

What's happening at the

# MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

January-March 2024 | 330 Family Drive, Milford, Michigan 48381 | 248-684-0845 | [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info)

## NEW WEBSITE!

Our website has a new look! We've updated color scheme and streamlined the site so it's easier to navigate. The new mobile-friendly website features a fresh design, "Latest News" posts, a "How Do I?" FAQ section, accessibility and translate functions, and information about all of the library's events, services, and collections.

## NEW SERVICE ALERT: TALK

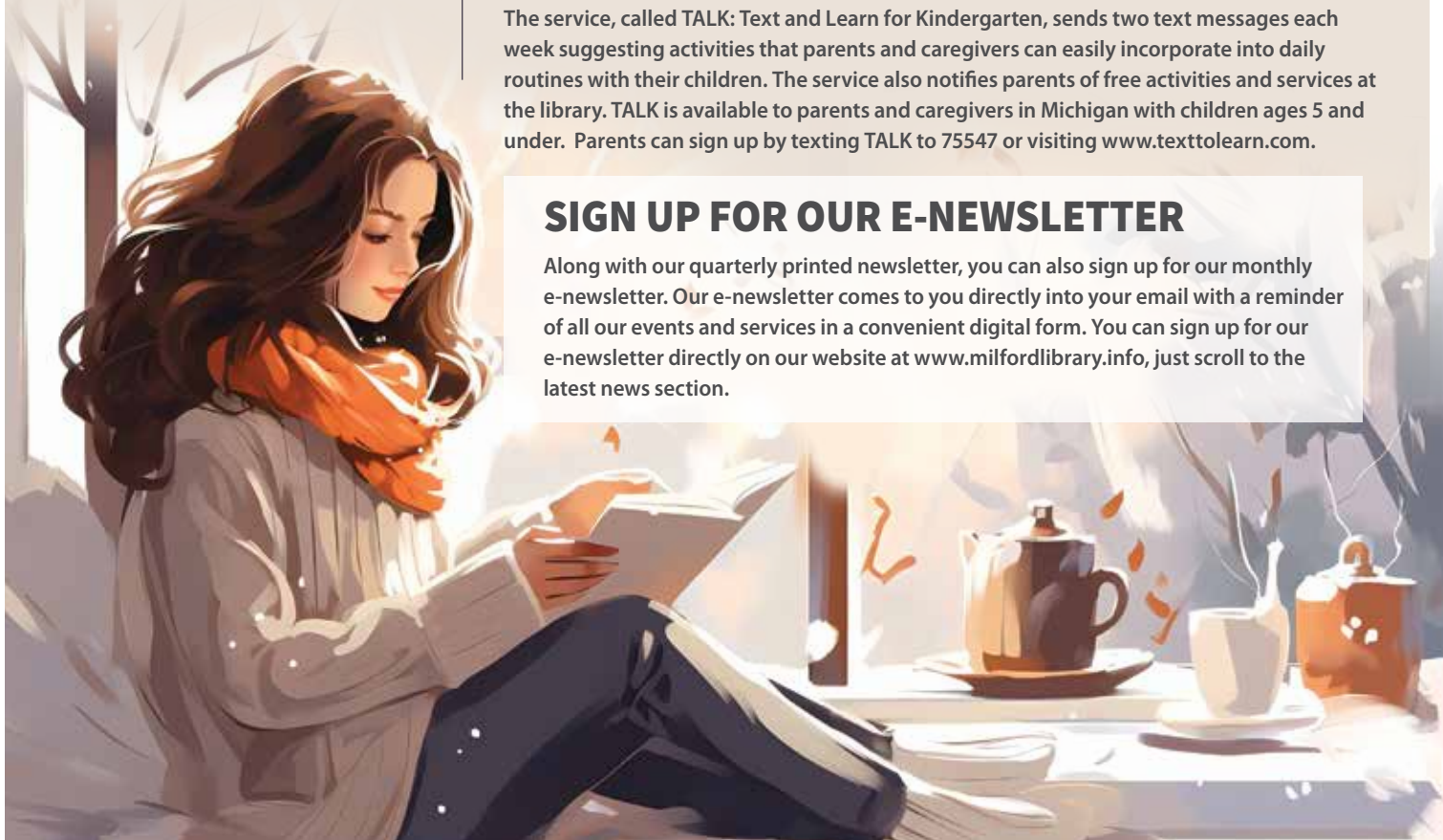
The more parents and caregivers talk and listen to young children, the easier it is for them to learn to read and write when they start kindergarten. This is because simple activities each day such as singing and playing help kids develop the cognitive and language skills they need to do well in school and beyond. Unfortunately, not all parents have time to develop learning activities for their little ones, creating a school readiness gap that impacts children from under-resourced families disproportionately. A text messaging service aims to change this, helping children learn through simple, everyday interactions.



The service, called TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten, sends two text messages each week suggesting activities that parents and caregivers can easily incorporate into daily routines with their children. The service also notifies parents of free activities and services at the library. TALK is available to parents and caregivers in Michigan with children ages 5 and under. Parents can sign up by texting TALK to 75547 or visiting [www.texttolearn.com](http://www.texttolearn.com).

## SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Along with our quarterly printed newsletter, you can also sign up for our monthly e-newsletter. Our e-newsletter comes to you directly into your email with a reminder of all our events and services in a convenient digital form. You can sign up for our e-newsletter directly on our website at [www.milfordlibrary.info](http://www.milfordlibrary.info), just scroll to the latest news section.



Registration begins on Tuesday Jan 2 for all Jan storytime sessions and on Monday Feb 5 for all Feb/Mar storytime sessions. Non-Milford cardholders will be approved one week after these dates if there is space available. **Please choose only one storytime per child.**

## DANCE, READ AND PLAY!

AGES 2.5-5 YEARS

### MONDAYS:

Jan 15 | Jan 22 | Jan 29 | 10-11am

Registration begins Tues Jan 2

Feb 19 | Feb 26 | Mar 4 | 10-11am

Registration begins Mon Feb 5

We're going dance, sing songs and stop for a story or two during this interactive storytime! Children will also get a chance to socialize and play with our toys at the end of each session.

## TERRIFIC TODDLERS STORYTIME

AGES 18-30 MONTHS

### TUESDAYS:

Jan 16 | Jan 23 | Jan 30 | 10-10:45am

Registration begins Tues Jan 2

Feb 20 | Feb 27 | Mar 5 | 10-10:45am

Registration begins Mon Feb 5

Join us for books, songs, and fun! Toddlers 18-30 months will experience short stories, movement songs, active rhymes, and fun parachute activities each week. Storytime will be followed by playtime with our toys.

## ALPHABET ADVENTURES STORYTIME

AGES 3-5 YEARS

### TUESDAYS:

Jan 16 | Jan 23 | Jan 30 | 11:15am -12pm

Registration begins Tues Jan 2

Feb 20 | Feb 27 | Mar 5 | 11:15am -12pm

Registration begins Mon Feb 5

Children experience stories, songs, fingerplays, educational activities and sometimes a craft during this 45-minute program.

## BOUNCING BABIES STORYTIME

AGES BIRTH-17 MONTHS

### THURSDAYS:

Jan 18 | Jan 25 | Feb 1

10-11am | Registration begins Tues Jan 2

Feb 22 | Feb 29 | Mar 7

10-11am | Registration begins Mon Feb 5

Help build your baby's language skills through songs, books, rhymes, and movement activities. There will be time at the end of each session for play and socializing.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**CHECK IT OUT!**

## HVS Spring Break is March 25-29!

We will have all kinds of fun space-themed activities this week, but exactly what we are doing is a surprise! Be sure to check our Events Calendar as it gets closer!



## ACTIVITY & BREAK-IN BAGS

### BREAK-IN BAG

4TH- 6TH GRADE

Reg begins Mon Feb 12

Pick-up begins Mon Feb 19

Bags must be picked up by

Mon Feb 26

and returned by Mon Mar 4

It's time for the next Break-In Bag! You will receive 3 clues to solve in order to open the lock to the goodies inside the bag that are yours to keep.

### SCIENCE BOOK BAG

K-3RD GRADE

Reg begins Mon Feb 12

Pick-up begins Mon

Feb 19

Bags must be picked up by Mon Feb 26

Have fun learning about a science topic with a nonfiction paperback book to keep, related activities, and a cool craft!



## Build It Up!

AGES 3-12 YEARS

Wed Jan 3 | 10-11am

Registration begins

Wed Dec 20

Build and create structures. We provide the building materials, you provide the creativity! Choose between Duplos, Legos, foam builders, waffle builders and many more!



## It's a Marshmallow World at the Library!

K-6TH GRADE

Thurs Jan 4

10-11:30am

Registration begins

Thurs Dec 21

Come and make marshmallow shooters, marshmallow structures, and marshmallow-themed crafts with us.



## Homeschool STEAM Club

K-6TH GRADE

Tues Jan 9 | 1-2pm

Registration begins

Tues Dec 26

Tues Feb 13 | 1-2pm

Registration begins

Tues Jan 30

Wed Mar 6 | 1-2pm

Registration begins Wed Feb 21

Come explore the world of STEAM by completing various activities related to science, technology, engineering, art, or math.



## Paws for Reading

K-8TH GRADE

Thurs Jan 11 | 6-7:30pm

Registration begins

Thurs Dec 28

Thurs Feb 8 | 6-7:30pm

Registration begins

Thurs Jan 25

Thurs Mar 14 | 6-7:30pm

Registration begins

Thurs Feb 29

## The dog

Visit the library to a live c





## IN-PERSON

Registration for in-person events begins two weeks before the date of the event for Milford cardholders. Non-Milford residents will be approved one week before the date of the event if there is space available.

### New Year, New Books! Evening Storytime

2-7 YEARS AND SIBLINGS

Thurs Jan 25 | 6:30-7:30pm

Registration begins Thurs Jan 11

New books are so much fun that we decided to do a storytime with JUST new books! We'll enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities together.



### Preschool Painting Fun!

AGES 2.5-5 YEARS

Mon Feb 5 | 10-11am

Registration begins Mon Jan 22

Bring your little artist to the library for some painting fun! First we'll get some inspiration from a story and some songs. Then we'll head to the tables and get creative.



### Clifford's Valentine's Day Party

AGES 18 MONTHS-5 YEARS

Wed Feb 14 | 10-11am

Registration begins  
Wed Jan 31

Clifford loves you! Join us for a short storytime, crafts, and activities all about hearts, love, and Valentine's Day.



### All Things Green Saturday Storytime

AGES 2-7 YEARS AND SIBLINGS

Sat Mar 16 | 10-11am

Registration begins Sat Mar 2

Join us on a Saturday for a storytime where everything is green!

We'll enjoy books, songs, crafts, and activities together. Feel free to wear something green!



### Hack That Painting!

4TH-7TH GRADE

Thurs Mar 21 | 6:30-7:30pm

Registration begins on  
Thurs Mar 7

Hey artists! Do you think you can make a basic painting better? Take a "finished" painting and add your own details to create an all-new masterpiece!



### Tween Mystery Program

4TH-7TH GRADE

Tues Mar 26 | 1-2:15pm

Registration begins  
Tues Mar 12

Do you like playing detective? Examine crime scenes to solve a space-themed mystery.



## DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

No Registration required.



### PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Feb 10 |  
10:30am - 12pm

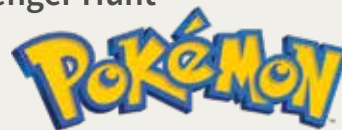
Milford and Huron Valley area preschool providers will be on hand to highlight what their facilities have to offer parents and their preschoolers. If you are a parent or guardian getting ready to send your child off to preschool, you will not want to miss this opportunity. Drop in anytime.

### Pokemon Scavenger Hunt

3 YEARS-6TH GRADE

Feb 19-Mar 3

Search the Youth Department for lots of different Pokémon! If you find them all, you will get a fun prize!



### Seuss Week

ALL AGES

We're celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday ALL WEEK LONG! Drop in to the Youth Department anytime this week for lots of fun Seuss activities and a Seuss craft to take home (while supplies last)!



Dogs are coming!  
Library for your chance to read  
dog.



## TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS GRADES 4-12 & TEEN PROGRAMS GRADES 7-12

Registration for Tween/Teen and Teen programs begins 2 weeks before the program date. Please provide your library card number and grade in school to ensure your registration is approved.

### TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

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## BOOK BOXES

#### JANUARY

Sorry, no Book Boxes

#### FEBRUARY

Reg begins Thurs Jan 18

#### MARCH

Reg begins Fri Feb 16



See the library calendar for more information and to register.

The book box is a service provided by the library for tweens and teens in grades 4-12. In each box, tweens/teens will receive one library book chosen from the collection based on the reader's preferences. The box will also include some mystery gifts, such as snacks, fidget toys, games, and/or crafts. See the library event calendar for more information and to register.

#### JANUARY

#### TWEEN/TEEN TAKE & MAKE:

## Bubble Tea

Registration begins Mon Jan 8  
Pick-up begins Mon Jan 22  
Bags must be picked up by Mon Jan 29



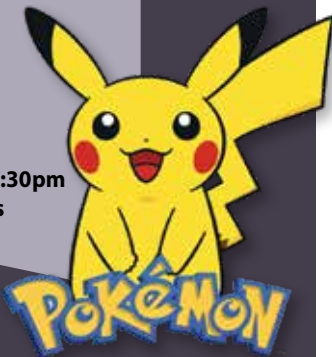
Do you love bubble tea? Then register for this kit that contains everything you need to make fantastic bubble tea at home!

#### FEBRUARY

#### TWEEN/TEEN 4TH-12TH GRADE

## Pokemon Trading Club

Wed Feb 28 | 6:30-7:30pm  
Registration begins Wed Feb 14



Celebrate National Pokémon Day with us at the library! We want to see your Pokémon collections and maybe even challenge you to some INTENSE battles. We'll have decks to play the classic Pokémon trading card game, but feel free to bring your Nintendo Switches or Game Boys to play together virtually as well. Gotta catch 'em all!

### TEEN PROGRAMS



#### JANUARY

## Midterm Stress Relief

GRADES 6-12

Mon Jan 15 | 3-4pm

Registration begins Mon Jan 1

Join us and the Huron Valley Community Coalition for a little pre-midterm de-stress! We will be practicing zentangle, watercolor, air-dry clay, and breathing techniques to promote mindfulness and reduce anxiety, all while enjoying some tasty snacks.

## Midterm Study Hall

GRADES 6-12

Tues Jan 16 | 3-8pm

Wed Jan 17 | 2-8pm

Thurs Jan 18 | 2-8pm

No registration required for this event

Need a place to study with friends for midterms? Join us at the library! With the help of the Huron Valley Community Coalition, we will have the entire community room set up for studying. Grab a table, enjoy a snack break, do a mindfulness craft, and even pet a doggo. We will have it all! A therapy dog will be available on Tuesday from 3:30-5:30, on Wednesday from 4:30-6:30, and on Thursday from 5:30-7:30.

#### FEBRUARY

## Teen Leadership Team Winter Meeting AGES 14-18

Mon Feb 5 | 6-7pm

Registration begins Mon Jan 22

The Teen Leadership Team is a group of volunteers who provide service to our community by assisting with planning and preparing for programs, keeping the library in shape, contributing to book displays, and more. Being part of the Teen Leadership Team is a great way to meet new people, build your resume, and make a positive impact on the community! If you are interested in joining, please contact Teen Services Librarian, Meg Bruce at [mbruce@milfordlibrary.info](mailto:mbruce@milfordlibrary.info).

#### FEBRUARY

## Teen Break-In Bag

Registration begins

Mon Feb 5

Pick-up begins Mon Feb 19

Bags must be picked up

by Mon Feb 26



Are you an expert sleuth? An unstoppable code-cracker and riddle-solver? Test your skills with a Teen Break-In Bag. Solve three puzzles in order to crack the code and open a bag of goodies!

#### MARCH

## Taylor Swift Eras Party

Thurs Mar 7

6:30-7:30pm

Registration begins

Thurs Feb 22

Calling all Swifties! Join us for an Eras-themed party of epic, Taylor Swift-proportions. We will be celebrating the legend herself with all kinds of activities. Dress in your favorite era outfit and have your pic taken with Taylor (or at least a cardboard Taylor), test your knowledge with some T-Swift Trivia, and make some bracelets to trade with your friends. There may even be some goodie bags and prizes for our biggest fans!



#### MARCH

#### TEEN TAKE & MAKE:

## Rainbow Pony Bead Keychain

Registration begins

Mon Mar 4

Pick-up begins Mon Mar 18

Bags must be picked up by

Mon Mar 25



Leprechauns don't have to be the only ones with rainbows and treasure! Make your own Rainbow Pony Bead Keychain to adorn your backpack, keys or purse. Then you'll always have the luck of the Irish on your side.



# ADULT SERVICES

## Beginners Drawing Class with Katie Rothley

**Tuesday Jan 9 | 6:30-8pm**  
**Registration begins Dec 12**



Join this art class to practice drawing whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or skilled artist, but the instruction will be geared toward beginners. If you've ever been intimidated by a blank sheet of paper, that's okay; we're going to do some fun experimental exercises before beginning the main drawing!

A still life will be set up for you to draw from direct observation. Basic drawing fundamentals and tips will be shared, and all supplies will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own supplies if you already have them!

## TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

### Michigan String Art Craft

**Monday Jan 15 - Friday Jan 26**  
**Registration begins Jan 8**

Celebrate Michigan's 187th anniversary of becoming a state with this take home string art craft! All materials and instructions provided, registration is limited.



### DIY Valentine's Mason Jars

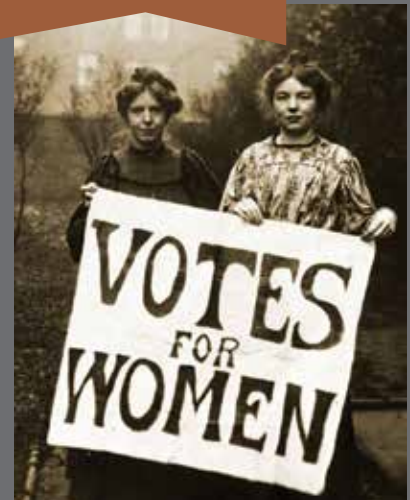
**Thursday Feb 1 - Monday Feb 12**  
**Registration begins Jan 18**

Make a quick and cute gift for that special someone this Valentine's Day! All materials (including candy!) are provided, registration is limited. Registration opens January 18 distribution starts February 1.



## And There I Take My Stand: Women's Suffrage in Michigan

**Wednesday Mar 20**  
**6:30-8pm**  
**Registration begins Feb 21**



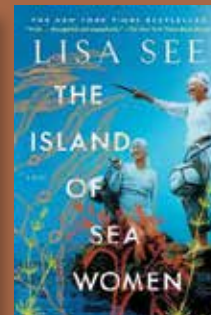
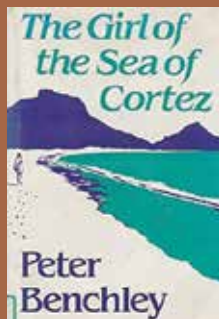
Join Katherine R. Willson for this illuminating presentation on Michigan's historic involvement in the women's suffrage movement. Throughout this talk she'll highlight the contributions of Michigan's determined citizens to win the right to vote.

## BOOK DISCUSSION:

### Beyond the Sea

**MONDAYS Feb 19 | Mar 18 | Apr 22 | May 20 7-8pm**  
**Registration begins Jan 8**

The Milford Public Library's Winter/Spring 2024 book discussions will be a series of novels about the oceans and the sea. We will be discussing *The Girl of the Sea of Cortez* by Peter Benchley in February, *The Shape of Water* by Guillermo del Toro & Daniel Kraus in March, *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See in April, and *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt in May.



# STAFF READS

TINA H

*No Ordinary Assignment: A Memoir*  
by Jane Ferguson

HEATHER

*The Third Wife* by Lisa Jewell

TINA W

*The Soulmate* by Sally Hepworth

DAVID

*Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing: A Memoir* by Matthew Perry

DEBBIE

*The Senator's Wife* by Liv Constantine

MARY

*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

LAUREL

*It* by Stephen King

JOAN

*Dirty Thirty* by Janet Evanovich

KARIN B

*Last Devil to Die* by Richard Osman

KAREN S

*Truly, Madly* by Stephen Galloway

WHITNEY

*None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell

TERI

*Countdown* by Deborah Wiles

MEG

*The Summer Before the War*  
by Helen Simonson

KAREN Z

*The Chateau* by Jaclyn Goldis

## HOURS

Mon-Thurs	9:30am-8pm
Friday & Saturday	9:30am-5pm
Sunday	1-5pm

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS\*

Christmas Holiday	Dec 23-25
New Year's Eve	Dec 31
New Year's Day	Jan 1
Easter	Mar 31

\*Please check the Library website or social media for the most up-to-date information.

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# FRIENDLY FINDS

## NEW & USED BOOKSTORE

**Brrr! Winter is here!** Time to cozy up to a good book. Come peruse Friendly Finds New and Used Bookstore for that perfect read located next to the Community Room in the Milford Public Library.

Staffed by dedicated volunteers normal store hours are from 10am-5pm Monday through Friday and various hours on Saturday. To make sure the store is open please call 248-684-0845 option 5.

Many genres of books for all ages are available both fiction and nonfiction. There is an entire shelf of books dedicated to recent publications. There are large print, self-help, travel, biography, beautiful coffee table books, and much more. Computer games are available as well as Readers Digest condensed novels. Also there are a variety of TV show DVDS as well as many CDs and audiobooks. Plus there are free miscellaneous donated items such as magazines, notecards, and calendars. In

addition, there are a variety of puzzles for sale.



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In the children's section there is a nice selection of Caldecott and Newbury Award books and an entire shelf dedicated to ready to read books. There's a great selection of young adult books and books by Michigan authors, many romance novels, and inexpensive small mass market

paperbacks. Many board books are also available. There is a great selection of young adult books.

Specialty items by local artists include Bags by Mary Bajcz, tooth fairy pillows, scarves, and Milford themed notecards,. Also books by local authors Carl Sams II, Daniel Heard, T.M. McCarthy, Bridget Llewelyn, and Laura Wolfe.

Downsizing? Consider donating gently used books, DVDs, CDs, or magazines. We cannot accept text books, reference materials, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and old musty smelly books. Please check any book donations for family memorabilia.

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