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**COMING SOON: COMMUNITY SURVEY**
This winter the Library will embark on creating a new strategic plan to guide the Library forward in the coming years. As part of the planning process, we will be surveying residents for input. Look for a survey in your email (paper copies will also be available in the Library)!

**COZY UP WITH AN EBOOK OR AUDIOBOOK**
To access digital content, you will need a Wixom Library card and your PIN number.

**DOWNLOAD DESTINATION**
Download Destination offers thousands of eBooks, audiobooks and magazines for checkout. To get started, visit tln.overdrive.com or download the Libby app from your app store. Read from your mobile device, tablet or Kindle.

**HOOPLA**
Hoopla offers eBooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and comic books without any holds or waiting time. Checkouts are limited to 12 per month. Download the Hoopla app to your mobile device or streaming device to get started.

**SCAN EZ MACHINE**
The Library is excited to offer a new scanning and faxing station in the computer area. The machine can fax documents for $1 per page (cash or credit) and you will receive an email confirmation that the fax was transmitted successfully. In addition, you can scan documents to your email, Dropbox account, OneDrive or Google Drive. There is also an option to digitize and restore old photos!

**LIBRARY HOURS**
Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Meets 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
Veronica Simmons, Dee Dee Grant,
Allison Wert, Christie Currier
Leah Gettings, Dulcie MacQueen
Library Director: Andrea Dickson

**CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY**
**Catalog:** Search for materials, place holds and renew items
**Curbside:** Schedule appointments wixomlibrary.org/curbside
**eNewsletter:** Sign up for monthly eNewsletter updates on the website
**Phone:** Get reference assistance, place holds, renew items & more
**Website:** Access the catalog, digital materials, book suggestions, program calendar & more
**App:** Search and place holds, connect to digital content, renew items & more
FRIENDS EVENTS
There are several Friends activities scheduled this spring. Proceeds from Friends events help the Library fund programs and other items that benefit the Library.

SPRING SILENT AUCTION
April 17 - April 29
The silent auction features a variety of special finds for you to place your bid on.

SPRING USED BOOK SALE
May 3 - May 6
This popular sale offers thousands of gently used books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles, games and special items for all ages. Books are priced between 25 cents and $1 with some other speciality priced items.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS
Tuesday, January 31 at 11 a.m.
Tuesday, May 16 at 11 a.m.
The Friends meet quarterly in the meeting room to conduct regular business items. New members are always welcome to attend.

DONATION GUIDELINES
Please place your clean and gently used book, audiobook, Blu-ray and DVD donations in the donation box inside the front entrance. All donations must be in like-new and sellable condition.

We are not able to accept magazines, VHS, cassette tapes, encyclopedias, or text books. Receipts are available on request.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Volunteers are always encouraged to join the Friends of the Wixom Library.

TUESDAY SORTING
Tuesday Mornings at 10 a.m.
Help sort donated books every Tuesday morning.

BOOK SALES
Volunteers are needed to help during the sale and for set-up and take-down. A sign up sheet will be available at the Check-Out Desk prior to the book sale.

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES
In addition to supporting the Friends and the Library through book sale, you can also support the Friends with your everyday shopping.

AMAZON SMILE
Support the Friends of the Wixom Library through Amazon Smile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Go to smile.amazon.com to select Friends of the Wixom Library.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS
The Friends have enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you shop at Kroger and enroll your Kroger Plus card, a portion of your purchases will be distributed to the Friends each quarter. Details for adding the Friends to your Kroger card are available at wixomlibrary.org/friends

RECOGNITION TREE
Leaves for the Recognition Tree may be purchased for $100. The leaves are bronze with black engraved letters. They may be in the form of a memorial or a donation and may be purchased by individuals or businesses. Forms are available in the lobby.
ADULTS

EVOlution of football
Wednesday, January 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Explore how the modern forms of football (soccer, rugby and American football) have evolved from its ancient British folk tradition and exploded in popularity during the 19th century with presenter Jim Craft.

SKILLET SUPPERS
Tuesday, February 7 | 6:30 p.m.
Chef Mary Spencer will demonstrate how to take the fuss out of weeknight meals. She will demonstrate how to cook a complete meal in one skillet and offer plenty of cooking tips along the way. A tasting of the recipes will follow the demonstration.

SISTER PIE BAKERY
Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30 p.m.
Author Lisa Ludwinski, owner and head baker of Sister Pie, will share the story of her successful bakery. She’ll talk about the start of the bakery from its humble origins to the building it is today, including conversation about her cookbook *Sister Pie: The Recipes & Stories of a Big-Hearted Bakery in Detroit*. There will also be free baked goods!

PAINT-ALONG PARTY
Saturday, April 1 | 1:30 p.m.
Join the party and paint! Get step by step instruction to complete a painting while listening to music, snacking, and chatting with friends!

BLACKOUT POETRY
Tuesday, April 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Make your own poetry for National Poetry Month.

BOOK CLUBS

BOOKS & BREWS
Join us Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at The Drafting Table for discussions on books from an eclectic list of authors.

January 10 - *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams
February 14 - *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson
March 14 - *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich
April 11 - *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin

BETWEEN THE LINES
Join us on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. to discuss an eclectic list of titles while sipping on coffee and tea.

January 25 - *Biography or Memoir of Reader’s Choice*
February 22 - *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner
March 29 - *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman
April 26 - *We Were Never Here* by Andrea Bartz
**ADULTS**

**MOVIES & LUNCH**
Join us for an afternoon film showing and a pizza lunch!
- WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING
  Wednesday, February 1 | 1 p.m.
- ELVIS
  Wednesday, April 5 | 1 p.m.

**DIY CRAFTS**
Get creative at our monthly craft nights!
All supplies are provided - you just bring the creativity!
- COBALT WINTER VASES
  Tuesday, January 24 | 6 p.m.
- LAVENDER PAINTING
  Thursday, February 9 | 6 p.m.
- BIRDHOUSES
  Tuesday, March 21 | 6 p.m.
- FLORAL TERRACOTTA POTS
  Thursday, April 27 | 6 p.m.

**BOOK A LIBRARIAN**
Tuesdays | 2 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.
Get one-on-one help with computers or mobile devices. Sign up at the Information Desk. Additional time slots may be arranged with the librarian.

**ESL CAFE**
Thursdays | 3 p.m.
Improve your English skills with coffee and conversation. Talk with people from different countries who are trying to improve their English. A certified ESL instructor will lead the group. No registration required.

**SURFACE LAPTOPS AVAILABLE**
Need to use a computer and talk on the phone? Or have a job interview on Zoom? We are happy to announce that we now have 3 Microsoft Surface Laptops available for in library use. Ask at the Information Desk!

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STORY-TIMES

BABY DAYS
Wednesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 0-2
January 11 - May 31
Have fun with playtime and story-time.

PRESCHOOL STORY-TIME
Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5
January 10 - May 30
Community Center
Join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun!

MOONLIGHT STORY-TIME
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5
January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6
An evening story-time with stories and songs.

BILINGUAL STORY-TIME
Fridays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5
January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28
Join us for an immersive bilingual story-time experience presented with native teachers from Bright Loritos Novi. Story-times will be presented in either Spanish or Mandarin.

PRE-K PICASSOS
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 3-5
January 11, February 15, March 15, April 19
Listen to a picture book and make your own masterpiece.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
Wednesday, April 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Ages 2-5
Bring your favorite stuffed animal (that you can sleep without) for a nighttime story-time. Tuck your stuffed animal in for a sleepover and pick them up the next day after a night of fun at the Library!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

YOGA FOR KIDS
Mondays | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-5
January 16 & March 13
Drop in for yoga with Miss Ashley! Geared at ages 2-5, but older siblings and parents are welcome to join. Please wear clothing that is comfortable for movement.

VALENTINE’S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, February 4 | 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-10
Have a heartfelt morning with crafts and activities celebrating Valentine’s Day!

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AT COMMERCE LIBRARY
Saturday, February 4 | 1 - 3 p.m.
Learn about and speak with representatives from area preschools at the Commerce Township Community Library. Sponsored by the Commerce Township, Walled Lake, and Wixom libraries.

SPRING IS HERE! TAKE HOME KIT
Friday, March 31 | Ages 2-10
Get supplies for a Spring Break craft! Craft kit pickup begins on Monday, March 27.

CHUCK CLARK
Saturday, April 15 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 2-10
Enjoy a morning of comedy, juggling and magic with Chuck Clark a.k.a. Rufus the Dufus!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
Have you joined the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program? Studies show reading aloud helps strengthen language skills. There are prizes for kids when they read 100, 500, 800 and 1000 books. Sign up at wixomlibrary.beanstack.org today!
KIDS & TWEEN PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

PAWS FOR READING
Mondays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-5
January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3
Practice your reading skills with Bridger, a Golden Retriever, who will never interrupt you - just listen. Registration required for a 15 minute time slot.

LEGO CLUB
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-6
February 22 & April 26
Challenge yourself with a special LEGO build and then display your design in the Library.

K-2 ADVENTURE
Thursdays | 6:30 p.m. | Grades K-2
January 12 - Arctic Adventure
February 16 - Valentine’s Day
March 9 - Luck of the Irish
April 13 - World Art Day
Celebrate a special theme each month, featuring stories, crafts, games and fun!

TINY ART SHOW
Thursday, January 19 | 6:30 p.m.
Make a mini masterpiece! Your creation will be on display in the children's department for a month.

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TWEENS | Grades 3-6

NOVEL THOUGHTS
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.
Join us for snacks and a lively conversation.
January 25 - The Amelia Six by Kristin L. Gray
March 22 - Freddie Vs. the Family Curse by Tracy Badua

ANTI-VALENTINES DAY
Saturday, February 11 | 2 p.m.
Join us for a hands-on anti-Valentine’s day special effects makeup workshop with Alex Thomas!

CAN YOU BEAT A WORLD RECORD?
Wednesday, March 8 | 6:30 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to beat the best? Find out with fun challenges!

FOR THE BIRDS
Saturday, April 29 | 3 p.m.
Decorate a birdhouse and make the birds a tasty treat.
TEENS

BOOKS & BITES
Mondays | 6 p.m.
Join us for a lively discussion and snacks! Copies of the books are available at the Information Desk.
February 27 - Sunny G’s Series of Rash Decisions by Navdeep Singh Dhillon
April 24 - The Life and Crimes of Hoodie Rosen by Isaac Blum

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IS IT WRITTEN IN THE STARS?
Monday, March 27 | 6:30 p.m.
Ms. Sarah will make you an astrology chart based on your birthday. Hit or hoax? You decide!

TEEN ART CLUB
Mondays | 6 p.m.
January 23 & March 20
Join friends and work on a new or existing art project.

BLACKOUT POETRY
Tuesday, April 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate National Poetry Month by writing your own poem with an artistic flair.

TEEN VOLUNTEER COUNCIL
Mondays | 6:30 p.m.
Join the volunTEENs and earn 1 volunteer hour for attending!
January 16: Inspiration Jars
February 13: Cards for Elderly
March 13: Pom Pom Toys for Shelter Cats
April 17: Thank You Cards to Veterans

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CANDY HEART CHALLENGE
January 23 through February 13
Stop in the Teen Area to guess the number of candy hearts in the jar. The winner will get to keep the jar and get a surprise YA romance novel to keep!

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