

Special Library Programs, Resources and Services



Tech Time

Need help exploring eBooks, navigating apps, perhaps learning your way around a new device? We can help! Join us for one-on-one technology assistance. To schedule an appointment, call 313-791-3813 for Caroline Kennedy Library or call 313-791-6050 for John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library. Please note that the instructor's proficiency will vary by device.

Local Artists Showcase Program

Are you a local artist looking for a free space to showcase your talent? Whatever your artistic talent is, painting, sculpting, quilting, or any other art form, the Dearborn Heights Library is the place for you! You can showcase your talent for free for a month. Please contact Chris Land by phone at 313-791-6064 or by email at ckland@dearbornheightsmi.gov. Or, you can use our online submission form posted on the library's website.

Language Learning Resources

Are you interested in learning a new language or improving your language skills? Check out our language learning resources! **LOTE4Kids** offers a digital collection of picture books in diverse world languages including Arabic. **Mango Languages** can be used to learn a new language or for English as a Second Language. You'll find them on our website at dhlibrary.org under Resources.

Wednesday Movie Nights

At the Caroline Kennedy Library **6:00—8:00 pm**
Bring your family and friends to our movie nights! Free refreshments will be provided and all attendees will be entered into a drawing to win awesome prizes. Must be 13 or older to attend PG-13 movies or must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

January 24.....	Spider-man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
February 21.....	Trolls Band Together (PG)
March 6.....	The Marvels (PG-13)
March 20.....	Wish (PG)



Free Home Delivery

Dearborn Heights residents can have their library materials delivered to and picked up from their homes for free! Delivery service can be requested by:

- Calling Caroline Kennedy Library at 313-791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com.
- Calling John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library at 313-791-6050 or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com.

Deliveries and pickups occur Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can contact the library to request delivery service after receiving notification that holds are ready. Residents must already have a library card in good standing to receive delivery services. For details visit dhlibrary.org.



Notary Services

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Need something notarized? The John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library can help and it is free of charge! Please call ahead at 313-791-6050 to make an appointment to ensure that a Notary Public is available. You must have a valid driver's license, state ID or passport. Documents must be signed in front of the Notary and they cannot provide legal advice.

Adult Book Clubs

For full schedules and book selections for all of our book clubs, please visit the library's website at dhlibrary.com. Copies of each book will be available one month prior to the meeting and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk of the library hosting the book club. Refreshments will be served.

Fireside Book Chats

Meets at 1:00 pm on the 1st Monday of the month at John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library. Please contact Gretchen at gmburke@dearbornheightsmi.gov or at 313-791-6057 with questions.



Mystery Book Club

Meets at 2:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Caroline Kennedy Library. If you love to read, discuss and learn about mystery books and authors, then this is the book club for you. Please contact Sandi at smartin@dearbornheightsmi.gov or at 313-791-3811 with questions.

Fiction Ignition

Meets at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at Caroline Kennedy Library. We meet twice on the same day to accommodate busy schedules. Please contact Jason at 313-791-3825 with questions.

Great Michigan Read Book Discussion

Monday, January 22 1:00—2:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Join us for a discussion of this year's Great Michigan Read selection, *Firekeeper's Daughter*. This fiction debut by Angeline Boulley is a captivating and powerful story that explores complex themes such as identity, family, community, and justice. The novel follows the journey of 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine, a biracial tribe member, as she navigates the challenges of her dual identity, the trauma of losing loved ones, and the pressure of being a bridge between two cultures. Copies of the book available one month before the discussion.

Digital Media Resources

Dearborn Heights library card gives you access to not only our physical collections, but to our digital collections as well. Check out our free digital media resources that are available 24/7. You will find eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV series, magazines, and comic books for every age group. A few do not even have a waiting list (**Hoopla** and **Kanopy**.) These digital media resources can be downloaded onto your laptop, cell phone or TV. You will find all of them on our website at dhlibrary.org under Resources.



Dearborn Heights Library



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Monday—Thursday: 10:00 am—9:00 pm
Friday—Saturday: 10:00 am—5:00 pm
Sunday: Closed



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HEIGHTS Highlights



DEARBORN HEIGHTS LIBRARY
January - March 2024

Bill Bazzi, Mayor Michael McCaffery, Director

Notes from the Director

As the cool air drops amongst the arbors and starts to embrace us with its frosty boughs, the library has a number of upcoming events and programs to help warm the season. Painting, photography and fun are on the agenda this winter and we hope to have you join us as we welcome in 2024. New carpet, PCs and other improvements continue to be added, so take a gander. Cold outside? You can save a trip. Our delivery service is still going strong and we will happily drop items to your home, whether it involves a new library card or library materials. We are also fine free, so if you do return items in person you can pick a good weather day to do so. Thank you for your continued support Dearborn Heights and see you at the library!



Get Tix!

The Dearborn Heights Library is a member of The Library Network. As a member, we are excited to offer you "313 Presents Corporate Access" member discounted tickets to select shows at local venues. You will find the link under Adult Programs on the library's website.

You will also have access to Premium Seating locations at Little Caesars Arena, located in sections 108-110 and 121-123. In these exclusive clubs you have access to private restrooms and bartenders as well as the opportunity to see your favorite artists from incredible seats. Library patrons can purchase discounted tickets here at the best value available anywhere!



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, January 11 10:00 am—8:00 pm
Friday, January 12 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Saturday, January 13 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
Thousands of books will be available at bargain prices. Shop often as new items for all ages will be added daily to the sale! All proceeds from the Friends of the Library Book Sale support library services, programs and collections. Saturday is "Bag Day," when you can fill a plastic bag for \$3 or a paper bag for \$5.

Volunteers Needed for the Friends Book Sale

Caroline Kennedy Library
The Friends need volunteers to help with prep, work the sale, and clean up. The sign-up sheets are now available. You can sign up by phone at 313-791-3800 or at the Circulation Desk.



Hotspots

Check out a mobile hotspot from Dearborn Heights Library to stay connected wherever you go. Our hotspots use T-Mobile's cellular network to provide on-the-go Wi-Fi internet access for up to 10 devices. For more information, speak to our Circulation Desk staff on your next visit to the library. They are available at both branches.

Library Closings

January 1—2 for New Year's • January 15 for MLK, Jr. Day
February 19 for Presidents' Day • March 29—30 for Easter

Adult Programs

Attendance at library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the Dearborn Heights Library.

Epic Stained Glass in Metro Detroit

Tuesday, January 16 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Local architectural historian Dale A. Carlson offers an examination of significant stained glass throughout the metro area. His emphasis is on the local and national makers represented and renown for installations found near Dearborn Heights as well as top single-site collections.

Open Mic Nights

Tuesdays 7:00—8:30 pm
January 23, February 13 & March 19
Caroline Kennedy Library



Come share your creativity! Bring a poem, song, short story, or any other innovative endeavor. All ages are welcome.

Become a Healthy, Informed Eater in 2024

Wednesday, January 17 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Chances are that one of your New Year's resolutions is to eat better and get healthy. It's a lot easier than you think! Lisa Howard, a wellness expert and cookbook author, will present what food labels are really saying. Gain a greater understanding of how our everyday food choices impact our everyday health. Make 2024 your healthiest year ever!



Adult Community Programs

Citizenship Preparation Class

Tuesdays 12:00—2:00 pm
January 9 - March 19
Caroline Kennedy Library

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD) is offering an eleven-week course that will help you prepare for the citizenship test. Classes are taught in English by an IIMD instructor. You must be a Michigan resident. An image of your driver's license or official ID and image of your USCIS Permanent Resident (Green Card) is required. Register online through IIMD. You may join the class any time after the start date. For more information, call 313-600-7618 or email wojciech517@yahoo.com.



English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Classes

Caroline Kennedy Library
January 9 - March 21
Tuesdays 10:15—11:30 am
Thursdays 1:00—2:15 pm

Meet new people and improve your English in a comfortable, supportive environment. These free, drop-in classes will increase your confidence and fluency in speaking. Learners with varying language skill levels are welcome.

Genealogy Help

Interested in exploring your family's past? Members of the Dearborn Genealogical Society (dgsmi.org) will be available to help you research your family using **Ancestry.com** (only available in the library) and other websites.

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Wednesday, January 24 12:00—4:00 pm
Wednesday, February 28 4:00—7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 27 12:00—4:00 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Monday, January 8 4:00—8:00 pm
Monday, February 12 12:00—4:00 pm
Monday, March 11 4:00—8:00 pm

Adult Programs

Uncle Stan's Photography Collection

Tuesday, January 30 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Join local historian Lance Rosol as he presents his uncle's photography collection! Lance's uncle, Stan Rosol, was a photographer in Hollywood after World War II and he took thousands of photos featuring celebrities from Hollywood's Golden Age, politicians, athletes, and many more! There are also vintage photos of Dearborn and Hollywood landmarks and family pictures. Join us on this photographic walk down memory lane!

Invasion of Ukraine: It is About More than It Seems

Thursday, February 8 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Natalie Melnychuk former NATO representative to Ukraine, will bring the country of Ukraine, its ancient people, history and culture into clearer perspective. You will gain a better understanding of Russian President Putin's motivations for waging his illegal, unprovoked and genocidal war against Ukraine. By dispelling propaganda and disinformation, the war can be understood not only as an attack against Europe's largest country, but as authoritarian Russia's effort to delegitimize and destroy the democratic principles and rule of law.

Art from the Heart: Adult Painting Class

Saturday, February 17 11:00 am—12:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Follow the instructor and paint in acrylic to create your own work of art. For adults 18 years and older. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at (313) 791-6050 or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com. Space is limited.

Electric Vehicles: Past, Present and the Road Ahead

Thursday, March 7 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Learn the history of electric automobiles. Why did the early electric vehicles outsell gasoline powered vehicles? When and why were they overcome by cars with internal combustion engines? Who are some of the early pioneers who developed electric cars? What caused the recent resurgence of the electric car? Find out about the plans for the growth of electric vehicles. See how the greater Detroit area is contributing heavily to this growth. Learn about self-driving electric vehicles, and how they are becoming a reality.

Character Assassination: Michigan's Unknown Presidential Candidate

Tuesday, March 12 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Dianna Stampfler brings you the colorful, yet dark, life of Dean Templeton. Born in Flint, Michigan in 1921, Templeton's life was riddled with neglect, abuse, mental anguish and broken hearts. As an adult, he became consumed with the idea of running for President of the United States. He was hitchhiking cross-country on a presidential campaign trip in 1975 when his bid and his life abruptly ended at the hands of an assassin. His murder remains unsolved even today.



Female Lighthouse Keepers of the Great Lakes

Thursday, March 14 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come celebrate Women's History Month! Anna Marck is a writer and performer who does a one-woman show about female lighthouse keepers of the Great Lakes. She has performed throughout the Midwest. The show has music, history, and laughter done in a simple storytelling approach. We will learn about Julia Sheridan at the South Manitou Island Lighthouse, Mary Terry at Escanaba's Sand Point Lighthouse, Harriet Colfax in Michigan City, IN and Elizabeth Whitney Williams at Beaver Island and the Little Traverse Lighthouses. A short question and answer session will follow the performance.

Spring into Trivia

Tuesday, March 26 6:30—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Wednesday, March 27 6:00—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Come alone or bring a few friends. Either way you will leave with a couple of new friends, because team trivia is back! Moderator Greg Turner will ask questions from a wealth of subjects. Help your team come up with answers and you can be a winner. Gift cards and various prizes will be given away.

Youth, Teen, and Family Programs

Chess Club

Wednesdays 5:00—7:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
Come join the Chess Club! No experience necessary. All ages are welcome!

Freestyle Tiny Art Craft

Friday, January 12 3:30—4:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Paint, collage, draw, or just doodle a tiny work of art for us to display in the library. Open to ages 5 -18, but all ages are welcome.

Taste Safe Sensory Series

Fridays 10:30—11:30 am
January 19, February 16 & March 15
Caroline Kennedy Library

This program is designed for toddlers and preschoolers, but babies are welcome as well. Little ones often learn best through exploration, and sensory plays allows little explorers to touch many different textures in a safe way. We will use food-based products, such as noodles and oatmeal, just in case our smallest friends sneak a bite! Each session of this series will feature the same, or very similar, activities to allow little ones to build an understanding of how other objects in their lives make look and feel based on what they are now more familiar. Attend one session or all sessions, no registration required.

Kid Chemist

Thursday, January 25 4:00—5:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Interested in science? We have Kid Chemist coming. Mix chemicals together and see the reactions. Find out why things happen the way that they do. Unlock your inner mad scientist and explore chemistry with us. This is an interactive event. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by email at dhreference@gmail.com or by phone at 313-791-3800. Space is limited to the first 30 participants. Open to ages 10-18.

Story Times

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 am
Caroline Kennedy Library

Join us for simple stories, music and art for little ones and their caregivers. This program is designed for children aged 2 or 3, but all ages are welcome.

Castle Story Time

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month at 10:30—11:00 am
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Join us for stories in the Youth Area. Geared for 2 to 4 years old, but all ages are welcome.

March Is Reading Month

March 1-31
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
We will be celebrating March Is Reading Month with local guest readers that will include some local teachers. We will also have fun activities to enjoy throughout the month. Check for more information and events by calling 313-791-6050.

Teen Game Night

Monday, January 29 4:00—7:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Game night will feature board games, cards, and the Nintendo Switch! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Open to ages 10-18.

Making Smashable Chocolate Hearts

Tuesday, February 6 4:00—6:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come join us to make your own smashable chocolate heart. Open to ages 10-18. Space is limited. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com.

Teen Window Painting

Monday, March 4 4:00—7:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

March is Youth Art Month (YAM)! We will be calling on teens to showcase their artistic talent by helping us decorate the library windows. Open to ages 10-18.

5 to 10 Crafting for Elementary School Children

Come to the Dearborn Heights Library every month and pick up a new craft kit at either library branch. You can also check out our Dearborn Heights Library's YouTube Channel for some new as well as old craft videos. Open to ages 5 to 10, but all ages are welcome.