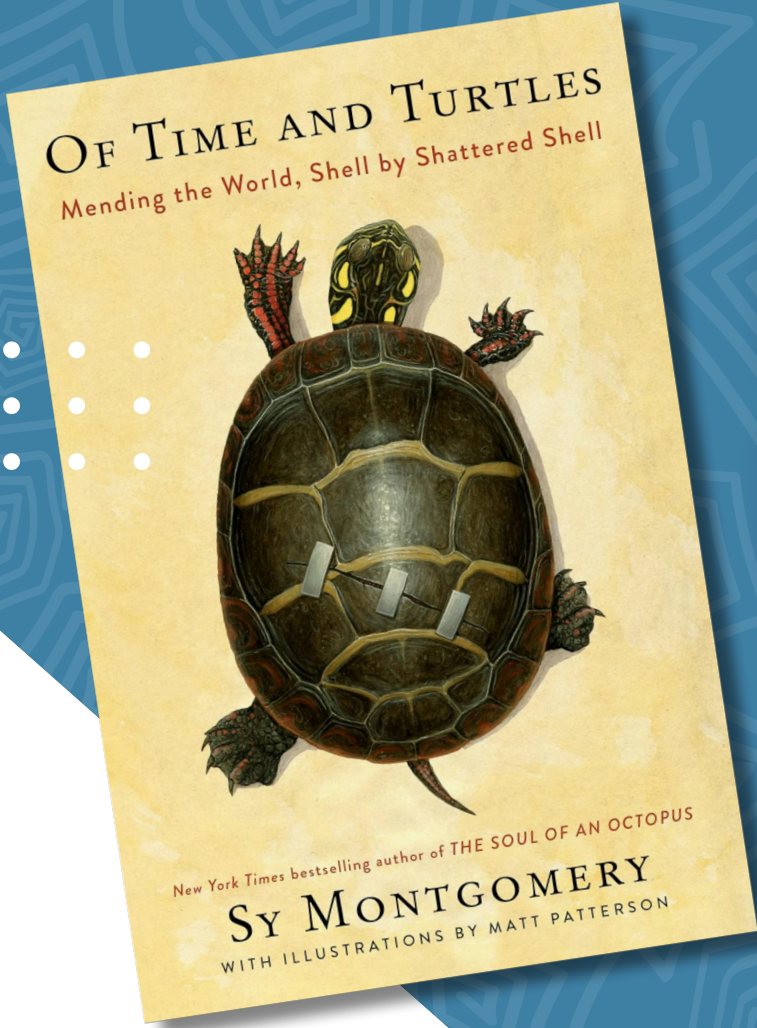


ONE CITY ONE BOOK



Connecting Our Community

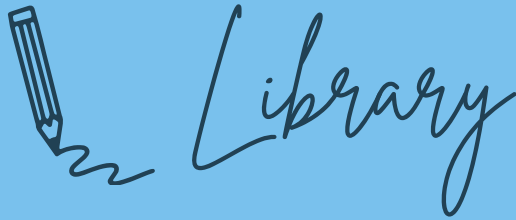
We are pleased to announce the fourth annual **One City, One Book** event! This year's featured title is "Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell" by Sy Montgomery. See **page 7** for more information.

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Notes from the



Take a Moment to Slow Down This Fall

As summer gradually turns into fall, the pace of life often ramps up. This August, take a moment to slow down and slip into turtle time by participating in **One City, One Book.**

Pick up a copy of the selected book at either library location, and join your Livonia neighbors for a variety of engaging programs throughout September and October. Highlights include a virtual visit with bestselling author Sy Montgomery.

We hope you embrace this opportunity to connect with fellow readers and enjoy a season of thoughtful reflection and community bonding. See page 7 for full event details.

Paige Plant
Head of Adult Services



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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. Space is limited so register early!

Registration begins **Tuesday, Sept. 3.**
Register online, in person, or by phone.

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. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Mondays, Sept. 9 – Oct. 21
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! Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 23
10:15-10:40 a.m. OR
11:15-11:40 a.m.

@ Sandburg:
Thursdays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 24
10:30-11 a.m.

RHYTHM & RHYME*

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

@ Civic Center
Tuesdays, Sept. 10 – Oct. 22
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.

PEPPY PRESCHOOL*

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

@ Civic Center
Thursdays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 24
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR
11:15-11:45 a.m.

@ Sandburg:
Wednesdays, Sept. 11 – Oct. 23
10:30-11 a.m.



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



Registration for our next storytime session begins **Monday, Oct. 28!**

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 sensory stations such as kinetic sand with their caregivers. Please wear appropriate clothing that can get a little messy! No registration required.

@ Civic Center
Saturdays, Sept. 14 and Oct. 12
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

THE LEGEND OF MACKINAC ISLAND STORYTIME*

Grades K-3. Read "The Legend of Mackinac Island," learn turtle facts, and create a craft during this turtle-y cool storytime! This program is part of our One City, One Book event.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Sept. 21
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TWEENS

Grades 5-7. We'll chat about the books we love (and hate), talk about upcoming programs, have plenty of snacks, and earn community service credit through volunteer opportunities.

@ Civic Center
Monday, Sept. 16
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

SCAN ME

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, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12
4-5:30 p.m.

READING CHALLENGES!

Ages birth-adult. Did you know we have reading challenges that you can sign up for all year? Register for all of these challenges (plus some for grownups!) at livonialibrary.beanstack.org. You can also register at your next library visit—we're always happy to help!

LIBRARIES- MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...

CYBERTRON PUBLIC LIBRARY OPTIMUS PRIME

ROLL OUT WITH A LIBRARY CARD.

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

The Livonia Public Library wants to make sure that every child has the most important school supply of all—a **library card**.

Every child who signs up for a library card at the Bennett Civic Center or Carl Sandburg Library during the month of September will receive a **FREE book**.



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 "On the Corner of Chocolate Avenue" written by Tziporah Cohen. Pick up your books at the Civic Center Library beginning August 31. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Sept. 21
10:30-11 a.m.

MIDDLE-GRADE MASTERPIECES*

Grades 4-7. Are you ready to dive into some fantastic classic books? We'll discuss the book, have some snacks, and the book is yours to keep! This month, we'll read "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White. Get your copy at the Civic Center Children's Reference Desk beginning August 31. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Thursday, Sept. 26
6:30-7:30 p.m.

EMPOWER HOUR BOOK CLUB*

Grades 4-7 with a grown-up. We'll be reading "The War That Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Participants can pick up their books at the juvenile reference desk at Civic Center beginning September 21. Beverages and breakfast pastries will be provided. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Oct. 19
10:30-11:30 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, we will read "Ham Helsing Vampire Hunter" by Rich Moyer. Participants can pick up their books at the Civic Center Library Children's Reference Desk beginning August 31. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Sept. 21
2-3 p.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 "Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time" by Lisa Yee. All registered participants will be able to pick up a free copy of the book. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Monday, Oct. 14
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! This month, we're reading "Nate the Great" by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, and the book is yours to keep. Pick up your copy at the Civic Center Library beginning September 21. Registration required.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Oct. 19
1:30-2 p.m.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB*

Grades 5-7. This month we're reading "Twins" by Varian Johnson & Shannon Wright. A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Sandburg Library beginning three weeks before the meeting date. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Monday, Sept. 23
6-7 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! The goal of the 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.

@ Civic Center
Thursdays, Aug. 1 and Sept. 5
5-6 p.m.



VIRTUAL DUNGEONS & DRAGONS*

Join our virtual D&D adventure! Our group is led by a veteran Dungeon Master. This season, our adventures will be taking place within Tier 3 (Levels 10-15). If you are interested in joining this program or if you have any questions, please send a message to nshaw@livoniapubliclibrary.org. A Discord account is required.

@ Virtual
Mondays, Aug. 12 and 26;
Sept. 16 and 23
3:45-5:45 p.m.

TIME MANAGEMENT FOR TEENS*

Grades 8-12. Just in time for back-to-school, learn strategies for successful time management.

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Aug. 10
3-4:30 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. Learn from each other and see who comes out on top!

@ Sandburg
Thursdays, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12
4-5:30 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.

BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER*

Teens and Adults. Join us for a spine-tingling game of Blood on the Clocktower. Blood on the Clocktower is a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception. A social game played in person, 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.

@ Civic Center
Wednesdays, Aug. 21 and Sept. 25
6:30-8:30 p.m.

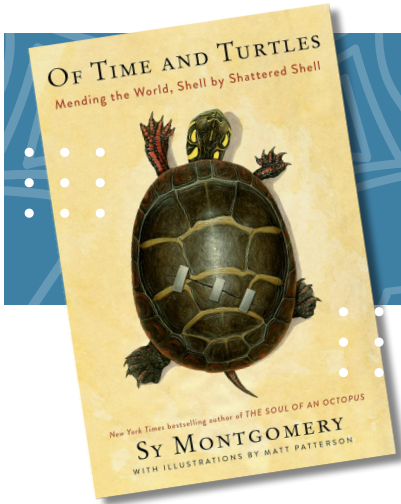
MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP FOR TEENS*

Teens, learn the Foundations of Mental Health in this workshop provided by SPN Survivors. Registration required beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10.

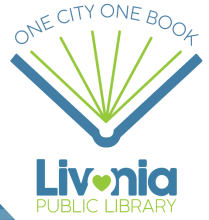
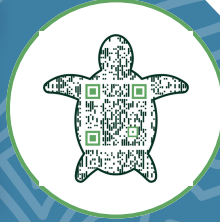
@ Civic Center
Thursday, Oct. 10
6:30-8:15 p.m.

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.



ONE CITY ONE BOOK



The Livonia Public Library, along with the Livonia Library Commission, invites you to participate in the **2024 One City, One Book event!**

One City, One Book targets adult readers; however, we're seeking to attract Livonians of all ages in our 2024 programming which focuses on turtles, reptiles, Michigan ecosystems and conservation.

THE ROUGE: A COMPLEX HISTORY

Local historian Andrew Kercher returns for a presentation about the history of Ford's River Rouge Complex and its impact on industry and the environment.

@ Civic Center
Monday, Sept. 9
7-8:15 p.m.

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP*

Participants will leave with a marvelous turtle-themed bracelet and earrings. Supplies provided.

@ Civic Center
Tuesday, Sept. 10
2:30-4 p.m.

MICHIGAN TURTLES*

An up-close live animal encounter for adults! Join Wayne County Parks to meet Michigan turtles and learn about their habitat and adaptations.

@ Civic Center
Thursday, Sept. 12
7-8 p.m.

REPTILE RESCUERS: EXPLORE REPTILES WITH N&N EXOTIC REPTILE RESCUE

Learn about the rescue and rehabilitation of reptiles and how to be a responsible reptile owner. This is not an adoption event but you will meet and greet some live reptile friends! All ages welcome.

@ Civic Center
Monday, Sept. 16
3-4 p.m.

ALL ABOUT TURTLES WITH THE DETROIT ZOO*

Join us for a presentation from a Detroit Zoo staff member who will discuss this fascinating group of reptiles. Program features hands-on artifacts.

@ Civic Center
Tuesday, Sept. 17
7-8:30 p.m.

THE LEGEND OF MACKINAC ISLAND STORYTIME*

Grades K-3. Read "The Legend of Mackinac Island," learn turtle facts, and create a craft during this turtle-y cool storytime!

@ Civic Center
Saturday, Sept. 21
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MEET THE AUTHOR

We are thrilled to have award-winning author and naturalist Sy Montgomery join us virtually for a discussion of her book "Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell," followed by a Q&A session.

@ Civic Center
Monday, Sept. 23
7-8:15 p.m.

'THE FISH THIEF' FILM SCREENING AND Q & A

Watch the award-winning film "The Fish Thief" (formerly Relentless) followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker and a rep from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. A sea lamprey display will be available.

@ Civic Center
Thursday, Sept. 26
7-8:30 p.m.

WORKING FORESTS AND WOOD TURTLES

Discover Michigan's Wood Turtle and learn about important conservation efforts that maintain the turtle population and create healthy forests.

@ Civic Center
Wednesday, Oct. 9
6:30-8:30 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us for a discussion of "Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World Shell by Shattered Shell" by Sy Montgomery.

@ Civic Center
Tuesday, Oct. 15
7-8 p.m.

ROUGE RIVER REVIVED: HOW PEOPLE ARE BRINGING THEIR RIVER BACK TO LIFE

John Hartig will discuss the 2022 book "Rouge River Revived." Books will be available for purchase.

@ Civic Center
Thursday, Oct. 17
7-8 p.m.

Stop by the Civic Center Library for a special all ages OCOB Scavenger Hunt. Pick up an origami turtle kit or clay sea turtle kit from either branch.



» Adult Programs

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THE CHANGING FACE OF TELEVISION: YOUTUBE, BINGEING, STREAMING, AND BEYOND

More and more viewers are cancelling cable television. An entire generation of younger viewers watch programs on their laptop or their phones. And tens of thousands of kids and teenagers have started their own TV networks on YouTube, bypassing NBC, ABC, and CBS altogether. This presentation by Brian Rose will look at these developments and explain why the old days of simply "watching TV" are fast disappearing. This event can be attended in-person in our Auditorium or online via Zoom.

@ Civic Center & Virtual
Monday, Aug. 5
7-8 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!

@ Civic Center
Wednesdays, Aug. 14 and Sept. 11
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, Sept. 5
6-7 p.m.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR*

Andrea Moon, a 3rd Degree Black Belt from Shotokan Karate, return to teach women how to fight back and avoid dangerous situations. Wear loose fitting clothes, no jewelry and tie back your hair please. Registration is required.

@ Civic Center
Wednesday, Sept. 18
6-7:30 p.m.



NOONTIME CONCERT

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.

@ Civic Center
HarmonyTown Chorus
Thursday, Sept. 19
12:15 p.m.



Registration required. You must be a Livonia Resident with a valid Livonia Public Library card to register.

@ Civic Center:
Pysanka Egg Decorating
Tuesday, Aug. 20
(Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 6)
1-4 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Pysanka Egg Decorating
Thursday, Aug. 22
(Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 6)
5-8 p.m.

@ Civic Center:
Jewelry Making Workshop
Tuesday, Sept. 10
(Registration begins Tuesday, Aug. 27)
2:30-4 p.m.

Check out **Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center** from MeL.org for inspiration on knitting, photography, model building, paper craft, and more!



Join us for a Film Screening and Presentation on Aug. 7 and 8

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, Aug. 7.

@ Civic Center (Film Screening):
Wednesday, Aug. 7
6:30-8:45 p.m.

@ Civic Center (Presentation):
Thursday, Aug. 8
6:30-8 p.m.

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 for more details.

@ Civic Center

Tuesday, Aug. 6
The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie
by Rachel Linden
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

@ Civic Center

Tuesday, Sept. 3
The Moonlight School
by Suzanne Woods Fisher
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 with any questions.

@ Sandburg

Monday, Aug. 5
It's Always Something
by Gilda Radner
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg

Monday, Sept. 9
All Over But The Shoutin'
by Rick Bragg
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, Aug. 8
The Great Believers
by Rebecca Makkai
6-7:30 p.m.

@ Civic Center

Thursday, Sept. 19
The Children on the Hill
by Jennifer McMahon
6-7:30 p.m.

100 BOOK CLUB*

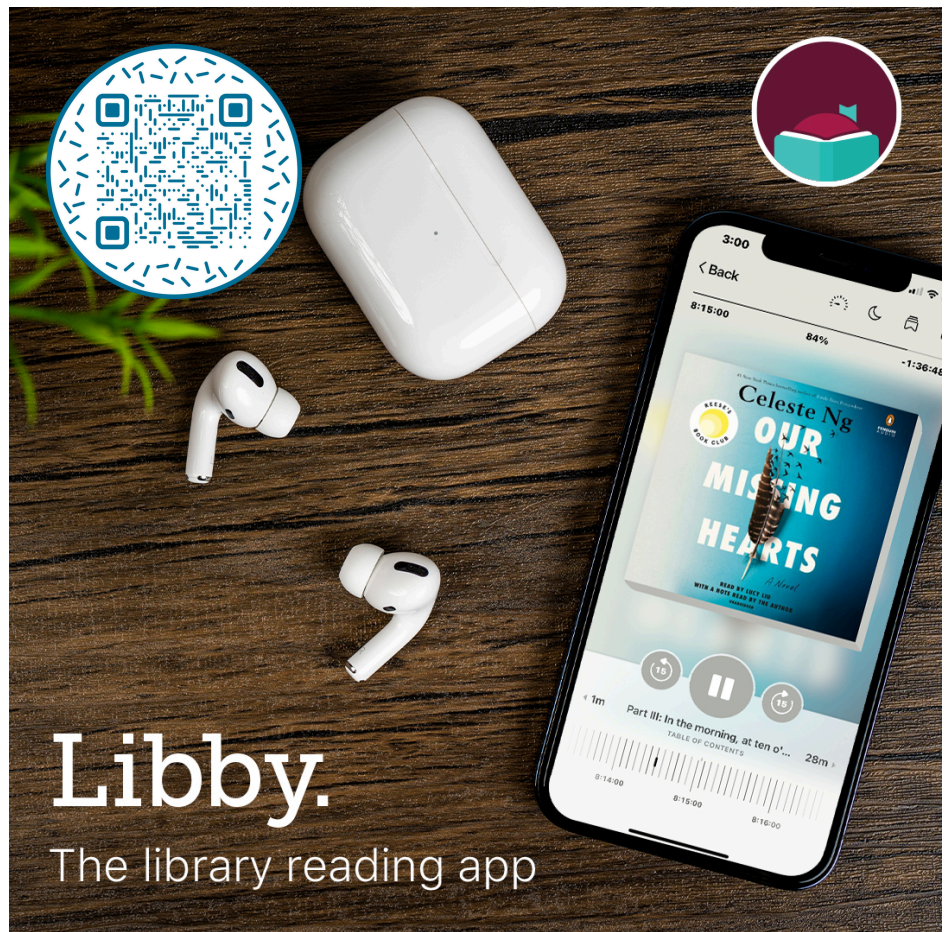
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BOOK BUNDLES

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 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.



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



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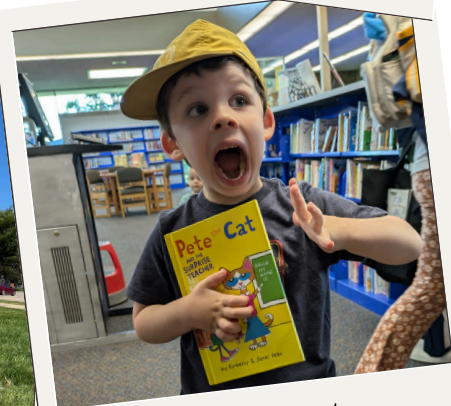
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Summer Reading Finisher!

Thank You

For Your Support

Thank you to our Friends of the Library for their incredible support of our Summer Reading Program.

Thanks to their generous contributions, we were able to host a summer full of exciting and enriching programs and rewards for kids and teens. From magicians and music adventures to Tween Tuesdays, this summer has been one to remember!

Thank you for making a difference in our community and fostering a love for books and learning.

We truly appreciate your partnership and look forward to many more adventures together!

Livonia Library Staff

FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

OCT. 4-6

PRE-SALE OCT. 3!

Book Sale hours:

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

Sunday:
1-5 p.m.

Pre-Sale on Oct. 3 is open to Friends of the Library members and teachers (must present ID) from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

MATH 2+2 ||

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A promotional graphic for a book sale. It features a stack of colorful books with titles like 'MATH 2+2', 'ART', 'BOOK', and 'MAGIC'. A pink mug with a red heart is also present. The text 'FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY' is at the top, followed by 'BOOK SALE' and 'OCT. 4-6'. A callout box says 'PRE-SALE OCT. 3!'. To the left, 'Book Sale hours' are listed for Friday and Saturday (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (1-5 p.m.). To the right, it says 'Pre-Sale on Oct. 3 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.

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Sun: 1-5 p.m.*

**during the school year*



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CARL SANDBURG LIBRARY

30100 Seven Mile Road
(248) 893-4010

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

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15218 Farmington Road
(734) 466-2559

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



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