

# LIBRARY EVENTS

SUMMER 2025

CIDL

## COLOR OUR WORLD

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Adventures of the  
Missing Color  

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A pop-up performance

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Anime Club

A meet-up for teens  
interested in manga,  
anime, and Japan.

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# CIDL

CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE  
DISTRICT LIBRARY

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10:00am - 9:00pm

Fri - Sat: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday: CLOSED in Summer

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# Explore Michigan!

Did you know your library card grants you access to hundreds of attractions throughout the state at a discounted rate?

Have even more fun adventures this Summer exploring new and exciting places!

<https://miactivitypass.org/>

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



After a year-long strategic planning process, we were thrilled to have the Library Board approve our Strategic Plan for 2025-2027 in January.

It was an in-depth year of learning for us. We asked a lot of questions, gathered a lot of feedback, and did a lot of reflection. So much of what we heard was positive, with encouragement to keep doing what we're doing and consider how to do even more. We embraced our Vision, fine-tuned our Mission, and locked into three strategic directions to continue to define the organization going forward. Next came the transition from planning to actually implementing the plan with a list of projects and activities we want to work on, and timelines for each.

I would like to thank the community for your encouragement and support during this process. We look forward to continuing to grow and evolve to fulfill your expectations and needs. If you'd like to learn more about our Strategic Plan for 2025-2027, visit our website at <https://cidlibrary.org/strategic-plan>

See you at the library!

*Julie*

*We inspire our community to pursue lifelong learning through innovation, enrichment, and education for all.*

## JOIN THE FRIENDS FOR THEIR

# One Day Children's Used Book Sale!

July 15 • 11am-7pm



There will be books for toddlers, preschool, elementary, middle school and teens.



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# Fun Summer Reads

Recommendations from your friendly neighborhood librarians

**Jamie**

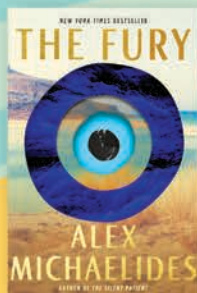


## Summer is Here

by Renée Watson

This picture book beautifully illustrates some of the fun activities we enjoy in summer, such as swimming and eating ice cream from the ice cream truck.

**David**

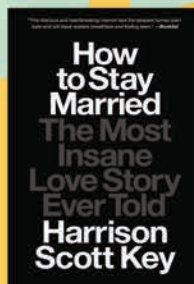


## The Fury

by Alex Michaelides

This book had a little of everything - murder, fame, fortune, jealousy, and enough twists and turns to keep you guessing. It's also set in the Greek Isles, so it has the perfect atmosphere for a beach read! And the best part - it's available on Libby and Hoopla, so you can download it right now!

**Brad**

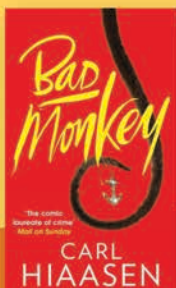


## How to Stay Married: The Most Insane Love Story Ever Told

by Harrison Scott Key

If you seek a nonfiction "Summer read," How to Stay Married will satisfy your guilty pleasure craving. This memoir of author and professor Harrison Scott Key's distressed marriage is equal parts humorous, trashy and cause for self-reflection.

**Deb**



## Bad Monkey

By Carl Hiaasen

Set in Florida and the Bahamas, this novel is a wild "who done it" ride. It's classic Hiaasen in that his dry wit and humor shines throughout this tale of former Miami Police officer, Andrew Yancy's quest to solve a rather grizzly murder. In doing so, he hopes that will be enough to get him sprung from his demotion to a food inspector in the County Sheriff's Department. It's a rollicking ride through numerous unpredictable events involving unforgettable characters.

**Anna**

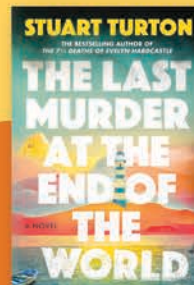


## Save Our Forest!

by Nora Dåsnes

Seventh-grader Boa, is faced with the challenge of a lifetime when she finds out the PTA is planning to cut down the beloved forest next to her school to build a parking lot. Along with friends, Tuva and Linnea, Boa must confront the adults and take matters into her own hands. In this spectacular Middle Grade Graphic Novel, author Dåsnes gives voice to children across the globe concerned about climate change and their efforts to make a difference.

**Stacia**



## The Last Murder at the End of the World

by Stuart Turton

This story kept me hooked the ENTIRE way through! The setting is a peaceful island with peaceful people, making you feel like you're on vacation at a summer resort until a murder occurs in a place where violence doesn't even exist. With phenomenal character development and sweeping exposition, this psychological murder mystery has become one of my favorite books to read over and over again.



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Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Save these Dates!

**JUN 9 – AUG 14**

First day to log

Last day to log

Jun 14, Saturday · 1:00pm

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

Aug 16, Saturday · 1:00pm

Summer Reading Finale

SUMMER  
READING

## 5 Easy Steps To Get Started

01

Download the **beanstack** app  
and search for our library or visit:  
<https://cidlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

02

Select 'SIGN IN' to see if you have an  
account already. If you need help  
accessing your account, contact the library.

03

If you do not have an existing Beanstack  
account, select 'Sign up for free'.

04

Select 'Add a Reader' for additional  
family members.

05

Select 'Challenges' at the bottom  
of the screen and register for the  
Summer Reading Challenge 2025!

Visit the CIDL's  
**beanstack**  
page to get started!  
(Or ask a librarian at the CIDL)





# Children

**R** Denotes Registration Required



## Rainbow Readers **R**

Join the Rainbow Readers for weekly colorful projects and activities! Please register for EITHER the morning or afternoon session during required weeks.

*Tuesdays · 10:30am OR 2:00pm*  
Ages: K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

- Jun 17* Messy Masterpieces (\*Only one session 10:30am)
- Jun 24* Lively Littles
- Jul 8* Snackin' Good time
- Jul 15* Kaleidoscope Kids (\*Take home)
- Jul 22* Tabbycatt Creations
- Jul 29* Colorful Celebration (\*Only one session @ 10:30am)



## Mega Makers **R**

Join the Mega Makers for weekly STEAM activities to maximize your Summer fun!

*Wednesdays · 5:30pm*  
Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

- Jun 18* DIY Tote Bag Design  
(\*Two sessions @ 4:15 and 5:30)
- Jun 25* Electric Art with Sloane Museum  
(\*Two sessions @ 4:15 and 5:30)
- Jul 9* Summer Fun Scavenger Hunt  
(week long family activity)
- Jul 16* "Get Out & Play" Day
- Jul 23* Monumental STEM
- Jul 30* Perler Bead Creations

# STORYTIMES



## Toddler Storytime!

*Mondays · 11:00am*  
*Jun 16, 23, Jul 7, 14, 21, 28*  
Ages: Walking – 2 years

Bring your toddler to this fun, engaging storytime led by Miss Heather! We will share books, songs, flannel stories, and activities all designed to help build your child's literacy skills. Siblings are welcome.



## Baby Storytime!

*Wednesdays · 11:00am*  
*Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20*  
Ages: Birth – 24 months

Join Miss Heather for stories and songs, and then let your babies play together for the rest of the time!

## Preschool Picassos **R**

*Thursdays · 10:30am*  
*Jun 19, 26, Jul 10, 17, 24, 31*  
Ages: 3 – 5

Budding artists will enjoy this storytime full of books, songs, dancing, and fun! At the end of each storytime we will create unique art projects with a focus on process art.

## Neighborhood of Stories **R**

*Fridays · 10:00am*  
*Jun 20, 27, Jul 11, 18, 25, Aug 1*  
Age: All Ages  
Location: Local Parks

Meet us in parks around Clarkston, Independence, and Orion for this engaging storytime for all ages including books, singing, dancing, and fun! This storytime is in collaboration with the Orion Township Public Library.



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## FAMILY FUN SHOWS

**Summer Mondays**

*Most shows will be outdoors, weather permitting*



### Science Heroes: Adventures of the Missing Color

Jun 23, Monday · 6:00pm  
Ages: Family

Join Science Heroes on our mission to turn science into an adventure!



### Juggler Nick Thomas

Jun 30, Monday · 3:00pm  
Ages: Family

Get ready for an action packed, laugh-out-loud juggling show with world-record juggler Nick Thomas! Combining jaw dropping tricks, comedy, and audience participation, this performance will amaze kids and adults alike.



### Michigan's Moana & her Friends Polynesian Dancers

Jul 14, Monday · 3:00pm  
Ages: Family

Join Michigan Moana and her friends for an interactive tour of the Polynesian islands.



### Classic K9s

Jul 21, Monday · 3:00pm  
Ages: Family

Watch our canine performances at our must-see show!



### Cameron Zvara Comedy Magician and Entertainer

Jul 28, Monday · 2:30pm  
Ages: Family

Join us for an afternoon of FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer - Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation.



### Drumcommunity

Aug 4, Monday · 7:00pm  
Ages: Family

A "Drumcommunity" circle is a high energy, fun and empowering activity for any group.







### Get listening! Audio-book Tutorial

Jun 10, Tuesday · 2:00pm  
Ages: All

Join us at the library for an Audio-Book how-to session! This session will teach and demonstrate how to operate Hoopla and Libby, the library's main digital eBook platforms. Let's get listening for Summer reading! All learners welcome.



### Artsy Afternoons with Rachelle Towlin

Thursdays · 2:00pm  
Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14  
Ages: K - 5

Create art with us on Thursday afternoons!



### My Guy and I Storytime

Jun 12, Thursday · 6:30pm  
Ages: 5+

Bring your favorite guy to this special Father's Day Edition of storytime!



### Inclusive Dance Party

Jun 28, Thursday · 2:00pm  
Ages: All

Join Studio 8 Fitness for an all ages, outdoor dance party! This program is geared towards families and people with additional needs.



### Sensory Splash

Jul 16, Wednesday · 10:00am  
Ages: All

Join us for a free day at the Clintonwood Spray Park! This event will be for families and friends with special needs.



### Read to Paws

Saturdays · 10:30am & 1:00pm  
(2 sessions)  
Jun 28, Jul 12, Aug 23  
Ages: All

Sign up for a 15-minute session to read with a therapy dog. These furry friends are great listeners because they are specially trained to provide comfort and affection.

### Ready for K Through Play: Camp Kindergarten!

Aug 23, Saturday · 2:00pm  
Ages: 3 - 5

Is your little one getting ready to start kindergarten this fall, or would you just like to start building their kindergarten readiness skills early? Please, join us for a fun and interactive program where your child will learn several basic skills they will need to succeed in Kindergarten!







## Talented Teens<sup>®</sup>

Thursdays · 5:00pm  
Jun 26, Jul 10, 24, Aug 7  
Ages: Teen

Explore new worlds and art  
at our teen Summer programs!

- Jun 26 Paint Like Alma Woodsey Thomas!
- Jul 10 Reimagined Book Covers
- Jul 24 Nailed it! Bad Art Night
- Aug 7 Explore Printmaking



## Exam Cram

Jun 1 & 2 · 2:00pm  
Ages: Teen, 13+

Come to the library and cram for  
your exam! We will provide snacks  
and stress-relieving activities to get  
you through some last-minute exam  
cramming.



## Teen Book Box<sup>®</sup>

Jun 6, Jul 4, Aug 1  
Ages: Teen, 13 - 18

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to  
reserve one of our Teen Book  
Boxes! Sign up during the first week  
of the month for one of our boxes  
and receive 1-2 library books,  
a tasty snack and a fun surprise.



## Anime Club

Wednesdays · 4:00pm  
Jun 11, Aug 13  
Ages: 14+

Teens interested in manga, anime,  
and Japanese culture can meet  
to discuss and swap their favorite  
titles, watch anime episodes,  
and more!

## Nom! Nom! Cookbook Group<sup>®</sup>

Saturdays · 1:30pm  
Jun 21, Aug 9  
Ages: 10+, Teen, Adult

Nom! Nom! is a cookbook discussion  
group where kiddos and their  
adult(s) cook yummy recipes at  
home and share potluck style at  
the library. This is a great  
opportunity to try new recipes,  
teach/practice cooking  
skills, and have fun.



## The Great Taste Off<sup>®</sup>

Aug 13, Wednesday · 11:00am  
Ages: Tween & Teen

Test your taste-buds at the library!  
Join us for this silly tasting  
extravaganza to see if you can  
correctly name the flavor of  
different snacks like Oreos,  
Kitkats, and Pringles.





## GAMING @ CIDL



### Dungeons & Dragons Adventures Online **R**

Saturdays · 6:00pm  
May 3, Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2  
Ages: Teens (12+) & Adults

Join us Online through Zoom in playing the world's most popular role-playing game.



### Family Game Night

Tuesdays · 5:00pm  
May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1, Aug 5

With over 200 tabletop games to play, there is no end to the fun to be had with your friends and family at the library. Games are available for all ages!



### Arcade Tournament Night **R**

Saturdays · 5:00pm  
May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9  
Ages: All

Relive the fun of classic gaming! Join us for an exciting night with rotating retro video game titles. Enjoy complimentary refreshments. All ages are welcome, ages 12 and younger require a guardian present.



### Check-Us-Out Chess Club **R**

Tuesdays · 6:00pm  
May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12  
Ages: All

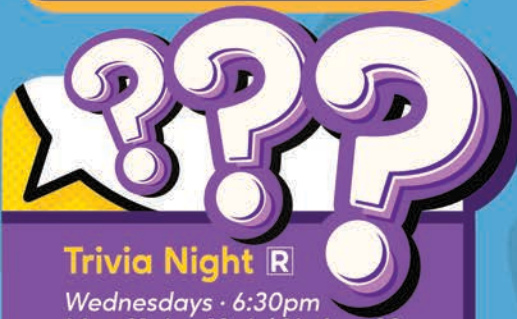
Drop in and play chess with us! No experience necessary, we can teach you! All ages welcome.



### Dungeons & Dragons Adventures **R**

Thursdays · 5:00pm  
May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21  
Ages: Teens (12+) & Adult

Become an adventurer and join the collaborative story of heroes and monsters in the world's most popular role-playing game.



### Trivia Night **R**

Wednesdays · 6:30pm  
May 21, Jun 18, Jul 16, Aug 20  
Ages: Teen (16+) & Adult

Think you know it all? Show off your specialized knowledge individually or as a team and have a chance at some great prizes!



### Retro Arcade Night **R**

Tuesdays · 6:30pm  
May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26  
Ages: All

Explore the golden era of gaming with a night of old school titles! Each session will feature various games and consoles.



### Clarkston Euchre Club **R**

Wednesdays · 6:30pm  
Jun 11, Aug 13

Join us for our twice quarterly Euchre Club! Teams may register together. We will assemble teams for players as needed.



### Game Tank **R**

Saturdays · 3:00pm  
Jul 19, Jul 27, Aug 2  
Ages: All

Participants will create their very own board games for a chance to have their creation be recreated using the Libraries Tech Toys.





## Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher <sup>R</sup>

May 7, Wednesday · 7:00pm  
Ages: All

An American classical guitarist based in Detroit and New York City. Peter offers an audience friendly, solo recital including repertoire that runs the gamut from the Renaissance Period through the 20th Century.



## Retirement Planning Workshop <sup>R</sup>

May 15, Thursday · 11:00am  
Jun 26, Thursday · 2:00pm  
Jul 24, Thursday · 4:00pm  
Ages: Adults & Seniors

Are you on the right track?  
Learn and discuss the three main points of retirement planning.



## Senior Movie <sup>R</sup>

Thursdays · 1:30pm  
May 15, Jun 19, Jul 17, Aug 21

Please, register with the  
Independence Township  
Senior Adult Activity Center  
248-625-8231.  
Popcorn and light  
refreshments provided.



## Maritime History Series <sup>R</sup>

May 28, Jun 16, Jul 21 · 7:00pm  
Ages: All

Join podcaster and historian Ric Mixter  
for a mini series of Great Lakes Maritime  
History topics.

**Wednesday, May 28:** Cutter Rescues:  
The most famous Coast Guard rescues  
told by the men who were there.

**Monday, Jun 16:** Briny Depths: Ric explores how  
the salt was discovered and dives several wrecks.

**Monday, Jul 21:** Bombs Away: Ric flies the final  
missions of the B-52 bombers in Michigan.

## The History of Clarkston's Pony Cycle <sup>R</sup>

May 29, Thursday · 7:00pm  
Ages: All

Hear about the history of the  
pony cycle, the small motor  
scooter built in Clarkston in  
the 1950's and its  
impact on our town.



## The 100 Year History of the Yo-Yo <sup>R</sup>

May 31, Saturday · 4:00pm  
Ages: All

Join yo-yo enthusiast Dennis Grzesiak  
to learn about the fascinating history  
of a world of fun on a string and its  
impact on our culture and society.  
He'll bring the yo-yos, and you bring  
the questions.



## DSO on the Go <sup>R</sup>

Jun 4, Wednesday · 7:00pm  
Ages: All

The Detroit Symphony  
Orchestra brings a pop-up  
performance to Clarkston.



## 2025 3D Printed Derby <sup>R</sup>

Friday · 10:00am  
Jun 20, Jun 27, Jul 11, Jul 18  
Race is Friday, Aug 22 · 2:00pm  
Ages: All

Patrons are invited to create their  
own 3D printed cars for a derby  
track competition!







## Story Smiths!®

Wednesdays · 6:00pm  
Jun 25, Jul 23, Aug 27  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Story Smiths is a creative writing group that meets monthly, offering a welcoming space for writers of all levels to share stories, explore ideas, and hone their craft. Join us and let your creativity shine!



## Cookie Decorating

Jul 9, Wednesday · 6:00pm  
Ages: Teen & Adult

A patriotic sugar cookie decorating event for teens and adults! Example designs will be provided or create your own vision with supplies provided.

# TECH & CRAFTS



## Are you a maker, hobbyist, or enjoy crafting?

The library has a wide variety of tech tools available to you including a Glowforge, 3D scanner, 3D printer, and Cricut Maker.

Want a demo and to learn how to use them? Meet with our **Innovations Librarian** in the monthly **Innovations Lab** programs.



## Sewing Take and Make®

May 2, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 1  
Ages: 8 – Adult

Learn how to hand sew a craft at home with provided materials, supplies, and instructions! Some assembly required and children may need adult supervision with this craft.



## High Tech Craft®

Mondays · 6:00pm

May 5 Rug Tufting  
Jun 2 Glowforge Cups  
Jul 7 Family Portrait Puzzle  
Aug 4 3D Printed Portrait!

Join us for an assortment of High-tech crafts!



## Upcycle Craft®

May 10, Saturday · 10:00am

Join us for an upcycle craft to reuse otherwise discarded items sustainably. Instructions and materials will be provided.



## Innovations Lab Afternoon

Mondays, 2:00pm · 4:00pm  
May 12, Jun 10, Jul 10, Aug 11  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Want to demo one of our Tech Toys or have a project you want to work on? Drop in and visit our Innovations Lab the 2nd Monday of every month.







## Sergering for an Answer <sup>R</sup>

Wednesday · 11:00am  
May 14, Jun 11, Jul 16, Aug 13  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Sign up for a 20-minute introduction to the Library's Serger, one of the library's available Tech Toys!

## Free Sew <sup>R</sup>

Saturdays · 10:00am  
May 17, Jun 7, Jul 12, Aug 2  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Join us for a morning of sewing. We will have our library's sewing machines set up and staff will be on hand to show you the basics. You can also bring your own sewing machine if space allows. Bring a project you've been working on or just stop by to practice your stitches. We welcome all sewing skill levels!



## A Good Yarn Knitting and Crochet Group

Tuesdays · 10:00am

Join fellow yarn enthusiasts to socialize while knitting or crocheting! All experience levels are welcome.



## Innovation Lab PM

Tuesdays · 6:00pm  
May 20, Jun 17, Jul 22, Aug 19  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Want to demo one of our Tech Toys or have a project you want to work on? Drop in and visit our Innovations Lab the third Tuesday of every month.



## Sewing Club <sup>R</sup>

Saturdays · 2:30pm  
May 17, Jun 7, Jul 12, Aug 2  
Ages: Teen & Adult

Learn how to use a sewing machine at any skill level by making a project. All supplies are provided and you get to take home your creation!



## Clarkston Artisans <sup>R</sup>

Wednesdays · 6:00pm

May 21 Bottle Lights  
Jun 4 DIY T-Shirt Bags  
Jul 2 Macramé Feathers  
Aug 20 Alcohol Ink Bowls

Join us as we create wonderful unique crafts at the library!



# BOOKGROUPS



## Union of Books <sup>R</sup>

Thursday · 7:00pm  
May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7

## Evening Book Group

Tuesdays · 7:30pm

May 6 Radium Girls by Kate Moore.  
Jun 3 Black Klansman by Ron Stallworth.  
Jul 1 The World Played Chess by Robert Dugoni.  
Aug 5 The Women by Kristin Hannah.

Join us at the library to discuss one of the many books the group is reading.

## Morning Book Group

Thursdays · 10:00am  
May 8, Jun 5

## Salt to Taste Cookbook Club <sup>R</sup>

Mondays · 6:30pm  
May 19, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25

Salt-To-Taste is a cookbook discussion group. You select and prepare a recipe from the month's cookbook. We gather to discuss the recipes, cuisines, and the author/chef while enjoying what we've made to share.



For monthly book titles and more information, check out our Book Groups page on our website!

