

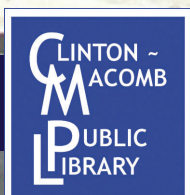
Clinton-Macomb Public Library **Library Matters**

Happy 20th Anniversary Main Library!



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FROM the DIRECTOR...

I can't thank the 1,553 residents enough who took the time to work through our biannual online survey for 2023! We use the data collected in a variety of ways. Some of the questions are tracked meaning that we have been asking the same question since 2007 and watch for changes. Others are very specific and allow us to use the community as a sounding board for ideas. Because I want all 180,000+ residents to be proud of this library system and how the money is spent to operate it, satisfaction is a key component of the survey.

So how did we do? I'm pleased to say that the "big number" of overall satisfaction remains extremely high. Over 92% of people indicated they were VERY or TOTALLY SATISFIED overall with the library with another 6% being SOMEWHAT SATISFIED. Our Net Promoter Score (willingness of people to recommend the library to others) was +76 which is a high rating for libraries and extremely high compared to the 150,000 organizations that use SurveyMonkey and ask a similar question which averages +32.

As expected, we saw significant improvements for the North Branch given the new building. Ratings for ALWAYS went up for "sufficient parking" from 60% to 84%, "a nice place to relax and read" from 65% to 84%, "acceptable level of noise" from 69% to 79%, "sufficient items to choose from" from 55% to 73% and "easy to find what I'm looking for" from 63% to 70%.

It was wonderful to see that 88% of respondents agreed that CMPL is a trusted institution in the community. Strong majorities also felt that CMPL makes knowledge and ideas available (81%); makes good book selections (79%); respects the rights of parents to guide their children's reading selections (71%); and is committed to representing all points of view (68%). Of those questions only 3% or fewer disagreed.

Clearly the aftermath of the pandemic is still affecting how frequently people come to the library. One third said they were using the library less. That said, 38% of respondents said that they would be using the library more in the next five years and 52% felt they would be using it the same. Less than 5% (57 people) felt they would not be using the library in the future.

A majority of residents do not know how the library is funded! Although the largest percentage of people got the question right (46% answered "local property taxes"), one in five continue to think the library is funded by Macomb County (the Macomb in our name is for Macomb Township), and 23% admitted up front that they did not know.

Again, we thank everyone who took part in the survey. As always, we welcome your feedback and input on an ongoing basis as to how we can serve you and your family better or if you just want to let us know we are doing a good job. We look forward to serving you soon.

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A New Website is Coming!

This fall, CMPL will unveil a new <http://cmpl.org>. The same great content and links are getting a face lift. It will coincide with an upgrade to our online catalog. Have you ever searched the catalog for a title and found yourself scrolling through different formats like books, eBooks, movies, and audiobooks to find the format you want? The new catalog will include roll-ups, which means that when you search for a title, you'll see one result with all the different formats of that title in one place. Look for the improved catalog and new website this fall!

New Sensory Collection at CMPL

The Main Library will pilot a new sensory collection for patrons to borrow or use in the library. This collection is comprised of toys, games, learning tools, and comfort objects that provide sensory stimulation. Sensory toys are especially useful for individuals with a variety of special needs, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Sensory Processing Disorder to name a few, but are beneficial to all children. This collection can be found in the Children's Services area at the Main Library.

Notify Me Tag in Libby

If you're browsing Libby for an eBook or eAudiobook and can't find what you're looking for, look for the Notify Me tag! By clicking this button, CMPL will automatically be alerted that someone has requested a title we don't own. Using the Notify Me tag saves you the trouble of submitting a purchase request!

Outreach Events

Can't make it to the library? Don't worry! CMPL is out in the community to see you at fun events. Check out where we'll be this fall and stop by to say hi or even register for a library card!

Sat., Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Clinton Township's Festival of the Senses on the Civic Center Grounds

Sat., Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Macomb Township Parks and Rec (MTPR) Fall Fun Fest

Fri., Oct. 20, 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: MTPR Halloween Hoopla at the Macomb Rec Center

Sat., Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: Macomb Reads at the Macomb Intermediate School District

Fri., Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: MTPR Holiday Tree Lighting near the Macomb Rec Center

On the Cover

Image of the Main Library grand opening on Oct. 26, 2003.

Pre-Holiday Quality Book Sale

Thurs., Nov. 2-Sat., Nov. 4 | Main Library

Join the Friends of the Library for a quality used book sale just in time for the holidays. Stop by the Main Library and get a great deal on used books on the following dates:

Thurs., Nov. 2: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 4: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The items offered for sale will be of a higher value and price than in our "Ongoing Book Sale" (where most items continue to be priced daily at one dollar or less). The exception will be puzzles that have not been verified as being complete, which will be sold as is for one dollar.

Select and current editions of many favorite mystery, fiction, romance, and sci-fi/fantasy novels, as well as classics, poetry, and leather-bound and signed editions will be available. In addition to over-sized photography and art, history and politics, transportation, sports, science, hobbies, crafts, local interest and Michigan authors. Books for children of all ages and educational/reference books great for homeschool families. Graphic novels and comic books, new sealed CDs and DVDs, and used TV series DVD sets. Some unique, rare items will also be sold.

Current Friends of the Library Members receive a **20% discount on Sat., Nov. 4**. Used book sales help The Friends underwrite the CMPL programming budget. The group pledged \$79,180 to all programming for the 2023-24 fiscal year!





Happy 20th Anniversary, Main!

Can you believe it's been 20 years since the Main Library opened? The photo on the cover of this issue depicts the day of the Main Library's grand opening. On that warm October day, the Main Library welcomed approximately 3,000 people to the new, permanent home of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. The collection at the Main Library included 126,000 items and had about 16,000 check-outs per month. Today, the Main Library welcomes approximately 23,000 visitors monthly, houses

200,000 items, and circulates approximately 81,000 items per month. It has been an amazing 20 years and we'd like to thank you for being part of it. There is now a generation of residents who may have attended baby story times and are now almost finished with college! We want to continue to improve your experience. We are embarking on some improvements as we enter our 21st year at the Main Library and we're excited to tell you about them!



“When we designed the library, I told the architect that I wanted the people, when they walked in, saying ‘Wow!’ I wanted the ‘wow’ effect.”

--Former Board President
Donald W. Green

We already started the process of becoming a friendlier browsing library by moving the Large Print books closer to the Macomb Library for the Blind for ease of access. In addition, we have started the process of reorganizing our nonfiction collection at all locations. See page 16 for more information.

Although many people visit the Main Library and marvel at how good it still looks, there are many improvements that will be made to keep the infrastructure operating properly and with maximum efficiency, refreshing some items to keep the building looking good, and making other modifications to keep up with the changing needs of the community.

To start, this fall the Children’s area will get some exciting early literacy interactives from the Burgeon Group, the same firm that created the cherished ship and features at the South Branch, and the very popular farmhouse and features at the North Branch. These will

complement the existing features such as the school bus and fire truck that have been beloved by generations of kids coming to the library.

The Friends of the Library ongoing book sale, which has been occupying much of the lobby on a long-term, temporary basis because the big sales were halted since the pandemic, will have a new permanent home in the room that faces the lobby. It will continue to have the large selection of used books available all of the hours the library is open.

Next year will bring major updates to the heating and cooling and lighting systems. While not glamorous changes, these necessary updates will ensure the building stays comfortable year-round and also will help increase our energy efficiency as we have at the North and South Branch libraries. There are also significant incentives available that make this an opportune time for these improvements.

From a functional standpoint, we are seeking to add new counters for customer-provided laptops, developing dedicated rooms for teen and adult “messy” programs and small computer classes, and a drive-up pickup window as we have at the North and South Branch libraries.

We thank you in advance for pardoning our dust and any temporary suspensions in service over the next year or so. We will post information in the library and online as we work through making the library a “gem of the community” for the next 20+ years!

Join Us on Oct. 26 for Fun Activities!

We’re having some fun on our 20th anniversary. Visit Main Library on Thurs., Oct. 26 and, while supplies last, get a free cookie just for stopping by!

In addition, we’re hosting a scavenger hunt throughout the library. Find 20 pictures of the Main Library scattered around the building and fill out the entry form. If you find them all, you’ll get your choice of CMPL swag while supplies last!

Don’t have your library card yet? Apply in-person at the Main Library on Oct. 26 and you’ll also get a free piece of CMPL swag while supplies last.

Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers are also invited for a special **Birthday Story Time** on **Thurs., Oct. 26** at **11 a.m.** This story time will include a story and a special craft.

Tech Tutoring

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | South Branch

Stop by for drop-in help using your smartphone, tablet, or other portable device.

Improve Your Computer Skills

Assorted dates and times | Main Library

We continue to offer small, hands-on computer classes on the following topics: Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Files & Folders, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Staying Safe Online, and Mobile Device Basics for iOS and Android. Classes run throughout the Fall. Please call (586) 226-5040 or visit the events calendar to register.



Stop by the Main Library for a free concert. Join us for a free hour of music open to all ages. No registration is required to attend these concerts.

Tues., Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.: Swing Shift (big band)
The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will take place immediately prior to this concert. You do not need to be a member of the Friends to attend. All are welcome.

Sun., Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.: Escape Plan (pop-rock)

Sun., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.: Christa Grix (harpist)

Program Registration Information

Registration is required for all 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 online and hybrid programs, you will receive an email with details about how to join via Zoom prior to the start of the program.

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

For the safety of our librarians and your fellow program attendees, we ask that anyone who is experiencing symptoms of illness to please refrain from attending library programs in person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Movies at Main

Join us in-person to enjoy a movie on the big screen at the Main Library. Thursday matinees will have the subtitles turned on. Evening movies will not have subtitles. **No registration is required.**

Women Talking

Thurs., Sept. 14 at 1 p.m. and

Wed., Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 104 minutes



80 for Brady

Thurs., Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. and

Wed., Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 98 minutes



Devotion

Wed., Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. and

Thurs., Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 139 minutes



A Man Called Otto

Thurs., Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. and

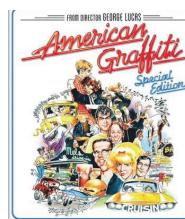
Wed., Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Rated PG-13, 126 minutes



NorthFlicks

Join us for a classic movie on the big screen at the North Branch. **No registration is required.**



American Graffiti (1973)

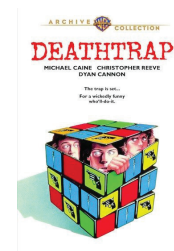
Thurs., Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG, 110 minutes

Deathtrap (1982)

Thurs., Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.

Rated PG, 115 minutes

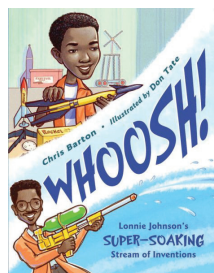


Book Discussions for Children

Book Blasters Book Club

Saturdays at 1 p.m. | South Branch

Do you like books, snacks and playing games with friends? Then sign up for Book Blasters, a monthly book club for ages 7-9.



Sept. 16: *Whoosh!* by Chris Barton

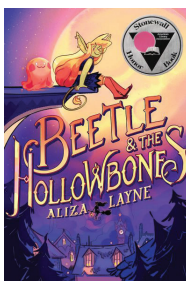
Oct. 21: *The Secret Explorers and the Haunted Castle* by SJ King

Nov. 18: *Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-be-Friend* by Dawn Quigley

Graphic Novel Book Club (GNBC)

Sat., Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

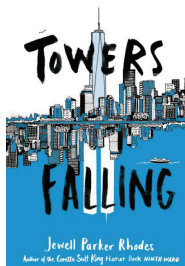
Kids ages 9-12 are invited to join the GNBC to discuss and discover new graphic novels and talk about them! We will be discussing *Beetle & The Hollowbones* by Aliza Layne.



Bound Together: Family Chapter Book Club

Tues., Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Reading aloud with older children is a great way to build vocabulary and strengthen cognitive skills...and it's fun, too! This book club is for kids ages 7-12 and their grown-ups. Pick up your copy of the book, *Towers Falling* by Jewell Parker Rhodes and read together as a family over the next few weeks, then join the librarians at the North Branch to discuss. Book pick-up will begin Oct. 28 from the North Branch. If you would like to pick up at the Main Library or South Branch, please give us 2-3 days from time of registration for your book to be available. One registration per family, please.



Battle of the Books Kick-Off Party

Mon., Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Battle of the Books, a reading trivia program for students, is coming! Participants will be asked to read pre-selected titles and join us for an epic trivia battle this March. This year, we are hosting a Battle for fifth graders and a Battle for middle schoolers. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to this kick-off party to learn all the details you need to know for this exciting program, including coaches tips and the official list of titles. Please join us for snacks and to learn all about the Battle!

Book Discussions for Adults

South Branch Book Discussion

2nd Saturdays at 12 p.m. | South Branch

Meet other book lovers at this discussion.

Sept. 9: *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

Oct. 14: *The Ways We Hide* by Kristina McMorris

Nov. 11: *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan

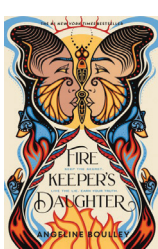
Dec. 9: *The Victory Garden* by Rhys Bowen



Books on Tap

2nd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Bar Louie

Discuss a recent fiction title with other book lovers at Bar Louie at Partridge Creek.



Sept. 11: *The Sign for Home* by Blair Fell

Oct. 9: *Wrong Place Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister

Nov. 13: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

Dec. 11: *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams

Let's Get Real

3rd Mondays at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join our book discussion group featuring some of the best nonfiction titles!

Sept. 18: *Festival Days* by Jo Ann Beard

Oct. 16: *Bad Blood* by John Carreyrou

Nov. 20: *Deliberate Cruelty* by Roseanne Montillo

Dec. 18: *Butterfly* by Yursa Mardini



Mystery Book Discussion

3rd Tuesdays at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Mystery lovers will enjoy a lively discussion.



Sept. 19: *When Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams

Oct. 17: *Missing Persons* by Michael Brandman

Nov. 21: *Her Royal Spyness* by Rhys Bowen

Dec. 19: *Christmas Sweets* by Fluke, Levine and Meier

Adult Battle of the Books

Sat., Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Battle of the Books is a team-based trivia game where readers compete for fun and prizes! Teams may have up to six members, but only one team member should register. For more information or to register online, see www.cmpl.org/bob.

adult PROGRAMS

CMPL ESL Conversations Group

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Main Library

Join our informal group and improve your English by participating in learning exercises that include topics such as pronunciation, life skills, current events, and learner-suggested topics. **No registration is required.**

Writing Group

Tuesdays: Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Join us once a month to practice and discuss writing in a supportive and encouraging environment. Adult writers are welcome.



Mitten Tales and Talk

Select Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. | Main Library and Zoom

Relax and listen to a short story read aloud by a librarian, followed by a discussion. All stories relate to Michigan! Registrants may attend in person or online via Zoom. Fall Stories include:

Sept. 6: *The Vermeer Conspiracy* by V.M. Burns

Oct. 4: *Special Meal* by Josh Malerman

Nov. 1: *Diminished Capacity* by Loren Estleman

Dec. 6: *Water & Light* by Erin Bartels

CMPL Memory Café

Thursdays: Sept. 7 and Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Oct. 5 and Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

We invite people living with dementia and their care partners to socialize and connect with others. We offer a fun and friendly activity followed by refreshments and time to chat. Upcoming themes include:

Sept 7: Fun and creative group storytelling using the TimeSlips method

Oct. 5: Halloween celebration with spooky stories and pumpkin decorating. Costumes welcome.

Nov. 2: Thanksgiving memories, including reminiscing and learning about the history of Detroit's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Dec 7: Holiday recipe exchange and sing-along. Bring one copy of the recipe for your favorite holiday dish and we will duplicate and share.

Medicare Counseling

Fri., Sept. 8, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Main Library

Tuesdays: Sept. 19, Oct. 17, and Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | South Branch

Medicare/Medicaid counseling sessions will take place by appointment only. Please call the Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at (800) 803-7174 to schedule a meeting.

Medicare 101

Sat., Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Mon., Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

Are you soon turning 65 and getting ready to enroll in Medicare? The team from the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) can help to explain enrollment options and any questions that you may have before you sign up for Medicare.



Knit & Crochet Meet Up

Tuesdays: Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Do you enjoy crocheting, knitting, or another craft? Hang out and show off your new creations! All ages and skill levels are welcome. **No registration required.**



ADULT GAMING PROGRAMS

Adult Board Game Night

Thursdays: Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

We're opening up our library's collection for a board game night! Bring some friends and we'll provide the games. While children are not prohibited from attending this event, all games are intended for ages 12+.

18+ Dungeons and Dragons

Thursdays: Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for monthly Dungeons and Dragons at the Main Library! Please pre-register so we can assist you with character creation before the event.

Programs for Adults

Plant Exchange

Sat., Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

We're hosting a plant exchange! Join us on the library's front lawn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and exchange plants of various varieties. Participants may package their plants in labeled plastic bags, boxes, or other small containers.

Fall in Love with Your Home

Tues., Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Are you getting ready for the fall cleaning? Do you want to clear the clutter at home? Join this presentation by a professional organizer, Betty Huotari of Logical Placement, LLC. She presents on how to stay organized and helps make decisions regarding clutter. She also shares ideas and tips on how to handle paperwork and organize kitchens and bedrooms.

Birds of Prey

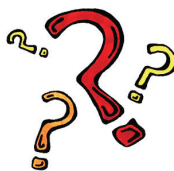
Mon., Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. | North Branch

Naturalist Claire Nowicki discusses how to enjoy Michigan's various hawks, eagles, owls, and osprey. Many of these raptors migrate through the state in the fall where they may be seen in large numbers and outside their typical habitat.

Trivia Live!

Tues., Sept. 26 and Wed., Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join us for a fun night of pub style trivia. Each month will have new categories with a prize going to the winner!



Ferne: A Detroit Story

Wed., Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Meet author Barbara Henning whose book, *Ferne: A Detroit Story*, was named as a Michigan Notable Book in 2023. This book is a stunning re-creation of the life of the author's mother, as well as a tale of mid-twentieth century Detroit. Henning will read from her book, share slides, and discuss why and how she wrote the book. There will also be a Q & A session at the end of the presentation and a book signing.

Chapter One

Thurs., Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. | Main Library or Zoom

Fall into reading with your CMPL librarians for a night of book buzz and recommendations in a variety of



genres. Catch up on the books we enjoyed and discover the inside scoop on hot reads for fall! Attend at the Main Library or virtually.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 6.

Pewabic Pottery: A History 120 Years in the Making

Sat., Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Join Pewabic's Education Director and Archivist, Annie Dennis, as she takes us on a journey into the 120 year history of Detroit's iconic Pewabic Pottery. Explore images from the Pewabic archives during this presentation as Annie guides you through over a century of hand-crafting pottery and tiles in Detroit.

Using Mindfulness and Meditation to De-Stress with Charanya Girish

Tues., Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. | Main Library

Charanya will share simple mindfulness and meditation techniques she uses on a regular basis to combat stress and anxiety in everyday life. Her talk will cover these concepts along with their benefits. She will conclude the event by leading a mindful meditation session.

Demystifying the Naturalization Process

Wed., Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

This workshop is open to all and is a great tool for any person interested in obtaining U.S. Citizenship, especially permanent residents of the U.S. awaiting their Naturalization interview, or, who are interested in applying for Naturalization. This presentation will provide pertinent information to assist attendees in understanding the Naturalization process.



DIA Bus Trip

Fri., Oct. 6 at 12 p.m. | Departing from South Branch

Join us on a bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts. A bus from the DIA will pick us up at the South Branch Library and take us to the museum to explore the galleries.

Participants must be 55+. We will be at the museum until 3 p.m. and will return around 4 p.m. **Registration begins Sept. 6.**



It's in the Cards: Tarot for Today & Beyond

Tues., Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Attend a presentation on tarot card reading by professional psychic reader V. of Boston Tea Room (Michigan's oldest and most respected psychic venue). This is an introductory class on the benefits of using tarot in today's world. Learn the basic card meanings, some tarot card spreads, and how to infuse fun in your divination practice. You'll be "divining" all day in no time with this interactive class.

Programs for Adults

Mysterious Michigan

Mon., Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. | Main Library

Enigmatic mediums, murderers and monsters are all part of Michigan's mysterious and sometimes supernatural history. Learn about the lonely ghost of Minnie Quay, the marvelous manifestations of Farmer Riley, the mischievous Nain Rouge of Detroit, and more from researcher Amberrose Hammond as she brings to light strange and unusual tales from Michigan's colorful and exciting past.

Forward Down the Field: The Detroit Lions, 1934-1959

Mon., Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. | Main Library

Jeremy Dimick of the Detroit Historical Society takes us back in time, from the Detroit Lions' move from Portsmouth, Ohio to Detroit in 1934 through their glory years of the 1950s. We will also revisit the Lions' first Thanksgiving Day game in 1934 and their first World Championship in 1935.



Dining Etiquette with The Etiquette Guru

Tues., Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for a fun, interactive evening with your mate or as a single! Learn proper dining etiquette and the correct way to dine/mingle at a cocktail party or dinner out. The food is imaginary but the life lessons are real!

Listen to Your Body! Workshop

Wed., Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Join Melissa Oxborrow, energy healing facilitator and happiness coach, for this virtual presentation. During this 60 minute online workshop you will learn three powerful practices that will help you to tune in to your body's messages and take a positive step forward in becoming a proactive force in your own healing.

Air Fryer Desserts

Tues., Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Mary Spencer from Taste-A Cook's Place will demonstrate air fryer desserts. Samples will be available for tasting.

Holiday De-Stress

Sat., Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. | South Branch

Do you try to make everything perfect and magical for the whole family? CMPL is here for you. We have curated several ways to help you relax and do something just for you. There will be a variety of activities to provide soothing comfort. You will be surprised and delighted.

The History and Folklore of Santa Claus

Wed., Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Many folks know that our modern-day Santa Claus had his start as St. Nicholas, but what happened on the journey to make us think of a "jolly old elf," rather than a pious Christian Bishop? Where, exactly, did Santa Claus come from? This lecture is presented by Laura Keyes. *This program is NOT intended for children.*

Craft Programs for Adults

Personalized Mugs

Sat., Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. | Main Library

Create a own personalized mug by using special markers to draw whatever you would like, or software to create a design, then heat transfer it to your mug.

Botanical Casting: Fall

Fri., Sept. 22 or Sat., Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Gather and bring to class a few small, fresh botanical sample(s) from nature to make a heart-shaped casting. The same program will be held on two dates; please sign up for only one session. This program does require drying time so you will need to wait approximately 20 minutes for the plaster to set to transport it home.



DIY Faux Leather Earrings

Wed., Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. | Main Library

Craft fun and lightweight dangly earrings with printed faux leather.

Pumpkin Etching

Fri., Oct. 20 or Sat., Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Create a decorative fall accent for your home by etching a design into a real small pumpkin. The same program will be held on two dates; please sign up for only one session.

Sparkling Necklace Craft

Sat., Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. | South Branch

Create a stunning necklace using thin leather cord, a ring, and silvery beads.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 6 for full details.

Tween Advisory Board

Tuesdays: Sept. 12 and Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library

Tweens in 4th and 5th grade are welcome to come and hang out at the library while enjoying some fun and games, snacks, and the chance to help plan future programs.

Family Events

Homeschool Help: Resources at CMPL

Mon., Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. | North Branch

Homeschooling students up to age 14, along with their families, are invited to learn about library resources available to help along their educational journey. A librarian will guide families through CMPL's school-age reading challenges, database offerings and more.



Family Bureau of Investigation

Tues., Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

There's a mystery afoot at the library! Join the Family Bureau of Investigation to see if you and your family can solve it. Work together as a family to solve the mystery that has taken place.

Cardboard Sleds

Sat., Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. | South Branch

Come build your own sled - made of cardboard! Supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring any extra cardboard boxes. Recommended for ages 7 and up.



Drop-In Hour of Code

Sun., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. | Main Library

Celebrate National Coding Week with an Hour of Code in this family event! Ages 8+.

Family Cardboard Night

Wed., Dec. 27 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Families will work together to create "life-sized" gingerbread houses out of cardboard. This program is for all families to work together, but it is recommended for children 3 and older.

Books and Bricks

Wednesdays: Sept. 20 and Nov. 15 at 4:15 p.m. | South Branch

Kids 5-8 years old may join us for some creative fun with books and Legos. We'll share a story and then use our imagination and Legos to create something inspired by the book.

NorthFlicks, Jr.

Select Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. | North Branch

Join us to watch a movie on the big screen.

Sept. 28: Big Hero 6 (Rated PG)

Oct. 19: WALL-E (Rated G)

Nov. 16: A Wrinkle in Time (Rated PG)

Dec. 21: Arctic Tale (Rated G)



A2 Magic

Sat., Oct. 28 at 2:30 p.m. | Main Library

Join Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek as he performs magic at the Main Library. For ages 3-11.

STEAM Activities

Little Scientists

Thurs., Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. |

South Branch

Kids ages 3-6 are invited to hear a story, and conduct some hands-on science experiments and activities about color.



Insects Everywhere!

Sat., Oct. 7 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch

Does it bug you not knowing what makes an insect an insect? Learn the latest buzz about our insect friends with the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Mobile Learning Center. Recommended for grades 2-12.

Mr. Wizard Magic Show

Sat., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. | North Branch

Mr. Wizard will perform magic tricks and juggling acts. Audience participation is encouraged for this one hour of laughter and magic amazement.

Little Architects

Mon., Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. | North Branch

Children ages 3-5 are invited to listen to a story and build with Keva Planks.

Little Art Explorers

Fridays: Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Children ages 3-5 can explore, discover, and create with different art materials and techniques in this open-ended art class. Please dress for a mess!

Yoga for Kids

Sat., Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

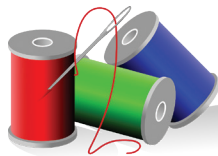
Ages 3-7 are invited for some fun, animated poses combined with engaging songs, puppets and stories in this yoga adventure. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel to the program.

Sew It! Workshop

Thursdays: Sept. 14, Oct. 5, and Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. | North Branch

Mon., Nov. 6 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

All materials will be provided for boys and girls, ages 8-12, to hand-sew a project. No experience necessary. The project will be completed by the end of the program.



Sept. 14 at North: Back-to-school charms

Oct. 5 at North: Black cat stuffy

Nov. 2 at North: Spring-tailed chameleon

Nov. 6 at South: Cute chameleon companion

Back To School Stress Busters

Mon., Sept. 25 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Come de-stress at the library with some stress-busting activities. Recommended for ages 5-12.

Let It Flow

Fridays: Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Dec. 1, and Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m. | North Branch

Children ages 6-12 are welcome to free their inner creativity at this open-ended art session. A variety of materials will be available for kids to let it flow.

Fall Frolic

Sat., Sept. 30 at 11 a.m. | Main Library

Come celebrate fall! Join us for some autumn-themed fun, games, and crafts. This program is intended for ages 2-5.

Shell-ter Pet Costume Party

Mon., Oct. 2 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Create a spe-shell costume for your shell-ter pet reading buddy. Recommended for shell-ter pet adopters 12 years and under. Don't have a shell-ter pet? Shell-ter pet reading buddies will be available for adoption at the program.



Tween Craft: Bristle Bots

Wed., Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Tweens 8-12 years old may come have some fun with science and use your creative skills as we make and decorate bristle bots.

T-Rex Tea Party

Mon., Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

What's better than a tea party? A T-Rex tea party! Join us with our giant T-Rex guest as we listen to stories, create crafts, and visit with the T-Rex. For ages 2-5.



Slime Time

Sat., Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m. | South Branch

It's Slime Time at the South Branch! Learn how to create your slime with TechKnowKids. Recommended for grades K-5.

Otsaliheliga: We Are Grateful

Wed., Nov. 22 at 4:30 p.m. | North Branch

Kids, ages 8 to 12, will learn about Cherokee culture with a presentation of the award-winning book, *We Are Grateful*, written by Traci Sorell. We will also make a fall craft.

Outdoor Adventures: Lantern Craft & Walk

Tues., Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. | Main Library

Children in grades K-5 are invited to make a lantern and



then take a short lantern-lit walk outside the library building. We will meet in the auditorium and then go outside for the walk. Grown-ups are invited to join their children for the walk outside.

Tween Craft: Cherry Blossom Art

Fri., Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m. | South Branch

Tweens 8-12 years old will get creative as we make a textured cherry blossom painting using tempera paint and a variety of other craft materials.



Narwhal & Jelly Party

Thurs., Dec. 28 at 11 a.m. | North Branch

Join us for some Podtastic fun as we enjoy games and activities based on the Narwhal and Jelly books. Grades K-3 are welcome.

Registration is required for all events unless otherwise noted. See page 6 for full details.

Story Times & Early Lit

Story Times

Select dates and times | All locations

Session I story times will take place the **week of Sept. 11** through the **week of Oct. 9**. Session II story times will take place the **week of Nov. 6** through the **week of Dec. 4**.

Main Library | In-person

Mondays at 9:30 a.m.: Tot Time (12-23 months)

Mondays at 10:15 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years)

Mondays at 11 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years)

North Branch | In-person

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years)

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years)

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Tot Time (12-23 months)

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

South Branch | In-person

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Little Listeners (2-3 years)

Virtual Story Times | Zoom

Mondays at 9:15 a.m.: Baby Story Time (0-23 months)

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Rock N Read (2-5 years)

PAWS for Reading

Select dates and times | All locations

Do you have a child who has a hard time reading? Help them gain confidence in their skills by reading to a trained PAWS dog. **No registration is required.**



Main Library: Third Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

North Branch: Fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

South Branch: Second Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

Story Time at the Mall at Partridge Creek

Various Dates at 10 a.m. | Mall at Partridge Creek

Join us at the Mall at Partridge Creek for a big, fun story time! The mall is located at 17420 Hall Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48038.

Tues., Sept. 12: Fall Story Time

Tues., Oct. 10: Monster Story Time

Mon., Nov. 14: Dinovember Story Time

Tues., Dec. 5: Santa Story Time

Pajamarama

Wednesdays: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Put on your favorite jammies and join us for a fun virtual story time with books, action rhymes, and songs.

Dot Day

Make your mark! September 15 is International Dot Day. Inspired by Peter Reynolds's book *The Dot*, this is a day that celebrates creativity and courage. Stop by the Children's Area of any of our three locations Sept. 11-17 to make your mark and express your creativity with some dot-themed passive activities.

Grow, Play, Learn

Tuesdays: Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, and Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. | Main Library
Thursdays: Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, and Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

As a part of our Family Place Libraries initiative, our five-week parent/child workshop is returning this quarter. This is a fun, play-based program where families can relax, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development. This program is open to ages 1-3 and their caregivers. Siblings up to age 5 are welcome to attend, but do not need to be registered for the program. Please attend only one Grow, Play, Learn session per year.



Story Time Battle

Select Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for a Story Time Battle! Librarians will battle it out to determine what theme will win. Who will win? Only you can decide! Recommended for ages 2-7. You are invited to come in pajamas and/or comfortable clothing if you would like.



Sept. 19: Cake vs. Pie

Oct. 10: Witches vs. Vampires

Nov. 21: Dinosaurs vs. Robots

Dec. 12: Cars vs. Planes

Dramatic Play

Select Dates and Times | South Branch

Join us for some activities, crafts and stories. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Fri., Sept. 22 at 11 a.m.: School Day

Fri., Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.: Happily Haunted Halloween

Fri., Nov. 24 at 4:30 p.m.: Fossil Hunters

Little Signs & Wonders

Mon., Oct. 16 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Join us for Manners, Mealtime, and More as we learn baby signs through fun books and songs. This program is for ages 12-36 months.

Stories with a Twist

Select Mondays at 10 a.m. | Main Library

Children ages 2-5 are invited to listen to stories and do yoga poses inspired by the theme. Please bring a towel or yoga mat.



Mon., Oct. 30: Dinosaur Stories & Yoga

Mon., Dec. 18: Outer Space Stories & Yoga

Play to Learn

Wed., Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. | Main Library

This early literacy program is for children ages 2-4 and their parents & caregivers. It encourages learning through play at several book-based stations. The theme of this Play to Learn is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



Ice Spy

Wed., Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. | South Branch

A frozen twist on the game of I-Spy to help young children recognize colors, shapes and numbers. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Holiday Fun

Halloween Party

Thurs., Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Wear your costume and join us at the South Branch for some Halloween fun. There will be crafts, treats, and other fun Halloween activities.

Monsters and Mayhem

Wed., Oct. 25 at 5:30 p.m. | Main Library

Join us for a (not so) scary good time! Monsters and mayhem will take over the library for some creepy crafts, ghostly games, and spooky stories. Costumes are encouraged. **No registration required.**

Santa Visit

Thurs., Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. | South Branch

Join us for some holiday fun at the library. There will be crafts and other activities, including a photo opportunity with Santa.



Mini Book Workshop

Fri., Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. | Main Library

Learn how to make a fun, mini book using real book-binding techniques. You'll create your very own mini book!

Volunteers

Wednesdays: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. | Main Library

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.



Back to School Resin Pens

Sat., Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. | South Branch

Design your own magic wand or standard shaped resin pens by adding gold leaf, mica powder, glitter, and more!

Toshokan Anime Club

Wednesdays: Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. | North Branch

Wednesdays: Sept. 27, Nov. 29, and Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. | South Branch

Love anime or manga? Then the CMPL Toshokan Anime Club is for you! Join us every month to hang out and chat about your favorite or least favorite anime or manga, try fun snacks, and (DUH) watch Anime! All anime shown will be rated TV-14 and under only.

Teen Game Night

Fri., Sept. 15 at 5:45 p.m. | South Branch

Put those Fortnite skills to use in this IRL Fortnite Team Challenge. Not into Fortnite? That's okay. Come anyway! Who doesn't love an excuse to shoot Nerf darts?! Late arrivals cannot be admitted after 6 p.m. and attendees must be picked up at 8 p.m.

Teen Art: Paint and Pour

Select Tuesdays at 7 p.m. | South Branch

Join us as we learn some chill painting skills that would make Mr. Ross proud. Follow along step-by-step and you'll end up with your very own masterpiece!

Sept. 12: Fall Finger Paint

Oct. 10: Cute Mummy

Nov. 7: Stained Glass Pumpkin

Dec. 12: Watercolor Resist Art

Teen NorthFlicks Movie Night

Select Mondays at 6 p.m. | North Branch

Join us each month for a new movie showing! Snacks will be provided. All movies shown for Teen Movie Night will be rated PG-13 or below.



Sept. 18: Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

Oct. 16: Casper

Nov. 20: Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves

Dec. 18: Snow White and the Huntsman

Super Snack Showdown

Mon., Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. | South Branch

Taste your way through the best snacks we have to offer and crown a winner in each category. We'll do multiple blind taste tests of some of the most popular snack foods, as well as some of our Teen Librarian favorites. YOU pick the winners!

Super Secret Book Box

Mondays: Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, and Dec. 26 |

Pick up at any CMPL location

Registration opens the 1st of each month. Boxes are available for pickup starting the last Monday of each month.

Love to read but not sure what to read next, or want to try a surprise suggestion by a Teen Librarian? Super Secret Book Box is a monthly program where participants will receive one of our curated Book Boxes full of surprises!



Pick a theme from the list when registering and our Teen Librarians will select a library book just for you. Each box contains a variety of goodies, activities, and snacks, plus a surprise book to keep or share with your friends.

Spooky Cupcake Challenge

Sun., Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. | Main Library

Sat., Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. | North Branch

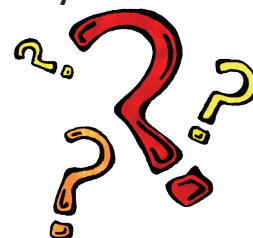
Kick off the spooky season by creating creepy, haunting, or cute inspired cupcakes. Challenge your friends to see who can concoct the best monstrosity.

REMINDER: Parents and younger siblings will not be able to attend teen programs. Programs are for teens entering grades 6 through 12.

Teen Game Night

Fri., Oct. 13 at 5:45 p.m. | Main Library

Test your luck in our Friday the 13th party. Play games, earn clues, solve the mystery! This is an after-hours event. Late arrivals cannot be admitted after 6 p.m. and attendees must be picked up at 8 p.m.



Haunted Escape Room

Mon., Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Can you find all the spooky clues and break your way out of this haunted escape room?!

Chex Mix Party!

Sat., Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. | North Branch

Attend this event where participants will learn to make traditional Chex Mix and other savory and sweet variations.

Will It Waffle: Fall Foods!

Thurs., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. | Main Library

Ever wonder what happens when you put apples or donuts in a waffle iron? Want to create your own Fall Food SUPER WAFFLE?! Waffle it up with us, FALL style!

3D Holiday Ornaments

Sat., Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. | Main Library

Create a 3D designed ornament, just in time for the holidays! Come to this session where you can create your own design or modify another 3D print file. Each participant will get to choose a 3D file to be printed.

Cocoa & Cards

Mon., Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. | South Branch

Warm up with some cocoa creations while we get creative making fun paper pop-up cards.

Cocoa Crafternoon

Sat., Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. | Main Library

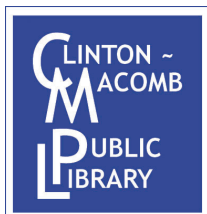
Warm up at our hot cocoa bar and get crafty as we raid our craft bins!



Resin Snowflakes

Sat., Dec. 30 at 4 p.m. | South Branch

Have fun designing your own resin snowflakes by adding gold leaf, mica powder, glitter, and more.



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Changes Coming to Our Nonfiction Sections

If you've visited the Children's nonfiction area at the Main Library you have seen how we've divided the books into categories. We've expanded this model for all our Adult and Children's nonfiction books at the North Branch and the Main Library will shift the Adult Nonfiction this fall. The South Branch will follow shortly after the Main Library and will separate the Adult and Children's nonfiction books as well as reorganize the book categories. We are confident that this new system will not only direct you to the books you're looking for, but will also allow you to browse the nonfiction collections and stumble upon more great books! As always, the CMPL staff is on hand and able to assist you as we transition the collection.



Book sales and concerts are back! See page 3 for more information about the Quality Book Sale. See page 6 for concert information.

Macomb Library for the Blind Reminders

The Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (MLBPD) is housed at the Main Library and is available to any resident of Macomb County who qualifies. There are several services available that you or a friend or loved one might wish to use.

The Vision Network Group meets on the third Monday of every month from 10 am until 11:30 am by phone. This program may be called a support group but we call it a "networking" group. We want people to feel empowered each time they meet. Knowing that by talking or listening to other patrons who have low vision or are blind, can give others a sense that they can move forward by sharing experiences and solutions. Call (586) 286-1580 for more information.

MLBPD also checks out adaptive technology to be used and tried out in the home. Visit <https://cmpl.org/adaptive-technology/> for the full list of available technology. Call (586) 286-1580 for more information.

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