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@ 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, October 23**. Register online, in person, or by phone.

**FUN FOR ONES BABY STORYTIME***
Ages 12–23 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, October 30 – November 27
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR 11-11:20 a.m.

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

@ Civic Center:
Tuesdays, October 31 – November 28
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11-11:30 a.m.

**SENSORY SHENANIGANS**
Ages 3–8. Sensory-based play stimulates the brain and helps develop fine and gross motor skills. Children will experience different messy stations, such as water beads and shaving cream, with their caregivers, as well as dry sensory stations and fidget toys. Dress for mess! No registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 9
2-4 p.m.

**CREATIVE PLAY SATURDAY**
Grades K-3. During this drop-in event, children can build a structure with wooden logs, get creative with math, design an artistic masterpiece using fruit, and more!

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, November 25
1-3 p.m.

**CRAYONS, GLITTER, AND GLUE**
Ages 2-8. Join us for colorful stories and art. Dress for mess—there will be glitter!

@ Sandburg:
Thursdays, December 7 and 14
10:30-11:30 a.m.

**KIDS & COMICS***
Grades 3-4. Do you love graphic novels? Then join us for the Kids & Comics book club! We’ll talk about the book *Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* by Judd Winick, do something crafty related to the book, have some snacks, and just hang out! Registration required beginning Saturday, November 25.

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, December 9
2-3 p.m.

*Registration required. Register online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person.
**BOARD OF LIBRARY TWEENS MEETING***
Grades 5-7. Discuss upcoming programs, books you love, and ideas for the library, as well as earn community service credit through volunteer opportunities. For questions contact Kristen at kjayska@livoniapubliclibrary.org or Cathy at cmoeller@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, November 6
6:30 p.m.

**CHESS CLUB**
Grades 5-12. Are you looking to hone your chess strategy? If you know how to play chess and need a friend to play against, join us for a drop-in chess club.

@ Sandburg:
Thursdays, November 9 and December 14
4-5:30 p.m.

**COOKIES & CANVAS***
Grades 5-12. Let your creativity shine with a paint night just for you, snacks included! All supplies provided. Registration required.

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

**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB***
Grades 5-7. A book club dedicated to our favorite graphic novels. This month we are reading *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman. A copy of the book is available for pick up at the Carl Sandburg Library. Registration required.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, November 20
6-7 p.m.

**DON’T READ THIS BOOK!***
Grades 5-7. A crafty, trivia, sometimes book club just for Tweens! During the program we’ll hang out, compete for trivia prizes, and talk about the book. A free copy of the book will be available for pick up from the Carl Sandburg Library. Registration required beginning November 13.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, December 11
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**SIGN UP FOR ONE OF OUR READING CHALLENGES!**
We have reading challenges for all ages—from toddlers to tweens! Register for all of these programs (plus some for grownups!) at livonialibrary.beanstack.org. You can also register at your next library visit.

*MERRY & BRIGHT AFTER PARTY*
All Ages. Join us after the parade and tree lighting for refreshments, holiday-themed crafts, Buddy the Elf, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

@ Civic Center:
Sunday, December 3
5-8 p.m.

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS—ART ALA CARTE**
Ages 2-12. Drop in and make some festive holiday crafts (materials provided by the library). Adult supervision required.

@ Civic Center:
December 6-27
During regular library hours

**HOLIDAY AND KIDS’ BOOK SALE**
All Ages. Stop by the Friends of the Livonia Public Library Book Store for a special sale featuring a larger selection of holiday and kids' books, as well as puzzles and games.

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, December 9
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**DIAL-A-STORY**
Try our Dial-a-Story service—our always available phone number where you can listen to stories, poems, 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!

Scan the code (or visit our online calendar) to register for programs and to confirm dates and times.

*Registration required. Register online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person.*
TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL
Grades 8-12. Are you looking for volunteer hours, want to have input into what programming and materials the library offers, or just want to talk about the books, movies, and music that you love? Join the Teen Volunteer Council! The goal of TVC is to help members take an active role in creating a welcoming environment for teens at the library. Meetings will take place on the first Thursday of the month with additional volunteer opportunities provided throughout the year. Membership applications can be found on our library website.

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

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

VIRTUAL DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS*
Join our virtual D&D adventure! This season, our adventures will be taking place within Tier 3 (Levels 10-15). A Discord account is required. For any questions or to register, please email Nathan at nshaw@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Online:
Mondays, November 13 and 27; December 11
3:45-5:45 p.m.

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(PG-13, 1990) 1hr 37 min

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, December 6
7-9 p.m.
Jingle All the Way
(PG, 1996) 1hr 20 min

WRITE & RELAX FOR TEENS
Grades 8-12. Join us as we sip some hot cocoa, decorate bullet journals, and write to relax. All supplies provided.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 16
7-8:30 p.m.

UGLY SWEATER DECORATING*
Grades 8-12. Bring your holiday sweater and make it extra ugly with the library’s craft supplies and decorations! Registration required beginning Monday, October 30.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 30
7-8:30 p.m.

FIBER ARTS MEETUP
Teens, do you like to knit, crochet, embroider, or craft in any way? Drop in and bring your project to hang out with and learn from other fiber artists your age!

@ Sandburg:
Wednesday, December 6
4-6 p.m.

BOOK BUNDLES
Need help picking out Teen books? Try a book bundle! Each bundle will include 3-6 books selected just for you by our Teen Services Librarians. Use the form on our website livoniapubliclibrary.org to request a book bundle.

100 BOOK CLUB*
Join our year-long reading challenge! Set your own reading goal for the year and earn a chance to win a prize for every 10 books you’ve read since January 1. Read 100 books by the end of the year and become a member of the prestigious 100 Book Club. Open to everyone ages 12 and up. Register and see the full challenge description at livonialibrary.beanstack.org.

Check out TeenBookCloud—graphic novels, ebooks, audiobooks, National Geographic videos, and more—available online around the clock! If you have a library card and an internet connection, you have unlimited access to this fantastic collection. Visit livoniapubliclibrary.org/downloads to access TeenBookCloud and all our great digital resources.

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FINANCIAL FREEDOM*
Join loan consultant Mike Abdelnour, financial coach Brian Madeleine, and financial representative Cyndee Sparre as they talk about how to get financial freedom. They will discuss the three pillars of financial success: Debt Management, Assets, and Budgeting. Registration required.

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

WRITE NOW! AND HOW? WITH ANGELA VERGES
Don’t be afraid of the blank page. In this hands-on session, award winning humorist and author Angela Verges will show you how to get the words out of your head and onto the page. She will use writing prompts and explore other methods to stir creativity. Activities will include Mind Mapping, and Create your own Story Starter Cards (using note cards and Binder Rings). Registration required beginning October 23.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, November 13
7-8:30 p.m.

SENIOR TECH SUPPORT
Have questions about your phone, laptop, or tablet? Bring your device and receive basic tech support from the library’s Teen Volunteer Council.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 2
6-7 p.m.

OWNING GRIEF WITH AUTHOR GAEL GARBARINO CULLEN
When her 40-year-old husband died unexpectedly, Gael Garbarino Cullen was forced to navigate an uncertain future for herself and four young daughters. In this program, she will discuss the irony of finding gifts amid horrific loss as well as the concept of post-traumatic growth. Ms. Garbarino Cullen hopes to inspire others who are seeking strength to deal with life-changing loss. Copies of Owning Grief will be available for purchase and signing following the program.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, November 2
7-8:30 p.m.

CORD CUTTERS PLUS*
Cord Cutting 101 will define streaming, talk about different options for free and paid streaming, show how it saves patrons money, discuss what equipment is needed to stream, and explain how to get 100% free digital TV. This talk is given by Chuck Eglinton, a self-employed Internet and computer programmer, and Chris Edwards, a career broadcast meteorologist. This event can be attended in-person in our Auditorium or online via Zoom.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Tuesday, November 14
7-8 p.m.
HOLIDAY SIDE DISHES FOR EVERYONE'S TABLE*
Pass on the green bean casserole, because Chef Mary Spencer returns to prepare some special side dishes! Get recipes and enjoy samples. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, November 15
6:30-8 p.m.

MARTINA MATHISEN PRESENTS: MARIE ANTOINETTE
Marie Antoinette travels through time to meet your audience in the dramatization of the book Marie Antoinette: The Journey by Antonia Fraser. Dramatist Martina Mathisen will reveal the truth behind this very much misunderstood queen, from a teen bride enveloped in pure opulence to the most hated woman in France. This event will be held in the Library's Auditorium and remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom link.

@ Civic Center and Zoom event:
Monday, November 20
7-8 p.m.

THE HISTORY OF CATHOLIC NUNS IN METRO DETROIT
Retired Detroit Free Press Journalist Patricia Montemurri, who reported on the Catholic Church, will discuss the remarkable history and legacy of Catholic nuns in metro Detroit. Patricia is the author of four books about Detroit Catholic history, which will be available for purchase and signing.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, December 7
7-8:30 p.m.

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Saturday, December 9
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Sunday, December 10
1-5 p.m.

Come and craft with us! Registration required. You must be a Livonia Resident with a valid Livonia Public Library card to register.

@ Civic Center: Jewelry Making Workshop
Tuesday, November 14
(Registration begins Tuesday, October 31)
2:30-4 p.m.

@ Sandburg: Card Making
Thursday, November 16
(Registration begins Thursday, October 19)
12:30-2 p.m. OR
3-4:30 p.m.

@ Civic Center: Christmas Ornaments
December 11
(Registration begins Monday, November 27)
7-8 p.m.

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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.

**HARMONYTOWN CHORUS, Thursday, November 16**

Experience the joy of barbershop music! The gentlemen of the Harmonytown Chorus are back to share their vocal talents in a performance of one of the few uniquely American-born styles of music: barbershop harmony.

**SILVER STRINGS DULCIMER SOCIETY, Thursday, December 21**

Take a break from the holiday hustle and bustle, and join us for some festive Old Time Music! The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society will be performing their annual holiday concert of acoustic music. Don’t miss the last Noontime Concert of 2023!

**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 Mable at mdoot@livoniapubliclibrary.org for more details.

- **@ Civic Center:**
  - Tuesday, November 7
  - *The Heart of Summer* by Felicity Hayes-McCoy
  - 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

- **@ Civic Center:**
  - Tuesday, December 12
  - *The Christmas Bookshop* by Jenny Colgan
  - 10 a.m to 12 p.m.

**A NOVEL BOOK GROUP**
Join us to explore recent works of fiction from diverse genres and points of view. For more information, contact Paige at pplant@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

- **@ Civic Center:**
  - Thursday, November 9
  - *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict
  - 6-7:30 p.m.

- **@ Civic Center:**
  - Thursday, December 14
  - *Strange the Dreamer* by Laini Taylor
  - 6-7:30 p.m.

**FIRST MONDAY MEMOIRS**
Join us for First Monday Memoirs and read a wide range of memoirs and biographies, with something for everyone! Contact Nicole with any questions at nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

- **@ Sandburg:**
  - Monday, November 6
  - *Spare* by Prince Harry
  - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**BOOK CLUB KITS**
Are you hosting a book club and need multiple copies of the same title? The library provides ready-to-go book club kits for check out, discussion questions included! Check out this collection on the second floor of the Bennett Civic Center Library.
All movies are free and no registration is required unless noted. Films are subject to change. Contact the Library to confirm titles.

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Jingle All the Way
(PG, 1996) 1hr 20 min

GENRE FILM SERIES: YEAR 1, MUSIC MOVIES
Enjoy great movies for free in our comfortable auditorium, Saturday matinee style (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, November 25
1-3:30 p.m.
Walk the Line
(PG-13, 2005) 2hr 16 min

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, December 9
1-3:30 p.m.
That Thing You Do!
(PG, 1996) 1hr 48 min

AFTERNOONS WITH AUSTEN
Spend Saturday afternoon watching a delightful adaptation of one of Jane Austen’s classic books. (sorry, no food or drink allowed).

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, November 4
2 p.m.
Mansfield Park (PG-13, 1999) 1hr 52 minutes
**Library Highlights**

**WELCOME NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR KRISTEN EDSON**

We are so excited to welcome new Library Director Kristen Edson to the team! Kristen comes to us after five years as the deputy director of the East Baton Rouge Parish Libraries and a combined 13 years spent between the Bossier Parish Libraries in Louisiana and the Chicago Public Library.

Kristen is excited by the opportunity to grow the library’s position in the community and has been very impressed by the volunteerism and fellowship she has witnessed in Livonia so far. When she lived in Louisiana, Kristen spent time volunteering at local area food banks and St. Vincent de Paul, and looks forward to getting involved in the community as she gets settled.

Kristen has arrived at the perfect time as we launch our first ever strategic plan. She is working with LibraryIQ, a library strategist, to engage our community and gather ideas and input regarding library services and the future.

The Community Engagement portion of the plan runs through December 15. There are both online surveys and in-person focus group options. After this portion, drafts will be created over the winter months, and the strategic plan will be finalized in March 2024.

Scan the QR code here or visit livoniapubliclibrary.org to ensure we hear from you!

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**Holiday Celebration Parade and Tree Lighting**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**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. Claus will light the City’s Tree.

After the tree lighting, stroll over to the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library for refreshments, crafts, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.
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Be sure to check out the Groovy fashion dolls courtesy of Lisa Lackie and the Great Lakes Doll Club (GLDC) in the display cases at the Bennett Civic Center Library during the month of November. Organized in 1982, the GLDC is a diverse group of women and men who share a love for fashion dolls of all kinds, especially Barbie!

MEMORIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE DONATIONS

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 and click on Support Your Library.

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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 3 p.m.
- Tue & Wed: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Thur, Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Book Store: (734) 466-2495

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LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING DATES

6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 28 | Carl Sandburg Library
- Tuesday, December 19 | Bennett Civic Center Library

Livonia Public Library

ROBERT AND JANET BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
32777 Five Mile Road
(734) 466-2491

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun*: 1-5 p.m.
*(during the school year)

CARL SANDBURG LIBRARY
30100 Seven Mile Road
(248) 893-4010

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Wed & Thurs: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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15218 Farmington Road
(734) 466-2559

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