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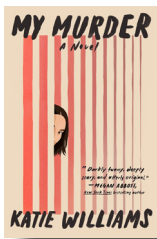
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2025 COMMUNITY READS: **MY MURDER BY KATIE WILLIAMS**

Join us for our annual Community Reads event. This fall, 7 area libraries (Commerce, Lyon Township, Northville, Novi, Salem-South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom) encourage our readers to check out a copy of *My Murder* by Katie Williams.



This great multi-community event brings neighboring libraries together to strengthen community ties and promote literacy. To learn more, please visit nlacommunityreads.weebly.com.

MURDER MYSTERY GAME AFTERNOON **Saturday, October 4 | 2 p.m.**

Can you solve an unsolved murder case? Compete in teams to solve the Unsolved Case Files game! Registration required.

COMMUNITY READS BOOK DISCUSSION **BOOKS & BREWS BOOK CLUB** **Tuesday, October 14 | 7 p.m.**

Join us for a lively book discussion of *My Murder* at The Drafting Table. Copies of the book are available on the New Book Shelf.

MEET THE AUTHOR AT NOVI LIBRARY **Monday, November 10 | 7 p.m.**

Hear from author Katie Williams about the book. Registration is required at novilibrary.org

FALL INTO READING CHALLENGE

Fall into reading and join the all-ages reading challenge from September 2 through November 30! Register and log your reading with Beanstack at wixomlibrary.beanstack.org or on the Beanstack Tracker app.

Kids: Read 8 hours. Everyone who completes the challenge will earn a prize bag and a ticket into the drawing for a bookstore gift card.

HINT: Reading for school counts!

Teens: Read 2 books of your choice to earn a prize pack and a ticket into a prize drawing for a bookstore gift card.

Adults: Read 2 books of your choice to be entered into a prize drawing for a bookstore gift card.



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meets 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Al Boyko, Leah Gettings,

Dee Dee Grant, Jennifer Griffen,

Dulcie MacQueen, Veronica Simmons

CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

Catalog: Search for materials, place holds and renew items

eNewsletter: Sign up for monthly eNewsletter updates on the website

Phone: Get reference assistance, place holds, renew items & more

Website: Access the catalog, digital materials, book suggestions, program calendar & more

App: Search and place holds, connect to digital content, renew items & more

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

FRIENDS EVENTS

The Friends host events throughout the year. Proceeds from Friends events help the Library fund programs and other items that benefit the Library.

FALL SILENT AUCTION

September 22 – October 11, 2025

Bid on a variety of items to support the Friends of the Library.

FALL USED BOOK SALE

October 15: Preview Sale 5 – 7:30 p.m. (Friends Members Only – Memberships at Door)

October 16: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

October 17: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

October 18: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Bag Day – \$5 per bag)

This popular sale offers thousands of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and special items for all ages. Books are priced between 25 cents and \$2 with some other specially priced items.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Tuesday, October 28 at 11 a.m.

The Friends meet quarterly in the meeting room to conduct regular business. New members are always welcome to attend.

DONATION GUIDELINES

Please place your **clean and gently used** book, audiobook, Blu-ray and DVD donations in the donation box inside the front entrance. All donations must be in like-new and sellable condition. Please empty boxes into the donation bin as we are unable to lift heavy boxes.

We are not able to accept magazines, VHS, cassette tapes, encyclopedias, or textbooks. Receipts are available on request.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are always encouraged to join the Friends of the Wixom Library.

TUESDAY SORTING

Tuesday Mornings at 10 a.m.

Help sort donated books every Tuesday morning.

BOOK SALE SET-UP

Volunteers are needed to setup and takedown the sale. Setup involves moving materials to their sale locations and sorting through books for easy viewing. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Check-Out Desk prior to the book sale.

BOOK SALE SALES SUPPORT

Volunteers are needed during the Fall and Spring Book Sales to help with purchases and keeping sale items in order. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Check-Out Desk prior to the book sale.

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to supporting the Friends and the Library through book sales, you can also support the Friends with your everyday shopping.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Friends are enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you shop at Kroger and enroll your Kroger Plus card, a portion of your purchases will be distributed to the Friends each quarter. Details for adding the Friends to your Kroger card are available at wixomlibrary.org/friends.

RECOGNITION TREE

Leaves for the Recognition Tree may be purchased for \$100. The leaves are bronze with black engraved letters. They may be in the form of a memorial or a donation and may be purchased by individuals or businesses. Forms are available in the lobby.

ADULTS

THE EVER-PRESENT CAMERA: UNDERSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHY ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Tuesday, September 23 | 6:30 p.m.

Photographer Corey Seeman, from Squirrel Dude Photography, will be back to provide an overview of smartphone photography, storage needs, and best practices so you can make the most out of this tool.



HOW MONEY WORKS

Thursday, September 25 | 6:30 p.m.

In this workshop you will learn essential financial concepts, strategies, and solutions, equipping you to make informed financial decisions now and in the future. All attendees will receive a free copy of *How Money Works: Stop Being a Sucker* by Tom Mathews and Andy Horner!

PEWABIC: DETROIT'S POTTERY

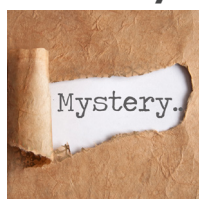
Tuesday, October 7 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a look into the 120 year old history of Detroit's iconic Pewabic Pottery. Founded in 1903, Pewabic is one of the oldest continually operating potteries in the country. Explore images from the Pewabic archives as they guide us through over a century of handcrafting pottery and tiles in Detroit.



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at the Novi Library

Meet the author of this year's Community Reads book *My Murder*, Katie Williams. She will speak about her book and answer questions. Registration required at novilibrary.org.

LINCOLN AND THANKSGIVING

Monday, November 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by renowned re-enactor Kevin Wood, relates the story of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday came to be established during his Presidency.

He explains his Thanksgiving proclamation in the context of the Civil War, the nation's history up to that point, and the story of Sarah Josepha Hale.



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:

A HISTORY OF POLAR EXPLORATION WITH ANDREW KERCHER

Thursday, December 18 | 6:30 p.m.

Explore the triumphs and tragedies of polar exploration. Discover the remarkable stories of daring adventurers who pushed the boundaries of human endurance, from groundbreaking successes to devastating failures.



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ADULTS

MOVIES & LUNCH

Join us for an afternoon film showing and a pizza lunch!

DROP

Wednesday, October 1 | 1 p.m.

CONCLAVE

Wednesday, December 3 | 1 p.m.



BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Tuesdays | 2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.

Get one-on-one help with computers or mobile devices. Sign up on our website or at the Information Desk. Additional time slots may be arranged with the librarian.



DIY CRAFTS

Get creative at our monthly craft nights! All supplies are provided - you just bring the creativity!

SUNFLOWER WREATH

Tuesday, September 16 | 6 p.m.

"THE RAVEN" SHELF DISPLAY

Tuesday, October 21 | 6 p.m.

CHUNKY FINGER-KNITTED SCARF

Thursday, November 13 | 6 p.m.

ART SUPPLIES CLEAN-UP NIGHT

Tuesday, December 16 | 6 p.m.

ESL CAFE

Thursdays | 2 p.m.

ESL Cafe



Improve your English skills with coffee and conversation. Talk with people from different countries who are trying to improve their English. A librarian leads the group. No registration required.

Registration is required for most programs. Register online at wixomlibrary.org. The registration opening date is available on the program calendar.

BOOK CLUBS

BOOKS & BREWS

Join us **Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at The Drafting Table** for discussions on books from an eclectic list of authors.

September 9 - *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* by Becky Chambers

October 14 - *My Murder* by Katie Williams

November 4 - *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghay

December 9 - *Three Holidays and a Wedding* by Uzma Jalaluddin (Please bring a wrapped book for an end of the year book exchange.)



BETWEEN THE LINES

Join us on **Wednesdays at 2 p.m.** to discuss an eclectic list of titles while sipping on coffee and tea.

September 24 - *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

October 29 - *The Perfect Son* by Freida McFadden

November 19 - *Someone Else's Shoes* by JoJo Moyes

December 17 - *The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year* by Ally Carter



KIDS PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

BABY DAYS

**Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. | 0–24 Months
September 3 – December 10**

Babies and toddlers up to 24 months, and their parent or caregiver, can join us for an informal storytime and playtime.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

**Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2–5
September 2 – December 9**

Drop in for stories, songs, and fun! Babies and older siblings are welcome too. Adults stay with the children during storytime.

MOONLIGHT STORYTIME

**Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2–5
September 4, October 2, November 6, and
December 4**

A special evening storytime with stories, songs, and lots of fun! This program is aimed at children ages 2–5 but siblings are welcome.

PRE-K PICASSOS - EVENING SESSION

**Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 3–5
September 10, October 8, November 12, and
December 10**

Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece. (Morning and evening sessions are the same program.)



PRE-K PICASSOS - MORNING SESSION

**Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3–5
September 11, October 9, November 13, and
December 11**

Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece. (Morning and evening sessions are the same program.)

YOGA FOR KIDS

**Mondays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2–5
September 8, October 6, November 3, and
December 8**

Drop in for yoga with Miss Ashley! Older siblings and parents are welcome to join. Please wear clothing that is comfortable for movement.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

BABY PROM

**Saturday, September 27 | 10:30 a.m.
Babies 0–24 months**

Dance and play the morning away at Baby Prom! Join us for music, bubbles, photo ops, a baby-friendly playgroup, and more!

SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

Saturday, October 11 | 3 p.m. | Ages 3+

Enjoy an afternoon movie with a sensory-friendly viewing experience. Snacks, pillows, blankets, and stuffed animal friends are encouraged!

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING

Saturday, October 25 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2–10

Celebrate Halloween dressed in your costume for trick-or-treating and crafts throughout the Library. Featuring a special meet and greet with Vampire Mickey Mouse and Witch Minnie Mouse!



CELLOPHANE SHADOWS WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, November 15 | 10:30 | Ages 4–7

Investigate the science behind light, reflection, and shadows with flashlights, mirrors, and shadow puppets. Use cellophane and cardboard to make your own colorful shadow creation to keep!

MESSY MONDAY

Monday, November 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0–4

Toddlers and babies are invited to play and explore with various sensory activities, toys, and textures around the room. Dress for a mess!

GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Saturday, December 6 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2–10

Get in the holiday spirit at this yummy event where we will decorate gingerbread houses!

Registration required for many programs.
Registration opening dates are listed on the
programming calendar.

KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

PAWS FOR READING

Mondays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-5

September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1

Saturdays | 10:30 a.m. | Grades K-5

September 13, October 4, November 1, and December 20

Practice your reading skills with Bridger and Carly, who will never interrupt you - just listen. Registration is required for a 15-minute time slot.



K-2 ADVENTURE

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-2

September 18 - STEAMtastic!

October 23 - Minecraft Blocktober

November 20 - Gnomey November

December 18 - Winter Whatsits

Celebrate a special theme each month, featuring crafts, games and fun!



LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-6

October 22 & December 17

Challenge yourself with a special LEGO build and then display your design in the Library.

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TWEEN PROGRAMS | Grades 3-6

NOVEL THOUGHTS

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for snacks and a lively conversation.

September 17 -

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

November 19 -

Best Nerds Forever by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein



FIRE SAFETY

Wednesday, September 24 | 6:30 p.m.

Gear up (literally!) for fire safety with the Wixom Fire Department!

GLOW PAINT PARTY

Wednesday, October 29 | 6:30 p.m.

We'll turn out the lights and use neon paint to make glowingly spooky works of art!

DIY BATH BOMBS

Saturday, November 22 | 3 p.m.

Create your own bath bomb concoction!



ELECTRIC ART WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, November 15 | 1 p.m.

Combine motion and colors while learning the basics of simple circuits to create a light-up masterpiece!

TIME TRAVELERS: PIRATES

Wednesday, December 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Arrrgh! Go back in time and sail the high seas like Blackbeard. We'll craft and game our way to glory!



TEENS

TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

Join the volunTEENS and earn 1 volunteer hour for attending! Volunteers must be 14+ with a valid work permit on file.

September 29: Cards for the Elderly

October 20: Cards for Kids in the Hospital

November 24: Cat Toys for Shelter Cats

December 15: Bookmark Making

WEIRD ANIMAL TRIVIA

Monday, September 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Learn some facts and make a few guesses about some seriously strange animal habits. The trivia winner will receive an animal-themed prize. Snacks and crafts will also be provided.



TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: BACKPACK CHARMS

Monday, September 15 | 6:30 p.m.

Make your own cross-stitch charms to decorate your backpack for the school year!

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

Monday, October 27 | 6:30 p.m.



Paint a pumpkin and make your own spooky lantern while sipping apple cider and enjoying a cider mill donut.

BOOKS & BITES

Monday, November 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Mooncakes by Suzanne Walker

Join us for a lively discussion and snacks! This meeting we will read *Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker. Copies of the book are available at the Information Desk.



TEEN CRAFT KIT: ALTERED FRAME ART

Pick up kits the week of November 10

Take home your own altered frame art craft kit. Supplies and instructions will be included in the kit.

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: OWL NIGHT

Tuesday, November 18 | 6:30 p.m.

Whooooo's ready for a fun night of owl-themed crafting? It'll be a hoot!

UGLY SWEATER COOKIE SOCIAL

Monday, December 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Decorate cookies while wearing your ugliest sweater! Cookies and supplies provided!

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT: WINTER GNOMES

Saturday, December 13 | 3 p.m.

Paint and decorate your own winter gnome! Snacks and supplies provided.



TEEN AREA ACTIVITIES

Stop by the teen area at anytime to participate in our monthly activities.

SEPTEMBER: COSMIC CONNECTION

Curious what your birth chart says about you? Put your birthday and your email in the bag in our Teen area and receive a personalized reading!

OCTOBER: SPOOKY SEASON LIT BAGS

Pick up a fun bag full of books and other reading goodies!

NOVEMBER: CAPTION CONTEST

Stop by the teen area for a chance to create a hilarious caption for the picture provided.

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