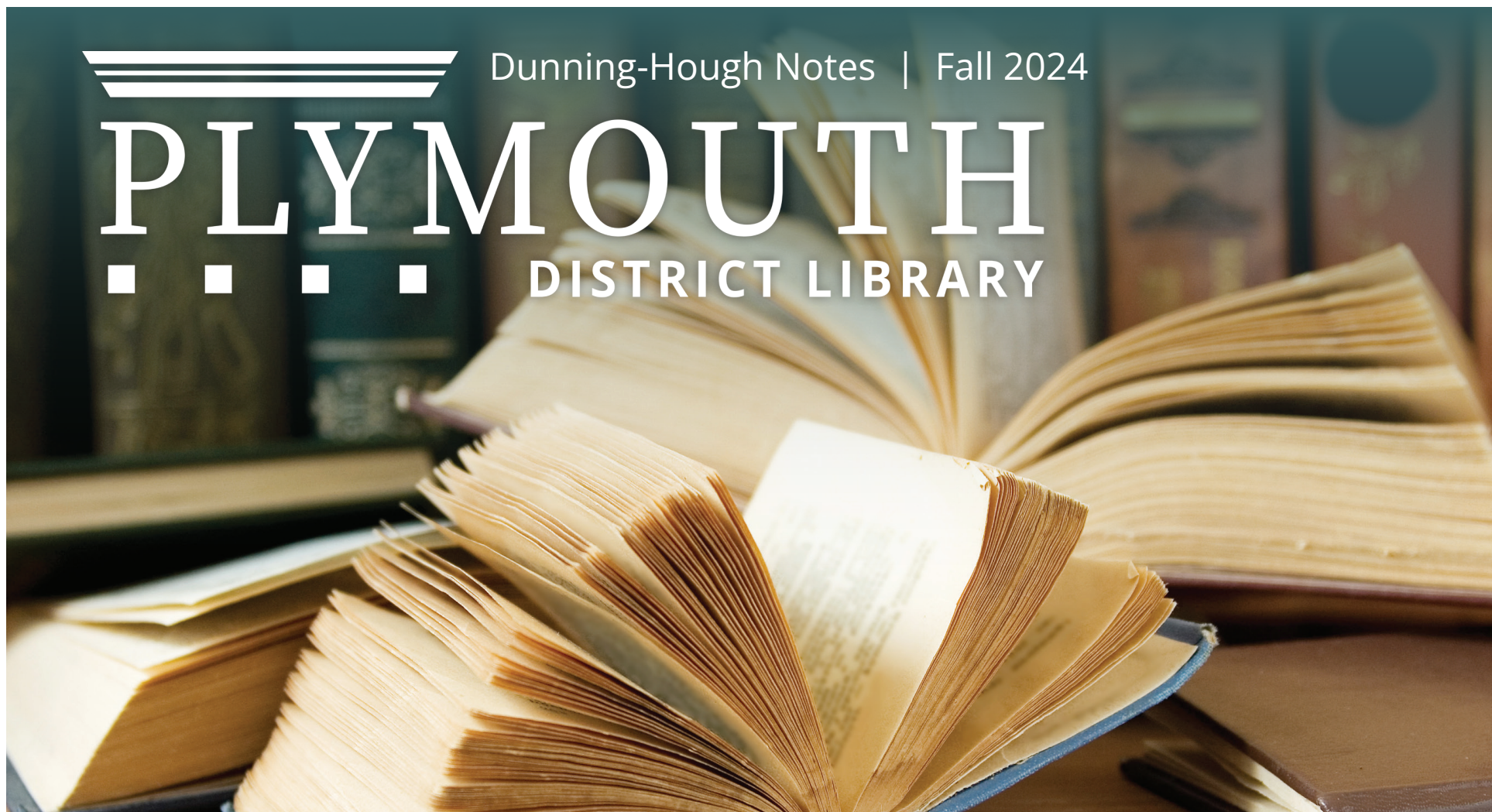


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DISTRICT LIBRARY



Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a perfect time to celebrate the countless benefits that come with owning a library card. As students head back to school, and we all settle into the fall routine, now is the ideal moment to explore everything your local library has to offer.

A library card is more than just a key to books; it opens the door to a wealth of resources and opportunities, from access to digital media and online databases to free programs and events for all ages.

With a library card, you can discover new hobbies, enhance your skills, and enjoy a vibrant community space designed for learning and connection.

At the Plymouth District Library, we invite you to join us in celebrating this special month by signing up for a library card and unlocking a world of possibilities. You can sign up via our website or come in and stop at our circulation desk. Whether you're a lifelong reader or new to the library experience, our library offers something for everyone. ■

The Love of Reading

Book Genre Basics by Christine Campbell



If you've ever thought that you aren't a reader, you probably haven't found your genre yet. Just as there are various ice cream flavors, there are countless niches in reading. Let's start with the basics:

Fiction: Literature created from the imagination, including made-up stories, characters, and events. Common genres within fiction are mystery, science fiction, fantasy, romance, and historical fiction.

Non-Fiction: Literature based on facts, real events, and real people. This category includes biographies, memoirs, history books, self-help guides, travel books, and true crime stories.

Let's deep dive into some of my favorite genres of fiction.

Contemporary Fiction: Set in present times, focusing on modern themes and issues with detailed character and plot development. Ideal for those who enjoy connecting with characters dealing with everyday life. Ex: *Hello Stranger* by Katherine Center and *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

Literary Fiction: Emphasizes artistic language and writing structure. It explores timeless human conditions, evokes strong emotions, and often features serious, thought-provoking themes. Ex: *The Heart in Winter* by Kevin Barry and *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

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YOUTH/FAMILY PROGRAMS



THE FAIRY GODMOTHER OF MUSIC: FALL FEST FUN

Saturday, Sept. 7 | 12pm

The Library is pleased to present The Fairy Godmother of Music, Melissa Behring, on the Fall Fest Kellogg Park stage! Visit our booth in Kellogg Park all Fall Fest weekend for some crafty fun! Age Group: For All Ages/Family.

MAKER FEST: FABRICS FUN

Sunday, Oct. 13 | All Day

Join us for our Second Annual Maker Fest Celebration, "Fabrics Fun." Enjoy hands-on activities, sewing demonstrations, and fabric skills workshops for all ages. Most events are drop-in, with some requiring registration. For details visit our online calendar.



FABRIC ART WITH THE LAB TAKE AND MAKE

Create unique fabric art with our scrap kits! Pick up kits, take it home to craft your own masterpiece inspired by the materials provided, and submit your designs to enter our contest. Winners will have their art displayed and receive crafty prizes! Kit Pick-up between Sunday, October 20 and Saturday, October 26. Submissions due between Sunday, November 10 and Saturday, November 16.

SHADOW PUPPET WORKSHOP

Saturday, Sept. 14 | 12-12:45pm or 1-1:45pm

Detroit Puppet Company (DPC) will be at the library to guide kids through making a shadow puppet. First you build it, then you try it! This workshop complements a same-day program by DPC and the MI Philharmonic; check it out! Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: 5-12. Registration required.

KIDS CODING CLUB

Wednesday Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20 | 6:30pm

Join our monthly Kids Coding Club! Explore block-based coding and computer science basics by creating fun projects. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and creativity! Age Group: 9-12. Registration required.

MESSY PLAY

Friday, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 | 10:30-11:30am

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. Please dress for mess. Age Group: 0-4.

TALKING HANDS: AN ASL CLUB

Saturday, Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 | 10:30-11:30am

Want to learn more about American Sign Language (ASL) and practice with others in the community? Join us for some games and conversation. Age Group: All Ages. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays: Sept. 24, Oct. 22 and Nov. 26 | 4:30-6pm

Drop in LEGO Club is great fun for LEGO Aficionados of all types! Each month will have a special creation theme that is STEAM related. Open LEGO building is also encouraged. Age Group: 5-12.

CRICUT FOR KIDS

Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for some Cricut fun and become a designer! You'll learn how to use the Cricut Design Space to create a ready-to-transfer vinyl sticker. Age Group: 9-12. Registration required.

EDGE GAMERS: RPG CLUB

Thursdays: Sept. 26, Oct. 24 and Nov. 21 | 6:30-7:30pm

Hey Edge Kids! Want to learn a role-playing game? Amazing Tales is a great way to start. Create a character and go on an adventure all in one hour. Age Group: 9-12. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

SOCK MONSTER MADNESS - A FUZZY FUN WORKSHOP

Saturday, Sept. 28 | 1-3pm

Transform ordinary socks into extraordinary monsters for a sock monster-making event! Use our socks and let your creativity run wild. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: 6-12. Registration required.

CHESS CLASS

Saturdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 23 | 3-4pm

Interested in sharpening your chess skills? This class welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels. Through this class, players can deepen their chess understanding, refine their skills, and meet new chess friends! Age Group: All Ages.

FALL PARENTING PROGRAM NOURISH TO FLOURISH: SELF CARE TIPS GUIDE FOR MOMS

Monday, Sept. 30 | 7-8pm

Tricia Johnson, a Woman's Wellness Coach and 30-year educator at PCCS will share practical tools to empower and inspire women while maintaining balance in all aspects of motherhood.

INKTOBER DRAWING CHALLENGE

Thursdays in Oct. 4 | 4-5pm

Unleash your creativity with our Inktober Drawing Challenge! Receive a free sketchbook to start and commit to daily drawing. Weekly club sessions include drawing challenges, games, and tools for exploration. Sketchbooks available at the Youth Reference Desk. Age Group: 8-12. Registration required.

KIDS' COSTUME SWAP

Saturday, Oct. 5 | 10am-2pm

Have costumes your kids are done with or outgrown? Donate clean costumes in good condition (on hangers please) at the main floor help desk Oct 1-4 and receive a voucher for each. Saturday swap hours will be 10-11am for voucher holders only, then open to the public from 11am-2pm. Leftover costumes will be donated.

3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 6:30-8pm

Discover the world of 3D printing in this hands-on workshop! Learn TinkerCAD basics to design and print your own personalized keychain. Unlock creativity with our guidance and pick up your unique memento. Age Group: 7-12. Registration required.

SPOOKTACULAR CREATIONS: DESIGN JACK-O-LANTERN OR GHOST

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 3-5pm

Create your own unique wooden Jack-O-Lantern or ghost with spooky features! Join us for this hands-on workshop, and take home your personalized Halloween decoration. Please wear paint-friendly clothes! Age Group: 5-8.

PUMPKIN PALOOZA IN DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH

Sunday, Oct. 20 | 11:30am-2:30pm

Join us on the streets of DTP for trick-or-treating and fun costumes! The Library will have a booth. What costumes will we wear? Age Group: All Ages, Family.

NOT-SO-SCARY GLOWFORGE MONSTERS

Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 6:30-8pm

Join us for a fun adventure into the world of Not-So-Scary monsters, where kids will use our Glowforge laser engraver to create their very own monster. Age Group: 9-12. Registration required.

HALLOWEEN CRAFT BONANZA

Saturday, Oct. 26 | 10am-12pm

Join us for a spooky-spectacular Halloween Craft Bonanza! Sponsored by friends of PDL. Age Group: 3-12 and their families.

LASER MAZE

Wednesday, Nov. 6 | 5-6pm

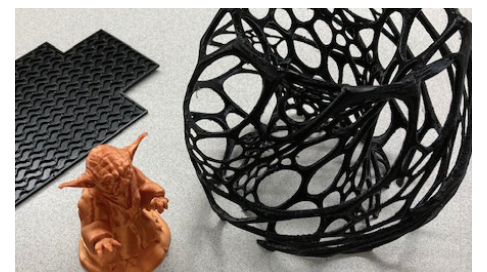
Can you navigate a maze full of deadly "lasers?" Okay, okay, the lasers are made of yarn, but the challenge is definitely real. Age Group: 8-12.

YOUTH LEFTOVER CRAFTS!

Friday, Nov. 29 | 10am-12pm

Friday, Nov. 29 | 2-4pm

Sick of Thanksgiving leftovers? Drop in to the storytime room and use our leftover craft materials to make something amazing! Parents of the very young should plan to stay and help. Age Group: 5-12.



THE LAB

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

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mon: 11am-7pm | Tues. 10am-4pm
Wed: 3pm-9pm | Thur. 10am-9pm
Fri. 10am-5pm | Sat. 11am-5pm
Sun 1pm-5pm

Register for EVENTS TODAY! Go to plymouthlibrary.org/events to access the calendar and find your event. Click on any event and fill out its registration form. You can also call 734-453-0750, option 5 or register for the event in-person.

YOUTH STORYTIMES



PLAY & LEARN STORYTIME

Tuesdays: Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, and Thursdays: Nov. 7, 14, 21 | 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. Age Group: 2-5 and their families.

MAKE AND CREATE STORYTIME

Saturdays: Sept. 21, Oct. 5, 19 and Nov. 16 | 12-1pm

Join us for a creative storytime where kids enjoy a book and engage in a STEAM activity, exploring inventors, building, engineering, and electronics. Age Group: 5-8.

SUPER SIZED STORYTIME

Wednesdays: Sept. 4 through Oct. 9 | 10:30-11am

Wednesdays: Nov. 6 through Dec. 11 | 10:30-11am

Enjoy the family storytime you know and love...but super-sized! With a super-sized room and screen in the Dunning Room, we have more space for lots of little friends to read, sing, and dance. We can't wait to see you there! Age Group: 2-5.

MONSTER MAC AND SPOOKY STORIES

Tuesday, Oct. 29 | 5-8pm

Hungry for a Fright? Join us for a Mac & Cheese Toppings Bar and a storytime with some mild spooks and major silliness! Come dressed up in your Halloween Costume. Ages: 5-12 Registration required.

BABYTIME

Mondays: Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25

Fridays: Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8

Babytime is a drop in 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.

KINDERGARTEN BOOTCAMP!

Tuesdays in Oct. | 1-1:30pm

Kids will experience going to storytime by themselves as well as learning skills needed for kindergarten. Stories and activities will focus on early literacy and kindergarten readiness skills, while practicing social-emotional skills. Caregivers should remain on the youth floor. Age Group 4-5. Registration required.

BARK: BE A READING KID

Monday, Oct. 7 | 6-7:30pm and Monday, Nov. 4 | 6-7:30pm

At this paw-some program, children are paired with therapy dogs for 15-minute reading sessions, encouraging them to grow in their reading skills. Slots are first-come, first serve beginning 15 minutes before the program. Age Group: 5-12

RAINBOW FRIENDS & FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, Oct. 12 | 10:30-11am

This joyful and affirming storytime is created and themed for families and friends of the LGBTQ+ community! Picture books, rhymes and crafts will be targeted for ages 2-8, but the whole family is welcome to participate. Registration required.

MINDFULNESS STORYTIME

Saturday, Nov. 2 | 10:30-11am and Thursday Nov. 7 | 6-6:30pm

Join us for a relaxing and mindful storytime. There will be books, songs, and activities designed to help children deal with acceptance. Age Group: 4-7.

HISTORY MAKERS: BEULAH LOUISE HENRY

Monday, Nov. 18 | 6:30-7:30pm

In this interactive and creative program, kids learn about historical figures through a dynamic storytime and fun craft. This month, we will be learning about inventor extraordinaire Beulah Louise Henry and coming up with our own cardboard contraptions! Age Group: 5-8.

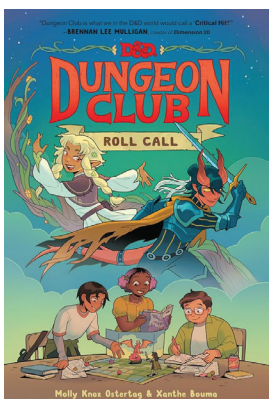
YOUTH BOOKCLUBS



SNACK CHAT BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Sept. 17 | 6:30-7:15pm

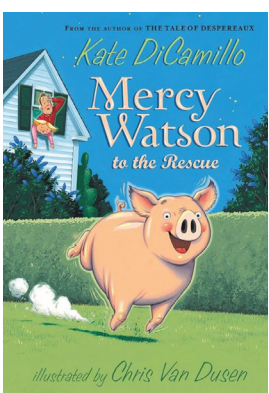
At this unique book club, there's no assigned reading! We'll be playing some book-related games, talking about our favorite series and characters, and doing a book-themed show-and-tell, all while eating some delicious snacks. Age Group: 8-12. Registration required.



GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB @ STATE OF COMICS!

Tuesday, Nov. 12 | 5-6:30pm

Read and discuss a graphic novel with a group! This event includes a free copy of *Dungeon Club: Roll Call* by Molly Ostertag. This event is held in-person at State of Comics (575 Forest Ave St A., 48170) in downtown Plymouth. Registration opens Oct. 15. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: 8-12. Registration required.



BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB!

Wednesday Nov. 20 | 6:30-7:15pm

This book club is for beginning readers ages 5-8. Your child will be able to meet up with other kids to talk about the books they read, do a craft and play a game. November's book series will be *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo. Registration begins October 30. Books will be available at the Youth Help Desk. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

YOUR LIBRARY

AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

OUR LIBRARY APP IS BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER!

Easily search the collection, place holds, register for events, manage your account, and even check out materials directly from your phone.



Our New App is Here

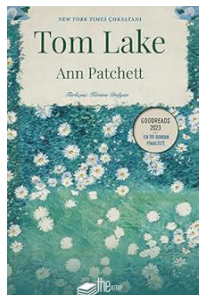
We are delighted to announce that our new and improved library app is now available for download! After a sudden outage last November, we partnered with a new company to bring you an even better version. Our new app is designed to provide you with a seamless and reliable experience.

FEATURES INCLUDE: Easily find and place holds on items in our library's collection, Discover and register for library events, manage your checkouts and account details effortlessly, check out library materials directly on your phone. We're excited to see all the ways this new app will enhance your library experience. Download it today and start exploring all it has to offer!

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

Contemporary Books Discussion Group

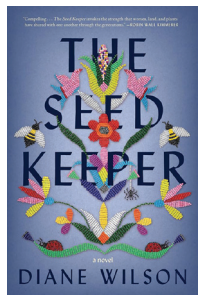
This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the library. Volunteers from the group lead the discussion, with background materials supplied by the librarian. Each month the current title is available at the help desk on the main level. New members are always welcome! For more information,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



September 10
Tom Lake
by Ann Patchett



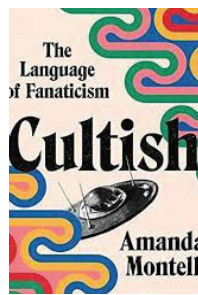
October 8
Lone Women
by Victor LaValle



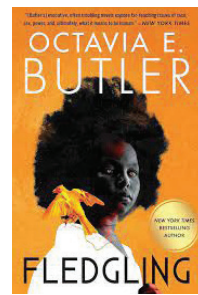
November 12
The Seed Keeper
by Diane Wilson

Books On Tap

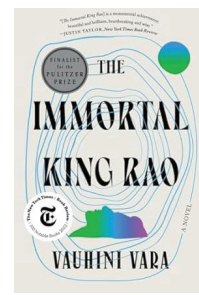
This book club meets monthly at 7pm to talk books, socialize, and kick back with a beverage. Meetings take place at Arbor Brewing Plymouth Taproom. Books for the current month's selection may be obtained from the help desk on the main level of the Library. New members are always welcome!



September 18
Cultish: The Language of Fanaticism
by Amanda Montell



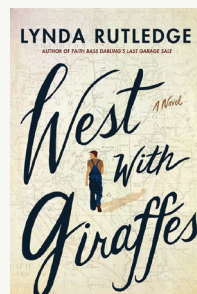
October 16
Fledgling
by Octavia E. Butler



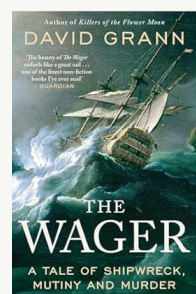
November 20
The Immortal King Rao
by Vauhini Vara

Brown Bag Books

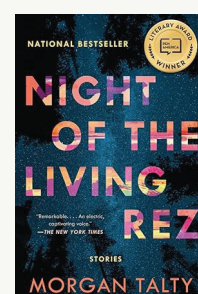
This book discussion group meets at noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month and is always open to new members. Books are available at the help desk on the main level during the month preceding the discussion. Volunteers from among the group lead the discussion, with background materials supplied by the librarian. The group meets both in person and via Zoom.



September 25
West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge



October 23
The Wager
by David Grann



November 27
Night of the Living Rez
by Morgan Talty

ADULT PROGRAMS

CHESS CLASS

Tuesdays: Sept. 3, Oct. 1, 15
Nov. 5, 19 | 6-8pm

Plymouth Library Chess Club is back and looking for chess players 6th grade to adult who are interested in casual chess. Chess sets are provided but if you have a standard/tournament chess set you would like to bring you are welcome to do so. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

AUTHOR POLLY LETOFSKY AT THE PENN THEATRE

Monday, Sept. 23 | 7pm

Polly Letofsky, author of *3mph: Adventures of One Woman's Walk Around the World* is appearing at the Penn Theatre! Registration is required, starting Tuesday, September 3. All registrants will receive a ticket, which will be required for admittance. If you register online, stop at the library by 9/23 for your ticket!

MI RIGHT TO READ WITH DEBORAH E. MIKULA

Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 7-8:30pm

Join us for a presentation by Deborah E. Mikula, Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association and MI Right to Read. The evening's topic will be the importance of intellectual freedom in libraries and patrons' right to read. Registration required.

GET TO KNOW THE COUNCIL ON AGING

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 10-11am

This program will introduce you to the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and their services for seniors and caregivers. Learn about the fun and informative programs offered at the Friendship Station and get answers to FAQs about Plymouth Community Senior Transportation. Registration required.

PFLAG FAMILY SUPPORT DISCUSSION

Thursday, Sept. 12 | 7:30-8:30pm

Families of transgender or nonbinary young people may fear the unknown and wonder how best to support their loved ones. Speaker Ian Unger will share his experience, answer your questions and offer resources at this in-person discussion. Sponsored by PFLAG Plymouth-Canton. Registration required.

BEARING THE UNBEARABLE: ACEVEDO AND THE SILENT HEROES OF BERGA

Tuesday, Sept. 24 | 7-8pm

Discover the untold story of the first Mexican American registered as a concentration camp survivor, Anthony Acevedo, and his fellow soldiers, the unsung heroes of Berga, in a compelling, immersive presentation. Registration required.

ADVANCED SUDOKU

Saturday, Oct. 5 | 10:30am-12:30pm

Dave Pandit is the author of *Sudoku Puzzles "Guru": Rubik's Cube of the 21st Century*. In this instructional class, Dave will help you to become a sudoku puzzles "Guru"! Registration required.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 7-8:30pm

Join us for a community potluck event! This month, we are reading and sharing recipes from *Rosewater & Orange Blossoms: Fresh and Classic Recipes from my Lebanese Kitchen*. Pick up a copy of the cookbook at the Readers Advisory Desk starting in September and plan to bring your favorite dish inspired by the book to our potluck. Sponsored by Friends of the PDL. Registration begins September 7.

FROM BROADWAY & HOLLYWOOD WITH LOVE

Sunday, Sept. 15 | 2-3pm

This is Gemini's newest show for adults. Come hear — and sing along with! — well-loved songs from Broadway musicals and Hollywood movie-musical. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

HUMAN LIBRARY: UNJUDGE SOMEONE

Tuesday, Oct. 1 | 6-8pm

Join us for our first Human Library event where people are 'books' sharing diverse life journeys. Borrow a story, challenge stereotypes, and connect through empathy. This is a drop-in event. Stay as long or as short of a time as you'd like. This event's published themes include: Religion, Neurodiversity, Queerness and Sexuality, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Ethnicity.

3D PRINTING AT THE LIBRARY

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 6:30-8pm

Delve into 3D printing basics at our library! Learn to source designs, submit print jobs, and explore our printers' capabilities. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Saturday, Oct. 12 | 1-4:30pm

Fun at the library with games for adults, teens, and families with kids over 10! (If your children are not yet teens, please stay and play with them.) Games provided, or bring your own.

LEE IACocca: AUTO ICON

Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 7-8pm

Lee Iacocca had key roles in automotive ventures, such as the Ford Mustang, LeMans auto racing, and salvaging Chrysler from ruin. Local author Barry Levine presents these aspects (and much more) of Lee Iacocca's life. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

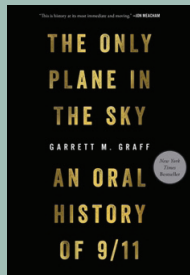
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, Sept. 19 | 10am-4pm

You are invited to sign up to donate to the Red Cross blood supply. To sign up to donate, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: plylibrary) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

SERIES FOR ADULTS

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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.

Garrett Graff

Tuesday, Sept. 10 | 2pm EDT

Capturing the Human Drama Through History with Garrett Graff. New York Times Bestselling Author and Pulitzer Prize Finalist

Nate Klemp

Wednesday, Sept. 18 | 2pm EDT

Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World with Nate Klemp, PhD. New York Times Bestselling Co-Author of *Start Here: Master the Lifelong Skill of Well-Being*

Liane Moriarty

Saturday, Sept. 21 | 7pm EDT

A Deep Dive in Character Development with Global Sensation Liane Moriarty. #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *Big Little Lies*, *The Husband's Secret*, and *Apples Never Fall*

ADDITIONAL AUTHORS AND DATES:

Wednesday, Oct. 2 | 2pm EDT

Rachel Page (Smithsonian Collaboration)

Wednesday, Oct. 9 | 7pm EDT

Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Tuesday, Oct. 22 | 2pm EDT

Lori Gottlieb

Saturday, Nov. 9 | 2pm EDT

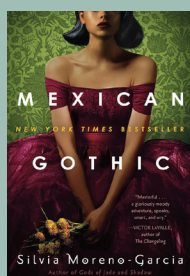
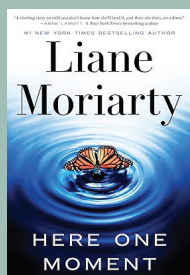
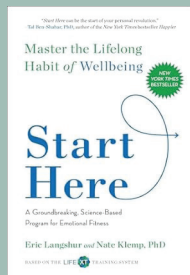
Javier Zamora (In Spanish)

Thursday, Nov. 14 | 4pm EDT

Javier Zamora

Wednesday, Nov. 20 | 7pm EDT

Mona Susan Power



CRICUT 101: GREETING CARDS

Sunday, Oct. 27 | 2-3:30pm

Craft a beautiful greeting card using Cricut electronic paper cutting machines. Dive into materials, tools, and library resources available in The Lab for Cricut projects. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wednesday, Oct. 30 | 6:30-8:45pm

Come alone or with friends and compete to answer questions from a variety of categories. Prizes for the top teams & light refreshments provided. Maximum of six people per team. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Groups: Adults.

JOB AND CAREER WORKSHOP

Saturday, Nov. 2 | 10am-2pm

Elevate your job search strategy with mock interviews, CV assessments, and resume reviews at our library's career development workshop.

JUNK JOURNALING

Sunday, Nov. 3 | 2-4pm

A junk journal is a handmade book of recycled & found materials. In this session, we will have materials to create your own junk journal. Keep it, or give it as a gift! Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

VETERANS PANEL DISCUSSION & EXPO

Monday, Nov. 4 | 6-8:30pm

Presented by the Veterans Resource Network of Southeast Michigan. Learn about local resources and services available to military veterans and their families. Registration required.

BOOK RELEASE PARTY:

GOOD DRESS BY BRITTANY ROGERS

Saturday, Nov. 9 | 1-3pm

Celebrate the publication of *Good Dress* by poet Brittany Rogers with a reading and discussion featuring Rogers and fellow poet Jasmine Parks. Light refreshments provided. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Support provided by 27th Letter Books. Registration requested.

BETTER MADE IN MICHIGAN

Wednesday, Nov. 13 | 7-8pm

More than 40 potato chip companies once called metro Detroit home. Author Karen Dybis shares how Better Made beat out the competition and cornered the market on crunch. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

INTRO TO GLOWFORGE: BUBBLE LETTER NAME KEYCHAINS

Sunday, Nov. 17 | 2-3:30pm

Explore the Glowforge laser engraver at this workshop in The Lab. Discover its unique features, project designs, and materials. Our instructor will demonstrate the Glowforge's capabilities and demonstrate the process of crafting bubble letter name keychains to the class. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

UNDERSTANDING POV IN FICTION

Tuesday, Nov. 19 | 6:30-8:45pm

Attention, NaNoWriMo participants! Developmental editor Emily Ruff will lead this workshop on point of view in fiction, which will cover common mistakes and provide solutions. Time for questions and feedback on attendees' works included. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

BEGIN WITH THE END: LESSONS IN DEATH

GO GREEN: ECO-FRIENDLY BURIALS

Wednesday, Sept. 11 | 7-8:30pm

No one likes to talk about dying, but it's something we need to discuss. Come and learn about green burial options with Peter Quakenbush of West Michigan Burial Forest. Registration required.

COMPASSION & CHOICES: MAKING THE RIGHT END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS FOR YOU

Saturday, Oct. 19 | 1-2pm

Join us as we learn about Compassion & Choices' mission to improve end-of-life care, envisioning a society embracing compassionate dying and empowering individuals to choose care reflecting their values. Includes Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) and Michigan-specific insights. Registration required.

MEDICARE SERIES

MEDICARE 101: WHY ANNUAL ENROLLMENT IS IMPORTANT

Monday, Sept. 23 | 1-3pm

Wednesday, Sept. 25 | 7pm

Presented by Michigan Medicare Assistance Program from The Senior Alliance. This session will cover the basics of Medicare, when to start your benefits, and how to change them along the way to meet your needs as you age. Registration required.

MEDICARE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT REVIEW PROCESS

Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 10am-4pm

Presented by Michigan Medicare Assistance Program from The Senior Alliance. Review your current plans to make sure they are still right for your needs. Appointments recommended. Call 734-727-2067.

SCORE SERIES

HOW SHOULD I STRUCTURE MY SMALL BUSINESS?

Thursday, Sept. 26 | 6:30-7:30pm

Are you looking to start and register a business but have questions about the type of business to choose: LLC, partnership or corporation? Or have you experienced growth and would like to restructure for tax purposes? This discussion, presented by SCORE | Ann Arbor Area. Registration required.

SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

Thursday, Oct. 17 | 6:30-7:30pm

Are you a small business owner that has questions about small business contracts? Learn the basic contractual agreements that small business owners need to understand for a successful business that is starting or growing! Presented by SCORE | Ann Arbor Area. Registration required.

SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESSION PLANNING

Thursday, Nov. 14 | 6:30-7:30pm

What will happen if you need to sell or transition your business quickly? How can you as a new business owner prepare for the future of your business as it grows? How can you retire successfully? Presented by SCORE | Ann Arbor Area. Registration required.

ELL LANGUAGE LEARNERS

ELL CONVERSATION GROUPS

Our two friendly groups meet Monday mornings 10-11:30am. One group meets on Zoom and one in person. Tutors from the Community Literacy Council lead both groups. Registration required for the Zoom group only.

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.

ADULT CRAFT MEETUPS

Drop in with your current project and hang out with other crafters. 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

WRITING GROUP

Tuesdays | 1:30-3:30pm

Join this meetup of adult writers who share their work and provide each other support and feedback. Group meets on first and third Tuesdays at 1:30pm (in-person or on Zoom.) New members are always welcome. Registration required. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Basics 1

September 4 | 11am-12:30pm
October 7 | 7-8:30pm
November 6 | 11am-12:30pm

Computer Basics 2

September 11 | 11am-12:30pm
October 14 | 7-8:30pm
November 13 | 11am-12:30pm

Intro to Google Drive

September 12 | 1-2pm
November 6 | 7-8pm

Intro to Canva

September 13 | 10:30am-12pm
October 15 | 6:30-8pm
November 11 | 6:30-8pm

TEEN PROGRAMS & BOOK CLUBS

TEEN TAKE & MAKES

Visit us on the first of every month for a new Take & Make kit! Each kit will contain the materials and instructions to create a fun craft or experience at home. Available on a first come, first served basis in the Teen Zone, while supplies last. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

UPCOMING KITS:

September – Candy Sushi (pickup begins Sep. 3)

October – Zombeanies

November – Gummy Bear Slime

CHESS

**Tuesdays: Sept. 3, Oct. 1, 15
Nov. 5, 19 | 6-8pm**

Plymouth Library Chess Club is back and looking for chess players 6th grade to adult who are interested in casual chess. Chess sets are provided but if you have a standard/tournament chess set you would like to bring you are welcome to do so. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Second and Fourth Monday of each month | 6-9pm

9/9, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons one-shots at State of Comics! Premade characters will be provided, but feel free to bring your own 3rd level character. After registering, join us on our Discord – link in registration email. Age Group: Teens. Registration required.

SUBLIME SUBLIMATION

Sunday, Sept. 22 | 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for this hands-on workshop on personalized gift-making using sublimation printers and heat presses. Design unique mugs, t-shirts, and bookmarks guided by our staff. Age Group: Teens. Registration required.

CHESS CLASS

**Saturdays, Sept. 28, Oct. 26,
and Nov. 23 | 3-4pm**

Interested in sharpening your chess skills? This class welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels. Through this class, players can deepen their chess understanding, refine their skills, and meet new chess friends! Age Group: All Ages

SKELETON FASHION SHOW

Create an outfit for a 6-inch skeleton to display in our skeleton fashion show! Outfits can be extremely humerus or bone-afide couture; it's up to you! Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required. **Kit Pick-Up:** October 1-7. **Displayed in Library:** October 15-31.

STUFFED ANIMAL TAXIDERMISTRY

Thursday, Oct. 10 | 7-8pm

Heads will roll...literally! Back by popular demand, create your very own stuffed animal taxidermy in the perfect Halloween craft. We'll paint and decorate mounts for previously-loved stuffies provided by the library. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

TINY PRINTMAKING

Wednesday, Nov. 6 | 7-8pm

What's the perfect mix of old and new technology? A 3D-printed printing press! Join this workshop to learn how to operate small printing presses we created right here in the library, and you'll be able to make your own art to take home! Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

PANCAKE ART PARTY

Saturday, Nov. 23 | 11am-12pm

What's better than making art? Making art you can EAT! Drop-by the library to create your very own colorful pancake art! Feel free to hang out, create cool designs, and munch away. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

POLL TIME!

What is your favorite thing to do in the Plymouth District Library

A

Checking out Your Favorite Book

B

Playing Dungeons and Dragons

C

Enjoying the Video Games and Consoles

D

Meeting Friends in the Teen Zone

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TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Zooms: Tuesdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 | 6-7pm

Shelf Reading Training: Mondays, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 | 7-8pm

Interested in volunteering with the library? Join a Teen Volunteer Leadership Zoom held on the first Tuesday of each month to find out more, or sign up for a Shelf Reading Training! Age Group: Teens. Registration required.

BLT - BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS

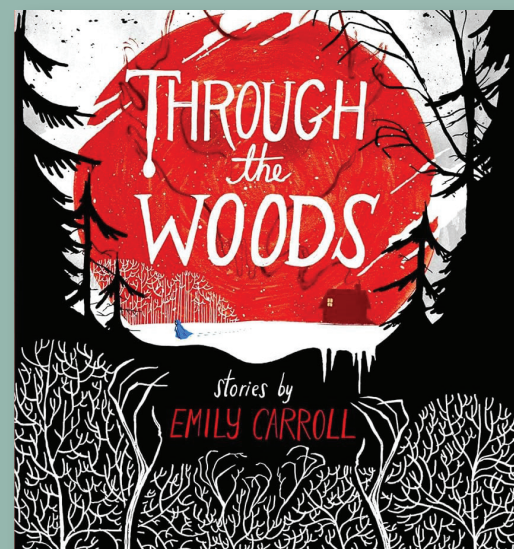
Saturday, Oct. 12 | 12-1pm

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 PIZZA! 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, October 16 | 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! We will be reading *Through the Woods* by Emily Carroll.



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In the TEEN ZONE



Find your next favorite manga series at our library today!

REGISTER FOR TEEN EVENTS TODAY!!

Go to plymouthlibrary.org/events in our main menu to access our calendar and to find your event. Click on any event and fill out its registration form. You can also call 734-453-0750, option 4 or register for the event in person.

FALL READING

Whodunit! - Mystery Reads

Looking for your next page-turner? Dive into our Whodunit! Mystery Books list, expertly curated by our librarians for readers of all ages. Whether you're a fan of classic detective tales, modern thrillers, or cozy mysteries, this collection has something for everyone. Perfect for lazy afternoons in the sun or thrilling nights by the fire, these books will keep you on the edge of your seat. Join us on a journey filled with suspense, intrigue, and unforgettable characters. Discover your next gripping read here.

YOUTH

The Baby-Sitters Club 13, Mary Anne's Bad Luck Mystery by Ann M. Martin

The Case of the Missing Tarts by Christee Curran-Bauer

The Deadly Daylight by Ash Harrier

InvestiGators: All Tide Up by John Patrick Green

Yasmin the Detective by Saadia Faruqi

Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go, The Mystery of Lookout Mountain

It's My Purr-ty: A Berryworks Mystery by Olivia Luchini

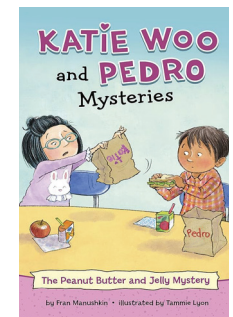
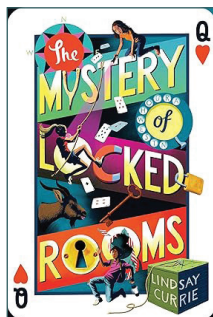
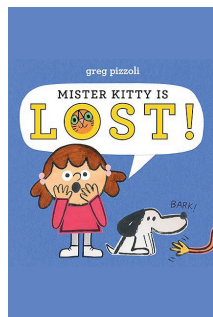
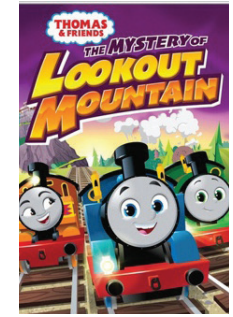
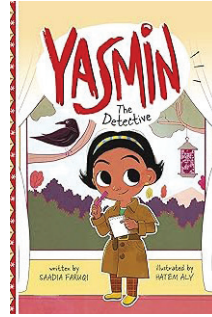
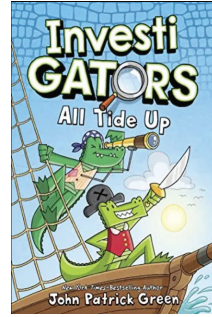
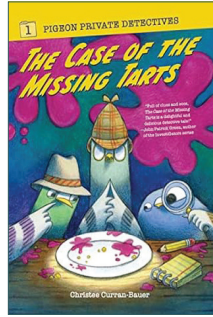
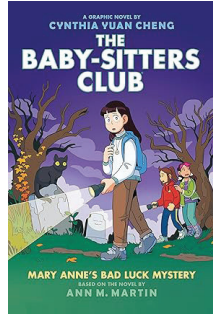
Mister Kitty is Lost! Can you Help Me Find Him? by Greg Pizzoli

The Mystery of the Locked Rooms by Lindsay Currie

The Ojja-wojja: horror-mystery or whatever by Magdalene Visaggio

The Mystery of the Painted Fan by Linda Trinh

Katie Woo and Pedro Mysteries: The Peanut Butter and Jelly Mystery by Frank Manushkin



TEEN

Clever Creatures of the Night by Samantha Mabry

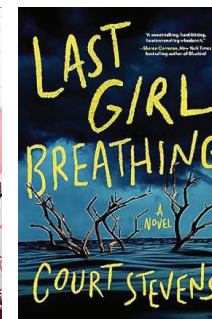
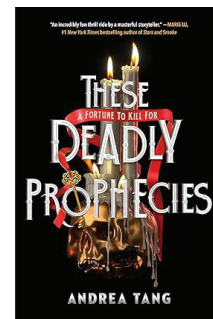
These Deadly Prophecies by Andrea Tang

Batman Fear State Saga by James Tynion

How to Find a Missing Girl by Victoria Wlosok

Last Girl Breathing by Court Stevens

Oshi no ko 4 by Aka Akasaka



ADULTS

Death By Chocolate Raspberry Scone by Sarah Graves

Every Time I Go on Vacation, Someone Dies by Catherine Mack

The Night in Question by Susan Fletcher

The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger

Everyone On This Train is a Suspect by Benjamin Stevenson

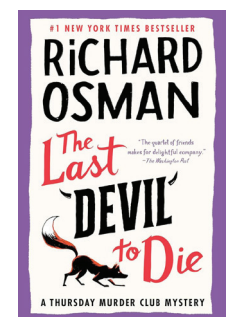
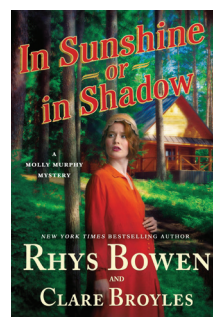
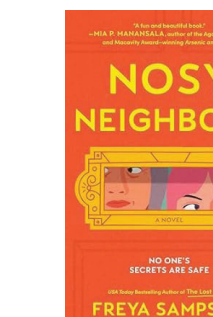
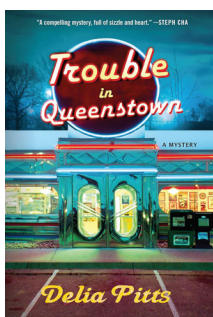
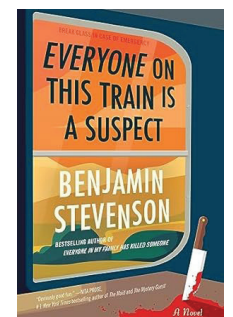
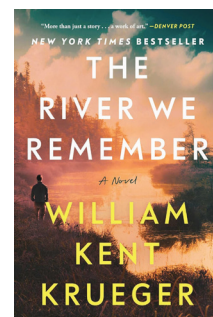
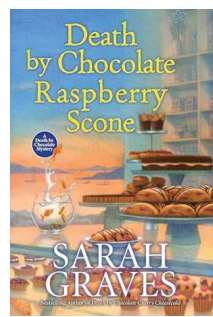
Trouble in Queenstown by Delia Pitts

Nosy neighbors by Freya Sampson

How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin

In Sunshine or in Shadow by Rhys Bowen

The Last Devil to Die: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery by Richard Osman



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NEW! Reading Retreat

In our fast-paced, technology-driven world, taking time to unplug and unwind is essential. Constant notifications, emails, and social media updates can lead to stress and anxiety. Excessive screen time has been linked to mental health issues, including depression and disrupted sleep patterns due to blue light from screens affecting melatonin production.

Our Reading Retreat

Saturday, Sept. 21 | 1-8pm and Sunday, Sept. 22 | 9am-5pm

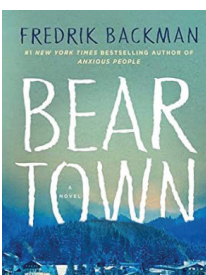
Savor the joy of discovery and the luxury of uninterrupted reading time during this relaxing, two-day retreat. Immerse yourself in a book nestled among our cozy library stacks, or take breaks throughout the day with activities designed to help you meet other readers in thoughtful discussion. Saturday will include an acoustic campfire performance after hours then come back Sunday morning and start the day with a light yoga session in the library's atrium before we open to the public. ■

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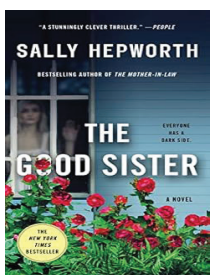
Science Fiction: Features real-life science or realistic magic, often set in the future with themes like space or time travel. Uses scientific concepts to imagine future societal developments. Ex: *Toward Eternity* by Anton Hur and *Critical Mass* by Daniel Suarez.

Fantasy: Involves imaginative settings and elements. High fantasy introduces entirely fictional worlds, while low fantasy combines real-life settings with magical elements, often featuring mythological and folklore-based characters and creatures. Ex: *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros and *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

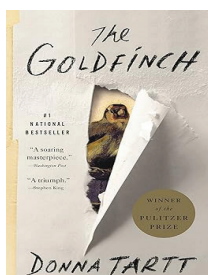
To make reading enjoyable, especially in the library, start with what you know and love and then step out of your comfort zone. One way to find the right books for you or to help you find something new is to ask our wonderful library staff. Librarians and reference assistants can help you discover your next read and favorite author. Expand your imagination with the characters, adventures, and lessons waiting for you in various genres. ■



Bear Town by Fredrik Backman



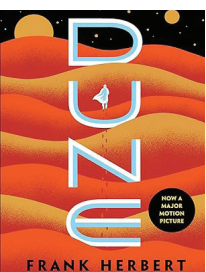
The Good Sister by Sally Hepworth



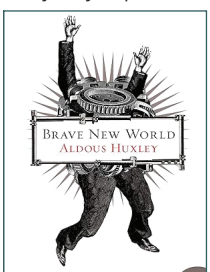
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt



The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett



DUNE by Frank Herbert



Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

ENJOY THESE BOOKS SUGGESTED BY OUR STAFF MEMBER CHRISTINE CAMPBELL



COLLEGE EXAM TAKEAWAY BAGS

Calling all college students! Stop by the library and grab an exam cram takeaway bag. In it you'll find extra supplies and goodies to make studying for your exam just a little bit easier. Available on the upper level on November 30th while supplies last.

LOW VISION ACTIVITY KITS

A low vision diagnosis doesn't mean you can't enjoy new activities! Our Fall kit, available starting September 23rd, focuses on games and cognitive function. Inside, you'll find low vision playing cards, large-print word searches, instructions for various card games, and information on how games can help ward off cognitive decline.

Pick up your kit at the main level help desk or the Plymouth Friendship Station Senior Center while supplies last. Sponsored by Friends of the PDL.



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Friends of PDL have a particular need for contemporary fiction (published within the last seven years) and children's books in impeccable condition. Your generosity in providing clean, odor-free books will make a significant difference in supporting our beloved library!

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Sunday 1pm - 5pm
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September 1-2 - Labor Day
September 8 - Fall Fest
November 27 - Closing at 6pm
November 28 - Thanksgiving

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