

# PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY



## Amphitheater and Summer Reading Kick-Off Planned for June 1

Spring is just arriving, but we are busy making exciting plans for summer. One of the most exciting things is that we will be welcoming the community to outdoor library events in the brand new Wilcox Amphitheater! Please plan to join us for a super fun Summer Reading Kickoff and Amphitheater Inauguration coming June 1 from 11am-2pm.

Enjoy a free hotdog lunch and a full schedule of great entertainment! The official ribbon cutting ceremony will be at noon and the festivities will continue into the afternoon. Watch the May e-newsletter and library postings for details. Thank you, Plymouth community, for helping us celebrate this momentous occasion! ■



Construction of the amphitheater opening Summer 2024

## National Poetry Month with Michigan's Poet Laureate

by Donna Jackson

Nandi Comer was announced the Michigan Poet Laureate in the Fall of 2022. As the poet laureate Comer visits schools and libraries in Michigan to share her poetry and the works of other poets to Michigan residents. In January she was one of PDL's featured authors where I got a chance to talk with her about all things poetry. A little background about Comer, a Detroit native, she holds a B.A. in English and Spanish with a focus on Latin American Culture from the University of Michigan.

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## Introducing New Wellness Room

A PLACE OF SERENITY

PDL is thrilled to announce the latest enhancement to our library - the introduction of a private Wellness Room, situated on the lower level. This space has been created by repurposing an underutilized area within the youth department, aiming to cater to a diverse range of needs within our community. Whether you are a nursing parent seeking a discreet and tranquil environment, an individual in search of a space for prayer and reflection, or a family with children struggling to manage their emotions, our new Wellness Room offers a serene sanctuary for various purposes.

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# YOUTH PROGRAMS & BOOK CLUBS

## MARCH READING CHALLENGE

Celebrate National Reading Month with a fun reading (or listening) challenge for ages 2-12. Drop by and pick up your "Challenge Sheet" from the Youth HELP desk starting March 1st. There will be small prize for every weekly challenge and a FREE BOOK if you complete all challenges. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



## BARK READING PROGRAM

**Mondays: March 4, April 1 and May 6 | 6pm-7:30pm**

B.A.R.K. is a social reading program focused on children's learning. This program is designed to help children with their reading and communication skills. A child will be paired with a therapy dog for a 15-minute reading session. We will have books available but feel free to bring your own. The Paws & Effect team provides support while the child gets supervised reading practice. Registration not required.

## HISTORY MAKERS

**Tuesdays: March 12, April 8 and May 13 | 6:30-7:30pm**

Welcome to History Makers! We explore a different historical figure's achievements through a picture-book biography, followed by a discussion and related craft or activity. Kids aged 5-8 and family members get a History Makers take-home packet. Register on our website.

**March:** We will be learning about Fred Rogers and reading *Hello Neighbor! The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers* by Matthew Cordell.

**April:** We will be learning about fashion designer Lena "Lane" Bryant and reading *A Perfect Fit: How Lena "Lane" Bryant Changed the Shape of Fashion* by Maria Rockliff.

**May:** We will be learning about artist Keith Haring and reading *Drawing on Walls* by Matthew Burgess.

## PI DAY CELEBRATION!

**March 14 | All Day**

3.14159265359...It's a Pi Day celebration on the Youth Floor! March 14th marks the annual celebration of the mathematical constant, pi. It also happens to be Albert Einstein's 145th birthday so how could we NOT celebrate? Stop by on the Youth Floor anytime from 5-8:30pm and enjoy FUN math activities for all ages, an Albert Einstein photo booth, and take home extras. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## BOARD GAMES GALORE!

**Tuesday, March 26 | 10am-12pm and 2-4pm**

Need something fun to do over Spring Break? Come to the library and use our board, dice and card games for tons of family fun! This program is for ages 3 - 12 and their families. No registration required.

## DIY BOOKMARKS

**Friday March 29 | 2-3:30pm**

Join us to make a bookmark using a variety of supplies! Ages 3-12.

## STARLAB EXPERIENCE

**Saturday, April 6 | 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm**

We're celebrating the upcoming solar eclipse with the StarLab! The StarLab is an indoor inflatable planetarium capable of holding 25 people at a time. We will have several viewing options throughout the day on Saturday, April 6 in the Walldorf & Dunning meeting rooms on the main level. There will also be educational activities for kids 12 and under, to take and enjoy at home. These are 20 minutes time slots and will include a story and fun facts to engage your minds while enjoying the view.

## MESSY PLAY

**Fridays: March 15, April 19 and May 17 | 10:30am-11:30am**

Children are naturally curious and learn best when they actively engage with their environment and use all their senses! They will learn about different textures and materials in the way they learn best. This is a drop in activity for ages 0-4. Please dress for mess.

## 3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD

**Wednesday, April 24 | 6:30-8pm**

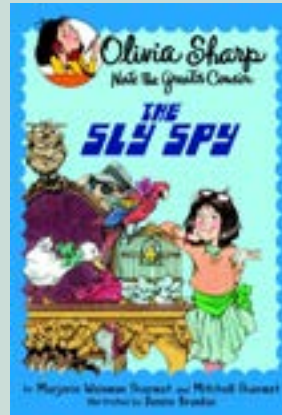
Join us in The Lab for an introduction to 3D design using TinkerCAD, where you will have the opportunity to design and print your own customized key chains. Our staff will guide you through the process of using TinkerCAD to create your designs, teaching you the basics of 3D design and helping you unlock your creativity. Please register on our events calendar for this in-person program. Age: 7-12.



## SNACK CHAT BOOK CLUB

**Monday April 22 | 6:30-7:15pm**

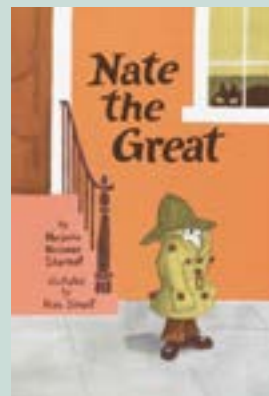
Attention Page Turners & Graphic Novel Book Club kids! The library is launching its new book club - Snack Chat! Kids ages 9-12 can enjoy snacks and drinks while we chat about our favorite authors, books, book series and book characters. Come ready to tell us about your favorite book or book series, dress up like your favorite book character or bring something book related for show and tell. Registration begins April 15th. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB!

**Wednesday May 22 | 6:30pm**

This book club is for beginning readers ages 5-8. You will receive a bag containing list of books in a series that the kids can read, as well as some fun activities. Your child will then be able to meet up with other kids to talk about the books they read, do a craft and play a game. May's book series will be Nate the Great or Olivia Sharp by Marjorie Sharmat. Registration begins April 24th from our Events Calendar, in person or by calling 734-453-0750, option 5. Bags will be available starting May 1st. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



## GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB @ STATE OF COMICS!

We are thrilled to partner with State of Comics on Forest Ave. in Plymouth for this long-standing club! Kids will get a complimentary copy of a graphic novel. We'll meet at State of Comics to discuss the book and do some fun activities. The discussion starts at 6:30pm on select dates and is open to kids ages 9-12. Register online from our events calendar, in person or call us at 734-453-0750, option 5. Pick up your book at the Youth Help Desk after registering. This program is limited to 12 kids. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



**March 21** - *Buzzing* by Samuel Sattin (registration begins February 21)

**May 16** - *Freestyle* by Gale Galligan (registration begins April 16)



## THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Stream movies, documentaries and other video content through Kanopy. Everyone from film scholars to casual viewers will discover remarkable and enriching films on Kanopy. Visit [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and click on Read/Watch/Listen.

# YOUTH STORYTIMES



## PLAY & LEARN STORYTIME

**Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and**

**Thursdays: May 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10:30-11:15am**

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and more that encourage development of early literacy skills in young children. This storytime is perfect for children who prefer a cozy atmosphere. Recommended for ages 2-5 and their families. Registration not required.

## SATURDAY STORYTIME

**Saturday, March 9 | 10:30-11am**

Join us for a Saturday morning storytime, full of stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family! This storytime session is intended for children ages 2-5 and their families. Registration not required.

## BABYTIME

**Mondays: March 25, April 22 | 10:30-11:15am**

**Fridays: March 8, April 12, May 10 | 10:30-11:15am**

Babytime is a 15 minute story, song, and rhyme time, followed by a 30 minute playtime. This program is for babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. Only the caregiver and baby may attend. No older siblings please. Registration not required.

## SUPER-SIZED STORYTIME

**Wednesdays: March 6 - April 10 and**

**Wednesdays: May 1 - June 5 | 10:30-11am**

Join us in the Dunning Room on the main level for the same storytime you know and love but SUPER-SIZED! We'll have more room to wiggle and sing and more room for friends. Storytime includes a mix of books, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 with their families. Registration not required.

## YOGA STORYTIME

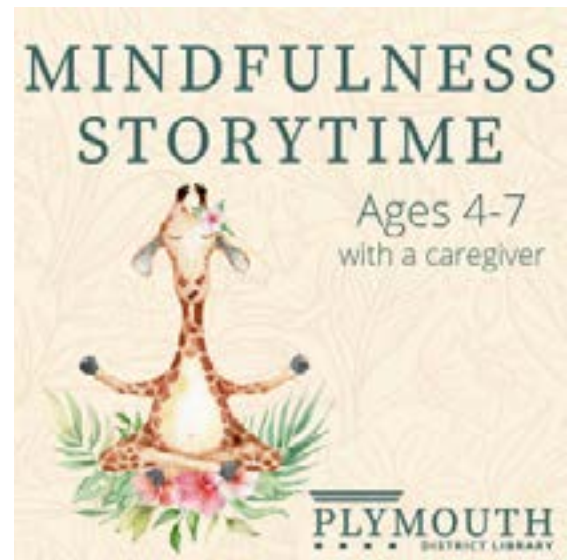
**Thursday, April 4 | 6-6:30pm**

Ms. Jessica will read a book and then go through some fun and easy yoga poses that match up with the story. Incorporating yoga in storytime keeps children (ages 3-6) engaged with the story in a creative way. Both children and adults should bring a yoga mat or towel; all will be participating. Registration begins March 21st.

## KINDERGARTEN BOOTCAMP

**Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 | 1-1:30pm**

This program is designed to give preschoolers ages 4-5 the opportunity to experience going to storytime by themselves as well as learning skills needed for kindergarten. Stories and activities focus on early literacy and kindergarten readiness skills while practicing social-emotional skills. Caregivers should remain on the youth floor. Registration not required.



## MINDFUL STORYTIME

**Thursday May 2 | 6-6:30pm**

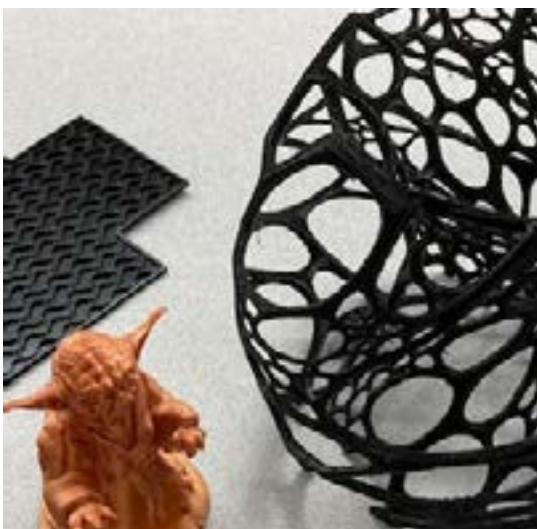
Join Miss Dana for a storytime dedicated to mindfulness. We will share stories, songs and activities to help your child calm down and deal with any worries they might be having. This storytime is intended for children ages 4-7 and their families.

## STORYTIME FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**Saturday, April 27 | 10:30-11:15am**

Join us for a very special storytime! Ms. Jessica features sensory-friendly stories, songs, and rhymes. All developmental disabilities welcome, regardless of age. Followed by open play. Register opens April 13 online, in person, or call 734-453-0750, option 5.

# FOR ALL AGES AND FAMILY



## The Lab

A space for makers, crafters, and other people looking to expand their skills or create something special.

### UPCOMING WORKSHOP

SCRAP REUSE

FOR EARTH DAY

**Monday, April 22 | 3-7pm**

Experiment with The Lab's equipment using supplies provided by PDL. The possibilities are as endless as your imagination. For all ages. [plymouthlibrary.org/lab/](http://plymouthlibrary.org/lab/)

## CARDS FOR HOSPITALIZED KIDS

**Sunday, March 3 | 2-4pm**

Join us in spreading joy and hope by supporting Cards for Hospitalized Kids (CFHK), a nonprofit that distributes handmade cards to Children's Hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses in all 50 states. From Cricut cutting machines and to stamps and other paper crafting essentials, we provide everything you need to create heartwarming cards for kids. Age: All Ages Drop-In.

## JIGSAW PUZZLE COMPETITION

**Sunday, April 14 | 2pm**

Grab some family or friends and join us for a jigsaw puzzle competition. You may compete with up to 6 people per team. A two-hour time limit is given, and each team will receive the same 750-piece puzzle. Whoever completes their puzzle first, (or who can complete the most in 2 hours) wins! This event is intended for adults and/or families. *There must be a minimum of one adult per team.* This is a drop-in event. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## CREATE YOUR OWN JUNK JOURNAL

**Monday, April 15 | 6:30-8pm**

Come down to the Storytime Room this Earth Month to create a junk journal - a fun, sustainable scrapbook for you to record your thoughts and hold onto treasured knickknacks! Using magazines, scrap paper, and even old library books, you can create a wonderful and waste-free keepsake. This craft is fun for the whole family, though younger kids may need a little grown-up assistance. Registration not required.



## DIGITAL BOOKS, AUDIO BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Libby brings you digital books, audiobooks and magazines right to your phone, tablet, or eReader. Through our partners at Midwest Collaborative, we bring the power of 25 separate library collections to give you a specially curated collection. Visit [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and click on **Read/Watch/Listen.**

# ADULT BOOKCLUBS

## Contemporary Books Discussion Group

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the library. Volunteers from the group lead the discussion, with background materials supplied by the librarian. Each month the current title is available at the help desk on the main level. New members are always welcome! For more information, e-mail [info@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:info@plymouthlibrary.org).



**March 12**  
**Collected Regrets of Clover**  
by Mikki Brammer



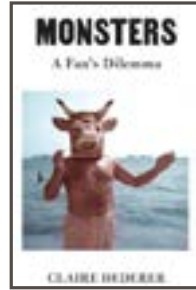
**April 9**  
**Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss**  
by Margaret Renkl



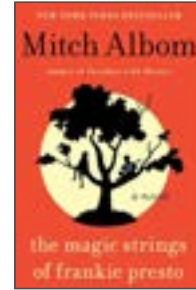
**May 14**  
**Under the Whispering Door**  
by TJ Klune

## Books On Tap

This book club meets monthly at 7pm to talk books, socialize, and kick back with a beverage. Meetings take place at **Arbor Brewing Plymouth Taproom**. Books for the current month's selection may be obtained from the reader's advisory desk on the main level of the Library. New members are always welcome!



**March 20**  
**Monsters**  
by Claire Dederer



**April 17**  
**The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto**  
by Mitch Albom



**May 15**  
**The Trees**  
by Percival Everett

## BROWN BAG BOOKS TURN 25!!



This April, Brown Bag Books, one of Plymouth District Library's three book clubs for adults, will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Started in April 1999 after patrons expressed an interest in an afternoon book club, the group selected the National Book Award winner *Charming Billy* by Alice McDermott for their inaugural discussion; in April, we will be reading our 300th book! The group was small when it began with only six

members but eventually reached 30 regular attendees in the years prior to the pandemic. Today around 12-15 regular attendees engage in lively discussions about a variety of topics and Brown Bag Books encourages new members to join us! Friendships that have developed over the years and even decades are the cornerstone of the book club, and certainly everyone is looking forward to many more great books in the years to

come. Amazingly, Brown Bag Books is not the longest running book club here at the library. Contemporary Books has been meeting for over 30 years now, and Books on Tap started more than a dozen years ago. Book clubs are going strong at the Plymouth District Library, check one of them out if you have not already, and **Happy Anniversary to Brown Bag Books!**

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## SOLAR SCIENCE: ECLIPSE BASICS

**Tuesday, March 5 | 7pm**  
Presented by Miles Mercier, President, Astronomy Club and Society of Physics Students, Eastern Michigan University. Let's gear up for the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 with an overview of some eclipse basics. We'll also cover equipment we can use to safely view and photograph the eclipse, research that can be done during an eclipse. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

**Wednesday, March 6 | 7pm**  
Join Corey Voorman, AIF®, president and founder of Voorman Investment Counsel as he explains the basics of retiring and living well including sections on, cash management, prudent portfolio construction, fling for social security and more.

## SCORE SMALL BUSINESS SERIES

This workshop series will help you learn essential information for starting or growing your small business. Please see the event calendar for session specifics and to register for each program.

### Small Business IT

Thursday, March 14 | 6pm

### SBA & Score Business Mentoring

Thursday, March 28 | 11am

### Small Business Marketing

Thursday, April 18 | 6pm

### Small Business Contracting

Thursday, May 16 | 12pm

## NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR BACKYARD

**Thursday, March 14 | 1pm**  
Presented by Lindsey Kerr, Consumer Horticulture Educator at Michigan State University Extension. In this short course, we will think about how we define native plants and learn about the benefit of introducing native plants to your landscape. We will also talk about how to choose the right plants for your yard and how they can complement an old or new design.

## IRISH GENEALOGY

**March 14, 2024 | 7 pm**  
(This is a virtual event)  
Celebrate St Patrick's Day with a peek into your Irish ancestors. Join us for a virtual program exploring Irish heritage with Cathy Cottone, as she shows you how to dig deep into your Irish past. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## INTRODUCING BABY LOCK EMBROIDERY

**Sunday, March 17 | 2pm, 3pm and 4pm**  
Step into The Lab and discover the latest addition to our sewing machine family—the Baby Lock Capella Embroidery Machine. Immerse yourself in the world of embroidery with drop-in demonstrations held every hour on the hour. Witness the innovative features that set this machine apart. Age: Demonstrations are intended for adults; however, all ages are invited to attend.

## LOCAL IMPACT ALLIANCE LUNCH & LEARN

**Wednesday, March 20 | 11:30am**  
The Community Literacy Council (CLC) aids non-native English speakers in Western Wayne County with reading, writing, and communication skills. Join our Lunch and Learn to discover CLC's innovative programs and volunteer opportunities. Presented by Local Impact Alliance with Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council.

## YOOPER TALK

**March 28 | 7pm**  
The remote location of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, combined with contact among English, Finnish, French, Anishinaabemowin, and other languages, have shaped the variety known as "Yooper Talk" over the past 150 years. In this presentation, Dr. Kathryn Remlinger will discuss the history and development of "Yooper Talk" and why it remains distinct from other varieties of American English.

## SEED STARTING SUCCESS

**Thursday, April 11 | 1pm**  
Presented by Lindsey Kerr, Consumer Horticulture Educator at Michigan State University Extension. Learn about annual plants that we can grow at home to plant outside when the weather warms. We will talk about growing conditions and supplies needed to grow strong plants. Workshop participants will get their hands dirty and take home their very own newly planted seeds. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## DAR WORKSHOP DAY

**Saturday, April 13 | 11am-3pm**  
Want to get started researching your family history? The Sarah Ann Cochrane chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution can help. Volunteers will be here on Saturday, April 13 in the Walldorf/Dunning room from 11 am to 3pm to help you research your family tree

## MEDICARE SERVICES

**Monday, April 22 | 1pm**  
Presented by MMAP: Michigan Medicare Assistance Program from The Senior Alliance. Discover how to maximize your Medicare coverage, including important information on Preventative Services. Learn what's covered, who qualifies, and the costs involved. If you're new to Medicare this year, schedule a one-on-one enrollment counseling session with MMAP at (734) 727-2067.

## HOW TO GROW YOUR POLLINATOR GARDEN

**Tuesday, April 23 | 7pm**  
Interested in helping the environment? Plant a native wildflower garden! These gardens benefit pollinators, reduce yard maintenance, and are easy to care for. David Hammond, EMMY award-winning documentary producer, founded Creating Habitats for Pollinators in 2022 to increase native wildflower habitats for pollinators and animals.

## SPICE CLUB

Thursday, April 25 | 7pm

Spice Club is a community potluck event that meets quarterly to enhance our understanding and appreciation of different cultures through the lens of spices. Each meeting we explore a different region, a featured spice blend, ancient grains, and more! We will provide vegetarian recipes highlighting the featured regional cuisine and sample recipes. The spice for this meeting is Ras el Hanout. Space is limited, registration begins March 1.

## P-CCS MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Saturday, April 27 | 10am-2pm

Stop by Kellogg Park and see us at this FREE expo-style event put on by the P-CCS. Enjoy fresh air in the park and learn about some of the terrific resources our area has to offer for healthy families.

## MUSIC OF NEW ORLEANS & SWING

Sunday, April 28 | 2pm

Join the piano & song man of 5 million YouTube views for this family concert of music fun. Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid performs New Orleans Song, Boogie-Woogie Piano, and Swing Dance Era Favorites from the Classic American Songbook.

## ANTHONY ACEVEDO/THE SILENT HEROES OF BERGA

Wednesday, May 1 | 7pm

Discover the untold story of the first Mexican American to register as a concentration camp survivor, Anthony Acevedo, and his fellow soldiers, the unsung heroes of the concentration camp Berga, in a compelling, immersive presentation. This program leverages vivid storytelling, personal diary entries, survivor quotes, and powerful visual projections to guide attendees through the harrowing journey of American GIs held at Berga during World War II. Reservations requested. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## SCRAP HAPPY QUILTING

Saturday, May 11 | 11am-12:30pm

Explore quilting with our Electronic Services Librarian, Mary Kelly, a self-proclaimed quilting hack. Join our beginner-friendly program using fabric scraps from our community makerspace, The Lab. Learn cutting, assembly, and quilting techniques and practice on Lab sewing machines available during open hours for ongoing quilting projects.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 11 | 2pm

Join our Community Reads book discussion of author Polly Letofsky, who wrote *3mph: The Adventures of One Woman's Walk Around the World*. The first ten to register get a free signed copy for the Penn Theatre event this summer. A few more copies available for check-out. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## THE HUMAN LIBRARY

Saturday, May 18 | 11am-4pm

The Human Library challenges stereotypes and prejudices by offering real people as "Books" that Readers can engage with. Drop in between 11am-4pm for a unique experience, engaging with living "Books" to learn from their experiences and perhaps gain insights into your own. These conversations (30 minute sessions) provide access to individuals you might not typically interact with. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## LEONARDO BLUES MUSIC CONCERT

Sunday, May 19 | 2pm

Join us for a journey from the beginning of Blues music told with a timeline narrative and songs. There will be examples of the first recorded Blues songs through the late 1930's. Also covered is how these songs influenced post-war music. Leonardo has been performing and presenting for 20 years. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## SALEM TRAIN WRECK 1907

Wednesday, May 22 | 7pm

On July 20, 1907, 800 Pere Marquette Railroad employees and friends had their annual picnic at Belle Isle Park in Detroit. Tragedy struck when their train collided with a freight train, killing 28, making it Michigan's worst train crash. Learn about the crash, the inquiry held in Northville, and its aftermath with Joe Oldenburg. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## CRICUT 101: GREETING CARDS

Thursday, May 23 | 6-7:30pm

Explore the world of Cricut electronic paper cutting machines available in The Lab. Learn to craft stunning greeting cards using Cricut Design Space and a variety of tools like insert cards and pens. Dive into a range of compatible materials, from foil adapters to adhesive vinyl. Elevate your Cricut projects with us!

## MONTHLY MEETUPS

### ADULT CRAFT

Bring your current project and hang out with other crafters. Drop in, no registration needed. All makers are welcome!

### HOOK & NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP

Meets every Tuesday from 10:30am-12:30pm

### NEEDLE/CRAFT CONNECTION

Meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6-8pm

### CHESS CLUB

Plymouth Library Chess Club meets monthly and is looking for chess players 6th grade to adult who are interested in casual chess. Drop in for a game on the **1st Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm**. Sets are provided, but if you have a standard/tournament chess set you would like to bring you are certainly welcome to do so.

### ELL LANGUAGE LEARNERS

#### ELL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Do you want to practice your spoken English? Come to our informal and friendly group meetings held **every Monday morning 10-11:30am**. One group meets on Zoom and the other meets in person. Native English speakers from the library and the Community Literacy Council lead both groups. Register online to receive the link for the Zoom group, or just drop in to the in-person group.

#### PAGE BY PAGE INTERMEDIATE

#### ELL BOOK CLUB

The Page by Page book club meets on Zoom **every Wednesday from 1-2pm**. Before each meeting, participants read an assigned number of chapters from the current book. During the meetings, they discuss the book with each other and our volunteer tutors. Register online to receive the link.

## MONTHLY MEETUPS CONT.

### WRITING GROUP

Whether you are working on your memoir, your novel, poetry or other writing, you are invited to join this meetup of fellow adult writers sharing their work and providing each other support and feedback. **First and third Tuesdays at 1:30pm** (in-person or on Zoom) New members are always welcome. Registration required.

## COLLEGE EXAM CRAM TAKEAWAY BAGS

Calling all college students! Whether you are studying in the library or at home for your finals, we've got you covered. Stop by the library and grab an exam cram takeaway bag. In it you'll find extra supplies to make studying for your exam just a little bit easier. Available on the upper level on **April 15th** while supplies last.

## LOW VISION ACTIVITY KITS

A low vision diagnosis doesn't have to mean you can't enjoy doing new activities! The theme for our Spring kit is art: inside you will find everything you need to make amazing air dry clay creations, including instructions and information on creating art with low vision.

Available starting **May 13th** at the Main level reader's advisory desk and at the Plymouth Friendship Station Center (while supplies last). Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

### INTRO TO CANVA

Tuesday, March 21 | 6:30pm  
Friday, April 19 | 12:30pm  
Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30pm

### COMPUTER BASICS 1

Monday, March 18 | 7pm  
Wednesday, April 10 | 11am  
Monday, May 13 | 7pm

### INTRO TO GOOGLE DRIVE

Monday, April 1 | 1pm  
Wednesday, May 8 | 7pm

### COMPUTER BASICS 2

Monday, March 25 | 7pm  
Wednesday, April 17 | 11am  
Monday, May 20 | 7pm

## ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

Enjoy live interviews with bestselling authors and thought leaders.

To register for upcoming talks or to enjoy previously recorded ones, visit [libraryc.org/plymouthlibrary](http://libraryc.org/plymouthlibrary).

### Nina Totenberg

Wednesday, March 6 | 4 PM EDT

NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent and New York Times Bestselling Author of *Dinners with Ruth*

### Christopher Paolini

Thursday, March 14 | 4 PM EDT

International Bestselling Author of *Eragon*, *Eldest*, *Brisingr*, and *Inheritance*

### Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 21 | 7 PM EDT

New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*

### Paula J. Johnson (Curator)

Tuesday, April 2 | 2 PM EDT

*The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us—A History of Food and Culture—A Library Speakers Consortium/Smithsonian Collaboration*

### Diane Foley & Colum McCann

Tuesday, April 9 | 2 PM EDT

McCann, author of the award-winning and bestselling books *Apeirogon*, *Let the Great World Spin* and *Transatlantic*

### Xochitl Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 17 | 8 PM EDT

New York Times bestselling author of *Olga Dies Dreaming* and *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*

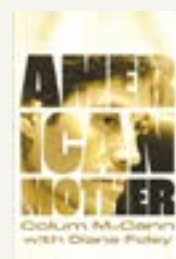




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## AN EVENING WITH ANGELINE BOULLEY

**Tuesday, May 7 | 6:30pm at Penn Theatre**

Join us as we welcome author Angeline Bouley for an author talk, Q&A and book signing, hosted at the Penn Theater! Angeline Bouley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is a storyteller who writes about her Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former Director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Her books, *The Firekeeper's Daughter* and *Warrior Girl Unearthed* are both New York Times best sellers, and *The Firekeeper's Daughter* (also the current Great Michigan Read) is currently being adapted into a series by Netflix.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Monday, March 4 | 10am-4pm**

**Friday, May 17 | 10am-4pm**

Teens and adults are invited to sign up to donate to the Red Cross blood supply.

To donate, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: plylibrary) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

# TEEN PROGRAMS & BOOKCLUBS

## YOGA FOR TEENS

**Saturday, March 9 | 1-2pm**

Taught by instructors from local Plymouth business DownPup Yoga, this free beginner's class will leave you relaxed and empowered to practice yoga stretches at home. All skill levels welcome, just remember your yoga mat (or beach towel)! Limited mats available to borrow while supplies last. Register on our online event calendar for this in-person program. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## DIY FLOWER CROWNS

**Thursday, May 9 | 7-8pm**

Get in the spirit of spring by making your very own flower crown at the library! Crafted with faux flowers and greenery, these crowns will stay bright and festive year-round, allowing you to endlessly live out your cottagecore dreams. Register on our online event calendar for this in-person program. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## STORYTEEN INTERNSHIP

StoryTeen is an unpaid internship for rising 11th and 12th graders interested in early literacy and library programs. You'll learn about literacy, assist with our Kindergarten Bootcamp, and gain up to 30 volunteer hours. You'll also build relationships with librarian mentors for references. Candidates must love libraries and working with kids, commit to Tuesday volunteering from June 18 to August 6 (with a break on Independence Day), and complete a creative project for an August 20th celebration. The application opens May 6 and closes May 17, with interviews in late May for selected candidates. Sponsored by the Friends of Plymouth District Library (PDL). Check our website at that time to apply.

## TEEN D&D

**Mondays, March 11, 25, April 5, 22 and May 13 | 6-9pm**

Join us at State of Comics for Dungeons and Dragons! Space is limited, so be sure to register on our events calendar. After registering, you will be emailed a link to our Discord server, where you can find more information about the game, and get help with building your character.

## REVOLUTIONIZE YOUR RAMEN

**Saturday, May 18 | 1-1:45pm**

Teenagers love instant ramen, but have you reached peak deliciousness? Join us for an instant ramen bar with both familiar (green onions, soy sauce) and unique (Hot Cheetos, peanut butter) toppings. Register on our online event calendar for this in-person program. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Tuesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7 | 6pm**

Join our teen volunteers to have fun providing service to our community. There are plenty of ways you can help, both virtually and in person. Apply at [plymouthlibrary.org/volunteers/](http://plymouthlibrary.org/volunteers/) or attend a volunteer leadership meeting: Tuesdays, March 5, April 2 and May 7,

## CREATE YOUR OWN DRAGON'S EYE

**Wednesday, March 27 | 7-8pm**

Join us to create fantastical 3D sculptures of dragons' eyes that will have you roaring fire with excitement! This craft will use oven-bake clay; participants can bake their creation at home or pick up their oven-fired piece from the library the next day. Register on our online event calendar for this in-person program. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## TEEN TAKE & MAKES

**March - May**

Visit us every month for a new Take & Make kit made especially for teens! Each kit will contain the materials and instructions to create a fun craft or experience at home. This quarter we will even have a bonus kit available during the week of PCCS spring break! Available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the main level Help Desk while supplies last. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

Upcoming kits:

March-Mini Clover Terrariums

Spring Break-Mug Cakes (avail. March 25th)

April - Seed Bombs

May - DIY Self Care

## BLT - BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS

**Saturday, April 13 | 1-2pm**

Join our Board of Library Teens and you can share ideas for teen programs, discuss books, plan library projects, play games, and more--all while munching on some delicious snacks! Despite all the fun you'll surely be having, meeting attendance can be counted as volunteer hours! Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

## BOOKS & BITES

**Wednesday, April 17 | 7-8pm**

Join us to discuss a great YA read! All registrants get a free copy of the book, and if that isn't enticing enough, there will be snacks! This time we will be reading the thrilling and thoughtful mystery novel *Promise Boys* by Nick Brooks. Please register on our online event calendar for this in-person program. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



## STARLAB EXPERIENCE

**Saturday, April 6 | 3-4pm**

We're celebrating the upcoming solar eclipse with the StarLab! The StarLab is an indoor planetarium capable of holding 25 people at a time. Viewing options for teens is 3-4pm in the Walldorf & Dunning meeting rooms on the main level. StarLab will be open to teens to come and go as you please while enjoying atmospheric music. There will also be educational activities to take and enjoy at home.

**STATE OF COMICS**

**FREE**

**COMIC DAY**

**Saturday, May 4 | All Day**

Visit our table at State of Comics for some free comic books and other goodies.

Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



**NHS TUTORS**

NHS tutors will be in the Teen Zone to help with homework! Wednesdays 6-8pm and Saturdays 1-3pm

# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

## MARCH

**FRIDAY 1**  
AARP Prep | 10am-4pm

**SATURDAY 2**  
Chess Class | 3-4pm

**SUNDAY 3**  
Craft: Cards for Hospitalized Kids | 2-4pm

**MONDAY 4**  
Red Cross Blood Drive | 10am-4pm  
BARK: Be A Reading Kid | 6-7:30pm

**TUESDAY 5**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10am-12:30pm  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Teen Volunteer Lead Meeting | 6-7pm  
Chess | 6-8pm  
Solar Science: Eclipse Basics | 7-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 6**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Author Talk: Nina Totenberg | 4-5pm  
Preparing for Retirement | 7-8:30pm

**THURSDAY 7**  
Adult Craft: Needle/Craft Connection | 6-8pm

**FRIDAY 8**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am

**SATURDAY 9**  
Storytime for ages 2-5 | 10:30-11:15am  
Yoga for Teens | 1-2pm

**MONDAY 11**  
Teen Dungeons and Dragons | 6-9pm  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am

**TUESDAY 12**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30-12:30pm  
History Makers | 6:30-7:30pm  
Contemporary Bookclub | 7:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 13**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am

**THURSDAY 14**  
AARP Tax Prep Day | 10am-4:30pm  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15 am  
Michigan Natural Garden: Native Plants and Design for Your Backyard | 1-2:30pm  
Author Talk: Christopher Paolini | 4-5pm  
Pi-Day Celebration | 5-8:30pm  
Score Small Business Series | 6-7:30pm  
Irish Genealogy | 7-8pm

**FRIDAY 15**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm  
Messy Play | 10:30-11:30am

**SUNDAY 17**  
Intro to Baby Lock Embroidery | 2-5pm

**MONDAY 18**  
Teen Volunteer Shelving | 7-8pm  
Computer Basics | 7-8:30pm

**TUESDAY 19**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Computer Basics 2 | 7-8pm  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Chess | 6-8pm  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting | 7:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 20**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Lunch & Learn: ELL | 11:30am-12:30pm  
Books on Tap | 7-8:30pm

**THURSDAY 21**  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Graphic Novel Club | 6:30-7:15pm  
Intro to Canva | 6:30-8pm  
Author Talk: Madeline Miller | 7-8pm

### March cont.

**FRIDAY 22**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm

**SATURDAY 23**  
Board Game Afternoon | 1-4pm

**MONDAY 25**  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Teens Dungeons & Dragons | 6-9pm  
Computer Basics 2 | 7-8pm

**TUESDAY 26**  
Board Games Galore | 10am-12pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 27**  
Super-Sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Brown Bag Books | 12-1pm  
Teen Craft: Dragon's Eye | 7-8pm

**THURSDAY 28**  
Play and Learn | 10:30-11:15am  
SBA & Score Mentoring | 11-12:30pm  
Yoooper Talk | 7-8pm

**FRIDAY 29**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm  
DIY Bookmarks | 2-3:30pm

## APRIL

**MONDAY 1**  
Introduction to Google Drive | 1-2pm  
BARK: Be a Reading Kid | 6-7pm

**TUESDAY 2**  
Kindergarten Bootcamp | 1-1:30pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Teen Volunteer Meeting | 6-7pm  
Chess | 6-8pm

**WEDNESDAY 3**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11:15am

**THURSDAY 4**  
Adult Craft: Needle/Craft Connection | 6-8pm

**FRIDAY 5**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm

**SATURDAY 6**  
StarLab Experience | All Day

**MONDAY 8**  
Teen Dungeons and Dragons | 6-9pm  
History Makers | 6:30-7:30pm

**TUESDAY 9**  
Kindergarten Bootcamp | 1-1:30pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Contemporary Books | 7:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 10**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Computer Basics I | 11am-12:30pm

**THURSDAY 11**  
Seeding Start Success | 1-2:30pm

**FRIDAY 12**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am

**SATURDAY 13**  
Smart Money MI Kids Read! Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Board of Library Teens | 1-2pm

**SUNDAY 14**  
Jigsaw Puzzle Competition | 2-4pm

**MONDAY 15**  
Create Junk Journal | 6:30-8pm  
Introduction to Excel | 7-8pm  
Teen Volunteer Training | 7-8pm

### April cont.

**TUESDAY 16**  
Kindergarten Bootcamp | 1-1:30pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting | 7:30-8:30pm  
Chess | 6-8pm

**WEDNESDAY 17**  
Computer Basics II | 11am-12:30pm  
Book & Bites | 7-8pm  
Books on Tap | 7-8:30pm

**THURSDAY 18**  
Small Business Marketing | 6-7:30pm

**FRIDAY 19**  
AARP Tax Prep | 10am-4:30pm  
Messy Play | 10:30-11:30am  
Intro to Canva | 12:30-2pm

**MONDAY 22**  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Medicare Preventative Services | 1-3pm  
Creative Scrap Reuse Day | 3-7pm  
Teens Dungeons & Dragons | 6-9pm  
Snack Chat | 6:30-7:15pm

**TUESDAY 23**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Grow a Pollinator Garden | 7-8pm

**WEDNESDAY 24**  
Brown Bag Books | 12-1pm  
3D Printing with TinkerCAD | 6:30-8pm

**THURSDAY 25**  
Spice Club | 7-8pm

**SATURDAY 27**  
Storytime Families/Special Needs | 10:30-11:15am  
Chess Class | 3-4pm

**TUESDAY 30**  
Kindergarten Bootcamp | 1-1:30pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Dungeons & Dragons | 7-8pm

## MAY

**WEDNESDAY 1**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Anthony Acevedo | 7-8:30pm

**THURSDAY 2**  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Mindfulness Storytime | 6-6:30pm  
Adult Craft: Needle/Craft Connection | 6-8pm

**SATURDAY 4**  
Free Comic Book Day | 11am-3pm

**MONDAY 6**  
BARK: Be A Reading Kid | 6-7:30pm  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm

**TUESDAY 7**  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Teen Volunteer Meeting | 6-7pm  
Chess | 6-7pm  
An Evening with Angeline Bouley | 6:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 8**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Page by Page ELL Book Club | 1-2pm  
Introduction to Google Drive | 7-8pm

**THURSDAY 9**  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15am  
DIY Flower Crowns | 7-8pm

**FRIDAY 10**  
Babytime | 10:30-11:15am

### May cont.

**SATURDAY 11**  
Scrap Happy Quilting | 11-12:30pm  
Book Discussion: 3mph | 2-3pm  
Chess Class | 3-4pm

**MONDAY 13**  
Low Vision Activity Kits | while supplies last  
Teen Dungeons and Dragons | 6-9pm  
ELL Conversation Groups | 10-11:30am  
History Makers | 6:30-7:30pm  
Computer Basics I | 7-8:30pm

**TUESDAY 14**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Intro to Canva | 6:30-8pm  
Contemporary Books | 7:30-8:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 15**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Microsoft Word | 11-12pm  
Page by Page ELL Book Club | 1-2pm  
Books on Tap | 7-8:30pm

**THURSDAY 16**  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Small Business Contracting | 12-1:30pm  
Graphic Novel Book Club | 6:30-7:15pm

**FRIDAY 17**  
Red Cross Blood Drive | 10am-4pm  
Messy Play | 10:30-11:30am

**SATURDAY 18**  
Human Library | 11am-4pm  
Revolutionize Your Ramen | 1-1:45pm

**SUNDAY 19**  
Leonard Blues | 2pm-3pm

**MONDAY 20**  
ELL Conversation | 10-11:30am  
Teen Volunteer Shelf Reading Training | 7-8pm  
Computer Basics II | 7-8pm

**TUESDAY 21**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm  
Writing Group | 1:30-3:30pm  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting | 7:30-8:30pm  
Chess | 6-8pm

**WEDNESDAY 22**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am  
Brown Bag Books | 12-1pm  
Page by Page ELL Book Club | 1-2pm  
Bookworms Book Club | 6:30-7:15pm  
Salem Train Wreck 1907 | 7-8pm

**THURSDAY 23**  
Play and Learn Storytime | 10:30-11:15am  
Cricut 101: Greeting Cards | 6-7:30pm

**TUESDAY 28**  
Adult Craft: Hook & Needle | 10:30am-12:30pm

**WEDNESDAY 29**  
Super-sized Storytime | 10:30-11am

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Comer's works have graced the pages of *Callaloo*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Sycamore Review*, and *Third Coast*, among other publications. She is author of *Family: Syndrome* and *Tapping Out*, which won the 2020 Society of Midland Authors Award and the 2020 Julie Suk Award. Comer shared her excitement when she learned she would be Michigan's first poet Laureate in 60 years. She knew she had a lot to do to re-establishing this role.

When asked about her sources of inspiration, she mentioned drawing from personal experiences such as visits to museums and time spent with her family. Additionally, she emphasized the importance of her daily journaling practice, highlighting her belief that consistent writing fosters creativity and helps her capture fleeting moments that could evolve into meaningful poetry or prose. Comer humbly shared that "Everything you write is not sacred, so the practice of writing every day is paramount."

Research plays a significant role in Comer's creative process as well. She expressed the need to understand diverse voices and experiences in her work and how research can transform how she writes. One instance she shared was her research and poem about Malice Green, a young man that lost his life to police brutality in 1992. After reciting this poem, she recognized that her audience under 35 didn't know Malice Green, which led her to think more deeply about community memory and collective forgetting and how to share stories of the forgotten in her writing.

Regarding the importance of poetry, Comer asserted its enduring relevance, particularly within Black and Brown communities. Comer likened her poetry to a tool stating,

"Poetry is the tool that I use most successfully to interpret the human spirit, emotions and expressions." She continued by saying, "Poets are doing sacred work. For others, when words are not enough to express, they may turn to music. If music is not enough to express, they may turn to visual arts and so on and so on. We are all looking for ways to express ourselves."

Themes of gender and race frequently emerged in Comer's work, and so does the word and the metaphorical motif "river". Comer considers herself a city girl, but did not realize until she was writing *Tapping Out* her deep connection to this beautiful river that runs through her city.

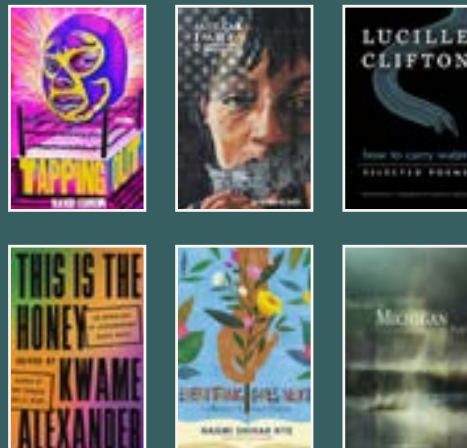
Comer recognized the talents of Michigan poets nationally and within local communities, expressing her enthusiasm for supporting the next poet laureate in 2024-2025.

Before concluding our talk, she shared her admiration for the work of poet Lucille Clifton, particularly her poem *Won't You Celebrate with Me*.

won't you celebrate with me  
 what i have shaped into  
 a kind of life? i had no model.  
 born in babylon  
 both nonwhite and woman  
 what did i see to be except myself?  
 i made it up  
 here on this bridge between  
 starshine and clay,  
 my one hand holding tight  
 my other hand; come celebrate  
 with me that everyday  
 something has tried to kill me  
 and has failed.

For more information about Nandi Comer and her work, visit her website: [nandicomer.com/](http://nandicomer.com/) ■

## POETRY RECOMMENDATIONS



*Tapping Out* by Nandi Comer  
*American Family* by Nandi Comer  
*How to Carry Water* by Lucille Clifton  
*This is the Honey* by Kwame Alexander  
*Everything Comes Next* by Naomi Nye  
*Poetry in Michigan* by William Olsen

Enjoy these books by Michigan's poet laureate and from our library's collection.

Wellness Room continued from page 1.

The Wellness Room provides comfort, featuring a couch and a cozy bean bag chair with frosted privacy windows. We believe that the addition of the Wellness Room will be a valuable resource for our community and that it will bring some peace of mind to patrons knowing that the library is providing this accommodating and inclusive environment.

To access this room, visit the information desk on the lower level and inquire about availability. We request patrons limit their usage of the Wellness Room to 30-minute intervals. This temporary measure is intended to help us understand how the room is utilized most effectively and to ensure its availability to as many people as possible. ■



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