

@ The Livonia Public Library May—August 2023



Check out all of our Summer Reading events beginning June 1!

» Upcoming Events

- MAY 11 Noontime Concert
- MAY 14 LIBRARY CLOSED**
- MAY 19-21 Used Book Sale
- MAY 23 Crinolines and Classics
- MAY 27 –29 LIBRARY CLOSED**
- JUNE 1 Summer Reading Begins
- JUNE 12 Boblo Boats
- JULY 4 LIBRARY CLOSED**
- JULY 7 Quidditch Camp
- AUG 14 True Crime Addict
- SEPT 2-4 LIBRARY CLOSED**

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KIDS SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023

Sign up for our annual Summer Reading Program and take the **All Together Now Challenge!** Readers will enjoy special programs and have the opportunity to win fabulous prizes just by completing their reading logs.

The Summer Reading program begins **Thursday, June 1** and runs through July 31, 2023.

Kids (who have completed grade 6 and younger) can register online beginning June 1. Readers and listeners can track their reading and activity progress online or on a paper reading log. Not only do they earn credit for reading, but they can also earn stickers and badges for performing a good deed, attending a library event, attending a community event, completing the scavenger hunt, and telling the librarians jokes or fun facts. Participants who earn five stickers (badges) will earn a certificate and a FREE book. Readers may earn as many stickers as they like through July 31 and will earn a free book for every set of five.

Keep track of your reading beginning **June 1, 2023** on the Beanstack app, at livonialibrary.beanstack.org, or pick up a paper log at the library (logs also available on our website).

BRIGHT STAR TOURING PRESENTS OPERATION KINDNESS: A CAPTAIN FRIENDSHIP ADVENTURE

Ages 5 and up. The Menace of Meanness is threatening to take over the world and only one super-duo has a chance to stop them – Captain Friendship and the Amazing Amigo! The Menace is a dangerous, shadowy figure who creeps up on our friends when they least expect it, bullying and pressuring them into behaving very badly. Captain Friendship must fearlessly oppose this villain and help our audience learn that they, too, can master the Menace of Meanness – but it’s going to take all of us working together on “Operation Kindness.”

@ Civic Center:
Monday, June 19
11 a.m. AND
2 p.m.

DINOSAUR DAY WITH PALEO JOE

Ages 5 and up. Paleo Joe, a Paleontologist, will introduce animals, plants, and creatures that have been extinct for millions of years. His high energy show brings life to these creatures of long ago.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, June 20
2 p.m.

ART ALL TOGETHER

Ages 4 and up. Join us for various art projects on the lawn and dress for a mess! Younger children may need assistance. No Registration required.

@ Sandburg:
Wednesday, June 21
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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

ALEX THOMAS AND FRIENDS

All ages welcome. This interactive show brings jokes, prizes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun through the art of puppetry. Volunteers and audience members will get to play along and become a part of the act. Be sure to stay for the “Meet and Greet” session after every show for your chance to meet the characters, take a photo, and receive a personalized autograph from the puppet on a free photo card!

@ Civic Center:
Monday, June 26
11 a.m.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, June 27
2 p.m.



MERMAIDS & PIRATES

All ages welcome. Dress as a mermaid or pirate and join us on the lawn for all kinds of fun. No Registration required.

@ Sandburg:
Wednesday, July 5
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

CHALK ART ALL TOGETHER

All ages welcome. Let’s decorate the grounds of the Library! Using sidewalk chalk and other art supplies, participants will decorate the cement around the Bennett Civic Center building.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 6
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

THE MUSIC LADY

All ages welcome. Join us for songs of kindness, friendship, and unity. The Music Lady will have kids of all ages dancing in their seat and in the aisles! Perfect for preschoolers.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, July 10
11 a.m. AND
6 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, July 11
2 p.m.



PHOENIX FREERUNNING PARKOUR WORKSHOP*

Recommended for ages 6 and older. Learn the basics of the growing sport of parkour in a fun and safe manner with our friends from Phoenix Freerunning Academy. This event will take place outside. Registration required beginning Monday, July 3.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, July 17
11 a.m. AND
12 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, July 18
2 p.m.

CAMERON ZVARA

Ages 5 and up. Magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation! You won’t want to miss out!

@ Civic Center:
Monday, July 24
11 a.m. AND
6:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Tuesday, July 25
2 p.m.



DRUMMUNITY

Ages 5 and up. Lori Fithian, a drum circle facilitator and workshop leader, will bring her collection of hand drums and percussion toys to the Livonia Public Library to transform our community into a DRUMMUNITY – a word she invented for the community building that happens when people come together around a circle of drums.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, July 31
11 a.m.

ORIGAMI BUTTERFLY MURAL

All ages. Let’s work together to create a beautiful mural with origami butterflies! Everyone is welcome to pick up a craft bag during the month of June. The craft bags can be found in the Children’s Department and at the Browsing Desk.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 1—Friday, June 30
during regular library hours

Please check our website to confirm program dates and times.

See page 12 for our summer movie programs!

*Registration required. Register by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person at the Children’s reference desk.



STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Storytime programs for ages 1-6

FAMILY FUN DROP-IN STORYTIME

All ages welcome (recommended for ages 2-6). A mix of stories, rhymes, songs, and more! Stories and activities are geared towards kids ages 2-6.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesdays, June 7 – July 26
10:15 a.m. AND 6 p.m.

FAMILY FUN OUTDOOR STORYTIME

All ages welcome (recommended for ages 2-6). A mix of stories, rhymes, songs, and more! Stories and activities geared towards kids ages 2-6. Families are encouraged to bring chairs and/or blankets. Weather permitting.

@ Civic Center:

Fridays, June 2 – July 28 (join us on the lawn at the back of the library's parking lot)
10:15 a.m.

@ Sandburg:

Thursdays, June 8 – August 10
10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY HEROES STORYTIME

All ages welcome (recommended for ages 2-6). Let's celebrate the people who serve our Community with a special storytime! A brave community hero will join us for a story, song, and more! Check our website for more dates!

Meet a Livonia Police Officer

@ Mies Park

Tuesday, June 20
10 a.m.

Fall Storytime registration begins Tuesday, September 5.

SPRING ART ALA CARTE

Love our Holiday Art ala Carte? Join us for our spring version! Several spring crafts will be available to make. Samples and instructions will be provided. Adult supervision is required.

@ Civic Center:

May 8 - 20 during regular library hours

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 (734) 466-2458, kjayska@livoniapubliclibrary.org or Cathy at (248) 893-4010, cmoeller@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Civic Center:

Monday, May 8
6:30 p.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. During the program, 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:

Wednesdays, May 10, May 24, and May 31
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

GIRLS IN STEM*

Grades 5-8. Students from the Math/Science/Computer program at Churchill High School will lead fun, hands-on basic science and programming activities highlighting the importance of women in STEM. Registration required.

@ Sandburg:

Tuesday, May 16
4:30-5:30 p.m.

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT

Recommended for ages 8 and up. Bring the family for a fun bonding experience playing board games from the library's collection. Staff will be on hand to explain the rules and guide the fun, and games played will be available for checkout after the program.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, May 25
6-8 p.m.

TWEEN TUESDAYS*

Grades 5-7. join us for a variety of fun-filled events. Registration required for each event.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesdays, June 20 and 27; July 11, 18, and 25
1 p.m.

WATERMELON DROP AND POP-UP PLAYGROUND

All ages welcome. Sandburg’s big event is back! Watermelon meets Gravity—it’s Science! And fun! No Registration required.

@ Sandburg:

Wednesday, July 19
10:30 a.m.



QUIDDITCH CAMP

Grades 5-12. Brush up on your Quidditch skills or learn to play! Make sure to wear sneakers, sunscreen, and bug spray. Water, snacks, and brooms provided. Quidditch camp participants will be given priority team placement during our Muggle Quidditch matches on 7/12 and 7/24!

@ Sandburg:

Fridays, July 7, and July 21
1:30-3:30 p.m.

MUGGLE QUIDDITCH

Grades 5-12. We’ll provide the brooms for you to come play our favorite magical sport! Water and snacks provided.

@ Civic Center Field:

Wednesday, July 12
6–8 p.m.

@ Sandburg (Beverly Park):

Monday, July 24
6–8 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. Learn from each other and see who comes out on top!

@ Sandburg:

Thursdays, June 29; July 13 and 27;
and August 10 and 24
2-4 p.m.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL VISION BOARD*

Grades 5-7. Sharon Baran, Certified Confidence Life Coach for Kids, will walk us through a back-to-school Vision Board program designed to prepare you for the new school year! Registration required beginning Thursday, July 27.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, August 10
6-7:30 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!

READING Challenges

- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Kindergarten Challenge
- 50 in First Challenge
- Second Grade Storytellers
- Third Grade – True 25
- Fourth Grade – Books Outside the Box
- Tween Reading Challenge

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SIGN UP FOR ONE OF OUR NEW READING CHALLENGES!

Register for all of our challenges (plus some for grownups!) at livonialibrary.beanstack.org. You can also register at your next library visit.

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TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023

June 1-July 31. Read books, attend programs, win prizes! Every five hours of reading earns an entry into a drawing for one of our eight book baskets (books and goodies in a variety of genres). Attend the Library's teen programs to earn extra drawing entries! Read 15 hours by July 31 to earn an invitation to our FINAL PARTY, a combo laser-tag and foam party that will happen on Friday, August 4! Register for Teen Summer Reading on the Beanstack app or at livonialibrary.beanstack.org beginning **June 1, 2023**.

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@ Civic Center:

Thursday, June 1—Friday, June 30
during regular library hours

WOOD BURNING WITH SCORCH MARKERS*

Grades 8-12. Decorate wood slices with summer designs using Scorch Markers. Scorch Markers are an easier, safer alternative to traditional wood burning tools. Just draw your design and apply heat to burn it onto the wood's surface. Registration required beginning Saturday, May 20.

@ Civic Center:

Saturday, June 3
2-3 p.m.

DART TAG

Grades 8-12. Join us for an after-hours epic Dart Tag battle! All nerf blasters, darts, and vest provided.

@ Sandburg:

Thursday, June 8
6:15-7:30 p.m.

START OF SUMMER BONFIRE

Grades 8-12. Meet up with your friends (or make new ones!) as we celebrate the start of summer vacation with a bonfire, S'mores, and ghost stories. Participants should bring their own camp chairs. Bonfire will take place in the Library's delivery parking lot.

@ Civic Center:

Friday, June 16
7-10 p.m.

MOBILE ESCAPE ROOM*

Grades 8-12. Escape Room Novi will be bringing the Airplane Trailer to the Library! This trailer makes you feel like you're on board the world's first autonomous airline when lightning strikes! To escape, groups of six will have 15 minutes to repair the airplane...before it's too late! Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, June 21
6-8 p.m.

LEARN TO CROCHET WITH MICHIGAN FINE YARNS*

Grades 8-12. Learn the basics of crochet with Michigan Fine Yarns! Learn from the pros at our local yarn store, and leave with the knowledge and materials to complete your very first dish cloth. All materials provided. Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Sandburg:

Tuesday, June 27
6-7:30 p.m.

COMIC DRAWING CLASS*

Grades 8-12. Learn the basics of drawing comics from local artist and rapper Kam Reynolds of Kam Komics! Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Civic Center

Tuesday, July 11
6 p.m.

CAT CAFÉ

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

@ Civic Center

Saturday, July 15
2-4 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 Thursday, June 1.

@ Sandburg:

Monday, July 17
6-7:30 p.m.

KNIGHT TRAINING WITH RING OF STEEL*

Grades 8-12. Learn sword wielding basics and watch swordplay demonstrations from Ring of Steel Action Theatre and Stunt Group during this adventurous Knight Training workshop. Make sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes, tie back hair, and remove jewelry. Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Civic Center Field:

Wednesday, July 19
6-8 p.m.

MYSTERY PARTY *

Grades 8-12. Join us for a Mystery Party as we try to Find the Spy! Dr. Percy Peabody has invited you to a VIP party and placed a spy among the guests. Complete challenges to win clues to the spy's identity. Guess correctly and leave with a portion of Dr. Peabody's fortune. Guess incorrectly and, well, you might not leave at all... Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Sandburg:

Thursday, July 27
6:15-9 p.m.

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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, May 3
6-8 p.m.
Superman IV (PG, 1987); 1hr 33min

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2-4 p.m.

VIRTUAL DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Grades 8-12. 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. If you are interested in joining this program or if you have any questions, please email Nathan at nshaw@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Online:

Mondays, May 8 and 22; June 12 and 26;
July 10 and 17; and August 7 and 28
3:45-5:45 p.m.

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! Membership applications can be found on our library website.

@ Civic Center:

Thursdays, May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3
5-6 p.m.

AN EVENING WITH IRENE MILLER

Irene Miller, Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, and educator will take you on a journey of survival. You will sleep under the open sky in No Man's Land and freeze in a Siberian labor camp. You will subsist on boiled grass and broiled onions and shiver with malaria. You will spend years in orphanages.

And you will wonder how a child with this background becomes a positive, creative, and accomplished woman with a joy for living and love to share.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, May 2
6-7:30 p.m.

ALL ABOUT ANXIETY

Grace Johnson Gates, clinical social worker, therapist and professor, will discuss how and why people experience anxiety, different types of anxiety, and coping skills and effective treatments for anxiety.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, May 4
6-7:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN AND THE CIVIL WAR:

A GREAT AND BLOODY SACRIFICE

Historian and award-winning author Jack Dempsey will discuss Michigan's long overlooked and heroic contributions to saving the Union, including the state's rapid response to President Lincoln's call to arms, its involvement in the greatest battles, and its most interesting personalities. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

@ Civic Center:

Monday, May 8
6:30-7:45 p.m.

HAMILTON: HOW THE MUSICAL REMIXES AMERICAN HISTORY

Have you ever wondered if the award-winning musical stays true to history? Dr. Richard Bell of the University of Maryland joins us for a lively program that investigates what the musical phenomenon gets right- and wrong- about Alexander Hamilton, the American Revolution, and the birth of the United States.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, May 9
6-7:30 p.m.

Please check our website to
confirm program dates and times.

CRINOLINES AND CLASSICS: THOSE FABULOUS FIFTIES

The City of Livonia was founded on May 23, 1950. The decade that followed was a time for music, cruising, and car hops. Join us for a live vintage fashion show with Fashion and the Automobile for a drive down memory lane in Livonia!

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, May 23
6:30-8 p.m.

A DETROIT TIGERS CELEBRATION PRESENTATION

Take a fun and enlightening journey through Detroit baseball history with the author of *The Ultimate Detroit Tigers Time Machine Book*, Martin Gitlin. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

@ Civic Center:

Tuesday, May 30
7-8:30 p.m.



ADULT SUMMER READING: ALL TOGETHER NOW*

Summer Reading fun isn't just for kids! Registered adults who track their reading progress earn entries into a drawing for some great prizes. Readers who attend the library's adult programs will earn additional drawing entries. Join us to learn about the "heady history" of Michigan beer, explore American history through art, experience the thrill of sword fighting, hear the stories of a Titanic survivor—and much more! Register online at livonialibrary.beanstack.org, beginning June 1.

@ All Livonia Libraries:

June 1-July 31, 2023

MICHIGAN BEER: A HEADY HISTORY

Join local author and teacher Patti F. Smith who will discuss her book, *Michigan Beer: A Heady History*, and the history of brewing in Michigan.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, June 7
6-7:30 p.m.

PICTURING AMERICA THROUGH ART

America's art tells America's story--the optimism, struggles, humor and pain. Join art historian Wendy Evans as she explores how people from the earliest inhabitants to today have pictured the history and landscape of the country reflecting its ideas and ideals.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 8
6-8 p.m.

BOBLO BOATS: A DETROIT FERRY TALE*

Join us for a screening of this documentary film about an unlikely band of heroes who unite to rescue an abandoned Boblo steamship, followed by a talk and Q & A with the film's director, Aaron Schillinger. The program will include props from the film, as well as t-shirts and posters for purchase.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, June 12
6:30-8:30 p.m.

HISTORICAL SWORDSMANSHIP

All ages. Learn how HEMA (Historical European Martial Arts) is studied. There's an international effort amongst scholars to digitize historical texts written about swordsmanship, transcribe them, and translate them. The final capstone to this effort, are living historians who use modern protective equipment and blunt museum-accurate weapons to interpret these translations by performing the combat techniques from the treatises.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, June 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

PAINT PARTY*

Join artist Noelle Douglas as she guides you step-by-step in creating your own unique painting. Materials and supplies provided. Registration required beginning Thursday, June 1.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 15
2-4 p.m.

MIDNIGHT: DETROIT AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

Codenamed Midnight, Detroit was a vital station on the Underground Railroad. In this presentation, we'll learn about the thousands who crossed the river to freedom in Canada from Detroit.

@ Civic Center:
Monday, June 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.

A WEED GOES TO WAR

Historian Gerry Wykes documents the World War II home front effort to find a suitable replacement for Kapok to fill sailor & aviator life vests, and the nationwide effort to gather wild milkweed pods to produce nearly 2 million life vests.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, June 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.

DISTILLATION OF SOUND:

DUB AND THE CREATION OF CULTURE WITH ERIC ABBEY

Learn about Jamaican dub music and it's influence on dance music throughout the world, including hip hop.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, June 27
7-8:30 p.m.

SOS YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS*

Life happens in the blink of an eye and each moment is worth preserving. Join Cindy Duffy to learn how to Save, Organize, and Share your family photo and video memories. Registration required beginning Monday, June 5.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

TITANIC SURVIVOR VIOLET JESSOP WITH LESLIE GODDARD

The only person to survive the sinking of both the HMHS Britannic and the RMS Titanic (the Britannic's identical sister ship), Violet Jessop tells unforgettable stories of the terrifying disasters.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, July 18
6:30-7:30 p.m.

ANATOMY OF A MURDER

Author Eugene Milhizer will give a presentation on his book *Dissecting Anatomy of a Murder*. A book signing will follow. Milhizer carefully unravels the trial, book, and movie based on one of the most famous criminal trials of the 20th century. In preparation for the presentation, come and watch the film, *Anatomy of a Murder* on Wednesday, July 26.

@ Civic Center (Film Screening):
Wednesday, July 26
2-4:45 p.m.

@ Civic Center (Presentation):
Friday, July 28
2-3 p.m.

BEEF EGG ROLLS WITH MING LOUIE*

Learn some chopstick skills, a little Asian etiquette, and enjoy a beef egg roll with Chef Ming Louie. Registration is required beginning Monday, June 26 for this hands-on cooking demo.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, July 27
6-7:30 p.m.

DETROIT LEGEND, THE NAIN ROUGE

Motown. Motorcity. Detroit is renowned for many things, including the hero (or villain) Nain Rouge. Come learn the Nain Rouge's history and that of other wee folk across North America.

@ Civic Center:

Thursday, August 3
6:30-8 p.m.

PAUL VACHON AND DETROIT: AN ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE

Local author Paul Vachon brings more than 300 Detroit history, facts, and photos together in the latest edition of *Detroit: An Illustrated Timeline*. Join him for a discussion of some of the highlights from Detroit's fascinating history. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

@ Civic Center:

Monday, August 7
7-8:30 p.m.

THE LATE SHOW: BRING YOUR FALL GARDEN TO LIFE WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Fall is often a difficult time in the Midwestern garden - unless you look to native plants. Advanced Master Gardener Cheryl English will show you how to extend your gardening season through the judicious selection of Michigan species at their best for the most exciting Late Show of all.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, August 9
6:30-7:30 p.m.

TRUE CRIME ADDICT: INVESTIGATIONS WITH JAMES RENNER

James Renner, investigative journalist and author of *True Crime Addict* and the newly released *Little, Crazy Children*, will be visiting the Civic Center Library auditorium for a presentation discussing his favorite unsolved mysteries.

@ Civic Center:

Monday, August 14
6-7 p.m.

THE POTATO FAMINE AND THE COMING OF THE IRISH TO AMERICA

Terence O'Leary, author and Irish storyteller, educates his audience about how The Great Hunger affected the destiny of Ireland and America. Copies of Mr. O'Leary's trilogy, *Irish Crossings*, will be available for purchase.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, August 16
6-7:30 p.m.

FACTORY FARMING

Lynn Henning, Field Operations Director for the Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, will discuss hazards of factory farming. Ms. Henning received the 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize—the environmental equivalent of the Nobel Prize. VegMichigan will pass out plant-based food samples to take home.

@ Civic Center:

Wednesday, August 23
7-8:30 p.m.

HOW THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY CONQUERED THE ENTERTAINMENT UNIVERSE

This presentation examines this remarkable story of creativity and media growth, and looks at how the Walt Disney Company grew from a small cartoon studio in 1923 to become the most powerful force in worldwide entertainment. This program will be streamed in the Library's Auditorium and also available to view remotely via Zoom. Registration required for Zoom info.

@ Civic Center and Zoom Event:

Monday, August 28
6:30-7:30 p.m.



@ Civic Center: Card Making with Florence Nagy

Monday, June 26 (*Registration: Monday, June 12*)
6-7:30 p.m.

@ Civic Center: Jewelry Making with Christine Steffen

Tuesday, August 8 (*Registration: Tuesday, July 25*)
2:30-4 p.m.

@ Civic Center: Fired Ink Art

Monday, August 21 (*Registration: Monday, August 7*)
6:30-7:30 p.m.



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.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, May 2
The Lost Vintage
by Ann Mah
10 a.m to 12 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, June 6
The Lager Queen of Minnesota
by J. Ryan Stradel
10 a.m to 12 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, July 11
Love Over Scotland
by Alexander McCall Smith
10 a.m to 12 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Tuesday, August 1
The All-Girls Filling Station's Last Reunion
by Fannie Flagg
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 librarian Paige Plant at 734-466-2480 or pplant@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, May 11
The Immortalists
by Chloe Benjamin
6-7:30 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 15
Thursday, July 20
Thursday, August 10
6-7:30 p.m.

FIRST MONDAY MEMOIRS

Join us for First Monday Memoirs, a new book group that will meet at the Carl Sandburg Library on the first Monday of the month. We will select a wide range of memoirs and biographies with something for everyone. Contact Nicole with any questions: 248-893-4010 or nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, May 1
Greenlights
by Matthew McConaughey
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, June 5
To Be Loved
by Berry Gordy
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, July 3
Cheaper by the Dozen
by Frank Gilbreth
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg:
Monday, August 7
Solito
by Javier Zamora
6:30-7:30 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 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.

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.



Browse the latest edition of BookPage online to find your next great book!

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Please check our website to confirm program dates and times.

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

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.



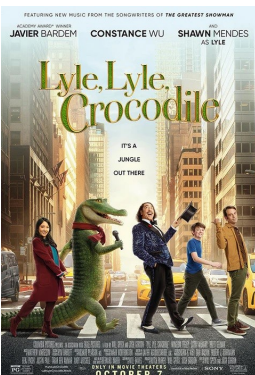
ALISON DONAHUE, Thursday, May 11

Alison Donahue brings her jazz-based vocal stylings and soulful cello to a selection of jazz, swing, and pop standards from the 1920s to today. Join us in the atrium for the last Noontime Concert of the 2022-23 season!

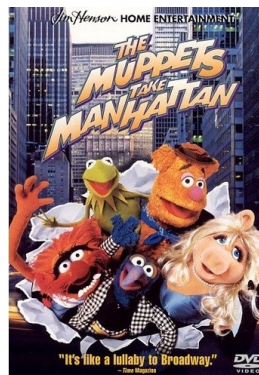
The Noontime Concerts will resume in September.

THURSDAY THEATER

All ages welcome; young children must be accompanied by an adult. Need a break from all your summer activities? Join us for a matinee! No refreshments, please.



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 15
2 p.m.
Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (PG)
1 hr 46 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 22
2 p.m.
Muppets Take Manhattan (G)
1 hr 34 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 13
2 p.m.
Strange World (PG)
1 hr 42 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 20
2 p.m.
Frozen II (PG)
1 hr 43 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, June 29
2 p.m.
The Lego Movie (PG)
1 hr 40 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 6
2 p.m.
Encanto (PG)
1 hr 39 min



@ Civic Center:
Thursday, July 27
2 p.m.
Puss in Boots 2 (PG)
1 hr 42 min

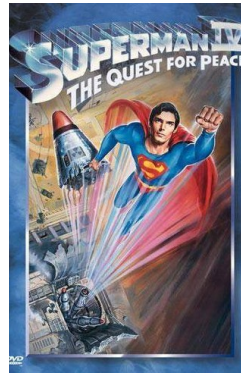




All movies are free and no registration is required. Films are subject to change. Contact the Library to confirm titles.

BAD MOVIE NIGHT

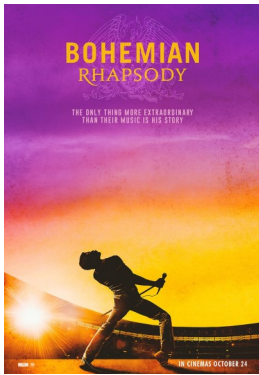
Teens and Adults. Grab some friends and join us for a series of So-Bad-They're-Good films! You'll groan at the terrible special effects, laugh at the bad acting, and have the worst (best) time (sorry, no food or drink allowed).



@ Civic Center:
 Wednesday, May 3
 6-8 p.m.
 Superman IV (PG, 1987)
 1hr 33min

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, May 6
 1 p.m.
 Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)
 2 hr 14 min



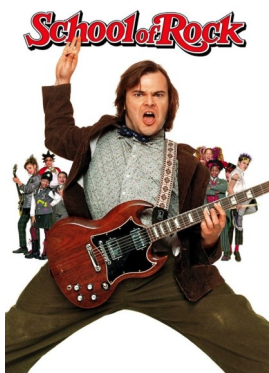
@ Civic Center:
 Saturday, June 24
 1 p.m.
 Drumline (PG-13)
 1 hr 58 min

AFTERNOONS WITH AUSTEN

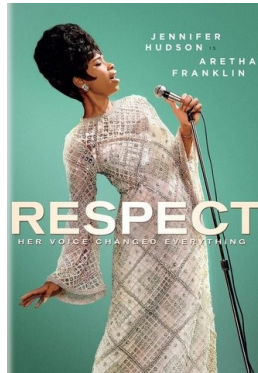
Spend Saturday afternoon watching a delightful adaptation of one of Jane Austen's classic books. (sorry, no food or drink allowed).



@ Civic Center:
 Saturday, June 17
 2 p.m.
 Emma (PG, 2020)
 2h 4m



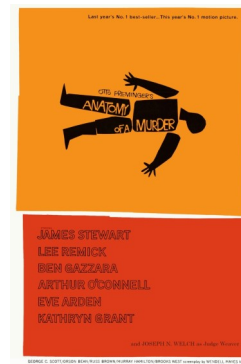
@ Civic Center:
 Saturday, July 22
 1 p.m.
 School of Rock (PG-13)
 1 hr 49 min



@ Civic Center:
 Saturday, August 19
 1 p.m.
 Respect (PG-13)
 2 hr 25 min

ANATOMY OF A MURDER FILM SCREENING

In preparation for Dissecting Anatomy of a Murder, presented by Eugene Milhizer on Friday, July, 28th at 2 p.m., come and watch the film, Anatomy of a Murder.



@ Civic Center:
 Wednesday, July 26
 2 p.m.
 Anatomy of a Murder (1959)
 2h 41m



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MAY 19-21

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Book Sale hours:

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

Sunday:
1-5 p.m.

Pre-Sale on May 18 is open to Friends of the Library members and teachers (must present ID) from 4:30-6:30 p.m.



Are you looking to give back to your community, or fulfill volunteer hour requirements? Attend our Volunteer Fair! Local community organizations will be on hand to share their variety of volunteer opportunities.

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SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

All Livonia Libraries will be closed:

And don't forget ...

The Bennett Civic Center Library will be closed on Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

May 14
May 27-29
July 4
September 2-4

But you can access our eBooks anytime!

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

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.



MAY 2023	Student Artwork, Clarenceville Public Schools
JUNE 2023	Local Artists, Mixed Media
JULY 2023	Madavi Kodali, Mixed Media
AUGUST 2023	Debbie Lim, Mixed Media

Check your local branch for other rotating exhibits.



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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.

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Book Store phone: (734) 466-2495

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6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

Tuesday, June 27

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15218 Farmington Road
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