

The all-ages **Summer Reading Program** runs from June 1 through July 31! Learn more about logging your reading with Beanstack on **page 11**.

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# Notes from the



A librarian's favorite time of year has finally arrived: Summer Reading! The school year may be winding down, but we're gearing up to host nearly 100 programs for all ages over the next two months.

With four different age groups, Summer Reading truly is for everyone! All ages can participate by signing up at [livonialibrary.beanstack.org](http://livonialibrary.beanstack.org), and Kids and Tweens (up to those entering grade 7 in the Fall) can choose to track their reading and activities with the reading log included on [page 4](#).

No matter how you track your progress, all Summer Readers are eligible for big prizes! From gift certificates to book baskets, you won't want to miss out on your chance to win.

Mark your calendar for the Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Saturday, June 6 at the Bennett Civic Center Library. All ages are invited to register for Summer Reading (and pick up registration giveaways!), play life size board games, and craft, among other activities!

If you're looking to reduce or refresh your hobby supplies, the **Craft Supply Swap** is returning on July 25. You can drop off any new or gently used, clean craft supplies the week before the event and get a voucher to "shop the swap" before the doors open to everyone. If you don't have materials to donate, no problem! Stop by during the event to gather materials for your new favorite craft.

Many of our regular services can enhance your summer activities. The **Seed Library** can expand your garden, and you can check out garden tools from our **Library of Things**! Are you going on a road trip and need family entertainment and WiFi? Browse our Board Game Collection before you leave or consider renting a mobile hotspot.

Whatever your summer brings, we look forward to being a part of it!



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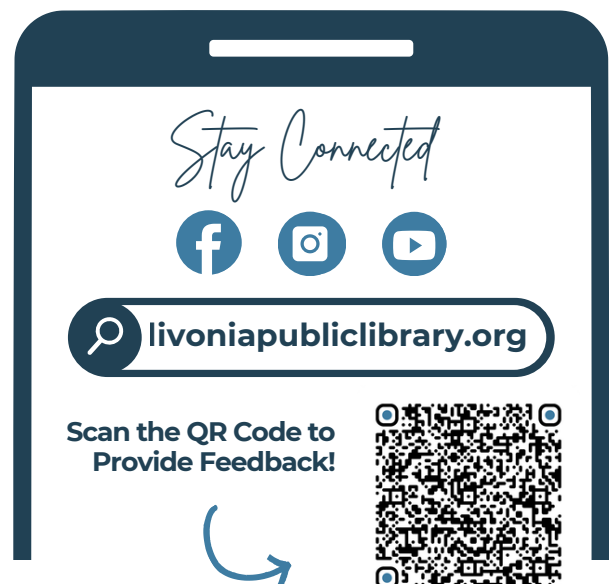
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# STORY TIME

Children's storytime programs are open to all children. Children younger than three years old must be accompanied by an adult, unless otherwise specified.



## FAMILY FUN STORYTIME

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and movement activities. This storytime is geared for kids ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome. No registration required.

### @ Bennett Civic Center

*Indoors*

Wednesdays, June 3-July 29  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

### @ Bennett Civic Center

*Outdoors*

Fridays, June 5-July 24  
(no storytime June 19 or July 3)  
10:15-10:45 a.m.

## SENSORY SHENANIGANS IN THE PARK

Kids and their grown-ups will enjoy interactive stories and sensory stations. This event takes place at Mies Park (32305 W. Chicago) and there will be bubbles, chalk, and more! All ages welcome. No registration required.

### @ Mies Park

Tuesdays, June 23, July 7-28  
10:15-11:15 a.m.

## OUTDOOR STORYTIME

Bring a blanket and join us for stories, songs, and bubbles on the lawn! All ages welcome. No registration required.

### @ Sandburg

Thursdays, June 4-July 23  
10:30-11 a.m.

## COMMUNITY HEROES STORYTIME

Join us at Mies Park (32305 W. Chicago) for stories, movement, and a meet and greet with a special Community Hero! All ages welcome. No registration required.

### @ Mies Park

*Meet a Police Officer*

Tuesday, June 9  
10:15-11 a.m.

### @ Mies Park

*Meet an Animal Control Officer*

Tuesday, June 16  
10:15-11 a.m.

### @ Mies Park

*Meet a Firefighter*

Tuesday, June 30  
10:15-11 a.m.



Scan the code (or visit our online calendar) to register for programs and to confirm dates, times, and locations.



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# UNEARTH A STORY™



### Who Can Join the Fun?

All kids and tweens entering 7th grade or younger.

### When Can I Start?

Registration opens **June 1, 2026**—sign up online at [livonialibrary.beanstack.org](http://livonialibrary.beanstack.org).

### How Do I Complete My Reading Log?

Collect 6 stickers by completing these challenges:

#### **Read for 3 Hours:**

Earn a **Reading Sticker** for each hour you read (or spend listening to a story).



#### **Complete 2 Activities:**

Choose from our list of activities to snag 2 **Activity Stickers**.



#### **Explorer's Choice—You Decide:**

Add a **Free Choice Sticker** for completing an activity OR an hour of reading.

### What Happens When I Finish?

Collect all 6 stickers by **July 31** and you'll earn:

- A **FREE book!**
- A **Certificate!**
- An entry into our **Grand Prize Raffle!**



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# 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

JUNE 1-JULY 31

- Attend a Library Event.
- Check out an item from our Library of Things collection.
- Explore the Storywalk®.
- Check out a Michigan Activity Pass ([miactivitypass.org](http://miactivitypass.org)).
- Attend a community event.
- Brighten someone's day with an act of kindness.
- Complete the Library Scavenger Hunt.
- Show us your library card.
- Tell the Librarian a joke or fun fact.
- Visit Greenmead.
- Get a grown-up to register for the Adult Summer Reading Program.
- Read a TumbleBook.
- Check out a Launchpad, kit, audiobook, or video game.
- Visit a library you've never been to before.
- Complete the Citywide Scavenger Hunt.
- Finish the 250 Challenge.

## Activities

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

Drop by the library to celebrate the start of summer reading! We'll have a life-sized board game, an obstacle course, an excavation station, a dino-mite craft, and of course, all-ages Summer Reading sign up!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Saturday, June 6  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



### LIVONIA BRICK ASSOCIATION

Grades 3-6. Do you like building, being creative, and working with a team? This club is for you! We use LEGO bricks, with a basis in STEM, to create builds around a new theme every month.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesdays, June 3 & 17, July 1  
6-6:45 p.m.

### JAPANESE STORYTIME WITH MOMO KAJIWARA

Aimed at ages 2-6, but all are welcome. Local music teacher Momo Kajiwara will lead us in song, movement, and storytelling in Japanese!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, June 8  
11-11:45 a.m.

### ART ON THE LAWN

Get creative with a variety of art projects outside. There will be paint, glitter, fun, and more! All ages welcome. No registration required. Please dress for mess!

**@ Sandburg**  
Wednesday, June 10  
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### UNEARTH A STORY WITH MAD SCIENCE

Ages 5 and older. In this interactive and high-energy assembly, students become paleontologists on a journey through time to uncover the hidden tales of dinosaurs and the creatures that inspired myths and legends! Through hands-on demonstrations, audience participation, and lively experiments, students will investigate how dinosaurs lived, what they ate, and even how big they were, culminating in a creative look at how ancient discoveries may have inspired the mythical beasts of storybooks. It's a fun and fascinating blend of science, imagination, and discovery!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, June 15  
11-11:45 a.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
Tuesday, June 16  
2-2:45 p.m.

### CRAZY CRAIG

All ages. Join us for a high energy show full of comedy, audience participation, amazing juggling, tricks on various size unicycles, and balancing acts!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, June 22  
11-11:45 a.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
Tuesday, June 23  
2-2:45 p.m.

### PARENT CHILD DRAWING WORKSHOP\*

Ages 5-12 with a loving grown-up. Join author and illustrator Amy Nielander as she shows you and your child how to foster better communication through drawing. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Monday, June 22  
(Registration begins June 8)  
6-7 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Tuesday, June 30  
(Registration begins June 16)  
6-7 p.m.



### MY FIRST SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB\*

Grades K-2 and their grown-up! Join us to read a fun book, do an activity, and have some snacks!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, June 11  
"When Sue Found Sue"  
by Toni Buzzeo  
3:15-3:45 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 16  
"Oh Say Can You Say Di-No-Saur?"  
by Bonnie Worth  
3:15-3:45 p.m.

### SUMMER READERS BOOK CLUB\*

Grades 3-4. Join us for a book club where we'll discuss a dinosaur themed book, do an activity, and snacks will be provided!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, June 18  
"Jurassic Jeff: Space Invader"  
by Royden Lepp  
3:15-4 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 23  
"The Secret Explorers and the Jurassic Rescue"  
by SJ King  
3:15-4 p.m.

### TWEEN SUMMER READING BOOK CLUB\*

Grades 5-7, keep up the book club reading all through the summer! Join us to discuss a book with friends, do an activity, and have a snack!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, June 25  
"Journey to the Center of the Earth (Abridged)"  
by Jules Verne  
3-4 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 30  
"Lost Time"  
by Tas Mukanik  
3-4 p.m.

## TWEEN TUESDAYS\*

Grades 5-7. Unearth a Story, all summer long! Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**Perler Bead Dinosaurs**  
 Tuesday, June 9  
 1-2 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**Tacos and Trivia**  
 Tuesday, June 16  
 1-2 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**Dinosaur Dioramas**  
 Tuesday, June 23  
 1-2 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**DIY Kaleidoscopes**  
 Tuesday, July 14  
 1-2 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**Clay Dinosaurs**  
 Tuesday, July 21  
 1-2 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
**Cupcake Wars**  
 Tuesday, July 28  
 1-2 p.m.



### ALEX THOMAS & FRIENDS

All ages. Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of dinosaurs and paleontology! Discover fascinating facts, meet animated dinosaur puppet characters, and uncover the secrets of fossil hunting in this fun-filled, educational experience for all ages. Get ready to roar, learn, and have a dino-mite time! Registration required for the Sandburg event only.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Monday, June 29  
 11-11:45 a.m.

**@ Sandburg\***  
 Tuesday, June 30  
 (Registration begins June 2)  
 2-2:45 p.m.

### 250 FOR 250

Ages 7 and up. Celebrate the 250th birthday of the USA with a challenge to complete 250 activities this summer! Pick up your activity checklist at either branch of the library beginning June 1, or download a copy on the library website. Complete your activities before July 31 to earn your official certificate, along with other prizes! Join us on June 29 to complete activities with new friends.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, June 29  
 2-3 p.m.

### THE MUSIC LADY PRESENTS DANCING LIKE DINOSAURS!

Aimed at ages 2-7, but all are welcome. Dance like it's 200 million years ago! Families and younger readers can enjoy this prehistoric rock show with lots of movement, joy, and dancing.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Monday, July 6  
 11-11:45 a.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Tuesday, July 7  
 2-2:45 p.m.

### DINO DIG WITH BUBBLE SCIENCE\*

Ages 4 and older. This program pairs ten most popular bubble tricks with ten different dinosaurs, and concludes with each child being put into a life-sized dino egg! After the bubbles, each child will receive their own fossilized dinosaur egg to excavate with tools! These events will take place outside. Registration begins June 29th.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Monday, July 13  
 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, July 13  
 2-3 p.m.

Visit our online calendar to register for programs and to confirm dates.



### TIE-DYE ON THE LIBRARY LAWN

Ages 6 and up. Drop by the library to custom tie-dye your own item! Please dress for mess (including your shoes!) and bring a pre-washed, 100% cotton item to dye. The item will be ready to take home with you same day! Adult supervision required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Monday, July 20  
 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Wednesday, July 22  
 2-3 p.m.

### DINOSAUR DANCE PARTY

All ages welcome. Join us after our last outdoor storytime for a dinosaur dance party! Storytime starts at 10:30, with the dance party beginning after!

**@ Sandburg**  
 Thursday, July 23  
 10:30-11:45 a.m.

### CAMERON ZVARA'S COMEDY MAGIC SHOW

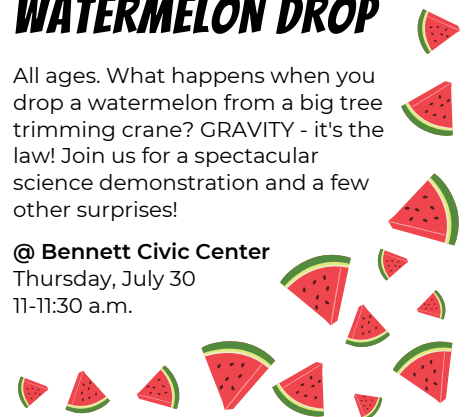
All ages. Using a combination of mind-blowing magic, hilarious comedy, juggling, music, and audience participation, Cameron's show is perfect for all ages to enjoy!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Monday, July 27  
 11-11:45 a.m. AND 6-6:45 p.m.

### WATERMELON DROP

All ages. What happens when you drop a watermelon from a big tree trimming crane? GRAVITY - it's the law! Join us for a spectacular science demonstration and a few other surprises!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, July 30  
 11-11:30 a.m.



The Summer Reading Program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Livonia Library. Thank you, Friends!



**WITH TEEN SUMMER READING**

All programs are open to teens entering grades 8-12 in the fall of 2026. Program registration opens on Monday, June 1 at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**START OF SUMMER BONFIRE**

Meet up with your friends (or make new ones!) as we celebrate the start of summer vacation with a bonfire, s'mores, and games. Participants should bring their own camp chairs. Bonfire will take place in the Library's delivery parking lot.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Friday, June 5  
7-10 p.m.

**MOBILE ESCAPE ROOM\***

Can you complete the Mystery of the Lost Cavern Tent from Escape Room Novi? You and your companions must enter the cave in hopes of finding "The Mystical Stone of Immortality." People have been looking for this stone for many years, but the local inhabitants will do whatever it takes to protect it. Get the stone and get out before you are discovered! Sign up for a 15 minutes session with up to 6 players at a time. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, June 10  
6-8 p.m.

**WANDS & WORDS: A TEEN FANTASY BOOK CLUB\***

Join us for a spell-binding book club of your favorite fantasy fiction. Registration required. After registering, teens can pick up a copy of the book (to keep!) at the Browsing Desk of the Bennett Civic Center Library. This month, we are reading "The Wee Free Men" by Terry Pratchett.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, June 11  
6:30-8 p.m.

**TIE-DYE FOR TEENS\***

Join us as we create one-of-a-kind tie dye t-shirts with vibrant, lasting colors! Supplies and instruction by Elsie Tie Dye. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, June 18  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER\***

A spine-tingling game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception. A social game played in person, seated in a circle, each player receives either a 'good' or 'evil' token with their unique character on it. Good players share information to solve the mystery whilst evil players lie about who they are and what they know. The good team wins if they can piece together their knowledge, trust each other, and execute the demon. The evil team wins if the demon can sow distrust, evade detection, and wipe out the village. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
*For intermediate/experienced players*  
Wednesdays, June 17 & July 22  
(Registration begins  
May 27 & July 1, respectively)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
*For beginners*  
Wednesdays, June 24 & July 29  
(Registration begins  
June 3 & July 8, respectively)  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**MIDSUMMER MONDAY EVENING CRAFT\***

Grades 5-12. Make fun paper crafts with with College for Creative Studies fiber arts alumni and staff member Heather Earnley. Registration required.

**@ Sandburg**  
Origami: Monday, June 22  
(Registration begins May 25)  
6-7:30 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
Paper Journals: Monday, July 20  
(Registration begins June 22)  
6-7:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BoLTs)\***

Do you have great ideas for programs you'd love to see at the library? Do you have opinions about the books you are reading that you'd love to share? Just love the library? Join us for a Board of Library Teens Meeting! We'll chat about the books we love (and hate), talk about upcoming programs, and have plenty of snacks. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 2  
5-6 p.m.

**UNEARTH A CRAFT\***

Unearth your crafty side with these paleontology themed crafts. We will make Dino Trinket Trays, Mosquito in Amber Charms, and Fossil Printed Tote Bags! All supplies provided. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 9  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**FOSSIL PUZZLE & PAINT\***

Join us as we put together and paint wooden fossil puzzles. All supplies provided. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Wednesday, July 15  
6:30-8 p.m.

**LOVE LETTERS: A TEEN ROMANCE BOOK CLUB\***

A sweet and swoon-worthy book club that celebrates love and romance in all its forms. Registration required, and then pick up your free copy of the book (to keep!) at the Bennett Civic Center Browsing Desk. This month we are reading "The Selection" by Kiera Cass.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 16  
(Registration begins June 18)  
6:30-8 p.m.

**DIY PLANTERS\***

Become windowsill gardeners with these fun DIY planters. We're going to paint tiny terracotta pots, fill them with potting soil, and sow them with microgreen seeds. All supplies provided. Registration required.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Thursday, July 23  
6:30-8 p.m.

**END OF SUMMER BONFIRE**

We'll bookend summer reading with another bonfire, s'mores, and games! Program will take place in the library delivery parking lot, please bring a camp chair.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
Friday, July 31  
7-10 p.m.

**FABULOUS LUXURY LINERS OF THE GREAT LAKES**

Explore the fascinating world of steam travel on the Great Lakes with local author Bruce Kopytek. You'll meet architects and businessmen who commissioned and operated these vessels and passengers who enjoyed sumptuous comforts while sailing on these mighty steamers. Copies of Bruce's book, "The D&C Lake Lines and the Fabulous Luxury Liners of the Great Lakes", will be sold after the presentation.

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Monday, June 1  
6-8 p.m.

**COFFEE, COCOA, TEA, AND COLORING**

Join us for an evening of relaxation time as we color and enjoy a warm beverage. All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own!

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Tuesdays, June 9 & July 14  
6:30-8 p.m.

**THE MONEY MANUAL THEY NEVER TAUGHT YOU\***

Join financial coach and author Sharnella Clark for an empowering talk on financial literacy with a focus on reshaping how you think about money. Learn how everyday habits and beliefs can keep you stuck or help build long-term financial wealth. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Wednesday, June 10  
6:30-8 p.m.

**FIRE & ICE: A MICHIGAN GEOLOGY TOUR**

Today, Michigan is a state full of flat farmland, rolling hills, jagged cliffs, and everything in-between — and altogether, those different landscapes tell a story that stretches back billions of years. It's a tale about how Michigan has changed throughout the eons, and by learning it, you'll start to realize that every rock you see around has a story of its own. In this talk, science writer Alexis Dahl will take you on a tour of Michigan's geology, in the characteristic style from her Michigan-centric series on YouTube. After, there will be time for questions.

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Thursday, June 11  
6-7 p.m.

**BIRD CRAFT WITH JASMINE'S PAPER COVEN\***

Local crafter Jasmine will guide attendees in this beginner-friendly program using paper materials and repurposing old books to create a bird inspired craft to take home. Registration required.

@ Sandburg  
Monday, June 15  
6-7 p.m.

**TEA WITH CLAIRE: BRITAIN'S HIDDEN TREASURES**

In 2020, a simple walk across a family farm led to the discovery of unusual pottery shards and the excavation of one of the largest, best-preserved Roman villa mosaic floors ever found in Europe. Finds like this are not uncommon in Britain, where layers of history continue to surface. Through historical insight, cultural context, and a touch of British wit, Claire will guide you through these incredible discoveries and share tips for visiting these sites yourself.

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Thursday, June 18  
7-8 p.m.

**BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER\***

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**MICHIGAN BIRDS OF PREY**

The Michigan Avian Experience returns with their popular Birds of Prey program. Learn about survival at its finest as these birds reveal their remarkable adaptations and behaviors. Attendees will have the opportunity to feel feathers and feet. This program will take place outdoors.

@ Sandburg  
Monday, June 29  
6-7 p.m.

Visit our online calendar to register for programs and to confirm dates.



**CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP**

@ Bennett Civic Center  
Saturday, July 25  
1-3 p.m.

Donation drop off:  
July 20-24  
During regular library hours

Trying to reduce your craft supply stash or interested in a new craft or hobby? Plan to visit our annual Craft Supply Swap! Drop off new or gently used, clean craft materials the week before the swap and receive a voucher to "shop the swap" 30 minutes early.

No supplies to donate? No problem! Stop in between 1 and 3 to pick up materials.



As always, the public is invited to attend all Library Commission Meetings and Library events. The Library will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities upon adequate notice. If you need assistance, please call the Bennett Civic Center Library at 734-466-2491 or email [askLPL@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:askLPL@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

### ARCHAEOLOGY FILM SERIES

What stories will you uncover this summer? Begin your journey at the Livonia Public Library with our three-part Archaeology Film Series, featuring three distinct films that highlight ancient cultures and archaeological discoveries across the United States. All films were produced by Bullfrog Films.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, June 24  
*Ancient Sea Peoples of the North Atlantic*  
Runtime: 118 minutes  
6-8 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, July 1  
*Written on the Landscape: Mysteries Beyond Chaco Canyon*  
Runtime: 58 minutes  
7-8 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, July 8  
*Norse America*  
Runtime: 56 minutes  
7-8 p.m.

### SILENT BOOK CLUB

Do you enjoy being in the company of readers but find that traditional book discussion groups are not for you? Is it difficult to find uninterrupted reading time at home? Join us for a relaxing evening of reading in community. After a brief, optional conversation, we'll read together in a quiet, shared space. Bring a book, e-reader, or audiobook (with headphones or earbuds, of course!).

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Mondays, June 8 & July 13  
7-8:30 p.m.

### BAG CHARMS AND KEY CHAINS WITH HEATHER WOLFE\*

Unearth jewelry making for Summer Reading! A selection of beads, baubles and other craft items in all sizes, shapes and colors will be available for you to choose from to create up to two different bag charms or key chains. You will learn different methods of construction and attachments. Instructions, assistance, and all materials provided. This class is perfect for both beginners and advanced crafters. Registration required and limited to Livonia Public Library cardholders, aged 18+.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Monday, June 29  
(Registration begins June 15)  
6-8 p.m.

### CLEMATIS CARE AND CULTURE

From plant selection and transplanting to pruning and diagnostics, join Cheryl English to learn how to get the most from your Clematis selections.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Tuesday, June 30  
7-8 p.m.

### TRADITIONAL FLOWER WYCINANKI\*

Local folklorist Jan Mordenski will teach you Wycinanki, the art of creating intricately cut paper designs. Come celebrate the bounty and beauty of summer by learning to craft a design that would traditionally decorate Polish cottages from simple colored paper. Jan will provide templates for creating interesting designs and offer helpful tips on crafting variations on this floral theme. You'll leave with a frame-worthy design based on traditional motifs. No previous experience necessary. Materials and supplies provided. Limited to Livonia Public Library cardholders, aged 18+. Registration begins Monday, June 22 at 10 a.m. Only register for one session.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Monday, July 6  
2-4 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Wednesday, July 8  
6-8 p.m.

### LPL ART STUDIO: ENCODED ADORNMENTS\*

Jewelry has always been admired for its beauty, but its meaning goes far beyond decoration. Across ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Greece, jewelry served as a form of silent communication, revealing messages about identity, status, beliefs, and power. As part of this year's Summer Reading Program theme, Unearth a Story, this LPL Art Studio explores this tradition in a modern way as you create your own hidden message through Morse code jewelry. Registration required and limited to Livonia Public Library cardholders, aged 18+

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Thursday, July 9  
7-8:30 p.m.

### ART & ARCHITECTURE OF DETROIT'S BELLE ISLE

Join us as we unearth several stories about the Art & Architecture of Detroit's Belle Isle with local historian, Dale Carlson. Discover the history of structures and art installments such as the Belle Isle Bridge, Conservatory, and Aquarium, the Livingstone Lighthouse, the James Scott Memorial Fountain, and more!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Tuesday, July 21  
6:30-8 p.m.

### DIA: THE ESSENTIALS

Explore select DIA artworks to gain an appreciation of the diversity, quality, and world-class status of the museum's collection.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Tuesday, July 28  
7-8 p.m.

### UNEARTH A PRIZE: PLANT BINGO\*

Do you love a fun game of bingo or love winning free plants as prizes? We'll have a selection of plants available to win at plant bingo and the opportunity to learn a little bit about each plant type as it comes up as a prize for the round. There will be both indoor and outdoor plants, some with sentimental ties to our librarians or the Livonia Public Library. Some of the plants were grown from seed right from our own seed library!

**@ Bennett Civic Center**

Thursday, July 30  
7-8 p.m.

# BOOK Clubs

## POSITIVE PAGES BOOK GROUP

Tired of gloomy weather and bad news? Join us for a Book Group featuring gentler reads. Email Mable at [mdoot@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:mdoot@livoniapubliclibrary.org) for more details.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Tuesday, June 2  
 "The Underground Library"  
 by Jennifer Ryan  
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Tuesday, July 7  
 "The Apple Orchard"  
 by Susan Wiggs  
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## FIRST MONDAY MEMOIRS

Join us for First Monday Memoirs and read a wide range of memoirs and biographies. Contact Nicole at [nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:nlane@livoniapubliclibrary.org) with any questions.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, June 1  
 "The Country of the Blind"  
 by Andrew Leland  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, July 6  
 "Bootstrapper"  
 by Mardi Jo Link  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## A NOVEL BOOK GROUP

Join us to explore recent works of fiction from diverse genres and points of view. For more information, contact Paige at [pplant@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:pplant@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, June 18  
 "Heartwood"  
 by Amity Gaige  
 6-7:30 p.m.

**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, July 16  
 "The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy"  
 by Megan Bannon  
 6-7:30 p.m.

## NF READS BOOK GROUP

A nonfiction book club that engages with contemporary thought while exploring how history continues to shape our present. Through insightful and welcoming discussions, we'll examine the connections between past and present. Contact Jacquelyn for more information at [jpetererson@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:jpetererson@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

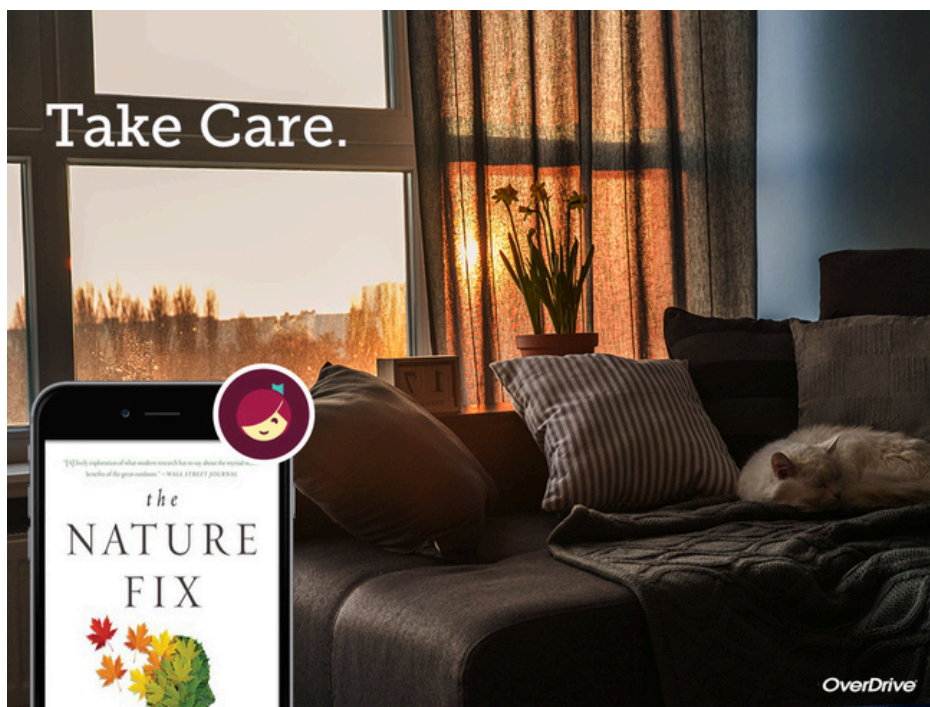
**@ Bennett Civic Center**  
 Thursday, June 25  
 "Penelope's Bones"  
 by Emily Hauser  
 6-7:30 p.m.

## MURDLE & MYSTERIES

Teens and Adults. Join us on the last Monday of the month to play a logic game of Murdle and discuss a mystery book. Contact Mike with any questions at [mbruno@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:mbruno@livoniapubliclibrary.org).

**@ Sandburg**  
 Tuesday, June 30  
 "Sugartown"  
 by Loren Estleman  
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**@ Sandburg**  
 Monday, July 27  
 "The Wench"  
 by Colin Dexter  
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