

# Youth and Family Programs

## Teen Science Experiments

Monday, July 22 1:00—3:00 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Join us for a fun time as we mess around with science. We will try some interesting and possibly wacky experiments! Open to ages 10-18.

## ARK Animal Encounters

Saturday, July 20 1:00—2:00 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 ARK (Animals Reaching Kids) will bring live critters for a hands-on experience with small fuzzy, crawly and cute animals. There will be other rare creatures that you may never have seen before! Open to all ages, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## Birding by Sound and Bird Feeder Craft

Friday, July 26 10:30 am—1:00 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Bring your family to this fun birding event! Naturalist Donna Posont from the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Environmental Interpretive Center will talk about Michigan birds and how to identify them by sound. After the interactive presentation, you will get the chance to make your own bird feeder to take home. The program will be on the library patio and light refreshments will be provided. Open to all ages, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe

Monday, July 29 6:00—7:30 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 PaleoJoe will bring dinosaur fossils from the last Ice Age in the Midwest and the Great Lakes to show and discuss. This program is geared for children ages 6-16, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## Pirates in the Pool

Thursday, August 1 6:00—7:30 pm  
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library  
 Rob Papineau of Phippen Puppets will bring not just pirates, but mermaids, sea monsters, a shipwreck and a treasure. Captain Pirate Petey will sail the pirate ship Giggling Twinky in pretend adventures. Come sail along, sing along and pirate along. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

## Smokey the Bear Campout

Saturday, August 17 2:00—3:00 pm  
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library  
 Join us for a Smokey the Bear campout with campfire stories, crafts and treats. For ages 5-10, but all are welcome. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. In case of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside.

## Teen Banned Book Week Bag Decorating

Wednesday, September 25 4:00—5:30 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Teens will be decorating canvas tote bags using iron on designs and fabric markers with a banned book week theme. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at (313) 791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com. Open to ages 10-18. Since we will be using hot irons, we ask that children ages 12 and under be accompanied by a parent or caregiver to assist during the program. Space is limited.

## Thank You From Library Staff

Thank you to the Friends and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Friends Book Sale which helps to support library collections, programming and services.

# Story Times

## Toddler Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 am  
 July 11—August 15  
 September 12—October 24  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Simple stories, crafts and play activities 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  
 10:30—11:00 am  
 August 13—December 10  
 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.

## English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Classes

Carolyn Kennedy Library  
 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 English. Learners with varying language skill levels are welcome. Classes held periodically July- September. Check the library calendar and website for the schedule.



## Adult Book Clubs

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. Book clubs are offered from Fall to Spring each year. Check the library's website for book selections.

## Mystery Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month 2:00 pm  
 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

2nd Monday of the month 2:00 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Please contact Jason at 313-791-3825 with questions.

# Thank You From The Friends

The Friends of the Dearborn Heights Library held another successful book sale this past April. They want to thank everyone who helped. You may have helped by volunteering to sort books, organizing sale tables, re-organizing sale tables, assisting book buyers in finding a particular book or author, or helping to carry books out to customers' cars. They very much appreciate the library staff who all helped all through the days and weeks of prep.

And finally, they want to thank everyone who attended the book sale and bought books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, games, and puzzles. The book sale success is measured not just in the funds raised for library programs, but also through the community outreach and library awareness that the sale provides. It's always nice to catch up with the friends and fellow book lovers who are seen at the book sale.

NEXT BOOK SALE: Thursday, October 10—Saturday, 12, 2024. See you there!

# Dearborn Heights Library

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 Sunday: Closed

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 Sunday: Closed

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# HEIGHTS Highlights



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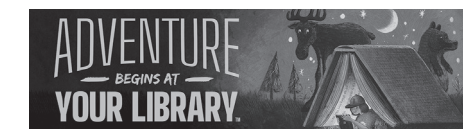
July-September 2024

Bill Bazzi, Mayor

Michael McCaffery, Director

## Notes from the Director

As school winds down and summer crests the horizon, our Summer Reading Program is once again ready to roll! This year's theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library and we hope you will come out and join us for months filled with events. Our kickoff at Caroline Kennedy Library will be fun-filled, and our programs will be adventure themed all summer long. We'll conclude with an End of Summer Party and Backpack Giveaway at John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library. We will also be working on a number of improvements and small renovations this year as we start the next fiscal year. New furniture, carpet and more are on the slate to improve our facilities. Thanks for your continued support and see you at the library!



## Summer Reading Program

Saturday, June 22 —Saturday, August 3  
 There's still time to come into the Dearborn Heights Library and sign up for one of our summer reading programs! We will have unique programs and events at both library branches. Everyone is welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. All events are open to both residents and nonresidents. You can sign up at any time!

## End of Summer Party and Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, August 3 1:00—4:00 pm  
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library  
 Join us to wrap up the summer reading program! Play games, collect prizes, eat ice cream and receive back to school supplies.



## Library Open House

Saturday, September 14 1:00—4:00 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Join us for a fun-filled Open House designed for the entire family! Sign up for a library card and learn about the extensive services and collections you can access. Try electronic resources, like Kanopy for streaming movies and OverDrive/Libby for downloading e-Books and audiobooks in English, Arabic, and other languages. Enjoy refreshments, children's activities, inflatables (moon bouncers and an obstacle course) and a free raffle. Family entertainer Cameron Zvara will perform a comedy magic show at 2:00 pm. Other city departments and organizations will be present, including the Wayne Mobile Health Unit, which will offer health screenings and vaccinations.

## Cameron Zvara: Comedy Magician & Entertainer

Saturday, September 14 2:00—2:45 pm  
 Caroline Kennedy Library  
 Join us for an afternoon of fun with comedy magician and entertainer Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with magic, comedy, juggling, music, and tons of audience participation. Before and after the show, enjoy the library's other Open House activities, refreshments, and free raffle.

## Library Closings

July 4 Independence Day • August 31—September 2 for Labor Day

# Saturday Summer Outdoor Movie

Join us for a night of summer fun on the library patio! Movies are rated PG. All attendees will be entered into a drawing to win awesome prizes. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Chairs and refreshments will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside.

July 27, 8:30—10:30 pm.....Kung Fu Panda 4 (2024)  
 August 24, 8:45—10:30 pm.....The Garfield Movie (2024)  
 September 21, 7:30—9:30 pm.....Inside Out 2 (2024)

## Adult Programs

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



### Adult Painting Classes

Tuesday, July 2 11:00 am—12:30 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Wednesday, July 3 11:00 am—12:30 pm  
Saturday, September 28 11:00 am—12:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Follow along with the instructor and paint in acrylic to create your own work of art! For adults 18 and older. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone or by email. Space is limited.

### Magic of Morocco

Tuesday, July 9 7:00—8:30 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Step into a world of tantalizing aromas and exotic flavors with Katie of ZENutrition. We will dive deep into the soul of Moroccan and North African flavors. Get ready to unlock the secrets of Moroccan cuisine. We will look at traditional cooking methods and timeless recipes. There will be samples to tantalize your taste buds and awaken your wanderlust for the magic of Morocco!

### Eloise: Poorhouse and Asylum

Thursday, July 11 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Local historian Joseph Oldenburg will present the history of the Eloise Poorhouse and Asylum. He will explain how it began as the Wayne County Poorhouse and how it was moved due to overcrowding to modern day Westland. Mr. Oldenburg will discuss what led to the institution's closure in 1982. We will also learn how Eloise got its name (hint: it had something to do with the mail.)

### Augustus Herring:

#### Michigan's Pioneer Aviator

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

It was 1898 and five years before the Wright Brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk, when Augustus Herring flew a powered aircraft on Silver Beach located in St. Joseph, Michigan. Could he claim to be the first airplane pilot? Learn about this pioneering but controversial aviator and his flight along the Lake Michigan shore. Presented by Bob Myers from the Historical Society of Michigan.

### Lost on Lake Michigan: The Wreck of the SS Chicora

Wednesday, July 17 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

By January 1895, the new steamer Chicora of St. Joseph had already tied up for the winter. Then, the Big Four Railroad called—would her owners send the Chicora to Milwaukee on a final voyage? Join Bob Meyers of the Historical Society of Michigan to learn about a fateful decision that doomed a ship and its crew.

### Detroit Style Pizza

Tuesday, July 23 7:00—8:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

With its airy crust, cheesy square corners and distinctive red sauce on top, Detroit style pizza is enjoyed worldwide. How did this Motor City delicacy transform from a singular kitchen in Detroit to an international sensation? Travel with author Karen Dybis through this pizza's humble origins in Detroit to the International Pizza Expo in Las Vegas, where waves of chefs put their spin on this unique pizza style.

### Animal Communicators

Wednesday, July 24 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Have you ever wondered what your pet was thinking? Do you wish that you could ask your pet a question? Do you wonder if they are feeling okay or if they hurt? Join us for a presentation by animal communicator Leslie Cirinesi. She will explain animal communication, how it works, how she started down this path and what it is like to be an animal communicator. Enter the free raffle to win a session with Leslie.

### Trivia Nights

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

Wednesday, July 31 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Come alone or bring a few friends. Either way you'll 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 the correct answers and you could be a winner.



## Adult Programs

### Meditating: Reconnect to Your Center

Wednesday, August 7 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

In this workshop, Katie of ZENutrition will guide you on a journey back to your center. Together, we'll explore a variety of breathing techniques, gently guiding our minds toward stillness and clarity. Finally, we'll be led through a guided meditation. For those inclined, there will be time for journaling and sharing, where reflections can blossom into shared wisdom. Come join us as we rediscover the transformative power of finding our center amidst life's beautiful chaos. Feel free to bring a journal, however, journals will be provided to attendees if they need one.

### No Man's Land: A Holocaust Survivor's Story

Wednesday, August 21 6:00—7:45 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Holocaust survivor, Irene Miller, will take you on a survivor's journey in which you sleep in the winter under an open sky on no man's land, freeze in a Siberian labor camp where bears come to your door front, survive on boiled grass or boiled onions, shiver with malaria, and spend years in orphanages. When these experiences are over, you will wonder how a child with this background can grow up to become a positive, creative, accomplished woman with a joy of living and love to share. Signed copies of Irene's book, *Into No Man's Land: A Historical Memoir*, will be available at the discounted price of \$15.00.



### Saturday Afternoon Board Games

August 24 2:00—4:30 pm  
September 21 2:00—4:30 pm

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Come to the library and have fun playing games at our Saturday Afternoon Board Games program! We will have new games such as Settlers and Ticket to Ride and traditional games such as Monopoly and Clue. No experience is necessary. For adults 18 years and older. Free refreshments will be served.

### The Snow Killings

Wednesday, September 11 6:30—7:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Award-winning journalist Marney Keenan will talk about the unsolved abduction and murder of four children from Oakland County in the mid-seventies. These murders spawned panic across southeast Michigan, triggering the most extensive manhunt in U.S. history. The case went cold for more than thirty years until 2009, when Marney broke the story about the most promising suspect ever to emerge in the case. She will take us inside the investigation of the still unsolved murders as seen through the eyes of the lead detective and the family who cracked it open.

## Adult Community Programs

### Citizenship Preparation Class

Tuesdays 12:00—1:30 pm  
September 10 – November 26  
Caroline Kennedy Library

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD) is offering a twelve-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.

### Genealogy Help

Are you interested in exploring your family's past? Members of the Dearborn Genealogical Society ([dgsmi.org](http://dgsmi.org)) will be available to help you research your family using [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) (only available in the library) and other websites.

### Caroline Kennedy Library

Monday, July 8 4:00—8:00 pm  
Monday, August 12 12:00—4:00 pm  
Monday, September 9 4:00—8:00 pm

### John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Wednesday, July 17 12:00—4:00 pm  
Wednesday, August 21 12:00—4:00 pm  
Wednesday, September 25 4:00—7:00 pm

## Youth and Family Programs

### Teen Video Game Tournament

Monday, July 1 1:00—4:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come to the library and compete against your fellow teens on the Nintendo Switch to win an awesome prize! Open to ages 10-18.

### Fairy Godmother of Music

Monday, July 1 7:00—8:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

The Fairy Godmother of Music will perform songs from popular fairy tales, cartoons and musicals. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

### Library Scavenger Hunt

Monday-Saturday, July 1-6 (closed 7/4)  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Go on a scavenger hunt at the library! All participants will select a prize from the treasure chest. This program is geared for children of all ages, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who can assist them.

### Teen Watercolor Painting

Monday, July 8 1:00—2:30 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come enjoy a relaxing program where teens can paint using watercolors while listening to music. Open to ages 10-18.

### Adventure Begins at the Library with Lynn Hartwig

Tuesday, July 9 12:00—1:00 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Local performer Lynn Hartwig returns to the library with her guitar and puppets. Join her for songs, stories and movement games based on our summer reading program theme. This interactive program is geared for children ages 3-6, but everyone is welcome. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

### Toddler Sensory Series

10:30—11:15 am

Caroline Kennedy Library

This program is designed for our friends aged 0-3. Little ones will explore their sensory world by using their sense of touch. Children will get to enjoy new experiences and meet new friends. Their caregivers will be able to enjoy the mess being somewhere else.

**Friday, July 12:** Paint! We will have poster paint to use with paintbrushes, as well as our fingers! Play clothes strongly recommended as this activity may be messy.

**Friday, August 2:** Chalk! Grab a stick of jumbo chalk and decorate our patio with beautiful colors and designs.

### Santa and Gingerbread House Craft

Wednesday, July 10 2:00—4:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Wednesday, July 25 2:00—4:00 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Celebrate Christmas in July with Mr. and Mrs. Claus at 2:00 pm followed by a gingerbread house craft at 3:00 pm. This program is for children ages 5-10, but all ages are welcome. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone or by email. Space is limited.

### Teen Field Day

Monday, July 15 1:00—4:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come and have fun playing field games outside like tug of war, three-legged race, egg and spoon race, fill a bucket and more! Open to ages 10-18. This event will be outdoors and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

### Rufus the Dufus

Tuesday, July 16 2:00—3:00 pm  
Caroline Kennedy Library

Enjoy a comedic performance with Rufus the Dufus! This show includes a combination of unicycling, juggling, magic and more. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

### Youth and Teen Painting Projects

Thursday, July 18 3:30—4:30 pm  
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Teens 10-18 can follow along with the instructor and create an acrylic painting. Children ages 5-9 can paint their own masterpieces with marble art or watercolors. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone (313) 791-6050 or by email at [jfkreference@gmail.com](mailto:jfkreference@gmail.com). Space is limited.