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Dear Reader,

Happy New Year! We are ready for another fun year at the library. We have fun activities coming up: escape rooms, book blizzard, blind date with a book and more.

Sincerely,

Your Friendly Librarians

New Technology

We have 2 new computers for public use. We have a desktop and a laptop available, and both have Microsoft office installed. The laptop can be checked out as "in-library use only," and patrons can use our community room for a quieter workspace. Our third computer is available for kids to play online games. It is loaded with fun, educational games for all ages.

No more slow internet! We now have a staff Wi-Fi and a public Wi-Fi. This split system allows the public to have a higher powered internet system without affecting staff internet. The Wi-Fi is password protected for safer internet use, just stop at the reference desk for the password.

Genealogy lovers, this last piece of tech is for you! We now offer ancestry.com. You can only use this resource in library as it runs off our IP address. Our laptop comes prepped and ready for your genealogy searches. In addition, patrons have access to MyHeritage which is for library card holders.



Upcoming Events

January 27

Escape Room available through January 31st.

Library Closure Dates

January 2nd Happy New Year

January 20th Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 17th President's Day

Join a Club this New Year

We have a variety of fun clubs to join at the library. We have Book Club, Movie Club and Cook Book Club. This new year, meet new friends at your library. You never know the fun until you join.

More Important News

Booster Packs

Help your little one be *ready to read by grade three*. We have three booster packs for grades K-2nd. Each pack is filled with a book, a game, and a hands on learning activity. They are fun for kids and help them be better prepared by grade three. Why is it important to have good reading skills? The 'Reading Foundation' explains that grades K – 3rd are learning to read, after grade three they are reading to learn. Reading skills are important for kids for their school studies. We will add more booster packs to our collection over time. Our fourth booster pack is dedicated to math. It has a fun hands on activity for kids to enjoy. This math pack makes learning math fun and enjoyable. Come in today and check them out. Each pack can be checked out for 2 weeks, just like a book.

Real ID Notice

On October 1, 2020, the federally mandated REAL ID law goes into effect, and if you travel by air, this law will impact you. REAL ID is the post-9/11 federal requirement that set higher security standards for identification. Once in effect, a REAL ID will be required to board any U.S. flight or to enter some federal facilities. A REAL ID can be a U.S. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License – or you can turn your standard driver's license into a REAL ID at the Secretary of State's office. Learn more about the law and what documents you need to bring to get a REAL ID at Michigan.gov/REALID.

Cost?

When renewing your driver's license or ID card there is no additional cost for just the "REAL ID," it is the same cost as renewing your driver's license or ID card.

What do you need to bring?

You will need your current driver's license or ID card, social security number and certified birth certificate. If you were married and had a name change, you will need to bring in the legal documentation verifying the marriage and/or name change.



Fun at the Library

Winter Reading Program

Winter reading is in full force. Read a book and be entered in the months drawing, as well as adding to our paper chain.

“Book Blizzard” and “Blind Date with a Book”

In January and February, we will have books covered for patrons to grab. This is a fun way to explore new genres and authors. The saying goes “don't judge a book by its cover,” and we are helping patrons do just that.

Scavenger Hunt in the Library

When you stop by look closely in the stacks, you might be the lucky winner of a fun prize. January we have our special tickets out, and in February the hunt is on for those paper hearts.