



More Than a Makeover: A Library Designed for the Way You Live

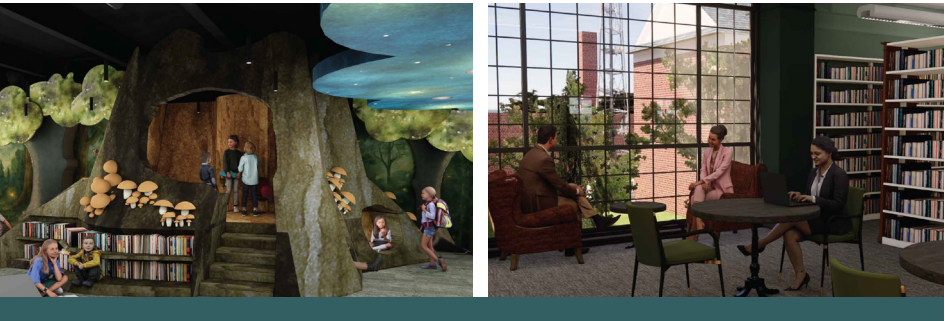


This fall, we are wrapping up a number of interior updates and inviting our community back into our refreshed spaces. The recent updates at the library are more than just aesthetic improvements—they're part of a thoughtful effort to make the space more usable, comfortable, and inspiring for everyone who walks through our doors.

Over the past several months, we've leveraged our planned re-carpeting and painting project to reimagine the library as a place that better supports how people read, learn, create, and connect today. We are adding a variety of new seating options and flexible furniture arrangements to support both quiet, independent study and lively group collaboration on each floor. Whether you're diving into research, meeting a friend to brainstorm, or just finding a sunny spot to relax with a book, you'll find more spaces that suit your needs.

For families, the refreshed layout includes new activity areas where children and caregivers can engage in play-based learning surrounded by books. These hands-on spaces are designed to encourage longer visits and deeper engagement.

We've also increased access to maker technology and creative tools, with extended access to Cricut machines, sublimation printers, sewing/embroidery machines, and our laser cutter so your ideas and projects can come to life on a timeline that better aligns with your needs.



What ties all of these changes together is a commitment to making the library a place where everyone feels empowered to use the space in the ways that are most meaningful to them. It's not just about what looks good—it's about what works. As always, the spirit of our historic small-town community has guided this refresh. We've worked to preserve the warmth and character that make the library feel like home, while adding new flexibility and possibilities for the future. We're excited to welcome you back—come explore what's new and see how the space can work for you.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 1–14: Library closed for main level renovations
- September 15: Main and upper levels re-open
- September 15: Lower level renovations begin
- October: Lower Level collections will re-open, with some areas temporarily cordoned off for the installation of the play space.

Contact us at info@plymouthlibrary.org for renovation questions.

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YOUTH/FAMILY PROGRAMS



MAGIC OF DIWALI: INDIA’S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS! Saturday Oct. 18 | 11am-12pm

Presented by Ajanta Chakraborty from Bollywood Groove in Chicago, co-sponsored by Canton Public Library.

Join us for an unforgettable Diwali Celebration Workshop filled with lights, stories, and joyful movement. Explore the five festive days of Diwali—from Dhanteras to Bhai Dooj—through engaging tales that highlight the meaning behind each day. Then, bring the celebration to life with high-energy dance inspired by Indian traditions. Perfect for kids, teens, families, and adults, this interactive workshop welcomes everyone to experience the spirit of Diwali. Continue the journey at Canton Public Library with Dances & Stories of India on Saturday, October 18 at 2pm. Special thanks to Canton Public Library for their support!

OUTDOOR FUN

Friday, Sept. 19 | 10:30-11:30am
Join us for outdoor fun and activities in the Amphitheater! We will have chalk, bubbles, blocks. Fun for children ages 0-4.

DONUTS & WRITING CLUB

Thursdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 25, and Nov. 13 | 6:30-7:30pm
Come for encouragement, to play writing games, or just to eat donuts. Age Group: 9-12. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

NEIGHBORHOOD WALK

Mondays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 20 | 9:30-11:30am
Join Miss Nicole for a Neighborhood Walk! Each month we visit a local neighborhood park for some play and social time. Meet outside the library at 9:30. Check the calendar for more information. Hope to see you there! Age Group: Family Friendly.

PERIOD POWER: EMBRACE THE CHANGE

Saturday, Oct. 4 | 1-3pm
Help end the stigma around periods by joining us for an interactive workshop designed to demystify menstruation and empower youth! Created for youth aged 8+, this program will encourage open dialogue, dispel myths, and foster confidence in managing menstruation. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: Youth aged 8-18, parents welcome.

BARK: BE A READING KID

Mondays, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 | 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.

RPG CLUB

Thursdays, Oct. 9 and Nov. 6 | 6:30-7:30pm
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.

MESSY PLAY

Fridays, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21 | 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 a way that is engaging and fun. This is a drop-in activity for ages 0-4. Please dress for mess.

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18 | 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, but open Lego building is also encouraged. We provide all Legos for the club. Age Group: 5-12.

MONSTER MAC AND SPOOKY STORIES

Monday, Oct. 27 | 6-7:30pm
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. Age Group: 5-12. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

BIG BLUE BLOCKS OPEN PLAY

Tuesday, Oct. 28 | 10:30-11:30am
Let your imagination run wild and come join us for morning of free play with our Big Blue Blocks from Imagination Playground! Age Group: 0-4.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, Nov. 17 | 6:30-7:30pm
Gather the whole family for a fun trivia night! Test your knowledge, win prizes, and enjoy a cozy evening—bring your own snacks and drinks! Registration required. Ages 5-12 with families.

Register for EVENTS TODAY!

Go to plymouthlibrary.org and click on “Events” in the menu to access the calendar and find your event. Next, click on any event you want to attend and fill out its registration form. You can also call 734-453-0750, option 5 or register for the event in-person.



MELLYPOP! PRODUCTIONS: FALL FEST FUN

Saturday, Sept. 6 | 12pm
The Library is pleased to present puppet fun from MellyPop! Productions, on the Kellogg Park main stage at Plymouth’s Fall Festival! Plus, visit our booth in Kellogg Park all Fall Fest weekend for some crafty fun!

TALKING HANDS ASL CLUB

All ages, youth & families



**TALKING HANDS
ASL CLUB**
**Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15
10:30-11:30am**
Join with other members of the community for an hour of practicing American Sign Language (ASL).

We will have games, books, puzzles, coloring pages and other resources to learn and use ASL. Age Group: All Ages.

EVENTS FOR ALL

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Saturday, Sept. 27 | 10am-2pm
Have costumes you are done with or ones your kids have outgrown? Donate clean costumes in good condition (on hangers please) at the main floor help desk September 22-26 and receive a voucher for each.

Saturday swap hours are 10-11am for voucher holders only, then open to the public from 11am-2pm.

COLORING FOR ALL AGES

Saturdays, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 | 2-4pm
Listen to some relaxing music while you enjoy an afternoon of coloring! We’ll have coloring pages and utensils to suit all ages and skill levels, from beginners to seasoned coloring enthusiasts. No registration necessary. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

YOUTH STORYTIMES



BABYTIME STORYTIME

Mondays, Sept. 22, Nov. 24
Fridays, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14

Babytime is a 15-minute story, song and rhyme time, followed by a 30-minute playtime. This program is for babies ages 6 to 24 months old and their caregivers. Only the caregiver and baby may attend. No older siblings please.

WELLNESS STORYTIMES

Thursdays Oct. 2 and
Nov. 6 | 6:30-7pm

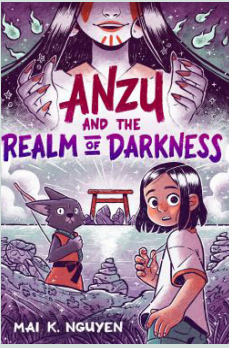
Join us for a relaxing storytime with stories, songs, rhymes and activities designed to help children and their families de-stress and reconnect. Age Group: 4-8 and their families.
Oct. 2 - Yoga
Nov. 6 - Mindfulness

SUPER-SIZED STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Oct 1-29 | 10:30-11am and
Wednesdays, Nov. 12-Dec. 10 | 10:30-11am

Experience the magic of Super-Sized Storytime. With engaging librarians and educational stories, our super-sized room and screen give us more space for reading, dancing, crafting and bubbles! We hope to see you there!

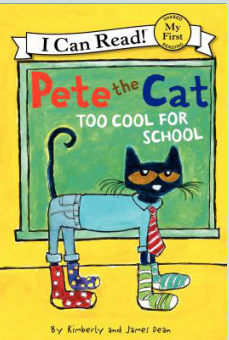
YOUTH BOOK CLUBS



GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Oct. 16 | 5-6pm

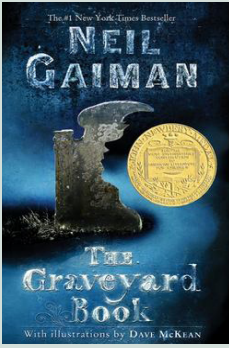
Read and discuss a graphic novel with a group. This event is held at State of Comics in downtown Plymouth. The first five registrants keep a free book; others get library copies. Pick up books at the Youth Desk starting Sept. 18. October's pick is *Anzu and the Realm of Darkness* by Mai K. Nguyen. Age Group: 9-12. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB!

Wednesday, Nov. 5 | 6:30-7:15pm

This book club is for beginning readers. Kids will receive a list of books in a series that they can read. 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. November's book series will be *Pete the Cat* by James Dean. Age Group: 5-8. Registration is required and begins on October 8. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



PIZZA & PAGES

Wednesday, Nov. 12 | 6-7pm

Join Pizza & Pages, a fun book club for kids with pizza, activities and lively discussions! The first five registrants keep a free book; others get library copies. Registration begins Oct. 15 and you can pick up books at the Youth Desk. November's pick is *The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman. Age Group: 9-12. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

Making Ourselves Better Readers from Kids to Adults



Reading opens the door to new ideas, stories, and ways of thinking, but it does not always come easily. It is not a skill we are born with—it must be taught, and for many, that is where the challenge begins.

Laura Stewart Whittaker, a longtime educator who grew up in Plymouth and now teaches in North Carolina, currently works with the Harvard Reads Lab and brings over 20 years of classroom experience to her literacy work.

She notes that for most children, phonics—the connection between letters and sounds—is essential, but so is content. Kids grow as

readers when they explore books on subjects they are curious about. Reading several books on the same topic keeps them engaged and helps build vocabulary.

Today's young readers are growing up surrounded by screens, apps, and digital tools that offer instant rewards like colors, sounds, and badges. Physical books move at a slower pace, but they help develop focus and deeper understanding. The reward is different—and it lasts.

Whittaker encourages reading aloud at every age, noting that hearing one's own voice helps strengthen the connection to the story.

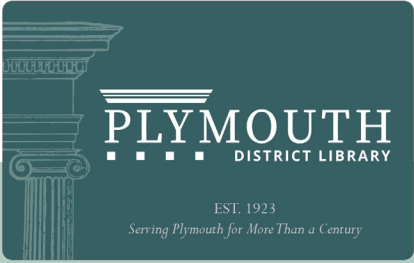
She also recommends including audiobooks and podcasts as part of a reading life, especially when there is time to reflect on the content and apply what is learned. That reflection is what makes ideas stick and become part of daily life.

Choice also matters. When children are able to explore topics they are already interested in—such as animals, space, or how things work—they are more motivated to read. That curiosity builds confidence, and confidence builds skill. The same applies to adults: reading becomes easier and more enjoyable when it follows personal interests and is shared with others.

Whittaker will speak about the importance of content-based learning and reading comprehension at the Harvard Summer Leadership Institute on August 7, sharing insights from her work on the MORE (Model of Reading Engagement) study.

All the tools needed to become a better reader can be found at the library, and September—Library Card Sign-up Month—is an ideal time to take that first step.

Reading does not need to be rushed or difficult. It can be slow, steady, and joyful—a practice to return to not only for learning, but also for feeling, reflecting, and growing.



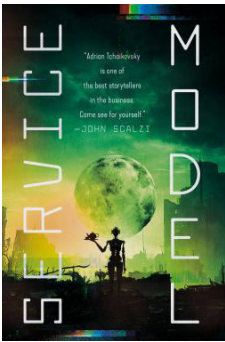
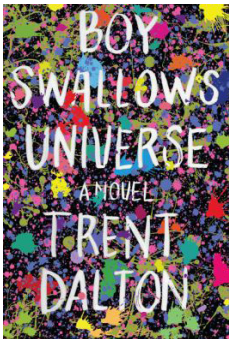
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

WITH YOUR CARD, YOU RECEIVE:

- Free access to 200,000+ items, including video games, science kits, and WiFi hotspots—no overdue fees
- eBooks, audiobooks, streaming media, online learning, and research tools
- Free or discounted admission to museums and attractions statewide
- Two free seed packets per year (while supplies last)

And much more. Don't have one yet? Stop by and sign up or visit our website at: **plymouthlibrary.org** - It's quick, free, and opens up a world of possibilities.

ADULT BOOK CLUBS



BOOKS ON TAP

This book club meets at Arbor Brewing Plymouth Taproom on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Pick up the current month's selection at the library. New members are always welcome! Titles for upcoming months are:
Sept. 17 - *Boy Swallows Universe* by Trent Dalton
Oct. 15 - *Service Model* by Adrian Tchaikovsky
Nov. 19 - *The Heartbeat Library* by Laura Imai Messina

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

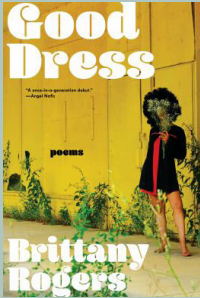
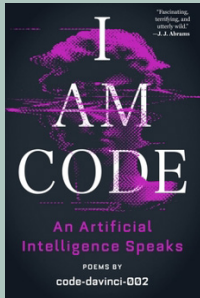
This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the library. The group meets in person and via Zoom. **September 9th will be only on Zoom.** Each month the current title is available at the help desk. Titles for upcoming months are:
Sept. 9 - *Inland* by Téa Obreht (online)
Oct. 14 - *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
Nov. 11 - *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

BROWN BAG BOOKS

This Library 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 Readers' Advisory desk during the month preceding the discussion. Volunteers from among the group lead the discussion, with background materials supplied by the librarian. Titles for upcoming months are:
Sept. 24 - *The Morningside* by Téa Obreht
Oct. 22 - *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf
Nov. 26 - *Probably Ruby* by Lisa Bird-Wilson

POPCORN & POETRY

3rd Thursdays | 6:30-7:30pm
Join the Popcorn & Poetry book club for a thoughtful, lively discussion, and popcorn to snack on! Pick up your book from Readers Advisory on the main level and dive into the world of poetry with fellow enthusiasts. Age Group: Adults.
Sept. 18 - *I am Code: An Artificial Intelligence Speaks* by code-davinci-002
Oct. 16 - *A Good Cry: What We Learn from Tears and Laughter* by Nikki Giovanni.
Nov. 20 - *Good Dress* by Brittney Rogers



SILENT BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, Sept. 23, Oct. 28 and Nov. 27 | 7-8pm
A gathering of readers. Read silently for an hour, and then, if you'd like, come together to talk about books. There is no assigned reading. All kinds of readers are welcome. Silent Book Club® is a global community of readers, with more than 1000 chapters in 50 countries around the world.

SERIES FOR ADULTS

TRADE CAREER SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Wednesday, Sept. 24 | 7-8pm
Auto Mechanics & Technology
Thursday, Oct. 23 | 7-8pm
Welding
Thursday, Nov. 20 | 7-8pm
Appliance Repair
Teens and adults considering careers in a skilled trade are invited to come hear about and ask questions about specific paths. Each month will feature opportunities to get direct info from folks working in a different career area. Sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union's Relentless Care Foundation. Registration requested. Age Group: Teens and Adults.

WRITING GROUP

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm
Join this meetup of adult writers who share their work and provide each other support and feedback. Group will meet on Zoom in September, then in-person October and beyond. New members are always welcome. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

ADULT CRAFT MEETUPS

Drop in with your current project and hang out with other crafters. All makers are welcome!
HOOK & NEEDLE CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP
Tuesdays | 10:30am-12:30pm
NEEDLE/CRAFT CONNECTION
Every 1st Thursday | 6-8pm
Age Group: Adults.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL)

CONVERSATION GROUP
Mondays | 10-11:30am
Informal and friendly group meetings led by native English speakers from the Library and the Community Literacy Council. Meet in person or on Zoom.

PAGE BY PAGE: INTERMEDIATE ELL BOOK CLUB
Wednesdays | 1-2pm
The Page by Page book club meets weekly on Zoom reading an assigned number of chapters from current book. Discuss it with tutors and other learners. Registration required. Age Group: Adults.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Intro to Canva
Thursday, Oct. 2 | 10:30am-12pm
Monday, Nov. 3 | 7-8:30pm

Computer Basics 1
Monday, Oct. 13 | 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday, Nov 12 | 11am-12:30pm

Computer Basics 2
Monday, Oct. 20 | 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday, Nov 19 | 11am-12:30pm

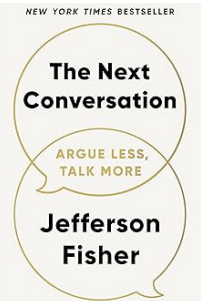


LIVING WELL WITH LOW VISION

1st Tuesdays: Oct. 7 and Nov. 4 10:30am-12pm
(No meetup in Sept.)
This monthly session is open to anyone for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. Sessions are both social and informative and feature a guest speaker. Companions are welcome. Tokens for Plymouth Senior Transportation provided upon request. Registration invited but not required. Age Group: Adults.

Enjoy live interviews with bestselling authors and thought leaders. To register for upcoming talks or to enjoy previously recorded ones, visit: libraryc.org/plymouthlibrary.

Library Speakers CONSORTIUM



Hannah Nicole Maehrler
Wednesday, Sept. 3 | 7pm EDT
Charming Villainous Love
New York Times Bestselling Author and TikTok Superstar

Jefferson Fisher
Wednesday, Sept. 10 | 2pm EDT
Argue Less and Talk More with New York Times Bestselling Author and Social Media Sensation

Author Gabe Henry
Wednesday, Sept. 17 | 2pm EDT
Our Failed Attempts to Make English Eezier to Spell Author of *Enough is Enuf* and *Eating Salad Drunk*

Emily Key and Adrian Aldaba, Smithsonian Latino Center, Nuestra America
Tuesday, Oct. 2 | 2pm EDT

Dates for this series runs through December. Visit libraryc.org/plymouthlibrary for those dates with authors including, Leigh Bardugo, Phillipa Gregory, Joseph Lee, Amanda Peters and more.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

GAME MEET UPS

SCRABBLE SUNDAYS
1st Sundays | 2-4pm
(No meetup in Sept.)
Are you seeking fellow logophiles (aka word lovers) to play Scrabble with? Join us every first Sunday afternoon for friendly competition. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG MEETUP
1st Sundays | 2-4pm
(No meetup in Sept.)
Meet up with other players for American Mah Jongg. Sets are provided, but players must bring their own 2025 official Standard Hands and Rules card. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

CHESS NIGHT
1st Tuesdays | 6-8pm
(No meetup in Sept.)
Casual chess players are invited to drop in for a game. Sets are provided, but if you have a standard/tournament chess set you would like to bring you are certainly welcome to do so. Age Group: Adults, Teens & Youth Grade 6+.

EUCHRE NIGHT
2nd Thursdays | 6:30-8:30pm
(No meetup in Sept.)
Drop in 2nd Thursday evenings for that Midwest-favorite card game! Come with a partner or on your own. Play is round-robin and casual. No instruction is provided. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

MAH JONGG BEGINNERS CLUB
3rd Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm
Join other “newbie” American Mah Jongg players for some beginner-paced friendly play. Sets are provided, but players must bring their own 2025 official Standard Hands and Rules card. Age Group: Adults. Registration is required.

BOARD GAME AFTERNOON
Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 | 1-4pm
Join us for a fun afternoon at the library playing tabletop board and card games, perfect for adults, teens, and families with kids ages 10 and up! We'll teach you a new game and offer plenty of others from our collection — or feel free to bring your own.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY FOR ADULTS
Wednesday, Oct. 8 | 6:30pm
Test your knowledge on various topics like math, science, history, and current events. Play solo or with a team. Prizes will be awarded to the top trivia teams! Bring your own snacks! Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

HOW TO READ A PAINTING
Wednesday, Sept. 10 | 7-8pm
Have you ever looked at a painting and wished you could understand it more? We will review some of the more common symbols and tropes seen in Western painting. This is a virtual event. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

BOOK BINGO
Saturday, Sept. 13 | 2-3:30pm
The library may be closed, but we're still offering a lively game of bingo inspired by books you can find at the library. *Join us in the outdoor amphitheater* for fun and prizes. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

RANKED CHOICE VOTING INFO SESSION
Thursday, Sept. 18 | 7-8pm
At this session, the non-partisan organization Rank MI Vote will explain what ranked choice voting is and review the current citizen-led amendment proposal to bring it to Michigan.

SCORE SMALL BUSINESS: NAVIGATING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY (VIRTUAL)
Monday, Sept. 29 | 6:30-7:30pm
Feeling the pressure of economic uncertainty right now? Bring your questions for two SCORE mentors who specialize in cash flow, import/export and inventory management. Presented by SCORE | Ann Arbor Area. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

PLYMOUTH WILCOX HOUSE: TODAY & YESTERYEAR
Wednesday, Oct. 1 | 7-8:30pm
Step back in time and take a virtual tour of Plymouth's famous landmark, the Wilcox House. Our presenter will be impersonating the actual builder and owner of this notable home. You'll hear stories along with captivating video and audio. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION
Oct. 11 | 10:30-11:30am
Experience Heartfulness Relaxation and Meditation, which, when practiced daily, help restore balance in life, manage stress, better your health, and most of all will lead you to inner calm and peace. An introduction to Heartfulness Meditation presentation followed by practicing the relaxation and meditation techniques will be taught over one hour. Age Group: 15+.

OVERDOSE PREVENTION, HARM REDUCTION AND NALOXONE TRAINING
Monday, Oct. 13 | 7-8:30pm
Representatives from the Wayne County and the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice will share local data on overdoses, emerging drug trends, and the importance of harm reduction resources. A brief naloxone demonstration will follow. Age Group: Adults and Teens.

THE EDMUND FITZGERALD INVESTIGATIONS
Wednesday, Oct. 22 | 7-8:30pm
Shipwreck historian Ric Mixer shares exclusive footage of the building, wreck, and investigation of the Edmund Fitzgerald. He has visited the wreck personally, and has collected one of the largest film archives of Fitzgerald related material. 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the loss of the mighty Fitz. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

MEDICARE ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD
Monday, Oct. 27 | 10am-4pm
Medicare Annual Enrollment is October 15-December 7. During this time you should review your current Medicare plan to be sure it still is right for your needs. Certified Michigan Medicare Assistance Program (MMAP) counselors from The Senior Alliance will be available to do a confidential review with you. Call The Senior Alliance at 734-727-2067 to schedule.

OVERCOMING ANXIOUS THOUGHTS
Tuesday, Oct. 28 | 7-8:30pm
Do you or someone you love struggle with worries or intrusive thoughts? This program will provide information and practical advice on how to recognize, challenge, and overcome anxious thinking. Drawing from evidence-based treatments, Dr. Schroder will describe best practices that you can start using immediately. Registration Required.

SPICE CLUB
Thursday, Oct. 30 | 7-8pm
Join us for a potluck where we appreciate different cultures through spices. The spice this month is star anise. Spices are first come, first served. Spices can be picked up beginning Oct. 1. Registration begins August 29. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

VETERANS PANEL DISCUSSION & EXPO
Monday, Nov. 10 | 6-8pm
Presented by the Veterans Resource Network of Southeast Michigan. Learn about local resources and services available to military Veterans and their families. Registration required.

SCORES SMALL BUSINESS HIRING SUCCESS (VIRTUAL)
Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 6:30-7:30pm
Hiring and keeping employees is a challenge for small business owners. This discussion includes tips for job postings that spark interest, ways to streamline the hiring process and do-able ways you can foster satisfaction for improved employee retention. Presented by SCORE | Ann Arbor area. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

BUILD A BOOK
Saturday, Nov. 22 | 1-2:30pm
A relaxing session of book-making where you'll design, build, and bind your own journal from scratch. All materials provided. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age group: Adults.



AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR TEA OBREHT
Tuesday, Sept. 23 | 7-8pm at the Penn Theatre
Friends of PDL and the Penn Theatre welcome popular author Tea Obreht! Join us for a reading, presentation, and book-signing event. Registration and a ticket are required for entry. Receive a complimentary e-ticket by email when you register with an email address. Paper tickets also available.



BOOK & BOUTIQUE: AN EVENING WITH SISTER PIE
Thursday, Oct. 16 | 6-8pm
Join author Lisa Ludwinski, founder of Detroit's Sister Pie, for a talk and book signing. Buy your book early at VITRINE to receive a free baking mold! Sister Pie samples and shopping after the library event, at VITRINE. Registration required at the library.

TEEN PROGRAMS & BOOK CLUBS



TEEN TAKE & MAKES KITS

Visit us on the first of every month for a new kit! Each kit contains the materials to create a fun craft to experience at home. Available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Teen Zone while supplies last. Please note there will be no kit in Sept. due to our building's closure. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Upcoming kits:
Oct. – Fancy Bug Taxidermy
Nov. – Hot Chocolate Bombs

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! The designer of the fan-favorite outfit wins a prize. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.
Kit Pick-Up: Oct. 1-7
Show Displayed: Oct. 15-31

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Zooms:
Tuesdays, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, and Nov. 4 | 6-7pm
Shelf Reading Training:
Mondays, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17 | 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.

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Auto Mechanics & Technology
Thursday, Oct. 23 | 7-8pm
Welding
Thursday, Nov. 20 | 7-8pm
Appliance Repair
Considering careers in a skilled trade are invited to come hear about and ask questions about specific paths. Each month will feature opportunities to get direct info from folks working in a different career area. Sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union's Relentless Care Foundation. Registration requested. Age Group: Teens and Adults.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE ZOOM: WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

Monday, Sept. 29 | 7-8:30pm
This workshop will explore changes in financial aid that may impact how much parents will pay for college and how they can adjust to these shifts. Registration required.

PERIOD POWER: EMBRACE THE CHANGE
Saturday, Oct. 4 | 1-3pm
Help end the stigma around periods by joining us for a workshop designed to demystify menstruation and empower youth! Created for youth aged 8+, this program will encourage open dialogue, dispel myths, and foster confidence in managing menstruation. Age Group: Youth aged 8-18. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Parents welcome.

BLT - BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 11 | 12-1pm
Join our Board of Library Teens, and you can share ideas for programs, plan library projects, play games, and more--all while munching on some delicious PIZZA! Despite all the fun you'll be having, attendance can even be counted as a volunteer hour! Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

HAUNTED CARNIVAL
Saturday, Oct. 25 | 6-8pm
Calling all brave souls! A haunted carnival has come to the library and we need your help! Play spooky games, win prizes, and explore spooky surprises to free the library from this curse! Light refreshments provided; costumes welcome, but optional. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.

D&D (DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS)
2nd and 4th Mondays | 6-9pm
(9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10 and 11/24) Join us for Dungeons and Dragons one-shots at State of Comics! Premade characters will be provided, but feel free to bring your own 5th-level character. Age Group: Teens. Registration required.

CHESS NIGHT
1st Tuesdays | 6-8pm
Casual chess players are invited to drop in for a game. Sets are provided, but if you have a standard/tournament chess set you would like to bring you are certainly welcome to do so. Age Group: Youth Grade 6+, Teens. Adults are welcome.

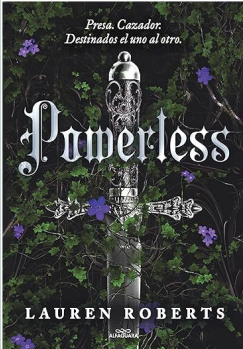
TUTORING @ PDL

NHS tutors will be in the Teen Zone to help with homework Tuesdays 6-8pm and Saturdays 1-3pm! Check our website's events calendar for a complete list of dates.

BOOKS & BITES

Wednesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19 | 7-8pm

Now meeting monthly, join us to discuss a great YA read! The first five registrants get a free-to-keep copy of the book, and if that isn't enticing enough, there will be snacks!



SEPTEMBER: *Powerless* by Lauren Roberts
OCTOBER: *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
NOVEMBER: *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau
Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

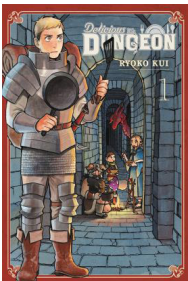
NEW MANGA HITS



Gokurakugai. 01 by Yuto Sano



The Elusive Samurai. Volume 01 by Yusei Matsui



Delicious in Dungeon. 01 by Ryoko Kui



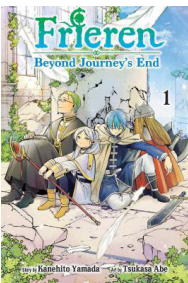
Kaiju No. 8. 01 by Naoya Matsumoto



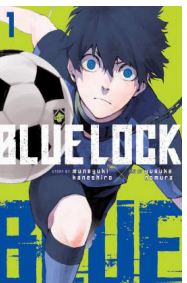
Gachiakuta. 01 by Kei Urana



Kagurabachi. 01 by Takeru Hokazono



Frieren: Beyond Journey's End. Vol. 01 by Kanehito Yamada



Blue Lock. 01 by Muneyuki Kaneshiro

Find your favorite manga series in the Teen Zone



ART ATTACK
Saturday, Nov. 15 1-2pm
Drop-by the library to take an old, unwanted painting and add your own twist! Get as artsy or silly as you want as we make the old new with just a little paint and creativity. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

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

Books to Read this Fall

As the days grow cooler and the leaves begin to turn, fall is the perfect time to settle in with a great read. Explore our curated list of book recommendations to make the most of the season.

YOUTH

- Weirdo* by Tony Weaver, Jr.
The Love Report - by Beka & Maya
Julius Zebra by Gary Northfield
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova
Stepping Stones by Lucy Knisley
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Strange Birds by Celia C. Pérez
Max Meow Cat Crusader by John Gallagher
Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd
Too Pig to Fail by Rob Harrell
Real Friends by Shannon Hale
Katie the Catsitter by Colleen AF Venable



TEEN

- Fake Skating* by Lynn Painter
Falling Like Leaves by Misty Wilson
Glorious Rivals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
Make Me a Monster by Kalynn Bayron
A Theory of Dreaming by Ava Reid
Cold Wire by Chloe Gong



ADULTS

- The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt
The Secret History by Donna Tarrt
Autumn Leaves, 1922 by Tessa Lunney
The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James
A Trillion Trees - Restoring our Forest by Trusting Nature by Fred Pearce
Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
Anatomy a Love Story by Dana Schwartz
Picture Perfect Autumn by Shelley Noble
An Event in Autumn by Henning Mankell
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
The Serviceberry by Robin Kimmerer
Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo



For more books to read this fall, search our catalog at plymouthlibrary.org.

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friends.plymouthlibrary.org

Civic Zone: Connection and Understanding



Remember civics class in high school? Until you took the class, you may have wondered what civics even was or why it mattered. At its core, civics is about how we live together—our rights, responsibilities, and relationships. It’s not just government or policy. It’s about the human condition and the ways we care, engage, and connect.

That’s why we created the Civic Zone, a rotating display that highlights social issues, commemorative days, and current events through books, resources, and interactive features that invite

reflection and dialogue. Previous topics have been Arbor Day, Black History Month, Mental Health Awareness and the Americans with Disability Act. Each topic also includes an online blog post with booklists and additional resources to explore at your own pace.

The Civic Zone is one way we make space for learning, listening, and being present—together. To engage in what is happening in our lives now and be a part of it. To stay engaged or for the latest Civic Zone topics, visit: plymouthlibrary.org/category/civic-zone.



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MOST POPULAR READS



Our new “Most Popular” collection featuring extra copies of popular books available for immediate checkout, bypassing the hold queues. This collection is designed to provide instant access to in-demand titles with a 7-day chekout period.



Join the Community Journalism Club

Tuesdays, Sept. 30, Oct. 28 and Nov. 25 | 6-8pm
Join the Community Journalism Club — a monthly gathering dedicated to creating a community-led newspaper for Plymouth. Each month, we’ll come together to plan, write, edit, design, and publish content for both print and online.

In our next meetings, participants will provide articles, photos, and layouts as well as add stories to our online version via Substack. If you’re a writer, photographer, editor, designer, or have experience in journalism—or if you simply want to share something positive with the Plymouth community—we’d love to have you join us. Questions? Contact us at: info@plymouthlibrary.org.



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Weekly Hours
Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday 10am - 5pm

Fall Closings
Sept 1 - Labor Day
Sept 6-7 Fall Festival (Visit us at our booth in Kellogg Park)
Sept 2 - 14 - Building Closed for Renovation (Drive-Thru open)
Nov. 26 - Holiday Hours 10am-6pm
Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving

Questions or comments?
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Visit us online:
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Special assistance:
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, who are planning to attend library programs or meetings, notify: Shauna Anderson, Library Director 734-453-0750, ext. 218. Reasonable advance notice is required.