

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

Library Matters

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Summer Reading is Here!





FROM the DIRECTOR...

This year the library's Summer Reading theme is camping. Of course, everyone's idea of the ideal camping trip differs greatly. Some enjoy rustic treks with backpacks deep into the wilderness, off the grid, sleeping under the stars, battling the buzz of mosquitoes and black flies. Others consider "glamping" their idea of camping, with running water, electricity, Wi-Fi, a comfortable bed, and every provision provided. The library's idea of the best camping trip is one that involves reading for fun over the summer and items that encourage lifelong learning and inspire intergenerational joy and interaction. Our other goal is to remind you that whatever is on your list of things to pack for your trip this summer, be sure to keep the library in mind for things you might put on that list.

Books are certainly the most obvious choice. If you are a last-minute packer, then coming to the library and wandering the stacks is a super easy way to pick up a few or several titles! Have no idea what to read next? Ask a librarian, they love nothing better than to help make reading suggestions based on your interests, authors you do and don't like, format you like to read, and, for a younger member of the family, the reading level.

How about checking out a board game? Remember those times when members of the family gathered to play Yahtzee, Monopoly, Clue and others? Don't want to have to go out and buy a game and then find a place to store it the rest of the year? Want to try out a game you've never played before? The library has a wide variety of classic and contemporary board games available to check out. Yes, we also have video games for the electronically inclined!



Vacation is a great time to try out a new hobby or device. The library has dozens of "to go" kits. These include tech items such as GoPros, a pickle ball set, disc golf set, Bigfoot tracking and hiking kit, Story Time To Go, photo scanners, and even backyard movie night blow-up screens and projector kits.

One of the biggest hidden gems of the library collection for summertime vacations is the Michigan Activity Pass program, a collaboration between Michigan's public libraries and a wide variety of museums, parks, campgrounds and other venues. Get free passes using your CMPL card at <https://miactivitypass.org/> It's also a great way just to see a map of attractions in whatever area you are planning to visit, whether it be locally for a day or away for a week.

As you'll see on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of Library Matters, we have made it very easy to participate in our Summer Reading program. Read, have fun, win prizes. It's as simple as that. If your family is doing a staycation this summer, then plan an outing to the library for a good program, a place to cool off on those really hot days, and a place that will leave you feeling a bit happier, enlightened, and as though you have been on a quick vacation, if even for an hour or two.



We look forward to serving you and your family soon.

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P.S. In staying true to my managerial philosophy of "mess up, fess up, dress up," I have to admit that in my column for the January-April issue of Library Matters, I started out, "While the word "semiquintennial" doesn't exactly roll off my tongue..." Of course it did not roll off my tongue because it was an error. The correct word is semiquincentennial. To anyone who started using that term incorrectly after reading my column, I apologize! To my proofreaders out there, I appear to have received a free pass from the members of all 84,000+ households who receive the newsletter. Thank you, and may you have a safe and extra happy Independence Day this year!

Fan Art Award Ceremony

Sat., May 2 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Celebrate with us as we announce the winners from our Fan Art Contest! There will be prizes for the winners, as well as some random prizes for the audience.

Free Comic Book Day!

Sat., May 2 at 12 p.m. | Main Library

Come grab your comics then stick around to participate in fun Free Comic Book Day crafts and activities! This event is drop in and open to all ages. Please limit to 2 Free Comic Book Day comics per person. Free comics are limited and available while supplies last.

55+ Living Well at CMPL

Thurs., May 7 | Main Library

Learn how to age with health and grace at our biannual event for those 55+. Take a look at the schedule and join us for a morning of wellness and social activity.



9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Visit the exhibitors in the lobby

9 a.m.-1 p.m.: Blood pressure checks from Henry Ford Community Health

9:30 a.m.: Welcome and continental breakfast in the Auditorium

10 a.m.: Breakout sessions (choose one):

- Cutting the Cable: Streaming Services 101
- Healthy Living for your Brain and Body
- Prevent Elder Abuse

11 a.m.: Ice cream social and Tech to Go demonstrations

12 p.m.: Healthy Cooking with Taste

Need Reading Recommendations?

Summer is here and you might need a reading recommendation. Try Ten in 10! Let us know what you like to read: favorite authors, genres, series and more. We'll put together a list of 10 books and email them to you within 10 days. It's a great way to get a list of reading recommendations for the entire summer. Visit https://cmpl.org/services_specialties/adults/ten_in_10.php to get started.

On the Cover

CMPL staff getting into the camping spirit for 2026 Summer Reading Camp.

Tomlinson Arboretum Poetry Walk

June-September | Tomlinson Arboretum

Visit the Tomlinson Arboretum (west of the Main Library) to find poems placed throughout the natural setting of the park. The poems include contemporary and classic poems, all mounted near benches. Pick up a map at either entrance, or find it online at cmpl.org/adults to locate and enjoy the poems as you walk through the park.



Tomlinson Arboretum Tour

Sat., June 13 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 in the library Auditorium then head to the Arboretum. The tour is 1.5 miles long and will take two hours. All ages welcome.

Strategic Plan Updates

CMPL has been diligently working on strategic focuses. Our fiscal year runs from Dec. 1-Nov. 30 each year. We recently received our audit and compiled the work done to achieve our strategic priorities including offering world class customer service, focusing on exceptional programs, collections and services, and offering landmark community spaces. To see the 2024-2025 strategic plan progress report, please visit https://cmpl.org/about/board_of_trustees/index.php

Michigan Activity Pass

Summer is here! It's a great time to get out and explore our great state. The Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) can help you find new destinations. MAP is a statewide partnership between libraries and parks, cultural destinations, campgrounds, and more. Visit <https://miactivitypass.org> and search for destinations around the state. You can search by specific name or area. You may check out one activity pass per library card every seven days. You have seven days to use your pass after you have checked it out. Make this summer great and explore new areas of Michigan.



**MICHIGAN
ACTIVITY PASS**

Welcome To Summer Reading Camp!

SAT., JUNE 6–SAT., AUG. 8

Summer is coming and that means CMPL's Summer Reading program is back for all ages! This year, we're focusing on a camp theme that connects to analog activities like reading, visiting the library, crafts, games, and more!

Disconnect from the stress of life and decompress with a good book for 40 days this summer. For children and teens, reading each day helps to keep brains sharp and combat "summer slide," the learning loss that occurs when school is out all summer. Reading over the summer may also entice reluctant readers because they get to choose what they want to read and when. If you have a reluctant reader, check out our PAWS for Reading events to encourage confidence. See page 12 for dates and times.

Reading over the summer can also help encourage reading as a life-long hobby. It's not just for children and teens. For adults, reading has been known to expand vocabulary and conversation skills, reduce stress levels, help sleep, and combat diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia. For those with children and teens in their lives, it also demonstrates the importance of reading.

Make CMPL's Summer Reading Camp a family activity. This year, we're hoping to reach 50,000 days logged. Use the game board on the next page. Place an X on the days you read at least 15 min-

utes. Or, CMPL's reading challenge software to log your reading. Visit <https://cmpl.org> to get started. Read whatever you want! You may log every day or log multiple days at once. You do not have to read for consecutive days.

Summer reading wouldn't be complete without prizes! Children and teens will get to choose a free book when they register for Summer Reading. They will also get a prize when they complete Summer Reading. Adults will be entered into a drawing when they register for and complete Summer Reading. Everyone who reads for 20 days and 40 days will receive raffle ticket entries into prize drawings of their choice. Raffle prizes include an inflatable paddle board, camping chairs, gift cards, Legos, art supplies, games, and more!

In addition to numerous programs being held throughout the summer, CMPL is also hosting kick-off events for adults and children. Read on to find out how you can join us and make 2026 CMPL's best Summer Reading program ever!

Adult Summer Reading Soiree **Fri., June 5 at 6 p.m. | Main Library**

Kick off summer reading with a night of celebration. Wear your favorite literary garb, get fancy, or just come as you are. Start the night with a comedy show, followed by crafts, refreshments and book recommendations throughout the library.

Children's Kick-off

Sat., June 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. |

Main Library

Join us for Summer Reading Kick-off at the Main Library. You can register for Summer Reading, check out books, make a reading journal, and join us for one of these fun events:

11 a.m.: Jasper Rabbit Story Time

Join us as we do a fun story time featuring the works of Aaron Reynolds. There will be a Jasper Rabbit photo op!

11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.:

- Chalk the front sidewalk*
- Giant Games
- Baby/Toddler Obstacle Course
- Photo Booth

12 p.m.-1 p.m.: PAWS for Reading

Some of our favorite dogs from the local Go Team will be visiting CMPL. Bring your favorite story to practice, sing the alphabet song, or meet these therapy dogs.

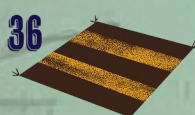
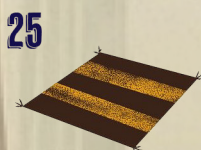
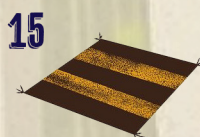
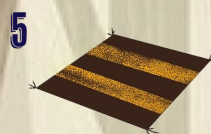
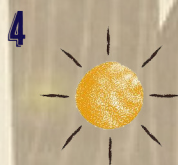
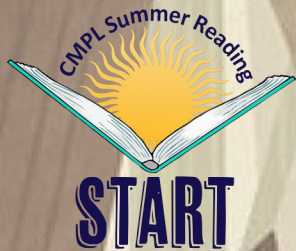
12 p.m.-2 p.m.:

- Face Painting
- Bubbles*

1-2 p.m.: NERF Mobile Games

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

**weather permitting*



FINISH



MUSIC AT MAIN

Visit the Main Library to enjoy live music once again! We're delighted to bring back our concert series. **No registration is required.**

Sun., May 3 at 2 p.m.: Marc Dorian (piano-driven pop/rock music with vocals)

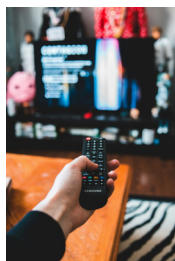
Technology Events

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.



Cutting the Cable: Streaming 101

Thurs., June 11 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Do the options for TV have you scratching your head? In this presentation we will share the equipment needed to stream TV and what to consider as you think about cutting the cable!

AI for Things You Actually Do

Mon., June 29 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for a low-pressure introduction to artificial intelligence and how it fits into everyday routines. No prior knowledge is required—just curiosity.



Library Apps 101: Libby, Kanopy, Hoopla & Freegal

Tues., July 21 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Did you know you can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, and stream music, movies, and TV shows for FREE through CMPL? Come learn about digital downloads!

AI or A-Lie?: Spotting AI Generated Content

Mon., July 27 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Artificial Intelligence can make it hard to tell what content is real versus what is computer generated. Join us as we learn how to spot AI generated content and learn how to avoid common AI Scams.



Movies are back at the Main Library! Tuesday matinees will have the subtitles turned on. Evening movies will not have subtitles. **No registration is required.**

Hamnet (2025)

Tues., May 19 at 1 p.m. and Wed., May 20 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 125 minutes

Independence Day (1996)

Tues., June 9 at 1 p.m. and Wed., June 17 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG, 145 minutes

Superman (2025)

Tues., July 14 at 1 p.m. and Wed., July 15 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 129 minutes

Wicked: For Good (2025)

Tues., Aug. 11 at 1 p.m. and Wed., Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG, 137 minutes

NorthFlicks

Select Thursdays at 6 p.m. | North Branch

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

May 7: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (1977), PG, 121 mins.

June 4: Can't Stop the Music (1980), PG, 124 mins.

July 2: Ghost (1990) PG-13, 126 mins.

Aug. 6: Cocktail (1988), R, 104 mins.

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

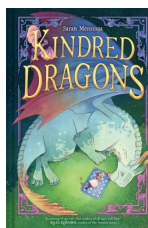
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This logo  signifies a program that supports the Get to Know Your Neighbor initiative.

Book Discussions for Children

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tues., June 23 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library
Kids ages 9-12 will discuss *Kindred Dragons* by Sarah Mensinga.

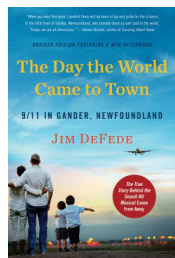


Rookie Readers Book Club

Saturdays: May 16, June 13, July 11, and Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Children ages 5-7 may join us for a librarian-led book club where we will read one or two books, talk about them together, and do a fun activity.

Book Discussions for Adults



ESL Book Discussion

First Mondays at 3 p.m. | Main Library or Zoom

Practice English through reading *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. This is designed for intermediate adult English learners.

South Branch Book Discussion

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

May 9: *The Dallergut Dream Department Store* by Lee Mi-ye 

June 13: *The Secrets of Flowers* by Sally Page

July 11: *Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle & Flying Club* by Helen Simonson

Aug. 8: *When the World Fell Silent* by Donna Jones Alward



Books on Tap

2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | HopCat

Join us at HopCat at the Mall at Partridge Creek.

May 11: *Mika in Real Life* by Emiko Jean 

June 8: *Red Clay* by Charles B. Fancher 

July 13: *North Woods* by Daniel Mason

Aug. 10: *The Compound* by Aisling Rawle

Let's Get Real

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

Come discuss some of the best nonfiction titles!

May 18: *Accidentally on Purpose* by Kristen Kish 

June 15: *Astor* by Anderson Cooper

July 20: *Cultish* by Amanda Montell

Aug. 17: *The Gales of November* by John U. Bacon

Book Discussions for Adults

Mystery Book Discussion

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

Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.

May 19: *Everything We Didn't Say* by Nicole Baart

June 16: *Pretty Girls* by Karin Slaughter

July 21: *Everyone Is Watching* by Heather Gudenkauf

Aug. 18: *The Block Party* by Jamie Day

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

Every other Tuesday starting May 5 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.

Medicare Counseling and Open Enrollment

Third Fridays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | North Branch

Third Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Medicare/Medicaid counseling sessions will take place by appointment only. Please call the AgeWays at (248) 262-0545 to schedule a meeting.

Introduction to Rain Gardens

Sat., May 2 at 1 p.m. | Main Library

Learn about rain gardens and how you can solve local water problems by installing one. This project has been funded wholly or in part through Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's Nonpoint Source Program by the United States Protection Agency. Presented by Huron-Clinton Metroparks.



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

adult PROGRAMS

The Mackinac Bridge: Then and Now

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

Engineer and Bridge Director Kim Nowack presents the history of transportation in the straits area and the building of the Mackinac Bridge. Learn about what it takes to maintain the Mighty Mac throughout the year and current bridge related events.

All Abilities Club

Select Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Adults and teens 16+ with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their caregivers are invited to enjoy crafts, games, and activities. Please note, the July session will take place at the North Branch. 

May 13: Succulent Teacup Planter

June 10: Springtime Bingo

July 8: Seashell Mirrors

Aug. 12: Book Vases



Monuments Woman Rose Valland

Sat., May 16 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

In 1944, during the Nazi occupation of Paris, Rose Valland was a curator at the Jeu du Paume when the museum became the Nazi's art looting headquarters. During this time, this unassuming heroine secretly kept meticulous records of each stolen artwork coming in and going out of the museum. Valland's valued efforts made possible the recovery of the world's most treasured art masterpieces after the war.

Weeds: The Wicked, Wild and Wonderful

Sat., May 16 at 1 p.m. | Main Library

Learn about weeds, those pesky, persistent presence in our gardens that may be misunderstood. Leave with practical tips to transform your battle with weeds into a deeper appreciation for their place in nature and your garden. Presented by Jennifer Ott of My Thyme Gardens.

The First 100 Years of Jewish Detroit: 1850-1950

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

In celebration of American Jewish Heritage Month, explore how Detroit's Jewish population grew from just 51 people to more than 80,000 in a single century—a story of ambition, resilience, and community-building. Learn why Jewish immigrants were drawn to Detroit and how they transformed the city into a thriving hub of Jewish culture and life. 

Detroit's Kosher Meat Riot of 1910

Wed., May 27 at 3 p.m. | Main Library

In honor of American Jewish Heritage Month, attend a special presentation by Catherine Cangany, CEO of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. This engaging talk brings to life the courage, community, and conviction of the women who challenged Gilded-Age robber barons and reshaped Detroit's Jewish story. 

Yoga and Meditation for Peace of Mind

Tues., June 2 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

In observance of Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, celebrate with a special yoga program at the library. Join us for a calming session of gentle yoga and meditation designed to promote peace of mind and mental clarity. 

The American Revolution

Wed., June 3 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Todd Estes, Professor of History, Oakland University takes us back 250 years to the American Revolution, an audacious war for independence in which thirteen colonies, under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief George Washington, rebelled against British rule to establish a new sovereign nation founded on principles of liberty and self-governance. 

What Should I Read Next?

Tues., June 16 at 2 p.m. | Main Library



Find your next great read! This program introduces reading tools and trackers that help you find read-alikes, follow series order, and keep track of what you read.

Was My Ancestor a Patriot?

Sat., June 20 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Join us for a lively discussion on new innovations to solve your genealogy tough questions. 

Seeking Safety: Immigration 101 and Welcoming Refugees

Wed., June 17 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

In observance of World Refugee Day, Lauren Shina-berry, Supervising Attorney at the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center (Detroit Office), will discuss the history of immigration law and how it impacts refugees and people seeking asylum in our community. 

Programs for Adults

Generations of Pride: LGBTQ+ Elders and Community Care

Mon., June 22 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

This presentation explores the history of LGBTQ+ Pride, from Stonewall to the growth of Pride events in Michigan, through the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ elders. Attendees will learn how Pride has shaped community building and advocacy across generations and discover ways to engage with MiGen's programs, resources, and opportunities to support LGBTQ+ older adults statewide. **N**

Your Detroit Tigers - the Great, the Good, and the Neither with authors Tom Gage and former Detroit Tiger Alex Avila



Wed., June 24 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Who is the greatest Tiger? In their new book, Tom Gage and Alex Avila rank 400 Tigers players going back to 1901. Join them for a discussion of player profiles and Tigers history, followed by a book signing.

Summer Fruit Desserts

Wed., June 24 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Mary Spencer from Taste: A Cook's Place will share some delicious summer fruit dessert recipes for you to enjoy all summer long.

Mahjong: A History and Learn to Play

Tues., June 30 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Mahjong is a tiled game originating in the mid 1800's in China that spread to various parts of the world and East Asia. Instructor Justin Beach, from Southeast Michigan Riichi, will talk about the history of mahjong and you will also have an opportunity to learn how to play this popular game.



The Declaration of Independence

Wed., July 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, severing ties with Great Britain and outlining the philosophical principles of a new nation including equality and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. **N**

Breaking Barriers: Disability, Identity, and Strength

Tues., July 28 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

In honor of Disability Pride Month, learn about the importance of disability identity, access, and inclusion, and discover the strength found in community. Participants will explore how breaking down physical, social, and attitudinal barriers helps create spaces where everyone feels welcome, respected, and proud of who they are. **N**

PowerPoint Night: A Social Event

Thurs., July 30 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

We're bringing this fun TikTok trend offline for the evening. Share your funny, informative, or ridiculous presentation with a group of interested people. Patrons should prepare a PowerPoint presentation that takes 3-5 minutes to share. The topic can be anything: a deep dive on a historical person, a ranking of best to worst Power Rangers, a detailed how-to guide for a very easy task.



DIA Bus Trip (departing from North Branch)

Thurs., Aug. 13, 11:45 a.m.-4 p.m.

A bus from the DIA will depart from the North Branch Library at 11:45 a.m. and take us down 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 July 16.**

Adult Craft Programs

Practical Book Repairs

Mon., May 4 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

Learn how to give your favorite books a second life with our hands-on book repair program, where you'll learn simple techniques to fix ripped pages and loose bindings.

Yarn Birds

Wed., May 13 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join us to create a colorful bird by wrapping and shaping yarn.

Knotted Lip Balm Holder

Fri., May 8 at 10 a.m. or Sat., May 9 at 3 p.m.

Create a knotted lip balm holder to have your lip balm with you on the go. Some previous experience working with small macramé-type knots would be helpful. Program is on two dates; please choose one.

Crafts for Adults

Mystery Crafts Old and New

Fri., June 5 or Sat., June 6 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Join us for mystery crafts, some old, some new. Random selection provides you with a craft that fits a word clue: illumination, reflection or inspiration. Program is on two dates; please choose one.

Heated Rivalry Craft Night

Tues., June 23 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

Come hang out, color, and make friendship bracelets with other fans of “that hockey show.”

Fabric Postcards

Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m. or Sat., June 27 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Learn to make usable postcards out of fabric and paper! Program is on two dates; please choose one.

Sublimation Print and Press

Thurs., July 9, 4-7 p.m. | Main Library

Sublimation uses a special ink and heat to create a permanent design on blank items. In this session, CMPL’s sublimation printer and heat presses available to you! Bring your own design or create one here. We will have a mug or bag for you to use, or bring in your own sublimation blank if you prefer. Register for one half hour time slot only.



Bad Art Afternoon

Sat., July 25 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch

Do you want to be creative without the expectation of being perfect? Come to our Bad Art Afternoon! We’ll bring the materials, you bring the fun!

Sunflower Plant Stake

Wed., Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Craft a decorative sunflower, plant stake perfect for brightening up houseplants.

Lighthouse Night Light

Fri., Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. or Sat., Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Celebrate National Lighthouse Day by decorating a night light with a selection of designs including a historic Michigan lighthouse printed on vellum. Program is on two dates; please choose one.



Mug Rugs: A Beginner Sewing Project

Thurs., Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. or Sat., Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Learn the basics of quilting and piecing as we make a simple project together. Program is on two dates; please choose one.

Color Me Calm: Adult Coloring Night

Wed., Aug. 24 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Whether you stay perfectly in the lines or let your creativity roam free, this cozy night is all about relaxing, laughing, and leaving lighter than you came.



Family Activities

These events are intended for families to do together.

Summer Camp Craft Throwback

Sat., July 11 at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. and Wed., July 22 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Families and anyone age 8 and up join us for classic camp crafts.

July 11: Tie-dye t-shirts

July 22: Macramé friendship bracelet

Family Yoga

Thurs., July 16 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Yoga fun for the whole family! This playful class includes partner poses, engaging songs and creative breathing techniques.



Board Game Open Play

Tues., July 21 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

We’re opening up the library’s collection for a board game day! Drop in with family or friends and we’ll provide the games. This time we’ll provide card games.

Family Evening Story Time

Thurs., July 23 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Join us for a fun story time! Family members of all ages are welcome. We will enjoy some stories, dance to music and create a keepsake craft.



May the 4th Crafts

Mon., May 4 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library

Stop by for some Star Wars crafts as we celebrate. **Registration is not required.**

Joe Reilly Family Concert

Fri., June 12 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

We are pleased to host local singer/songwriter Joe Reilly, whose songs are playful, clever, engaging, joyful, and always have something meaningful to say. All ages welcome.

The Reptarium

Tues., June 18 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

The Reptarium will teach us about various reptiles. This program is for ages 3-11.

Music at the Blissful

Mon., June 15 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library

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

The American Revolution

Tues., June 30 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of American Freedom with Randy Baker. Randy will be in uniform and will bring an array of artifacts as we learn about the causes of the Revolution, the impact the war had on the world, the life of a soldier, the living conditions, and the hardships. This program is for grades 4-12 in the fall. 

Shark Day

Tues., July 14 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Celebrate Shark Awareness Day in our 2nd Shark Day at the Main Library. Crafts, games, and activities will be available to try. **Registration is not required.**



STEAM Activities

Radical Reptiles

Sat., May 9 at 11 a.m. | South Branch

Through a story, a visit with live reptiles, and an up-close look at shells and scales, kids will discover what makes these often misunderstood animals unique. For ages 3-5 years.

Books and Bricks

Wednesdays: May 20 and July 29 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.

Creature Feature

Fri., July 10 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Join Dan the Creature Man as we learn about various animals including an 8-foot Albino Burmese Python and much more. This program is best for ages 4-11.

Michigan Science Center: Egg-Pollo 11

Sat., July 18 at 2 or 3 p.m. | South Branch

Children in grades 2-5 will put engineering skills to the test with the Michigan Science Center as we design a carrier to safely land an egg on the moon!

Outstanding Owls

Fri. July 31 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Join the Huron-Clinton Metroparks as we explore "wide-eyed owls" with all their features, from hooked beaks to silent wings to oh-so-sharp talons. We'll also listen to the sounds of Michigan owls and try to mimic them. This program is for ages 3-7.



Crafts and Fun

Little Art Explorers

Fridays: May 8 and Aug. 14 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!

Craftopia

Mon., May 18 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Join us for a fun evening of crafting! There will be four crafts for you to make. This program is for children ages 6-12.

Let It Flow

Thursdays: May 28, June 25, July 30, and Aug. 27 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.

Fireworks Stories & Crafts

Sat., June 27 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library

Children ages 0-5 can get ready for Independence Day with some fun fireworks themed stories, songs, and crafts. 

Block Party

**Fridays: May 29, June 26 at 11 a.m. and
Saturdays: Aug. 1 and Aug. 29 at 3 p.m. |
North Branch**

You bring the imagination, we'll bring the blocks! For ages 2-12.



Little Kids Can Cook!: Fruity Hot Caribbean Slaw

Tues., June 9 at 2 p.m. | North Branch

Children ages 3-5, will practice fine and gross motor skills while cutting fruit and veggies to mix with a sweet vinaigrette of Island flavors. 

Sundae Funday

Fri., July 24 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Celebrate National Ice Cream Month with us by making your own ice cream sundae! This program is for children ages 12 and under.



Kids Can Cook!: Jamaican Jerk Jackfruit, Black Bean and Mango Wraps

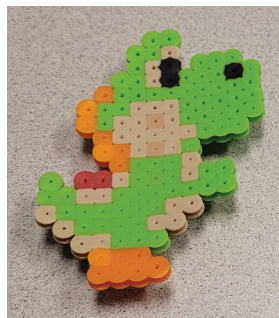
Mon., June 22 at 3 p.m. | North Branch

Kids, ages 6-12, will practice reading a recipe, and preparing ingredients for these flavorful wraps. Kids will be cooking, so adult supervision is needed. 

Stuffed Animal Picnic

Mon., July 27 at 2:30 p.m. | Main Library

Children and their favorite stuffed animal are welcome to come join our librarian for a fun picnic story time followed by crafts. Recommended for ages 2-8.



Fun with Perler Beads

**Mon., Aug. 10 at 4:30 p.m. |
North Branch**

Create a keychain, magnet or decoration for your backpack. Perler beads are small beads that fuse together when heat is applied. Ages 7 and up.

PAWS for Reading

2nd Mondays at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

**4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. |
North Branch**

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



Story Times

Select dates and times | All Locations

Session I runs the week of **June 22** through the week of **July 20**.

Main Library

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

Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years)

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Baby Story Time (0-18 months)

North Branch

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 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Story Time (3-6 years)



South Branch

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

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Preschool Story Time (3-6 years)

Story Time at the Mall

Select Dates at 10 a.m. | The Mall at Partridge Creek

Start your Tuesday morning with some stories, songs, and a craft. The Mall at Partridge Creek is located at 17420 Hall Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48038. Join us for the following dates and themes:

May 5: Gardens

June 9: Summer

July 14: Beach

August 11: Things That Go



Story Times & Early Lit

Pajamarama

Wednesdays: May 13, June 10, July 8, and Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

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

Story Time Battle

Select Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Librarians will battle it out to determine what theme will win. This is recommended for ages 2-7.

May 19: Space vs. Ocean

June 16: Bats vs. Owls

July 28: Pirates vs. Ninjas

Aug. 18: Airplanes vs. Trains



Campfire Story Time



Wed., May 27 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Children ages 2-5 are welcome to come hear some fun stories and create some crafts all about camping.

Tape Town!

Mon., June 1 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library

Take a spin through Tape Town, a city with taped roadways, ramps, and different “neighborhoods.” Kids can enjoy imaginative play and early learning activities at each destination. For children ages 2-5.

True Tales & Trailblazers

Tuesday: June 2 and Aug. 11 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library

During this story time a librarian will read a biographical picture book to children ages 5-8. Afterward they will do a craft and activity based on that historical figure’s life. Dress for a mess!

Zumbini

Thursdays: June 4 and July 28 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Join us for this early childhood music and movement class for children ages 0-4 and their caregivers. We’ll combine signing, dancing, and playing with musical instruments to promote cognitive, social, and motor skill development in a fun, bonding experience.

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.

Stories with a Twist

Mon., June 8 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Mon., Aug. 17 at 10 a.m. | South Branch



Children ages 3-5 are invited to listen to stories and enjoy themed yoga poses. Please bring a towel or yoga mat. The June theme is things that go. The August theme is farm stories.

Dramatic Play

Wednesdays: June 3 and Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Let your imagination soar and join us for fun, themed activities, games, and imaginative play. Recommended for children ages 2 to 5. June’s theme is the beach. August’s theme is campground.

STEAM Tales

Wednesdays: June 17 and Aug. 12 at 4 p.m. | Main Library

Enjoy a fun, interactive story time and then do an activity related to the story. The June theme is build a bridge. The August theme is don’t blow down this house. For children in grades K-2.



Construction Zone! Story Time

Sat., July 25 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Kids ages 0 to 5 will hear stories and sing songs all about construction vehicles.



Grow, Play, Learn

Thursdays: July 9-Aug. 6 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

This is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. Open to ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

Sensory Friendly Story Time

Wed., July 29 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Join us for a sensory friendly story time, designed for children who require sensory accommodations with a smaller group setting. Fidgets, plushies, and calming area available. Content is designed for children ages 3-6, but children of all ages are welcome to attend. 



Ready, Set, Kindergarten



Fri., Aug. 7 at 10:30 a.m. | South Branch
Children about to enter kindergarten in September 2026 are invited to join us for activities designed to prepare them for school. Early math and science concepts along with literacy development activities will help your child get ready for their big transition to kindergarten!

Discovery Tots: Summer Fun

Mon., Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

A summer-themed playtime program for toddlers & preschoolers and their caregivers. Children can discover and explore through variety of hands-on play and sensory activities. For children ages 2-5.

Stories and Snacks

Fri., Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Who doesn't love a good snack? Join us for a story time plus edible goodies. For children ages 3-5.

Tween Events

All tween events are intended for ages 8-12.

Happy Fourth of July!

Wed., July 1 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Come celebrate America's Semiquincentennial and have some fun making a variety of Fourth of July themed crafts. **N**

Nailed It! Cupcake Decorating

Sat., June 20 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Calling all amateur bakers and treat lovers! Put your decorating skills to the test to see if you can impress the judges with your cupcake decorating skills.



Fantasy World Builder

Tues., July 7 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Join our librarian as we create new worlds including maps, languages, characters, and anything their imagination can think of.

Fairy Tale STEAM

Thurs. Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Tweens will use their STEAM skills to solve different fairy tale STEAM problems.

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

Teen Library Ambassadors

Tues., May 5 at 7 p.m. | South Branch

Love the library? Then you need to join TLA! The CMPL Teen Library Ambassador program gives you a chance to have your voice heard in the library while learning what the library can do for you! **No registration required.**



Screen Free Sesh

Sat., May 9 at 3 p.m. | Main Library

Get your screentime down with an hour of intentional time away from our phones! We'll leave our phones at the door and spend an hour playing games and filling "boredom jars" with ideas.

Bedazzled Baseball Caps

Thurs., May 14 at 7 p.m. | South Branch

It's baseball season! Join us to bedazzle and decorate some baseball caps and make everyone at the baseball game jealous of your one-of-a-kind creation.

Toshokan Anime Club

Wednesdays: May 13, June 10, July 8, and Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. | North Branch

Wednesdays: May 27, June 24, July 22, and Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. | South Branch

Join us every month for friends, food, and fun as we chat about our favorite anime and manga. **No registration required.**



Snacks & Crafts

Wed., May 20 at 6:30 p.m., Sat., June 27 at 3 p.m., Thurs., July 16 at 6 p.m., and Mon., Aug. 10 at 3 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for our teen summer program series Snacks & Crafts. Each month we'll have plenty of snacks and a new craft!

May: Diamond Art

June: Collage Coasters

July: Clay Succulent Plants

August: Toaster Pastry Pillows

Super Secret Book Box

Tues., May 26, Mondays: June 29, July 27, and Aug. 31 | Pick up any location

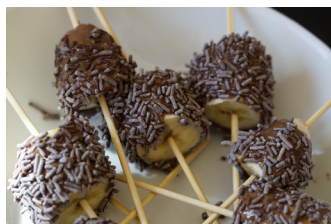
Registration opens the 1st of each month. Boxes are available for pickup starting the last Monday of each month with the exception of May.



Love to read but not sure what to read next or want to try a surprise suggestion from CMPL Teen Librarians? Then sign up for Super Secret Book Box! Teen programs are open to patrons grades 6-12 only. May-July themes will focus on a Get to Know Your Neighbor theme. The August theme is Summer Cool Down. **N**

Will It Stick?

Tues., June 2 at 7 p.m. | South Branch



You've heard of Will It Waffle - now it's time to play Will It Stick?! We'll make food skewer creations out of sweet and savory foods to try to answer the question: will it stay on a stick?

Saturday Morning Cartoons

Sat., June 13 at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library

Sleep in, but not TOO late, you don't want to miss this classic Y2K cartoon movie. Come in your comfy PJs and get ready to pig out on the best cartoon watching cereal.

Pride Cakes!

Mon., June 15 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

As part of our Get to Know Your Neighbor initiative, come make colorful and tasty mini cakes that you can decorate and take home, or enjoy right away! **N**

Painting Swap Challenge

Thurs., June 25 at 2:30 p.m. | Main Library

Swap paintings with a painting partner and see what beautiful or strange art you can make together! Using a series of prompts, you'll start a painting and take turns swapping it with another attendee.



Summer Camp Crafts

Fri., July 10 at 12 p.m. | South Branch

You don't have to go to camp to do fun camp crafts! Let's create some classic summer camp crafts and make a delicious summer beverage to drink while we do them.



Galaxy Hoop Art

Mon., July 20 at 4 p.m. | North Branch

Come celebrate National Moon Day by creating some one of a kind mixed media art.

ASL 101 for Teens

Wed., July 29 at 5 p.m. | Main Library

Join the Association for the Advancement of Deaf/



Hard of Hearing for a beginner ASL class! Learn some ASL basics and maybe even practice some ASL slang together to celebrate Disability Pride Month. **N**

Hack this Painting!

Thurs., Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. | Main Library

Come make some unique art as we paint our way through challenges and ridiculous prompts. Dress for a mess! We'll be using acrylic paint and getting silly, so please be prepared!

Locker Kits

Wed., Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

Don't get stranded at school without a locker kit! Join us to decorate and fill small kits for your lockers, which will include everything you need to get through the day, from bandages to candy.

Hammered Flower Bandannas

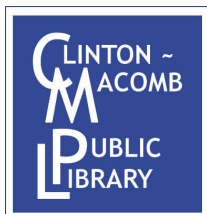
Tues., Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. | North Branch

Dye a bandanna with freshly-picked flowers! Feel free to bring your own, or we'll have a variety for you to choose from.

Save the Date!

Fri., Aug. 14, 6-8 p.m. | Main Library

Teens who complete Summer Reading are invited to the official wrap up party. Registration information will be given when you complete Summer Reading.



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Rock N Read Story Time in the Park

Select Dates and Locations at 10 a.m.

Grab a blanket and a picnic lunch and get ready for stories, songs, games, and fun! **No registration is required.**

Wed., June 17: Pitchford Park

Tues., June 23: Macomb Corners Park

Wed., June 24: George George Park

Mon., Aug. 3: Waldenburg Park

Tues., Aug. 18: Normandy Park

Thurs., Aug. 20: Macomb Corners Park

Fri., Aug. 28: Clinton Twp. Inclusive Park

Music in the Park

Thursdays: June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, and July 30 at 6:30 p.m. | Macomb Corners Park

Come visit the CMPL 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 Road, Macomb, MI 48042.



Books in the Park

Tuesdays: June 30, July 21, and Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. | Pitchford Park

Middle schoolers, join CMPL and Macomb Township Parks and Recreation at Pitchford Park for a book chat and craft! We'll talk about some interesting book titles that you may enjoy this summer and have fun.

Story Walks

Selects Dates and Locations | July 1-31

If you love reading and being outdoors, take a stroll and enjoy a story in your local parks this summer! Follow the stories on the following days:
Read *Don't Wake Up the Tiger* by Britta Teckentrup at Prince Drewry Park from July 1-14 or at Macomb Corners Park July 14-July 31.

Read *Bear Came Along* by Richard T. Morris at Pitchford Park from July 1-14 or at Normandy Park July 14-July 31.

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