Programs for Adults

“Sister Pie” Author talk with Lisa Ludwinski

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Join us for an author talk with "Sister Pie". She will present her recipe for success and discuss her awesome cookbook dishes you can make! A sweet treat, you will not want to miss!

“Turn the Page, The Bob Seger Story”

Join us on Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. for Bob Seger "TURN THE PAGE" book event. Author Dr. Edward Balian has presented numerous events since the book's release in July 2019. Flying in from San Diego, this special and rare book talk is not to be missed!

Jazz from Detroit

“The history of jazz and the history of jazz from Detroit are indivisible. You can’t tell one story without the other.” Join author and former Detroit Free Press Arts reporter Mark Stryker on Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. as he talks about Detroit’s pivotal role in shaping the course of modern and contemporary jazz from the 1940s until the present day.

Great Storms of the Lakes

Join us for a fun, informative night and learn about the Great Storms of the Lakes. Ric Mixter will give his expert knowledge on the exciting times on the high seas of the Great Lakes on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Best of the Car Companies

Join us Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. for author Alan Naldrett's presentation on the Best of the Car Companies, Detroit. Sure to be a treat for all history and car buffs.

Community Concert Series

As a kick off to Black History Month, the library is pleased to present a free community concert by the North Broadway Church of Christ A Cappella Choir on Saturday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for an inspiring concert by this exceptional local choir.

In the Tradition is an African-centered jazz group nominated for numerous Detroit Music Awards. Come listen to their dynamic ensemble as we celebrate Black History Month at the library on Saturday, February 29 at 1 p.m.

Library Holidays

January 1
New Year’s Day

January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 17
Presidents’ Day

April 10 - April 11
Easter Weekend

May 23 - May 25
Memorial Day Weekend

True Crime Author Tobin Buhk returns!

Want to hear chilling tales that will leave you speechless? Back by popular demand true crime author and presenter Tobin Buhk will present a riveting program of stories beyond belief. Join us Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. for this program you won’t want to miss.
Community Yoga with Del

Take some time to center yourself on your mat and join Del as she guides you through a basic blend practice. We will spend some time with breath work, asana (poses) and sometimes meditation. If you are new to yoga, you may learn the foundational aspects and if you are an avid yogi, you may use this time to deepen your practice while revisiting some basics. We will be moving freely throughout the practice and though Del will offer modifications, it is wise to consider if the practice may be too strong for those that have issues with a lot of movement. Of course, breaks are always encouraged during practice if your body is signaling you to do so. Experience the beauty of a practice that strengthens your mind and body. Come with an open mind and heart so that we may enjoy our time together and the beauty of self-care. Classes will be held January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a mat if possible. Each participant will be required to complete a liability waiver.

Knitting 101 with Michelle Z every Friday in March from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to learn how to knit but didn’t know where to begin? Join us for a four week beginning knitting workshop! You are welcome to participate in all four sessions or just one! All supplies and instruction will be provided free of charge. Leave with new skills and a fantastic homemade knitted treasure. Registration is required and space is limited. Call (586)469-6200 or visit mtclib.org to register for this event.

Valentine’s Day Fun

Stop in anytime on February 12 to make a Valentine card for someone special. We will provide supplies, you provide the creativity! Fun for all ages!

Come Craft with Us!

Do you not have the time or space to work on your favorite craft? Join us on the third Tuesday of every month (*unless noted) from 5pm-9pm. You can spread out your supplies on one of our 6ft tables with no interruptions. Get advice from fellow crafters and share new ideas! Every month will feature a new craft to make; it may be a card, a scrapbook page or another type of craft. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. You can register at mtclib.org or call (586)469-6200. For questions or to register by email contact Cathy via email at ccook@mtclib.org.

Tuesday, January 21 - Mini Magnetic Calendar
*Saturday, February 1 - All Day Crafting (9am-9pm)
Tuesday, February 18 - Cricut Design Space
Tuesday, March 17 - Paper Beads (5pm-9pm)
Tuesday April 21 - Heat Embossing (5pm-9pm)
*Saturday, April 25 - No Frills Crafting (9am-5pm)
Tuesday, May 19 - Soap Making (5pm-9pm)
Tuesday, June 16 - Open Work Session (5pm-9pm)
Programs for Children and Families

January 11 (2:00 p.m.) Motor City Sax Quartet. Enjoy a delightful time of music with the return of this local group that plays various styles of instrumental music.

January 25 (2:00 p.m.) 11th Annual Talent Show. Do you draw, sing, dance, tell stories, recite poetry, tell jokes or do magic? Come share your gift.

February 22 (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Make a Book. Come let your creativity shine as you make your own book! We’ll provide the papers, stickers, stamps, crayons and other materials you need. Just bring your ideas!

March 14 (2:00 p.m.) Caper Kin. Tap your toes to some traditional Irish music with some blarney added.

Lego Eggstravaganza
It's Spring Break and Lego Club is running from April 6 - April 9 from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. all week long! Come to the library for an open session of building - we supply the Legos, you supply the creativity!

Kid-friendly Music Jam Session
Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (January 16 through March 19)
This is a wonderful opportunity for babies, children and teens to find that there is more to an instrument than lessons and practice. Jamming is a time to meet others who play music and a time to develop an ear for music. All musical abilities are welcome!

Creatures of the Night
What comes out when the sun goes down? On Thursday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. The Howell Nature Center will bring nocturnal animals such as owls and opossums so children can learn more about the behavior and adaptations of our nocturnal neighbors. This program is funded by a grant offered by the Spirit of Alexandria Foundation, started in memory of Alexandria Bennett. The foundation's mission is Connecting Children to Nature. www.spiritofalexandria.org

Children’s Movie Day
Join us Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. for a not to be missed children's movie... Elsa and Anna are back together in part 2 of a "Frozen" adventure for the whole family!

Fairy Tale Animals
This animal program scheduled on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. will feature a variety of live mammals, reptiles and birds to provide a fascinating and unforgettable show for all ages.

Anytime Storytime
Call and schedule a storyline, then invite your friends and neighbors to join you. Hours available are Monday and Wednesday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

BookFlix Is HERE!!!
Since the love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can have, we are now subscribing to BookFLIX! This database provides hundreds of picture books for your child, and they can either choose to watch a video of the book being read, or follow along with the computer highlighting text as the words are read!

http://www.mtclib.org/wordpress/index.php/online-resources/ (This site always works within the library, but you must have an active library card to access it remotely!)
Genealogy programs welcome researchers at all levels of experience, from beginner to expert.

Macomb County Genealogy Group - Fridays at 1:00 p.m.


February 7: “Use Your Resources! At MCPL,” presented by MCGG’s Lisa Eschenburg. Covering MCPL’s new website, its recent FamilySearch Affiliate status and genealogy room resources.

March 6: “Reading the Dress, 1870-1899,” presented by Beverly Bishop. Examples of 30 years of dresses to peg the date of a picture.

April 3: “Genealogy and the Preservation of Your Family Treasures” presented by Romie Minor, assistant manager, Burton Historical Collection

Wednesday, May 13 at 5 p.m.: Annual Potluck and Silent Auction, held jointly with the Let’s Talk group. Doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share and join the fun.

June 5: To be announced

Let’s Talk . . . Genealogy Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

January 8: “Where Do I Go From Here?” Bring research questions, brick walls or new finds to share with the group.

February 12: “Beginning Italian Research”. Q&A and Use Your Resources! at MCPL”. Part 1 Guest moderator Mary Hojnacki does an Italian Research Q&A: Part 2 We discuss our favorite library’s new website and resources.

March 11: (in the Auditorium) “DNA: Working with Your Autosomal DNA”. We will review some basics of autosomal DNA and look at ways to use it.

April 8: “Michiganology.org”. Let’s share what we’ve learned about using the Archives of Michigan’s new website.

May 13 at 5 p.m. - Annual Potluck and Silent Auction

June 10: “Digitized Historical Books”. Lets learn and share where to find digitized books and how to use them.

Michigan’s Immigrants - Romanies, Hmong and Many More

Award-winning author and historian Martha Bloomfield will share stories of Michigan's immigrants and migrants, telling their stories of leaving home, how and why they chose Michigan, challenges adapting to new homes, and dreams and hopes for future generations. Join her on Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. as she shares stories and history of Michigan’s lesser known immigrants.

About the Author: Martha Aladjem Bloomfield is an author, oral historian and photographer who specializes in stories of marginalized peoples — immigrants, migrants and the homeless. Her most recent book, Romanies in Michigan, (Michigan State University Press, 2019), is a groundbreaking book that shares, for the first time, oral histories of Romanies in the United States and specifically in Michigan. It focuses on the diverse, rich, resilient history of the Hungarian-Slovak Romani musical community originally from Delray, Michigan, as well as others from outlying areas in and near Michigan.
DIY Lip Balm and Sugar Scrub Demonstration
Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own all-natural lip balm and sugar scrub? If so, we have the program for you. Join us on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. where you will learn the tricks to making this all-natural product. All supplies provided, but space is limited and registration is required. Call the library (586) 469-6200 or register online at mtcil.org to reserve your spot today.

Getting the Garden Started
Having a garden is a great way to obtain local produce, beautify the landscape, and attract beneficial wildlife. This class will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. We will describe factors to consider for growing fruit, vegetables, and ornamental flowers and how to keep plants healthy during the growing season. Learn how to be a proactive gardener by considering factors such as soil, pest management, and needs of different plants.

Pollinator Container Gardens Workshop
Join experienced gardener Susan Silver on Wednesday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. as she introduces us to the “how-to’s” of creating a container garden to attract pollinators such as the honey bee and the Monarch butterfly. Container gardens are cost effective and easy to install and maintain. They are great for small porches, decks, and patios.

Family Game Night
Looking for a fun night out with the family? Stop in the library on Monday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. and play some games. Grab your family, friends or just yourself and have an entertaining day! The library will provide games.

Happy Mothers and Fathers Day Tribute
Let’s honor all men and women who raise, sacrifice and contribute daily to children’s lives! Join us on Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. for muffins, donuts, coffee and appreciation.

Oscar Nominated Movie Screenings
The library will be hosting Oscar Nominated Movie Screenings here in the library’s large auditorium. Tuesdays, February 10 and 24 at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays, February 11, 18, 25 and March 3. Come experience the movie theater effects on the large screen and enjoy some popcorn along the way. Free of charge.
Yes! We proctor!

In support of education, Mount Clemens Public Library offers free exam proctoring by our reference librarians. Students must:

- Make an appointment in advance of desired exam date
- Make sure that all exam materials are delivered to the proctor prior to the exam date
- Bring photo ID and all necessary exam supplies
- Take responsibility for all costs of returning exam materials to issuing institution (postage, fax fees, etc.)

Elder Fraud and Abuse February 19 at 10 a.m.

Join us for an informational presentation on Fraud and Abuse on Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Medicare 101: March 18 at 10 a.m.

Join us for Medicare 101, know the facts!

2020 Census March 19 at 7 p.m.

Join us for an informative presentation on the 2020 Census; what is it, how it is beneficial and why everyone matters. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

Emergency Preparedness: March 24 at 7:00 p.m

Do you know what you and your family would do in the event of an emergency affecting your neighborhood? Join the Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) and MCHD Medical Reserve Corps to learn about emergency preparedness and response. During the presentation, you will learn about essential emergency preparedness topics including preparing an emergency kit, developing an emergency plan,

Mango Languages

We now offer Mango Languages as one of our databases! You can learn French, Spanish, Russian, Yiddish, or even how to talk like a Pirate! [https://connect.mangolanguages.com/mtclib/start](https://connect.mangolanguages.com/mtclib/start)

You must have an active library card and know your PIN to access this database.
Free Online Tutoring Service Now Available

Need help with your homework, book report, research paper or test preparation? The library now offers individual online tutoring through Tutor.com. Just go to www.mtclib.org, click on the Tutor.com logo, and enter your library card number. Tutors skilled in over 40 subject areas are standing by to assist students daily from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and independent study resources are available on the site 24/7. Tutor.com uses fully-qualified tutors and strict safety protocols. Only first names are used and tutors never have contact with students outside of the virtual classroom. Students and parents may review a recording or transcript of a tutoring session at any time. For more information about this service, ask your reference librarian.

Learn About the History of Your House

Do you own an historic house or building in Mount Clemens? Are you interested in applying for a plaque from the Mount Clemens Historical Commission? Have you ever wondered about the history of your house and the owners who came before you? Your public library can help! Visit our web site and select “Mount Clemens Property History” from our Macomb History and Genealogy Databases menu. This interactive tool contains histories, references, current and vintage photos of nearly 1,200 buildings in Mount Clemens that are over 75 years old. Your property may be included! If not, let our reference staff know and we’ll show you the resources in our local history collection to help you discover your property’s history.

Ice Cream Cone Bird Feeders

Join us Thursday, January 2 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in making Ice Cream Cone/Peanut Butter Bird Feeders. Help us feed our feathered friends this winter season.

Winter Craft Fun

Beat the JANUARY BLUES and come out for a winter theme craft...Sip and Paint, a SNOWMAN with us Thursday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m.

National Trivia Day

Saturday, January 4

Stop by the front desk to pick up a trivia packet in honor of National Trivia Day!

National Hot Chocolate Day!

January 31 from 9am-4pm

It's National Hot Chocolate Day, stop by the library for a cup of hot chocolate and grab a book to read! READ, RELAX and SIP HOT CHOCOLATE!
Library Renovation Open Discussion

February 25 at 7 p.m.

Join us in an open discussion with the Library Board of Trustees, Architect, Seth Penchansky, and Library Director, Brandon Bowman as we discuss the needs for a renovation in 2020.

Beginning with the Children’s room renovation, which is to begin Spring of 2020, moving into a full scale building renovation targeted for Spring of 2021. We will be touching on the process leading up to this much needed renovation.

We would love to hear your input as your valued opinions will make Mount Clemens Public Library one that will meet your needs and others and shape the future of your public library.

Light refreshments will be served.

Calling all Friends! WE NEED YOU!

The library is in need of a Friends organization. Now, you may be asking yourself "What does it mean to be a Friend of the Mount Clemens Public Library?" and "What is required of me to be a Friend of the Mount Clemens Public Library?"

The answers? IT MEANS A LOT for the first one and NOT A LOT for the second one

By becoming a Friend, you will help us bring more great programs to the library like the Blue Cat Band’s outdoor concert this past August. You'll also be helping us make summer reading bigger and better. Your input will be invaluable in helping shape the direction of the Mount Clemens Public Library going forward! And what's required of you? Basically, whatever YOU would be willing to do. It can range from holding an office on the Friends board all the way to simply being a member! The choice of how involved you want to be is yours! However, the more involved you are, the more things the library can do!

Come be a part of the formation of this great organization that will help shape the future of your public library.