

# *Clinton-Macomb Public Library*

# Library Matters

Get cozy! Get reading!

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## FROM the DIRECTOR...

I hope this issue of Library Matters finds you and your family doing well or at least “hanging in there!” It is hard to imagine that March marks one year of navigating so much uncharted territory with some members of our community devastated and others minimally affected by the pandemic. Trying to live up to the library’s role as an essential community service has also at times proved challenging as we have operated in “normal,” “virtual,” “curbside,” and “grab and go” modes. Your continued patience and flexibility as we continue to “build the plane while flying” is greatly appreciated.

In the spirit of keeping CMPL a learning and growing organization, the staff and I have taken a hard look at the ways we have improved services over the past year and how we can incorporate those into “a better CMPL” in the future. Below is a preview of this vision, much of which will be completed in 2021:

*Reduce the spread of germs* – Being the grandson of a registered nurse and having had a mom with mobility challenges inspired me to lobby for touch-free fixtures and entry door-free restrooms when the Main Library was being designed 20 years ago. This also included the automatic doors at the entrances. These features were included in the new South Branch which opened in 2014 and will also be included in the new North Branch when it opens later this year.

*Virtual program participation* – While nothing will ever take the place of being together in a physical space, we anticipate we will continue leveraging the power of virtual programming in conjunction with in-person programming. This will benefit people unable to get to the library or participate at a specific time or day.

*Drive-up services* – The power and value of our drive-up window at the South Branch has become abundantly clear during the past year. While some people find it a matter of convenience, others have found it to be a lifeline as we heard one person dealing with multiple sclerosis who was still able to drive but unable to park and walk into the library to pick up items on hold. It’s a perfect solution for dealing with inclement weather or if you have kids or pets onboard and you just want to quickly pick up your library item. The new North Branch will have a drive-up window and we will continue our curbside pickup service at the Main Library until we incorporate a drive-up window at that location.

*Public computer “to go” kits* – The library has an incredible collection of “to go” kits for specialty items you may need to use once but don’t want to buy, others to try out a hobby, and others that support learning (visit:

<https://cmpl.org/library-things-to-go/>). As we struggled to fulfill one of our critical services offering free broadband and computer access when our buildings are closed to in-person visits, we came up with computer “to go” kits which include a computer, monitor, keyboard, webcam, Microsoft Office applications and a Wi-Fi hotspot that can be checked out for one week.

*Remote printing* – One of the “hidden gem” services the library offers, this has become increasingly popular. Use your own device from anywhere to send a print job to the library. Information is available at: <https://cmpl.org/print/>

Again, on behalf of the entire CMPL family, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we strive to provide you with best-in-class library service for the duration of this challenging time and beyond.

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### Progress at new North Branch



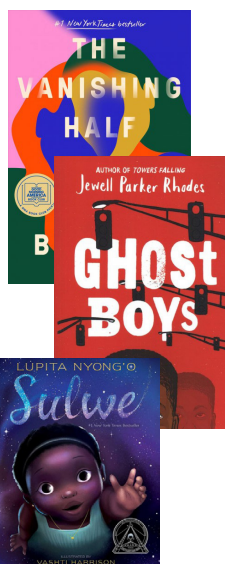
Have you driven by the new North Branch recently? If so, you know that the building is starting to take shape! The exterior is bricked and we are getting ready to turn inward during the winter months. We are still on track for a fall 2021 opening. We cannot wait to share it with you. Keep up with the progress on our website. Visit [cmpl.org/newnorth/](https://cmpl.org/newnorth/) for construction updates.

# 1-2-3: Race

## One Topic, Two Communities, Three Books

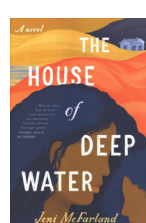
CMPL is excited to launch a new initiative where at the beginning of each calendar year, we will provide intentional programming centering on a timely issue. We will select a picture book, middle grade book, and adult novel that focus on our theme. Story times and book discussions will take place for each age level. We will also offer additional programs on each year's topic. Our goal is to provide our communities with forums to learn about, think about, and discuss challenging contemporary issues. This year's topic is race. We have selected the following books:

*Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o  
*Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
*The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett



Look for **1-2-3** by programs throughout the newsletter to see other events related to this topic. Visit CMPL's Instagram @CMPLPics on Tuesdays for diverse read recommendations from January-April.

## Author Discussion with Jeni McFarland



**Sat., Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Jeni McFarland is the author of *The House of Deep Water*, a novel about three women returning to their Michigan hometown and learning to navigate motherhood, love, trauma, loss, and racial identity.

## Gratitude Steel Drum Band

**Sun., Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. | Facebook Live**

Enjoy the soothing sounds and infectious tempos of Reggae and Calypso music from these fabulous musicians.

## In Our Own Voice: African American Art at the DIA

**Wed., Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

View and learn about remarkable creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century through the present day. Presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts, this talk provides a lens for examining issues of race, gender, politics and culture.

## Parenting Strategies: Discussing Race with Young Children

**Wed., March 10 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

How should you approach topics like race and culture with young children in your life? Parents, caregivers and the community are invited to learn how to navigate conversations with children and celebrate our differences with Janet R. Damon, experienced educator, librarian and parenting blogger of MixMomma.com.

## Sulwe Read Aloud

**Mon., March 1 at 11 a.m. | Facebook**

Join us on Facebook as we read aloud *Sulwe* by Lupita Nyong'o, our 1-2-3: Race book selection for children.

## The Vanishing Half Book Discussion

**Sat., March 27 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us to discuss the adult novel of our 1-2-3: Race initiative, *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. This book delves deep into topics such as race, family dynamics, identity, and community.

## Ghost Boys Book Discussion

**Mon., March 29 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Join our Teen staff to discuss *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes.

## Hip-Hop and Race

**Mon., April 19 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Join Dr. V. Thandi Sulé, Associate Professor of Higher Education at Oakland University, to learn more about the hip-hop genre of music as it relates to race historically and in the present day.





# Comfort and Calm and CMPL

Winter is back and we're in hibernation mode. What better time to rediscover your love of books? Yes, CMPL has definitely broadened its horizons in recent years. The ability to check out a laser level for at-home construction projects is great. Checking out a movie for the whole family on a Friday night is wonderful. But when was the last time you read a really good book? As we start a new year, we invite you to rediscover your love of reading. Read on to see how CMPL can help you find your next favorite author.

## Ten in 10

Has it been a while since you've read a really good book? Maybe your favorite author hasn't written anything new. Where do you start to find something good that is hand-picked for you? At CMPL! Our librarians offer a service called Ten in 10. You simply fill out an online form that tells our librarian team your favorite authors and books, as well as the ones you don't like. We'll put together a list of 10 books that are chosen specifically for you in 10 days. Get started here: [cmpl.org/ten-in-10/](http://cmpl.org/ten-in-10/)

## Road Trip Recommends

Road trips are hotter than ever! Our team of librarians are happy to help find the best titles for residents of Clinton and Macomb Township traveling far and wide. Simply fill out the online form, at least seven days before your trip, and a librarian will be in touch with a list of personalized recommendations for you and your family. Fill out the form for adults and children, whoever you need to entertain in the car. Get started at [cmpl.org/road-trip-recommendations/](http://cmpl.org/road-trip-recommendations/)



## Bestseller's Club

Clinton and Macomb Township residents, have we got a service for you! Do you have a favorite bestselling author? Did you know that you can be placed on hold automatically whenever your favorite author releases a new book? Join the Bestseller's Club and the library will watch for newly published titles and will place them on hold for you. Just sign up and we'll do the rest. Get started at [cmpl.org/Bestsellers-Club/](http://cmpl.org/Bestsellers-Club/)

## Winter Reading

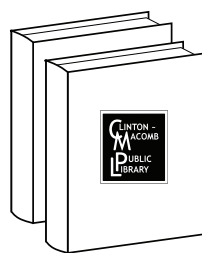
**Jan. 13-Feb. 27 | All locations**

The cold winter days provide plenty of opportunity to participate in Winter Reading at CMPL! All ages need to read for 20 days between January 13 and February 27 to complete the program. Log your reading online at [cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365](http://cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365). When you have read for 20 days, you'll receive a prize. Take time to enjoy a book this winter and you could be rewarded for it!



## Perfect Pairs

Discover CMPL's newest reading option. Check out



two books with similar themes that we've paired together for you. Search our catalog for Perfect Pair or ask for a bag when you call for curbside service. However you use the library, this service is a great way to find new books to love.





## Library by Mail

Did you know that CMPL offers mail delivery of materials? Library by Mail allows customers residing in the CMPL service area who are unable to visit the library in person, to receive library materials by mail. Customers may receive fiction and nonfiction books, audiobooks, movies and music CDs. This can be permanent or temporary. Sign up for Library by Mail. Get started at [cmpl.org/library-by-mail/](http://cmpl.org/library-by-mail/)



## Don't Forget the Kids!

CMPL offers options for babies and children to discover a love of reading. Take a look at the newest offering for children available at CMPL:

**Little Reader Bags:** CMPL is excited to launch a new collection this winter! Parents and caregivers can search the catalog for "Little Reader Bags" and put their bag choice on hold. Each bag contains 6-10 books on a theme, from baby story time favorites to Preschool Picks. Are you looking for bedtime stories or dinosaur books? These bags are designed for parents and caregivers to select and go.

CMPL has a variety of reading challenges for babies to children in grade 4. These reading challenges will expand a child's reading experience in a fun way. Prizes are available for each challenge completed, Logging can be done online. See page 17 for details on specific reading challenges by age.

## Super Secret Book Box for Teens

**Fri., Jan. 22 , Mon., Feb. 22, Mon., March 22 and Thurs., April 22 | Pick up at any CMPL location**

Teens in grades 6-12 have a new way to discover a love of reading. Super Secret Book Box is a monthly program where participants will receive one of our curated Book Box kits containing the following: one book to read and return, one book to keep, snacks and treats, and a fun activity. Pick a theme from the list when registering and our Teen Librarians will create a kit just for you! Registration closes one week before the Book Boxes are released.

## Library for the Blind

Reading is for everyone. You, or a friend or loved one, may feel that poor vision or a physical handicap means that the library is no longer an option. But Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves all residents of Macomb County who qualify, by providing audio books and players, large print books, equipment that enlarges text, equipment for printing Braille materials, and more. All services are free. Materials are mailed postage free to and from the reader. To qualify for this service you must be living with one of the following conditions:

- **Legal Blindness:** if vision in the better eye is 20/200 or less, or the widest diameter of visual field is no greater than 20 degrees.
- **Visual Disability:** if vision is corrected but visual acuity still is not good enough to read standard print.
- **Physical Disability:** if a physical limitation makes the holding of books and the turning of pages impossible or so difficult as to keep the individual from reading.
- **Reading Disability:** Organic dysfunction of sufficient severity to prevent reading printed materials in a normal manner. Required from the Federal government is an M.D. or D.O.'s signature for service.

Welcome back to the world of books and even movies!  
Learn more at [cmpl.org/mlbph/](http://cmpl.org/mlbph/)



At CMPL, the health and well-being of the community is important. Because of the spread of COVID-19, we have had to move between service levels in order to keep everyone safe. We hope that by the time this newsletter reaches you that we will be able to be open to browsing again, but, if not, below is a review of the levels of service and how it impacts library service. Visit [cmpl.org](http://cmpl.org) to see the current level of service, or call us at (586) 226-5000.



**Virtual CMPL:** If there are state guidelines in place requiring a stay home order, all CMPL locations will be closed and curbside pick up will cease. Returns and late fees will be suspended. Library programs will occur online, with the option to call into events. Book donations are not accepted.

**Curbside CMPL:** All buildings are closed for in-person browsing. Items may be placed on hold and picked up via curbside appointment at the Main Library and North Branch or via drive-up window, without an appointment, at the South Branch. Returns are accepted and quarantined for 96 hours before recirculating. Phones and emails are answered during all regular hours of service. Library programs will occur online, with the option to call into events. Book donations are not accepted. Wi-Fi is available, without a password, in all CMPL parking lots. Need a device? You may reserve a computer and Wi-Fi hotspot from CMPL. We have these kits available at all three locations and they check out for one week.

**Grab & Go:** Buildings are open. Freely browse the shelves to select and check out the items of your choice or pick up held items, but enjoy those items elsewhere.



The drive-up window at the South Branch and curbside appointments at the Main Library and North Branch are still available. Returns are accepted and quarantined for 96 hours before recirculating. All buildings are open for regular hours. Library programs will occur online, with the option to call into events. Book donations are accepted.

## What is the Q Branch?

Since CMPL reopened, we have been following guidelines to ensure the health and safety of customers and staff. This has included quarantining items when you return them. When you're browsing the catalog, you might notice a new CMPL "branch" when you're looking for an item. It will start with Q. This location simply means that the item is being held in quarantine until we're sure it's safe to circulate again. You can still place a hold on these items. We'll send you a notice when the item is available to check out.

## ESL Conversations Group

**Saturdays: Jan. 9 - April 24 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Are you learning English? Come converse with others who are learning English to practice your conversation skills. Call (586) 226-5040 to register.



## Facebook Live Chats

### Librarian Chats

**Select dates and times | Facebook**

Join us to learn more about our different departments and the librarians who work in them! We're going live on Facebook for chats with each department once a month. Get to know your librarians, learn about books and materials you'll want to check out and just have some fun. Visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Canton-Macomb-Public-Library](http://www.facebook.com/Canton-Macomb-Public-Library) to view these events.



**2nd Wednesdays at 12 p.m.:** PopMat Chat

**3rd Mondays at 2 p.m.:** Children's Chat

**4th Wednesday at 10 a.m.:** Adult Nonfiction Chat

### Tried It (So You Can Too)

**Mon., Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. | Facebook**

Librarians attempt to follow tutorials from our CMPL databases. Will we succeed or will we fail? Either way, we're having fun! Join us on Facebook Live where we'll be sharing videos and discussing our adventures in trying new things.



# Virtual Comic Con: Sat., March 20

Comic Con is back and this time we're going VIRTUAL! CMPL Comic Con (CMPLCC) is back for its 4th year. Join us for a full day of Pop Culture excitement from the comfort of your couch. We'll have games, crafts, contests and more for all ages. Register for individual events to claim a Take & Make Kit. Keep an eye on our Facebook Event page where we'll post details and announcements. Want to be involved with Comic Con or have questions or comments? Email us at: [Makeitso@cmpl.org](mailto:Makeitso@cmpl.org) or visit [cmpl.org/comic-con](http://cmpl.org/comic-con)

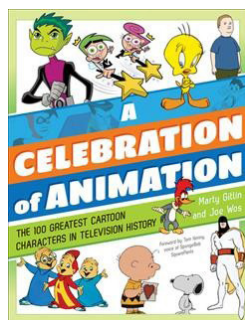
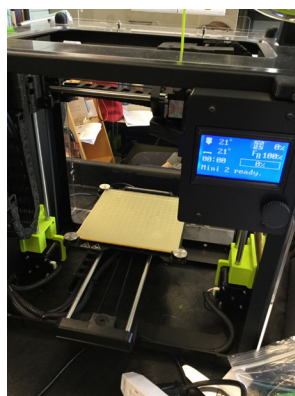
## Panels

### Various times | Zoom

Join us for expert panels virtually throughout the day. Check the events calendar for times.

### 3D printing and Geek Culture

Join us for a presentation with 3D printing enthusiasts, Erin and Geeky Faye Art as they talk about how 3D printing and 3D printed items have helped change the face of recent geek culture and even talk about how you can use this new technology to level up your cosplay!



### Celebration of Animation

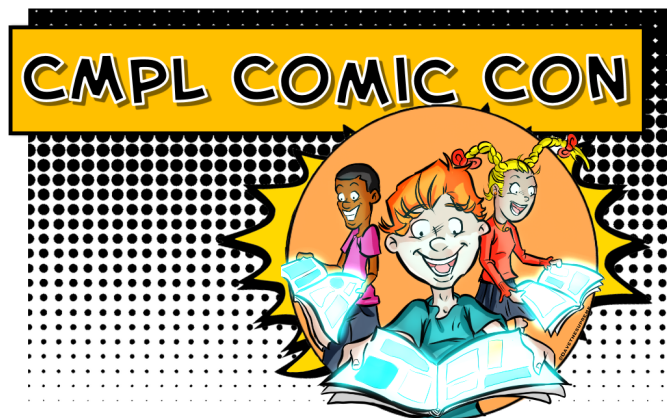
Award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin hosts this fun, nostalgic and enlightening presentation based on his book, *A Celebration of Animation: The 100 Greatest Cartoon Characters in Television History*.

### Who's Worthy? Thor's Hammer

Think Thor is the only one who can lift Mjölnir? WRONG. In this panel we'll talk about not only who can lift "Thor's Hammer" but why it isn't all about the muscles and maybe even discuss other beings that MIGHT be worthy.

### Beyond D&D: The ABCs of RPG

CRPG, MMORPG, LARP...what does it all mean?! This panel will shed some light on some of D&D's less well known role-play relatives.



### Making Comics 101 with Karmada Arts

Are you interested in getting started in making your own comics but not sure where to start? Then this seminar is for you! Join Karmada (from Karmada Arts) and learn about the basics of what goes in a comic, types of comics, speech bubbles, sound effects, supplies and more. Making comics isn't as difficult as you might think, so come and learn how to get started on your own comic-creating journey!

### Take & Make Crafts

#### Various times | Zoom

Join us for a Pop-Culture-themed Take & Make craft activity! Register between March 1 and March 14 to guarantee kit availability.

- 11:30 a.m.: Star Wars Book Folding
- 1 p.m.: Pikachu Watercolor Tutorial
- 2 p.m.: Super Mario Mushroom String Art
- 3 p.m.: Yoda Paint and Pour
- 4 p.m.: Batman Logo Quilling
- 5 p.m.: Diamond Painting Character Art

### CMPL Kid-Con!

We are kicking off the day with a special lineup of activities geared towards con-goers 10 and under.

- 9-9:30 a.m.: Pony Dance Party
- 9:30-10 a.m.: Superhero Story Time
- 10-10:30 a.m.: Superhero Crafts
- 10:30-11 a.m.: Minecraft Crafts
- 11-11:30 a.m.: Super Mario Crafts
- 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Fairy Tale Story Time

**Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs. See page 8.**

## South Branch Book Discussion

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 12 p.m. | Zoom**

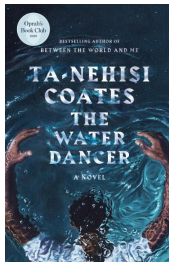
Meet other book lovers at this discussion.

**Jan. 9:** *Where The Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens **1-2-3**

**Feb. 13:** *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates **1-2-3**

**March 13:** *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel

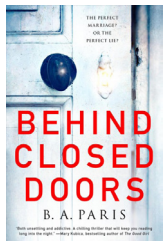
**April 10:** *Lost Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly



## Mystery Book Discussion

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.



**Jan. 19:** *The Girl in the Ice* by Robert Bryndza

**Feb. 16:** *Behind Closed Doors* by B.A. Paris

**March 16:** *The Ranger* by Ace Atkins

**April 20:** *The Drifter* by Nicholas Petrie

## Books on Tap

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

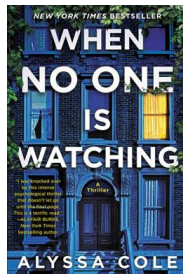
Bring your own beverage and discuss a fiction title with other book lovers.

**Jan 11:** *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett **1-2-3**

**Feb. 8:** *Ties That Tether* by Jane Igharo **1-2-3**

**March 8:** *When No One Is Watching* by Alyssa Cole **1-2-3**

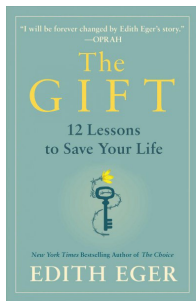
**April 12:** *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid **1-2-3**



## Let's Get Real

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles published in recent years!



**Jan. 18:** *The Gift: 12 Lessons to Save Your Life* by Edith Eva Eger

**Feb. 15:** *The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair With Nature* by Drew J. Lanham **1-2-3**

**March 15:** *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel

**April 19:** *What My Mother and I Don't Talk About: Fifteen Writers Break the Silence* assembled by Michele Filgate

## Trivia Live!

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

**Zoom**

Join us for a fun night of themed or pub-style trivia. Each week will have a new theme with prizes going to the winners!



**Jan. 12:** Weird Animal Facts

**Jan. 19:** Hamilton

**Jan. 26:** Pub-style

**Feb. 9:** It's Me...Mario!

**Feb. 16:** Candy & Chocolate

**Feb. 23:** Pub-style

**March 9:** Pokemon

**March 16:** Musicals

**March 23:** True, False or Bogus?

**March 30:** Pub-style

**April 13:** Gilmore Girls

**April 20:** Bad Movie Descriptions

**April 27:** Pub-style

## Family BINGO Night

**Fri., March 12 at 5 p.m. | Zoom**

Let's play BINGO! You provide your own snacks and we will provide cards, a dauber and some fun prizes for winners. Register to receive your BINGO kit. For all ages.

## Program Registration Information

Registration is required for all online programs. A library card is required for registration. Priority registration is given to residents in our service area and opens two weeks prior to the event for residents. Register at least one hour prior to the event. Before the program you will receive an email with details about how to join via the web service Zoom.

You may register online at <http://cmpl.libnet.info/events> or call us at (586) 226-5000 to have us register for you.

If you don't have computer access, or would prefer to participate in an event via phone, call us at (586) 226-5000 to register. We will make sure you get the phone number to call to connect to the program by phone.

**A note about craft programs:** If you have registered for a craft program, supplies are only available for a period of time (see event details). Please do not come before that time. Your supplies may not be available.

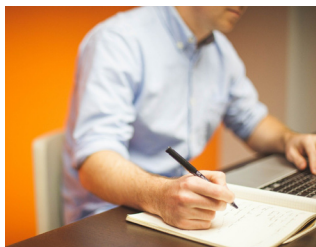


# adult PROGRAMS

## Writing Group

**Tuesdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2 and April 6 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Writers of all ages are welcome.



## Mitten Tales & Talk

**1st Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Zoom**

Relax and listen to a short story read aloud by a librarian, followed by a discussion. All stories relate to Michigan!

**Jan. 6:** *Growth* by Jeni McFarland

**Feb 3:** *Ballad of Weary Daughters* by Kristine Wyllys

**Mar 3:** *Leaving Copper Corner* by Joe Borri

**April 7:** *Reporting for Duty, 1959* by Desiree Cooper and *George* (poem) by Dudley Randall **1-2-3**

## Tidying Up: The KonMari Method

**Wed., Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

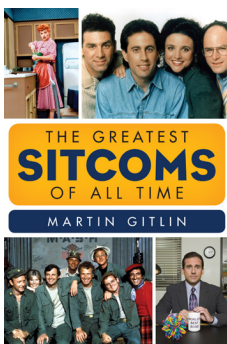
Ready for a fresh start in 2021? Certified KonMari organizer Kate Sood introduces you to this revolutionary method of decluttering and leading a tidy life. Learn about the physical and mental benefits of techniques taught by Marie Kondo in her book *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*.



## A Funny Program About Funny Programs

**Wed., Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Martin Gitlin hosts this fun and enlightening presentation based on his book, *The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time*. He will show funny snippets from those shows and others, challenge customers with sitcom trivia, discuss the criteria he used to rank the best of the best and talk about how sitcoms have evolved over the decades in humor, presentation and content.



## Knit and Crochet Meet Up

**Thursdays: Jan. 7, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15 and April 29 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another craft? Hang out and show off your new creations! All ages and skill levels are welcome.

## Garden Workshop: Happy Houseplants

**Wed., Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Houseplants a little droopy? Or, you'd like some plants, but don't know where to start? Our friends, Emily Weiss and Joe Cieslinski, from the Edsel Ford House return to give advice on how to make your houseplants thrive whether you have a green thumb or not. Join us for a fun evening of discussion and a chance to ask your questions about your houseplants.

## Ruffage: A Conversation with Chef and Author Abra Berens

**Wed., Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Ms. Berens presents and discusses her first cookbook,



*Ruffage: A practical guide to vegetables: 100+ recipes and 230+ variations.* Written from her experiences as a chef, former farmer, and everyday eater, Ruffage was named a 2020 Michigan Notable Book by the Library of Michigan. This program will include a live talk, recipe demo, and question and answer session.

## Adult Virtual Escape Room: From Michigan With Love

**Fri., Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us and play as a team or by yourselves to stop your greatest enemy from taking over the world - or worse, ruining Valentine's Day.

## Forensics 101 with Lauren Tenglin

**Wed., Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Join Forensic Scientist Lauren Tenglin from the Michigan State Police Northville Laboratory. Lauren presents and discusses modern crime scene investigation methods and forensic analytical techniques. She will take you on a visual journey through an actual crime scene and discuss forensic career paths. If you have ever wanted a look at the "real CSI," this is it!

# Virtual Programs for Adults

## The History of Macomb Township

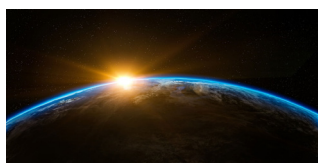
**Wed., Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Join author Linda Osborne Cynowa as she discusses her recent book, *Macomb Township, Michigan* and shares images of early settlers, their homes and farms. Over the years, Macomb Township has become one of the fastest growing communities in the county. Created by settlers wanting greater connection to neighbors and friends, Macomb Township continues to offer that same type of close-knit community.

## Out of this World: Michigan Women in Space

**Wed., March 3 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Learn about Michigan's female astronauts and other "out of this world" Michigan women who have made important contributions to space exploration. Presented by physics professor and astronomy researcher Nicolle Zellner.



## Spring Reset

**Mon., March 15 at 11 a.m. | Zoom**

The time change making you feel a little grumpy? Spring forward as Teri Flores guides us using gentle chair exercises and stretching to help us reset and refresh. Breathing techniques, simple face yoga and a short meditation will be included. Wear comfortable clothing and use a sturdy chair. Questions and answers after the session.

## Monarch Butterflies: A Beloved Insect

**Wed., March 17 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

The Monarch Joint Venture joins us this evening to share some amazing facts about monarch butterflies. From caterpillars in Michigan to butterflies in Mexico, their amazing migration is one of the most spectacular in the world. This program will cover all aspects of the monarch life cycle, including ways you can help to conserve this iconic species.

## Secrets of Spring Migration

**Tues., March 23 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us as Bill Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon, discusses bird migration. Nobody knows why some birds fly thousands of miles from Central and South America to raise their young in the North American woods every summer and then fly back for winter, but we do know their arrival is timed to very specific events along their migration routes. Bill will tell you how birds migrate, when to expect certain species, and how to identify the birds you see.

## Every Second Counts: Stroke Prevention

**Wed., March 24 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Every 40 seconds someone has a stroke, making it the leading cause of adult disability in the United States. When you or a loved one is having a stroke, every second counts. In this presentation the Stroke Team from Henry Ford Health System will give attendees the tools to recognize stroke symptoms, and guidance on how to prevent stroke, and seek care when needed.

## Budapest: Pearl of the Danube

**Thurs., March 25 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Hungary's capital city has long been acclaimed as one of Europe's most beautiful, with its iconic parliament building frequently highlighted on advertisements for Danube river cruises. Let Mariya Fogarasi pique your curiosity and entice you to discover Budapest where she spent almost six wonderful years.

## Yoga to Loosen up Tight Joints

**Wed., March 31 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Jenny O'Laughlin, co-director of Hot Thrive Yoga, demonstrates a short practice that will help to loosen up tight joints. Yoga can also benefit people with stiff joints due to arthritis. Yoga stretching exercises in general will help to improve range of motion and flexibility.



## Land Protection within Our Local Headwaters Regions

**Thurs., April 8 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

This presentation by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy will explore the importance of four local headwaters regions. With a focus on the Clinton, Flint, Huron and the Shiawassee River Watersheds, we will delve into the unique ecological features of where these watersheds originate and why strategic land protection in these sensitive areas is so imperative.

## Bees, Pollination, and Beekeeping

**Mon., April 12 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Learn about the variety of bees in Michigan, their essential roles as pollinators, and what it takes for you to become a beekeeper. Presented by Advanced Master Gardener and Macomb County Master Gardener Association board member Dave Putt.





## Craft Programs for Adults

### Found Poetry 1-2-3

**Wed., April 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

We'll be creating poetry by recycling words from magazines, lines from professional poems, and pages from books and journals. It's the best way to fight writer's block and have a lot of fun doing it! Customers are welcome to use items they already have at home, including magazines, old books, construction paper, and markers or pens. We will also provide kits at the CMPL Main Library starting from April 7 through the 13. Customers may also want to have scissors and glue or tape.

### Demystifying the Naturalization Process

**Wed., April 21 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

This is a free virtual session and is a great tool for any person interested in obtaining U.S. Citizenship, especially permanent residents awaiting their Naturalization interview or who are interested in applying for Naturalization. Topics covered will be Permanent Residency, the Naturalization Process (including eligibility requirements, the Citizenship application, interview and exam, and Oath Ceremony), Rights & Responsibilities of U.S. Citizenship, followed by a Q&A Session.

## Craft Programs for Adults

### Snowflake Bowl with Candle

**Sat., Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m. | Zoom**



Back by popular demand...craft together to create a lace bowl, inspired by winter snowflakes, with a tealight LED candle inside. The library will provide supplies, except water. One per family.

### Acrylic Painting Workshop: "Winter Skies"

**Tues., Jan. 26 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Art Instructor Shewta Shah will demonstrate how to paint "Winter Skies" in this class. Participants will learn fundamentals of scale and proportion of the subject, how to work layer by layer, color mixing and application on canvas, brush techniques and different textures. If you wish to follow along, you will need the following supplies: 16" x 12" (inch) stretched canvas, acrylic paints (titanium white, process magenta, Persian blue and burnt umber), fan brush #6, Filbert brush #4, round brush #1 and flat brush 1.5".



### Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

**Sat., Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. | Zoom**

Make yourself a cup of hot chocolate and join us to create a simple and fun snowman scene to lift your spirits during Michigan's dreary cold. Kits available Jan. 14-21. If you are unable to attend a YouTube video will be made available after Feb. 1.

### Take & Make: Knitting Craft a-long with Creativebug

**Thursdays: Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18 and Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Learn to knit a cowl using Creativebug! Videos teach how to cast on, knit, purl and bind off, and weekly group chats on Zoom allow participants to ask questions, share tips, and show off progress. All instruction videos can be found on Creativebug, a resource for CMPL resident cardholders. Zoom meetings are optional. The library will provide yarn and knitting needles. You will also need scissors and a tapestry needle. Pick up supplies for this program between Jan. 30 and Feb. 3.



### Take & Make: Hand-Dipped Pots

**Tues., March 9 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us as we paint terracotta pots for succulents using the "dipping" technique. Supplies will be available for pick-up at the Main Library between Feb. 2-8.

### Take & Make: Floral Pin

**Sat., March 20 | Craft at Home**

Welcome spring! Create a floral pin to liven up your spring wardrobe. One per household. The library will provide basic supplies; you will need to provide scissors. An instructional video will be available on YouTube on March 20 to watch at your leisure.

### Mending 101

**Thurs., April 22 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Don't 86 it - Fix it! Replacing a button, patching holes, sashiko mending and knitwear darning will all be covered in this overview of mending techniques. Let's reduce our need to shop and learn to repair our clothing this Earth Day. All attendees will receive a resource list, and may bring a piece of clothing they'd like to save to get advice on how best to mend it.



# Tech Programs for Adults

## Zoom Basics

**Fri., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. or Sat., Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

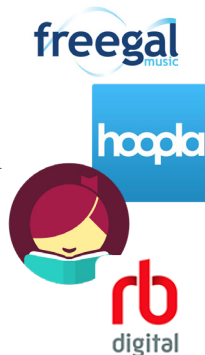
Think you can't use Zoom? Think again! In this program, you'll learn how to get into a Zoom meeting, and how to use the basic features of Zoom. Prior to the session, you'll receive a handout with detailed instructions on how to log into a Zoom meeting. Once in the meeting, we'll explore the features together. You must have an email address and a smartphone, tablet or computer for this program.

## Library Apps for your Android or Apple Device

**Tues., Jan. 12 at 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Did you know you can read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, and stream music, movies, and TV shows through the library? Come learn about CMPL's Digital Downloads! Please have the following required items available: your Android or Apple tablet or smartphone; all relevant passwords; and your library card. If you do not have a library card, please visit the library or apply for one online prior to the class.

*If you have a Kindle eReader, please register for one of the classes offered on Jan. 14.*



## Library eBooks for your Kindle

**Thurs., Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Did you know you can read eBooks on your Kindle through the library? Come learn about CMPL's Digital Downloads! Please have the following required items available: your Kindle eReader; all relevant passwords including your password for Amazon; and your library card. If you do not have a library card, please apply for one online prior to the class. *If you have an Apple or Android tablet, please register for one of the classes offered on Jan. 12.*

## Computer Basics

**Fri., Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

"Uh-oh, I'm not very tech-savvy..." We hear this every day at the library. If that sounds like you, start here! This class will be conducted online on Zoom. In addition to learning about the basics of computers, it is an opportunity to get acquainted with Zoom for future online classes.

## Intro to Files & Folders

**Fri., Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. or Fri., March 19 at 4 p.m. | Zoom**

Where's that darn resume? Or that family photo I know I saved? Learn all about files, folders, and how to keep your documents organized.

## Closing Your Digital Divide

**Tuesdays: Feb. 9 and Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Whether you are a newbie, dabbler, or tinkerer, or just need some tips on how to get the most out of your computer, author and instructor Mike Wilson has you covered. This workshop will include such topics as common computer terms, Windows 10 and apps, the basics of word processing, using e-mail, websites, and the internet. You must know how to use a mouse/touchpad.

## Internet Basics

**Fri., Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. or Fri., March 5 at 4 p.m. | Zoom**

What is the Internet? Is it too late to ask at this point? No, not at all! Learn the ins and outs of the Internet. Basic computer skills are required.

## Intro to Microsoft Word

**Fri., Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. or Wed., April 7 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Microsoft Word is like a typewriter with much cooler features, and much less cool sound effects. Learn the basics of Word. Basic computer skills are required.

## Google Like a Librarian

**Thurs., March 11 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Are you frustrated with your search results? This program will help you find what you're looking for! At the end of this program, participants will understand the basics of how Google produces search results, be able to formulate better keyword searches, know the difference between a database and the internet, and get tools to evaluate website reliability.

## Intro to Microsoft Excel

**Fri., March 12 at 10 a.m. or Wed., April 28 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Spreadsheets, numbers, and math, oh my! Fear not, you will learn the fundamentals of Excel and organize all kinds of data. Basic computer skills are required.

## PC Maintenance

**Fri., March 26 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Like cars, computers need to be continuously maintained. Learn all about protecting your computer and keeping it up to date. This class covers Windows Security and Full System Backups.





# CHILDREN

## Culinary Kids

**Sundays: Jan. 17, Feb. 14, March 21 and April 18 at 10 a.m. | Facebook**

Join us in the kitchen to make tasty treats and snacks. Children ages 8-12 tune in for a video featuring quick and fun foods to prepare. No registration required. Allergen Alert: if your child has a food allergy, please review all ingredients carefully.



## Penguin Power!

**Fri., Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. | Zoom**

Have you ever wondered how penguins stay warm and dry in cold temperatures and icy waters? Conduct a fun and simple experiment to find out! All of the materi-



als you need for your experiment are included in your kit as well as a penguin book and craft. Pick up your Penguin Power! kit which includes materials for a penguin experiment and a book and craft about penguins. For ages 4 to 8.

## TechKnow Kids Science Magic

**Sat., Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 7-12 will join Cathy Foster from TechKnow to explore the magic of science. Registration is required to receive the kit that will include the materials needed during the presentation; you may need water. Pick up kits at the library you selected upon registration from Jan. 20 to Jan. 27.



## Barry Mitchell

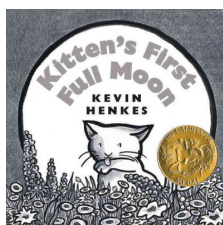
**Tues., Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. | YouTube**

Part comedy and part magic, join us for Barry Mitchell's Smile Maker Show on CMPL's YouTube Channel. This show is great for the entire family and will be available after the performance.

## Stories & STEAM

**Tues., Feb. 23 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Join us as we read *Kitten's First Full Moon* by Kevin Henkes and do some fun STEAM activities. This program is for ages 3-6.



## Diane Macklin, Storyteller 1-2-3

**Sat., Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Join Diane Macklin as she presents *Succotash Tales*, a delicious blend of American stories and traditions with African roots. This program is great for the entire family.

## Fire and Ice

**Sat., March 6 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us for a spectacular show of impressive and amazing science experiments presented by Mad Science of Detroit. Children will enjoy this science show that includes foggy dry ice storms, floating giant beach balls, and special bubbly showers.

## Howell Nature Center: Endangered Species

**Sat., April 10 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Join Howell Nature Center as we learn about endangered species and conservation efforts. As the pressure on our natural world increases, it is important to understand the role we play in helping conserve threatened species in our own neighborhoods. Audiences can learn how they can help while meeting native threatened and endangered species. Plus, see how successful conservation has saved some of Michigan's most majestic species.



**GET MAKING WITH creativebug**

**Creativebug has a kids' category under classes. Access it at [cmpl.org](http://cmpl.org) under Advanced Research.**

## Take & Make Snowman Craft

**Fri., Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 3-5 will make a snowman craft. Materials and instructions to make the craft are included with the kit. Kits will be available for pickup on Jan. 15.



## Take & Make Valentine's Day Craft

**Sat., Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 3-5 will make a Valentine's Day craft. Materials and instructions to make the craft are included with the kit. Kits will be available for pickup on Feb. 5.



## Take & Make Bunny Craft

**Sat., March 13 at 2:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 3-5 will make a bunny craft. Materials and instructions to make the craft are included with the kit. Kits will be available for pickup on March 5.

## Take & Make Spring Fun

**Mon., March 22 | Craft at Home**

Kids ages 3-5 can pick up some spring-themed crafts to complete at home! Kits will be available for pickup beginning March 22.

## Take & Make Celebrate Earth Day

**Thurs., April 22 | Craft at Home**

It's Earth Day! Celebrate by picking up your Earth Day kit which includes activity sheets and seed bomb materials. One kit per family. For ages 5-12.



## Take & Make Spring Craft

**Sat., April 24 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 3-5 can make a Springtime craft. Materials and instructions to make the craft are included with the kit. Kits will be available for pickup on April 16.

## Virtual Library Card Reminder

Don't forget! CMPL has issued Virtual Library Cards to students in the following school districts: Chipewaga Valley, Clintondale, Fraser, L'Anse Creuse, New Haven, and Utica. Students in these districts may use their student number as their library barcode and access digital services and databases. Your password will be the last four digits of the phone number you have on file with the school. If you are have trouble, please call us at (586) 226-5020.

## Take & Make Snowflake Crafts

**Mon., Jan. 4 | Craft at Home**

Tweens ages 8-12 can pick up some snowflake-themed crafts to make at home beginning Jan. 4!

## Watercolor Art

**Sat., Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Tweens ages 8-12 years old will create beautiful abstract art using watercolors and diffusing paper. Craft kits will be available for pick up Jan. 28 - Feb. 4.

## Lanyard Keychains

**Sat., March 13 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Tweens ages 8-12 years old are invited to pick up a craft kit craft kits between March 6 through March 11 and join us online to make colorful lanyard keychains.

## Pop-up Cards

**Sat., April 10 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Tweens ages 8-12 years old are invited to pick up a craft kit between April 3 through April 8 and join us to make a pop-up card.

## Battle of the Books

**Sun., March 7 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Calling all fifth graders! Get ready for Battle of the Books. Team members will work together in whatever way they choose. This may mean they gather at one location and watch the Battle together, but if you cannot be in the same location you may want an additional device to be in contact with your team and have the ability for each team member to add to the Google Sheet. Teams must register at [cmpl.org/bob](http://cmpl.org/bob). Teams should read the following books:



*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman

*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds

*New Kid* by Jerry Craft

*Other Words For Home* by Jasmine Warga

*Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez

*The Sister's Grimm: The Fairy-Tale Detectives* by Michael Buckley

*A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park

*Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs

*The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle



# Story Time & Early Literacy Activities

## Story Times

Session I story times will take place the **week of Jan. 11** through the **week of Feb. 8**. Session II takes place the **week of March 1** through the **week of March 29**. Session III begins the **week of April 26** through the **week of May 24**. Join us on Zoom:



## Main Library

**Baby Time: Mondays at 10 a.m.** (0-23 months)

Pick up a story time kit to keep for this five-week story time session at any CMPL location.

## North Branch

**Preschool Story Time: Thursdays at 10 a.m.** (3-6 years)

Pick up craft supplies for all five weeks of Preschool Story Time at any location.

## South Branch

**Little Listeners: Tuesdays at 10 a.m.** (all ages)

## Pajamarama

**Wednesdays: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10 and April 14 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**

Put on your jammies and join us for bedtime stories and songs. For families with children under 8.

## Story Time with the Library Bunny

**Fri., March 26 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Kids ages 2-8 can join the Library Bunny for some stories!

## Preschool Learning and Journaling

**Select dates at 11 a.m. | Zoom**

Join us virtually for stories and activities for kids ages 4 to 6. Participants can also stop by the branch of your choice to pick up one journal and materials to use for the 5-week series of weekly activities. Each week, themed activities will be emailed to you to do with the supplies provided. Join us for one of the following sessions:



**Wednesdays: Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3 and 10**

**Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31**

**Wednesdays: April 28, May 5, 12, 19 and 26**

## Winter Sensory Fun

**Mon., Feb. 1 | Craft at Home**

This program is for ages 0 to 3 years old. Pick up your packet of sensory items to use at home. Also included are other ideas to do at home with your little one.

## Baby Band Camp

**Fridays: Feb. 19, Feb. 26 and March 5 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Discover a new instrument, find some family practice time, and join a virtual jam session with other community babies each week.

## Bath Time & Bubbles

**Mon., April 12 at 10 a.m. | Zoom**

Let's dive into some stories and crafts that will make



your next bath time a blast! For ages 1-4. Pick up a kit that will include supplies, and an information sheet that will include a list of additional materials needed.

## Local Preschool Playlist

**Sat., Jan. 23 | YouTube**

While we can't offer our annual Preschool Fair this year, we are working with local area preschools to put together a YouTube playlist that will highlight their programs. CMPL understands that choosing a preschool is an important decision and we want to help you with resources to make that decision.



## Story Phone

Don't forget, you don't need to hop on a Zoom meeting to enjoy a CMPL story time! Story Phone is our newest early literacy service and it features some of your favorite CMPL librarians reading stories. If you are interested in listening to this week's stories, dial (586) 226-5006 and choose your story to listen to. Stories will change weekly and will be read by our storytelling team. This service is available 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week.



# On-Demand Programs

Enjoy a children's program on your time. Every Friday we'll post a new children's program online at CMPL's YouTube channel, [youtube.com/user/CMPLVideo](https://www.youtube.com/user/CMPLVideo). Enjoy it any time between then and April 30. For a full list of children's programs on-demand, visit [cmpl.org/online-programs](https://cmpl.org/online-programs).

## Critter Class

**Fri., Jan. 15 | YouTube**

Join Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve as we meet their animals which may include a tarantula, hissing cockroaches, and a bearded dragon. Recommended for ages 3-6, but anyone can enjoy.

## More ABC and 123 Fun

**Fri., Jan. 29 | YouTube**

Caregivers and children ages 2-5, join us to discover more fun and easy ways to teach your child early letter and number recognition. Using supplies and toys found around the house, we will demonstrate quick activities that a child can enjoy while learning.



## Sharpie Crafts

**Fri., Feb. 5 | YouTube**

Let's have some fun with sharpies! Join us as we use sharpies to create some cool crafts and fun art projects. Children ages 5 and up will enjoy this the most.

## Kitchen Science

**Fri., Feb. 12 | YouTube**

Join us for these fun and easy science experiments. We will demonstrate how to use basic supplies around your house to do fun and easily adaptable activities at home. Children ages 5 and up will enjoy this the most.

## Tape Resist Painting

**Fri., Feb. 19 | YouTube**

Grab some masking tape, watercolor paints, a paint brush, and a thicker paper (we used watercolor paper) as we make some awesome art. This program is geared towards kids ages 6-12.

## Shapes and Colors Everywhere!

**Fri., Feb. 26 | YouTube**

Shapes and colors are everywhere! Using common supplies, items, and toys around the house, we are going to explore all the places we can find shapes and colors. This program is for children ages 2-5.



## Baby High Chair Masterpieces

**Fri., March 12 | YouTube**

Join us to learn a variety of different ways to create art and get those senses going with your baby. We will be using supplies commonly found around the house. This could get messy! Recommended for ages 0-2.



## Fairy Tale STEM: Build Me a Story

**Fri., March 19 | YouTube**

Let's read a classic fairy tale and a spin-off version of two well-known classics. Then we'll do a fun STEM project based upon these stories. Supplies needed include: popsicle/craft sticks, pipe cleaners/chenille stems, glue such as Elmer's, clothespins, and some small animal figures if you have some-think goats and bears, or even dinosaurs!

## Rainbow Science

**Fri., March 26 | YouTube**

Caregivers and children ages 3-6 can use common household supplies as we play with color and learn at the same time! There will be plenty of rainbows in this program.



## Maple Sugaring

**Fri., April 2 | YouTube**

Dinosaur Hill is back again to share the maple sugaring process. This program is recommended for ages 3-6, but anyone can enjoy.

## Cook Me a Story

**Fri., April 9 | YouTube**

Gather your ingredients as we cook our way through some classic fairy tales with a delicious twist! For ages 6-12. Adult supervision required for food prep and cooking.



## DIY Instruments

**Fri., April 16 | YouTube**

Join us as we create different DIY musical instruments! We will use household items to create a rockin' good time.



## Book Clubs and More

### Xtreme Readers Book and a Craft

**Select Saturdays at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

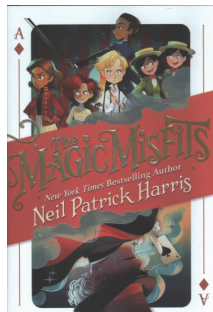
Children ages 10-12 can read a book and create a craft. Join us for one or all of the following programs:

**Sat., Jan. 16:** *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris

**Sat., Feb. 20:** *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

**Sat., March 20:** *Book Scavenger* by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

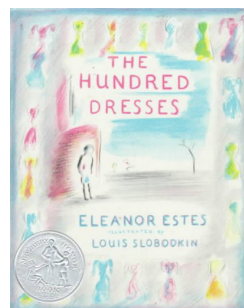
**Sat., April 17:** *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool



### Book Blasters

**Select Saturdays at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Children ages 7-9 can read a book and create a craft. Register for an activity kit containing a book and a craft activity. Join us for one or all of the following programs:



**Sat., Jan. 23:** *Who Was Pablo Picasso?* by True Kelley

**Sat., Feb. 27:** *I Survived the Great Molasses Flood 1919* by Lauren Tarshis

**Sat., March 27:** *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes

**Sat., April 24:** *Abraham Lincoln, Pro Wrestler* by Steve Sheinkin

### Book Blasters

**Select Mondays at 1 p.m. | Zoom**

Kids ages 7-9 are invited to discuss a book and make a craft. We will provide a copy of the book and craft supplies to all registered participants.

**Mon., Feb. 15:** *Unicorn Rescue Society: The Creature of the Pines* by Adam Gidwitz

**Mon., April 5:** *Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen* by Debbi Michiko Florence



### Xtreme Readers

**Tues., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. | Zoom**

Kids, ages 10-12, are invited to discuss *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia.

## Reading Challenges

Babies to children in 4th grade have the opportunity to expand their reading horizons, have some fun and collect prizes. CMPL's Reading Challenges can be logged online via the Summer Reading Beanstack account. Get started at [cmpl.org/childrens-reading-challenges/](https://cmpl.org/childrens-reading-challenges/)

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Parents of babies and preschoolers are encouraged to read 1,000 books to their child before Kindergarten. Read the same book 1,000 times or read 1,000 different books...it doesn't matter as long as you're exposing your child to language.

### The Kindergarten Challenge

This has been designed by CMPL to assist your Kindergarten in their literacy development. Get the Kindergarten Challenge list when you log into your Beanstack account at <https://cmpl.beanstack.org/reader365>

### 50 in 1st

We have chosen 50 books we think 1st graders will love. Your child may be able to read some on their own. Some are meant to be read aloud by an adult. The more opportunities you provide for your 1st grader to have positive reading experiences, the more likely you are to raise a lifelong reader.

### 2nd Grade Story Tellers

Students should read 50 books at their reading level. If a student struggles with more than 3-5 words on any given page, the book is probably too difficult. Set aside a regular special reading time for your child to read aloud to you.

### 3rd Grade True 25

Students can keep track of 25 nonfiction titles they read over the course of this academic year. Students read three nonfiction books of his or her choosing that fits within one of six categories.

### Books Outside the Box

To complete the program, we ask that each participant read 5 diverse books during their 4th grade year. Students who understand other cultures and perspectives are better able to communicate with diverse groups as they get older.

# teen PROGRAMS

## Volunteers

**Wednesdays: Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

Join us for a quick chat about what's going on for teens at CMPL. We'll go over program ideas and you'll earn volunteer hours! We might have a few fun games as well.



## Teen Game Night

**Thursdays: Jan. 7, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, March 4, March 18, April 1, April 15 and April 29 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom**



Join us as we partner up with other libraries around the state to play online games!

## Teen Food Frenzy

**Select Wednesdays at 6 p.m. | Facebook**

Join Team Teen as we create super yummy treats! Ingredient list will be shared during the program. Keep an eye on the CMPL Facebook on the following dates to see what crazy concoctions Team Teen come up with! Busy these dates? Visit our Instagram in the days following for a shortened version following the Facebook event.



**Jan. 13:** No Bake Cookies

**Jan. 27:** Tanghulu

**Feb. 10:** Meringue Cookies

**Feb. 24:** Puppy Chow

**March 10:** Strawberry Mousse

## Minute To Win It: Virtual Challenge!

**Sat., Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**



Join us for a virtually good time while we compete in 60 second challenges, including building your own mini catapult! Register between Jan. 1 and 10 to guarantee supply availability. Pickup for supplies will be Jan. 13-16.



## Teen Casual After School Hangout

**Mondays-Thursdays from 2-6 p.m. | Zoom**

Teen Casual After School Hangout has something new and fun to do every day! Take and Make materials are available one week prior to the program. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. First Tuesdays and Wednesdays have gaming and Jackbox competitions. There is a gift card prize for the first place winner!

**Mondays:** Anime

**Tuesdays:** Games and Fun

**Wednesdays:** Jackbox Games

**Thursdays:** Programs

Special programs this season include:

**Jan. 5:** Mortal Kombat Bracket Competition

**Jan. 7:** Bookmaking Take & Make Craft

**Jan. 14:** Tabletop Roleplaying Game: Lasers and Feelings by John Harper

**Jan. 19:** Among Us Gaming Party!

**Feb. 2:** Super Smash Brothers Bracket Competition

**Feb. 11:** Valentine's Day Party: Take & Make Bath Bombs

**Feb. 25:** Oscar Watch Party!

**March 2:** MBA 2K Competition

**March 4:** Take & Make: Temporary Tattoos

**March 11:** Talent Show from 2-4 p.m. and Karaoke from 4-6 p.m.

**March 18:** First Day of Spring Party: Bug Hotel Take and Make

**April 1:** Poetry Month: Take & Make Blackout Poetry

**April 13:** Fortnite Competition

**April 22:** Earth Day: Recycle, Reuse, Reduce Take and Makes



# Fun & Food & Games

## Paint and Pour

**Select Wednesdays at 7 p.m. | Zoom**

Follow along step-by-step and you'll end up with your very own masterpiece. And don't forget the drink! We'll kick off our event with a tasty mocktail recipe that anybody can enjoy. Adult, as well as teens, may join.



**Wed., Jan. 20:** Black and White Landscape. Pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Jan. 13-20.

**Wed., Feb. 17:** Escape from Winter Watercolor. Pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Feb. 10-17.

**Wed., April 21:** Poppies! Pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from April 14-21.

## Virtual Escape Rooms

**Select Fridays On-Demand | CMPL website**

Visit a virtual escape room on the Teen page of the CMPL website. Escape rooms will go live online on the dates below:

**Jan. 29:** Among Us

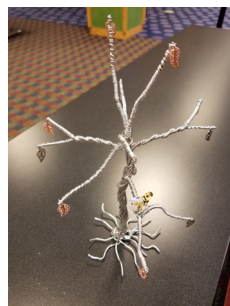
**Feb. 26:** Scooby Doo!

**March 26:** Zombies

**April 30:** Divergent

## Take & Make Wire Tree Sculpture

**Mon., Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**



Create a tree sculpture from scratch using your hands, 12 and 20 gauge wires. Register by Jan. 31 to guarantee supply availability. Pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from Feb. 1-8.

## Take & Make Comic Book Bank

**Sat., March 6 at 3 p.m. | Zoom**

Stop by and pick up a program kit then follow along with teen staff as we make a pop culture comic-themed bank. Register by Feb. 28 to guarantee supply availability; pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from March 3-6.

## Maker Mondays

Kick off each new month with Maker Monday! We'll have a new take & make kit you can pick up & follow along with our video online. Kits are first come first serve & available for pickup until gone! These On-Demand Program Kits will include EVERYTHING you need! Grab a kit, click the link, and create!



Kits will be made available on the following dates and are first come first serve. Missed the kits or want to make another? No worries! We'll list all the supplies you need with the video link so you can still grab your own materials and follow along.

**Mon., Jan. 4:** Diamond Painting Keychain

**Mon., Feb. 1:** Bead Buddies

**Mon., March 1:** Rainbow Magic Scratch Art

**Mon., April 5:** DIY Bouncy Balls

## Take & Make Epoxy Geode Coasters

**Mon., April 26 at 6 p.m. | Zoom**

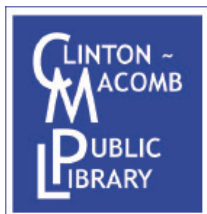
Have fun being a rock scientist and mixing epoxy to create your own geode-like coaster. Register by April 18 to guarantee supply availability. Pick up for supplies for this program is at the library you select upon registration from April 21-26.



## New Podcast! - All Things Teen

Join our Teen Librarian Erin as she talks with guests about Teen books, media, and important topics relevant to teens today. Podcasts will be posted on the first and third Wednesday of each month at [cmpl.org/teen](http://cmpl.org/teen).

**Registration is required for all Zoom and Take & Make programs. See page 8.**



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Sunday\* 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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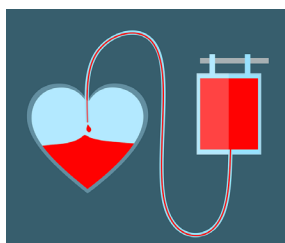
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### Clinton Township Blood Drive

**Mon., Feb. 1 and Tues., Feb. 2 | Main Library**

As of press time, the final schedule for the Clinton Township Blood Drive wasn't complete. However, the Main Library is offering two dates to donate blood to the community. The need for blood is critical at this time. Consider a donation to the community during the Clinton Township Blood Drive. To register, call (586) 286-1768. The Clinton Township Blood Drive is a community-wide event and other locations and times are being coordinated. For more information, or to register to donate, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: clintontownship.



**Mon., Feb. 1:** Main Library 1-7 p.m.

**Tues., Feb. 2:** Main Library 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Used Books

The Friends of the Library have not had the opportunity to host the large used book sales that we all know and love. But there are still ways to support the organization, even when the library is closed for in-person service. The Friends of the Library have an Amazon shop where they list quality used books. You order and they will ship it right to your mailbox! Take a look at the books available here:

[amazon.com/shops/LibraryFriendscmpl](https://amazon.com/shops/LibraryFriendscmpl)



Did you know that the Friends of the Library underwrite all program costs for the library? Virtual programs are still happening even while the library is closed to in-person visits and we couldn't do it without the Friends! Visit [cmpl.org/friends-of-the-library/](http://cmpl.org/friends-of-the-library/) for more information about the organization.