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# LIBRARY NEWS

## 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 heartbreaking? 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.  
Al Boyko, Leah Gettings,  
Dee Dee Grant, Jennifer Griffen,  
Dulcie MacQueen, Becky Spagnuolo

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Cozy up with a book and join the all-ages reading challenge from January 1 through March 31! Register and log your reading with Beanstack at [wixomlibrary.beanstack.org](http://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.



## 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.

### SPRING SILENT AUCTION

**March 28 - April 18, 2026**

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

### SPRING USED BOOK SALE

**April 22: Preview Sale 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
*(Friends Members Only - Memberships at Door)*

**April 23: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

**April 24: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

**April 25: 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

**Meeting dates for 2026 will be available at [wixomlibrary.org/friends](http://wixomlibrary.org/friends)**

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 set-up and take-down 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](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

## CRAFT SWAP

**Saturday, January 10 | 10:30 a.m.**

Drop off the craft supplies you aren't using the week of January 5 to get a ticket to shop. Then come back on Saturday to pick out new-to-you craft supplies! No ticket will be required from 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## SEMINAR ON ONE BEAUTIFUL BILL TAX CHANGES

**Thursday, January 15 | 6:30 p.m.**

CPA Andy McComas talks about this past summer's tax law changes, commonly known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OB3), that will be going into effect in 2025 and 2026.

## DEMYSTIFYING AI: WHAT EVERYDAY USERS SHOULD KNOW

**Thursday, January 29 | 6:30 p.m.**



Join us as we will talk about AI myths and common fears. We will explore the journey of AI, including its history and current status. There will be an interactive demo and simple AI exercises for participants.

## TEA & TINKER

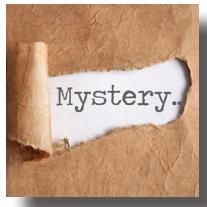
**Wednesday, February 18 | 2 p.m.**

Bring a craft, sit and color, read a book, hang out, and chat. Tea and coffee will be provided.

## MURDER MYSTERY GAME AFTERNOON

**Saturday, February 21 | 2 p.m.**

Think you can solve an unsolved murder case? Compete in teams to see who can solve the Unsolved Case Files game first!



## ELEMENTAL SPIRITS AND NATURE BEINGS: GUARDIANS OF THE NATURAL WORLD

**Thursday, March 12 | 6:30 p.m.**

In this enchanting presentation, discover the ancient lore surrounding elemental spirits, from the mischievous fairies of Celtic mythology to the wise gnomes of European tradition and learn about real-life paranormal encounters that have kept these beliefs alive in modern times. Presented by Kristy Robinett.

## WALKING BOOK CLUB

**Wednesday, April 15 | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a group walk around the Loop to discuss the latest books, audiobooks and podcasts you've loved! Meet your community members and get some new ideas too! We'll meet in the Library lobby.



## SPRING CARDMAKING

**Tuesday, April 21 | 2 p.m. OR**

**Thursday, April 30 | 6 p.m.**

Join presenter Florence Nagy in making three colorful and creative cards for Mother's Day. All supplies will be provided. Please only register for one session. Both sessions are the same.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

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# ADULTS

## MOVIES & LUNCH

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

### THE ROSES

**Wednesday, February 4 | 1 p.m.**

### THE NAKED GUN

**Wednesday, April 8 | 1 p.m.**



## DIY CRAFTS

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

### DOILY WALL ART

**Tuesday, January 20 | 6 p.m.**

### NEWSPAPER ROSES PICTURE FRAME

**Tuesday, February 24 | 6 p.m.**

### TREE OF LIFE PENDANT

**Thursday, March 24 | 6 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.



## 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](http://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.

**January 13** - *Margo's Got Money Troubles* by Rufi Thorpe

**February 10** - *All About Love: New Visions* by bell hooks

**March 10** - *Memory Police* by Yoko Ogawa

**April 14** - *The Road to Tender Hearts* by Annie Hartnett

## 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 28** - *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

**February 25** - *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus

**March 25** - *The Names* by Florence Knapp

**April 29** - *How Not to Die Alone* by Richard Roper



# KIDS PROGRAMS

## STORYTIMES

### BABY DAYS

**Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. | 0-24 Months**

**January 7- April 29**

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**

**January 6 - April 28**

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

### PAJAMA STORYTIME

**Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5**

**January 8, February 5, March 5, and April 2**

Wear your favorite PJs for 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**

**January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 8**

Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece.



### PRE-K PICASSOS - MORNING SESSION

**Thursdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-5**

**January 15, February 12, March 12, and April 9**

Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece.

### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

**Wednesday, April 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5**

Bring your favorite stuffed animal (that you can sleep without) for a nighttime storytime. Tuck your stuffed animal in for a sleepover and pick them up the next day after a night of fun at the Library!

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

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### YOGA FOR KIDS

**Mondays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5**

**January 12, February 9, March 9, and April 13**

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

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

**Saturday, January 10 | 2 - 4 p.m.**

Speak with representatives from area preschools. The Motley Misfits will entertain families with Hula Hoop Science and face painting! Sponsored by the Commerce Township, Walled Lake, and Wixom Libraries.

### SENSORY-FRIENDLY FAMILY MOVIE

**Saturday, January 24 | 3 p.m. | Ages 3+**

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

### COTTON CANDY SCIENCE

**Saturday, February 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-10**

Celebrate Valentine's Day by exploring the science behind this sugary treat!

### MESSY MONDAY

**Monday, March 2 | 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!

### RUFUS THE DUFUS

**Saturday, March 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-10**

Enjoy a morning of comedy, juggling and magic with Chuck Clark a.k.a. Rufus the Dufus!

### MAD MIXTURES WITH MAD SCIENCE

**Saturday, April 18 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-10**

Join us for an interactive workshop featuring volcanoes and more simple chemistry fun - and make your own Mad Science Putty to take home!



# KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

### PAWS FOR READING

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

*January 5, February 2, March 2, and April 6*

**Tuesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-5**

*January 27, February 17, March 17, and April 28*

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**

*January 22 - Space Jump January*

*February 26 - Fantastical February*

*March 26 - Monster March*

*April 16 - Spring has Sprung!*

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



## TWEEN PROGRAMS | Grades 3-6

### NOVEL THOUGHTS

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

Join us for snacks and a lively conversation.

**January 21 -**

*Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai

**March 25 -**

*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston



### CLOUD LANTERNS

**Wednesday, January 28 | 6:30 p.m.**

Come make your own LED cloud lantern to hang in a special place.

### DIY SQUISHIES

**Saturday, February 28 | 3 p.m.**

Beat the winter blues by making your own squishy toy!

### LEGO CLUB

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

**February 18 & April 29**

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

### CRIME LAB WITH MAD SCIENCE

**Saturday, April 18 | 1 p.m. | Grades K-5**

Got clues? Analyze clues and get hot on the trail of the culprit with an interactive workshop with Mad Science. With Spynoculars you get to take home, you can safely observe clues from afar.

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### CLAYMATION WORKSHOP WITH ALEX THOMAS

**Wednesday, March 18 | 6:30 p.m.**

Bring your imagination to life in this hands-on workshop! Kids will learn how to create their own stop-motion animations using clay and have their own short claymation video to share with family and friends.



### TIME TRAVELERS: TITANIC

**Saturday, April 11 | 3 p.m.**



Iceberg, right ahead! Travel back in time and see if you can survive the sinking of the Titanic!

# 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.

**January 12:** Cards for the Elderly

**February 23:** Cards for Veterans

**March 16:** Bookmarks for Display in Teen Area

**April 13:** Cat Toys for Shelter Cats

## STICKER SCENE CRAFT NIGHT

### **Monday, January 26 | 6:30 p.m.**

Build and create your own cute and cozy sticker scene. All supplies are provided.

## VINTAGE VALENTINES

### **Monday, February 9 | 6:30 p.m.**

Pick out an old school Valentine for a friend, family member, or special someone and write them a message. Then put it in an envelope and learn the art of the wax seal!



## DRAGON EGG-STRAVAGANZA

### **Monday, March 9 | 6:30 p.m.**

Paint your very own dragon egg and make some mythical magic.



## CLAYMATION WORKSHOP WITH ALEX THOMAS

### **Wednesday, March 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Grades 3-9**

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motion animations using clay and have your own short claymation video to share with family and friends.



**Registration is required for teen programs. Register online at [wixomlibrary.org](http://wixomlibrary.org).  
The registration opening date is available on the program calendar.**

## WEIRD HISTORY TRIVIA

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

Learn some facts and make a few guesses about some seriously strange historical figures and events. The trivia winner will receive a history-themed prize. Snacks and crafts will also be available.



## PAPER FLOWER BOUQUETS

### **Monday, April 20 | 6:30 p.m.**

Make and design your own bouquet of spring flowers, created out of paper.

## TEEN AREA ACTIVITIES

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

### **JANUARY: NEW YEAR FORTUNE JAR**

Take a fortune from the jar and think of all of the amazing things this new year will bring to you.

### **FEBRUARY: COUNT THE CANDIES**

Guess the correct number of candies in the jar to win the jar and a teen romance novel to keep.

### **MARCH: CREATE A CAPTION CONTEST**

Create a hilarious caption for the picture on display. Toss your caption in the bag for your chance to win a \$10 gift card to Schuler Books.

### **APRIL: LIT SWAG BAGS**

Borrow the book and keep the cool swag!

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