

Youth and Family Programs

Mother's Day Flower Pot

Monday, May 6 4:00—6:00 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library
 Come and make a beautiful flower pot to give to your mom for Mother's Day. For ages 5 to 18, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.


Mother's Day Craft

Tuesday, May 7 3:30—4:30 pm
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Create a gift of art for mom using craft paper, watercolor paints, ink stamps and a variety of other materials. For ages 5 to 18, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Plant Swap

Saturday, May 18 All Day
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Give a plant, take a plant! Do you have plants left over from spring planting? If so, come into the library and exchange them for new ones. The plant swap lasts all day!

Teen Game Night

Monday, May 20 4:00—6:00 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library

 Come join us for a teen game night! There will be a variety of games like Monopoly, Battleship, and card games. The Nintendo Switch will be available as well! Open to ages 10-18.

Teen Comic Drawing

Saturday, June 8 2:00—3:00 pm
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Join us for some fun creative comics. Basic instructions will be provided. Open to ages 10-18.

Wednesday Movie Nights

Bring your family and friends to Caroline Kennedy Library for our Wednesday Movie Night! 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. Movies are rated PG. Refreshments will be provided.

May 15, 6:00—8:00 pm Migration (2023)
 May 29, 6:00—8:00 pm Wonka (2024)

Saturday Summer Outdoor Movie

Join us for a night of summer fun! Movies will be shown on the library patio. 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. Movies are rated PG. Chairs and refreshments will be provided. In the event of poor weather, movie will be shown inside.

June 15, 8:30—10:30 pm Wish (2023)

Shadow Box

Wednesday, June 12 4:30—6:00 pm
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Come to the library to make your own shadow box! The frame, odds and ends, bits and bobs and glue will be provided, but feel free to bring your own objects. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-6050 or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Teen No-Bake Clay Sculpting

Monday, June 24 1:00—3:00 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library
 Come join us for a fun program and use your creativity to make something out of clay! Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com. Open to ages 10 to 18.

Library Wheel of Fortune

Thursday, June 27 3:00—4:00 pm
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Join us for a game or two of library *Wheel of Fortune!* Spin the wheel of genres and puzzle out the phrase. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

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 branch. You can also check out our Dearborn Heights Library's YouTube Channel for some new as well as old craft videos. For ages 5 to 10, but all ages are welcome.

Story Times

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays at 10:30 am April 18—June 20
 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 April 9—June 11
 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.

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

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



Mystery Book Club

2:00 pm
 1st Tuesday of the month
 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

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

Dearborn Heights Library



Caroline Kennedy Library

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Caroline Kennedy Library Hours

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



John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

April-June 2024

Bill Bazzi, Mayor

Michael McCaffery, Director

Notes from the Director

As this mild winter starts to wane and the scent of cold air becomes lighter, spring and summer loom on the horizon, and with-it preparations for another summer reading program. This year's theme is **Adventure Begins at Your Library** and we hope you will come on out and join us for months filled with events. Dearborn Heights Rotary once again is working with the library to give bookcases and books to area schoolkids, so a hearty thank-you to the Rotary! Thanks for your continued support and see you at the library!



Summer Reading Program

Adventure Begins at Your Library • June 22—August 3



Adult Library Program

We will be offering unique programs, painting classes, trivia nights and prizes. All events are free of charge and there are no residency requirements.

The Adult Summer Library Program kicks off with two musical shows, a different one at each branch. Come enjoy the music and a chance to win door prizes!

Country Blues Narrative with Songs

Tuesday, June 25 7:00—8:30 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library

Uke 'N Sing

Wednesday, June 26 6:30—7:30 pm
 John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Thursday, April 18 10:00 am—8:00 pm
 Friday, April 19 10:00 am—4:00 pm
 Saturday, April 20 10:00 am—4:00 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library

Thousands of books at bargain prices. All proceeds 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. Bags provided.

Youth and Teen Reading Programs

Sign up and win weekly prizes! The more you read, the more prizes you will win! Complete your reading log and turn it in by August 3 to be entered into the grand prize drawings. There will be a performer or event every week for six weeks at both branches. We will have our activity boxes again this summer.

Summer Kickoff

Saturday, June 22 11:00 am—3:00 pm
 Caroline Kennedy Library

We will have a performer or event every hour!
 • Storyteller Adam Mellema at 11:00 am
 • Exotic Pets at 12:00 pm
 • Food Sampling of Local Cuisine at 1:00 pm
 • Summer Adventure Trivia at 2:00 pm

All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. We will also have activities and games for all ages. Don't forget to sign up for the youth, teen or adult summer program!

Library Closings

March 29—31 for Easter • April 10 for Eid al-Fitr
 May 25—27 for Memorial Day • June 19 for Juneteenth

Adult Programs

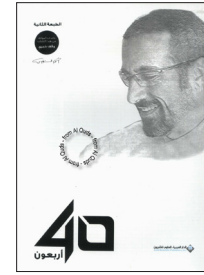
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Ramadan Book Discussion

Mondays 1:00—2:30 pm
March 18—April 8

Caroline Kennedy Library

Join us for a four-week series of discussions on Ahmad Shuqayri's book, *Forty*. In the book, the author summarizes his forty-day journey in search of inner peace. Copies of the Arabic language book are available to borrow



from the Circulation Desk at Caroline Kennedy Library. Discussion will be in Arabic. Please read the following pages for each meeting:
 April 1: pp. 173-239
 April 8: pp. 241-267

Open Mic Nights

Tuesdays, April 9 & May 21 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Calling all artists! Come share your creativity at our Open Mic Night. Bring a poem, song,



short story, or any other innovative endeavor. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Plant-Based Food 101

Wednesday, April 3 6:30—7:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Learn how you can make small changes to your diet that will benefit your health, protect the environment, and improve animal welfare while still enjoying foods you love. We will share practical tips on how to incorporate more plant-based meals into your lifestyle and you will have the opportunity to sample delicious plant-based appetizers. Presented by Kim Korona and Katie Johnson of VegMichigan.

Saturday Afternoon Board Games

Saturday, April 13 1:00—4:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Come and have fun playing board games at our first 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. If there is enough interest, we will make this a monthly event! No expertise needed. For adults 18 years and older. Refreshments will be served.

Haunted Michigan

Wednesday, April 17 6:30—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Come along with us as we visit different haunted locations in Michigan with Shetan Noir, author and researcher of the paranormal. Hear stories of personal experiences and the ghosts associated with some Michigan locations. For adults 18 years and older.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Classes

April 23—June 27

Tuesdays 10:15—11:30 am
Thursdays 1:00—2:15 pm

Caroline 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.

Golden Age of Islam

Thursday, April 25 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come join us for a presentation on the contributions of the Islamic Civilization on the modern world. The presentation will be given by Wayne State University Associate Professor Saeed Khan. Light refreshments will be provided.

Arabic Calligraphy

Saturday, April 27 11:00 am—1:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Are you fascinated by Arabic calligraphy and want to learn how to make a piece of art yourself? Now is your chance! This class is for beginners ages 18 years and older. Artist Haneen Alhusban will teach the class. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com.

Traveling Is Good for Your Health

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

According to the *Journal of Travel Research*, traveling for pleasure can contribute to well-being because it gives people opportunities to detach from work and/or home life and to experience new things. It is no surprise that research suggests that travel is highly beneficial to your physical, mental and emotional health. Join us to hear Sue Biggs from Custom Holidays explain these benefits.

Adult Programs

Italian Cooking Demonstration

Thursday, May 9 7:00—8:30 pm

Caroline Kennedy Library

Culinary instructor Mary Spencer returns to cook three favorite Italian dishes: chicken piccata with artichoke hearts, creamy roasted garlic and spinach orzo and tiramisu. Join us for the demonstration, recipes and samples. Registration appreciated, 313-791-3800.

Forgotten Detroit

Wednesday, May 15 6:30—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Join local author and freelance writer Paul Vachon as he talks about forgotten tales centered in and around Detroit. Based on his book of the same name, he will share stories about the Ford hunger march, the riot of 1943, and the Italian POWs housed during World War II. You will also hear how Detroit was the place for the beginning of the end of Lou Gehrig's storied baseball career. These tales and more will be featured in this interesting and fascinating program.

Just Wild About Harry

Tuesday, May 28 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Harry Houdini played Detroit 19 times between 1894 and 1926. Audiences witnessed nearly all of his increasingly dangerous signature tricks first hand, and saw his star rise from the bottom of show bills to the top. Tour Houdini's Detroit and discover the macabre link between the city and history's most famous magician. Presented by Jeremy Dimick, Director of Collections and Curatorial at Detroit Historical Society.



Revolutionary War Soldier Burials in Metro Detroit

Tuesday, June 4 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Historian Dale Carson will present a rundown of metro area burials of soldiers of the American Revolution. (There are over 50, believe it or not!) This program will focus primarily on the biographies of the interred, but also touches lightly upon cemetery history and architecture where warranted.

101 Things That Happened on the Mackinac Bridge

Wednesday, June 19 6:00—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Learn about the Mackinac Bridge, Michigan's iconic five-mile span that has seen historic, tragic and hilarious events. Take a trip with author and historian Mike Fomes through the first six decades of the bridge's history. You'll experience unusual crossings, triumph and tragedy. Mr. Fomes will have copies of his books for sale, including the Michigan Notable Book winner, *Mackinac Bridge: A 50 year Chronicle, 1957-2007*.

Adult Community Programs

Citizenship Preparation Class

Tuesdays 12:00—2:00 pm
April 9—June 25

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

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.

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Monday, April 8 12:00—4:00 pm
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Monday, June 10 12:00—4:00 pm

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

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Wednesday, May 22 12:00—4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 26 4:00—7:00 pm

Youth and Family Programs

Poetry Contest

March 25—April 27

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

April is Poetry Month and the library is hosting a Poetry Contest. All types of poems are welcome. Entries can be no more than one page with no obscene or derogatory language. Submissions will be accepted by email at jfkreference@gmail.com or by dropping them off at the library by Saturday, April 27. We reserve the right to deny any entries that don't comply with the rules. Original works only! The top three entries will receive a prize. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, May 1. All ages are welcome.

Chess Club

Wednesdays 5:00—7:00 pm
April 3—June 26

Caroline Kennedy Library

Join our library chess club! No experience necessary. All ages welcome, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Why Do Eclipses Happen?

Thursday, April 4 6:30—7:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Jacob Callebs, an undergraduate researcher in Astronomy at Wayne State University will explain why eclipses occur, how you can safely view them and what types of science can be done during an eclipse. Jacob is passionate about making astronomy accessible to everyone, and gives free tours of the night sky at the Wayne State Planetarium and at outdoor stargazing events. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



Toddler Safe Sensory Play Series

Friday Mornings from 10:30—11:15 am

Ages 0-3. Little ones will explore their world by using their senses. Our youngest friends will get to enjoy new experiences and meet new friends. Caregivers—enjoy the mess being somewhere else! No registration required, join us for one or all events.

APRIL 12: Taste Safe! - Enjoy the last of our taste sensory series. Textures include rice, oats, Jello and more.

MAY 10 - Icky, gooey, sticky! Explore gooey, sticky, stretchy textures like slime, Silly Putty, and shaving cream. Play clothes strongly recommended as this activity may be messy.

JUNE 7 - Bubbles! Explore the beauty of bubbles as we have bubble popping fun on our patio! May be rescheduled in case of inclement weather.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Monday, April 8 1:00—5:00 pm

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

An eclipse of the sun occurs when the moon moves between the sun and earth blocking some or all of the sun. When the two are exactly lined up, the moon can hide the sun creating a total eclipse. On April 8, a total solar eclipse will cover a large part of the U.S. in total darkness. This historic eclipse will be your last chance to see one for 20 years. Eclipse glasses will be provided for safe viewing. We will have crafts and indoor viewing via the NASA website for those not comfortable being outside or should we experience bad weather. Special thanks to the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and NASA@MyLibrary program for providing the eclipse glasses. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Terrarium Building Class

Saturday, April 20 1:00—2:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Make your own mini terrarium. We provide the supplies and help! Open to all ages, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Space is limited. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-6050, or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com.

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