



What's happening at the

MILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

October-December 2023 | 330 Family Drive, Milford, Michigan 48381 | 248-684-0845 | www.milfordlibrary.info

NOVELIST PLUS:



YOUR NEXT GREAT READ IS JUST CLICKS AWAY

NoveList Plus is a database dedicated to helping you find a new favorite author, or a new book in a favorite genre. You can log in to NoveList Plus from our website or directly from the Michigan Electronic Library www.mel.org. You can browse the recommended reading list, or search for a favorite author or title and find recommendations based on your favorites. Support for the Michigan eLibrary Program is provided in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan, part of the Michigan Department of Education.



Site Improvements COMING SOON!

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, improvements to the parking lots and sidewalks may have already started. During construction, one of our parking lots and portions of the sidewalk will be closed until asphalt and concrete work is finished on that side of the building. Then the work will switch to the other side of the building. For your safety, please follow any construction signage indicating where to park and don't cross any construction barricades. Please note that when the North parking lot is being worked on, the 24 hour materials return will not be available. Items will need to be returned inside the library during this time.



TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE LEARNING

Transparent Language Online is our online language learning program. Transparent offers

110 different languages to help you build listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Transparent also includes ESL lessons and lessons designed specifically for kids. Transparent Language Online allows learners to explore a new language in the comfort of their own home, at the library, or on-the-go with their mobile app. You can access Transparent Language Online through our webpage, or directly at <https://library.transparent.com/milfordmi>

STORY TIME



STORYTIMES

Registration begins on Mon Oct 9 for all Oct/Nov storytime sessions. Non-Milford cardholders will be approved Monday Oct 16 if there is space available. Please choose only one storytime per child.

DANCE, READ AND PLAY!

AGES 2.5-5 YEARS

Oct 23 | Oct 30 | Nov 6 | Nov 13 | 10-11am
Registration begins Oct 9

In this interactive storytime, we're going dance, sing songs and stop for a story or two! Full of movement activities, this storytime is great for the active child. A playtime with our toys will be held at the end.

TERRIFIC TODDLERS STORYTIME

AGES 18-35 MONTHS

Oct 24 | Oct 31 | Nov 7 | Nov 14 | 10-10:45am
Registration begins Oct 9

Join us for books, songs, and fun! Toddlers 18-35 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

Oct 25 | Nov 1 | Nov 8 | Nov 15 | 10-10:45am
Registration begins Oct 9

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

BOUNCING BABIES STORYTIME

AGES BIRTH-17 MONTHS

Oct 26 | Nov 2 | Nov 9 | Nov 16 | 10-11am
Registration begins Oct 9

Introduce your baby to rhymes, books, music and movement activities. This storytime is to help build your baby's language skills. There will be time at the end of each session for play and socializing.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

AFTERNOON STORYTIME

NEW!

AGES 2-7 YEARS & SIBLINGS

Wed Oct 11 | 2-2:45pm

Registration begins
Wed Sept 27

Thurs Nov 16 | 2-2:45pm

Registration begins
Thurs Nov 2

We're trying something new! Join us for a storytime in the afternoon! Check our calendar for the theme as it gets closer!



Preschool Science

AGES 2.5-5 YEARS

Tues Oct 10 | 10-11am

Registration begins Tues Sept 26

Come explore the world of science with your preschooler. We'll start off by doing some fun experiments together and then move around the room to different science themed stations.

Halloween Crafts and Play

12 MONTHS-5 YEARS

Tues Oct 17 | 10-11am

Registration begins Tues Oct 3

It's time for some Halloween fun at the library! We'll make some not-so-spooky crafts, play games and other fun sensory activities to celebrate. Costumes are optional.



Homeschool STEAM Club

K-6TH GRADE

Tues Oct 17 | 1-2pm

Registration begins Tues Oct 3

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

Halloween Hullabaloo Evening Storytime

AGES 2-7 YEARS & SIBLINGS

Thurs Oct 26 | 6:30-7:30pm

Registration begins Thurs Oct 12

Join us in the evening for a fun Halloween themed storytime and lots of Halloween crafts! Feel free to wear pajamas or a Halloween costume!

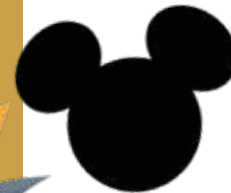


Disney Trivia

K-4TH GRADE

Tues Nov 7 | 1-2pm

Registration begins
Tues Oct 24



Who's a Disney expert? Join us at the library for a chance to show off your skills.

Dinosaur Saturday Storytime and Crafts

AGES 2-7 & SIBLINGS

Sat Nov 11 | 10-11am

Registration begins Sat Oct 28

Rawrrrr! Come to the library to listen to dinosaur stories, sing dinosaur songs, make fun dinosaur crafts, and more! The stories are intended for kids ages 2-7, but siblings are welcome to join us.



Harvest Party!

AGES 12 MONTHS-5 YEARS

Mon Nov 20 | 10-11am

Registration begins
Mon Nov 6

Let's celebrate the fall season together. We'll read a story, sing songs and do fall inspired activities around the room. There may even be some tasty fall treats to enjoy!



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.

Build It Up!

AGES 3-12 YEARS

Fri Nov 24 | 10-11am

Registration begins Fri Nov 10

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



Homeschool STEAM Club

K-6TH GRADE

Tues Nov 28 | 1-2pm

Registration begins Tues Nov 14

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

If You Give a Pig a Party

AGES 18 MONTHS-5 YEARS

Thurs Nov 30 | 10-11am

Registration begins

Thurs Nov 16

If you give a pig a party, you'll have a lot of fun!

Join us for some stories, songs and pig crafts, games and activities.



Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

K-6TH GRADE

Tues Dec 5 | 3:15-4pm

Registration begins

Tues Nov 21

Decorate gingerbread cookies while sipping hot cocoa with your friends!



Gingerbread Storytime

2-5 YEARS & SIBLINGS

Wed Dec 6 | 10-11am

Registration begins

Wed Nov 22

Run, run, run as fast as you can to the library where we will be reading stories, singing songs, and doing some gingerbread related activities and crafts.



Holiday Sensory Fun & Crafts

12 MONTHS-5 YEARS

Thurs Dec 7 | 10-11am

Registration begins Thurs Nov 23

OR Mon Dec 11 | 10-11am

Registration begins Mon Nov 27

Join us for an hour of play with holiday themed sensory activities and some crafts too! **There are two dates for this program, please only register for one date to allow room for others.**

Festive Holiday Evening Storytime

AGES 2-7 YEARS AND SIBLINGS

Tues Dec 19 | 6:30-7:30pm

Registration begins Tues Dec 5

Join us in the evening for a fun-filled holiday storytime for the whole family. We'll enjoy books, songs, and lots of crafts together! Feel free to wear pajamas or a festive outfit!



Holiday Pajama Party Storytime

AGES 2-5 YEARS

Thurs Dec 21 | 10-11am

Registration begins Thurs Dec 7

Come dressed in your favorite pajamas to hear some silly holiday stories, sing songs and play some reindeer games. There will be crafts, playtime and a yummy treat at the end.



Dance Party

K-4TH GRADE

Tues Dec 26 | 11-12 noon

Registration begins Tues Dec 12

Join us for an active morning of dancing and musical games. Please come dressed to sweat!



Countdown to New Year's Storytime

AGES 2-7 YEARS & SIBLINGS

Thurs Dec 28 | 10-11am

Registration begins Thurs Dec 14

Are you ready for New Year's Eve? We'll read a couple stories, sing fun songs, and do cool crafts related to this exciting holiday!



ACTIVITY & BREAK-IN BAGS



BREAK-IN BAG

4TH- 6TH GRADE

Reg begins Mon Oct 16

Pick-up begins Mon Oct 23

Bags must be picked up by Mon Oct 30 and returned by Mon Nov 6

Let's celebrate Halloween with a 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!

DINOSAUR ACTIVITY BAG

15 MTHS - PRESCHOOL

Reg begins Mon Nov 6

Pick-up begins Mon Nov 13

Rawwwr! Do you like dinosaurs? Then this bag of activities and crafts is for you!

DINOSAUR ACTIVITY BAG

K-3RD GRADE

Reg begins Mon Nov 6

Pick-up begins Mon Nov 13

Rawwwr! Do you like dinosaurs? Then this bag of activities and crafts is for you!

BREAK-IN BAG

4TH- 6TH GRADE

Reg begins Mon Dec 4

Pick-up begins Mon Dec 11

Bags must be picked up by Mon Dec 18 and returned by Tues Jan 2

Let's celebrate the holiday with a new 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!

DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

No Registration required.

Apple Scavenger Hunt

3 YEARS-6TH GRADE

Sept 25 - Oct 8

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



Cookie Scavenger Hunt

YEARS-6TH GRADE

Dec 4-17

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

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.

OCTOBER TWEEN/TEEN 4TH-12TH GRADE Spooky Slime

Tues Oct 10 | 3:15-4:15pm
Registration begins
Tues Sept 26

Spooky season is upon us! Celebrate with us by channeling your inner witch to mix a variety of spooky, slimy concoctions. Then take your slime potions home for hours of ewwey-gooey fun!

OCTOBER TEEN TAKE & MAKE: Mini Pumpkin Painting

Registration begins
Mon Oct 9
Pick-up begins Mon Oct 23
Bags must be picked up by Mon Oct 30

Decorate your room this spooky season with a personalized mini pumpkin! Paint it to look scary, colorful, like a classic jack-o-lantern, or anything in between.



NOVEMBER

Hunger Games Trivia Night

Thursday Nov 16 | 6:30-7:30pm
Registration begins Thursday Nov 2

Are you the ultimate *Hunger Games* fan? Test your knowledge with a little bit of friendly competition! We will be going head-to-head on our *Hunger Games* book and movie expertise just a day before the newest installment in the film series—*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*—hits theatres. And the winners might just get a little something special. May the odds be ever in your favor!



NOVEMBER

TEEN TAKE & MAKE: T-Shirt Tote Bag

Registration begins Mon Oct 30
Pick-up begins Mon Nov 13
Bags must be picked up by Mon Nov 20

Wondering what to do with all of your old T-shirts? Make T-shirt Tote Bags! Learn the art of T-Shirt Tote Bag-Making with this craft kit, and you'll never run out of useful, reusable, and sustainable totes for school supplies, groceries, sleepover essentials and more.

NOVEMBER

Teen Leadership Team Fall Meeting

Mon Nov 6 | 7-8pm
Registration begins Mon Oct 23

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! Interested in joining? Contact Teen Services Librarian, Meg Bruce at mbruce@milfordlibrary.info.



TWEEN/TEEN BOOK BOXES

OCTOBER
Reg begins Sun Sept 17

NOVEMBER
Reg begins Wed Oct 18

DECEMBER
Reg begins Fri Nov 17



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.

DECEMBER

TEEN TAKE & MAKE: Peppermint Candy Bowl

Registration begins Mon Nov 27
Pick-up begins Mon Dec 11
Bags must be picked up by Mon Dec 18

Celebrate the holiday season with this fun, edible, DIY craft. Create a small bowl out of peppermint candies to serve holiday treats at your next family get-together



or to send as a simple gift to family and friends—just pack it with their favorite candies and desserts!

DECEMBER

Wooden Gingerbread House Decorating

Wednesday Dec 20 | 6:30-7:30pm
Registration begins Wednesday Dec 6

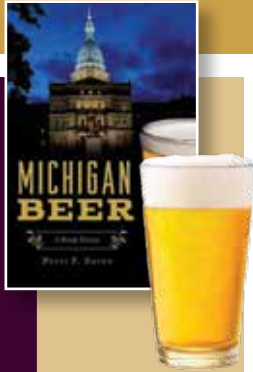
Decorate your home for the holidays with this cozy, winter-inspired craft! We will be creating and decorating our own gingerbread houses, but with a slight spin on the classic construction—they will be made out of wood instead of gingerbread. These sturdy houses will last for many holiday seasons! Join us and sip on some hot cocoa while we decorate.



ADULT SERVICES

Michigan Beer: A Heady History

Thursday Oct 5 |
6-7:30pm
Registration begins
Sept 5



Just in time for Oktoberfest! Join local author Patti F. Smith as she shares stories about how immigrants brought their distinctive beer styles from their home countries and how early local brewers made their mark. Participants will also learn about different styles of beer from ales to lagers and hear about the current state of local craft breweries.



Edmund Fitzgerald - The Stories, The Song

Monday Oct 9 | 6:30-8pm
Registration begins Sept 9

Mike Fornes presents the stories of the crew members, their families, and the ironies of a doomed ship in one of the worst storms in Great Lakes history. Learn how the hit song "The Wreck of The Edmund Fitzgerald" was written, recorded and performed by Gordon Lightfoot; hear the song played live by Mike Fornes, who performs as Lightfoot in concert.

Haunted Michigan

Wednesday Oct 18 |
6:30-8pm
Registration starts
Sept 20

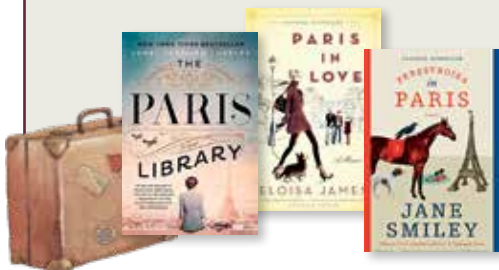


Get scream-ready for Halloween with this spooky talk! Rev. Gerald Hunter, author of the *Haunted Michigan* series, will present on paranormal activity across our state based on years of his own research.

BOOK DISCUSSION: City of Lights: Paris

MONDAYS Oct 16 | Nov 13 | Dec 11 | 7-8pm
Registration begins Aug 1

The Milford Public Library's fall 2023 book discussions will be about Paris: The City of Lights. We will be discussing *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles in October *Paris in Love: A Memoir* by Eloisa James in November and *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley in December.



Medicare: What's New in 2024

Thursday Oct 19 | 6-7:30pm
Registration begins Sept 19



Join the Area Agency on Aging 1-B's Medicare Medicaid Program (MMAP) Counselor Shari Smith for an informative presentation that will explain upcoming choices and changes to Medicare in 2024.

Free Wills for Parents Seminar

Wednesday Oct 25 | 6:30-8pm
Registration begins Sept 25

Local attorney Eric Ruth will be offering free wills to parents during a pro bono seminar for anyone interested in estate planning for parents. General estate planning information will be offered. In addition, Eric will hand out and help parents fill out and execute their will.

Maybury Sanatorium: A Fresh Cure

Thursday Nov 2 | 6:30-8pm
Registration begins Oct 5

Before 1900 tuberculosis killed 1 out of 7 people who had ever lived. To combat this terrible disease Detroit built Maybury Sanatorium in Northville Township in 1921. This is the story of the construction, operation, patient treatment protocols, staff memories, and closing of the facility in 1969. Three years later the Maybury property became Maybury State Park. Join historian Joe Oldenburg for this fascinating story about the Maybury Sanatorium.



Our Island Jewel: Detroit's Belle Isle Park

Thursday Nov 9 | 6:30-8pm
Registration begins Oct 12



Brendan Roney, Manager of Digital Projects with the Detroit Historical Society, will talk about Belle Isle Park. Often called the crowning jewel of Detroit's riverfront, Belle Isle has a long and storied history. The park has hosted world class sporting events, musical performances and family parties. It has also witnessed massacre, riot and military incursion. But for a few twists of fate, this beloved island might have been a much different place.

The Blue Cat Band

Thursday Dec 14 | 6:30-8pm
Registration begins Nov 16

For the third year in a row, we welcome back The Blue Cat Band. Join us for an amazing evening of music with The Blue Cat Band!

Together for 22 years, The Blue Cat Band brings a unique guitar-driven sound from the Motor City. With backgrounds in rock, country and folk, The Blue Cat Band covers the best in blues classics.



STAFF READS

DEB

Zero Days by Ruth Ware

TINA H

A Soft Place to Land by Susan Rebecca White

HEATHER

The Hand on the Wall by Maureen Johnson

TINA W

Good Girls Lie by J.T. Ellison

DAVID

In Search of Lost Time, Vol 1: Swann's Way
by Marcel Proust

STEPHEN

The Golden Bowl by Henry James

KRISTIN

Cassandra in Reverse by Holly Smale

LAUREL

Where You See Yourself by Claire Forrest

JOAN

Sunshine Nails by Mai Nguyen

KARIN

Box 88 by Charles Cumming

LATONIA

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

KAREN S

The Fall of Robespierre: 24 Hours in Revolutionary Paris by Colin Jones

WHITNEY

Zero Days by Ruth Ware

KELLI

Countdown by Deborah Wiles

MEG

Lightlark by Alex Aster

KAREN Z

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

HOURS

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

LIBRARY CLOSINGS*

Staff Development Day	Oct 13
Close at 5pm	Nov 22
Thanksgiving	Nov 23
Christmas Holiday	Dec 23-25
New Year's Eve	Dec 31

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Janet Keef	President
Barbara Harris	Vice President
Donna Gramlich	Treasurer
Kimberly Gutierrez	Secretary
Megan Weeks	Trustee
Jill Mondrush	Trustee

Milford Public Library
330 Family Drive
Milford, MI 48381

FRIENDLY FINDS

NEW & USED BOOKSTORE

Crisp air! Brilliant colors everywhere! Fall is here!

Time to find that perfect book for relaxation. Where to find this gem? Check out Friendly Finds 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.

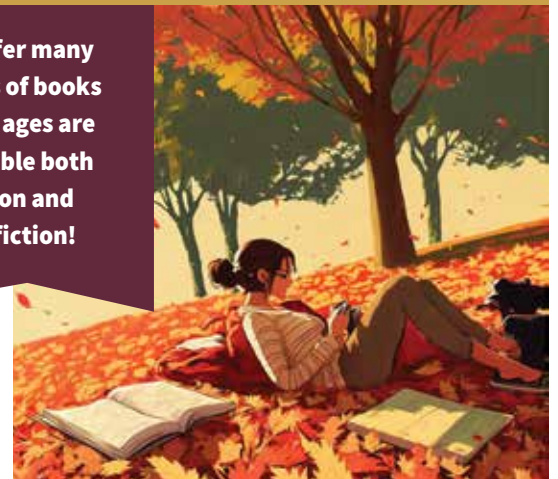
Many genres of books for all ages are available both fiction and nonfiction. There is an entire shelf of books dedicated to recent publications. There are large print, self-help, travel, biography, beautiful coffee table books, and much more. Also there are DVDs, CDs, and audio books. Plus there are free miscellaneous donated items such as magazines, notecards, and calendars. In addition, there are a variety of puzzles for sale.

In the children's section there is an entire shelf dedicated to ready to read books. Many board books are also available. There is a great selection of young adult books. There are computer games, books by Michigan authors, many romance novels, and inexpensive small mass market paperbacks.

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

A new addition are Tall Ship notecards by Diane Rometty.

We offer many genres of books for all ages are available both fiction and nonfiction!



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.

Small donations can easily be made during bookstore hours but please call ahead with larger donations. For large donations, please call the library at 248-684-0845 option 5 to schedule a delivery and check on the status for book donations.

Another way of supporting the Friends is by becoming a Friend. All dues go to programming and other library needs. Applications can be found in the store or online at www.milfordlibrary.info. Also consider becoming a volunteer in the bookstore.

By becoming a Friend all dues go to programming and other library needs. Applications can be found in the store or online at www.milfordlibrary.info.

Thank you for supporting your library!