Holidays are about experiences and people, and tuning into what you feel like doing at that moment. Enjoy not having to look at a watch.

—Evelyn Glennie

In 1919 the women of the Garden Club conceived the idea for a public library in what was then Dearborn Township. Their vision was realized in 1924 with the opening of the new library, and it remained Dearborn’s main library until Henry Ford Centennial Library opened in 1969. The library was called Mason Branch Library until 1977 when it was renamed Bryant Branch Library in honor of Mrs. Katherine Wright Bryant, one of the Garden Club members who founded Dearborn’s library system. Mrs. Bryant was also a Library Commissioner for 37 years and the sister-in-law of Garden Club member Clara Ford (Mrs. Henry Ford), who gifted the land on which the library was built.

Entering from the Michigan Avenue side, a double stairway is flanked by two 1927 murals from Detroit artist Paul Honore. One mural is titled “Aspiration to Knowledge” and the other “Application of Knowledge.” On the main floor, two alcoves feature decorative fireplaces adorned with iridescent tiles from Detroit’s famed Pewabic Pottery. One set of tiles show characters from Walter Crane’s “The Baby Opera” and the other set has designs inspired by Persian antiquities.

Bryant Branch will be holding a 90th birthday celebration on Tuesday, November 25 during normal business hours from 12:30-8:30 pm. Please stop in and help us celebrate where the Dearborn Public Library all started!

All sessions are open to the public and no registration is required. Sessions take place on the third Wednesday of each month through May, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Ford Collection Room. Multiple copies of each work are available for checkout at all library branches. If interested, reserve your copy today! Further information on each book and its author is also available through the Literature Resource Center database via the Online Resources page on the library’s website, dearbornlibrary.org.

The schedule of readings is as follows:

**November 19**

*The Optimist’s Daughter* by Eudora Welty

**December 17**

*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque

**January 21**

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

**February 18**

*Autobiography of Malcolm X*

**March 18**

*Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

**April 15**

*The Birds* by Aristophanes

**May 20**

*Out of Africa* by Isak Dinesen
*Please note: All Programming is at Henry Ford Centennial Library unless otherwise noted. Patrons arriving five minutes after the program start time will forfeit their place and will not be admitted. Registration must be made by phone, online, or in person at any Dearborn Public Library location.

**BABIES-PRESCHOOL (5 yrs. and under)**

**November Diaper Drive**
November 1-30
One in three American families struggle with diaper need. During the month of November, please bring diaper donations to the Youth Services Help Desk at Henry Ford Centennial Library. Individual diapers and packs will be accepted. With every donation, receive a raffle ticket for a children’s book basket. Please call 313-934-2345 to arrange drop-off for larger donations. Donations will be given to Starfish Family Services for distribution.

**Mother Goose Storytime (Ages 6-23 months)**
Fridays, November 7, 21, & December 19 at 9:45 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m.
Babies and toddlers are invited to their first literature experiences along with songs, fingerplays, and movement. One caregiver per child is recommended. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins October 24.

**Tot Time (Ages 2-3 years)**
Thursdays, November 13, 20 at 10:30 a.m.
Children with a caregiver are invited for stories, songs, and fun. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins October 30.

**Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5 years)**
Thursdays, November 13, 20 at 2 p.m.
Join us for fun stories, fingerplays, and a craft. Caregivers must remain in the library. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins October 30.

**Busy Bag Playdate (Ages 2-5 with a caregiver)**
Wednesday, November 19, 10 a.m.
Open play for children while caregivers make busy bags that are great to use for long car trips or quiet times at home. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins November 5.

**Tot Time (Ages 2-3 years)**
Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Children with a caregiver are invited for stories, songs, and fun. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins November 20.

**Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5 years)**
Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 at 2 p.m.
Join us for fun stories, fingerplays, and a craft. Caregivers must remain in the library. **Space is limited.** Registration required. Registration begins November 20.

**FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS**

**Play and Learn (Ages Birth—5 Years with a caregiver)**
Thursday, November 20, 1-2:30 p.m. at Esper Branch Library, 12929 West Warren, Dearborn
This FREE program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Esper Branch Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. For ages birth-5 years and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. **No registration.**

**Play and Learn (Ages Birth—5 Years with a caregiver)**
Thursday, December 18, 1-2:30 p.m. at Esper Branch Library, 12929 West Warren, Dearborn
This FREE program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Esper Branch Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. For ages birth-5 years and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. **No registration.**
**KIDS EVENTS**
(Grades K-6)

**LEGO Club** (Grades K-6)
Saturday, November 29, 10 a.m.
Come build with us. Creations will be photographed and displayed on our youth services blog, www.dearbornkidsread.blogspot.com/Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins November 15.

**LEGO Club** (Grades K-6)
Friday, December 26, 10 a.m.
Come build with us. Creations will be photographed and displayed on our youth services blog, www.dearbornkidsread.blogspot.com/Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins December 12.

**TWEENS**
(Grades 4+)

**Holiday Bling Party** (Grades 4+)
Saturday, December 6, 2 p.m.
Enjoy tasty treats, craft a few small gifts and create decorations to deck your halls. No younger siblings. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins November 22.

**TEENS**
(Grades 7-12)

**Teen Advisory Group “TAG”** (Grades 7-12)
Thursday, November 13, 6 p.m.
Hang out, voice your opinion, help plan programs, and earn volunteer hours. No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

**Tech Demolition** (Grades 7-12)
Thursday, November 20, 6 p.m.
Destroy a variety of tech gadgets with the help of some tech experts. Tech & safety gear provided. No parents or younger siblings. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins November 6.

**Mockingjay Teen Time** (Grades 7-12)
Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m.
Make a craft or two and talk all things Mockingjay. No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

**Teen Advisory Group “TAG”** (Grades 7-12)
Thursday, December 11, 6 p.m.
Hang out, voice your opinion, help plan programs, and earn volunteer hours. No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

**Ornaments** (Grades 7-12)
Tuesday, December 16, 6 p.m.
Get into the holiday spirit and use our supplies to make awesome ornaments. No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

**Fandoms** (Grades 7-12)
Saturday, December 27, 2 p.m.
What do you geek? Dress up as your favorite character and be ready to share your knowledge! No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

**ALL AGES EVENTS**

**Wimpy Kid Diary DIY** (All Ages)
Tuesday, November 4, 4-7 p.m.
Are you on the wait list for 'The Long Haul' for the long haul? Write in your handmade diary while you wait. No registration. While supplies last.

**International Games Day** (All Ages)
Saturday November 15, 2-4 p.m.
Bring a friend and play board games & video games. No registration, but video game time will be limited.

**Third Thursday Craft** (All Ages)
Thursday, November 20, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Make a holiday card or collage with our supplies. Younger children may need adult assistance. No registration. Crafts available while supplies last.

**Doll Day** (All Ages)
Wednesday, November 26, 2 p.m.
Bring your dolls and play. No registration.

**Third Thursday Craft** (All Ages)
Thursday, December 18, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Craft a small, festive tree to brighten your winter days. Younger children may need adult assistance. No registration. Crafts available while supplies last.

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Where's Waldo? (All Ages)
December 22–January 2
Waldo is hiding in the library! See the Youth Services Help Desk to get started. No registration.

Snowman Shooters (All Ages)
Monday, December 22, noon–4 p.m.
You won’t get too cold in this snowball fight. No registration.

Bingo (All Ages)
Tuesday, December 23, 2 p.m.
Fill a stocking with goodies by shouting “BINGO!” in the library. Pre-school aged children will need assistance. No registration but space is limited.

Yarn Fest (All Ages)
Monday, December 29, 2-4 p.m.
You’ve got time, we’ve got yarn. Let’s see what we can make together. No registration. Crafts available while supplies last.

Noon Year’s Eve (All Ages)
Tuesday, December 30, 11 a.m.
It’s a New Year’s celebration. Watch the ball drop at noon. Space is limited Registration required. Registration begins December 16.

Frozen Sing-a-long (All Ages)
Friday, January 2, 2 p.m.
Let it go and sing your heart out while watching Frozen (2013, PG, 102 min). No registration. Space is limited. No Strollers please.

Tech Help Sessions in November & December
Patrons can drop by Henry Ford Centennial Library on Fridays from 2-4 PM for some free Tech Time device help. There will be no Tech Time scheduled on Friday, November 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Additionally, there will be Tech Time sessions for any device on Wednesday, November 12 (registration begins Nov. 4) and Tuesday, November 25 (registration begins Nov. 17) from 6-8 pm. Please note these particular sessions do require advanced registration.

There will also be two instructional sessions on using Overdrive ebooks, with one session on Tuesday, November 18 from 2-4 pm (registration begins Nov. 10) and the other offered Tuesday, December 2 from 2-4 pm. Registration is required for either session.

These sessions will take place in the first-floor computer training room at HFCL. For these sessions, please bring USB and/or power cables for your device. Apple device users may need their Apple account credentials. Kindle device users may need their Amazon account credentials. Help with ebooks requires a valid library card. This workshop is not intended to help with repairing equipment.

Food for Fines in November
Do you have overdue fines on your library account? Would you like to help the needy? For a limited time, you can reduce or eliminate your overdue fines AND help those in need by making a non-perishable food donation to any Dearborn Library location.

Here’s how it works:
Each non-perishable boxed or canned food item will erase $1.00 in library fines.

Food items must be non-perishable, not expired, and larger than single-serving size.

Fines and fees for lost or damaged library items, or accounts in collection status are not eligible for the Food for Fines program.

Food may be donated at any Dearborn Library branch location: HFCL, Bryant or Esper.

All food collected will go to the Dearborn Firefighters for distribution to needy families through the Burn Drive program. Suggested food items include: canned soup, instant potatoes, canned juice, canned vegetables or fruit, rice, pasta, canned spaghetti sauce, etc. No items past the expiration date will be accepted.
In 1939, a strange and memorable hero appeared in the then-burgeoning comic book scene and left an indelible impact. On November 10, Dearborn Public Library will be honoring this literary character turning 75 this year, one of the most popular characters of all time: Batman!

Batman’s 75th birthday will be celebrated at the Henry Ford Centennial Library with a special showing of Tim Burton’s 1989 film *Batman* starring Jack Nicholson as The Joker and Michael Keaton as Batman / Bruce Wayne. The film itself celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, as well. Like its titular character, the film was a game-changer by introducing the concept of superhero movies as Hollywood’s new type of blockbuster.

Gotham City is crime-ridden. “Our streets are overrun, our public officials are helpless,” Gotham’s mayor says at one point. However, a mysterious figure has emerged to rid Gotham of crime once and for all: the Batman, dubbed so by cops and criminals alike due to his dark appearance and dressing up as a bat. The Batman’s activities attract the attention of photojournalist Vicki Vale (Kim Basinger), who is also investigating the equally mysterious millionaire Bruce Wayne, Batman’s alter ego.

Just as Batman’s crime fighting career has started, a new threat has emerged to take over Gotham City: The Joker, an evil and demented criminal mastermind who has quickly risen through the ranks of Gotham’s criminal underworld and seeks to control the city by poisoning its citizens with a homemade gas that leaves its victims with a hideous, permanent grin. It is up to Batman to stop The Joker, even though Gotham’s citizens are wary of trusting him. One thing is clear: only one can rule Gotham.

Tim Burton’s *Batman* is a visual and cinematic spectacle. Featuring Academy Award-winning art design by Anton Furst, a timeless musical score by Danny Elfman, a powerhouse performance by Nicholson as The Joker, a brooding performance from Keaton as Batman and a dark yet adventurous tone, *Batman* is a cinematic experience that has stood the test of time. The viewer is left feeling that they have gone to another world instead of watching a movie.

The film was a huge hit when released, and introduced a grim and darker vision of Batman to the moviegoing public, a depiction most people didn’t remember. Before Burton’s film, Batman was known primarily from the 1960s TV show with Adam West and Burt Ward and from the Super Friends cartoons. Both programs portrayed Batman as a light-hearted adventurer, not as the grim dark knight he was in the comics and the 1989 film (and Christopher Nolan’s *Dark Knight* films to follow).

It was a film that left an impact on me, and I was one of many who felt it. I remember seeing *Batman* on opening day with my siblings and friends, and it was an experience I will never forget. At first, I didn’t like it; it was too dark, too scary and too much for my sensitive 11-year-old soul. In other words, it was the greatest movie I had ever seen and I had to see it again! *Batman* was the first film I saw more than once (or twice!) at the theatre, and I soon developed an intense appreciation for the Dark Knight, so intense that it felt like no other hero had existed before. My favorite scene was when Batman took Vicki to the Batcave; I identified with Miss Vale as I felt the rush and adrenaline of that scene alone. I wasn’t watching a movie, I was on a roller coaster ride!

Twenty-five years later, *Batman* still makes me feel that way. What a fitting tribute to a character that first burst upon the scene, seventy-five years ago.

*Batman* (1989) will play at the Henry Ford Centennial Library auditorium on Monday, November 10 at 7 pm. There will be free giveaways for kids while supplies last!
The fall slate of basic computer workshops at the Henry Ford Centennial Library concludes this fall with classes scheduled through November. All sessions listed below take place in the Computer Training Room at Henry Ford Centennial Library and are free of charge. Interested patrons can visit or call the Reference Desk at (313) 943-2330 to register during the appropriate registration dates listed below. Check the January-February newsletter or dearbornlibrary.org for upcoming announcements on the winter schedule of basic workshops.

**Basic Computer Workshops**

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**Gone With The Wind Presentation Nov. 4**

Join us in marking the 75th anniversary of the release of Gone With The Wind with a special presentation Gone With The Wind: From Bestseller to Blockbuster with presenter Kathleen Marcaccio that will include background information on Margaret Mitchell, the writing of the book, and the making of the film. The presentation will take place on November 4 at 7 PM in the HFCL auditorium.

A selection of vintage and contemporary “Gone With the Wind” memorabilia will be on display.

**Fall Computer Workshops at HFCL**

The fall slate of basic computer workshops at the Henry Ford Centennial Library concludes this fall with classes scheduled through November. All sessions listed below take place in the Computer Training Room at Henry Ford Centennial Library and are free of charge. Interested patrons can visit or call the Reference Desk at (313) 943-2330 to register during the appropriate registration dates listed below. Check the January-February newsletter or dearbornlibrary.org for upcoming announcements on the winter schedule of basic workshops.

**Fold Book and Media Sales Ongoing**

The next FOLD Book and Media sale will take place on Wednesday, November 5 from 9:30 AM-6 PM. As always, we will have freshly stocked shelves of fiction, nonfiction, magazines, record albums, compact discs, audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, and more! Our features for the month will include books on religion, book club sets, holiday books, and vintage copies of magazines such as Look, Life, Time, etc. We will also have a fresh supply of $1 surprise grab bags and packages for those with an adventurous side!

Upcoming FOLD sales are scheduled for Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday, February 4, with no sale in January.

**Batman 75th Anniversary Night**

Join us in celebrating Batman’s 75th anniversary on Monday night, November 10 at 7 PM with a screening of Tim Burton’s *Batman* (1989) in the HFCL auditorium. Giveaway bags will be available for kids while supplies last!
Adults interested in learning English are invited to join one of Henry Ford Centennial Library’s ESL Conversation Circles, where one can meet new friends and develop confidence in English vocabulary and speaking in a friendly, relaxed environment. Sessions are held three times a week; no registration is required, just drop in during any session that is convenient for you! Conversation circles are held in Room 30 on the third floor mezzanine at HFCL on Mondays from 6:30-8 PM; Tuesdays from 1-2:30 PM; or Thursdays from 10-11:30 AM.

We are also seeking native or fluent English speakers to volunteer as “Talk Buddies” at our ESL Conversation Circles. Fill out a volunteer application, come to a Conversation Circle and spend some time chatting with our English Language Learners! Call Isabella at 313-943-2816 for more info.

Michigan’s Senior Brigade will be visiting HFCL for several upcoming presentations on various issues facing seniors.

On November 14, a presentation on Identity Theft will be given, focusing on topics including how to recognize and avoid identity theft, how thieves steal and what they do with your information, how to protect yourself and what to do if you become a victim. The presentation on December 12 will be on Residential Care Choices, with topics ranging from how to choose a nursing home, how to choose home health care and how to recognize and report abuse and neglect to keep your loved ones safe.

Keep an eye on the newsletter for announcements of other seminars taking place on into 2015! All presentations begin at 11:00 AM and will take place in Room 30 on HFCL’s third-floor mezzanine. The presentations are roughly 40-45 minutes in length.

According to the Senior Brigade website, www.Mi.gov/seniorbrigade, Michigan’s aging population faces increasingly complex decisions related to health care and financial matters. In response, the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division has developed information resources including guides, fact sheets, and how-to’s in order to assist in making complex decisions. Additionally, senior citizens are often the targets of unscrupulous scam artists. To protect yourself and your loved ones from these scams, you should understand what they are, what they look like, how they work, and what you can do to avoid them.

The website also provides links to a wide variety of state and federal resources that can benefit Michigan seniors as well as a comprehensive guide to consumer protection information.
Reading aloud with your children is not only a great way to bond and develop your relationship, it jumpstarts a skill that will play a critical role in their future. As parents, many of us know this, but we may not be exactly sure why it's so important to read to our kids when they’re small.

Did you know reading aloud to your baby or young child is the start of the learning-to-read process? Many people think learning to read is something that happens when a child starts school, but it actually starts much, much earlier. In fact, the learning-to-read process starts at birth when babies start to tune in to the sounds and rhythms of spoken language. Parents and other people who love the new baby begin talking to this new little person from the time he or she is born, and that is the best time to also begin reading aloud.

Reading to your child helps develop three essential pre-reading skills that are the building blocks for learning to read:

1. Phonological awareness (sound structure of words)
2. A background of vocabulary knowledge
3. A rich, expanded vocabulary

If you aren’t familiar with these skills or if you’re wondering how on earth you’re supposed to teach them to your child, please don’t worry! While understanding how they develop is interesting, it’s not really that important. The important thing to know is that if you start reading to your child when he or she is a baby and read articulately every day with correct grammar, it will help them develop these skills naturally and easily. You might even find that you don’t need to formally teach anything.

Your child won’t even realize that listening to you read stories is helping their brain to develop. They’ll just think it’s fun!
The Armchair Academy is a new lecture and discussion series on a variety of subjects presented by local scholars. It is designed for the knowledge enthusiast — people who enjoy dabbling in scholarly subjects. The “academy” is a fun, free way to learn more about a lot of things from the experts. Use this handy guide to pick and choose your next subject to dabble in. Come to one, two, or all of them. We’d love to have you! There is no cost to attend, and no registration is required. All programs will be held at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. For more information, please call the Library at 313-943-2330 or visit us on the web at www.dearbornlibrary.org.

If you kill your child, you will not be charged: An Examination of Crime and Culture
November 20, 2014, 7 p.m.
Presenter: Camron Amin, Ph.D., UM-Dearborn

When Iranian immigrant and accused murderer Brian Yasipour made this statement in a Pennsylvania court in 2002, it seemed to confirm a number of assumptions about him and the Iranian-Muslim society in which he grew up. But, a closer examination of Iranian and American legal theory and practice regarding the deliberate killing of one’s child reveals that, for all the real and apparent differences, there is an essential similarity between how the two societies conceptualize the phenomenon and cope with its consequences.

Robert Frost: The American “Bard”
December 3, 2014, 7 p.m.
Presenter: John Rietz, Ph.D., Henry Ford College

Using a selection of poems by Robert Frost, this session will explore some of the ways that poems convey their meanings. Frost's poetry is loved by literary critics and the general public because his work is both profound and accessible, which makes it ideal for a discussion among readers at all levels of expertise. Copies of select poems will be available for reading and discussion. No particular expertise is required.

The United States and the First World War
December 10, 2014, 7 p.m.
Presenter: Hal M. Friedman, Ph.D., Henry Ford College

The United States became a formal participant of World War I on April 6, 1917. Under the leadership of President Woodrow Wilson, the US had managed to stay neutral for more than two years. What events caused the U.S. to finally enter the War? How did the military have to transform itself to fight? How did all of this impact the Home Front? These questions and more will be answered at this informative look at the United States and World War I.

Please check out the library website or pick up a brochure for the entire Armchair Academy program at and Dearborn library branch. Lectures will run through May so keep an eye out for further announcements in future issues of Library Matters!
The libraries are now open for regular hours according to the schedule below. Please note holiday closures.

**Henry Ford Centennial Library**

- **16301 Michigan Ave.** (313) 943-2330
- **Mon-Thurs**: 9:30-8:30
- **Friday**: 9:30-5:30
- **Saturday**: 9:30-5:30
- **Sunday**: 1-5

**Bryant and Esper Branch Libraries**

- **Monday**: 12:30-8:30
- **Tuesday**: 12:30-8:30
- **Wednesday**: 10:30-5:30
- **Thursday**: 12:30-5:30
- **Friday**: CLOSED
- **Saturday**: 12:30-5:30
- **Sunday**: CLOSED

The library will be closed on the following holidays:

- Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day
- Thursday and Friday, November 27-28 for Thanksgiving
- Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas
- Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year’s

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