@ The Livonia Public Library

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STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Children’s storytime and music programs are open to all children. All children younger than three years old must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise specified. Space is limited so register early!

Registration begins Monday, January 3. Register for storytimes in person or by phone.

FUN FOR ONES BABY STORYTIME*
Ages 12 to 23 months with parent or loving caregiver. Songs, simple stories, and other activities that introduce our youngest patrons to the pleasures of the library. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Mondays, January 10 – February 14
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR 11-11:20 a.m.

TERRIFIC TWOS TODDLER STORYTIME*
Ages 24 to 36 months. Stories, fingerplays, and large movement activities for that terrific two in your life. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesdays, January 11 – February 15
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.

TIP TOP TODDLER STORYTIME*
Ages 2-3. Toddlers and their grown-ups are invited for stories, finger plays, action songs, and more! Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Wednesdays, January 12 – February 16
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.

@ Sandburg:
Thursdays, January 13 – February 17
10:15-10:45 a.m.

PEPPY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME*
Ages 3 to 5. Stories, action songs, games, and a small take-home craft. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Thursdays, January 13 – February 17
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11:15-11:45 a.m.

@ Sandburg:
Thursdays, January 13 – February 17
11-11:30 a.m.

*Registration required. Register by phone or in person at the Children’s reference desk.

STORYTIME-TO-GO KIT
Pick up a Storytime-To-Go kit at the Bennett Civic Center Library, while supplies last. The kits include a craft for each child in the household, a science experiment, fingerplays, and more! Stories and themes change monthly.

@ Civic Center:
Pick up a kit anytime during regular library hours.

DIAL-A-STORY
Try our Dial-a-Story service—our always available phone number where you can listen to stories, jokes, and fun facts for free! New stories are added monthly. You may even hear a story read by your favorite librarian.
Call (734) 884-4400 to reach our Dial-a-Story today!

BOOK BUNDLES
Need help picking out books? We have book bundles to help! Each bundle will include 3-10 books based on a common theme. You may even find a surprise inside! Use the forms on our website livoniapubliclibrary.org to request a bundle.

Make any time learning time!

Did you know that a child’s brain develops the fastest from birth to age 5? Little ones learn best through daily interactions with parents and caregivers, and the new “TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten” program is here to help! Sign up and receive just two texts a week with simple early literacy activities that can easily be incorporated into everyday routines. The service also notifies parents of free activities and services at the library. To sign up, text TALK to 75547, or visit texttolearn.com for more information.
LEGOS IN LIVONIA*
Grades 5-7. We have LEGO, and lots of them! Join us for a LEGO free play. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Saturdays, November 13 and December 11
2-4 p.m.

SCAVENGER HUNTS
All ages welcome. Can you find all of the special characters hidden across the children’s room? Find all six of them, tell a librarian, and get a special prize to take home!

@ Civic Center:
November Hunt: Thanksgiving Dinner
December Hunt: Cars & Trucks

TWEEN VOLUNTEERS*
Grades 5-7. The Tween Volunteer program at the Bennett Civic Center Library is designed to give tweens an opportunity to earn community service credit and support their library. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form at livoniapubliclibrary.org/support/#volunteering. Contact Kristen Jayska, Youth Services Librarian, at (734) 466-2458 or kjayska@livoniapubliclibrary.org for more information.

@ Civic Center:
By appointment only

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN*
It's easy to participate in this FREE program which encourages parents to read 1,000 books with their Preschoolers. Mark off the books you have read on your reading log. When you reach 100, show us your log to receive your prize and your new reading log. As children reach their milestones, their names will be displayed in the Livonia Public Libraries on our walls of fame. Come in and sign up today! You will get your log when you register, or you can download the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten iPhone App.

MERRY & BRIGHT:
HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING
All ages welcome. Holiday Celebration Parade—Santa Claus Comes to Town! Join us along the parade route (Stark to Lyndon to Farmington to City Hall) ending at City Hall where Santa and Mrs. Claus will light the City’s Tree. After the tree lighting, stroll over to the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library for crafts, a holiday sing-along with the Music Lady, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

@ Civic Center:
Sunday, December 5
4-8 p.m.

CRAFTS @ THE HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING
Ages 2-12. Join us after the Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting for some holiday crafts (materials and instructions provided by the library). Adult supervision required.

@ Civic Center:
Sunday, December 5
5-8 p.m.

HOLIDAY PARTY
All ages welcome. Join us for a fun evening of holiday cheer at Sandburg Branch Library! Run an electric railroad, grab a holiday craft and treat, and take a meet-and-greet picture with the Grinch from How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, December 14
6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Registration required. Register by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person at the Children's reference desk.
TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE*
Grades 8-12. Help our Teen Services Librarians plan interesting and fun events, and chat with other teens about books, movies, games, and more! Volunteer credits available. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 4
Thursday, December 2
5-6 p.m.

VIRTUAL DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
Join our virtual D&D adventure! All experience levels are welcome, but a Discord account is required. If you are interested in joining this program or if you have any questions, please email Nathan Shaw at nshaw@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Online:
Mondays, November 8, 22, and December 13
3:45-5:45 p.m.

OTAKU CLUB*
Grades 8-12. Calling all Otaku! Join us for an afternoon of anime (subbed, not dubbed!), crafts, and Japanese snacks. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 22
5-7 p.m.

TEEN ART CLUB
Grades 8-12. Teens, join us each month for Art Club! Get together to start a new project, watch and work through varying demos, or bring your own project to work on with friends.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesdays, November 9 and December 7
5-6:30 p.m.

TEEN MAKER MONDAY
Grades 8-12. Join us each month for a new hands-on creative challenge, featuring everything from LEGOs to Snap Circuits!

@ Sandburg:
Mondays, November 15 and December 20
5-6:30 p.m.

GET YOUR GAME ON*
Grades 8-12. Get Your Game On each month at the Library! We will have board games, Jackbox Games, and a Nintendo Switch with fun party games to play. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Thursdays, November 18 and December 16
5-7 p.m.

*Registration required. Register by phone at (734) 466-2490, online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), or in person at the reference desk.
TEEN CRAFT KIT
Grades 8-12. Pick up a fun and easy craft kit each month from the Library! Craft kits are perfect for creating at your own pace. Follow the instructions, or create something new from the supplies provided—it’s up to you! Available while supplies last.

@ Civic Center:
Month of November: String Art
Month of December: Ornaments

@ Sandburg:
Month of December: Winter Trees

BAD MOVIE NIGHT
Teens and Adults. Grab some friends and join us for a series of So-Bad-They’re-Good films! You’ll groan at the terrible special effects, laugh at the bad acting, and have the worst (best) time. (Sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 3
6-8 p.m.
Dungeons and Dragons (2000)

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 1
5:50-8 p.m.
Please note this showing will begin early due to film length.
Batman and Robin (1997)

BOOK BUNDLES
Need help picking out Teen books? Try a book bundle! Each bundle will include 3-6 books based on a common theme. Use the form on our website livoniapubliclibrary.org to request a book bundle.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS*
The Teen Volunteer program is designed to give teens in grades 8-12 an opportunity to earn community service credit as well as to provide a "real world" working experience so they can begin building a work history.

Volunteers will be assisting with program prep, tidying library shelves, and helping during Teen programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form at livoniapubliclibrary.org/support/#volunteering. Thank you in advance for your help and support! Contact Teen Services Librarians Noelle Lomas at nlomas@livoniapubliclibrary.org or Cathy Moeller at cmoeller@livoniapubliclibrary.org for more info.

@ Civic Center:
By appointment only

@ Sandburg:
By appointment only

HARRY POTTER CLUB*
** Tweens and Teens ages 11 and up

Join us for a monthly Harry Potter Club full of magical activities, crafts, and snacks. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 10 and Thursday, December 9
5-7 p.m.

* Registration required. Register by phone at (734) 466-2490, online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), or in person at the reference desk.
Adult Programs

Join us in the auditorium of the Bennett Civic Center Library for these programs, or participate remotely via Zoom.

MRS. LINCOLN IN LOVE
Mary Todd Lincoln lived a life of triumphs and tragedies, but few people really know her story. Travel back to January 31, 1862, as Mrs. Lincoln reflects on the loves of her life: her children, her husband, and her country. Presented by Laura Keyes, this program will be streamed live in our auditorium, and available remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Tuesday, November 9
6-7 p.m.

UNCOVERING THE MYSTERIES OF THE PLUTO SYSTEM
NASA launched the New Horizons spacecraft in 2006, setting it off on a 3-billion mile expedition from Earth. Nine years later, the spacecraft completed the first ever flyby of the Pluto system. Jennifer Ayala, NASA Solar System Ambassador, will discuss what we have discovered about the mysterious dwarf planet and its five moons. This program will be streamed live in our auditorium and available remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Wednesday, November 10
6:30-7:45 p.m.

THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF BERTHA BENZ AND THE HISTORY OF THE GERMAN AUTOMOBILE
Few people know Bertha Benz was the first person to drive an automobile over a long distance. German Historian Anette Isaacs introduces you to Bertha Benz and her exciting historical adventure of 1888! This program will be streamed live in our auditorium, and available remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Wednesday, November 17
6-7:30 p.m.

A LOOK BEHIND ORSON WELLES' WAR OF THE WORLDS
On the Eve of Halloween 1938, a young Orson Welles broadcast a radio drama based on the novel The War of the Worlds. While the original broadcast reached a relatively small audience, the impact it had on American Culture is staggering. But how much of that impact was reality, and how much has been exaggerated over the years? Presented by Laura Keyes, this program will be streamed live in our auditorium, and available remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Monday, December 6
6:30-7:30 p.m.

ADULT TAKE HOME CRAFT: PUZZLE ART*
This month’s kit includes materials to create a piece of art with puzzle pieces. Non-residents will be charged a $5 supply fee. One kit per person, ages 18+.

@ Civic Center:
Registration: Monday, November 15
Kit pick up: Monday, November 29 - Friday, December 3

Please check our website to confirm program dates and times.

*Registration required. Register by phone at (734) 466-2490, online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), or in person at the reference desk.
MIND OVER MATTER: THE MYTHS & MYSTERIES OF DETROIT’S FORTUNE RECORDS WITH MICHAEL HURTT
Detroit’s Fortune Records created an alternate history of early rock & roll, influencing a generation of Midwestern musicians like Smokey Robinson and the MC5’s Wayne Cramer. Michael Hurtt, co-author of the book Mind Over Matter: The Myths & Mysteries of Detroit’s Fortune Records, will discuss the label and the incredible, often hard to find, music it created.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, November 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.

CARDMAKING WORKSHOP WITH FLORENCE*
Join instructor Florence Nagy and learn how to create homemade greeting cards! All materials provided.
Registration required.

@ Sandburg:
Thursday, November 18
1-2:30 p.m.

CHEF VAL’S HOLIDAY WILD RICE STUFFING COOKING CLASS*
Chef Val will show you how to cook flavorful stuffing that is high in fiber, heart healthy, gluten-free, vegan, and full of antioxidants, vitamins, and minerals. Get the recipe and taste a sample during class!

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 8
6-7 p.m.

Did you know a Livonia Public Library card gives you free access to a variety of online resources from the comfort of your own home? If you are in the process of looking for a new job, consider checking out Brainfuse JobNow™. This excellent resource features live online coaches who can assist in resume/cover letter preparation and help you prepare for job interviews. To access JobNow™, visit the Library website at livoniapubliclibrary.org and click on the Research tab.

Would you or someone you know like to check out library materials but find it difficult to get to the library? Are you a new parent who can’t get out of the house with the baby? Just had surgery or are temporarily homebound?

Let us help! The Livonia Public Library is now offering homebound delivery services for those who are unable to make it to the library themselves. To get started, visit livoniapubliclibrary.info/services/#homebound and fill out the application or call our Outreach Services Librarian, Kristy Chase, at (734) 466-2156 with any questions.

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Noontime Concert Series

Join us every month for a special concert that will entertain audiences of all ages. All concerts take place in the Bennett Civic Center Library Atrium, begin at 12:15 p.m. and are free to attend. Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy the show. Co-sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.

THE HARMONYTOWN CHORUS, Thursday, November 18

The “Celebrated Songsters,” the “Marvelous Minstrels,” the “Renowned Revelers.” These longtime performers look forward to this concert almost as much as the audience!

SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY, Thursday, December 16

Strings are playing in the Atrium...Jack Frost nipping at your nose...Holiday music being played by the group...And folks dressed up like Eskimos...Everybody knows the Silver Strings are playing today...For kids from one to ninety-two...Although it’s been said many times many ways...the Dulcimers are here for you!

BOOK CLUBS @ THE LIVONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

POSITIVE PAGES BOOK GROUP
Tired of gloomy weather and bad news? Join us for a Book Group featuring gentler reads. Email librarian Mable Doot at mdoot@livoniapubliclibrary.org for more details.

@ Zoom event:
Tuesday, November 2
*The Transatlantic Book Club*
by Felicity Hayes-McCoy
10 a.m to 12 p.m.

PIZZA & PAGES: LIBRARY READING GROUP*
Join us for some friendly book discussion and delicious pizza! Pizza provided—bring your own drinks! Registration is required. Call the Carl Sandburg Library at (248) 893-4010 for more details.

@ Sandburg:
Wednesday, December 1
7 p.m.

@ Zoom event:
Tuesday, December 7
*The Christmas Train*
by David Baldacci
10 a.m to 12 p.m.
All movies are free and no registration is required. Films are subject to change. Contact the Library to confirm titles.

SATURDAY CINEMA
All ages welcome; young children must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for a free G or PG-rated film (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, November 20
2 p.m.
The Spongebob Movie: Sponge on the Run! (PG)
91 minutes

BAD MOVIE NIGHT
Teens and Adults. Grab some friends and join us for a series of So-Bad-They’re-Good films! You’ll groan at the terrible special effects, laugh at the bad acting, and have the worst (best) time. (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 3
6-8 p.m.
Dungeons and Dragons (2000)

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 1
5:50-8 p.m.
Batman and Robin (1997)

INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES
Join us each month to watch a contemporary or classic foreign film. All films are previewed and selected by a librarian, and will be shown with English subtitles. Due to their sometimes mature themes and content, these films are recommended for adult audiences (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 10
2-4 p.m.
Shoplifters (2018)
Japan, 120 minutes

@ Civic Center:
Monday, December 8
2-4 p.m.
Pain and Glory (2019)
Spain, 113 minutes

CLASSIC CINEMA
Each month enjoy a different classic film (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 17
2-4 p.m.
Suspicion (1941)
99 minutes

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 15
2-4 p.m.
Little Women (2019)
135 minutes
Library Highlights

HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING
Sunday, December 5
4-8 p.m.

Holiday Celebration Parade—Santa Claus Comes to Town!
Join us along the parade route (Stark to Lyndon to Farmington to City Hall) ending at City Hall where Santa and Mrs. Clause will light the City’s Tree.

After the tree lighting, stroll over to the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library for crafts, a holiday sing-along with the Music Lady, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Where does your library card take you?

We want to know where your library card takes you—and where you take your library card! Our library cards allow us to go on so many adventures without leaving home, we thought it was time to return the favor. Has your library card traveled with you to the park, the museum, or even on vacation? Let us know! Take a photo of your library card in a fun, non-Livonia Library location, tag us on any of our social media platforms, and use the hashtag #LoveMyLivoniaLibraryCard for a chance to be featured. We can’t wait to see where you and your library card turn up!

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instagram.com/livoniapubliclibrarymi
twitter.com/livonia_library
All Livonia Libraries will be closed:

November 11
*Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24*
November 25-26
December 23-26 and
December 30-January 2

But you can access our eBooks anytime!

Download eBooks, audiobooks, movies, digital magazines, and more from our website, even when the Library is closed!

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**EXHIBITS**

The Livonia Arts Commission maintains a one thousand square foot art gallery on the second floor at Civic Center Library. Call Community Resources at (734) 466-2540 for exhibit information.

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Check your local branch for other rotating exhibits.

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A gift to the Livonia Public Library’s collection is a unique and special way to pay tribute to friends and family. For more information go to [livoniapubliclibrary.org](http://livoniapubliclibrary.org) and click on Support Your Library.

**IN MEMORY OF ...**

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The Friends of the Library are an active group of volunteers with over 800 members. The mission of the Friends is to provide support for the services and programs of the Livonia Public Library.

THE FRIENDS USED BOOK STORE
The Used Book Store was opened by the Friends in June 2006. The store is run completely by volunteers and stocked with donations from the community.

The Friends Book Store at the Bennett Civic Center Library is open on:

Mon: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tue & Wed: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Thur: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Book Store phone: (734) 466-2495

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING DATES
4 p.m.
Monday, November 22 Carl Sandburg Library
Monday, December 27 Bennett Civic Center Library