

@ The Livonia Public Library



Cuddle up with a furry friend during our Kitten Storytime or Teen Cat Café programs!

» Upcoming Events

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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 **Wednesday, January 3**. 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, January 8 – February 26 (no sessions 1/15 and 2/19)
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR 11-11:20 a.m.

RHYTHM & RHYME*

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

@ Civic Center:

Tuesdays, January 9 – February 27
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR 10:55-11:15 a.m. OR
11:30-11:50 a.m. OR 2:15-2:35 p.m.



Registration for our next storytime session begins **March 4!**

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 10 – February 28
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR 11:15-11:35 a.m.

@ Sandburg:

Thursdays, January 11 – February 29
10:15-10:45 a.m.

PEPPY PRESCHOOL STORYTIME*

Ages 3 – 5. Stories, action songs, games, and a small take-home craft. Registration required.

@ Civic Center:

Thursdays, January 11 – February 29
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR 11:15-11:45 a.m.

@ Sandburg:

Thursdays, January 11 – February 29
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:

Saturdays, January 27 and February 24
11 a.m. to 1 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:

Saturdays, January 6 and February 10
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

KITTEN STORYTIME

Grades K-4. Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to adorable kittens from the Michigan Humane Society. Participants can also make cat toys while waiting for their turn to read. This is a drop-in event.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, January 13
2-4 p.m.

STUFFY SLEEPOVER*

Grades K-2. Bring your stuffy for a bedtime snack and storytime. Then let your stuffy sleepover in the library! When you pick up your stuffy on Sunday, we'll have breakfast and a slideshow of all the mischief the stuffies got into overnight! Registration required beginning January 6.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, January 20
5-6 p.m.

*Registration required. Register online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person.

STEM Jr.*

Ages 8-12. Hands-on science fun! Registration required beginning February 6.

@ Sandburg:

Tuesday, February 20
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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, January 8
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, January 11 and February 8
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 beginning February 6.

@ Sandburg:

Tuesday, February 27
5:30-7 p.m.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Are you looking for a Preschool for your little Scholar? Stop by to speak with area preschools. Are you Preschool that would like to attend? Please contact Karen at ksmith@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, February 24
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



MY FIRST BOOK CLUB*

Grades K-2 with a grown-up. Answer some questions and do a fun activity during this introduction to book clubs. A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Bennett Civic Center Library. Registration required beginning January 6.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, January 20
10:30-11 a.m.

KIDS & COMICS*

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! Registration required beginning Saturday, January 27.

@ Civic Center:

Saturdays, January 20 and February 10
2-3 p.m.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB*

Grades 5-7. A book club dedicated to our favorite graphic novels. This month we are reading *The Pathfinders Society: The Mystery of the Moon Tower*. A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Sandburg Library. Registration required.

@ Sandburg:

Monday, January 22
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 January 15.

@ Sandburg:

Monday, February 12
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.

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



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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, January 4
5-6 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Thursday, February 1
5-6 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, January 8 and 22; February 5 and 26
3:45-5:45 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, January 11 and February 8
4-5:30 p.m.

QUIET PLACE CHALLENGE*

Grades 8-12. Be as quiet as you can as a blindfolded "it" tries to hit players with a pool noodle. Can you avoid being tagged even with jingle bells on your feet? Come find out! Registration required beginning January 11.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, January 25
7-8:30 p.m.

TEEN CROCHET CLUB

Grades 5-12. 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, February 7
4-5:30 p.m.

CAT CAFÉ FOR TEENS

Grades 8-12. Join us for a Cat Café featuring adorable cats from the Michigan Humane Society! Enjoy a cup of tea, cocoa, or coffee while you visit.

@ Civic Center:
Saturday, February 10
2-4 p.m.

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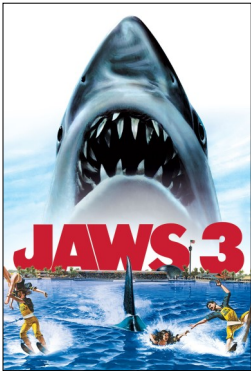
Preparing for the SAT? ACT? AP exams? The library has online practice tests, tutorials, ebooks, articles and flashcards to help you achieve higher scores. Log in to PrepSTEP from EBSCO LearningExpress.

Visit livoniapubliclibrary.org/research for more eResources.

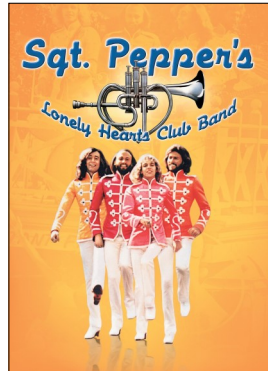
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BAD MOVIE NIGHT

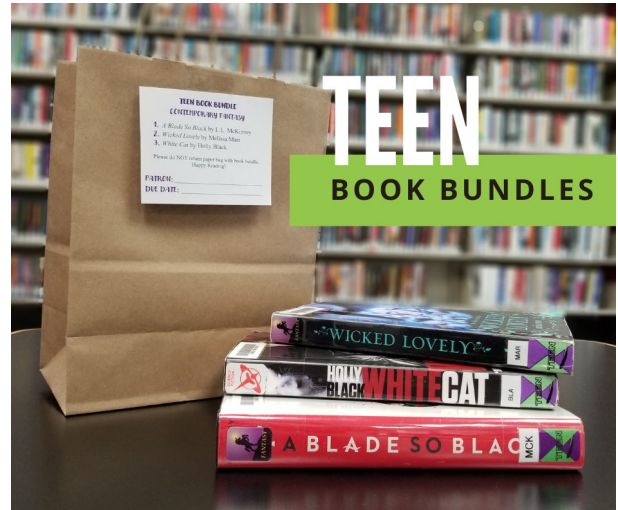
Teens and Adults. Grab some friends and join us for a series of So-Bad-They're-Good films! You'll groan at the terrible special effects, laugh at the bad acting, and have the worst (best) time (sorry, no food or drink allowed).



@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, January 3
7-9 p.m.
Jaws 3
(PG, 1983) 1hr 39 min



@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, February 7
7-9 p.m.
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely
Heart's Club Band
(PG, 1978) 1hr 53 min



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.



COOKIES & CANVAS*

Grades 5-12. Let your creativity shine with a paint night just for you, snacks included! All supplies provided. Registration required beginning February 6.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, February 27
5:30-7 p.m.



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.

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



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

» Adult Programs

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COFFEE, COCOA, AND COLORING

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

@ Civic Center:

Wednesdays, January 10 and February 14
6:30-8 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:

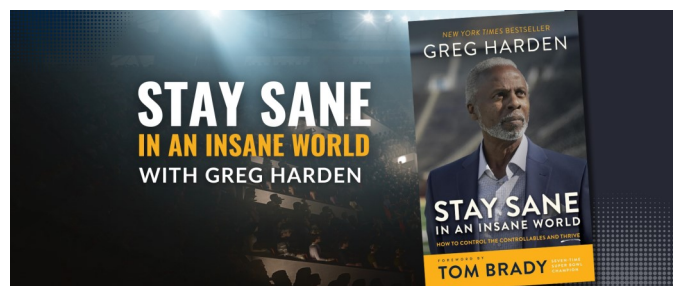
Thursday, January 4
6-7 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR WITH COUNCILWOMAN CARRIE BUDZINSKI AND SPECIAL GUEST CLERK LORI MILLER

2024 will be a big year in Livonia. Learn about projects that will be happening locally, ask questions and learn about ways to engage. There will be multiple elections and new election laws to follow. Clerk Miller will go over election reform laws, provide an overview of what to expect in the year ahead and share information about how you can volunteer to work the election. This is a free event and open to the public.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, January 13
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.



STAY SANE IN AN INSANE WORLD WITH GREG HARDEN

Join us as author Greg Harden presents content from his New York Times bestselling book *Stay Sane In an Insane World: How to Control the Controllables and Thrive*. Harden has created a gameplan for navigating mental health and tackling mental blocks in high pressure arenas of life. His powerful, practical lessons can help ANYONE — parents, coaches, spouses, teachers, students, professionals, executives — become the best version of themselves by controlling the controllables and achieving the life they want to live, no matter their profession or goals. Water Brothers Books of Livonia will be on hand with copies of Greg's book to buy at a 20% discount and have signed by the author.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, January 16
7-8:30 p.m.

ADVENTURES IN INDIA

Local traveler Jill Pavlat shares pictures and stories from her travels throughout India. Learn about the town of Ziro, home of the Atapani tribe. The tribe is known for their colorful culture with various festivals, intricate handloom designs, skills in cane and bamboo crafts, and vibrant traditional village councils called bulyañ.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, January 17
6:30-8 p.m.

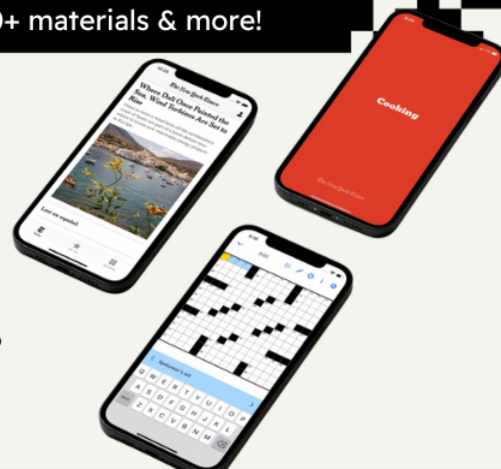
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The New York Times

Your Livonia library card now gives you free access to everything The New York Times has to offer, including News, Games, Cooking, Wirecutter, and The Athletic!



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DETROIT STYLE PIZZA: A DOUGHTOWN HISTORY

This presentation tells the past, present and future of this unique pizza style that has grown internationally over the past decade. You'll meet the makers from Buddy's Pizza with Gus Guerra, the father of Detroit Style, to Shawn Randazzo, who stunned the Las Vegas pizza expo with his pizza prowess, to today's innovators who are taking this pizza style into the future.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, February 10
2-3:30 p.m.

SEED SWAP/EXCHANGE

Participants can take a packet of seed for each seed packet they donate at the swap. For participants who do not bring seed to donate, a \$1.00 cash donation may be made for each seed packet taken. Seed donated for the seed swap must be in clearly labeled envelopes (no jars or plastic please) with donor's name and the type and variety of the seeds. Contact Ken with any questions at kbignotti@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, February 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.

BUDAPEST: PEARL OF THE DANUBE

Hungary's capital city has long been acclaimed as one of Europe's most beautiful, with its parliament building frequently highlighted on advertisements for Danube river cruises. Join Mariya Fogarasi to look at geography, history, cuisine, landmarks, culture, and a few outings to popular nearby destinations.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, February 15
7-8 p.m.

DETROIT'S LOST AMUSEMENT PARKS

Remember Edgewater Park, Eastwood Amusement Park or that exciting boat ride to Bob-Lo Island? Relive memories of summers gone by as author Joseph McCauley discusses his book, *Detroit's Lost Amusement Parks*. Signed copies of the book will be available for sale after the program.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, February 21
7-8:30 p.m.

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



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MIND GAMES, THE SCIENCE OF PERCEPTION DECEPTION

Find out how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously.

@ Civic Center:

Monday, February 26
7-8 p.m.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF HISTORY

Examine the past and present of the Straits of Mackinac. Hear the incredible history from the indigenous peoples to fur trade and logging to 19th century battles to fudge production!

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, February 27
7-8:15 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:

Tuesday, January 16
(Registration begins Wednesday, January 3)
7-8 p.m.

@ Civic Center: Jewelry Making Workshop

Tuesday, January 23
(Registration begins Monday, January 8)
2:30-4 p.m.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, February 20
(Registration begins Tuesday, February 6)
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.



BLUE CAT BAND, Thursday, January 18

Take a trip through time with the Blue Cat Band, as they play selections from a variety of music genres and eras, including Motown, classic rock, gospel, and country. Playing together since 1995, the Blue Cat Band has a unique musical chemistry and guitar-driven sound that you're sure to enjoy.

THE ELDERLY BROTHERS TRIO, Thursday, February 15

The Elderly Brothers Trio is primarily a folk-singing group, drawing from songs made popular by The Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, and Gordon Lightfoot. They accompany themselves on acoustic guitars and banjo and have been strumming since the Hootenanny period in the 60s.



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, January 9
The Master Quilter
by Jennifer Chiaverini
10 a.m to 12 p.m.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, February 6
Yours Cheerfully
by AJ Pearce
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, with something for everyone! Contact Nicole with any questions at nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Sandburg:

Monday, January 8
If You Ask Me
(And Of Course You Won't)
by Betty White
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg:

Monday, February 5
The Other Wes Moore
by Wes Moore
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.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, January 11
Deacon King Kong
by James McBride
6-7:30 p.m.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, February 8
Book Lovers
by Emily Henry
6-7:30 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.

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).

AWARD NOMINATED MOVIE SERIES

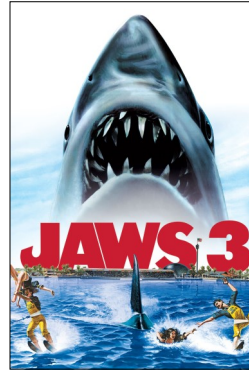
Come and watch an award-winning movie on our big screen in the Library Auditorium. Each month viewers will be treated to a film that was nominated for an award between 1970 and 2023 (sorry, no food or drink allowed).



@ Civic Center:
Monday, January 8
6:30-9 p.m.
Argo
(R, 2012) 2hr



@ Civic Center:
Monday, February 12
6:30-9 p.m.
12 Years a Slave
(R, 2013) 2hr 14 min



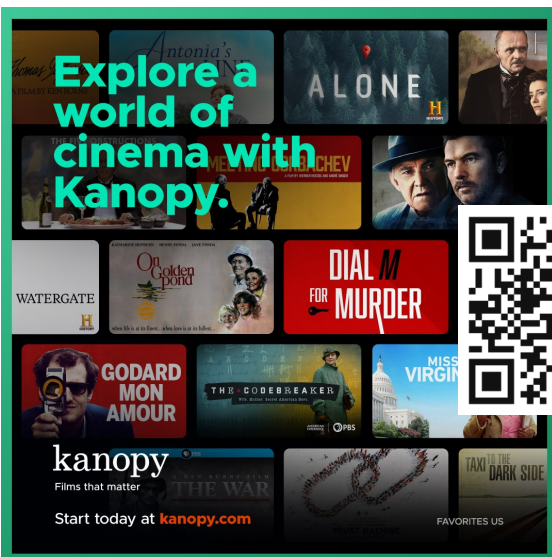
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Wednesday, January 3
7-9 p.m.
Jaws 3
(PG, 1983) 1hr 39 min



@ Civic Center:
Wednesday, February 7
7-9 p.m.
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely
Heart's Club Band
(PG, 1978) 1hr 53 min

GENRE FILM SERIES: YEAR 2, MUSIC MOVIES

Enjoy great movies for free in our comfortable auditorium, Saturday matinee style (sorry, no food or drink allowed).



@ Civic Center:
Saturday, January 20
1-3:30 p.m.
Cadillac Records
(R, 2008) 1hr 49 min

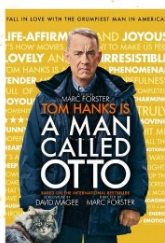


@ Civic Center:
Saturday, February 17
1-3:30 p.m.
Jersey Boys
(R, 2014) 2hr 14 min

TOP TITLES OF 2023

As we start a new year, we're looking back on the titles our patrons loved most last year. Check out the top circulating titles in Livonia in 2023! Have you read any of these?

DIGITAL



DVD

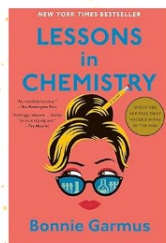


KID'S DVD



VIDEO GAME

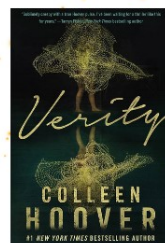
ADULT



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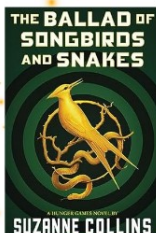


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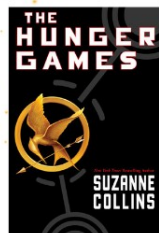


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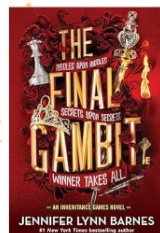
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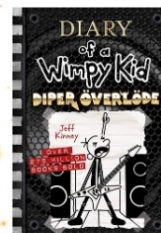


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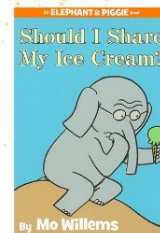
KIDS



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#2



#3

Join us **February 2-4** at the Bennett Civic Center Library for a Friends of the Livonia Library Used Book Sale!

Book Sale hours:

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

Sunday:
1-5 p.m.

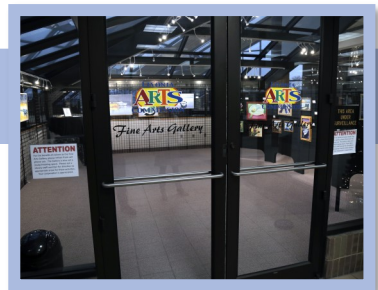
*Pre-Sale on February 1 is open to Friends of the Library members and teachers (must present ID). You may become a member at the door.



EXHIBITS



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



MONTH

DISPLAY CASES

GALLERY

JANUARY 2024

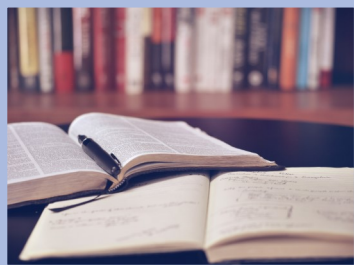
Armenians and the Arts: The Daughters of Vartan, a Detroit-based Armenian organization dedicated to preserving Armenian culture, will showcase writers, painters, performers, and other artists.

Rose Marie Starke,
Mixed Media

FEBRUARY 2024

Calling all Rockhounds: Take a look at the unusual specimens on display this month, courtesy of Marge Kracht and the Roamin Club. The Roamin (ROck And MINeral) Club was founded in 1967.

Detroit Camera Club,
Photography



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**.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS ...





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 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

FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY BOARD

2022-2023

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