

# *Clinton-Macomb Public Library* **Library Matters**

## **1-2-3: Immigration**



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## FROM the DIRECTOR...

Last spring the U.S. Surgeon General issued an advisory regarding the epidemic of loneliness and isolation facing the nation. “Loneliness” the report noted, “is far more than just a bad feeling—it harms both individual and societal health. The physical health consequences of poor or insufficient connection include a 29% increased risk of heart disease, a 32% increased risk of stroke, and a 50% increased risk of developing dementia for older adults. Additionally, lacking social connection increases risk of premature death by more than 60%.” While these statistics are distressing, thankfully the library offers fun, free and easy ways to get better connected to family, neighbors, friends current and even future.

**Programs** – The library offers a vast array of programs suitable for many different audiences and ages. There are few better ways to get acquainted with other new moms or caregiver family members than by attending a story time with young children. Perhaps you are a caregiver for a friend or family member diagnosed with dementia. Our CMPL Memory Café offers the opportunity for an enjoyable outing, near home, where you will find welcoming librarians and a room full of empathy. Our book clubs connect people for the simple pleasure of reading and then discussing and sometimes debating a good (or not so good) book. One of our book clubs even meets at Brio in Partridge Creek Mall so you may enjoy a good beverage while discussing a book.

**Spaces** – Our three libraries offer ample spaces to gather on a casual or formal basis. Puzzle tables and other “community” projects are available to feel connected either individually or as a group. Our study and conference rooms are available free of charge to non-profit organizations based in our service area (Clinton Township except the portion in the Mount Clemens School District and Macomb Township)\*. These are great ways to connect with neighbors, such as homeowners’ associations, common interests such as professional groups, and service groups such as scouts.

Our children’s spaces also feature special areas to encourage interactive play in our engaging early spaces. It’s a wonderful way for young children to interact with parents and caregivers and other children their own age. What better way to make a new friend than at the library?

We are also super pleased to once again host the Chipewewa Valley Schools Art Show at the Main Library. The library is the perfect backdrop for this showcase of the amazing talent of local school students. Hosting the show in a public space means that everyone in the community gets to view, enjoy and appreciate the works of art that they may not have normally seen if they did not have school-aged children.

**Outreach** – As people age the chances of becoming more disconnected increases, whether friends and family members have moved away or passed on. Sometimes people lose their vision and maintaining independence can become a significant challenge. The library has a wonderful team of librarians whose job it is to focus on serving our residents beyond the bounds of the library’s walls. Our Adult Outreach team visits local senior living communities to deliver books and small programs to bring people together and enjoy reading and stories. Our Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled offers books by mail or download and programming via phone.

Our school outreach librarians visit the more than 60 school buildings within the six different school districts that we serve. Recognizing the importance of putting books of relevance and interest in the hands of younger children, we have created classroom deposit collections that rotate between classrooms in elementary schools that have the greatest need for reading score improvements. In addition to hoping to help boost the scores, our librarians are also friendly faces that we hope students will seek out if they are fortunate to have parents or caregivers who bring them to the “big” libraries. So, while the Surgeon General’s advisory is concerning, the good news is that you have a solution close at hand in your local public library. We look forward to serving and connecting with you and your family soon.

*\*Please pardon our dust as the Main Library undergoes several updates for the year ahead. We will make every effort to sustain services to the fullest extent possible, but interruptions are to be expected. This will also be an excellent time to enjoy the services of the North and South Branch buildings!*

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## Tiny Art Show

**Mon., Jan. 15 at 9 a.m. | South Branch**

Display your artistic talents in our third Tiny Art Show Feb. 3-March 2. Be creative, have fun, you may use your own materials if you desire. This is not a juried art show; no prizes will be awarded.



- Register Jan. 1-15
- Kits may be picked up Jan. 18-Jan. 25
- Return your masterpiece Jan. 27-31 to any location

Paintings will be returned after the Tiny Art Show. This program is for adults, teens, and children over 8. Register each family member separately.

## Fan Art Show

**April 9-May 1 | Main Library**

This popular art show/competition is back for a second year! If you are between the ages of 1 and 99 and you like to make art that represents your love for your favorite TV show, movie, comic book, or any other medium, we would love to see it. Please fill out the form and submit it along with your art by April 1. All appropriate submissions will be displayed in the lobby of the Main Library starting the first week of April. Vote for your favorites April 9-May 1. Winners will be announced at a small ceremony on Sat., May 4, during the library's Free Comic Book Day event. There are four main prizes, and one of them could be yours!

## CVS Art Show

**April 23-30 | Main Library**

The Main Library will once again host the artwork of students from Chipewewa Valley Schools. Stop by during regular library hours and see the art of the talented students in our service area.



## On the Cover

Photo of participants in the ESL Conversations Group at the Main Library. In 2023, we had learners from Albania, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Iraq, Mexico, Poland and Ukraine. See page 8 for details.

## From Where I Sit Exhibit

**Mon., Feb. 5-Sat., March 2 | Main Library**

Presented by the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ) with the Black Women of Macomb County, From Where I Sit comes through the committed efforts of a group of over 80 women that gathers to connect, celebrate, and recognize the impact of the past and its influence on the present. The works share personal narratives and artistic expressions that work together as a whole to celebrate creativity, fellowship, and representation, and aims to contribute to the ongoing dialogue surrounding racial justice.

The Main Library is pleased to host this exhibit, formerly showcased at the Anton Art Center in Mount Clemens. Please stop by the Main Library to view the exhibit in the gallery area on the second floor. There will be an opening reception on **Tues., Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.** Please stop by for light refreshments and the opportunity to talk with some of the featured artists. No registration is required.

## Poetry Contest

In spring, we will once again partner with Tomlinson Arboretum committee members to create a Poetry Walk in the Arboretum. We'd like to display your poem in the park! One poem will be selected from each of three grade level categories, plus adults. Poems must address the theme of trees or nature in general and conform to the following:



- Each line of the poem should be less than 40 characters and the poem must fit on an 8x14 inch page at 18 point font.
- Poems are due on or before March 31.
- Previous years' winners may not win again.

See our website for more information!

## Kanopy is Here!

CMPL is excited to let residents know that we have added Kanopy to our suite of digital services! Kanopy is a collection of streaming films, with a focus on thoughtful entertainment. There are over 30,000 titles including award-winning documentaries, world cinema, classics and harder to find titles.





# 1-2-3: IMMIGRATION

A new year means a new community initiative at CMPL! 1-2-3 is one topic, two communities and three books suitable for various ages. Our goal is to provide our communities with forums to learn about, think about, and discuss challenging contemporary issues. This year we will provide intentional programming centering on immigration. We have selected a picture book, teen book, and adult nonfiction book that focus on our theme. We hope to see you at an event or two to learn more about immigration. We have selected the following books:

- **Picture book:** *Home is in Between* by Mitali Perkins
- **Teen:** *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- **Adult:** *Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival and New Beginnings* edited by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guinansaca

## Immigration: An American Story

**Mon., Jan. 8-Sat., Feb. 3 | Main Library**

The United States has often been called “a nation of immigrants.” Over time, each wave of immigrants has left its own imprint on public attitudes and policies throughout the country’s history. *Immigration: An American Story*, created by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute, presents documents, maps, and images to tell select stories of those who came to America.

## Immigration and Refugee Resettlement 101

**Wed., Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Emma Davis, Director of Refugee Integration Policy for Global Detroit, presents on Immigration and Refugee Resettlement. Emma explains what it is like to be a newcomer in America. She also discusses how and why people come to the U.S., the complicated immigration legal system, some general history of immigration in Michigan, and how newcomers are welcomed in Southeast Michigan.

## Taste of Korea: Korean Cuisine, Full of Wisdom and Nature

**Thurs., Feb. 1 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us for an unforgettable culinary experience featuring the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Discover the secrets of Korean food and the unique cultural traditions that have shaped it into one of the world’s most popular and healthy cuisines.

## U.S. Citizenship Jeopardy

**Sat., Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. | Main Library**

Can you pass the U.S. naturalization test? We will find out as we play a game of Jeopardy where all of the questions are taken from the test that thousands of new American citizens take every year.

## Ukrainian Culture

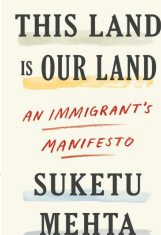
**Tues., Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

In February of 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine in an escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian war which began in 2014. Join us to learn about the historical context of this conflict, how Ukrainians are resettling here in Michigan, and about Ukrainian culture including language, music, food, and traditions.

## This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant’s Manifesto

**Mon., Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Suketu Mehta, the New York-based author of *This Land Is Our Land: An Immigrant’s Manifesto*, talks about both the hypocrisy and hope surrounding America’s immigration beliefs. Mehta is an Associate Professor of Journalism at New York University. His book about global migration tells of his own experience as an Indian-born teenager growing up in New York City and also about today’s migrants, their motivation, and the economic and historical forces that propel them from their homes to faraway lands.





## Afghan Culture

**Wed., March 13 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

On August 15, 2021, the Taliban captured Kabul. Over the next two weeks, 123,000 people were evacuated. Join us to learn the historical context of this conflict, how Afghans are resettling here in Michigan and about Afghan culture, including language, music, food, and traditions.

## Immigration 101

**Tues., March 19 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Kawkab (Kay) El-moussaoui and Jaimie Lerner, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, will present an overview of immigration law and policy. This comprehensive guide is designed to help individuals navigate the complex process of immigration. It is intended to educate and inform those who are new to the immigration process, as well as those who are seeking to update their knowledge on the latest immigration policies and procedures.

## What We Fed to the Manticore Author Inspiration and Process

**Wed., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Talia Lakshmi Kolluri is a mixed South Asian American writer from Northern California and the author of



*What We Fed to the Manticore*. Through nine emotionally vivid stories, all narrated from animal perspectives, Talia Lakshmi Kolluri's debut collection explores themes of environmentalism, conservation, identity, belonging, loss, and family with resounding heart and deep tenderness.

## Asian American History in Southeast Michigan

**Wed., April 10 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Enjoy a discussion with Roland Hwang, an attorney and lecturer in the Department of American Culture, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Studies, at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## Naturalization (become a U.S. Citizen) and Know Your Rights

**Tues., April 16 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Kawkab (Kay) El-moussaoui, Immigrant Justice Corps Legal Fellow from the Michigan Immigrant Right Center, will present on the naturalization process and the rights associated with it. Kay discusses the advantages and disadvantages of naturalization, requirements for naturalization, the process and timeline, where to get help, and the rights of those who do not yet have U.S. citizenship.

## 1-2-3 EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

### Passport to the World

**Tues., Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch**

Join us as we take a tour around the globe and sample some tasty treats. For ages 8-12 years.

### My Family Tree

**Wed., Feb. 28 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

Join us for stories and a craft about family and history. For children ages 3-6.

### Super Sleuths

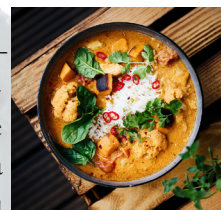
**Mon., March 25 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Can you solve a mystery about Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty? Put your sleuthing skills to the test and find out! This event is intended for ages 7 and up.

*Be a part of our immigration celebration! Share a piece of your heritage with the CMPL community this winter.*

### From the Old Country to CMPL: Recipes from Our Ancestors

CMPL is looking for your best family recipes to be included in a cookbook. Did your Polish Babcia make the best pierogi ever? Did your Tha Tha from Southern India teach you the perfect way to make batter for your breakfast idlis and dosas? Please use the form to submit your recipe (with a photograph if possible) and a short explanation of where it comes from and what it means to you and your family. Patrons who submit a recipe by March 15 will receive an electronic book of all of the recipes together, and a print copy will be made available in our local author section at the Main Library for everyone to check out. Let's honor our family histories together while sharing delicious food!



### Immigration: A Clinton-Macomb Story

**Mon., March 18-Sun., Apr. 14 | Main Library**

This spring, the Main Library will host a display to showcase the diversity of our communities' heritage. Residents of Clinton and Macomb Township may submit for display up to two photos and up to two items to represent their or their families' heritage. Items could include clothing, paperwork, decorations or other items that came with you or your family when immigrating to the U.S. Items will be displayed in locked cases at the Main Library March 18-April 14. Please email [info@cmpl.org](mailto:info@cmpl.org) by March 15 to submit items for display.

## Tech Tutoring

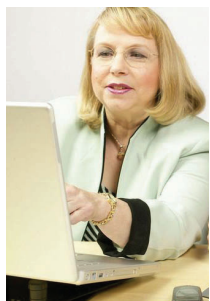
**Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | South Branch**

Stop by for drop-in help using your smartphone, tablet, or other portable device.

## Improve Your Computer Skills

**Assorted dates and times | Main Library**

We continue to offer small, hands-on computer classes on the following topics: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Files & Folders, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Staying Safe Online, and Mobile Device Basics for iOS and Android. Classes run throughout the winter. Please call (586) 226-5040 or visit the events calendar to register.



## Library Apps For Your Apple or Android Device

**Thurs., Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. or Mon., Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m. | Main Library**

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



## 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. For online and hybrid programs, you will receive an email with details about how to join via Zoom prior to the start of the program.

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

*For the safety of our librarians and your fellow program attendees, we ask that anyone who is experiencing symptoms of illness to please refrain from attending library programs in person. Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Movies at Main

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



### Barbie

Thurs., Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. and  
Wed., Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.  
Rated PG-13, 114 minutes

### Till

Thurs., Feb. 8 at 1 p.m. and  
Wed., Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.  
Rated PG-13, 130 minutes



### Oppenheimer

Thurs., March 14 at 1 p.m. and  
Wed., March 20 at 5:45 p.m.  
Rated R, 180 minutes

### Jerry and Marge Go Large

Thurs., April 11 at 1 p.m. and  
Wed., April 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Rated PG-13, 96 minutes



## NorthFlicks

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

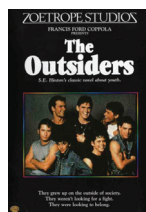
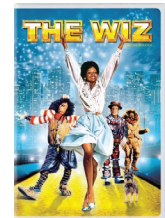


### Superman: The Movie (1978)

Thurs., Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.  
Rated PG, 143 minutes

### The Wiz (1978)

Thurs., Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.  
Rated G, 133 minutes



### The Outsiders (1983)

Thurs., March 7 at 6 p.m.  
Rated PG, 113 minutes



## Book Blasters Book Club

**Saturdays at 2 p.m. | South Branch**

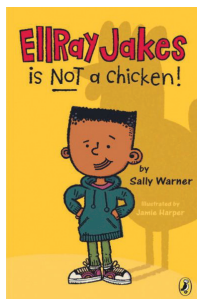
Do you like books, snacks and playing games with friends? Then sign up for Book Blasters, a monthly book club for ages 7-9.

**Jan. 20:** *Ali the Great and the Market Mishap* by Saadia Faruqi

**Feb. 17:** *EllRay Jakes is Not A Chicken!* by Sally Warner

**March 16:** *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* by Debbi Michiko Florence

**April 20:** *Redwoods* by Jason Chin



## Graphic Novel Book Club (GNBC)



**Tues., Jan. 30 at 4:30 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 *The Snowcat Prince* by Dina Norlund.

## Battle of the Books

**Sun., March 3 at 1 p.m. (5th grade) | Main Library**

**Sun., March 3 at 3:30 p.m. (middle school) | Main Library**

Are you ready to battle? Students are invited to participate in an epic literary trivia battle! This year there will be a 5th grade Battle and a middle school Battle for those in grades 6-8. Battle books are available from all three CMPL locations. You will need a team of 2-5 students and an adult coach to register. Visit <http://cmpl.org/school-bob> for full rules and to get registered. Only one registration per team is required.



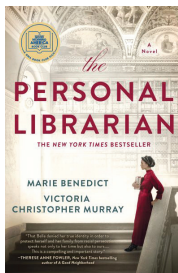
## Blind and Low-Vision Assistance

The Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (MLBPD) offers adaptive technology training for people with vision issues. If vision prevents you from using your Windows-based computer or your iPhone, iPad or iPod, make an appointment with our technology tutor. MLBPD also offer audiobooks and large print books by mail for patrons who qualify for our service. Please call (586) 286-1580 for more details or to set up an appointment.

## South Branch Book Discussion

**2nd Saturdays at 12 p.m. | South Branch**

Meet other book lovers at this discussion.



**Jan. 13:** *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

**Feb. 10:** *The Cuban Heiress* by Chanel Cleeton

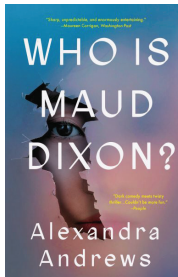
**March 9:** *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

**April 13:** *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

## Books on Tap

**2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Brio Italian Grille**

Discuss a recent fiction title with other book lovers at Brio at Partridge Creek.



**Jan. 8:** *Who is Maud Dixon?* by Alexandra Andrews

**Feb. 12:** *The No-Show* by Beth O'Leary

**March 11:** *The Final Revival of Opal & Nev* by Dawnie Walton

**April 8:** *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami

## Let's Get Real

**3rd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles!



**Jan. 15:** *The Last Slave Ship* by Ben Raines

**Feb. 19:** *Finding Me* by Viola Davis

**March 18:** *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

**April 15:** *Somewhere We Are Human* edited by Reyna Grande

## Mystery Book Discussion

**3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.



**Jan. 16:** *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano

**Feb. 20:** *The Night Shift* by Alex Finlay

**March 19:** *Some Choose Darkness* by Charlie Donlea

**April 16:** *Mr. Churchill's Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal

## Renew Your Reading is Back!

Adults, visit <https://cmpl.org/reading-challenges/> to learn how to sign up and possibly win a fabulous prize!

# adult PROGRAMS

## CMPL ESL Conversations Group

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

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

**Tuesdays: Jan. 2, Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 12, March 26, April 9, and April 23 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another craft? Hang out and show off your new creations! All ages and skill levels are welcome. **No registration required.**



## Writing Group

**First Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Adult writers are welcome. We will not meet in April.

## Mitten Tales and Talk

**First Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library and 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. Winter stories include:



**Jan. 3:** *Process* by Michael Zadoorian

**Feb. 7:** *Puncher's Chance* by Doug Allen

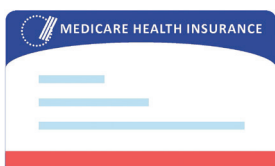
**March 6:** *If a Stranger Approaches You about Carrying a Foreign Object With You onto the Plane* by Laura Kasischke

**April 4:** *Living Together* by Gloria Whelan

## Medicare Counseling

**First Fridays, 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.

## CMPL Memory Café

**Thursdays: Jan. 4 and March 7 at 10 a.m. | Main Library or Zoom**

**Thursdays: Feb. 1 and April 4 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:

**Jan. 4:** “Winter Fun” bingo using images instead of numbers. Lots of fun for all!

**Feb. 1:** Learn about Valentine’s Day and create Valentines to give to that special friend.

**March 7:** Celebrate spring’s arrival by decorating wood birdhouses to take home.

**April 4:** Name that tune! Have fun guessing songs and discussing the music of your life.

## 18+ Dungeons and Dragons

**Thursdays: Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21, and April 18 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us for monthly Dungeons and Dragons at the Main Library! Please pre-register so we can assist you with character creation before the event.

## Embracing a Plant-Based Lifestyle

**Tues., Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Would you like to start 2024 with a healthier lifestyle? If so, join Marc Ramirez, a former University of Michigan football player and co-founder of the nonprofit Chickpea and Bean. Ramirez will discuss how he lost 50 pounds and reversed Type 2 diabetes and other illnesses with the power of plants. His wife Kim, co-founder of Chickpea and Bean, will share tips and tricks about what to shop for and how to prepare food while transitioning to a plant-based lifestyle.

## Medicare 101

**Mon., Jan 22 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

Are you soon turning 65 and getting ready to enroll in Medicare? The team from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can help to explain enrollment options and any questions that you may have before you sign up for Medicare.





# Programs for Adults

## Dementia Conversations

**Tues., Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Learn to have honest and caring conversations about common concerns when someone begins to show signs of dementia. This program is offered by the Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter.

## Detroit Style Pizza: A Doughtown History

**Mon., Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. | Main Library**

Learn how a Motor City delicacy became an international pizza sensation. With in-depth research and storytelling, Karen Dybis takes you into the kitchens that developed, fought over, and sought to perfect this delectable dish that put Detroit up there with New York, Chicago, and New Haven when it comes to pizza. Also enjoy a free sample slice provided by Buddy's Pizza, Shelby Twp.

## 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!

## Ann Arbor Film Festival

**Thurs., Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

We are pleased to be a tour stop for the Ann Arbor Film Festival this year. We will be showing a variety of shorts from Program 1 and the runtime is about an hour and 15 minutes. There will also be a Q&A afterward with some remarks by the director of the film festival. Please note these films are unrated and we recommend an adult audience only.

## Detroit's Paradise Valley and Black Bottom Community

**Mon., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. | North Branch**

Historian Ken Coleman takes us back in time to one of Detroit's most prominent African American communities, Black Bottom, and the business and entertainment center of Paradise Valley, home to places like the Gotham Hotel and the Surf Club. This cultural mecca welcomed the likes of such legends as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Sammy Davis Jr., Langston Hughes, and Joe Louis.

## Diversity in Romance With Sylvia Hubbard

**Thurs., Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Sylvia Hubbard, local Detroit author of over 55 romance novels, discusses four changes African American writers had on the romance genre in America and authors who have made significant contributions.

## Intermediate Genealogy

**Sat., Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Join us for an investigation of several topics including historical immigration and naturalization. This program is for anyone interested in genealogy who may have started their family tree.



## "Barbenheimer" Double Feature

**Sun., Feb. 25 at 12:15 p.m. | Main Library**

Come see the much discussed double feature of the last summer, Oppenheimer (rated R, 180 minutes) and Barbie (rated PG-13, 114 minutes), on our big screen. The movies will be screened back-to-back, with a short intermission between films. Light refreshments will be provided.

## African American Athletes' Influence on American Society

**Wed., Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Join this presentation with Evan Wiener, an award winning journalist, radio commentator, and TV pundit on MSNBC and ABC. African American athletes have made their mark on sports globally since the 1936 Berlin Olympics and Jesse Owens' performance against the backdrop of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Many African American athletes have more than just on-field accomplishments and many others who took principled stands and helped change society.

## Harsens Island and the St. Clair Flats

**Mon., March 4 at 7 p.m. | Main Library**

Harsens Island, located at the mouth of the St. Clair River on Lake St. Clair, once attracted thousands of Detroit tourists arriving by steamer to enjoy Tashmoo Park and the island's resort hotels. Learn about the island that is now a DNR Wildlife Area and home to 1,200 residents. Presented by Robert Williams, Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society.

## Intro to Knitting

**Wed., March 6 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch**

In this class you will learn how to cast-on, cast-off, a knit stitch, and how to read a pattern. All materials will be provided. By the end of the class, you should be able to make a simple dishcloth.



## Adult Board Game Night

**Thurs. March 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

We're opening up our library's collection for a board game night! Bring some friends and we'll provide the games. Our selection includes games such as Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, and Pandemic.

## DIA Bus Trip

**Wed., April 24 at 12 p.m. | Departing from Main**

Join us on a bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. A bus from the DIA will pick us up at the Main Library 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 March 24.**



## Monet's Garden

**Sat., April 27 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

We will explore the fascinating story behind Claude Monet, one of the founders of Impressionism and his late water lily paintings, considered to be the turning point in early modern art history. Please join Karen Imarisio as she discusses Monet's Garden which is based on the book *Mad Enchantment: Claude Monet and the Painting of the Water Lilies* by Ross King.

# Craft Programs for Adults

## Resin Bookmarks

**Sat., Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. | South Branch**

Create a resin bookmark with glitter, leaves, flowers and more.

## Feed the Birds Craft

**Fri., Feb. 2 or Sat., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

Did you know February is National Bird Feeding Month? Show the birds some love by creating heart-shaped suet cakes using natural ingredients to hang in your yard. Learn the safest ways to feed.

## Copper Wind Spinner with Marbles

**Fri., March 29 or Sat., March 30 at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

Feel like a kid again with a bag of marbles! Create a copper wind spinner with several sets of interchangeable glass marbles for your deck or patio this spring.

## Flying Cardboard Theater Puppet Workshop

**Sat., Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. | North Branch**

Children of all ages are invited to a special shadow puppet workshop, presented by members of the Flying Cardboard Theater of Detroit.

## Preschool Fair

**Sat., Jan. 27, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. | Main Library**

Will your child be heading off to preschool next fall?



How do you decide which preschool program is best for your child? CMPL wants to help you with this important decision when we host the annual preschool fair. More than a dozen area preschools will have displays showcasing their programs and a representative to answer questions. Come by any time

during the morning to learn about these schools.

## Eureka! with the Michigan Science Center

**Sat., Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

Imagine where we would be without inventions such as the light bulb, microwave oven, or our favorite toys. Join us as we explore the amazing tales of how these inventions came to exist. All ages are welcome.

## NorthFlicks, Jr.

**Select Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. | North Branch**

Join us to watch a movie on the big screen.

**Jan. 25:** An American Tale (Rated G)

**Feb. 22:** Soul (Rated PG)

**March 21:** E.T. (Rated PG)

**April 25:** Encanto (Rated PG)



## Tween Advisory Board

**Tuesdays: Feb. 20 and April 2 at 4:30 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.

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



## Mini Movie Mornings

**Wed., Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

Celebrate Black authors and illustrators with a read-along movie morning. Popcorn provided, but feel free to bring your own blanket. Enjoy *Stacey's Remarkable Books* by Stacey Abrams and *A Day At the Museum* by Christine Platt. Recommended for ages 5 and under.

## Chippewa Valley Schools Literacy Night

**Mon., March 18 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Students attending any Chippewa Valley elementary school are invited to explore fun literacy-based activities, listen to stories read by CVS principals, and more. **No registration is required.**

## T-Rex Tea Party

**Thurs., April 11 at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

What's better than a tea party? A T-Rex tea party! Join us with our giant T-Rex guest as we listen to stories, create crafts, and visit with the T-Rex. For ages 2-5.



## Toddler Yoga

**Sat., April 13 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

Toddlers and their caregivers are invited to play yoga with songs, puppets, and stories!

## STEAM Activities

### Books and Bricks

**Wednesdays: Jan. 17 and March 20 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

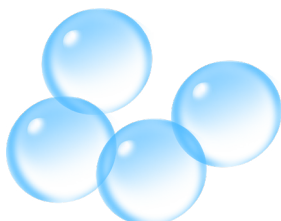
Kids 5-8 years old join us for some creative fun with books and Legos. We'll share a story and then use our imagination and Legos to create something inspired by the book.



### Bubble-ology

**Tues., Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

Join us for a hands-on program all about bubbles. We will learn about bubbles, make big and small bubbles, and test your own 3D bubble wands. Kindergarten through 5th grade. Weather permitting, we will even make frozen bubbles!



## Little Scientists

**Thurs., Feb. 29 at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

**Tues., April 9 at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

Kids ages 3-6 are invited to hear a story, and enjoy some hands-on activities. The Main Library theme is the five senses. The North Branch theme is magnification.

## Circuit Masters

**Wed., March 27 at 3 p.m. | South Branch**

Come learn about electricity and circuits with the Leslie Science & Nature Center. Recommended for ages 10-12.

## Those Amazing Plants

**Sat., April 6 at 3 p.m. | South Branch**

Come learn about the amazing plants of Michigan in this presentation by Naturalist Endeavors. Recommended for grades 2-5.

## Where Does the Rain Go?

**Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

Learn about our local watershed and what kids can do to protect our water in this presentation by the Clinton River Watershed Council. Recommended for children in grades 3-5. This presentation will use a variety of hands-on activities and games to explain what the watershed is and show kids what they can do to protect our water.

## Crafts and Fun

### Dramatic Play

**Select Dates and Times | South Branch**

Join us for crafts and stories centered on a theme. Recommended for ages 2-5.

**Wed., Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.:** Horsin' Around

**Sat., March 2 at 11 a.m.:** Bakery

**Fri., April 12 at 4:30 p.m.:** Arbor Day

### Parachute Games

**Tues., Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

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

### Origami Crafts

**Tues., Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us while we learn some basic origami and create some amazing art to take home. Recommended for ages 8-12.



## Little Art Explorers

**Fridays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, April 19, and May 3 at 11 a.m. | Main Library**

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!

## Snow Day, Snow Play

**Sat., Jan. 20 at 11 a.m. | Main Library**

Join us for some (indoor) snow-themed crafts and games. We'll have "snow" much fun! This program is intended for ages 2-5.

## Let It Flow

**Fridays: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 22, and April 26 at 4:30 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.



## Tween Craft: Carabiner Clip Keychains

**Thurs., Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Tweens 8-12 come have some fun designing and creating your own unique keychains made from carabiner clips.

## Mini Golf Course Designer

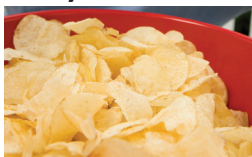
**Mon., Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Make your own miniature golf course complete with mini golf club. Build solo or team up to create the ultimate mini golf course. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

## Bet You Can't Eat Just One

**Sat., March 23 at 12 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us for some taste testing of different chips and trying to guess which brand of chips is which. Recommended for ages 8-12.



## Tween Craft: Finger Knitting

**Thurs., April 4 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Tweens 8-12 years old come join us for a fun craft project that we'll be making through finger knitting.

## Fairy Gardens & Gnome Homes

**Tues., April 9 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Create your own mini-garden or home for a fairy, gnome, or other magical creature. Please dress for a mess and bring your imagination! For children in 2nd-5th grade.



## Baby Prom

**Wed., April 10 at 12 p.m. | Main Library**

Little ones 0-3 years old, along with their caregivers, are invited to join us for dancing, crafts, photo ops, and more. Formal wear is encouraged but not required.

## Design a Duck

**Sun., April 14 at 2 p.m. | Main Library**

Children ages 3-12 are welcome to come design the duck of their dreams. Different materials will be available to make their duck dreams a reality.



## Mad Libs Poetry

**Mon., April 29 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Celebrate National Poetry Month by making your own Mad Lib poem. Share your poem aloud, or have the librarian dramatically read your poem aloud. Recommended for ages 7 and up.

## Story Times & Early Lit

### Story Times

**Select dates and times | All locations**

Session I story times will take place the **week of Jan. 15** through the **week of Feb. 15**. Session II will take place the **week of March 4** through the **week of April 4**. Session III will take place the **week of April 15** through the **week of May 16**.

### Main Library | In-person

**Mondays at 9:30 a.m.:** Tot Time (12-23 months)

**Mondays at 10:15 a.m.:** Little Listeners (2-3 years)

**Mondays at 11 a.m.:** Little Listeners (2-3 years)

### North Branch | In-person

**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)

### Virtual Story Times | Zoom

**Mondays at 9:15 a.m.:** Baby Story Time (0-23 months)

**Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.:** Rock N Read (2-5 years)

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





## Little Signs and Wonders

**Thurs., Jan. 4 and Fri., March 1 at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

Join as we learn baby signs through fun books and songs. This program is for ages 12-36 months. The Jan. theme is bedtime. The March theme is bath time.

## Stars and Stories

**Sat., Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. | South Branch**

Learn about stars and the stories connected to different constellations with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks and their inflatable planetarium. Recommended for grades K-2.

## 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:** Third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**North Branch:** Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**South Branch:** Second Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

## Stories with a Twist

**Select Mondays at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

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., Jan. 8:** Winter Stories & Yoga

**Mon., April 8:** Ocean Stories & Yoga



## Pajamarama

**Wednesdays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, and April 10 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Put on your favorite jammies and join us for a fun virtual story time with books, action rhymes, and songs.

## Grow, Play, Learn

**Thursdays: Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, and Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. | Main Library**

**Mondays: Feb. 19, March 4, March 11, March 18, and March 25 at 10 a.m. | North Branch**

**Thursdays: April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 23 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

Our five-week parent/child workshop is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program is open to ages 1-3 and their caregivers. Please attend only one Grow, Play, Learn session per year.

## Sensory Story Time

**Sat., Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

Join us for a family-friendly story time with craft. For ages 2-5 but all ages and abilities are welcome.

## Celebrate MLK Day

**Mon., Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

**Mon., Jan. 15 at 4:30 p.m. |**

**South Branch**

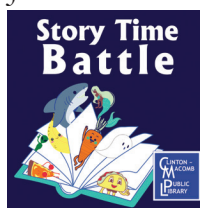
Children ages 3-12 are invited for a story and craft to celebrate the life and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Story Time Battle

**Select Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

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. You are invited to come in pajamas and/or comfortable clothing if you would like.



**Jan. 16:** Summer vs. Winter

**Feb. 13:** Breakfast vs. Dinner

**March 12:** Ducks vs. Frogs

**April 16:** Owls vs. Bats

## Imagine That!

**Sat., Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. | South Branch**

Enjoy a high-energy and interactive performance by the Children's Theatre of Michigan. Recommended for pre-schoolers but fun for the whole family!

## Play to Learn

**Thurs., Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. | South Branch**

This early literacy program is for children ages 2-4 and their parents & caregivers. It encourages learning through play at several book-based stations. The theme of this Play to Learn is *Where is the Green Sheep?*



## Blast Off! Space Story Time

**Sat., March 9 at 11 a.m. | North Branch**

Celebrate all things SPACE with fun songs, stories, rhymes and a craft. Ages 2-5.



# Winter Reading Bingo

**Wed., Jan. 10- Sat., March 2 | All locations**

The cold winter days provide plenty of opportunity to participate in Winter Reading at CMPL! Just complete a row or cover all the badges between Jan. 10 and March 2 to complete the program. Complete the bingo board online at [cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365](http://cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365) or fill out this board and return it to the library to have us log for you.

Reading badges are cumulative. If you read for a half hour, check the 30 minute badge. If you read for 30 minutes the following day, check the 60 minute badge and so on. Adults will receive a grab bag for completing the program, which may contain treats, CMPL swag, or gift cards! Children will receive a book. Teens will receive a book and an entry into a drawing for a tablet.



## Check Out a Bag

Have you noticed canvas bags around the library lately? They are available to check out! Use them to help you gather items while you browse and check one out to take your things home. The bags check out for three weeks just like books! Please return bags to the Information Desk and do not return on the automatic belts.



## PROGRAMS

### Volunteers

**Wednesdays: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, and April 3 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us for a quick chat about what's going on for teens at CMPL. We'll go over program ideas and you'll earn volunteer hours! We might have a few fun games as well.

### DIY Rubber Stamps

**Sat., Jan. 6 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Learn how to design and create your own rubber stamps, then get artsy with them!

### Toshokan Anime Club

**Wednesdays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13, and April 10 at 7 p.m. | North Branch**

**Wednesdays: Jan. 24, March 27, and April 24 at 7 p.m. | South Branch**

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.

### Teen NorthFlicks Dinner & a Movie

**Select Mondays at 6 p.m. | North Branch**

Join us each month for a new movie showing! This round, we're going RETRO with all 90's movies! Food will be provided.

**Jan. 15:** Clueless & Pizza

**Feb. 19:** Edward Scissorhands & Tacos

**March 18:** Men in Black & Mac n' Cheez

**April 15:** 10 Things I Hate About You & "Brinner"



### Snack Olympics

**Wed., Jan 17 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch**

Come taste test and vote for your favorite snacks from around the world!

### Resin Snowflakes

**Sat., Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Have fun designing your own resin snowflakes by adding gold leaf, mica powder, glitter, and more! Participants will also receive mini suction cups to hang these on their windows at home.



### Super Secret Book Box

**Mondays: Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25, and April 29 | 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, or want to try a surprise suggestion by a Teen Librarian? Super Secret Book Box is a monthly program where participants will receive one of our curated Book Boxes full of surprises!

Pick a theme from the list when registering and our Teen Librarians will select a library book just for you. Each box contains a variety of goodies, activities, and snacks, plus a surprise book to keep or share with your friends.

### Arts & Snacks: Bead Buddies

**Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

**| South Branch**

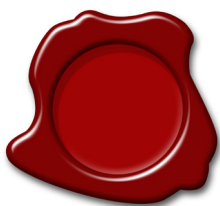
Come create all kinds of fun designs with beads. From bracelets, to pixel animals, to keychains, or more! Snacks provided, or bring your fave.



### Wax Melts and Warmer Craft

**Sat., Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Join us to create your own wax melt warmer and the wax melts to go with it!



### Teen Game Night: After Hours Hide & Seek

**Sat., Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Hang out with Teen staff and find all the best nooks and hiding spots for our after hours hide and seek game night. We'll have plenty of fun variations on this classic game. This is an after-hours event. Late arrivals cannot be admitted after 6 p.m. and attendees must be picked up at 8 p.m.

### Rice Krispie Treat Towers

**Mon., March 11 at 6 p.m. | South Branch**

Like competitions? Like building and being creative? Like Rice Krispie treats? Then this program is for you! Compete against your friends and other teens as you build and decorate fully edible Rice Krispie treat towers. Awards will be given and teens can eat their creations too!



### Arts & Snacks: Noteboard Craft

**Sat., March 30 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Create a two-sided noteboard that does double duty with a side for dry erase AND corkboard notes! Snacks provided, or bring your fave.

### Teen Game Night: After Hours Escape Room

**Sat., April 13 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

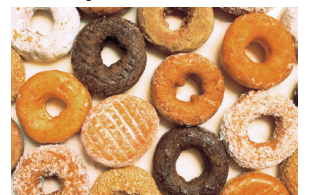


Join us for a library wide escape room! You'll have two hours to work your way through puzzles as you make your way through the library. The library closes and doors lock at 6 p.m., can you make your way through all the locked doors and find your way to the prize room before 8 p.m.?

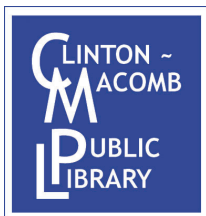
### Donut Taste Test!

**Sun., April 21 at 3 p.m. | Main Library**

Taste test a variety of store bought and bakery donuts as we compare them to homemade donuts we make during this program.



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



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Gretchen Krug, Branch Head

#### South Branch

35679 South Gratiot Avenue  
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Margaret Dekovich, Branch Head

#### 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.

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Stop by the Main Library for a free concert. Join us for a free hour of music open to all ages. **No registration is required to attend these concerts.**

**Sun., Jan. 14 at 2 p.m.:** Steve Somers Band (jazz-blues-Motown)

**Sun., Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.:** James Taylor, Jr. (singer-songwriter, piano/guitar)

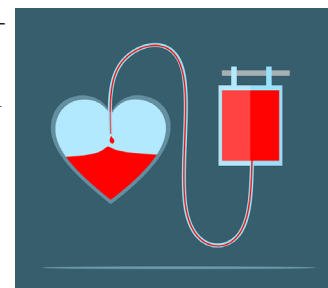
**Sun., March 10 at 2 p.m.:** Royal Oak Blues Band (jazz/country/rock)

**Sun., April 21 at 2 p.m.:** Beats with Ben (steel drum)

### Clinton Township Blood Drive

**Feb. 6, Feb. 7, and Feb. 8 | Main Library and South Branch**

CMPL is proud to be a partner in the 25th annual Clinton Township Blood Drive. The need for blood is critical at this time. Consider a donation to the community during the Clinton Township Blood Drive. To register, call (586) 286-1768 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: [clintontownship](http://clintontownship)



**Tues., Feb. 6:** Main Library 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Chippewa Valley High School 1-7 p.m.

**Wed., Feb. 7:** Clinton Township Senior Center 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and South Branch 12-6 p.m.

**Thurs., Feb. 8:** Clintondale High School 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Clinton Township Senior Center 1-7 p.m.

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