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The Stories We Share at the Table



When we think of the holidays, we often think of the table. The dishes passed around, the scents that fill the air, the familiar recipes that feel like home. Holiday food is more than nourishment. It is memory, culture, and connection served on a plate. Every dish has a story. Pecan pie tells of Southern roots and the marriage of Indigenous ingredients with regional staples. Matzoh ball soup speaks of comfort and resilience in Jewish communities. Collard greens, tamales, fruitcakes, and latkes each remind us of where we have come from and offer a way to share those stories with others.

Food connects us in ways nothing else can. When we sit together and share a meal, we are opening the door to our histories. A plate of cookies or a bowl of soup can bridge differences, spark conversation, and bring people together in ways that words alone often cannot.

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Library Books Delivered with Care



As part of our outreach to the community, we have long had volunteers delivering books to residents of Plymouth's many senior living facilities as well as to the homes of those unable to visit the library due to a short-term or long-term condition.

We initially partnered with Plymouth Community Council on Aging to learn from their experience. In March of 2005, we served our first homebound individual, a blind gentleman who loved listening to audiobooks but didn't want his family to have to go to the trouble of getting them for him. Because of the Homebound Delivery Service, he listened to over 360 books.

That service continues today, and in the last year alone, Plymouth District Library delivered over 2,000 books to facilities and individuals.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

KIDS RPG CLUB

Thursdays, Dec. 4, Jan. 8 and Feb. 5 | 6:30-7:30pm

Hey 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.

BOOK CLUB KIDS PARTY!

Monday, Dec. 10 | 6:30-7:30pm

Do you love books? Join us for a Wings of Fire-themed party where kids can talk about their favorite books, eat snacks, answer trivia and go on a scavenger hunt. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Age Group: 8-12. Registration begins on Nov. 26.



MESSY PLAY

Friday, Dec. 19, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20 | 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 they learn best. This is a drop-in activity for ages 0-4. Please dress for mess. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

TALKING HANDS ASL CLUB

Saturdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 | 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.



DONUTS & WRITING CLUB

Thursday Jan. 15 | 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.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS TODAY!

Go to plymouthlibrary.org and click on "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.

HISTORY MAKERS: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Monday, Jan. 19 | 6:30-7:30pm

Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. with a storytime and fun craft! Kids will learn about his inspiring legacy through a picture book biography and hands-on activity. Perfect for young dreamers and future changemakers!

DISCOVERING DINOSAUR ADAPTATIONS

Saturday, Feb. 28 | 10:30-11:30am

Explore the world of dinosaurs by observing their many adaptations and learn what these adaptations tell us about the lifestyles of these prehistoric animals. From a Triceratops horn to a Camarasaurus vertebra, see what new discoveries are being made by paleontologists and uncover the secret lives of dinosaurs. Touch real fossils, go hands-on with real modern adaptations of those fossils, and make a take-home activity. Age Group: Youth 6-11. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.



BABY RAVE

Friday, Jan. 23 | 10:30-11:30am

Baby Rave is back! Put on your favorite dancing pants! It's time for a Baby Rave! Join us for some baby-friendly music and sensory fun themed for a party. Get those wiggles out! Age Group: 0-3. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

PARADE OF PRESCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 9 | 7-8pm

Meet with several area preschools to learn more about their programs. Learn the answers to your important questions about preschool; student/teacher ratios, philosophies, teachers training, curriculum, daily schedule and more. This program is intended for parents.

FORT BUILDING

Friday, Feb. 13 | 1-3pm

If you bring your blankets, we'll bring the blocks! Join us for an afternoon of fort building! Feel free to bring building materials from home if desired, but make sure to label them to take home with you!

YOUTH STORYTIMES



BEDTIME STORYTIME

Tuesday, Dec. 23 | 7-7:30pm

Bring your blankies and comfy clothes down to bedtime storytime! We'll be cuddling up to read books, sing songs, and other soothing activities to get your family ready for a peaceful slumber.

DUELING STORYTIME

Thursday, Feb. 19 | 2-2:45pm

Join us for an EPIC Storytime battle! Two librarians duel it out with stories, songs, rhymes, and more. Age Group: 2-5. No registration required.

SUPER-SIZED STORYTIME

Wednesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 11 | 10:30-11:30am

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



PIZZA & PAGES

Monday, Jan. 26 | 6:30-7:30pm

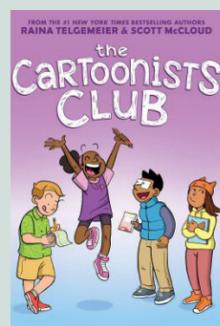
Join Pizza & Pages, a fun book club for kids with pizza, activities and lively discussions! The first five registrants keep a free book; others get library copies. Pick up books at the Youth Desk starting December 26th. Our book for January will be *The Library of Unruly Treasures* by Jeanne Birdsall. Age Group: 8-12



BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB!

Wednesday Feb. 11 | 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. They can then meet up with other kids to talk about the books they read, do a craft and play a game. February's book series will be *Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems. Age Group: 5-8. Registration is required and begins on Jan. 14. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

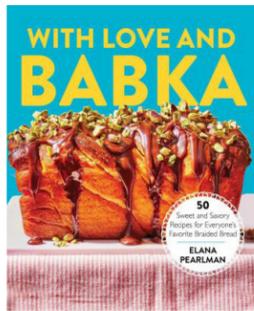
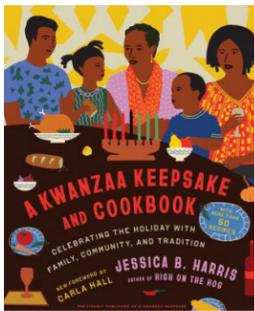
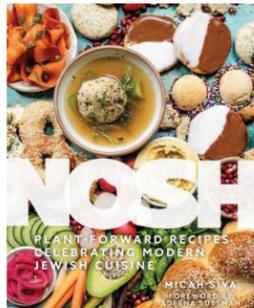
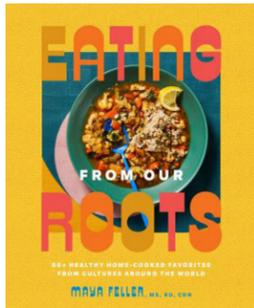
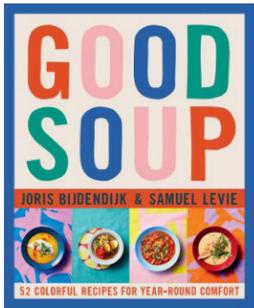


GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday Feb. 12 | 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 February's pick is *The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier & Scott McCloud. Age Group: 8-12. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

The Stories We Share at the Table *cont.*



The act of eating together slows us down. It gives us time to listen, to laugh, and to notice the details that make us who we are.

Across the world, holidays are marked by signature flavors that carry both joy and meaning.

Masala Sweet Rice (India, Diwali) Golden rice pudding scented with saffron and cardamom, a dish that symbolizes prosperity and celebration.

Pastelitos de Guayaba (Caribbean and Latin America, Christmas season) Flaky pastries filled with guava and cream cheese, often shared at family gatherings alongside coffee or hot chocolate.

Ma'amoul (Middle East, Eid and Christmas) Delicate, shortbread-like cookies filled with dates, pistachios, or walnuts. They are often pressed into carved wooden molds that create intricate patterns on top, then dusted lightly with

powdered sugar. Ma'amoul is traditionally made in large batches before Eid and shared with family, neighbors, and guests as a gesture of hospitality and joy.

Matzoh Ball Soup (Jewish High Holidays and Passover) Soft dumplings floating in a warm broth, a dish that comforts and heals as much as it nourishes.

Pecan Pie (United States, Thanksgiving and Christmas) A rich, sweet Southern favorite that has found its way onto tables across the country, often served with whipped cream or ice cream. These are only glimpses of recipes that carry entire histories in their flavors. Each one represents a people, a place, and a memory worth passing down.

Cooking together is its own kind of tradition. Rolling dough, simmering soups, or waiting for a cake to rise are rituals of care. They are ways of saying "you belong here" without speaking the words.

Even when distance or circumstance keeps us apart, food helps us stay connected. A recipe shared through an email, a phone call with directions, or the familiar smell of a dish that reminds us of someone we love can bring comfort

across miles. The holidays are a perfect time to explore new recipes and rediscover old ones. You can find these cook books and more in our library non-fiction collection.

This season, let food tell your story. Borrow a cookbook, try something new, and share it with someone you love. In doing so, you keep traditions alive and create new ones of your own. Food is history. Food is comfort. And during the holidays, food is the gift that binds us together.

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. To access, visit plymouthlibrary.org and click on **Read/Watch/Listen.**

EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

CLOTHING DONATION DRIVE FOR PCCS CLOTHING BANK

Saturday, Jan. 10 | 10am-4pm
PDL is happy to support the PCCS Clothing Bank with this one-day donation drive. The Clothing Bank accepts all gently-used clothing but particularly needs school clothes, blue jeans, sneakers, coats, children's boots, adult-size socks, and extra-large adult clothing. Donations should be clean and in current fashion. (Ask yourself, "Would someone in my family wear this?") They also accept new socks and undergarments. Your support is appreciated.

COMMUNITY PUZZLE SWAP

Saturday, Feb. 7 | 10am-12pm voucher holders only, 12-2pm open to public
Have jigsaw puzzles you've already built? Why not swap them?! Drop off gently used puzzles Feb 2-6 and receive a voucher for up to 5. Then on Feb 7, swap your vouchers for new-to-you puzzles. NOTE: Please put pieces in a plastic bag within the box or seal the box well.

CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 10am-12pm
Drop in for immersive learning and creative experiences for the whole family! We'll make buttons and other crafts, learn about the Year of the Horse, and share good fortune through the Chinese tradition of red envelopes.

SAY GOODBYE TO GOODREADS

NEW AND FUN WAYS TO TRACK YOUR READING
Tuesday, Jan. 20 | 7-8pm
Discover 5 new ways to track and enjoy your reading for 2026! Whether you're counting picture books or the latest Stephen King, there is a method that is sure to satisfy your data desires! Goodie bags and a bookish raffle will be included. Registration required.



MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY
Friday, Dec. 26 - Monday, Dec. 30 | Closes one hour before library closing each day
Kids of all ages - delight in a 200 sq-ft, HO-gauge model train layout featuring European trains and scenery. Presented by ETE - European Train Enthusiasts. Open for viewing from library opening until 4pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday and until 1pm Monday. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

MOST POPULAR READS

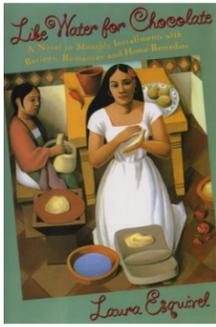
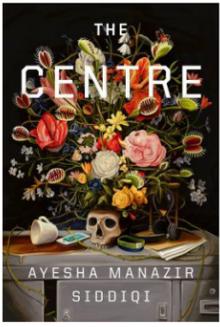
Our new "Most Popular" collection featuring extra copies of popular books available for immediate checkout, bypassing the hold queues. This collection is designed to provide instant access to in-demand titles with a 7-day checkout period.



More Room to Play

If you've visited the library lately, you've probably noticed a lot of changes taking shape and it's looking great! The final phase of our renovation focuses on upgrading and expanding the play area in our Youth Department. This new space will offer opportunities for kids and families to learn, explore, and connect through imagination and fun activities. Play is an essential part of early learning. It sparks curiosity, builds problem-solving skills, and helps children make sense of the world around them. By creating a larger, more engaging play environment, we're investing in the growth and joy of our youngest learners—and in the families who make the library part of their daily life. We can't wait to welcome you into the new play space when it opens in early 2026.

ADULT BOOK CLUBS

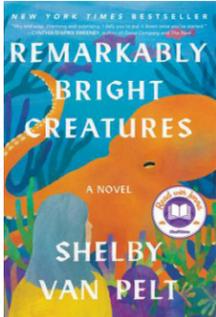
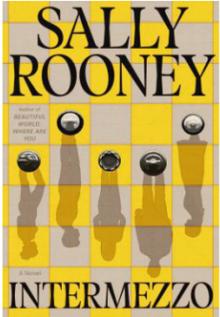


BOOKS ON TAP

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! Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

Jan. 21 - *The Centre* by Ayesha Manazir Siddiqi

Feb. 18 - *Like Water for Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel



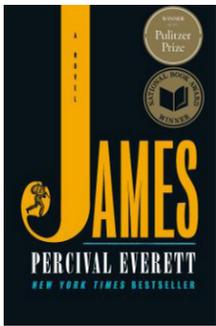
CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the library. The group meets in person and via Zoom. Each month the current title is available at the help desk. Titles for upcoming months are:

Dec. 9 - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Jan. 13 - *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney

Feb. 10 - *Martyr* by Kaveh Akbar



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:

Dec. 17 - *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods

Jan. 28 - *The Strange Case of Jane O.* by Karen Thompson Walker

Feb. 25 - *James* by Percival Everett

POPCORN & POETRY

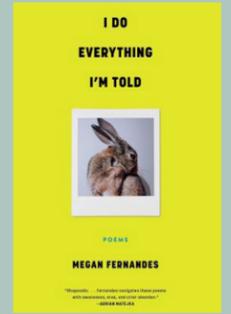
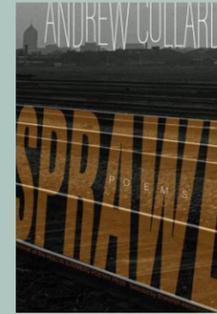
3rd Thursdays | 6:30-7:30pm

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.

Dec. - *Wobble* by Rae Armantrout

Jan. - *Sprawl* by Andrew Collard

Feb. - *I Do Everything I'm Told* by Megan Fernandez



SILENT BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, Dec. 23, Jan. 27 and Feb. 24 | 7-8pm

Silent Book Club is a gathering of readers. Read silently for an hour, and then, if you would like, come together to talk about books. There is no assigned reading.

SERIES FOR 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 meets both in person and on Zoom. New members are always welcome. Registration required. Age Group: Adults.

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
Age Group: Adults.

CRAFT BUFFET

Thursdays, Dec. 4 and Feb. 5 | 6pm

More about this new program on page 5. 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.

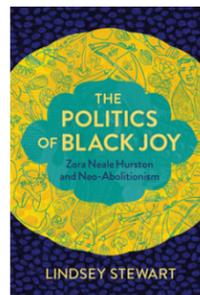
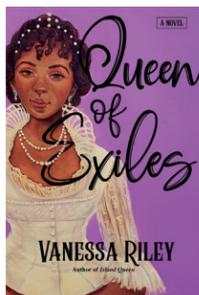
PAGE BY PAGE: INTERMEDIATE ELL BOOK CLUB

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. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

LIBRARY SPEAKERS CONSORTIUM

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



Sue Hincenbergs Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 2pm

Author of *The Retirement Plan* and Award-Winning Television Producer.

Paula J. Johnson Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 2pm

Julia Child's Kitchen A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration.

David Brooks Tuesday, Jan. 13 | 2pm

Bestselling author of *The Second Mountain*, *The Road to Character*, and *On Paradise Drive*.

Vanessa Riley Tuesday, Feb. 5 | 7pm

Acclaimed author of *Queen of Exiles*.

Lindsey Stewart Tuesday, Feb. 12 | 2pm

Author of *The Politics of Black Joy*.

TRADE CAREERS SPOTLIGHT

Thursday, Dec. 18 | 7-8pm

CULINARY ARTS

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. Age Group: Teens and Adults. Registration requested. Sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union's Relentless Care Foundation.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Intro to Canva

Tuesday, Dec. 9 | 12-1:30pm
Saturday, Jan. 24 | 1:30-3pm
Wednesday, Feb. 25 | 6:30-8pm

Computer Basics 1

Wednesday, Jan. 7 | 11am-12:30pm
Monday, Feb. 2 | 7pm-8:30pm

Computer Basics 2

Wednesday, Jan. 14 | 11am-12:30pm
Monday, Feb. 9 | 7pm-8:30pm



LIVING WELL WITH LOW VISION

1st Tuesdays:

Dec. 2, Jan. 6, and Feb. 3 | 10:30am-12pm

This info session is open to anyone for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. Sessions are both social and informative and often feature a guest speaker. Companions are welcome.

Tokens for Plymouth Senior Transportation provided upon request. Registration invited but not required. Age Group: Adults.

ADULT PROGRAMS

GAME MEET UPS

SCRABBLE SUNDAYS

1st Sundays | 2-4pm

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 AFTERNOON PLAY

1st Sundays | 2-4pm

Meet up with other players for American Mah Jongg (No instruction; play only.) Sets are provided, but players must bring their own 2025 official card. Age Group: Adults. 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: Adults, Teens & Youth Grade 6+.

EUCHRE NIGHT

2nd Thursdays | 6:30-8:30pm

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.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG EVENING PLAY

3rd Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm

Join other American Mah Jongg players for some beginner-paced friendly play (No instruction; play only.) Sets are provided, but players must bring their own 2025 official card. Age Group: Adults. Registration required.

BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

3rd Saturdays | 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.

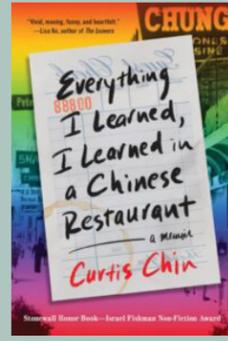
TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY FOR ADULTS

Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and Feb. 11 | 6:30-8:45pm

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.



GREAT MICHIGAN READ



PDL is joining the Great Michigan Read, a statewide initiative from Michigan Humanities to promote reading, discussion, and civic engagement through a shared literary experience.

Check out *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* by Curtis Chin, and join us for companion programs through June 2026! Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

SUSTAINABILITY SUCCESS

Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 7-8pm

The health of our environment affects the well-being of all MI residents. Some areas face elevated environmental challenges, but good things are happening! Natalie Jakub from Green Living Science will speak about some successful strategies leading to sustainability changes in Detroit. Join us to learn why it matters and how you can help. Age Group: Adults.

CRAFT BUFFET

Thursdays, Dec. 4 and Feb. 5 | 6-8pm

Looking to add a little extra creativity into your life? Come hang out and experiment with the library's craft supplies. Everyone is welcome, from beginners and "bad" artists to enthusiasts and experts. Drop in, no registration needed.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Dec. 19 | 10am-4pm

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

LOCAL CLUBS EXPO

Sunday, January 11 | 1-3pm

Are you interested to get involved in your community and get to know some neighbors? Plymouth and the local area have so many great clubs and activities for adults. Come enjoy some cocoa and cookies, visit with members of local clubs, and maybe get inspired to join in a few. Have an active club that might like to host a table? Email hpacheco@plymouthlibrary.org before Dec. 17. Age Group: Adults. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

CALLING LOCAL CLUBS FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

Are you a member of a local club or activity that would like to see an increase in membership? Why not host a table at PDL's Local Clubs Expo? **The event will be Sunday, January 11 from 1-3pm. To inquire, email hpacheco@plymouthlibrary.org before December 17.**

LIFE AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

POSTWAR SURVIVOR EXPERIENCES

Wednesday, Jan. 14 | 2-3pm

Explore Holocaust survivors' postwar journeys—life in Displaced Persons camps, rebuilding families, and preserving memory—through artifacts and local testimony. This program highlights resilience and the importance of learning from personal stories. Presented by the Zekelman Holocaust Center. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

MEDICARE OPEN DISCUSSION

Thursday, Jan. 15 | 1-3pm

Hosted by retired U.S. Medicare Certified ID Code Counselor. Join us for an open discussion about Medicare changes in 2026: enrollment timing, annual review, Medigap vs. Advantage, protecting your medical records, understanding elder care, and being proactive vs. reactive. Registration required.

UNDERSTANDING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 7-8pm

Is A.I. really that big of a deal? Why does our tech keep changing, where is it going, and how will it affect seniors? Join us to find out! Age Group: Adults. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

SPICE CLUB

Thursday, Jan. 29 | 7-8pm

Join us for a potluck where we appreciate different cultures through spices. The spice this month is sumac. Spices are first come, first served. Spices can be picked up beginning January 2nd. Registration Required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

AARP TAXAIDE SIGNUP

Thursday, Jan. 22 | Friday, Jan. 23 and Saturday, Jan. 24

AARP volunteers will provide free tax preparation for seniors at the library in 2026, by appointment only. To schedule your appointment and pickup required AARP forms, drop in from 10am-12pm on one of three in-person scheduling dates. If any appointments remain after these events, we will schedule by phone beginning January 26.

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesday, Feb. 4 | 2-3pm

Please join us for a Chair Yoga Class. Chair yoga class is designed to be accessible for all. Wear comfortable clothing, sneakers, and bring a large towel, and water (yoga mat optional). Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

STORY SHARE CAFE: THE DETROIT OF MY CHILDHOOD

Wednesday, Feb. 11 | 2-3pm

What good are stories but to share them? Join us at our first Story Café to enjoy reminiscing with others over a cup of java. Our format is casual, kind conversation, and Library staff will be on hand to help move things along as needed. The topic for our first meetup will be: *The Detroit of My Childhood*. Registration required.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Saturday, Feb. 28 | 2-3pm

Each session, we take an international novel as a jumping-off point to cultural exploration, engaging in the sights, sounds, and tastes of a new region. Read the book beforehand, or just show up! This session's book is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

ADULT BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Saturday, March 14 | 2pm

Build a team and compete against your neighbors in this bookish trivia battle, hosted in collaboration with the Northville District Library! Teams of 3-5 people will read five assigned titles and then battle one another to answer questions from the book list. Team registration is available on the PDL website.

TEEN PROGRAMS & BOOK CLUBS



TEEN TAKE & MAKES KITS

Visit us on the first of every month for a new Take & Make kit! Each kit contains the materials to create a fun craft or experience at home. Available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Teen Lounge while supplies last. Please note January pick-up begins January 2nd due to the library's closure. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

Upcoming kits:

- Dec.** – Chocolate Pretzel Treats
- Jan.** – Shrinky Dink Magnets
- Feb.** – Jolly Rancher Roses

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.

DIY BOOK NOOKS

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 6:30-8pm

Does your bookshelf need some sprucing up? Then give it a window into another world with a DIY book nook! We'll craft our own book nooks from scratch with easy crafting methods and miniatures. Sponsored by Friends of PDL. Registration required.



TUTORING @ PDL

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



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (D&D)

2nd and 4th Mondays | 6-9pm
12/8, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23

Join us for Dungeons and Dragons at State of Comics! Premade characters will be provided, but feel free to bring your own! Age group: Teens. Registration required



CLOTHING REPURPOSE/ DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Two opportunities to donate and share.

Donate your gently used clothing to the PCCS Clothing Bank Drive **see more on page 3.**

Donate guys/gals formal wear during February for our FormalSHARE event **see more on page 8.**

TRADE CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Thursday, Dec. 18 | 7-8pm

CULINARY ARTS

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.

BLT - BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS

Saturday, Dec.13 and Feb.14 | 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.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Zooms: Tuesdays, Dec. 2, Jan. 9 and Feb. 3 | 6-7pm

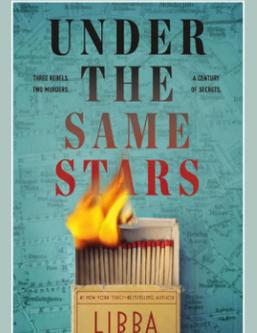
Shelf Reading Training: Mondays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19 | 7-8pm

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.

BOOKS & BITES

Wednesday, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, and Feb.18 from 7 - 8pm

Join us monthly 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!



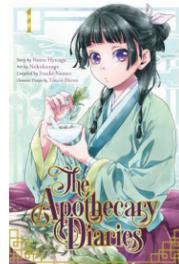
DECEMBER: *The Girls I've Been* by Tess Sharpe

JANUARY: *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman

FEBRUARY: *Under the Same Stars* by Libba Bray

Registration required. Sponsored by Friends of PDL.

THE MANGA HITS



The Apothecary Diaries. Volume 1 by Natsu Hyuga



Wand and Sword. 1 by Fujino Ōmori



Choujin X. 1 by Sui Ishida



Shangri-La Frontier. 1 by Katarina



Jojo's Bizarre Adventure. Part 7, Steel Ball Run. 1 by Hirohiko Araki



Steel of the Celestial Shadows. 1 by Daruma Matsuura



Hirayasumi. Volume 1 by Keigo Shinzo



Sakamoto Days. Vol. 1, The Legendary Hit Man by Yuto Suzuki



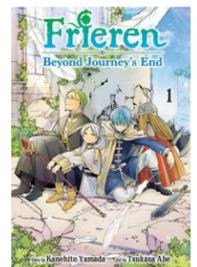
Mashle : Magic and Muscles. 01 by Hajime Komoto



Spy X Family. Vol. 6 by Tatsuya Endo



Kagurabachi. 01 by Takeru Hokazono



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

Find your favorite manga series in the Teen Lounge

REGISTER FOR TEEN EVENTS TODAY

Go to plymouthlibrary.org and click on "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.

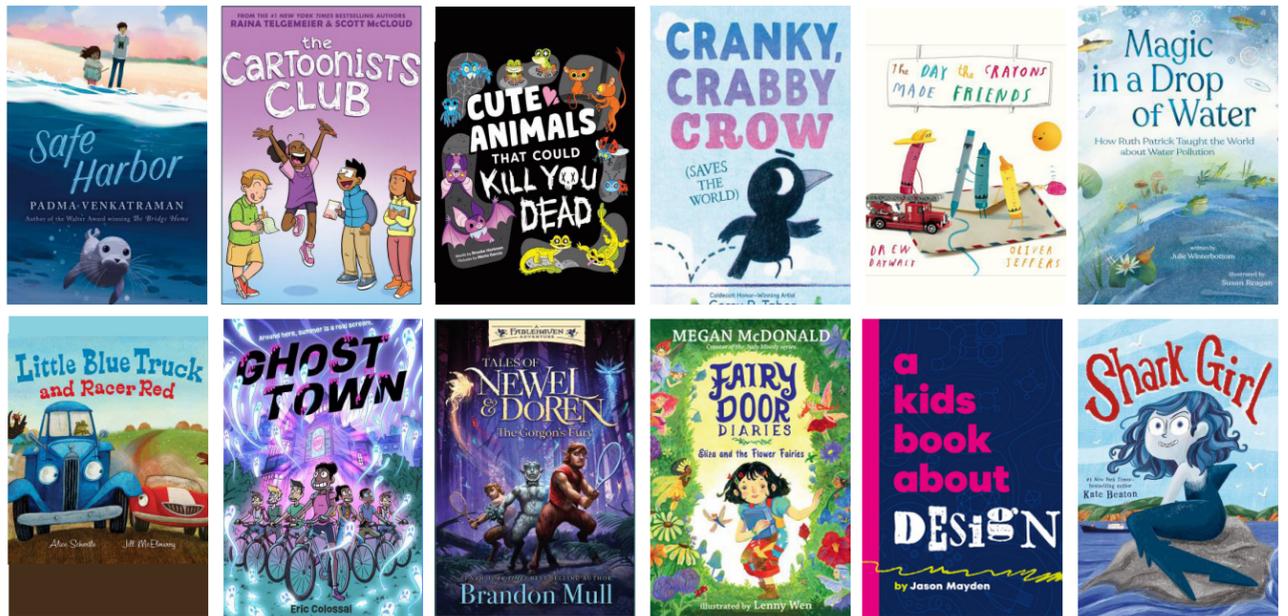
WINTER READING

Best Books of 2025

We are sharing some of the most popular books that were checked out by you throughout 2025. Revisit these favorites as we go into the new year.

YOUTH

- Safe Harbor* by Padma Venkatraman
- The Cartoonist Club* by Raina Telgemeier
- Cute Animals that Could Kill You Dead* by Brooke Hartman
- Cranky, Crabby Crow* by Corey R. Tabor
- The Day the Crayons Made Friends* by Drew Daywalt
- Magic in a Drop of Water* by Julie Winterbottom
- Little Blue Truck and Racer Red* by Alice Schertle
- Ghost Town* by Eric Colossal
- The Gorgon's Fury* by Brandon Mull
- Fairy Door Diaries: Eliza and the Flower Fairies* by Megan McDonald
- A Kids Books About Design* by Jason Mayden
- Shark Girl* by Kate Beaton



TEEN

- Oathbound* by Tracy Deonn
- Song of a Blackbird* by Maria Van Lieshout
- Fable for the End of the World* by Ava Reid
- The Raven Boys* by Maggie Stiefvater
- A Wizard of EarthSea* by Ursula Le Guin
- Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins

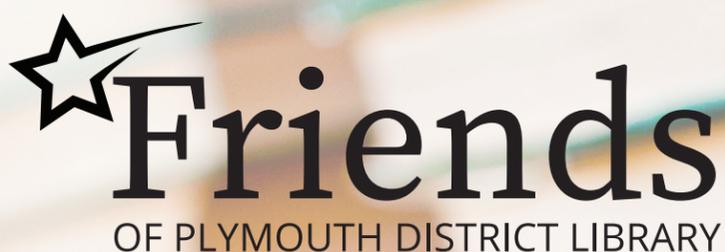


ADULTS

- The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore
- Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Green
- Nobody's Fool* by Harlan Coben
- The Waiting* by Michael Connelly
- Crash* by Freida McFadden
- We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes
- Funny Story* by Emily Henry
- Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall
- My Friends* by Fredrik Backman
- Atmophere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Say You'll Remember Me* by Abby Jimenez
- Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney



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



THANK YOU FRIENDS!
For making library programming and events possible.

Friends of Plymouth District Library is dedicated to enhancing the library for all. Friends of PDL manages an on-going sale of donated used books and facilitates monetary donations from community supporters. Proceeds enable a robust schedule of library programming along with additional benefits to the library community.

Learn more about Friends of Plymouth District Library
friends.plymouthlibrary.org

Homebound Book Delivery Service cont.

In addition to providing access to materials, this service provides a small dose of companionship to those who cannot get out. The monthly visits mean a great deal to our homebound patrons as evidenced by the number of calls, cards, and letters the library receives.

How does it work? A librarian interviews every new homebound participant to ensure that they are getting the right books in the right format (large print, audiobooks, etc.), and each month a volunteer delivers those books to the patron

(and takes the previous month's book back). Interested in learning more? Contact the library at info@plymouthlibrary.org. You can also sign up at plymouthlibrary.org/access/delivery.

The Homebound Delivery Service makes a positive impact on the Plymouth community, both for the meaningful volunteer opportunities it provides and for the people who may otherwise not have access to the Library's resources.

NEW SUNDAY HOURS



Starting January 2026, Sunday hours will be 10am-5pm

More time in the library. See you Sundays - 2026

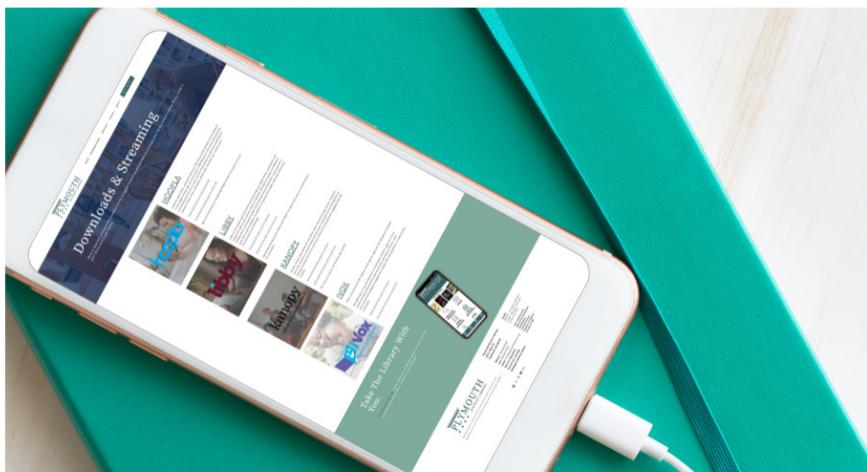
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FORMALSHARE: DRESS & SUIT DONATIONS NEEDED

Our second annual formalwear sharing event will take place March 7 of this year and your donations are needed to make it a success.

All February long, we welcome your donations of gently used formal wear (formal & semi-formal dresses, suits & sport coats, dress shirts, as well as special occasion shoes and accessories.) Please drop items -clean and on hangers-to the circulation desk. Thank you!

Registration to shop at the March 7 event will open in early February. Watch our event calendar.



Join the Community Journalism Club

Tuesdays, Dec. 9, Jan. 27 and Feb. 10 and 24 | 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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2025 Hours

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

2026 Hours New Sunday Hours

Sunday 10am-5pm

Winter Closings

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Feb. 16 - Staff Development

Questions or comments?

We love to hear from you!
Email info@plymouthlibrary.org or phone 734-453-0750 option 1

Visit us online:

plymouthlibrary.org

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.