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Livonia PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Notes from the Director

As 2026 winds down and we step into 2027, I am reflecting on how much our library means to this community. Whether you are hunkering down at home with a cozy read, hosting family, or traveling for the holidays, your library card is a passport to comfort, entertainment, and connection all winter long.

Your library card gives you 24/7 access to our digital library and online resources. Stream movies, read best-selling e-books, listen to e-audiobooks and music, and browse newspapers right from your phone, tablet, or computer using Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy, and PressReader.

Planning some winter staycations or local adventures? Don't forget about the Michigan Activity Pass, which offers Livonia Public Library cardholders free or discounted admission to cultural destinations, state parks, museums, and more across the state.

Staying home to tackle a home project or looking for ways to keep kids entertained during winter break? Explore our Library of Things collection! Checkout board games, tools, STEAM kits, and more for free. Need to stay connected on the go? We also have mobile Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout.

Thank you for a wonderful 2026! Wishing you a happy holiday season as we look forward to 2027.

Lindsay Fricke

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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.

Registration is not required.

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, Jan. 11 – April 26
(No sessions on Jan. 18, Feb. 15, or March 29)
10:15-10:35 a.m. OR
11-11:20 a.m.

RHYTHM & RHYME

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

@ Bennett Civic Center
Tuesdays, Jan. 12 – April 27
(No session on March 30)
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR
11:15-11:45 a.m.

BEDTIME STORYTIME WITH YOGA

Ages 2-6. Join us for a quiet and mindful storytime to unwind and relax for the evening. Please bring a towel, blanket, or yoga mat.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Tuesdays, Jan. 12 – April 27
(No session on March 30)
6-6:20 p.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, Jan. 13 – April 28
(*No session on March 31*)
10:15-10:40 a.m. OR
11:15-11:40 a.m.

@ Sandburg
Thursdays, Jan. 14 – April 29
(No session on April 1)
10:30-11 a.m.

PEPPY PRESCHOOL

Ages 3–5. Enjoy stories, action songs, and more!

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursdays, Jan. 14 – April 29
(No session on April 1)
10:15-10:45 a.m. OR
11:15-11:45 a.m. OR
2:15-2:45 p.m.

@ Sandburg
Wednesdays, Jan. 13 – April 28
(No session on March 31)
10:30-11 a.m.

WEEKEND STORYTIME

Ages 2-6. Stories, songs, literacy-based learning, and lots of fun.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturdays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 27
11 a.m. to 12 p.m.



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



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
Tuesdays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12
5-6:30 p.m.

POKEMON CLUB

Grades K-7. If you love Pokémon, come hang out with other Pokéfans at the library. We will do crafts, trivia, and more. Professor Oak says, “You can bring trading cards if you want! Trading allowed with supervision."

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18
5:30-6:30 p.m.

SENSORY SHENANIGANS

Ages 3-8. Children of all abilities and ages benefit from sensory-based play; it 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
Saturdays, Jan. 16 and Feb. 13
10 a.m. to 12 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, Dec. 2 and Jan. 13 & 27
6-6:45 p.m.

RENEGADE WRITERS*

Grades 4 -7. Join us every month as we dive into the world of creative writing. We will try out different genres and writing styles. Participants will also get a journal to decorate. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Jan. 14
(Registration begins Dec. 17)
7-8 p.m.

CLUB CREATE*

Grades 4-7. Do you like to be creative? Then bring your creativity and join us for Club Create, where we'll offer a different themed activity each month. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Feb. 11
(Registration begins Jan. 21)
7-8 p.m.

LAB RATS*

Grades 1-3. Build, observe, explore! Join us once a month for wacky experiments that will build your science skills. This is a drop-off program, but an accompanying adult must remain present in the library. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Jan. 16
(Registration begins Jan. 2)
12:30-1:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Feb. 13
(Registration begins Jan. 30)
12:30-1:30 p.m.

STEAM TEAM*

Grades 4-7. Power up your Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math skills with the STEAM Team! We’ll ask questions and find answers through hands-on, STEAM-focused activities. This is a drop-off program, but an accompanying adult must remain present in the library. Registration required.

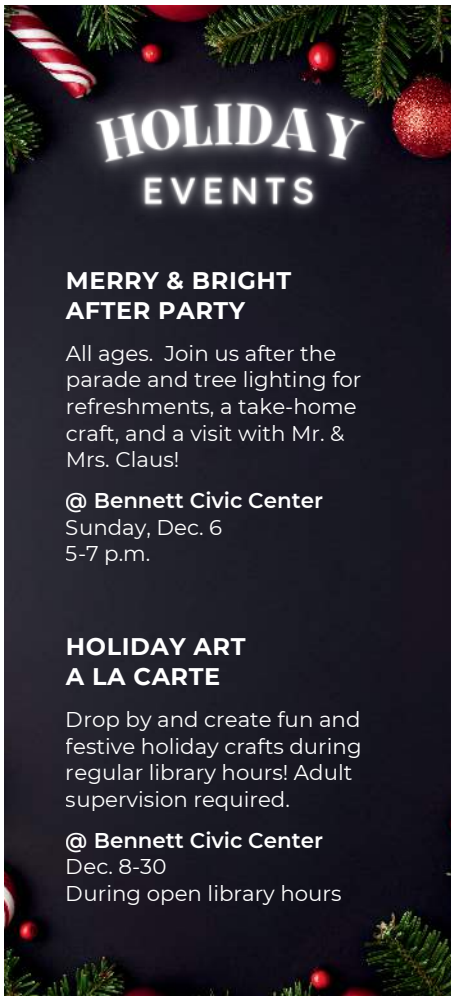
@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Jan. 16
(Registration begins Jan. 2)
2-3 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Feb. 13
(Registration begins Jan. 30)
2-3 p.m.

7 WONDERS*

Tweens and Teens in grades 5-12. Join us in “7 Wonders" as we play the fast-paced strategy board game. We will review the ins and outs of the game before starting to play. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, Dec. 15
(Registration begins Nov. 2)
6:30-7:30 p.m.



CRAYONS, GLITTER & GLUE

Ages 2-7. Join us for stories and then create art! Dress for mess.
No registration required.

@ Sandburg
Wednesdays, Dec. 9 & 16
10:30-11:30 a.m.

GAME NIGHT - HUES & CUES*

Grades 5-12. Come play the fast paced, unique and color spectrum focused board game. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, Jan. 26
(Registration begins Dec. 15)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

BOOK CLUBS



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

MY 1ST BOOK CLUB*

Grades K-1 with a grown-up. During this introduction to book clubs, we will answer some questions and do a fun activity. Participants can pick up their books at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Jan. 9
(Registration begins Dec. 26)
10:15-10:45 a.m.

JUST FOR ME BOOK CLUB*

Grade 2. Join us for a fun and exciting space just for kids in 2nd grade! We'll talk about a fun book, have some snacks, and do a related project! Pick up your copy of the book to keep at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Jan. 9
(Registration begins Dec. 26)
2:15-3 p.m.

KIDS & COMICS BOOK CLUB*

Grades 3-4. Do you love graphic novels? Join us for the Kids & Comics book club! We'll talk about the book, do something crafty, have some snacks, and just hang out! Participants can pick up their books at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, Jan. 25
(Registration begins Jan. 4)
5:30-6:30 p.m.

MIDDLE-GRADE MASTERPIECES*

Grades 4-5. Are you ready to dive into some fantastic classic books? 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. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Dec. 16
(Registration begins Dec. 2)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Feb. 17
(Registration begins Feb. 3)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB*

Grades 5-7. Join us for a book club all about graphic novels! A copy of the book will be available for pick up at the Bennett Civic Center Library Children's Desk. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, Jan. 25
(Registration begins Jan. 4)
7-8 p.m.

DON'T READ THIS BOOK!*

Grades 6-7. A crafty, trivia, sometimes book club just for Tweens! We'll hang out, compete for trivia prizes, make crafts, and talk about the book. All registered participants will be able to pick up a free copy of the book at the Bennett Civic Center Library. Registration required.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Dec. 2
(Registration begins Nov. 18)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Feb. 3
(Registration begins Jan. 20)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

READING Challenges

Available for all ages at
livonialibrary.beanstack.org

*Registration required. Register online (livoniapubliclibrary.org/calendar), by phone (734) 466-2493, or in person.



CREATE YOUR 2027 VISION BOARD*

Teens and Adults. We're making vision boards to welcome in the new year. Bring any photos or art that you would like to include. Magazines, paper, scissors, glue and more are provided. Registration required.

@ Sandburg
Monday, Dec. 21
(Registration begins Nov. 23)
6-7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BoLTs)*

Grades 8-12. 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.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, Jan. 5
6-7 p.m.

Game Night

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5-6:30 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
Tuesday, Jan. 19
(Registration begins Dec. 18)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, Feb. 23
(Registration begins Jan. 19)
6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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.

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(Registration begins Nov. 25)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

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(Registration begins Dec. 28)
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(Registration begins Nov. 11)
6:30-8:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Jan. 27
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CELEBRATING THE BEST MOVIES OF 2026*

Film critics Chris Williams and Perry Seibert will talk about the best films of the year, their Oscar predictions, and answer questions about the year in film. Chris and Perry have been reviewing films for more than 20 years, are members of the Michigan Movie Critics Guild, and co-host the podcast "We're Watching Here."

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Jan. 7
(Registration begins Dec. 17)
6:30-8 p.m.

THE EVER-PRESENT CAMERA: UNDERSTANDING PHOTOGRAPHY ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

This program is designed to provide an overview of smartphone photography, storage, and some best practices so you can make the best use out of this amazing tool.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Monday, Jan. 11
7-8:30 p.m.



THE RJ SPANGLER BAND

Don't let cold weather keep you home—put on a warm coat and come listen to some cool jazz from this renowned metro Detroit band. Co-led by trumpeter James O'Donnell and drummer Bob Sweet, this concert will knock your cozy socks off. Bring your lunch and a friend and enjoy the show! Concert made possible by the Jazz Foundation of America.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Jan. 21
12:15-1 p.m.

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Seed Library

Planting seeds, growing knowledge, cultivating community.

The Livonia Public Library Seed Library offers free seeds and gardening resources to support sustainable practices, encourage home gardening, and strengthen our local community. Located at the Bennett Civic Center Library.

SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SESSION*

Our Seed Library relies on the generous donation of time and effort from our volunteers to keep stocked and running. If you would like to assist the Seed Library by sorting seeds and filling envelopes, please join us! Registration required. Seed Library volunteers must be adults aged 18+.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Saturday, Feb. 13
3-4:30 p.m.

WINTER SOWING WORKSHOP*

The Livonia Public Library Seed Library has partnered with Wild Ones of Wayne County to bring you a Winter Sowing Workshop!

Winter sowing involves creating a miniature greenhouse for your seeds to grow in. In this workshop you will learn how to use milk jugs or clear plastic jugs to sow seeds to be placed outside for the remainder of winter until they germinate and grow. It is relatively low-cost and for that cost, is incredibly effective at germinating native plant seeds.

Native seeds, soil, and a limited number of plastic jugs will be provided. Attendees, please bring 1-2 cleaned gallon jugs from home (milk or water work best).

This is a great opportunity to create connections with people and nature through the process of growing native plants from seed. Hope to see you there!

@ Bennett Civic Center
Wednesday, Jan. 13
(Registration begins Dec. 16)
6:30-7:30 p.m.



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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.

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Try **Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center** from MeL.org for inspiration on knitting, paper craft, model building, photography, and more!

JEWELRY MAKING WORKSHOP WITH CHRISTINE STEFFEN*

Learn some basic jewelry making techniques. Participants will leave with jewelry that they have created. All materials provided. Registration required and limited to Livonia Public Library cardholders aged 18+.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Holiday Bracelet
Wednesday, Dec. 2
(Registration begins Nov. 18)
2:30-4 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Winter Wonderland Themed Jewelry
Wednesday, Feb. 10
(Registration begins Jan. 27)
2:30-4 p.m.

COFFEE, COCOA, TEA AND COLORING

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

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Tuesdays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12
6:30-8 p.m.

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

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ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines

hoopla
ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV series

kanopy
movies, documentaries, educational series + more

MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS
free and discounted tickets to select Michigan parks, museums + other activities

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trusted ratings + reviews for thousands of products

MANGO
prepare for realistic conversations and communication in over 70 world languages

Use the QR Code to access our resources, or stop by any location for assistance.

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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, Dec. 1
"Shepherds Abiding"
by Jan Karon
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Tuesday, Jan. 5
"The Holiday Cottage"
by Sarah Morgan.
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, Dec. 7
We will review 2026's memoir reads, and share your own standouts as well.
6:30-7:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg
Monday, Jan. 4
"The Book of Charlie"
by David Von Drehle
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.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Dec. 17
"Death of the Author"
by Nnedi Okorafor
6-7:30 p.m.

@ Bennett Civic Center
Thursday, Jan. 21
"The Talking Bone"
by Rene Denfeld
6-7:30 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!).

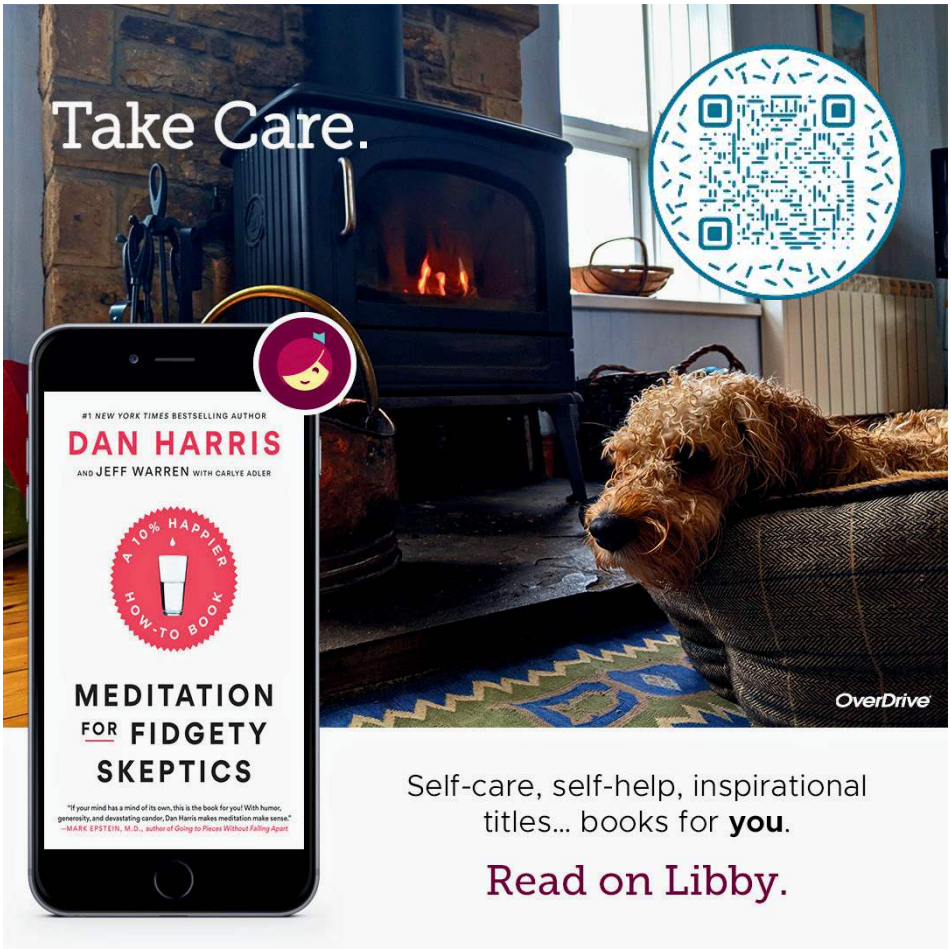
@ Bennett Civic Center
Mondays, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11
7-8:30 p.m.

@ Sandburg
Tuesday, Dec. 22
6-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

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, Jan. 25
"Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone"
by Benjamin Stevenson
6:30-7:30 p.m.



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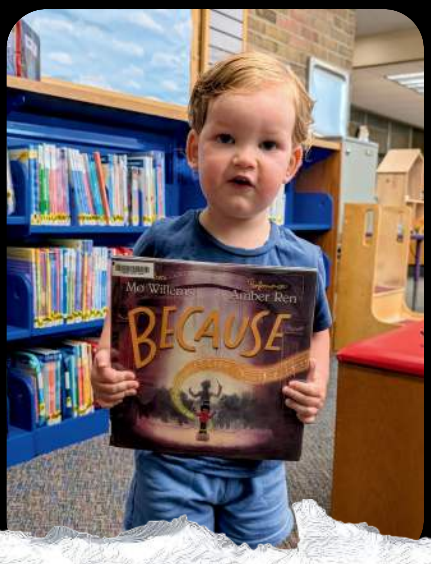



2026 *at the Library*

Thank you for another wonderful year! We're grateful for our amazing community and all the smiles, stories, and memories we've shared.



Join Our *Newsletter*

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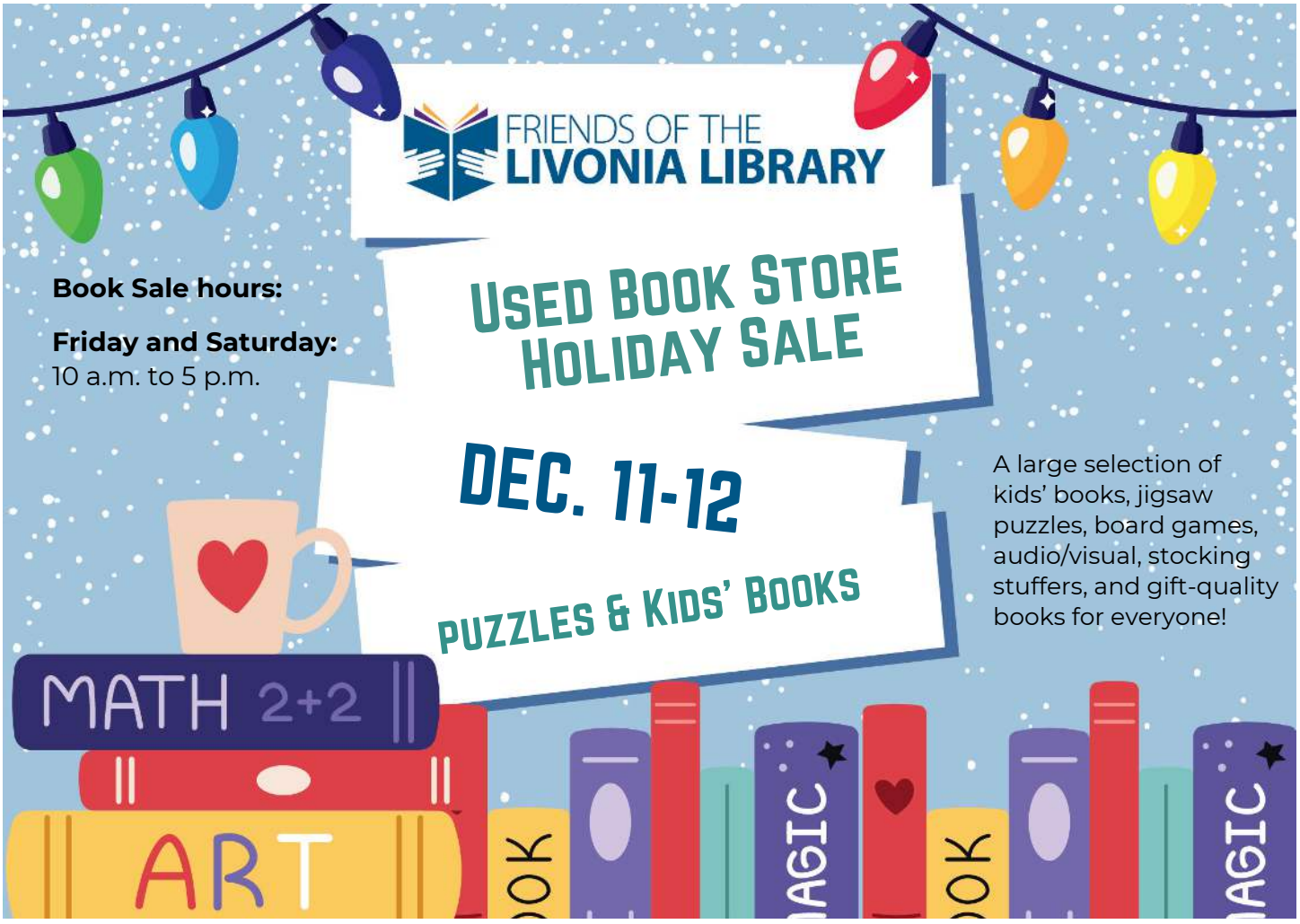

FRIENDS OF THE LIVONIA LIBRARY

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.
Tue & Wed: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thur, Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Book Store: (734) 466-2495

Livonia PUBLIC LIBRARY

ROBERT AND JANET BENNETT CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY

32777 Five Mile Road
(734) 466-2491

Mon - Thurs: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun: 1-5 p.m.*

**Closed on Sundays Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.*

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CARL SANDBURG LIBRARY

30100 Seven Mile Road
(248) 893-4010

Mon & Tue: 12-8 p.m.
Wed & Thurs: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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