Trivia Live!

#### Last Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join us for a fun night of pub style trivia. Each month will have new categories with a prize going to the winner!

## **CMPL Memory Café**

Thursday: May 2 at 10 a.m. | Main Library or Zoom Thursday: June 6 at 10 a.m. | South Branch or Zoom

We invite people living with dementia and their care

partners to socialize and connect with others. Join us in person or on Zoom for a fun activity followed by refreshments and time to chat. Upcoming themes include:



May 2: Playground Games and Rhymes: Handclaps and rhymes, Simon Says and Tic-Tac-Toe - do you have what it takes to be a kid again?

June 6: Welcome Summer Party: Join us for a sensory adventure to welcome summer with our favorite tastes, smells, sights and sounds of the season.

#### **Chapter One**

## Tues., May 14 at 7 p.m. | Main Library or Zoom

Spring into reading with your CMPL librarians for a



night of book buzz and recommendations in a variety of genres. Catch up on the books we enjoyed and discover the inside scoop on up-

coming new releases! This is a hybrid event. Registrants may attend in person or online through Zoom.

## Spring Beauties : Native Wildflowers for the Woodland Garden

### Wed., May 22 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Let's decorate our garden with spring beauties! Wondering how? Attend the presentation by Master Gardener



(certified through Wayne County Extension) Cheryl M. English, a long-time resident of the metropolitan Detroit area to learn more about it. Are we tired of tulips? Find daffodils dull? Attend the presentation and explore some native alternatives for the spring garden!

## Programs for Adults

## Nature in Your Neighborhood

#### Select Thursdays at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Learn about Michigan mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians from Huron-Clinton Metroparks (HCMA), Belle Isle Nature Center (BINC) and Detroit Zoo experts and discover how you can support wildlife in your neighborhood.

#### June 6: Marvelous Michigan Mammals with HCMA

Michigan is home to a variety of mammals! Using skins, mounts, and skulls we can see unique adaptations, anatomy, and the diversity of species in our state.

#### July 11: Birds with BINC

Embark on an exhilarating journey into the world

of birds that call Macomb County home. This program is designed to provide seniors with a unique and enriching experience centered around birds and includes an optional bird-watching walk after the presentation.



#### Aug. 15: Herpetology with Detroit Zoo

Cold-Blooded Quest: From the serene waters of the Great Lakes to the dense forests and sprawling meadows, Michigan harbors a remarkable array of coldblooded inhabitants waiting to be discovered. Join us as we delve into the fascinating world of Michigan's reptiles and amphibians, from the iconic Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake to the elusive mud-puppy.

## How to Recover from Compulsive \$hopping and \$pending!

#### Tues., June 18 at 3:30 p.m. | North Branch

Terrance Shulman is the author of *Bought Out and \$pent!* Recovery from Compulsive \$hopping and \$pending (2008). While not yet fully recognized as an official psycho-



logical disorder, compulsive shopping/spending has been a problem since money and material goods were invented. Learn how to overcome this problem and how to get

help for it. Even if you have never had a problem with overshopping/overspending, you never know when things can change.

## The Enchanted Season: The 1984 Detroit Tigers with special guests Lance Parrish and Tom Gage

#### Sat., June 22 at 1 p.m. | MISD, Room 100 A/B/C

All-star catcher and slugger Lance Parrish and awardwinning Tigers scribe Tom Gage, who covered the 1984 Tigers for the Detroit News, recount the Detroit Tigers'

World Series-winning 1984 season. Parrish and Gage will share their insight on manager Sparky Anderson's leadership, pitching aces Jack Morris and lefty Willie Hernandez, the magical keystone combination of Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker, the power and speed of Chet Lemon and Kirk Gibson, and much more. Enjoy a new look back



at the year the Tigers roared. **Registration is required for this event (names will be taken at the door). Seating is limited.** See page 6 for details on the new venue.

## "Engagement Party: How to Talk to Someone with Dementia

#### Sat., July 13 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Feeling stressed about visiting your friend, neighbor or family member with dementia? Engagement parties are informal gatherings where attendees will learn simple engagement techniques that can create shared moments of imagination - without relying on memory, and with no right or wrong answers.



#### Summer Main Dish Salads Tues., July 16 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Mary Spencer from Taste-A Cook's Place will demonstrate delicious summer main dish salads. Samples will be available for tasting.

#### Sleep Hygiene for Better Mental Health Wed., July 24 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

A good night's sleep is very important to have a healthy life style. Dr. Jessica Hauser-Harrington discusses the important factors that impact our ability to get enough sleep. She also addresses how the loss of sleep can have significant immediate and long term effects. Join us at the North Branch to learn more about good sleep habits.

## Adult Craft Programs

## DIA Bus Trip

Thurs., July 25 at 12 p.m. | Departing from North Branch

Join us on a bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. A bus from the DIA will pick us up at the North

Branch and take us to the museum to explore the galleries. Participants must be 55+. We will be at the museum until 3 p.m. and will return around 4 p.m. **Registration begins June 24.** 

## Behind the Scenes of History: 300 Years of Mackinac

#### Mon., July 29 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Hear the incredible history of the Straits of Mackinac from the indigenous peoples to fur trading and logging to 19th century battles to fudge production! What was it like to wear a wool soldier's uniform and fire muskets for a living? What was it like to live on the island in the winter and work security for the Grand Hotel? Historian Andrew Kercher brings the history of Mackinac to life.

#### Manitou Mysteries Shipwreck Adventure Mon., Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson on Zoom for a journey to the waters off the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in northern Lake Michigan and explore the histories and mysteries of the Manitou Passage, one of the deadliest areas on the Great Lakes. An undiscovered fleet of shipwrecked ghost-ships lies off that rugged coast, just waiting to be found. Learn their stories and explore a newly discovered mystery schooner thought to be one of the most intact shipwrecks on the planet.

## Adult Crafts Programs

## Recycled Plastic Vases

#### Sat., May 11 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Brighten up your summer bouquets with a colorful vase made of recycled materials.

### **Sew Your Own Scrunchies**

#### Sat., June 1 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Our hand-sewn hair ties will look great whether you wear them on your wrist or in your hair, or just give them as gifts! Use our fabric or bring your own.

#### Sand Art Candle

### Fri., June 28 at 2 p.m. or Sat., June 29 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Celebrate the upcoming Independence Day with an Old Glory-inspired sand art creation in red, white, and blue with stars, topped with a tea light candle!

## **Beach Scene Resin Coaster**

Sat., July 20 at 10 or 10:30 a.m. | South Branch

Bring a bit of the beach to your home with a beach-inspired coaster made of resin and real sand! This



craft may be messy, wear appropriate clothing.

## Paper Bead Earrings

#### Fri., Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. or Sat., Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Make your own paper beads with patterned paper to create a pair of dangling earrings for pierced ears.



## **Digital Downloads with CMPL**

Sat., June 1 at 10 a.m. | Pitchford Park, Macomb Twp. Sat., June 15 at 10 a.m. | Neil Reid Park, Clinton Twp. You've been borrowing books from the library for years, but did you know you can borrow eBooks, listen to



audiobooks, and stream music, movies, and TV shows through the library - from anywhere? Join CMPL librarians as they walk you through the process of borrowing titles through Libby, hoopla and Kanopy. Please bring the following: your device, your library card and PIN, relevant passwords for downloading apps to your device.

#### Macomb Twp. Music in the Park Thursdays: June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, and Aug. 1 at 6 p.m.

Come visit the Clinton-Macomb Public Library's table

at the Macomb Township Parks and Rec's Music in the Park series. Check out books and get a library card. The event will take place at 19449 25 Mile Rd., Macomb, MI 48042.





#### **Pokémon Academy**

#### Fri., May 10 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Children ages 7-12 are welcome to join the Pokémon Academy to become the very best. At the Pokémon Academy, trainers will complete different activities to earn badges. Once the trainers have collected all the badges they can prove that they are ready to go on Pokémon adventures.

#### **SPRINGO**

#### Sat., May 18 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Join us for a spring-themed game (or two!) of Bingo. Recommended for families with children 12 and under.

#### NorthFlicks, Jr.

#### Select Thursdays | North Branch

Join us to watch a movie on the big screen.

May 23 at 4:30 p.m.: Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (Rated G)

June 27 at 1:30 p.m.: Nanny McPhee (Rated PG)

July 18 at 1:30 p.m.: Bedknobs and Broomsticks (Rated G)

**Aug. 22 at 1:30 p.m.:** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Rated G)

#### **Tween Advisory Board**

Mondays: June 24 and Aug. 19 at 3 p.m. | Main Library



Tweens in 4th and 5th grades are welcome to come hang out at the library to help plan programs that they would like to see while enjoying snacks.

## STEAM Activities

#### **Books and Bricks**

Wednesdays: May 22 at 4:30 p.m. and July 15 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Kids 5-8 years old, join us for some creative fun with books and Legos. We'll share a story and then use our imagination and Legos to create something inspired by the book.



#### **Portable Pond Ecology**

#### Fri., July 12 at 11 a.m. | South Branch

Join Naturalist Endeavors as we learn what makes ponds unique with this hands-on interactive program. This program is for ages 2-12.



## Tween Engineering Challenge

#### Wed., Aug. 14 at 1:30 p.m. | North Branch

Join us at the library as we challenge ourselves by creating new feats of engineering. Tweens will face the challenge of engineering their own building using clothespins, binder clips, and craft sticks. They will also test how sturdy their design is. Recommended for children 8-12.

### Little Scientists: Sink or Float

#### Mon., Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Kids ages 3-6 are invited to hear a story and enjoy some hands-on activities to explore density.

## Crafts and Fun

#### Little Art Explorers

Fridays: May 31, June 28, and Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Children ages 3-5 can explore, discover, and create with different art materials and techniques in this open-ended art class. Please dress for a mess!



#### **Tissue Box Animals**

#### Wed., June 5 at 1:30 p.m. | North Branch

Children ages 2-5 are welcome to let their imagination run wild and create their favorite animal out of a tissue box. Tissue boxes will be provided. Please dress for a mess.

#### Parachute Games

#### Thurs., June 6 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Kids ages 2-5 can join us for some parachute fun!

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 6 for full details.

## Crafts and Fun



#### **Super Sleuths**

#### Fri., June 7 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Collect all the clues, ponder over puzzles and crack the code to solve the mystery of the month with your fellow sleuths. Recommended for ages 7-12.

#### **Tween Craft: Happy Independence Day!** Wed., June 26 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Tweens ages 8-12 years old, join us for some holiday fun as we make a variety of 4th of July themed crafts.

#### **Design a Board Game**

#### Tues., July 9 at 2 p.m. | North Branch

Children ages 8-12 are welcome to come and create their own board game.

#### Drummunity

#### Sat., July 20 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Join us for "Drummunity!" with percussionist Lori Fithian. She'll bring the drums, YOU get to play them. Fun for the whole family - all ages welcome!



#### **Cameron Zvara**

#### Fri., July 26 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Join us for a morning of fun with Comedy Magician and Entertainer, Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with magic, comedy, juggling, music, and tons of audience participation.

#### **Ocean Animal Suncatchers**

#### Sat., July 27 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch

Children ages 2-7 will make their own suncatcher featuring ocean animals. Please dress for a mess.

#### **MarioKart Build Party**

#### Monday, July 29 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Come build your own MarioKart, then race your kart on the library's obstacle course. This program is for ages 7-12. Costumes encouraged.

#### Let It Flow

Fridays: May 17 and June 14 at 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays: July 30 and Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. | North Branch



Children ages 6-12 are welcome to free their inner creativity at this open-ended art session. A variety of materials will be available for kids to let it flow.

### **Library Summer Games**

#### Sat., Aug. 3 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Children entering grades K-5 are invited to celebrate the spirit of the Games with a variety of fun games and activities.

#### **Obstacle Course**

#### Thurs., Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Burn up some energy crawling, jumping and hopping through an obstacle course set up just for toddlers and preschoolers. This program is for ages 2-5.

#### **T-Shirt Pet Toys**

#### Thurs., Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Join us as we create toys for our cats and dogs out of t-shirts. Recommended for ages 8-12.

#### **Tween Craft: Fuse Beads**

#### Fri., Aug. 23 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Tweens 8-12 years old come join us for some fun making fuse bead creations using a fuse bead pattern or creating a design of your own.



#### **Story Times**

Select dates and times | All locations

Story times will take place the **week of July 1** through the **week of July 29**.

#### North Branch | In-person

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years) Mondays at 11 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years) Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years) Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Tot Time (12-23 months) Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years) Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Preschool Story Time (3-6 years)

#### South Branch | In-person

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years)

#### <u>Virtual Story Times |</u> <u>Zoom</u>

Mondays at 9:15 a.m.: Baby Story Time (0-23 months) Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years)



## Story Times & Early Lit

#### Pajamarama

#### Wednesdays: May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Put on your favorite jammies and join us for a fun inperson story time with books, action rhymes, and songs. Recommended for families with children ages 0-8.

#### Dance Party Story Time!

#### Sat., May 11 at 10:30 a.m. | North Branch

Bring your dancing feet and shake your sillies out at this special dance party story time! Children are invited to listen to a story and to jump, groove, and move to music.

#### **PAWS for Reading**

#### Select dates and times | All locations

Help your child gain confidence in their skills by reading to a trained PAWS dog. No registration is required.



Main Library: Wed. May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

North Branch: Thursdays: May 28, June 25, and July 23 at 6:30 p.m., Fri., June 21 at 11 a.m. and Mon., July 22 at 10 a.m.

South Branch: Second Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Thurs., June 20 at 11 a.m. and Thurs., July 25 at 1 p.m.

#### **Story Time Battle**

#### Tuesdays: May 21 and July 16 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

#### Tuesdays: June 11 and Aug. 20 | North Branch

Join us for a Story Time Battle! Librarians will battle it out to determine what theme will win. Who will win? Only you can decide! Recommended for ages 2-7.

May 21: Clouds vs. Rainbows June 11: Ocean vs. Space July 16: Farm vs. City Aug. 20: Elephant vs. Mouse

#### **Dramatic Play**

#### Select Days and Times | South Branch

Join us for play time as we explore different themes through songs, activities, stories and crafts.Recommended for ages 2-5. Check out the upcoming themes:



Mon., May 20 at 4:30 p.m.: Frog Pond Mon., June 3 at 4:30 p.m.: I Scream for Ice Cream

Wed., Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.: Car Wash

### **Little Signs and Wonders**



#### Tues., June 4 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

#### Tues., June 25 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Join us for our theme of Manners, Mealtime & More as we learn baby signs through fun books and songs. This program is for ages 12-36 months.

#### Stories with a Twist

#### Select Mondays at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Children ages 2-5 are invited to listen to stories and do yoga poses inspired by the theme. Please bring a towel or yoga mat.

Mon., June 10: Garden Stories & Yoga Mon., Aug. 12: Things That Go & Yoga

## **Playdough Learning**

#### Wed., June 26 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Did you know you can use playdough to learn? Kids, ages 2-5, will use playdough to make letters and shapes, learn to count, and more!

### **Shell-ter Pet Story Time**

Wed., Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. | South Branch

Bring your shell-ter pet to the library for some story time fun! For shellter pet adopters 12 and under.



#### **Fine Motor Fun**

#### Sat., Aug. 24 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Kids ages 2-5 are invited to do a variety of different activities that promote fine motor skills, from coloring and cutting to working with Play-Doh.

#### **Kanopy for Kids!**

CMPL's streaming digital resource, Kanopy, has a



section just for children. Kanopy Kids is Kanopy's curated collection of content for children, with a focus on ages 2-8. The best part? Downloads from Kanopy Kids do

not count against your monthly tickets. Get started at https://cmpl.kanopy.com/

**Registration is required for all events unless otherwise** noted. Register online at https://cmpl.org or call us at (586) 226-5000. See page 6 for full details.

## MAY THE 4TH & FREE **COMIC BOOK DAY!**

#### Free Comic Book Day

#### Sat., May 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Main Library

Stop in for a celebration of comics and Star Wars! We'll have video games, crafts, and (of course!) FREE COM-ICS! Come grab your Free Comic Book Day comics then stick around to participate in fun crafts and activities! Available while supplies last. Free comics are limited to two per person.

#### **Create Your Own Comics**

#### 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. | Auditorium

Create a hero and craft your own comic book at this drop-in activity.

#### As Seen on VG

#### 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Brennan Meeting Room

Come play video games featuring all your favorite comic characters.

#### Fan Art Awards

#### 2 p.m. | Auditorium

Stop by the awards ceremony to see if your art won an award!

#### **Drawing with Mr. Dave**

#### Sat., May 4 at 1 p.m. | Main Library

Learn to draw with Mr. Dave as we celebrate Free Comic Book Day. This program requires registration and is for ages 7-11 years.

#### May the 4th

#### Sat., May 4 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Stop by the Main Library Children's Room to participate in the Jedi Training Academy obstacle course, Design a Droid, create a Leia or Chewbacca puppet, and possibly a few Star Wars surprises.

#### **Fandom Passport**

#### Sat., May 4 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Stop by the Children's Activity Room to create a passport that allows you to explore your love of your favorite fandoms. Available while supplies last. Recommended for ages 5 and up.



#### Volunteens

#### Wed., May 1 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

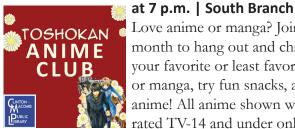
Join us for a quick chat about what's going on for teens at CMPL. We'll go over program ideas and you'll earn volunteer



hours! We might have a few fun games as well.

#### **Toshokan Anime Club**

#### Wed., May 8 at 7 p.m. | North Branch Wednesdays: May 22, June 26, July 24, and Aug. 28



Love anime or manga? Join us every month to hang out and chat about your favorite or least favorite anime or manga, try fun snacks, and watch anime! All anime shown will be rated TV-14 and under only.

#### **Mini Resin Suncatchers**

#### Mon., May 13 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Design a mini suncatcher to hang and catch some summer rays! Resin projects are awesome, but take some time to cure.

## Teen NorthFlicks Movie: 80s Edition

#### Select Mondays | North Branch

Join us each month for a new movie showing! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

May 20 at 6 p.m.: The Neverending Story (92 minutes)

June 24 at 2 p.m.: Labyrinth (102 minutes) July 15 at 2 p.m.: Ferris Bueller's Day Off (98 minutes) Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.: The Outsiders (91 minutes)

#### **Teen Homework Resources**

As the school year comes to an end, CMPL would like to remind you about the resources available to help you cram for that exam and write that final paper. All students in public schools in the CMPL service area may access these databases using their student ID number. Check out some of the resources that are of interest to those in grades 6-12 here: https://www.cmpl.org/ services\_specialties/homework\_help.php



#### **Super Secret Book Box**

### Mondays: May 28, June 24, July 29, and Aug. 26 | Pick up at any CMPL location

Registration opens the 1st of each month. Boxes are available for pickup starting the last Monday of each month.

Love to read but not sure what to read next and want to try a surprise suggestion from CMPL Teen Librarians?



 $\bigcirc$  Then sign up for Super Secret Book

Box! This summer it's a TOTAL

MYSTERY edition! You'll have no

idea what genre of books are in the box. It's a great way to try something new.

Super Secret Book Box is a monthly program where participants will receive one of our Book Box kits containing the following:

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

## Paint & Pour: Sunset Painting

#### Wed., June 5 at 7 p.m. | North Branch

Join us as we learn some chill painting skills that would make Mr. Ross proud. Follow along step-by-step and you'll end up with your very own masterpiece!

## End of School Mini Party!

#### Fri., June 14 at 4 p.m. | South Branch

Celebrate a big deal in a mini way! We'll have mini games, treats, and prizes!



## **Perler Bead Creations**

#### Wed., July 3 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Create mini, pixel art of your own design or recreate your favorite characters!

REMINDER: Parents and younger siblings will not be able to attend teen programs. Programs are for teens entering grades 6 through 12.

### Summer Resin Pondscape

#### Mon., June 17 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Come build a mini pondscape around a resin pond that

doubles as a coaster! Resin projects are awesome, but take some time to cure. The base of the craft can be taken home day of, but attendees will need to return to pick up the resin at a later date.



## Arts & Snacks: Mosaic Crafts

#### Mon., July 8 at 4 p.m. | South Branch

Get crafty and create some fun mosaic art in a variety of formats.

## **Candy Olympics**

#### Fri., July 26 at 3:30 p.m. | South Branch

Taste test interesting and fun candy from around the world and rank them in each category!

#### Lord of the Rings 70th Anniversary Party! Mon., July 29 at 4 p.m. | North Branch

Enter Hobbitcore mode and join us to celebrate 70 years of LOTR with crafts, games, and snacks (duh!). Come dressed in your hobbit best (if you wish) and be ready to make hobbity crafts and snacks, including Dragon Egg Lembas Bread!

## Ice Cream Sundae Party!

**Sat., Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. | South Branch** Get out of the heat of summer and create your own ice cream sundae. Enjoy your creation while watching a couple episodes of a recent anime.



## Hack This Painting 2.0



### Mon., Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

It's back! Get ready to get weird with us as we paint our way through hilarious challenges and ridiculous prompts.

## International Language in Teen

CMPL's Teen Room at the Main Library has a new collection launching! We now have an International Language collection consisting of YA Fiction and Graphic Novels titles. We're kicking it off with Spanish titles and plan to add more soon.



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#### South Branch

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#### **Hours of Service**

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday\* 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. \*Main Library only

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## Children's Outreach Events

Can't make it to the library? Come see us out in the community this summer!

## 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! The mall is located at 17420 Hall Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038.

Tues., May 14: Flowers Story Time Tues., June 18: Zoo Story Time Tues., July 16: Beach Story Time Tues., Aug. 13: Things That Go Story Time

### **MTPR Tons O' Trucks**

Sat., June 15 at 10 a.m. | Seneca Middle School Visit CMPL's table at Macomb Township Parks and Rec's Tons O' Trucks event. No registration is required.

#### **Rock N Read Story Time in the Park**

June 19 at 10 a.m. | George George Park, Clinton Twp.
Aug. 2 at 10 a.m. | Waldenburg Park, Macomb Twp.
Aug. 8 at 10 a.m.: Macomb Corners Park, Macomb Twp.
Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.: Normandy Park, Clinton Twp.
Aug. 22 at 10 a.m.: Pitchford Park, Macomb Twp.
Grab a blanket and a picnic lunch and get ready for stories, songs, games, and fun! No registration is required.

#### **Rosco on the Run Picnic**

## Tuesdays: July 9, July 16, July 23, and July 30 at 11:30 a.m. | Macomb Parks

Come visit the Clinton-Macomb Public Library's table at Macomb Township Parks and Rec's Rosco Picnic. Check out books and get a library card. **No registration is required.** Get location information at https://www.macomb-mi.gov/470/Roscos-Picnic-Palooza-Series

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