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Spring has sprung at the Livonia Public Library, and our popular **Spring Art a la Carte** program returns to celebrate from May 1-15! Visit the Bennett Civic Center Library Storytime Room during regular hours to create several spring inspired crafts for all ages. As always, we'll provide the instructions, you bring the adult supervision!

Have you started your spring cleaning? Make sure to gather any excess craft supplies in preparation for our second annual **Craft Supply Swap**, coming this July. Any new or gently used craft materials will be accepted the week before the event, and donating will earn you a chance to "shop the swap" before it opens to the public. No materials to donate? No problem! Stop by during the event to find materials for your next crafting adventure.

Are you itching to start work in your garden? Make sure you stop by the Seed Library at the Bennett Civic Center, as seeds have been restocked and are ready for planting!

Keep an eye out for the spring opening of our Nature Nook and braille-enhanced Storywalk®, which will be back with its first story of the year in mid-April, weather permitting.

We're also excited to announce that new this year, the Livonia Public Library now subscribes to **Business Insider**, and all you need to access it is your library card! Use this resource to stay up to date on business, finance, technology, innovation, and lifestyle news. Access is free anytime, anywhere at livoniapubliclibrary.org/research.

We look forward to welcoming you in to explore, create, and discover at the library!

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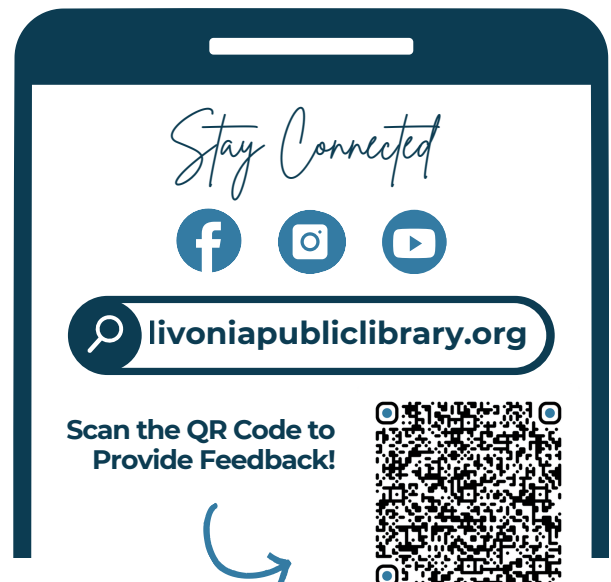
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UNEARTH A STORY™

As the weather slowly warms up and the days get longer, the Librarians are preparing for a busy summer filled with dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology. The library's annual Summer Reading Program runs **June 1 to July 31** and is filled with fun ways to connect to your community, learn something new, and earn prizes.

The Summer Reading Program provides opportunities for people of all ages to read a new book, discover a new resource, attend fun programs, and even peruse our Library of Things! Not only does this program help foster a lifelong love of reading (and the library), but students who read over the summer retain more literacy skills, making them more prepared to return to school in the fall.

SUMMER READING STARTS JUNE 1!

The summer fun starts with a **Dino-Themed Kickoff Party on June 6**, ends with the **Watermelon Drop on July 30**, and includes over 80 programs in between!

Younger readers and listeners will enjoy Storytimes, the Music Lady, Bubble Science, and more at both branches of our library. Prefer to meet us out on the road? We'll see you in the parks for Community Heroes Storytimes and Sensory Shenanigans!

Older kids will be amazed by comedy and magic shows with Cameron Zvara and Crazy Craig, create tie-dye masterpieces, and participate in book clubs. Tween Tuesdays return to offer hands-on activities including the always popular Cupcake Wars! Teens can test their problem solving skills at the Mobile Escape Room and unearth creativity with a variety of *fossil-tastic* crafts.

We look forward to seeing what you unearth this summer!



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

Bennett Civic Center Library

Saturday, June 6

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STORY TIME

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

No need to register for any of our storytimes. Drop in when you can!

FUN FOR ONES BABY

Ages 12–23 months with parent or loving caregiver. Songs, simple stories, and other activities that introduce our youngest patrons to the pleasures of the library.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Mondays, March 9 – April 20
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR
11-11:20 a.m.

TIP TOP TODDLER

Ages 2–3. Toddlers and their grown-ups are invited for stories, finger plays, action songs, and more!

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesdays, March 11 – April 22
10:15-10:40 a.m. OR
11:15-11:40 a.m.

@ Sandburg
Thursdays, March 12 – April 23
10:30-11 a.m.

RHYTHM & RHYME

Ages 2-4 with a grown-up. Dancing, musical instruments, books, and fun!

@ Bennett Civic Center
Tuesdays, March 10 – April 21
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR
11:15-11:45 a.m.

PEPPY PRESCHOOL

Ages 3–5. Enjoy stories, action songs, games, and a small take-home craft.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursdays, March 12 – April 23
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR
11:15-11:45 a.m. OR
2:15-2:45 p.m.

@ Sandburg
Wednesdays, March 11 – April 22
10:30-11 a.m.



Scan the code (or visit our online calendar) to confirm dates and times.





Books for our registered participants have been generously purchased by the Friends of the Library. Thank you, Friends!

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB*

Grades 5-7. This month we're reading "Creature Clinic" by Gavin Aung Than. A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Bennett Civic Center Library beginning March 16. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, April 13
6:30-7:30 p.m.

CODE CRACKERS*

Grades 2-3. If you love mysteries, join us for Code Crackers, a book club where we read nothing but mystery books! Pick up your copy of "Basil of Baker Street (The Great Mouse Detective)" by Eve Titus (to keep!) at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Reference Desk beginning March 21. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, April 18
11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MIDDLE-GRADE MASTERPIECES*

Grades 4-7. Are you ready to dive into some fantastic classic books? This month, we are reading "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. We'll discuss the book, have some snacks, and the book is yours to keep! Get your copy at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk beginning April 2. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, April 30
6:30-7:30 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, April 8 & 15, May 6 & 20
6-6:45 p.m.

SENSORY SHENANIGANS

Ages 3-8. Sensory-based play stimulates the brain and helps develop fine and gross motor skills. Children will experience different sensory stations such as kinetic sand with their caregivers. Please wear appropriate clothing that can get a little messy!

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, April 11
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DROP IN CHESS CLUB

Tweens and Teens in grades 5-12. If you know how to play chess and want to play against others, join us for a drop-in chess club! We will also provide chess boards designed to help those that are new to the game.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, April 14
5-6:30 p.m.

RENEGADE WRITERS*

Grades 4-7. Join us every month as we dive into the world of creative writing by trying different genres and writing styles. All participants get a journal to decorate. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, April 16
(Registration begins March 26)
7-8 p.m.

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



CLUB CREATE*

Grades 4-7. Bring your creativity and join us for Club Create! We'll offer a different themed activity each month. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, April 23
(Registration begins April 2)
7-8 p.m.

SMART MONEY STORYTIME*

Ages 4-8. Join us for a storytime that teaches the importance of spending wisely. Each child will make a bank and receive a copy of "How Do YOU Spend" by Cinders McLeod. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, April 25
(Registration begins April 11)
11-11:45 a.m.

LAB RATS*

Grades 1-3. Conduct crazy experiments and build your STEM skills! We'll learn unbelievable facts about the world around us, run tests, make observations, and try not to let anything explode. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, April 25
(Registration begins April 11)
1-2 p.m.



All ages. Love our Holiday Art ala Carte? Join us for the spring version! Several spring crafts to make. Samples and instructions will be provided. Adult supervision is required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
May 1-15
During regular library hours

» Teen Programs



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, April 2
5-6 p.m.

JUNIOR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY*

The goal of the Junior Friends is to complete service projects for the Friends of the Livonia Library, the Livonia Public Library, and the community, providing valuable volunteer opportunities to its members and aiding the Friends and the Library in their missions.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, April 11
3-5 p.m.

DROP IN CHESS CLUB

Tweens and Teens in grades 5-12. If you know how to play chess and want to play against others, join us for a drop-in chess club!

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, April 14
5-6:30 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. After registering, teens can pick up a copy of "Sasaki and Miyano 1" by Shou Harusono to keep at the Bennett Civic Center Library. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, April 16
(Registration begins March 19)
6:30-8 p.m.

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB*

Join us to read and discuss graphic novels of all kinds! A copy of the book will be available for checkout at the Sandburg Library. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Tuesdays, April 21 and May 19
6:30-7:30 p.m.

NEXT CHAPTER CRAFTS*

Take old worn-out books into their next chapter as works of art in this new teen craft series. This session we will be crafting book page flowers! Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, May 21
(Registration begins May 7)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

TEEN CARICATURE WORKSHOP*

Draw and get drawn! Ready to learn to sketch cartoon faces quickly? Artist Andrew Sigman breaks down the process making it fun and easy. There will be a short class followed by time spent drawing as many caricatures as possible. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, May 5
(Registration begins April 7)
5:30-7:30 p.m.

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BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER*

Teens and Adults. Experienced players can join us for a spine-tingling game of Blood on the Clocktower: a game of murder and mystery, lies and logic, deduction and deception. A social game played 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
Wednesday, April 22
(Registration begins April 1)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, May 20
(Registration begins April 29)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

BLOOD ON THE CLOCKTOWER FOR BEGINNERS*

Teens and Adults. New to Blood on the Clocktower? Join us as we play the beginner's script of this game of murder and mystery, lies and logic.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, April 29
(Registration begins April 8)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, May 27
(Registration begins May 6)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Your Livonia Public Library card gives you access to digital media, discounted tickets, Library of Things, 200,000+ materials & more!



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FRAUD AND SCAM PREVENTION*

In a world where scams are becoming more sophisticated, protecting your personal information and finances has never been more important. Join us for an essential workshop on recognizing, avoiding, and responding to financial fraud. This workshop is idea for adults of all ages, including seniors, caregivers, and anyone who wants to strengthen their financial safety. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, April 15
1-2 p.m.

HOMEFRONT & HOMELAND: DETROIT AND THE HOLOCAUST

What did the Michigan Jewish Community know about the Shoah and when, and how did they respond? Catherine Cangany, PhD and Executive Director of the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, presents this engaging lecture.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, April 20
6:30-8 p.m.

TEA WITH CLAIRE: THE BEST OF ENGLAND'S DRAMATIC CORNWALL

Drawing from her years living in England, Claire Evans will bring Cornwall, a region known for its rugged, windswept coastline, dramatic cliffs, charming seaside villages, and rich history, to life.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, April 20
6:30-8 p.m.

MEDICARE 101 WITH PRIORITY HEALTH*

Whether you're approaching Medicare eligibility or supporting a loved one, this session will demystify the basics of Medicare. Walk through the key components of the program and learn how they work together to provide coverage. You'll also learn about enrollment timelines supplemental options like Medigap, and how to make the most of your benefits.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, April 27
(Registration begins March 16)
2-3 p.m.

HAWAIIAN MUSUBI MAKE & EAT COOKING DEMO WITH MING LOUIE*

Try something a little Hawaiian with local chef Ming Louie - Musubi is very popular in Hawaii! Enjoy your own hand-made Musubi snack during this demonstration. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, May 4
(Registration begins April 6)
6-8 p.m.

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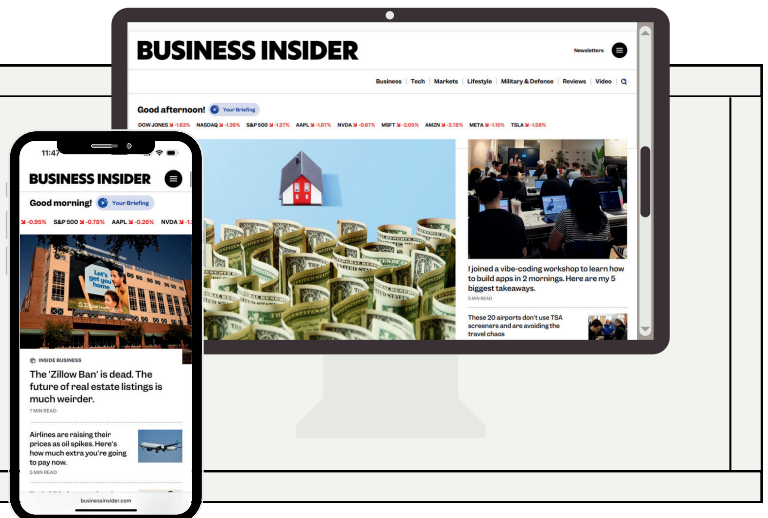


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COFFEE, COCOA, TEA, AND COLORING

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, April 14 & May 19
6:30-8 p.m.

SILENT BOOK GROUP

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, April 6 & May 11
7-8:30 p.m.

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP*

Learn basic jewelry making techniques with Christine Steffen. Participants will leave with a summer holiday bracelet! Materials and supplies provided. You must be a Livonia Resident, age 18+, with a valid Livonia Library card to register.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, May 27
(Registration begins May 13)
2:30-4 p.m.

SOUND BATH AND QIGONG*

Need a quiet moment? Join us for this two segment presentation with an hour of Qigong followed by an hour of sound bath. Qigong improves physical balance, memory, circulation, and enhances overall physical and emotional well being. Sound bath provides the ultimate in relaxation with singing bowls, chimes, or gongs used to provide a calming experience. Please bring a pillow, a light blanket or throw, and a yoga mat if you have one. Eye masks will be provided and a limited number of yoga mats will be available. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, May 28
(Registration begins May 7)
5:30-7:30 p.m.



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

NOONTIME CONCERTS

BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY
THURSDAYS AT 12:15 PM

Concerts are free to attend!
Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy the show.



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BLUEGRASS, FOLK, & COUNTRY
APRIL 16



KELLY & DARRYL
VIOLIN & PIANO
MAY 21



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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 for more details.

@ Bennett Civic Center

Tuesday, April 7
 "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club"
 by Helen Simonson
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center

Tuesday, May 5
 "Recipe for a Charmed Life"
 by Rachel Linden
 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 with any questions.

@ Sandburg

Monday, April 6
 "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
 by Maya Angelou
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg

Monday, May 4
 "Dying of Politeness"
 by Geena Davis
 6:30-7:30 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 jpeterston@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

@ Bennett Civic Center

Thursday, May 7
 "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times"
 by Jane Goodall
 6-7:30 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.

@ Bennett Civic Center

Thursday, April 16
 "Fortune Favors the Dead"
 by Stephen Spotswood
 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.

@ Sandburg

Monday, April 27
 "The Maltese Falcon"
 by Dashiell Hammett
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg



Monday, May 18
 "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold"
 by John LeCarre
 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Celebrate
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
 April 19-25, 2026

What brings you joy? Whether it's cozing up with a new story, learning a new skill, gathering with community, or something else entirely, you can find your joy at the Livonia Public Library.

National Library Week is a chance to recognize the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

We invite everyone to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron, a new neighbor, or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our libraries provide free WiFi, all-ages programming, and a Library of Things that includes games, puzzles, tools, and more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever brings you joy, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, we're here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Be sure to keep an eye on our social media during National Library Week! You can help us celebrate your favorite library workers, Right to Read Day, and Library Outreach Day.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.






All Livonia Libraries
will be **closed**
April 3-5

and
May 23-25



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 FRIENDS OF THE
LIVONIA LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

MAY 15-17

PRE-SALE MAY 14!

Book Sale hours:
Friday and Saturday:
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday:
1-5 p.m.

Pre-Sale on May 14
is open to Friends of
the Library members
and teachers (must
present ID) from
4:30-6:30 p.m.



The Friends of the Library are an active group of volunteers whose mission is to provide support for the services and programs of the Livonia Public Library.



THE FRIENDS USED BOOK STORE

The store was started by The Friends of the Library in June 2006; you will find a large selection of books and media for all ages. We are located in the Bennett Civic Center Library.

Hours of Operation:

Mon: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Thur, Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Book Store: (734) 466-2495



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