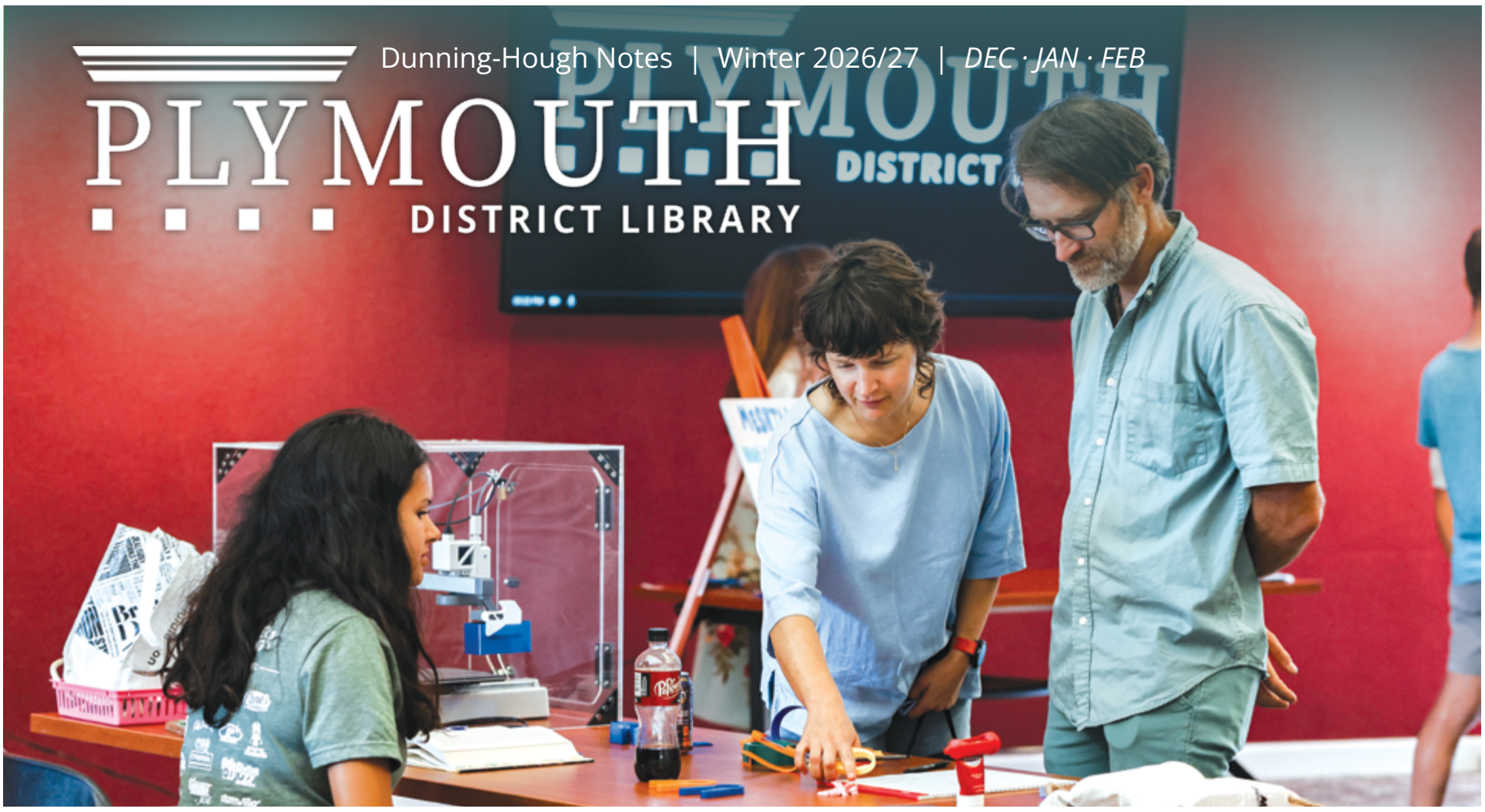
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The Official Cookie of Plymouth Has Been Named!

On Saturday, October 10, The Great Plymouth Cookie Vote brought in nearly 200 patrons to cast their vote. The winner, henceforth known as the Official Cookie of Plymouth, is *Tonquish Toffee*, a recipe created by PDL patrons Micah and Quinn Lorentz.

The Great Plymouth Cookie Vote was a large, months-long project designed by librarians Lily Wiest and Nicole Munson and inspired by *The Cookie Vote* by Daniel Bernstrom and Margaret McNamara. The goal of this multi-generational, multi-program endeavor was to promote civic engagement and get people thinking about electoral politics ahead of the midterm elections.

Prior to the Election Day itself, related programming took place at the library, including a presentation by the League of Women Voters, a *Schoolhouse Rock* Marathon, Crafternoon, and book clubs.

Back in August, library patrons submitted their recipes to be considered as candidates on the ballot. 10 finalists were selected, including sweet and buttery creations (*Fall Fest Flavors*), a traditional and nutty recipe inspired by the Plymouth seal (*Orchard Pines*), and an allergen-friendly nod to Michigan cherries (*Cherry Choca-Oat*).

Candidates set up their stations just before the clock struck 1pm on Election Day, giving their tables patriotic and recipe-themed decor. The cookies were cut into fours for sampling, and when the doors finally opened, eager patrons made their way around the room with ballots in hand to try each tasty treat.

In addition to baking cookies for the day, the candidates gave quick stump speeches explaining why they thought their cookie deserved to be crowned the Official Cookie of Plymouth and earn the votes of their Plymouth neighbors.



Brooks Crowder and his mom Marissa, bakers of the *#97* cookie, inspired by Plymouth-native Aidan Hutchinson, said in their speech, “Just like how Aidan’s remarkable athleticism makes him a very versatile player, our cookie is also very versatile: have it for breakfast, dessert, for a snack, really any time of the day.”

Suzan Myrtle, baker of the Rustic Mill Shortbread, described her cookie as, “an old tradition with a little twist,” and “a bit of Plymouth history you can eat.”

Candidate Katie Woodhouse baked up the *(Plymouth) Boston Cooler*, a nod to downtown Plymouth’s ice cream shops and cozy community. In her speech, she urged voters to pick her cookie because of its “taste of local tradition, a little Michigan pride, a bite of nostalgia, and a reminder of those warm summer evenings spent enjoying a sweet treat with family, friends, and this remarkable community.”

Sticking with the theme of seasons, *Founding Batter* baker Jonathan Gargoshian explained that his brown sugar butterscotch cookie feels like his home in Plymouth during the winter, “Brown sugar, butter, and a little salt. A few simple things that just work really well

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Programs

BARK: BE A READING KID

Monday, Dec. 7 | 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.



MESSY PLAY

Fridays: Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 | 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. Please dress for mess. **Age group:** 0-4

CARDBOARD BOX DAY

Monday, Dec. 21 | 1-4pm

Return of the Cardboard Boxes! Join us in building big and small with our cardboard Makedo tools, and make sure to bring the entire family.



FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT!

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Monday, Feb. 22 | 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.

HISTORY MAKERS

Wednesday, Dec. 9
6:30-7:15pm

Join us as we celebrate some of history's greatest changemakers! Listen to an engaging story about an important historical figure, then enjoy a fun craft or hands-on activity inspired by their life and accomplishments. Perfect for curious kids who love stories, creativity, and learning about the people who helped shape our world! **Age group:** 5-8

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



STEM STORIES

Wednesday, Jan. 13
6:30-7:15pm

Discover the exciting world of STEM! Listen to a fun book about science, technology, engineering, or math, then put your creativity and problem-solving skills to work with a hands-on craft or activity inspired by the story. **Age group:** 5-8

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

BABY SNOW BALL

Saturday, Feb. 20
10:30-11:30am

Bust out their winter formal finest and join us for a pint-sized party fit for the Winter Queen herself. Babies in formal wear required, because it's just way too cute. **Age group:** 6-24 months

Clubs for Kids

POKEMON TRAINERS CLUB

Thursdays: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 11 | 6:30-7:30pm

Bring some Pokemon cards to trade or just share your love for this fun and popular game. **Age group:** 5-12

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

LEGO CLUB

Tuesdays: Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16 | 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. **Age group:** 5-12

DONUTS & WRITING CLUB

Thursdays: Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 25 | 6:30-7:30pm

Come for encouragement, for writing activities, or just to eat donuts. Gluten/dairy free snacks also available. **Age group:** 9-12

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

RPG CLUB

Thursdays: Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 | 6:30-8pm

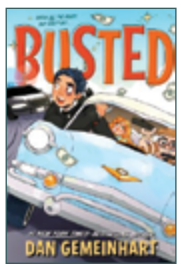
Want to go on an adventure? Play role-playing games like *Amazing Tales,* or RPG-inspired board games like *Horrified: Dungeons & Dragons*. No experience necessary. **Age group:** 9-12

REGISTER FOR EVENTS TODAY!

Go to **plymouth.librarycalendar.com** 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 or register for the event in person.

Use the icons in our events calendar to request reminders, add programs to your own digital calendar, print, and share.

Book Clubs



PIZZA AND PAGES

Monday, Jan. 25 | 6:30-7:30pm

This is 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 26. **Age group:** 8-12

Book: *Busted* by Dan Gemeinhart

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Feb. 4 | 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 January 7. **Age group:** 8-12

Book: *Millie of the Manor* by Karina Evans

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 10 | 6:30-7:15pm

Read at least one book from this month's featured Early Reader series, then join us to chat about the stories, make a fun craft, and play a game with other young readers. It's a great way to build reading confidence, make new friends, and have fun with books! **Age group:** 5-8

Read at least one *LEGO book* from the Early Readers collection.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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Storytimes



SUPER-SIZED STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 10:30-11am

Super-Sized Storytime is full of magic — with engaging librarians and educational stories, our super-sized room and screen give us more space for reading, dancing, crafting, and bubbles!
Age group: 2-5 and their families

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturdays: Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6 10:30-11am

This storytime includes a mix of books, songs, and activities.
Age group: 2-5

December: Favorites
January: Penguins & Polar Bears
February: Stuffie Breakfast

MELLOW MOVERS

Mondays: Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1 10:30-11:15am

A low-sensory storytime for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers seeking a calmer environment.

BABYTIME

Fridays: Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12 and Mondays: Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22 | 10:30-11:15am

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

PLAY AND LEARN

Tuesdays in January: Jan. 5, Jan. 12, Jan. 19, Jan. 26

Session 1: 10:15-11am;

Session 2: 11:15am-12pm

This storytime is a hands-on, cozy experience for you and your child. Develop early literacy skills and get creative through engaging stories and fun activities. Please only register for your child, and for one session. **Age group:** 2-5 and their families

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER

Thursday, Feb. 4 7-7:30pm

There will be books, songs, and activities for ages 2-5. Kids can bring their favorite stuffie to enjoy the storytime and the stuffie will "sleepover" at the library. What adventures will they have? Attend the **Stuffie Breakfast Family Storytime** on Saturday, February 6 to find out!

INDEPENDENT STORYTIME

Monday, Feb. 8 | 1-1:45pm

We will practice our sitting skills while parents are outside of the room. **Age group:** 4-6



Cookie Vote

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together — and that's kind of how I think of Plymouth." He added, "It's a close-knit town that still brings in people from all over, especially in the winter when the Ice Festival comes around."

Candidate Rhonda Proctor dedicated her *Plymouth Rock S'More* to Plymouth-Canton school teachers, as she used to gift faculty with her chocolate and marshmallow treat to kickoff summer in celebration of a great school year. Baker Noorah Khogali took her classic chocolate chip cookie recipe and traded chips for popcorn as a nod to her favorite downtown Plymouth attraction, the Penn Theatre.

And finally, Micah and Quinn Lorentz took to the podium, siblings who worked together to create *Tonquish Toffee*, with a little help and love from their community.

"Our neighbors worked with us to help us to taste test and name our cookies. It took a lot of different batches and recipe changes to make a cookie we thought best portrayed Plymouth," they said in their speech, "*Tonquish Toffee* represents the multiple people living in Plymouth with its multiple flavors that work together to make a wonderful community!"

Tonquish Toffee was proclaimed the Official Cookie of Plymouth at October's Library Board Meeting.











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 at **friends.plymouthlibrary.org.**

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ADULTS

Programs

MI RECONNECT: TUITION-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR ADULTS 21+

Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 6:30-8:30pm

Do you want to earn an associate degree or skills certificate? Learn about *Michigan Reconnect*, a state scholarship covering in-district tuition & course fees for adults 21+, who don't yet have a college degree. Following the presentation, Schoolcraft College and *Michigan Reconnect* representatives will be available for questions and application assistance.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

COMMUNITY BUILDERS CIRCLE

Thursday, Dec. 3 | 6-7pm

Join local volunteers and organizational leaders for monthly presentations and discussions. Connect with fellow changemakers in Plymouth, share current individual or organizational priorities/needs/opportunities, discuss timely local topics and community challenges, and explore opportunities for collaboration and problem-solving. From time to time, we will take this show on the road and meet up in other locations. If your organization or business is interested in hosting, please reach out to **info@plymouthlibrary.org.**

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday, Dec. 7 | 10am-12:30pm

Enjoy company and conversation! Bring a favorite dish from your country to share. Label your dish with your country, its name and all ingredients. Listen to live music from the Ukulele Club and sing along!

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY (ADULTS)

Wednesdays: Dec. 9 and Feb. 10 6:30-8:45pm

It's your chance to test your knowledge and have some fun! Drop in alone or with friends to answer questions from a wide range of categories — math, science, history, current events, and more.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Dec. 18 | 10am-4pm

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

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

LOCAL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES EXPO

Saturday, Jan. 9 | 5-8pm

Are you interested in getting involved in a new group and meeting some new faces? Drop in to a special after-hours event to talk with representatives from more than 40 groups, including arts & cultural groups, fraternal organizations, hobby & sport clubs, service clubs, volunteer opportunities, and more.

NEWCOMER'S MEET & GREET will be at the same time, in the Friends Room during the Expo. If you are new to town, we want to welcome you! Get to know a few friendly faces and grab a quick bite before you check out the Clubs and Activities Expo.

MINDFULNESS MADE EASY

Thursday, Jan. 7 | 6:30-8pm

Intimidated by the mountain of self-care tips out there? Participate in this discussion, led by the library's Social Work Intern, to learn realistic mindfulness tips and take the stress out of your self-care goals this year.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

PCCS CLOTHING BANK ONE-DAY DRIVE

Sunday, Jan. 10 | 10am-3pm

PDL invites your support! The Clothing Bank particularly needs sneakers (youth-adult), elementary-age clothes (youth sizes 4-18) and sweatpants for teens. Donations should be clean, gently-used and in current fashion.

COFFEE & CONNECTION

Wednesdays: Jan. 20 thru Feb. 24 | 2-3pm

Join the library's Social Work Intern for a **six week support group** to learn new skills and explore topics to promote stronger interpersonal relationships.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

AARP TAXAIDE SCHEDULING EVENT

Jan. 21, 22, 23 | 10am-12pm

Seniors will have the opportunity to sign up for tax preparation assistance from AARP. Drop in and Library volunteers will help you reserve a TaxAide appointment & give you important forms. **TaxAide appointments at PDL will be on Fridays from Feb. 5-Apr. 9.**

Series

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) CONVERSATION GROUP

IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM

Mondays | 10-11:30am

Do you want to practice your spoken English? Come to our informal and friendly group meetings. Groups are led by native English speakers from the library and the Community Literacy Council.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR ZOOM

HOOK & NEEDLE CRAFT SOCIAL GROUP

Tuesdays | 10:30am-12:30pm

Bring your current project and hang out with others. All makers are welcome!

WRITING GROUP

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm

Whether you are working on your novel, poetry, or other writing, you are invited to join this meetup of fellow adult writers. No speaker or presentation is generally included, just writers providing each other with support and feedback.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

DECEMBER

- **Intro to Canva** - Thursday, Dec. 3 | 10:30am-12pm

JANUARY

- **Computer Basics 1** Wednesday, Jan. 6 11am-12:30pm
- **Intro to Canva** Tuesday, Jan. 12 | 6:30-8pm
- **Downloads & Streaming: Demystifying Libby & Hoopla** Jan. 6 | 7-8:30pm Jan. 7 | 11am–12:30pm
- **Computer Basics 2** Wednesday, Jan. 13 11am-12:30pm

FEBRUARY

- **Computer Basics 1** Monday, Feb. 1 | 7-8:30pm
- **Downloads & Streaming: Demystifying Libby & Hoopla** Monday, Feb. 1 | 2-3:30pm
- **Computer Basics 2** Monday, Feb. 8 | 7-8:30pm
- **Intro to Canva** Tuesday, Feb. 9 | 12:30-2pm

ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

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

Dec.1 @ 2pm
Shelby Forsythia

Dec. 3 @ 7pm
Helen Scheuerer

Dec. 8 @ 2pm
Ana Hebra Flaster

Dec. 10 @ 2pm
Robin Ha

... and more!



LIVING WELL WITH LOW VISION

Tuesdays: Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 | 10:30am-12pm

This monthly 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.

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COMFORT BLANKET MAKING WITH GIFT OF LIFE MICHIGAN

Thursday, Jan. 21 | 2-4pm

Join the *Michigan Donor Family Council*, *Donate Life Coalition of Michigan* and *Gift of Life Michigan* as together we make no-sew fleece comfort blankets for new donor families whose loved ones have given the precious gifts of life, sight and mobility.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

PIEROGI MAKING CLASS

Saturday, Jan. 23 | 11am-12pm

Learn how to make authentic Polish pierogi dumplings with Karen Ochman of local business *The Polish Pantry Pierogi* in this interactive workshop. If possible, participants are asked to bring their own rolling pin and apron.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Monday, Jan. 25 | 1-4pm

Certified counselors from The Senior Alliance will meet with you one-on-one to go over your Medicare options. To schedule a one-on-one appointment, please contact The Senior Alliance at 734-727-2067.

ADULT CRAFTING: QUILLING HEART MAGNETS

Tuesday, Jan. 26 | 2-3:30pm

Wednesday, Jan. 27 | 7-8:30pm

Create a beautiful heart-shaped magnet using paper quilling! Participants will learn how to roll, shape, and arrange colorful strips of paper into designs to create a unique heart, then add a magnet — perfect for decorating a refrigerator or giving as a heartfelt handmade gift. Beginner-friendly, no experience necessary. Please choose one of the sessions that works best for your schedule.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

POP CULTURE POP-UP

Tuesday, Jan. 26
6:30-8pm

Do you just NEED to talk about the latest *ACOTAR* books? Desire friends who also adore *Heated Rivalry*? Did you hate *Yesteryear* and want to vent? Each Pop Culture Pop-Up will have a specific theme for the main discussion, so come and chat with like-minded literary peeps! Craft and light snacking will be provided as well. **January's theme is:** *ACOTAR series* by Sarah J. Maas

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

MEDICARE BASICS

Wednesday, Feb. 3 | 7-8pm

The session will cover Medicare Part A, Part B, Part D (prescription drug coverage), Medicare Supplement (Medigap) plans, and Part C (Medicare Advantage plans). This program will provide information to help you make informed decisions about your coverage in 2027.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

STORY SHARE CAFE

TOPIC: FIRST JOBS

Thursday, Feb. 4 | 10:30-11:30am

What good is a story if it's not shared? Join us 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.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

PARADE OF PRESCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 8 | 6:30-8pm

This program is intended for parents to 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.

BOOK CLUB BOOK TASTING:

YOUR GUIDE TO BOOKS & BOOK CLUBS

Saturday, Feb. 20 | 1-3pm

Hungry for a good read? Sample a curated selection of books and chat with fellow bibliophiles. It's the perfect way to find your next great read, learn tips for starting a book club, or find out about existing library groups.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

TEA BLENDING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Feb. 24 | 7-8pm

Join us to explore flavor profiles and craft your own custom loose-leaf tea blend. We provide all the aromatic herbs, spices, and botanicals you need to create and take home a unique recipe.

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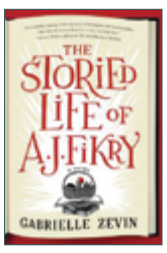
SPICE CLUB

Thursday, Feb. 25
6:30-7:30pm

Join us for a potluck where we appreciate different cultures through spices. Spices can be picked up beginning Feb 1. **The spice this month is cinnamon.** Spices are first-come, first-served.

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

Book Clubs



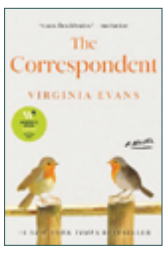
PAGE BY PAGE: INTERMEDIATE ELL BOOK CLUB

Every Wednesday (skip Dec. 23 and Dec. 30)
1-2:30pm

Meets online weekly. Before each meeting, participants read about 30 pages from the current book. During the meetings, they discuss the book with each other and our volunteer tutors.

Book: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



CONTEMPORARY BOOKS

Tuesdays: Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 | 7:30–8:30pm

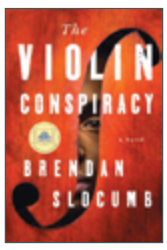
Volunteers from among the group lead the discussion, with background materials supplied by the librarian. The current title is available at the Readers' Advisory desk. New members are always welcome – in-person and via Zoom.

Dec: *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans
Jan: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Feb: *James* by Percival Everett

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays: Dec. 22, Jan. 26, Feb. 23 | 7-8:30pm

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.



BROWN BAG BOOKS

Wednesdays: Dec. 23, Jan. 27, Feb. 24 | 12-1pm

Always welcoming 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. Bring your own lunch or snack; the library provides beverages.

Dec: *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan
Jan: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
Feb: *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendon Slocumb



BOOKS ON TAP

Wednesdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17 | 7-8pm

Pick up the current book at the Readers' Advisory Desk and join us for our monthly discussion. Meeting location: TBD. Please check the website for location updates. Space is limited, so be sure to register!

Jan: *The Djinn Waits a Hundred Years* by Shubnum Khan
Feb: *Aftertaste* by Daria Lavelle

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Saturday, March 13 |2–4pm

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 2

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 about the book list. Team registration and information on picking up books is available on the PDL website.

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ALL AGES

Programs





COMMUNITY JOURNALISM CLUB

Thursdays: Dec. 17*, Jan. 21, Feb. 18 | 6-8pm

Join the newsroom for *The Plymouth Express* — Plymouth's very own community-led newspaper. Whether you're into writing, photography, editing, or design, there's a role for you here. We meet regularly to plan and create each issue together. All ages and backgrounds are welcome!

**The December meeting will be our End-of-Year party! Please check the Events Calendar for location updates.*

TALKING HANDS: ASL CLUB

Saturdays: Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20 10:30-11:30am

Come practice your American Sign Language (ASL) skills with others in the community! Enjoy a welcoming environment with games, puzzles, coloring activities, and plenty of great conversation. Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve, all skill levels are welcome.



DOODLE, DRAW, COLOR, AND CREATE!

Saturdays: Dec. 19, Feb. 27 2-3:30pm

Let your creativity flow at the library! Participants will begin with a brief doodling tutorial to learn some fun and simple drawing techniques before exploring their own creativity. Participants can create original doodles or choose from a variety of pre-drawn designs to color and personalize. No artistic experience needed, just bring your imagination and see where your doodles take you.

CELEBRATE MLK JR. DAY WITH PDL

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



TOGETHER AT THE TABLE: AN MLK JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Monday, Jan. 18 | 12:30-2pm

Join community members from all walks of life for a simple meal and engaging conversation to continue the work of Civil Rights icon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr — to break bread and talk about our hopes and dreams for the future of our country. Please sign up in advance so we can prepare enough food. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, we need help hosting and serving. Please indicate your interest in your registration.

I HAVE A DREAM: A COMMUNITY READING

Monday, Jan. 18 | 3-3:30pm

At the front steps of the library, we will host a community reading of Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Drop by to watch the performance or register in advance to be a reader.

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY BY ETE

Saturday, Dec. 26 - Tuesday, Dec. 29 | All Day

Fans of all ages are welcomed to come enjoy an amazing working display of model trains by ETE — the European Train Enthusiasts. The delightful 200 square-foot layout features H0-gauge European trains and scenery that ranges from traditional half-timbered houses and windmills to steam locomotives and bullet trains.





COMMUNITY PUZZLE SWAP

Saturday, Jan. 30 | 10am-2pm

Ready to swap out some puzzles you've already built? Drop off gently used puzzles between January 25-29 and receive a voucher for each (limit 5.) Then, come on Saturday, January 30 to redeem your vouchers for new-to-you puzzles.

LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

Saturdays: Dec. 26, Jan. 23, Feb. 27 11am-12pm

This class welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels. Through this class, players will have the opportunity to deepen their chess understanding, refine their skills, and meet new chess friends in the community!

GALENTINE'S BOOK BEDAZZLING CRAFTERNOON

Saturday, Feb. 13 | 1:30-4pm

Don't you think your favorite book cover deserves a little glam? Then bring a book to the library and spend a cozy afternoon personalizing it with our sparkly supplies! No refreshments provided, but you may bring your own.
Age Group: 10 & up

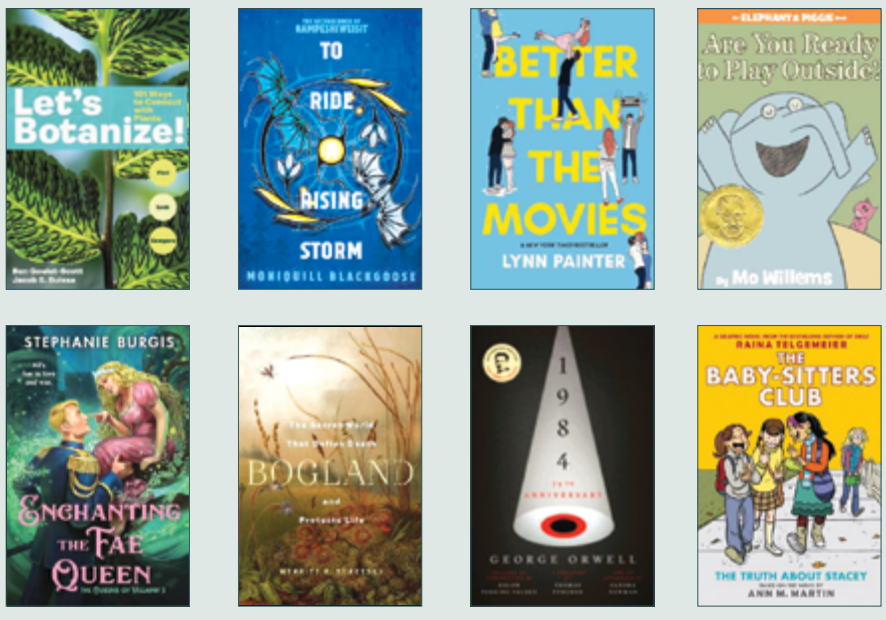
REGISTRATION REQUESTED

THE 2027 GENRE CHALLENGE



Join us in 2027 as we expand our literary horizons beyond our favorite books by reading a new genre each month. **Pick up a bookmark, track your books for a year, and turn it in for the chance to win a bookish prize.**

LIBRARIAN PICKS OF 2026



More of our favorites are listed in our catalog. Find your next read at **plymouthlibrary.bibliocommons.com.**

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GAME MEETUPS

CHESS NIGHT

Tuesdays: Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2 | 6-8pm

Interested in learning to play chess or want to find someone to play with over a board? Open to players who are interested in casual chess. 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 Grades 6+

SCRABBLE SUNDAYS

Sundays: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 14 | 2-4pm

Are you seeking fellow logophiles (AKA word lovers) to play Scrabble with? Join us for some friendly competition! Tables will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Sets are provided.
Age group: Adults and Teens

AMERICAN MAH JONGG

Sundays: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 14 | 2-4pm

Wednesdays: Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17 | 6-8pm (NEW TIME!)

Meet up with other players for American Mah Jongg. Sets are provided, but you must bring your own copy of the current *Standard Hands and Rules Card.* No instruction is provided at these meetups, play only.
Age group: Adults and Teens

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

EUCHRE NIGHT

Thursdays: Dec. 10, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 | 6:30-8:30pm

Hey, Michiganders, let's play the Midwest-favorite, trick-taking card game! Bring a partner or come meet a new one for casual, four-player play. All skill levels of players are welcome, but no instruction will be provided.
Age group: Adults and Teens

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

BOARD GAME AFTERNOON

Saturdays: Jan. 16, Feb. 20 | 1-4pm

Spend a fun afternoon at the library with tabletop board and card games. We'll provide and teach games from our collection, or bring your own.
Age group: Adults, Teens, and Families with Accompanied Kids 8+

Programs

TEEN TAKE & MAKE 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-served basis in the Teen Lounge while supplies last.

Dec: Ice Suncatcher
Jan: Chaotic Embroidery
Feb: Chocolate Covered Oreos

NHS TUTORING

Tuesdays | 6-8pm

Saturdays | 1-3pm

National Honor Society students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park will be at PDL to provide 3rd-12th graders free homework help in the Teen Lounge.

TEEN VOLUNTEER MEET-UP

Tuesdays: Dec. 1, Jan. 5. Feb. 2 6-7pm

Teens will have a chance to talk with the Teen Volunteer Coordinator, learn about upcoming projects, share ideas, and take part in hands-on volunteer opportunities. Whether you're new to volunteering or already helping out, this is a great way to stay connected, ask questions, and find meaningful ways to give back.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TEENS (BLT)

Saturdays: Dec. 12, Feb. 13 12-1pm

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 even be counted as volunteer hours!

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

TEEN DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Mondays: Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 11, Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22 6-9pm

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

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

BOOKS & BITES

Wednesdays: Dec. 16, Jan. 20, Feb. 17 | 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!

December: *My Killer Family Reunion* by Dinesh Thiru

January: *This Place Kills Me* by Mariko Tamaki & Nicole Goux

February: *Finding Her Edge* by Jennifer Iacopelli

REGISTRATION REQUESTED



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Dec. 18 | 10am-4pm

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

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

LIVE ACTION AMONG US

Friday, Dec. 18 | 6:15-8:15pm

We're playing Among Us after hours! Crewmates must complete tasks around the library, but keep an eye out for any sus behavior... imposters are among us! Light refreshments provided.
Age group: 5th-12th grade

REGISTRATION REQUESTED

TEEN VOLUNTEER SHELF READING TRAINING

Mondays: Dec. 21, Jan. 18 | 7-8pm

Volunteers can complete this training to help the library by making sure our books and other materials are where they're supposed to be!

OPEN DOOR TEEN CLUB

Monday, Jan. 4 | 6-7pm

Come spend some relaxed time with friends — old and new! This is a laid-back, drop-in hangout where teens can chat, play games, and enjoy a comfortable space together to unwind, be yourself, and connect with others.

TASTE TEST: QUIRKY DRINKS

Thursday, Jan. 28 | 7:15-8pm

Drop by to help us rank this session's snack theme: **Quirky Drinks!** We'll have totally free and unique drinks you've never tried before. Whether you're a foodie looking to explore new flavors or just a teenager who wants free stuff, we're sure you'll find something delicious.



REGISTER FOR EVENTS TODAY!
Go to **plymouth.librarycalendar.com** 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 or register for the event in person.

Use the icons in our events calendar to request reminders, add programs to your own digital calendar, print, and share.

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Calling Local Club and Activity Coordinators

Are you a member of a local club or activity for adults that would like to see an increase in membership? You are invited to host a table at PDL's Local Clubs Expo! The event will be after hours on Saturday, January 9 from 5-8pm. Spots are limited! To inquire, email **hpacheco@plymouthlibrary.org** before December 23.



So what is this Expo, you ask? Think of it like the Autumn clubs showcase on a college campus! The event is a chance for local organizations to put their best face forward and introduce their group to curious folks of the community — folks who are potential new members, volunteers and participators!

Our first Local Clubs and Activities Expo last January welcomed close to 300 attendees and had 40 local organizations hosting tables. They ranged from service groups to arts groups, to sporting, civic, support groups and more. Feedback from both participating groups and attending community members was super positive, and the resounding call was to make it an annual event.

The library's big "why" behind creating this event has to do with decreasing isolation, building social capital and strengthening community relationships. Joining is good for our health, good for our brains and good for our town and, true to our mission, PDL knows "we are stronger together!"!

We hope that you and your group will join us. Group coordinators can RSVP using the QR code or email **hpacheco@plymouthlibrary.org**.

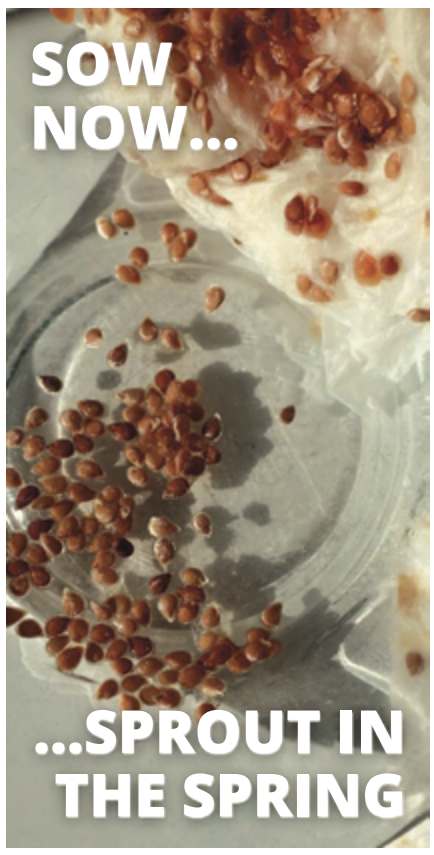


FORMALSHARE DONATIONS

Our third annual formalwear sharing event will take place Saturday, March 6 and your donations are needed to make it a success. Beginning in January, we welcome your donations of gently used formal wear: formal & semi-formal dresses, suits & sport coats, dress shirts, and special occasion accessories, but no shoes please. Please drop items (clean and on hangers) to the Circulation Desk. Thank you!

Registration to **shop at the March 6 event** will open in early February. Watch our event calendar or spring newsletter for details.

The PDL Seed Library is Still Growing Strong



Ready for fall planting? **Fall seeds will be available at the PDL Seed Library on the Upper Level starting November 1.** These seeds require cold stratification, so gardeners can go ahead and sow them in the ground right away. If you don't have time to plant at the moment, another option is to refrigerate the seed in a moist paper towel to mimic the cold, and then sow in the spring. A third method involves sowing seeds in a ventilated milk jug, leaving the jug outside in partial shade all winter, then transferring seeds to the ground in spring. You have options!

Special thanks to our partners at Plymouth Pollinators (**plymouthpollinators.org**) and all the individual seed donors who keep this resource alive. We welcome open-pollinated seeds from your garden or commercially-packaged seeds; we do not accept seeds from patented, GMO, or hybrid plants. Seed donors will receive a thank you sticker, while supplies last.

SIGN UP FOR OUR eNEWSLETTERS

Stay in the know on all things Plymouth District Library by signing up for our email newsletters. Choose from a list of our email communications to get delivered to your inbox:

PDL Newsletter:
Features weekly events, featured programs, blog posts, and other timely library news

eBook Newsletter:
Bi-monthly newsletters for eBook and audiobook lovers looking to utilize our online resources

Friends Newsletter:
Bi-annual newsletter for donors to the Friends of Plymouth District Library

Educator Newsletter:
Upcoming youth/teen library events and librarian-recommended book lists for Plymouth-Canton educators

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2026/27 Hours
Monday - Thursday | 10am - 9pm
Friday - Sunday | 10am - 5pm

Fall Closings
Dec. 24 - Dec. 25 | Christmas
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 | New Year's
Feb. 15 | Presidents Day

Board Meetings
Tuesdays (Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16)
7-8:30pm

Questions or comments?
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