

# THE SOURCE

WIXOM PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER | WINTER 2025



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# LIBRARY NEWS

## NEW STUDY ROOMS

The new study rooms are finally ready for use. Patrons may reserve study rooms for 2 hours per day, up to 7 days in advance. Study Rooms A & B accommodate 1-2 people while Study Room C accommodates 4-6 people. Reservations may be made on our website and program calendar. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.



## NEXTREADS: GET MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Did you know you can get reading recommendations emailed to you every month? Sign up for the genres you enjoy reading and get monthly emails with suggested titles, linked directly to our catalog! Specialized newsletter options include Mystery, Thrillers, Romance, Historical Fiction, Biography & Memoir, Picture Books, Teens, and more! Sign up on our website.



## WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Cozy up with a good book and join the winter reading challenge from January 1 through March 31! Register and log your reading online at [wixomlibrary.beanstack.org](http://wixomlibrary.beanstack.org) or use the Beanstack Tracker app.

**Adults & Teens:** Read 3 books to complete the challenge and be entered in the drawing.

**Kids:** Read 8 hours to earn a prize bag.

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

During the month of February, check out one of the wrapped books on display. Will it be fiction or non-fiction, funny, informative, or heart-breaking? Complete a "Rate Your Date" form to be entered in a drawing to win a prize!

## COZY UP WITH A DIGITAL BOOK

Don't want to venture out into the cold and snow? Check out an eBook or eAudiobook!

### DOWNLOAD DESTINATION/LIBBY

Download Destination offers eBooks, eAudiobooks, and magazines for checkout. To get started, visit [tln.overdrive.com](http://tln.overdrive.com) or download the Libby app. Read from your mobile device, tablet or Kindle.

### HOOPLA

Hoopla offers eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and comic books without any holds or waiting time. Checkouts are limited to 8 per month. Download the Hoopla app to get started.

## 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.*

Veronica Simmons, Leah Gettings,  
Dulcie MacQueen, Allison Wert,  
Dee Dee Grant, Jennifer Griffen  
Library Director: Andrea Dickson

## CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

**Catalog:** Search for materials, place holds and renew items

**Curbside:** Schedule appointments  
[wixomlibrary.org/curbside](http://wixomlibrary.org/curbside)

**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

There are several Friends activities scheduled this spring. Proceeds from Friends events help the Library fund programs and other items that benefit the Library.

### SPRING SILENT AUCTION

**March 24 - April 5**

The silent auction features a variety of special finds. Place your bid at anytime during the auction.

### SPRING USED BOOK SALE

**April 9 - April 12**

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 specialty priced items.

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

**Please visit the calendar for meeting dates.**

The Friends meet quarterly in the meeting room to conduct regular business items. 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.

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 SALES

Volunteers are needed to help during the sale and for set-up and take-down. 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 booksales, you can also support the Friends with your everyday shopping.

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The Friends have 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](http://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

## IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

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

Participants will learn about the methods used to steal personal information and how to protect themselves. They will also understand what information is at risk and red flags to watch out for with regard to common scams.



## ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30 p.m.



Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by renowned re-enactor Kevin Wood, relates the history of the United States during his time, from his childhood on the frontier to the turbulent years from 1854 to 1865 which nearly destroyed our young nation but instead eventually resulted in a “new birth of freedom”. Mr. Lincoln quotes from his best-known speeches and writings and brings history to life.

## MICHIGAN'S LONELY HEARTS KILLERS

Tuesday, February 4 | 6:30 p.m.

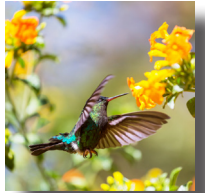
February 1949: the couple who would become infamous as the “Lonely Hearts Killers” arrived in Grand Rapids, where they committed a crime that would bring an end to their cross-country crime spree. Learn about the Michigan crimes of Beck and Fernandez as well as other “Cupid Club” killers who preyed on Michigan lonely hearts through personal advertisements.



## GARDENING FOR BIRDS: STRATEGIES FOR OPTIMIZING HABITAT

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

Did you know that most of our native songbirds rely on native insects to raise their young? Learn how you can help them through plant selection, garden design and maintenance protocols, making your garden a safe and welcoming oasis for all species.



# 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.

**January 14** - *The Kamogawa Food Detectives* by Hisashi Kashiwai

**February 11** - *A Little Devil in America: Notes in Praise of Black Performance* by Hanif Abdurraqib

**March 11** - *Zero Stars, Do Not Recommend* by MJ Wassmer

**April 8** - *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kristen Miller



## BETWEEN THE LINES

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

**January 29** - *Where'd You Go Bernadette* by Maria Semple

**February 26** - *Sleep No More* by Jayne Anne Krentz

**March 26** - *Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame* by Olivia Ford

**April 30** - *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb





# ADULTS

## WRITE NOW!

Monday, March 31 | 6:30 p.m.



Get creative in a relaxed and supportive environment. Learn more about creative writing or get help with an existing project.

## SPRING CARDMAKING

Thursday, April 3 | 6 p.m.

Join presenter Florence Nagy in making three colorful and creative spring themed cards. All supplies will be provided.



## DIY CRAFTS

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

### SNOWMAN DOOR HANGERS

Tuesday, January 28 | 6 p.m.

### BEADED BRACELETS

Tuesday, February 25 | 6 p.m.

### BIRDHOUSE DECORATION

Tuesday, March 25 | 6 p.m.

### PRESSED FLOWER COLLAGE

Thursday, April 22 | 6 p.m.



## MOVIES & LUNCH

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

### TWISTERS

Wednesday, February 5 | 1 p.m.

### THE CRITIC

Wednesday, April 2 | 1 p.m.



## ESL CAFE

Thursdays | 2 p.m.

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

ESL Cafe



## BOOK A LIBRARIAN

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

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

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 28

You won't need a dating service to pick up a book and participate in our annual Blind Date With a Book program! All you have to do is check out one of the wrapped books on display. Will it be fiction or non-fiction, funny, informative, entertaining, or heart-breaking? Complete a "Rate your Date" form for each book you read, and you will be entered in a drawing to win a prize!

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# KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

## STORY-TIMES

### BABY DAYS

Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-2  
January 8 - April 30  
Have fun with playtime and story-time.

### PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5  
January 7 - April 29 | Community Center  
Join us for stories, songs,  
and lots of fun!



### MOONLIGHT STORY-TIME

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5  
January 9, February 6, March 6, April 17  
An evening story-time with stories and songs.

### PRE-K PICASSOS - EVENING SESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 3-5  
January 8, February 12, March 5, and April 2  
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  
January 9, February 13, March 6, and April 3  
Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece. (Morning and evening sessions are the same program.)

### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Wednesday, March 12 | 6:30 p.m.  
Ages 2-5  
Bring your favorite stuffed animal (that you can sleep without) for a nighttime story-time. Tuck your stuffed animal in for a sleepover and pick them up the next day after a night of fun at the Library!



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### YOGA FOR KIDS

Mondays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5  
January 13, February 3, March 10 & April 14  
Drop in for yoga with Miss Ashley! Please wear clothing that is comfortable for movement.



### PAINTING PALS

Saturday, January 18 | 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 0-24 months  
Let your little one join in for storytime, playtime, and painting!

### SENSORY FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE: INSIDE OUT 2

Saturday, January 18 | 3 p.m. | Ages 3+  
Enjoy an afternoon movie with a sensory friendly viewing experience. Snacks, pillows, blankets, and stuffed animal friends encouraged!

### VALENTINE'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, February 8 | 10:30 a.m.  
Ages 2-10  
Have a heartfelt morning with crafts and activities celebrating Valentine's Day!



### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & FAMILY CONCERT AT COMMERCE LIBRARY

Saturday, February 22 | 2 - 4 p.m.  
Learn about and speak with representatives from area preschools at the Commerce Township Community Library. Musician Rick Kelley will entertain families while grown-ups browse! Sponsored by the Commerce Township, Walled Lake, and Wixom Libraries.

### REPTARIUM

Saturday, April 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-10  
Join us for a hands-on, interactive reptile program. You'll get to meet lizards, snakes, and more!

# KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

### WHAT'S THE WEATHER? WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, March 15 | 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m.  
Ages 5-7

Let's learn more about meteorology! Explore the weather and changing seasons as you create a cloud painting, design your own windsock, and more!

### PAWS FOR READING

January 16, February 13, March 13, April 7  
6:30 p.m. | Grades K-5

Practice your reading skills with Bridger, a Golden Retriever, who will never interrupt you - just listen. Register for a 15-minute time slot.

### LEGO CLUB

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-6  
February 26 & April 16

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

### K-2 ADVENTURE

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

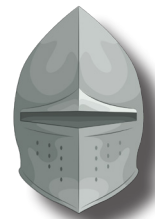
January 23 - *Jurassic January*

February 20 - *Bigfoot February*

March 20 - *Medieval March*

April 24 - *Antsy April*

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



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## TWEENS | Grades 3-6

### NOVEL THOUGHTS

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for snacks and a lively conversation.

January 22 -

*Nura and the Immortal Palace*

by M.T. Khan

March 19 -

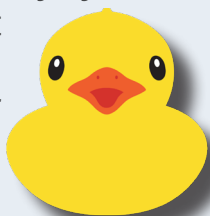
*Final Word* by Janet Sumner Johnson



### RUBBER DUCK-ORATING

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30 p.m.

What is the most creative way you can disguise a rubber duck? Get your creativity flowing and find out with your very own rubber duck and art supplies.



### EMANATA: THE SECRET CODE OF COMICS

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to make superheroes fly and pies smell delicious with Maggie Ramm, author of *Batcat* graphic novels.

### WORM MOTELS WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, March 15 | 3 p.m.

Who says worms can't relax in a cozy motel?! Explore a worm's world by building a worm habitat and learning about the needs of living things.

### TIME TRAVELERS: AGE OF DINOSAURS

Wednesday, April 23 | 6:30 p.m.

Blast into the past like an asteroid and live through the Mesozoic Era!

# TEENS

## TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

**Mondays | 6:30 p.m.**

Join the volunTEENS and earn 1 volunteer hour for attending!

**January 13:** Cards for Veterans

**February 10:** Book Recommendation Bookmarks

**March 17:** Cat toys for shelter cats

**April 14:**

Cards for kids in the hospital



## CRAFT KITS

Get creative on your own time and pick up a craft kit to do at home.

### SURPRISE DIY

**January 27**

**TINY CANVAS ART**

**February 18**

**COLLAGE PICTURE FRAMES**

**March 10**

**SPRING TIME IN A BOX**

**April 21**



## TEEN AREA ACTIVITIES

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

### FEBRUARY 1-13: COUNT THE CANDIES

Guess the number of Valentine's candies in the jar to win the candy jar and a free book!

### APRIL: LIT SWAG BAG

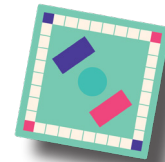
Borrow a book, keep the sweet swag! Come to our Teen section to find a lit swag bag. To help you decide on the right bag for you, the bags will feature clues about the book that is inside. Enjoy a few small surprises that are yours to keep!



## BORED? GAMES!

**Monday, February 3 | 6:30 p.m.**

Looking for something to do? Come to the Library and play board games. We'll also have snacks!



## BOOKS & BITES

**Monday, March 10 | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a lively discussion of *Ash's Cabin* by Jen Wang. We'll also have snacks! Copies of the books are available at the Information Desk.



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## INTROVERT READ-IN HOUR

**Monday, April 21 | 6:30 p.m.**

Bring or borrow a book and hang out with other introverts! Need to study? Bring your homework! Relax with a calm environment and snacks.



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