NEW YEAR, NEW CHAPTER: ELIMINATION OF OVERDUE FINES
Effective January 1, 2020 the Library will no longer charge overdue fines on Wixom materials and old fines from Wixom items will be removed from accounts. We know that life sometimes gets in the way – work schedules change; kids get sick; it snows. However, overdue fines can be frustrating enough to make people not want to borrow again from the Library and we want all Wixom residents to be able to access our materials regardless of ability to pay overdue fines. This move ensures that our Library is living up to our mission to provide free and equal access to quality collections, services, and programs. Equal access to all Library services leads to a curious and engaged community, benefiting everyone in Wixom. The Library continues to encourage patrons to return items in a responsible and timely fashion so others may enjoy our shared resources. We trust you to take care of and return library materials. It’s a new year and a new chapter at the Library. Welcome back!

FAQ’S (FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS VISIT WIXOMLIBRARY.ORG/FINEFREE)
- Fees still apply to lost or damaged items. Fines will still be charged for mobile hotspots.
- Accounts are automatically blocked from further checkout when one or more items reach 21 days overdue and/or if there are 25 overdue items on your account.
- You may accrue overdue fines for materials borrowed from other libraries. Fines from other libraries will not be removed.

WINTER READING CHALLENGE
This new year we challenge you to stretch your reading habits and participate in our Winter Reading Challenge. This January through March, we will offer a winter reading program both online (wixomlibrary.beanstack.org) and on paper for teens and adults. We’ll provide a list of challenges, from reading a memoir to choosing a book with a fun cover, and you choose the actual books. Those who complete 4 of the listed challenges will be entered into a raffle drawing for a prize basket. We hope you’ll join us this winter and cozy up with some new winter reads!

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK
You won't need a dating service to pick up a book and participate in our annual Blind Date with a Book program this February. Just check out one of the wrapped books on display. Will it be fiction or non-fiction, funny, informative, entertaining or heart-breaking? Complete the “Rate Your Date” form included in the wrapped book for an entry into the prize drawing! You might get lucky; if not in love, then perhaps in literature.

K-3 READING SPREE
It is important that kids continue reading at home once they start school to boost their literacy skills and reading levels. Similar to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, we are excited to offer an ongoing reading program for students in kindergarten through third grade. The goal is for each child to read 200 hours - or 1 hour per week - by the end of 3rd grade. Kids will earn a prize from a treasure chest for signing up and for every 50 hours read. To sign up and log reading, go to wixomlibrary.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app.
ADULT EVENTS

TIME FOR A DECLUTTER
Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30 p.m.
Starting an organizing project is hard. Learn how to reach your organizing goals with professional organizer Soo Porter.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AND BOOK DISCUSSION
Monday, February 10 | 6:30 p.m.
The Wixom and Walled Lake Libraries, in partnership with the Lakes Area Community Coalition, present a special book discussion of Between Breaths by Elizabeth Vargas. This discussion focusing on the issues of alcoholism and addiction will be facilitated by psychologist Melanie Schwartz.

SOUTHERN COOKING
Tuesday, February 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Chef Mary Spencer celebrates the source and history of classic southern dishes, from family favorites to contemporary interpretations.

COLOR ME CALM
Wednesday, February 19 | 6 p.m.
Color your way to a peaceful state of mind! Coloring sheets and pencils are provided.

HISTORY OF TIGER STADIUM
Wednesday, March 18 | 6 p.m.
Author Doc Fletcher will share memories of the ballpark, workers, fans, players and announcers. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

PUZZLE TOURNAMENT
Saturday, March 21 | 1-4 p.m.
Compete in teams to finish the puzzle the fastest! This is for all ages.

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING
Wednesday, April 8 | 6:30 p.m.
Learn about this investment strategy based on investing companies you believe have ethical practices. Sandy Adams from the Center for Financial Planning will discuss different types of funds and the pros and cons of socially responsible investing.

SUNCATCHERS
Wednesday, April 22 | 6:30 p.m. | All Ages
Celebrate earth day and design your own suncatcher at this all ages program!

D.I.Y. CRAFTS
Spark your creative side and learn a new do-it-yourself skill. Supplies are provided.

STRING ART
Tuesday, January 7 | 6 p.m.
Design your own string art creation.

HEART DREAMCATCHERS
Thursday, February 13 | 6 p.m.
Just in time for Valentine’s Day!

HERB GARDEN FLOWER POTS
Tuesday, March 24 | 6 p.m.
Decorate and plant an herb pot.

PAPER HYACINTHS
Thursday, April 16 | 6 p.m.
Transform paper into a flower.

MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT
Tuesdays | 5 - 7:30 p.m.
January 28 - Once Upon A Time in Hollywood
February 25 - Academy Award Night
March 31 - Downton Abbey
April 28 - Charlie’s Angels
Join us for pizza and an early evening of movie watching.

BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN
Mondays | 2, 2:45 and 3:30 p.m.
Individual help with computers and digital devices. Sign up at the Information Desk.

ESL CAFE
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m.
Improve your English skills with coffee and conversation. Relax and talk with people from different countries who are trying to improve their English. No registration required.

ESL BOOK CLUB
Fridays | 2:30 p.m.
Join fellow ESL students for a special book club. No registration required. Books are available at the Information Desk.

Register for all programs online or at the Information Desk.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS
Join one of our book discussion groups for lively, literary conversation! Copies of each title are available at the Library.

MYSTERY & MAYHEM
Join us Wednesdays from 2 - 3 p.m. for an hour of sleuthing and discussion. We provide the coffee while you provide the detective work.

January 29 - Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman
February 26 - Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke
March 25 - The River at Night by Erica Ferencik
April 29 - The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

BOOKS & BREWS
Join us Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at The Drafting Table for a lively conversation about books featuring an eclectic list of authors.

January 14 - A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
February 11 - Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
March 10 - The Power by Naomi Alderman
April 14 - There There by Tommy Orange
**CHILDREN’S & TWEEN EVENTS**

**BABY DAYS**

**WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. | AGES 0-2**

- January 8, January 22, February 5, February 19, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15

Drop in for playtime and story-time.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY-TIME**

**TUESDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. | AGES 2-5**

- January 7 - February 25
- March 17 - April 21

Drop in for stories, songs, crafts and fun! Adults remain with the children during the program.

**SENSORY DAYS**

**FRIDAYS AT 10:30 A.M. | AGES 0-5**

- January 17, February 28, March 27, April 24

We’ll have lots of fun sensory activities!

**MOONLIGHT STORY-TIME**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 | 6:30 P.M. | AGES 2-5**

A special evening story-time with stories, songs and crafts.

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**SPECTACULAR SATURDAYS**

Saturday programs are geared toward families with children ages 2-10. Registration is required.

**REPCO WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 | 10:30 A.M. | AGES 2-10**

Meet and learn about a variety of reptiles at this live animal program!

**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.

**KIDS CONCERT WITH JOE REILLY**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 10:30 A.M. | AGES 2-10**

Sing along, get moving and get grooving with Joe Reilly’s nature inspired songs.

**FANTASTICAL BEASTS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | 10:30 A.M. | AGES 2-10**

Howell Nature Center will bring animals from Michigan to show us all the amazing and fantastic things they can do.

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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

All special programs require registration.

**PAWS FOR READING**

**TUESDAYS | 6:30 P.M. | GRADES K-5**

- January 7, February 4, March 3, and April 21

Practice your reading skills with Bridger, a 4-year-old Golden Retriever. Sign up online for a 15 minute reading slot.

**LEGO CLUB**

**WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 P.M. | GRADES K-6**

- January 29 and March 25

Create your latest masterpiece!

**A K-2 ADVENTURE**

**THURSDAYS | 6:30 P.M. | GRADES K-2**

- January 9 - Michigan
- February 6 - Breakfast
- March 5 - Into the Forest!
- April 2 - Farm Animals

Celebrate a special theme with stories, crafts, games and fun!

**STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 6:30 P.M. | AGES 2-5**

Bring a 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!

**SUNCATCHERS**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 | 6:30 P.M. | ALL AGES**

Celebrate earth day and design your own suncatcher at this all ages program!

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**TWEEN EVENTS | GRADES 3-6**

Registration is required for all tween events. Register online.

**LEGO CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 | 6:30 P.M.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 | 6:30 P.M.**

We challenge you to create your latest masterpiece at our next club meeting! Each program will have a different theme and challenge.

**NOVEL THOUGHTS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 | 12 P.M.**

*Pizza, drinks and a lively conversation about Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling.*

**FRANKENTOYS: VALENTINE’S**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 2 P.M.**

*Destroy toys to make monstrously fun new friends and soul-mates.*

**NOVEL THOUGHTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 12 P.M.**

*Join us for pizza, drinks and a lively conversation about The Ambrose Deception by Emily Ecton.*

**EMOJI PAINTING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30 | 6:30 P.M.**

*Bring your inner artist and paint your favorite emoji on canvas!*
TEEN EVENTS FOR GRADERS 7-12

BOOKS & BITES
Monday, January 27 | 6 p.m.
*Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman

Monday, February 24 | 6 p.m.
*Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland

Monday, March 23 | 6 p.m.
*Tempests and Slaughter* by Tamora Pierce

Monday, April 27 | 6 p.m.
*Ender’s Game* by Orsen Scott Card

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

BOARD GAME NIGHT
Monday, March 2 | 5:30 p.m.
Fight the winter blues with a game night! We’ll have a variety of board games, snacks and hot chocolate.

MOVIE & PIZZA: SPIDER-MAN FAR FROM HOME
Monday, April 20 | 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy slices of pizza and a craft while we watch the movie!

TEEN PUZZLE TOURNAMENT
Saturday, April 25 | 1-4 p.m.
Spend an afternoon competing in teams to finish the puzzle the fastest! Light snacks provided.

COLLEGE PREP
Figure out your strengths and weaknesses with full-length practice tests from Princeton Review. Please bring pencils and a calculator.

ACT PRACTICE EXAM
Saturday, February 15 | 11 a.m.

SAT PRACTICE EXAM
Saturday, February 29 | 11 a.m.

Registration is required for teen programs. Register online or at the Information Desk.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE | Saturday, January 18 | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Learn about and speak with representatives from area preschools at the Commerce Twp. Library. Sponsored by the Commerce, Walled Lake and Wixom libraries.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for helping to sponsor winter programming!

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Good Tidings from the Friends

HOLIDAY BOOK PACKAGES
The Friends have the perfect solution to your holiday gift-giving needs. Stop by the Library and select a bundle of books for those nearest and dearest to your heart. A wide selection of reasonably priced books are available for all ages, and the bundles are all tied up with a bow, candy cane and gift tag. All proceeds benefit the Library.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU THREE TIMES
Once to the many volunteers who help throughout the year sorting books, organizing and conducting Silent Auctions and Used Book Sales, and wrapping up Holiday Bundles. Your time and dedication are invaluable. A second time to our wonderful patrons for supporting our various fund-raising activities. Your donations enable the Friends to sponsor many of the Library’s programs and purchases on behalf of the community. And a third time to the Director and Staff of the Wixom Public Library. They are a joy to work with and we enjoy our relationship immensely.

COME JOIN US
Volunteers are always encouraged to join the Friends of the Library. It’s very satisfying. Pick up a membership form at the checkout counter. The First Quarter Meeting will be Tuesday, January 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the meeting room. Anyone is welcome.

--Jane Kleban, Friends President