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FALL 2025

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Meet three live birds of prey.
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DISTRICT LIBRARY


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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



We are excited to join hundreds of Michigan libraries in celebrating the 20th anniversary of MeLCat, Michigan's eLibrary.

What exactly is MeLCat? It's a statewide system linking 435+ libraries (including CIDL) so YOU can borrow over 34 million physical books, films and audio materials. That means if CIDL doesn't have the item you're looking for, we can borrow it for you from other public, academic, and special libraries. In 2024, our library patrons borrowed 6,311 items from other libraries through MeLCat. If we had purchased all those items at an average cost of \$15 each, it would have cost \$94,665! We LOVE this service!

If you haven't tried MeLCat, all you need is your CIDL card and this link: www.mel.org

If you already know and love MeLCat, you can help us celebrate! Share your MeLCat story here:



Happy 20th Anniversary, MeLCat!

Julie

Trunk or Treat!

Oct 17 • 5-6:30pm

Join us at the library to trick-or-treat your way through our parking lot. FREE donuts and cider while supplies last! Special thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring this event and to all of our local businesses who host trunks. Please see our event calendar for parking information!



JOIN THE  FRIENDS FOR THEIR

Fall Used Book Sale!

Preview Night: Sept 23 • 3-7:20pm

Book Sale Dates: Sept 24-27

Find quality books in all genres for incredible prices! We will also have board games, puzzles, DVD's and more! There's something for everyone at the sale.



Register on our event calendar at cidlibrary.org and read the full details!

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Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos, all ad-free!



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With Comics Plus®, readers have unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics, manga, and picture books.



CHILDREN'S STORYTIMES

Toddler A

Mondays · 11:00am

Sept 8, 29, Oct 13, 27, Nov 3, 17, Dec 1, 15

Age: Walking to 2 years

We will share books, songs, flannel stories, and activities all designed to help build your child's literacy skills.

Please choose between Toddler A or B as the themes and crafts are repeated.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays · 10:30am

Sept 9, Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18, Dec 2, 16

Ages: 3 to 5 years

Bring your preschooler to this engaging, age-appropriate storytime led by Ms. Jamie! We will share books, flannel stories, songs, and crafts designed to build your child's literacy skills and help prepare them for kindergarten.

Baby Storytime

Wednesdays · 11:00am

Sept 10, Oct 8, 22, Nov 5, 19, Dec 10, 17

Ages: Birth to 24 months

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

PJ Party Storytime ^R

Thursdays · 6:30pm

Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20

Ages: Preschool – 2nd grade

Join Miss Stacia as she reads stories and sings songs to your family right before bed. Wear your favorite pjs (and she will, too)!

Toddler B

Fridays · 11:00am

Sept 19, Oct 3, 31, Nov 7, 21, Dec 5, 19

Age: Walking to 2 years

We will share books, songs, flannel stories, and activities all designed to help build your child's literacy skills.

Please choose between Toddler A or B as the themes and crafts are repeated.

Spanish Storytime

Sept 17, Wednesday · 6:00pm

Ages: Recommended for ages 4-8 but all are welcome

Join us for a special seasonal Spanish-language bilingual story time! Come hear stories in Spanish and English.

Cook the Book: A Delicious Storytime!

Oct 23, Thursday · 5:00pm

Ages: 3-6

Enjoy silly stories and make a spooky treat at this fun storytime! Please register each child attending. Older and younger siblings welcome!

ARTS & CRAFTS



Open Art Table

Mondays · 4:30pm

Sept 22, Oct 13, Nov 3, Dec 29

Ages: Preschool-5th grade

Do you like arts and crafts? Drop in anytime during this program to engage your creative side with a variety of crafts and activities.

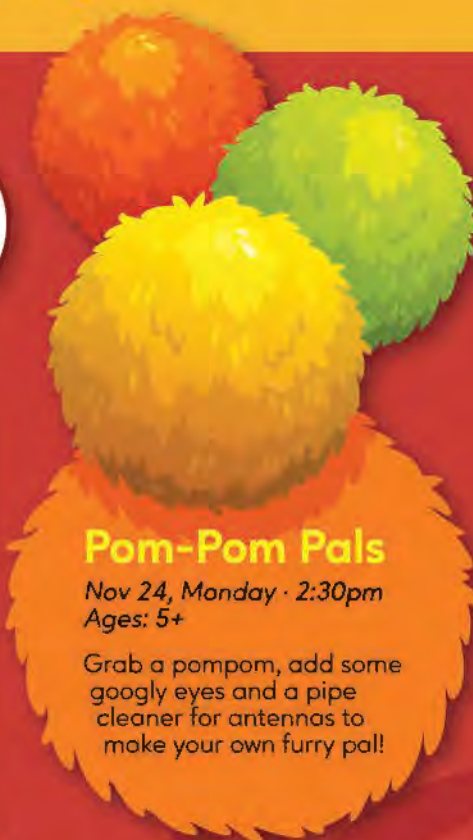


Play Art: Creativity is Messy! ^R

Nov 6, Thursday · 5:00pm

Ages: 3-6

Bring your kiddos to this fun (and messy!) process art program! *Please wear clothing that can get messy.



Pom-Pom Pals

Nov 24, Monday · 2:30pm

Ages: 5+

Grab a pom-pom, add some googly eyes and a pipe cleaner for antennas to make your own furry pal!



Take Home Youth Book Kits

Thursdays
 Sept 4, Oct 9, Oct 30, Dec 4
 Ages: 8+

Please pick up your Book Kits where you will be given a book, script, snacks and props to interact with the book. *First come, first serve -while supplies last.*



Lego Club **F**

Saturdays · 12:00pm
 Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 8, Dec 20
 Ages: Preschool- 6th grade

Calling all kids who want to get creative and build their masterpieces, utilizing the library's stock of LEGOS!



Homeschool Hangout **R**

Fridays · 1:00pm
 Sept 12, Oct 24, Nov 14, Dec 12
 Ages: 5+

Join us each month for a new STEM activity and meet other homeschool families in the area!

Sept: Cotton Candy Science
 Oct: Basic Coding
 Nov: Intro to Tech Toys
 December: Math & Snack



Read to Paws **R**

Saturdays · 10:30am
 Sept 13, Oct 25, Nov 22
 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.



Character Crafting!

Dec 1, Monday · 5:30pm
 Ages: 5+ **R**

Using paint, paper, and other craft supplies, transform ordinary tissue boxes into colorful, three-dimensional works of art inspired by beloved storybook characters.



Snowman Book Page Ornaments

Dec 22, Monday · 1:00pm **R**
 Ages: All

Come make a fun ornament! There will be 2 crafts, one for kids and one for adults.



Little Explorers

Mondays · 11:00am
 Sept 15, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8
 Ages: 0 to 5 years

Drop in anytime during this program and play with a variety of sensory stations made to facilitate play, creation, investigation, and exploration. Dress to get messy!



CHILDREN



Play & Learn [®]

Sept 17, Wednesday · 11:00am
Ages: 0-3

Play, learn, and make friends at this laid back and educational program for little ones.



OpenSpot Theater Group [®] ^{RF}

Sept 20, Saturday · 2:00pm
Ages: All

Theater for people of all abilities!



Fresh Air Families [®]

Sept 27, Saturday · 11:00am [®]
Ages: Families

Let's get outside together and have some fun with stories and outdoor activities.



Escape Room Trailer [®]

Sept 29, Monday · 5:00pm
Ages: All

Please join Escape Room Novi for one of two options:

- Option 1: Wild West Saloon
- Option 2: Super Villain Lair.

*You are signing up for a specific theme and 20-minute time frame. Please be on time. There will be 6 tickets per session, per theme, so you may be working with other guests.



Halloween Library "Lock-In" [®]

Oct 20, Monday · 5:00pm
Ages: 8+

Join us for this special during hours library "lock-in" for a spooky movie, pizza, games, and more!



Día de Muertos [®]

Nov 1, Saturday · 1:00pm

Celebrate and learn about this traditional Mexican holiday with family-friendly activities. Crafts and snacks available while supplies last.



Michigan Avian Experience [®]

Nov 15, Saturday · 10:30am
Ages: All

Join us at the library to meet three live birds of prey like a hawk, owl, eagle, or falcon with Michigan Avian Experience.



Book Buddies [®]

Mondays · 5:00pm
Nov 17, Dec 8
Ages: Geared towards ages 7-12

Join us as we celebrate popular children's book characters with games, crafts and more!



Register on our event calendar at cidlibrary.org and read the full details!



Sensory Santa ^R

Dec 13, Saturday · 12:30pm

Join Santa and his workshop helpers in a slow-paced, sensory-modified environment. This program is geared toward friends with additional needs, but all are welcome.



Santa's Workshop ^R

Dec 13, Saturday · 2:00pm

Meet Santa at the library and have a jolly time with the whole family!



Movers & Shakers NYE Bash!

Dec 29, Monday · 11:00am
 Ages: 2-5

Toddlers & Preschoolers are invited to dance in the New Year at this dance party geared toward little ones! Younger and older siblings welcome.



Noon Year's Eve

Dec 31, Wednesday · 11:00am
 Ages: 6+

Noon Year's Eve is a kid-friendly event where we'll ring in the New Year...at noon!

TWEEN



The Tween Scene

Tuesdays · 5:00pm
 Sept 9, 23, Oct 14, 28, Nov 11, 25, Dec 9
 Ages: 9-12

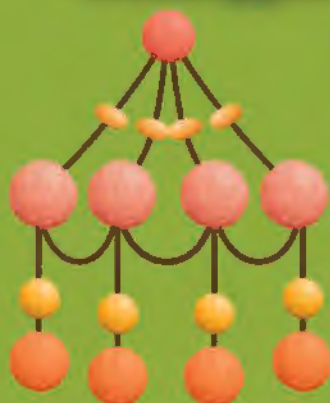
The Tween Scene is your space to hang with friends, complete STEAM activities, get creative, and enjoy some snacks. No pressure, no homework—just good vibes and fun times.



Intermediate Rug Tufters: Spooky Creations ^R

Oct 7, Tuesday · 5:00pm
 Ages: 9-18

Have you used a Rug Tufting machine at the library before? In this program, experienced tweens and teens are invited to create spooky-inspired tufted masterpieces.



Polish Pajakis ^R

Oct 10, Friday · 1:00pm
 Ages: 10-18

Join us for Polish American Heritage month by creating a Pajaki (mobile)!



Nom! Nom! ^R

Oct 11, Saturday · 2:00pm
 Ages: Tween, Teen & Adult

Step into a world of culinary enchantment at the library! Whether you're a potion master in the kitchen or just learning to stir the cauldron, all are welcome to cook, share, and discuss together.

TEENS

Teen Book Boxes ^R

Fridays

Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

Ages: 13-18

Teens aged 13-18 are invited to reserve one of our Teen Book Boxes! Sign up for one of our boxes and receive 1-2 library books, a tasty snack, and a fun surprise!

Self-Care Kits ^R

Sept 8, Monday

Ages: 13-18

September is Self-Care awareness month. Get your Student Self-Care Starter kit to help you start the new school year on the right foot!

Anime Club

Wednesdays - 5:00pm

Sep 10, Nov 12

Ages: 14+

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

TBR Bookshelves ^R

Sept 26, Friday - 4:00pm

Ages: 13-18

Join us and make your own list and decorate your own Mini Bookshelf! Materials will be provided but feel free to bring along your own to use or share!

Anime Movie Nights

Oct 9, Thursday - 5:00pm

Dec 10, Wednesday - 5:00pm

Ages: 14+

Join us for a chill afternoon where we'll watch a popular anime movie, eat some snacks, and talk all about what we love about anime!

Teen Take Homes ^R

Mondays

Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Ages: 13-18

Enjoy this take-home craft with a different craft every month! Supplies are limited so please register!

Bob Ross Birthday Paint-Along ^R

Oct 29, Wednesday - 6:30pm

Ages: 12+

Celebrate Bob Ross' birthday by painting happy little trees!

Beaded Curtains ^R

Nov 21, Friday - 4:00pm

Ages: 13-18

Join us and make your own unique beaded curtain! Materials will be provided but feel free to bring along your own to use or share.

Teen Winter Reading Challenge ^R

Dec 1 - Jan 4

Ages: Teen

Teens are invited to enter the Teen Winter Reading challenge for a chance to win a prize! Read books and complete activities to earn tickets for a raffle.



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GAMING @ CIDL

Family Game Night

Tuesdays · 5:00pm
 Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2
 Ages: All

Dungeons & Dragons **R** Adventures Online

Saturdays · 6:00pm
 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
 Requires email and Zoom.
 Ages: Adults and Teens 12+

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

Tuesdays · 6:00pm
 Sep 9, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9
 Ages: All

Arcade Tournament Night **R**

Saturday · 5:00pm
 Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13
 Ages: All

Trivia Night **R F**

Wednesdays · 6:30pm
 Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

Dungeons & Dragons **R** Adventures

Thursdays · 5:00pm
 Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18
 Ages: Adults and Teens 12+



Monday Night Minis **R**

Mondays · 6:00pm
 Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 29

Whether you're a seasoned tactician or a newcomer eager to learn, our club offers a friendly and welcoming environment where players can immerse themselves in a variety of miniature-based games.



Clarkston Euchre Club **R**

Wednesdays · 6:30pm
 Oct 23, Dec 18

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



The Soundtrack of our Lives – the music of John Williams **R**

Oct 21, Tuesday · 6:30pm
 Ages: All

Kelly and Darryl Roenicke, Violin and Piano Duo, will perform your favorite scores from your favorite movies.



Cut the Cloth! Costume Design Process **R**

Sep 13, Saturday · 3:00pm
 Ages: Teen & Adult

Leslie Littell will walk participants through the steps used to create a costume for a character using visual examples. Attendees are invited to bring or wear their own costume.



Cremation: what should I know? **R**

Sept 16, Tuesday · 6:00pm

Learn about Michigan Laws regarding cremation to make sound decisions and ease your family's burden on one of the most difficult days of their life.

Spice It Up! **R F**

Wednesdays
 Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17

Spice It Up is a 2 consecutive month spice taste and discussion group. A spice packet with background information and sample recipes is available for pick-up in Sept and Nov with a taste and discussion in Oct and Dec. Participants are invited to bring a recipe featuring the spice to the taste and discussion.



Clarkston Independence Twp. Genealogy Soc. Mtg.

Thursdays · 10:15am
 Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

Monthly Meeting

*All Programs are for 18+, unless noted
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Senior Movie ^R

Sept 18: The Friend
Oct 16: The Unbreakable Boy
Nov 20: The Alto Knights
Dec 18: Small Things Like These

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



Blind Date with A Book ^R

Fridays
Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19

Library card holders who are 18+ may sign up by the third Friday of the month for a book date with hand selected materials just for you! Each date will contain two books chosen for you by a librarian, and some extra goodies for you to keep.



Story Smiths

Wednesdays - 6:00pm
Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19, Dec 17
Ages: Teen & Adult

Story Smiths is an inter-generational creative writing group that meets monthly, offering a welcoming space for writers of all levels to share stories, explore ideas, and hone their craft.



The Detroit Lions: An Illustrated Timeline

Sept 30, Tuesday - 6:30pm ^R

Detroit Free Press reporter Dave Birkett joins us to vividly recount the most important people, games, and moments in the Franchise's first 90 seasons including this year's magical quest for the Super Bowl.



The Superhero in Real-Time ^R

Oct 6, Monday - 6:00pm
Ages: Teens & Adults

Jerry DeCaire, an illustrator for Wolverine, Deadpool and Thor, will demonstrate how a comic book is made using an easy to learn approach, then draw a patron's favorite superheroes in real time.



Hildaland Music Duo

Nov 23, Sunday - 2:00pm ^{R F}

Fiddler Louise Bichan and mandolinist Ethan Setiawan take you on a journey through Scottish, oldtime, and Swedish inspired music intertwined with contemporary compositions.



Grave Concerns: Planning Ahead for Peace of Mind ^R

Oct 9, Thursday - 1:00pm

Final arrangements are an emotional process at a vulnerable time. Learn all you need now to make sound decisions and ease your family's burden much later on.

95+ Free Sources for Filling Out Your Family Tree ^{R F}

Oct 18, Saturday - 10:30am

Professional genealogical researcher Katherine Willson presents the best free tools and strategies to explore your family history.



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Get Ready to Cook for the Holidays! **R F**

Nov 05, Wednesday · 6:30pm.

Mary Spencer from Taste: A Cook's Place is back to showcase recipes for the upcoming holiday season. Of course, tastings will be provided!



Psychic Fun Fair **R**

Sept 10, Wednesday · 6:30pm

Come learn about various predictive techniques such as astrology, palmistry, Brighu Yantra, astro-dice, The MO and psychic mediumship. Then choose a technique for your own personal reading.



Michigan's Dark Places

Oct 22, Wednesday · 7:00pm **R**

Return to the scene of Michigan's most notorious crimes on this adventure in dark tourism. Using archival photographs, crime scene sketches, and documents, noted author Tobin T. Buhk will guide viewers on a journey to the most infamous spots in the Great Lake State.



Jane Austen's Birthday Celebration **R**

Dec 16, Tuesday · 6:30pm
 Ages: Tween & Adult

Celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday at the library with tea, treats, and activities. Costumes encouraged!



Grim Paradise: Cold Case Search for the Mackinac Island Killer **R**

Oct 8, Wednesday · 6:00pm

Retired law enforcement officer, and true crime author, Rod Sadler will discuss his latest book Grim Paradise: The Cold Case Search for the Mackinac Island Killer.

CRAFTS



Free Sew **R F**

Saturdays · 10:00am
 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
 Ages: Teen & Adult

Come learn to sew, practice your stitches, or get help with a project. Use a library sewing machine or bring your own if space allows.



Sewing Club **R F**

Saturdays · 2:30pm
 Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
 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.



High Tech Craft **R**

Mandays · 6:00pm

Sept 8: Slate Coasters
 Oct 13: Cutting Board
 Nov 10: Sublimated Bags
 Dec 8: Leather Bookmarks

Join us for an assortment of High-tech crafts! This program is for adults only.

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Innovations Lab Afternoon

Mondays · 2:00pm
 Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8
 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.



Sergering for an Answer **R F**

Wednesdays · 11:00 am
 Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10
 Ages: Teen & Adult

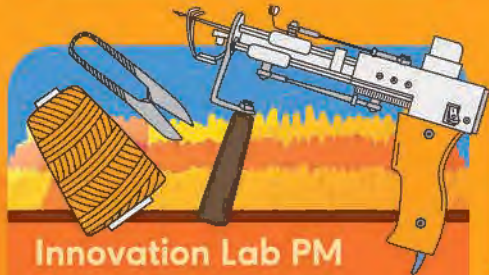
Sign up for an introduction to the Library's Serger, a Tech Toy item.



Night Needlers

Mondays · 7:00pm
 Sep 15, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15

A once a month evening group for fellow yarn enthusiasts. Socialize while knitting or crocheting! All experience levels are welcome.



Innovation Lab PM

Tuesdays · 6:00pm
 Ages: Teen & Adult

Sept 16: So, You Want to Rug Tuft?
 Oct 21: Carve Diem: Etch, Engrave, and Cut Your Creativity Loose!
 Nov 18: 3D Prints are like Onions, they have layers!
 Dec 16: Pressing Matters

Every third Tuesday evening of the month, we will explore a set of different tech tools in the Library!



Clarkston Artisans **R**

Wednesdays · 6:00pm
 Ages: Family

Sep 17: Pulp Painting!
 Oct 1: Cork Pumpkins!
 Dec 10: Book Pavers

Clarkston Artisans is a family friendly crafting program hosted at the library. Each month will focus on a different style of craft.

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.

Open Studio Painting Club

Thursdays · 1:30pm

Drop into our Open Studio for an opportunity for painters to bring their work and share ideas, information and encouragement. Guests are encouraged to bring their own supplies.

BOOK GROUPS



Evening Book Group **R**

Tuesdays · 7:30pm
 Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

Morning Book Group **R**

Thursdays · 10:00am
 Sept 04, Oct 02, Nov 06, Dec 04

Union of Books **R**

Thursdays · 7:00pm
 Sept 04, Oct 02, Nov 06, Dec 04

Fantasy Science Fiction **R**

Mondays · 7:00pm
 Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1

Salt-to-Taste Cookbook **R** Discussion Group

Mondays · 7:00pm
 Sept 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 22

Participants select and prepare a recipe from the cookbook for the month and gather to discuss and taste the recipes, cuisines and author/chef.



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

