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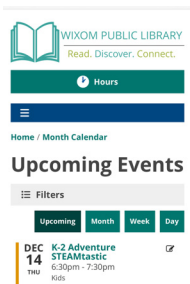
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OF THE LIBRARY

LIBRARY NEWS

NEW EVENT CALENDAR

We are excited to launch a new event and program calendar this winter! The new system will feature easy program registration, reminders, and the ability to quickly share programs with others. In addition, it will allow groups to book our meeting room online. The new calendar is mobile responsive and will integrate into our app as well!



NEXTREADS: GET MONTHLY BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Starting in January, sign up to get regular newsletters emailed to you with book recommendations from NextReads. 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 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 from one of our digital platforms!

DOWNLOAD DESTINATION/LIBBY

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HOOPLA

Hoopla offers eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and comic books without any holds or waiting time. Checkouts are limited to 12 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

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

April 1 - April 13

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

SPRING USED BOOK SALE

April 17 - April 20

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

Tuesday, January 9 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30 at 11 a.m.

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 book sales, 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

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 HISTORY OF MICHIGAN TOLD IN SHIPWRECKS

Tuesday, January 9 | 6:30 p.m.

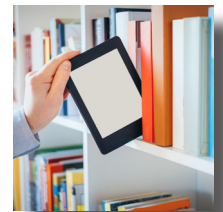
Shipwrecks are fascinating to divers, historians and anyone with an imagination that's been near the lakes on a stormy day. Different wrecks can tell stories of courage and heroism, but also of cowardice and greed. They can also be used as a way to see the changing nature of shipping on the Great Lakes and the evolution of Michigan, from territory to frontier state to modern times.



MEET OUR DIGITAL LIBRARY

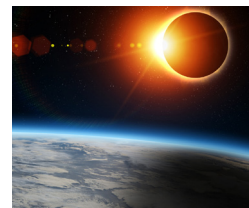
Thursday, February 22 | 2 p.m.

Need a primer on our digital library? A librarian will present an overview of each of the ways to access digital books, movies, and audiobooks.



EXPLORING THE SCIENCE AND WONDER OF THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Saturday, March 9 | 2 p.m.



Dive into the details of solar eclipses, examining their paths and characteristics, with tips for viewing solar eclipses, as well as exploring the science behind their occurrence. Presented by Liam Finn, a resident of Michigan and NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Vice President of the Great Lakes Association of Astronomy Clubs, Planetarian at Henry Ford College and avid astronomer.

VALENTINE'S DAY DESSERTS

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



Valentine's Day isn't complete without dessert. Chef Mary Spencer will teach 2 special dessert recipes to top off your Valentine's evening. We are sure chocolate will be involved!

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 9 - *Nettle and Bone* by T. Kingfisher

February 13 - *River Sing Me Home* by Eleanor Shearer

March 12 - *Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism* by Amanda Montell

April 9 - *True Biz* by Sara Nović



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 31 - *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club* by J. Ryan Stradal

February 28 - *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett

March 27 - *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

April 24 - *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara



ADULTS

SPRING WATERCOLOR FLOWER PAINTING WITH KATIE ROTHLEY

Saturday, April 6 | 2:30 p.m.

Join this class to learn how to paint with watercolor step-by-step. All skill levels are welcome but the class will be taught with beginners in mind. We will begin with some sketching first and then paint spring flowers. Some basic techniques and color theory will be shared! Supplies will be provided.



MOVIES & LUNCH

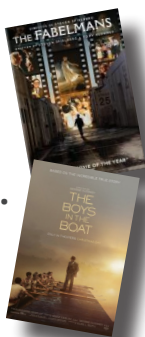
Join us for an afternoon film showing and a pizza lunch!

THE FABLEMANS

Wednesday, February 7 | 1 p.m.

THE BOYS IN THE BOAT

Wednesday, April 3 | 1 p.m.



DIY CRAFTS

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

SNOWFLAKE MANDALA

Thursday, January 25 | 6 p.m.

WASHI TAPE MOSAIC

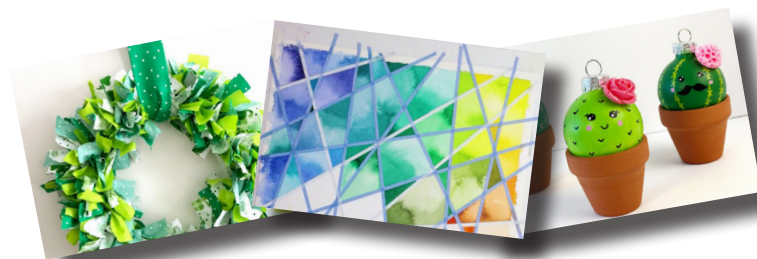
Tuesday, February 20 | 6 p.m.

SPRING FABRIC WREATH

Tuesday, March 19 | 6 p.m.

CACTUS CRAFT

Thursday, April 25 | 6 p.m.



HEALTHY OAKLAND COUNTY

Join Oakland County Health Division Health Educators for informational presentations.

SAFE PRESCRIPTION DISPOSAL FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, January 17 | 11 a.m.

Health Educators will share how to dispose of medications safely and properly. Learn what local stores in Oakland County accept medications and provide safe medication disposal kiosks.

VAPING 101

Tuesday, March 5 | 6:30 p.m.

Parents and community members will learn how e-cigarettes operate and how to identify commonly used products. You will also learn about the health consequences and safety, as well as why youth are using these products. Vaping prevention resources will also be provided.

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.

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



Registration required for many programs. Register online or at the Library. Registration opening dates are listed on the online programming calendar.

KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

STORY-TIMES

BABY DAYS

Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-2
January 10 - April 24
Have fun with playtime and story-time.

PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5
January 9 - April 30 | Community Center
Join us for stories, songs,
and lots of fun!



MOONLIGHT STORY-TIME

Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5
January 11, February 1, March 14, April 4
An evening story-time with stories and songs.

PRE-K PICASSOS - EVENING SESSION

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 3-5
January 10, February 14, March 13, and April 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
January 11, February 15, March 14, and April 11
Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece. (Morning and evening sessions are the same program.)

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Wednesday, March 27 | 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 22, February 12 & March 11
Drop in for yoga with Miss Ashley! Please wear clothing that is comfortable for movement.



TUMMY TIME PAINTING

Saturday, January 13 | 10:30 a.m.
Ages 0-12 months
Let your little one paint a masterpiece while getting in their daily tummy time exercise!

FROSTOLOGY WITH MICHIGAN SCIENCE CENTER
Saturday, January 20 | 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-10

Investigate how temperature relates to the movement of atoms and molecules. We'll see some 'cool' effects on solids, liquids and gases!



VALENTINE'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

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

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AT COMMERCE LIBRARY

Saturday, January 27 | 1 - 3 p.m.
Learn about and speak with representatives from area preschools at the Commerce Township Community Library. Sponsored by the Commerce Township, Walled Lake, and Wixom libraries.

DINOSAUR TALES WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, March 16 | 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m.
Ages 4-7
Learn about these fascinating prehistoric creatures as we observe and touch real fossils, build fossil models, and make dinosaur tails to wear. You will even design and build your own dinosaur to take home!

KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

PAWS FOR READING

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

January 8, February 5, March 4, April 8



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

LEGO CLUB

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

February 7 & April 3

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



K-3 READING SPREE

Encourage kids in grades K-3 to continue reading while in school to boost their literacy and reading levels and earn prizes! Sign up at wixomlibrary.beanstack.org!

K-2 ADVENTURE

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

January 18 - Arctic Adventure

February 15 - Palentine's Day

March 21 - March Madness

April 18 - Artsy 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 17 -

The Secret Letters by Margaret Peterson Haddix

March 20 -

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave



TINY ART SHOW

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30 p.m.

Make a mini masterpiece! Your creation will be on display in the children's department for a month.



CAPTURED DRAGONS

Wednesday, February 28

6:30 p.m.

Create a fantastical capture jar to contain your dragon.



ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS WITH SLOAN LONGWAY

Saturday, March 16 | 3 p.m.

Explore electricity while building circuits that make motors move, lightbulbs light, and buzzers buzz. You'll even make a circuit using a piece of paper!

MAD SCIENTIST INVENTIONS

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

Let loose your creativity with random materials (and glue guns!) to see what you can make!



TEENS

BOOKS & BITES

Mondays | 6 p.m.

Join us for a lively discussion and snacks! Copies of the books are available at the Information Desk.

February 26 - *Debating Darcy* by Sayantani DasGupta

April 29 - *Dead Flip* by Sara Farizan



JANUARY BOOK BINGO

All of January in Teen Area

Book BINGO cards featuring a variety of types of books to read. Read a "BINGO" and turn in your card for a small prize pack of swag.



TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL

Mondays | 6:30 p.m.

Join the volunTEENS and earn 1 volunteer hour for attending!

January 15: Bookmark Recommendations

February 12: Cards for Veterans

March 18: Lit Swag Bag Crafts

April 15:

Cat Toys for Shelter Cats



FOUND ART COLLAGE

Saturday, February 24 | 3 p.m.



Create collages using modge podge and old magazines, calendars, and more!

SQUEEGEE ART NIGHT

Monday, March 11 | 6:30 p.m.

Try your hand at the squeegee art trend! Make a painting using a squeegee and drops of paint.



LIT SWAG BAGS

All of April in the Teen Area



Borrow a book, get fun stuff! Bags will be loaded with a few fun facts about a book to be borrowed. Those who borrow the bags will get a few little items to keep!

CRAFT KITS

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

SURPRISE DIY

January 8

SWITCH IT UP! LIGHT SWITCH PLATE ART

February 5

MINI WINDOW ART

March 4

SEASHELL SHADOWBOX

April 1

HOMework HELP WITH TUTOR.COM

Need some help with homework or studying for exams? Get live, one-on-one help with a tutor using your library card! Get started at tutor.com/wixom

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