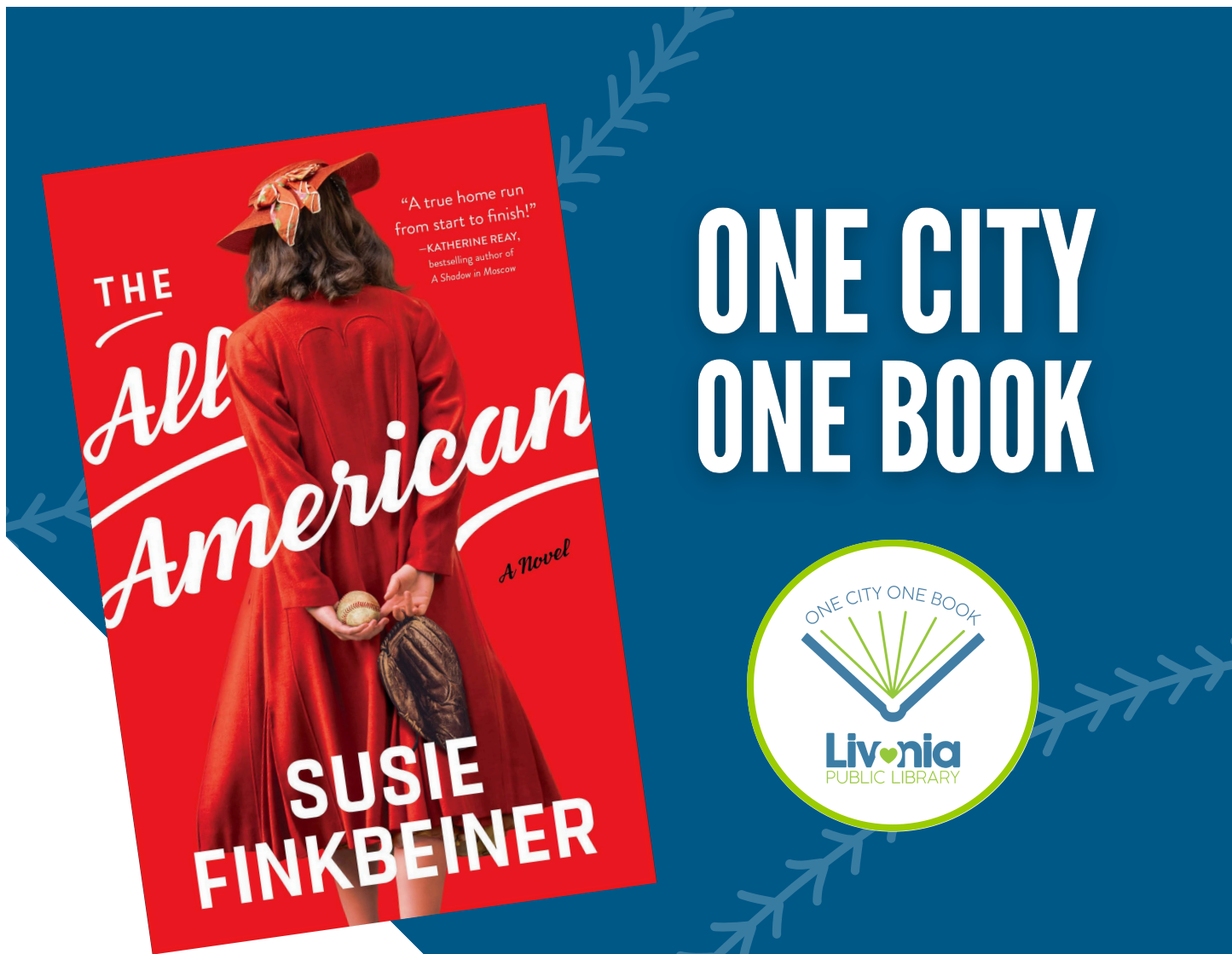


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# ONE CITY ONE BOOK



We are pleased to announce the fifth annual **One City, One Book** event! This year's featured title is "The All American" by Susie Finkbeiner.

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# Notes from the



As students head back to school and routines reset, September is the perfect time to get or renew your library card. **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month** and we're celebrating all the ways a library card can enrich your life—because at Livonia Public Library, books are just the beginning. To celebrate, every child who signs up for their first Livonia Public Library card during the month of September will receive a free book to keep!

With your free card, you get access to far more than shelves of books. Library users can stream movies and audiobooks, download eBooks, explore research databases, check out Michigan Activity Passes, and access exciting digital resources.

For the new school year we are adding two great educational tools for students and families. HelpNow and CollegeNow services from Brainfuse will provide live tutoring, test prep, FAFSA assistance, and homework help—all free with your library card. Coming soon!

This fall, our popular **One City, One Book** program returns as it merges with the City of Livonia's 75th Anniversary celebration. We're excited to announce this year's selection: "The All-American" by Susie Finkbeiner, a compelling story set in the 1950s that captures the spirit of life in the Midwest. Through this shared reading experience, we'll explore the stories, style, and culture of the era with engaging programs for all ages. From music and fashion to family life and community traditions, this year's events will bring the 1950s to life in new and meaningful ways.

This September, join the tens of thousands of Livonia residents who already know that a library card is your all-access pass to learning, creativity, and community. Sign up today and discover why books are just the beginning at Livonia Public Library.

*Kristen Edson*



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# STORY TIME

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.

**You no longer need to register for any of our storytimes. Drop in when you can!**

## FUN FOR ONES BABY

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.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Mondays, Sept. 8 – Nov 17  
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR  
11-11:20 a.m.

## TIP TOP TODDLER

Ages 2 – 3. Toddlers and their grown-ups are invited for stories, finger plays, action songs, and more!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Nov. 19  
10:15-10:40 a.m. OR  
11:15-11:40 a.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Nov. 20  
10:30-11 a.m.

## RHYTHM & RHYME

Ages 2-4 with a grown-up. Dancing, musical instruments, books, and fun!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesdays, Sept. 9 – Nov. 18  
(no session on Nov. 11)  
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR  
11:15-11:45 a.m.

## PEPPY PRESCHOOL

Ages 3 – 5. Enjoy stories, action songs, games, and a small take-home craft.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursdays, Sept. 11 – Nov. 20  
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR  
11:15-11:45 a.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
Wednesdays, Sept. 10 – Nov. 19  
10:30-11 a.m.



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



**ADVENTURES IN FENCING\***

Ages 6 and up. Join us, alongside a professional fencing coach from the Plymouth/Ann Arbor Fencing Academy, for an introduction to the sport of fencing. Attendees will practice techniques with provided props. Regular equipment and gear will be for display purposes only. Registration required.

**@ Sandburg**  
Thursday, Aug. 14  
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**JAPANESE STORYTIME**

Ages 2-6. Local music teacher Momo Kajiwara will lead us in song, movement, and storytelling in Japanese! Geared towards ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome.

**@ Sandburg**  
Wednesday, Aug. 20  
10:30-11 a.m.

**FAMILY BOARD GAMES**

Ages 8 and up. Learn a new game and connect with your family and the community. Staff will be on hand to explain the rules and guide the fun, and all games will be available for checkout after the event.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 27 & Sept. 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**BABY CAFE**

Infants and their significant others can find a quiet spot to play and meet others at the same stage of life.

**@ Sandburg**  
Fridays, Sept. 12 – Nov. 21  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

**SENSORY SHENANIGANS**

Ages 3-8. Children of all abilities and ages benefit from sensory-based play; it stimulates the brain and helps develop fine and gross motor skills. Children will experience different sensory stations such as kinetic sand with their caregivers. Please wear appropriate clothing that can get a little messy!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturdays, Sept. 13 & Oct. 11  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**CLUB CREATE\***

Grades 4-7. Do you like to be creative? Then bring your creativity and join us for Club Create, where we'll offer a different themed activity each month. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Sept. 18  
(Registration begins Aug. 28)  
7-8 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Oct. 16  
(Registration begins Sept. 25)  
7-8 p.m.

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TWEENS**

Grades 5-7. Come hang out for an hour of chatting about our favorite (and not-so-favorite) books, movies, and everything in between. We'll brainstorm some cool program ideas together and munch on lots of tasty snacks.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Sept. 22  
7-8 p.m.

**RENEGADE WRITERS\***

Grades 4 -7. Join us every month as we dive into the world of creative writing. We will try out different genres and writing styles. Participants will also get a journal to decorate. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Sept. 25  
(Registration begins Sept. 4)  
7-8 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Oct. 9  
(Registration begins Sept. 18)  
7-8 p.m.

**GROWING UP IN THE 1950S\***

Grades 2-5. Do you think you would have liked growing up in the 1950s? What kind of hobbies would you have? What kind of crafts would you have made? Join us to find out!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Sept. 27  
(Registration begins Sept. 13)  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Books for our registered participants have been generously purchased by the Friends of the Library. Thank you, Friends!

**MY FIRST BOOK CLUB\***

Grades K-2 with a grown-up. During this introduction to book clubs, we will answer some questions and do a fun activity. This month, we are reading "Anne and Her Tower of Giraffes" by Karlin Gray. Pick up your books at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk beginning Aug. 9. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Sept. 6  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

**MIDDLE-GRADE MASTERPIECES\***

Grades 4-7. Are you ready to dive into some fantastic classic books? This month, we are reading "The Borrowers" by Mary Norton. We'll discuss the book, have some snacks, and the book is yours to keep! Get your copy at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk beginning Sept. 25. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Oct. 23  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**EMPOWER HOUR BOOK CLUB\***

Grades 4-7 with a grown-up. This book club is for you and a favorite adult in your life. This month we are reading "Fish in a Tree" by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Participants will receive a free copy of the book to keep. Beverages and breakfast pastries will be provided. Registration required beginning Sept. 13.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Oct. 11  
10:15-11 a.m.

**KIDS & COMICS BOOK CLUB\***

Grades 3-4. Do you love graphic novels? Join us for the Kids & Comics book club! We'll talk about the book, do something crafty, have some snacks, and just hang out! This month, read the graphic novel version of "I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967" by Georgia Ball. Participants can pick up their books at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk beginning Aug. 9. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Sept. 6  
11:15-11:45 a.m.

**DON'T READ THIS BOOK!\***

Grades 5-7. A crafty, trivia, sometimes book club just for Tweens! We'll hang out, compete for trivia prizes, make crafts, and talk about the book. This month we are reading "Dragon Pearl" by Yoon Ha Lee. All registered participants will be able to pick up a free copy of the book at the Bennett Civic Center Library. Registration required beginning Aug. 18.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Sept. 15  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

**CODE CRACKERS\***

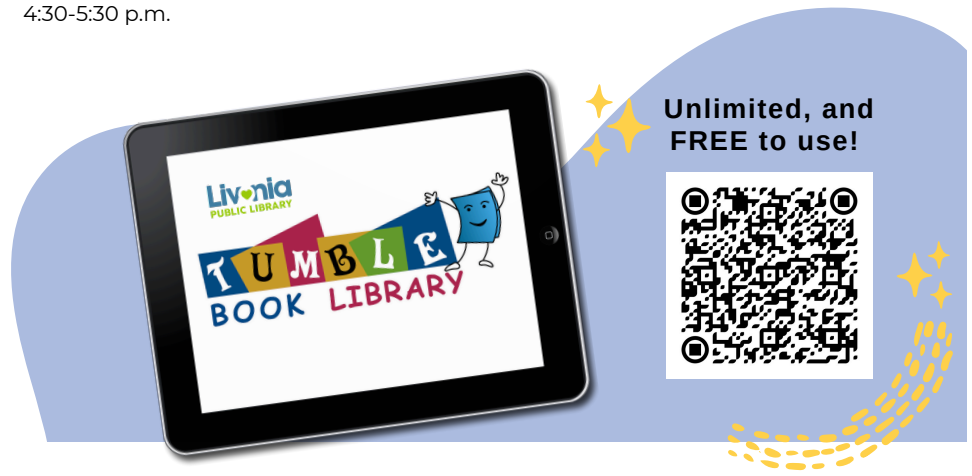
Grades 2-3. If you love mysteries, join us for Code Crackers, a book club where we read nothing but mystery books! Pick up your copy (which is yours to keep!) at the Civic Center Library Children's Reference Desk beginning Sept. 13. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Oct. 11  
11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB\***

Grades 5-7. This month we're reading "Mr. Muffins: Defender of the Stars" by Ben Kahn. A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Bennett Civic Center Library beginning Sept. 15. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Oct. 13  
6:30-7:30 p.m.



**TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL MEETING**

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! Meetings will take place on the first Thursday of the month, with additional volunteers opportunities provided throughout the year.

**@ Sandburg**

Thursday, Aug. 7  
5-5:45 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Thursday, Sept. 4  
5-6 p.m.



**BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER\***

Teens and Adults. Join us for a spine-tingling game of Blood on the Clocktower: a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception. A social game played seated in a circle, each player receives either a 'good' or 'evil' token with their unique character on it. Good players share information to solve the mystery whilst evil players lie about who they are and what they know. The good team wins if they can piece together their knowledge, trust each other, and execute the demon. The evil team wins if the demon can sow distrust, evade detection, and wipe out the village. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, Aug. 20  
(Registration begins July 30)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, Sept. 17  
(Registration begins Aug. 27)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER BONFIRE**

Grades 8-12. Finish out the Teen Summer Reading Program with friends, s'mores, and games! Bonfires take place in the library's delivery parking lot. Please bring your own camp chair.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Friday, Aug. 1  
7-10 p.m.

**CAR MAINTAINANCE 101**

Teens and Adults. Learn the fundamentals of vehicle upkeep and troubleshooting with Vince Fary. He will cover routine safety checks, fluid checks, and tire maintenance including how to change a tire. This program will be held after hours at the Carl Sandburg Library in the parking lot.

**@ Sandburg**

Thursday, Aug. 21  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**VINYL RECORD ART\***

Grades 8-12. Paint or decorate a vinyl record during this 1950s-themed craft program. All supplies provided. Registration required

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Thursday, Sept. 11  
(Registration begins Aug. 28)  
6:30-8 p.m.

**LOVE LETTERS: A TEEN ROMANCE BOOK CLUB\***

Grades 8-12. Join us for a sweet and swoon-worthy book club that celebrates love and romance in all its forms. After registering, teens can pick up a copy of the book to keep at the Bennett Civic Center Library. This month, we are reading the graphic novel "Pumpkinheads" by Rainbow Rowell. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Thursday, Oct. 16  
(Registration begins Sept. 16)  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Your Livonia Public Library card gives you access to digital media, discounted tickets, Library of Things, 200,000+ materials & more!



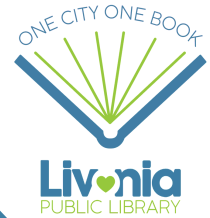
**PrepSTEP from EBSCO LearningExpress**

Preparing for the SAT? ACT? AP exams? The library has online practice tests, tutorials, ebooks, articles and flashcards to help you achieve higher scores. Log in to PrepSTEP from EBSCO LearningExpress to access these free tools.

Visit [livoniapubliclibrary.org/research](http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/research) for more eResources.



# ONE CITY ONE BOOK



The Livonia Public Library, along with the Livonia Library Commission, invites you to participate in the **2025 One City, One Book event!**

One City, One Book targets adult readers; however, we're seeking to attract Livonians of all ages in our 2025 programming which celebrates the first decade that Livonia was an incorporated city- the 1950s! **Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Livonia!**

## ROSEDALE GARDENS: THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF LIVONIA'S OLDEST NEIGHBORHOOD

Rosedale Gardens contains about 570 homes, primarily built between 1925 and 1960. Join Old Rosedale Gardens Homeowners Association President Dick McLain to learn about this historic Livonia neighborhood.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Sept. 10  
7-8:15 p.m.

## VINYL RECORD ART\*

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**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Sept. 11  
(Registration begins Aug. 28)  
6:30-8 p.m.

## LIVONIA'S HISTORIC CEMETERIES

Kathy Bilger will discuss Livonia's historic cemeteries and how they became part of the city's landscape. Learn about Livonia life in the past, the people who made this a great city, and remember the veterans who served during war times of long ago.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Sept. 15  
7-8 p.m.

## HISTORY OF WILSON BARN

Karen Amick, great niece of Ira Wilson, presents the history of the Wilson Barn, one of Livonia's most notable landmarks, and discusses the many community contributions made by this influential Livonia family.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Sept. 23  
7-8:30 p.m.

## MEET THE AUTHOR: SUSIE FINKBEINER

We are thrilled to welcome Michigan Notable Author Susie Finkbeiner back to the Livonia Public Library! She joins us for a discussion of her book "The All American." Learn about the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and 1950s America as Susie talks about the book and her writing process. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Sept. 24  
6:30-8 p.m.

## GROWING UP IN THE 1950S\*

Grades 2-5. Do you think you would have liked growing up in the 1950s? What kind of hobbies would you have? What kind of crafts would you have made? Join us to find out!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, Sept. 27  
(Registration begins Sept. 13)  
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## GOLDEN REELS: 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MOVIE SERIES

Join us for a special movie series featuring the top-grossing films from the year our city was founded—1950. Step back in time and experience the magic of Hollywood's Golden Age on the big screen. Check our online calendar for movie titles and up-to-date start times.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Sept. 17  
6:15 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Oct. 6  
6:15 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Oct. 22  
6:15 p.m.

## CRINOLINES AND CLASSICS: THOSE FABULOUS FIFTIES!

Join us for this live fashion show as we welcome Fashion and the Automobile for an entertaining romp around the clock through the 1950s.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Oct. 7  
7-8 p.m.

## BAKING YESTERYEAR: THE 1950S\*

Put on your apron and fire up your time machine (also known as your oven), to bake some goodies from the 1950s! Registered participants will receive a baking assignment when they check out the cookbook. You'll need to supply the recipe ingredients, elbow grease, and an adventurous spirit (Tomato Soup Cake, anyone?).

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Oct. 9  
(Registration begins Sept. 24)  
7-8 p.m.

## THE ALL AMERICAN BOOK DISCUSSION

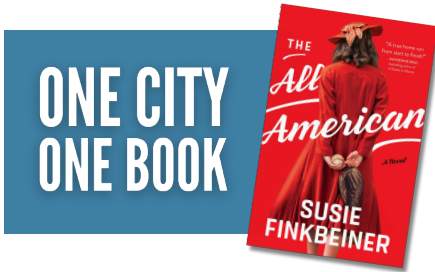
Join us for a discussion of "The All American" by Susie Finkbeiner. Didn't have time to finish the book? Come anyway! This will be a fun, relaxed conversation.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Oct. 13  
7-8 p.m.

## 1950S MUSICAL MEMORIES WITH DOC AND DONNA

Step back in time with Doc & Donna as they bring the golden era of rock 'n' roll to life with their fun, toe-tapping concert of timeless '50s hits.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Sunday, Oct 19  
2-3 p.m.



**ONE CITY  
ONE BOOK**

**CREATING A SUSTAINABLE LIVONIA WITH THE GREENLEAF COMMISSION**

Livonia Greenleaf Commission's Jim Baringhaus will be in our auditorium to outline the history of sustainability in Livonia, and how Livonia plans to evolve as a sustainable community in the future.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Oct. 21  
7-8:30 p.m.

**MIDCENTURY LIVONIA & THE ARCHITECTURE OF SUBURBIA**

Josh Lipnik takes a nostalgic look at the architecture that defined the rapid growth of Livonia and its neighbors in the years following World War II. From schools and churches to bowling alleys and shopping malls, this heavily visual presentation will cover the wide range of buildings needed to build a thriving suburb.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Oct. 28  
7-8 p.m.

**YAHTZEE: FAMILY BOARD GAMES**

Ages 8 and up. We're celebrating the 1950s with Yahtzee! First marketed in 1956, Yahtzee continues to entertain all ages, still selling over 50 million copies each year!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Oct. 29  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**LIVONIA HISTORY WITH BILL JOYNER**

Local historian and Livonia dignitary Bill Joyner will be on hand to help us celebrate Livonia's 75 Anniversary with his overview of Livonia's history.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Nov. 3  
7-8:30 p.m.

**SILENT BOOK GROUP**

Do you enjoy being in the company of readers but find that traditional book discussion groups are not for you? Is it difficult to find uninterrupted reading time at home? Join us for a relaxing evening of reading in community. After a brief, optional conversation, we'll read together in a quiet, shared space. Bring a book, e-reader, or audiobook (with headphones or earbuds, of course!).

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Mondays, Aug. 4 and Sept. 8  
7-8:30 p.m.

**FUNGI OF MICHIGAN WITH LORENZO LO PICCOLO**

Lorenzo Lo Piccolo is back with another great fungi presentation! Lorenzo will introduce the fungi kingdom, safety and identification, foraging tips, and Michigan species throughout the seasons.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Aug. 5  
6-8 p.m.

**COFFEE, COCOA AND COLORING**

Join us for an evening of relaxation time as we color and enjoy coffee or cocoa. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Aug. 11  
6:30-8 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, Sept. 9  
6:30-8 p.m.

**LIFESTYLE STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE HEALTH**

Join VegMichigan for an evening focused on preventive medicine with Kelly Wilson, registered dietitian, who will discuss the six pillars of lifestyle medicine to prevent, treat, and reverse chronic illness. Free plant-based food samples follow the presentation.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Aug. 18  
6:30-8 p.m.

**CAR MAINTAINANCE 101**

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**@ Sandburg**  
Thursday, Aug. 21  
6:30-7:30 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.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Sept. 4  
5-6 p.m.

Our delivery vehicle has a new look and is easy to spot around town as we focus on bringing the library outside our own walls!

From home delivery to school visits, farmers markets to community events, our staff is thrilled to be out and about in the community. Make sure to say hello when you see us!

**WE'RE BRINGING  
THE LIBRARY  
to you!**



As always, the public is invited to attend all Library Commission Meetings and Library events. The Library will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities upon adequate notice. If you need assistance, please call the Bennett Civic Center Library at 734-466-2491 or email [lvcc@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:lvcc@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

**LPL ART STUDIO: SHIBORI SCARF DYEING\***

Discover the beauty of shibori, the ancient Japanese art of indigo dyeing. Learn simple folding and binding techniques to create stunning patterns as you design your own unique shibori-dyed scarf. You must be a Livonia Resident, age 18+, with a valid Livonia Library card to register.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, Aug. 7  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**FAMILY BOARD GAMES**

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**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesdays, Aug. 27 & Sept. 24  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP**

Learn basic jewelry making techniques. Participants will leave with a Detroit Lions themed bracelet. Go Lions! Materials and supplies provided. You must be a Livonia Resident, age 18+, with a valid Livonia Library card to register. Both sessions will cover the same topics; please register for only one session. Registration begins August 13.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Aug. 27  
2:30-4 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Sept. 3  
5-6:30 p.m.

**VAMPIRES IN HISTORY: FROM FOLKLORE TO FEAR**

Join us on a journey through the ages as local author Kristy Robinett discusses the history of vampires from ancient folklore to modern literature and film. Discover how vampire legends began and why these bloodthirsty creatures of the night continue to fascinate us.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Aug. 25  
6-7:30 p.m.

**VIETNAMESE SHRIMP SPRING ROLLS WITH MING LOUIE\***

Enjoy a taste of Asian culture with Chef Ming Louie again as he shares his recipe for Vietnamese Shrimp Spring Rolls. Registration is required for this hands-on culinary treat.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, Sept. 8  
(Registration begins Aug. 11)  
6-8 p.m.

**BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER\***

Teens and Adults. Join us for a spine-tingling game of Blood on the Clocktower: a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception. A social game played seated in a circle, each player receives either a 'good' or 'evil' token with their unique character on it. Good players share information to solve the mystery whilst evil players lie about who they are and what they know. The good team wins if they can piece together their knowledge, trust each other, and execute the demon. The evil team wins if the demon can sow distrust, evade detection, and wipe out the village. Registration required.

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Wednesday, Aug. 20  
(Registration begins July 30)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, Sept. 17  
(Registration begins Aug. 27)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Visit our online calendar to register for programs and to confirm dates.



**NOONTIME CONCERT**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 18**

**BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY  
STARTS AT 12:15 PM**

Join us for great tunes and tasty food! **Anastasia and Katie's Coffee Shop & Cafe** will be selling drinks and snacks during the performance.

Concerts are free to attend! Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy the show.



HarmonyTown Chorus: Barbershop Music



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ARTS COMMISSION

Generously supported by the Livonia Arts Commission.

# BOOK Clubs

## 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](mailto:mdoot@livoniapubliclibrary.org) for more details.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Tuesday, Aug. 5  
 "Remarkably Bright Creatures"  
 by Shelby Van Pelt  
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 2  
 "In This Mountain"  
 by Jan Karon  
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## FIRST MONDAY MEMOIRS

Join us for First Monday Memoirs and read a wide range of memoirs and biographies. Contact Nicole at [nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org) with any questions.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, Aug. 4  
 "Paper Lion"  
 by George Plimpton  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, Sept. 8  
 "No More Secrets"  
 by Betty Webb  
 6:30-7:30 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](mailto:pplant@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, Aug. 21  
 "The River"  
 by Peter Heller  
 6-7:30 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, Sept. 18  
 "How Much of These Hills Is Gold"  
 by C. Pam Zhang  
 6-7:30 p.m.

## 100 BOOK CLUB\*

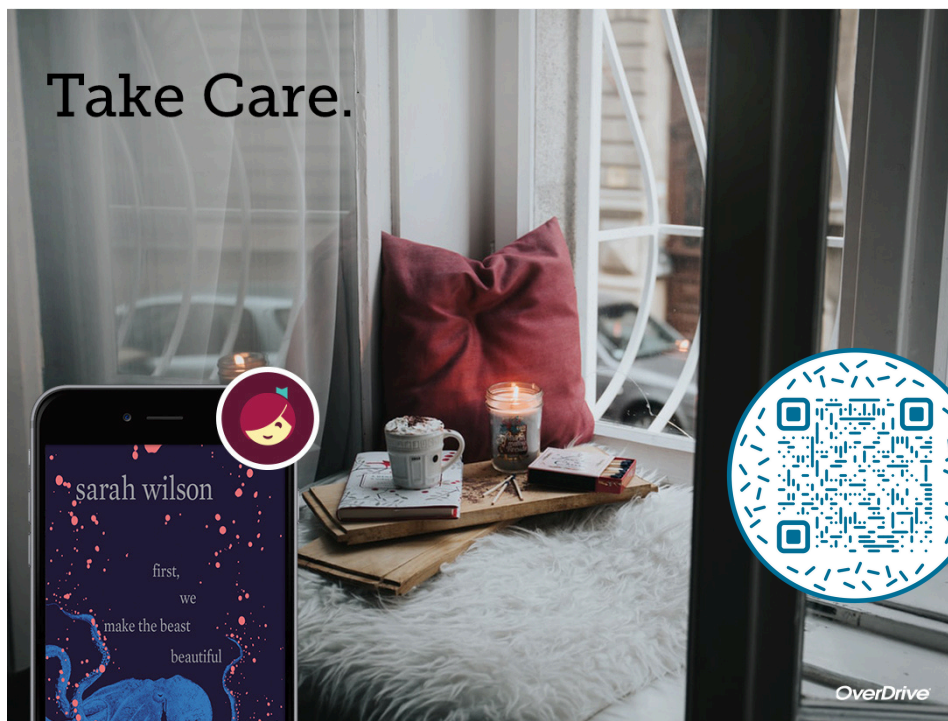
Join our year-long reading challenge! Set your own reading goal for the year and earn a chance to win a prize for every 10 books you've read since Jan. 1. Read 100 books by the end of the year and become a member of the prestigious 100 Book Club. Open to everyone ages 12 and up. Register and see the full challenge description at [livonialibrary.beanstack.org](http://livonialibrary.beanstack.org).

## BOOK BUNDLES

Need help picking out books? Try a book bundle! Each bundle will include 3 books based on your choice of genre and format. A staff member will call you to schedule a pickup time. Use the form on our website [livoniapubliclibrary.org](http://livoniapubliclibrary.org) to request a book bundle.

## 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.



Self-care, self-help, inspirational titles... books for **you**.

**Read on Libby.**

Read ebooks and listen to audiobooks instantly from our Library. Download the free **Libby** app on your phone or tablet.

\*Registration required. Register online ([livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar)), by phone (734)-466-2490, or in person. 10

# HAPPY LABOR - DAY -

All branches of the  
Livonia Public Library will be closed  
Saturday, August 30 through  
Monday, September 1



## LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST EXHIBIT OPENING

Join us for the official opening of the Contest Exhibit! This event is free and open to the public and all submissions will be available to view in our second-floor art gallery. Celebrate the incredible talent and creativity of our community and cast your vote for the fan favorite design!

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Thursday, Sept. 4  
Awards Presentation: 6:30 p.m.  
Exhibit Opening & Refreshments: 7 p.m.



### Book Sale hours:

**Friday and Saturday:**  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sunday:**  
1-5 p.m.

# BOOK SALE

## OCT. 3-5

### PRE-SALE OCT. 2!

Pre-Sale on Oct. 2 is open to Friends of the Library members and teachers (must present ID) from 4:30-6:30 p.m.





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



## THE FRIENDS USED BOOK STORE

The store was started by The Friends of the Library in June 2006; you will find a large selection of books and media for all ages. We are located in the Bennett Civic Center Library.

### Hours of Operation:

**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



### 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*



Scan the QR Code to Provide Feedback!



### CARL SANDBURG LIBRARY

30100 Seven Mile Road  
(248) 893-4010

**Mon & Tue:** 12-8 p.m.

**Wed & Thurs:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Fri:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### VEST POCKET LIBRARY

15218 Farmington Road  
(734) 466-2559

**Mon-Fri:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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