

LIBRARY EVENTS

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DISTRICT LIBRARY
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WINTER 2025

Read MORE Worry LESS



Bugs on Wheels [®]
Fun with bugs!

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**Vanessa Carr
in Concert** [®]

Singing & dancing!

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Tiny Art Show [®]

Create a miniature
masterpiece.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10:00am - 9:00pm
Fri - Sat: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday: 1:00pm - 6:00pm

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

In February 2024, CIDL launched a strategic planning process. This was a year-long project with three phases:

Learn, Dream, Do.

In the **Learn** phase, we gathered all the information we could about our community, and your aspirations and expectations. This included statistical and demographic data, focus groups and interviews with residents, and a community-wide survey. It was compiled into a 77-page learning report!

In the **Dream** phase, we held retreats for the library board and staff to review all that we had learned. We celebrated what you love, discussed ways to improve, and brainstormed how to incorporate your aspirations and suggestions. This was such an exciting and inspiring portion of the project.

In the final phase, **Do**, we created a plan for how to bring the priorities we identified in the dream phase to life. We are just wrapping up that portion of the project, and are already starting to put our plan into action.

Thank you for your input and support during this project. We can't wait to show you what's on the horizon!

Julie

 CIDL VAULT

New Item

CAKE PANS!

You can now check-out cake pans from the library! Have an event coming up that you need to make a cake for? Borrow a cake pan from the library...we have everything from a heart, to Spongebob, to a wizard and everything in between! Easily search "CIDL VAULT" on our online catalog to learn more about each of these new items.

HAPPY BAKING!

Join the  FRIENDS of the CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY for their

* Winter Used Book Sale! *

Find books in all genres for incredible prices.

January 29 - February 1!

January 28: Preview Night 3-7:30pm

January 29: 10am-8:30pm

January 30: 10am-8:30pm

January 31: Half-Off Sale 10am-5:30pm

February 1: \$5 Bag Day 10am-2pm

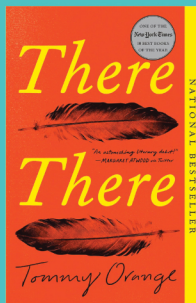


Cozy up WITH A Good book!

Recommendations from your friendly neighborhood librarians



Anna

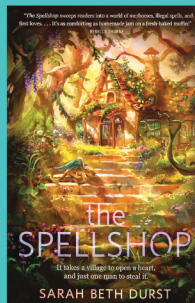


There There

by Tommy Orange

Orange weaves together varying Native American voices to create this stunning novel rapt with vivid characters. Through expert story-telling, readers are submerged into the character's lives as they come together for the Big Oakland Powwow. A great read if you enjoy realistic fiction!

Emily

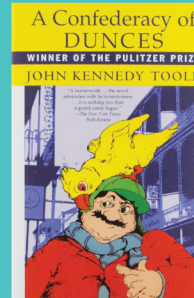


The Spellshop

by Sarah Beth Durst

A librarian returns to her childhood home along with her sentient spider plant and the last collection of spellbooks in her magical world. Starting over isn't easy, but life becomes sweeter once she discovers an old recipe book left by her parents, plus a little bit of magic. Full of mythical creatures, baked goods, and a side of jam!

Deb

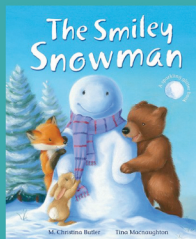


A Confederacy of Dunces

by John Kennedy Toole

Who can't use some laughs when it's cold and grey outside by following Ignatius in his outlandish attempts to placate his mother as he searches for a job while navigating a cast of off-beat characters in this Pulitzer Prize winning novel set in New Orleans during the cold-war era.

Jamie

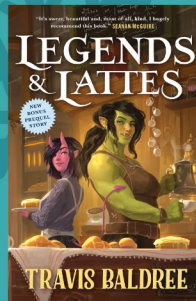


The Smiley Snowman

By Christina Butler

This cute picture book is about a group of animal friends who try their best to cheer up their friend, a snowman. This heartwarming story is sure to make you feel warm and cozy inside!

Chelsea

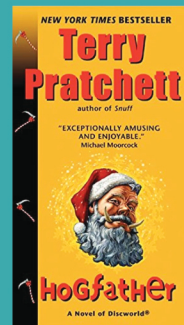


Legends & Lattes

by Travis Baldree

It has everything you'd want to keep cozy. A warm setting in a coffee shop, surrounded by lovely friends and just enough tension to keep it entertaining but not overwhelming.

Neal



The Hogfather

by Terry Pratchett

The book is a part of the Discworld series, and features all of the quirk and comedy that Pratchett is well known for. The Hogfather goes missing on the eve of Hogswatch, and it's up to Death to step in and help out.



Children's STORYTIMES

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays · 10:30am
Jan 7 & 21, Feb 4 & 18, Mar 4 & 18, Apr 1 & 15, May 6
Ages: 3-5 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
Jan 8 & 22, Feb 12 & 26, Mar 12 & 19, Apr 9 & 23
Ages: Birth-2 years
Join Miss Heather for stories and songs, and then let your babies play together for the rest of the time!

Toddler Storytime A

Mondays · 11:00am
Jan 13 & 20, Feb 10, 17, & 24, Mar 3, 10 & 24, Apr 7 & 14
Ages: Walking-2 years

Toddler Storytime B

Fridays · 11:00am
Jan 17, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 7 & 21, Apr 25
Ages: Walking-2 years

Winter Spanish Storytime

Jan 21, Tuesday · 6:00pm
Ages: 5-9 but all are welcome
Join us for a seasonal Spanish-language bilingual story time! Come hear stories in Spanish and English!

Kids for PEACE

Sundays · 1:30pm
Feb 2, Mar 2, May 4
Ages: 5+ but all are welcome
Join Kids for PEACE for story time and crafting with Clarkston High School students celebrating diversity and creativity.

Spring Spanish Storytime

Apr 15, Tuesday · 6:00pm
Ages: 5-9 but all are welcome
Join us for a seasonal Spanish-language bilingual story time! Come hear stories in Spanish and English!

Ready to Read Storytime

May 22, Thursday · 11:00am
Ages: 2-5 years
Get your little ones ready to read at this engaging storytime! Learn easy tips and tricks to promote early literacy skills at home.



ARTS & CRAFTS



Kid's Craft Fest

Jan 3, Friday · 2:00pm
Ages: Family

Have a blast making tons of crafts at this family-friendly program!



Snow Globe Sun-catchers

Jan 24, Friday · 1:00pm
Ages: K-6th grade

Join us for this fun winter craft!



Valentine's Crafts

Feb 14, Friday · all day
Ages: All Ages

Visit the library for Valentine's Day drop-in crafts and activities in the Youth Area while supplies last.





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Take Home Youth Book Kits

Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 10
Ages: 8+

Pick up your Youth Book Kit where you will be given a book, script, snacks and props to interact with the book.

(Kits are first come, first serve until they run out.)



Mathnasium Family Fun Day

Jan 11, Saturday · 12:00pm
Ages: 5-12

Join Mathnasium of Clarkston for a family fun event with engaging games and STEM activities!



Movers & Shakers Dance Party!

Wednesdays · 11:00am
Jan 15, Mar 26
Ages: 2-5

Shake your sillies out at this fun dance party for little ones!



Read to Paws **R**

Saturdays · 10:30am
Jan 18, Feb 22, Mar 22, Apr 12, May 31
Ages: All Ages

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.



Booked **R**

Thursdays · 5:30pm
Feb 27, Apr 24
Ages: Geared towards ages 7-12

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



Play Art: Creativity is Messy!

Mar 4, Tuesday · 5:00pm
Ages: 3-6

Bring your kiddos to this fun (and messy) art program!



MLK's Dream **R**

Jan 20, Monday · 1:00pm
Ages: 5-12

Students will build a model of the National Mall and reconstruct the famous march while imagining their own dreams of a better world.

Children



Inclusion Crew

Tuesdays · 4:00pm
Jan 21, Mar 18, May 20
Ages: All

Join us at the library for fun themed activities for friends with additional needs. This small, drop-in, easygoing program is geared towards individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Bingo

Kids Bingo [®]

Mar 24, Monday · 5:00pm
Ages: 4-7 (older siblings welcome)

Kids, come play bingo at the library! Every child who plays will receive a prize.

Cook the Book: A Delicious Storytime!

Feb 18, Tuesday · 5:00pm [®]
Ages: 3-6

Enjoy silly stories and make a tasty treat at this fun storytime.

Bugs on Wheels [®]

Mar 28, Friday · 1:00pm
Ages: 1st-12th grade

Join Nadia from Bugs on Wheels for this exhibit-style arthropod program.

STAR WARS DAY

May 4, Sunday · 2:00pm
Ages: 8-18

Join us for our fourth Star Wars Day with snacks, games, crafts, and more!

Play and Learn!

Wednesdays · 11:00am
Feb 19, Apr 16
Ages: 1-3

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

MARIO DAY

Mar 8, Saturday · 12:00pm
Ages: 8-18

Join us for our 2nd Mario Day where we will have crafts, games, snacks and more!

Mother's Day Tea Party [®]

May 10, Saturday · 2:00pm
Ages: All

Bring your favorite lady to a tea party full of crafts and fun - this event is for EVERYONE!



Rad Rug Tufters

Thursdays · 5:00pm
Jan 2 & 9, Feb 6 & 13, Mar 6 & 13, May 1 & 8
Ages: 9-12

Tweens are invited to get creative using a rug tufting machine! This machine allows users to create their own art pieces using yarn. We welcome newbies and know you will love it!



National Bagel Day

Jan 15, Wednesday · 3:00pm
Ages: 9-18

It's National Bagel Day! Come hang out at the library and enjoy some bagels with board games, bagel-themed crafts, and other fun activities. Open while supplies last.

Girl Power Party!

Mar 19, Wednesday · 5:30pm
Ages: All

Join us at the library to celebrate International Women's Month! Get inspired with stories from local guest speakers, complete science experiments, and have fun with empowerment crafts.



Bingo **R**

Mar 24th, Monday · 7:00pm
Ages: 8-12 years
(siblings welcome if registered)

Tweens, come play bingo at the library! Everyone who plays will receive a prize.

Nom! Nom! Cookbook Group **R**

Saturdays · 1:30pm
Feb 8, Apr 19
Ages: 10+, Teen & Adult

Children and adults cook recipes at home from varying cookbooks to share potluck style with the registered group at the library!



Word Wizards

Thursday · 5:00pm
Apr 10, 17, 24
Ages: 9-12

Join us at the library to create some poetry magic! We welcome ALL skill levels as we experiment with varying poetry styles and find inspiration. The final program on April 24th will be your chance to present poems at the poetry slam!



Break World Records

Feb 25, Tuesday · 4:00pm
Ages: 9-12

Ever dreamed of breaking a world record? This is your chance! Head over to the library and attempt to break different world records. Let's see what we can accomplish together!



STEAM Make a Seed Bomb

May 13, Tuesday · 5:00pm
Ages: 9-12

Spring is coming! Be an Earth advocate and create a "seed bomb" at the library with native wildflower seeds to toss in your garden this season.





TAB

1st Thursday of each month · 5:00pm
3rd Thursday of each month · 6:00pm
Ages: Teen (For students in 8th-12th grade)

Get involved at CIDL and earn volunteer hours by joining our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Share ideas in developing the young adult collection, building and coordinating teen and tween programs, and more!

For the online application or for any questions, please email pridmorec@cidlibrary.org.



Teen Book Box! [®]

1st Friday of the Month
Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2
Ages: Teen, 13-18

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



Teen Take Home [®]

Wednesdays · 5:00pm
Jan 15, Feb 19, Apr 16, May 14
Ages: Teen, 13-18

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

Tech Take Down Group [®]

Wednesdays · 4:30pm
Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 2
Ages: Teen

Ever wondered how your TV., computer, and other electronic devices work? Join the Tech Take Down Group! This discovery and explorative-based group focuses on understanding the basics of circuitry, electric components, and repair. For questions, please contact our Innovations Librarian at Nparr@cidlibrary.org.

Exam Cram

Jan 14-16 · 2:00pm
Ages: Teen

Come to the library and cram for your exam! We will provide drinks, snacks, and some stress-relieving activities. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the teen lounge and conference room right next door.

#study



Tiny Art Show [®]

Mar 17, Monday
Ages: Teen, 13-18

Ready to connect with your inner artist? Register to join our tiny art show and your miniature masterpiece could win the prize for fan favorite!



Tasty Treats



Spice It Up! **R**

Wednesdays · 7:00pm
Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 16

In January and March, participants will pick up a spice packet and 2-3 recipes. In February and April, participants will meet at the library to talk about the spice and how they used it.



Salt-to-Taste **R**

Mondays · 7:00pm
Jan 20, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28

Participants select and prepare a recipe from the cookbook for the month at home, and gather to discuss the recipes, cuisines and author/chef, while enjoying what they've brought to share.



Valentine's Cookie Decorating **R**

Feb 10, Monday · 6:00pm
Ages: Teen (12+) - Adult

A valentine cookie decorating event for teens and adults to decorate sugar cookies! Example designs will be provided.

GAMING

Dungeons & Dragons **R**

Adventures Online
Saturdays · 6:00pm
Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1, Apr 5
Requires email and Zoom.
Recommended for Adults and Teens 12+

Family Game Night

Tuesdays · 5:00pm
Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1
Ages: All (whole family)

Arcade Tournament Night **R**

Saturday · 5:00pm
Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 15, Apr 12
Ages: All

Check-Us-Out Chess Club

Tuesdays · 6:00pm
Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8
Ages: All



Monday Night Minis

Mondays · 6:00pm
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14
Ages: All

Welcome to the Monday Night Minis, a dynamic tabletop gaming group that gathers once a month to engage in epic battles of strategy and skill. Our club offers a friendly and welcoming environment where players can immerse themselves in a variety of miniature-based games.



Trivia Night **R**

Wednesdays · 6:30pm
Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16

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



Dungeons & Dragons Adventures **R**

Thursdays · 5:00pm
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17
Ages: Recommended for Adults and Teens 12+

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



Retro Arcade Night **R**

Saturday · 6:30pm
Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22
Ages: All

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



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Detroit Unseen[®]

Jan 6, Monday · 6:30pm

Join urban explorer and photographer Bob Huston as he shares his photography of extraordinary Detroit ruins. Detroit Unseen helps to capture and document these changes in a positive context.



Seed Library Starters[®]

Fridays · 11:00am
Ages: Teens & Adults

Jan 10: Lettuce Be Friends (lettuce and spinach)

Mar 14: Grow Your Own Pizza (basil and tomatoes)

Apr 11: Pickling Pals (dill, carrots, and beets)



Senior Movie[®]

Thursdays · 1:30pm
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17

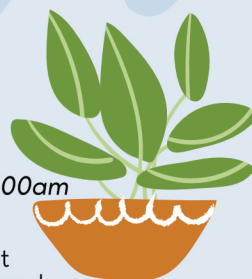
Please, register with the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center 248-625-8231. Popcorn and light refreshments provided.



Grow in the Dark[®]

Feb 5, Wednesday · 11:00am
Ages: Teen & Adult

Come in to learn about low-light houseplants, and choose a new plant friend for yourself!



Irish Folk Music Concert with Enda Reilly[®]

Feb 16, Sunday · 2:00pm

Enda Reilly is an Irish Folk Singer, Songwriter and Acoustic Guitarist living in Michigan. Enda enchants audiences with fresh interpretations of Celtic classics, intertwining guitar and vocal prowess, enriching audiences with his deep understanding of the Celtic world.



The History of Professional Wrestling[®]

Feb 15, Saturday · 2:00pm

Professional wrestling is one of the most storied art forms the world has ever known. Join speaker Shane Soules for this fascinating ringside retrospective. Ouch! Right into the turnbuckle!

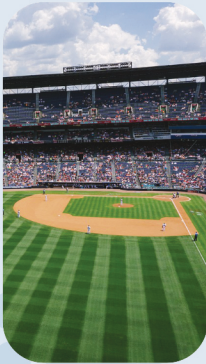


Vanessa Carr in Concert[®]

Mar 1, Saturday · 2:00pm

Broadway meets Vegas with Vanessa Carr. Known for her singing, dancing, storytelling and dramatic interpretations, Vanessa offers a first-class entertainment experience that will bring on the goosebumps!





The History of Tiger Stadium **R**

Mar 27, Thursday · 6:00pm

Covers the 104 years, 1896-1999, that the Detroit Tigers played baseball at the famous intersection of Michigan & Trumbull. Stories shared from the book include those of the stadium itself, of those who played there, of fans and other characters.



Intro to Birding **R**

Apr 19, Saturday · 1:00pm

A naturalist from Wint Nature Center helps us discover the secret of lives of birds that live in our area. Learn how to find birds outdoors and who is at your bird feeder.

TECH & CRAFTS



Open Studio

Weekly 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.



Craft Swap **R**

Jan 2-4
(check calendar for event times)

Are your closets overflowing with yards of fabric? Are you drowning in sequins? Participate in the Arts and Crafts Supply Swap! Preview night for registered patrons is on Thursday. Open to the public on Friday and Saturday while supplies last.



Sewing Take and Make **R**

Fridays (All Day Pick-Up)
Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4
Ages: 8 - Adult

Pick up a kit and learn how to hand sew a craft at home with provided materials, supplies, and instructions!



Sewing Club **R**

Saturdays · 2:30 pm
Jan 4, Feb 1, March 1, April 5
Ages: Teen (12+) - Adult

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



High Tech Crafts **R**

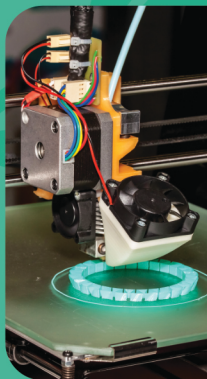
Wednesdays · 6:00pm & 7:00pm
[2 sessions]

Jan 8: Slate Coasters and Leather Bookmarks
Feb 12: Shadow Boxes
Mar 12: Rug Tufting Basics
Apr 9: Sublimated Key-chains
Join us for an assortment of high-tech crafts!



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Innovations Lab Afternoon

*Mondays · 2:00pm
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14
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 second Monday of every month.



Book Binding Workshop **R**

*Feb 2, Sunday · 1:15pm
Ages: 16+*

Join us for an intensive book-binding program, where you'll learn skills from an experienced instructor. Each attendee will leave with one finished book, and the skills to make infinite others! Please note: this is a 3 to 4-hour program.



Tinkercad 101 **R**

*Tuesdays · 6:00pm
Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8
Ages: Teen & Adult*

Want to learn how to make basic 3D models using Tinkercad? Our Innovations Librarian will get you acquainted with the Tinkercad platform through four sessions.



Your Main Craft: Layered Sand Candles **R**

Feb 27, Thursday · 6:00pm

Hosted at 21 N Main Street. Join us in making layered sand candles! There will be an arrangement of different sand colors, and candle toppers for your projects. ***off-site program**



Innovation Lab PM

*Tuesdays · 6:00pm
Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 22
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.



Your Main Craft: Soap Making! **R**

Apr 10, Thursday · 6:00pm

Hosted at 21 N Main Street, Join us in making our very own soap! If you have any questions about this program, contact our Innovations Librarian at Parrn@cidlibrary.org. ***off-site program**

BOOK GROUPS

Union of Books **R**

*Thursdays · 7:00pm
Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3*

Morning Book Group

*Thursdays · 10:00am
Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3*

Evening Book Group **R**

*Tuesdays · 7:30pm
Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 1*

Read to Lead: Business Book Club **R**

*Feb 13, Thursday · 4:00pm
Apr 24, Thursday · 12:00pm*
This new book club will feature books about topics such as leadership, entrepreneurship, marketing, and career exploration.



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



*All Programs are for 18+, unless noted



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