



CHIPPEWA RIVER DISTRICT LIBRARY SYSTEM

BEYOND THE STACKS

APRIL | MAY 2022



MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

Celebrate Star Wars Day at your library!

Drop-in after school and make a glowing lightsaber, take a selfie with Darth, Hans, Chewie, or with the droids C3PO and R2D2. Luke Skywalker and Wookiee Cookies will be available. Don't forget to wear your favorite Star Wars-themed attire or costumes!

This is a drop-in style event. Crafts and snacks are available while supplies last.

May 4
3 - 5 p.m.
Annex Meeting
Room
VML

Holiday Closures:
All CRDL locations
will be closed on the
following dates:

April 15 & 17

May 29 & 30





kids

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Click on date to register.

PIZZA AND PAGES

A monthly book club led by students for students!

Free copies of the books are available for participants who register at least a week in advance, while supplies last.

- April's books will feature our favorite books about nature, survival and adventure!
- May's book - *Restart* by Gordon Korman

For grades 3-5

Monday
April 11
and May 9
5 p.m.
Virtual

STORY AND CRAFT KITS

Join us for special program just for preschool and early elementary families! You'll receive a FREE copy of that month's picture book along with a simple craft kit to complete together after reading. Books and craft kits will be available while supplies last, so please sign up as soon as you can!

- April- *The Honeybee*

Monday
April 18
5 p.m.
Virtual

FAMILY STORYTIMES

Babies to preschoolers will enjoy stories, songs, and dancing while building vital early literacy skills! This storytime is for children ages 0 to 5.

*We will be doing our best to bring you in-person programming while keeping up to date with recommended COVID-19 safety restrictions. That means we may have a limited capacity for this event. We will be accepting participants on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you would like to have a CRDL Storytime experience in the comfort of your own home, a playlist of our Virtual Storytimes is available to view [here](#).

Wednesdays
FJML | 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays
VML | 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays
SCL | 2 p.m.

family

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Click on date to register.

FAMILY BAKE NIGHT: CARMEL APPLE TAQUITOS

It's time for Family Bake Night! This month's kit includes ingredients and instructions to make caramel apple taquitos. Please register ONCE per family. Kits will be distributed at your selected branch library starting on April 7. Kits not picked up by April 21 will be distributed to patrons on the waitlist.

April 7
All CRDL
locations

WALL-E: INTERACTIVE MOVIE KIT

Register today for your interactive movie kit. Each kit includes items for up to four participants: movie scripts, activity prompts, novelty items, and food. WALL•E is available to stream on Disney + You may also borrow a copy from the library using your library card, call 773-3242 Ext 202, or chat/email the librarian. Download the comic book [here](#) (using your library account). Movie Kits will be available to pick up at your library branch starting April 14. Movie kits on reserve that are not picked up by April 28 will be distributed to patrons on the waitlist.

April 14
All CRDL locations

EARTH DAY KITS

Celebrate Earth day with our planting-themed kits! In your kit, you will receive a tree sapling to plant in your yard and a craft kit to make your plant-able seed bomb out of recycled paper. Special thanks to Central Michigan University's Center for Excellence in STEM Education for their help partnering with us for this program. Kits will be available to pick up at your library branch starting April 22. Kits reserved that are not picked up by April 29 will be offered to patrons on the waitlist.

April 22
All CRDL locations

MINECRAFT BREAKOUT KIT

Breakout Rooms are back at the library, but now you take the game home with you! Each Breakout Kit contains boxes, locks, clues, and prizes! Kits are property of CRDL and must be checked out using a valid library card. Please return kits within ten days of checkout. Kits will eventually circulate to all registrants on the waitlist. Sign up today!

April 28
All CRDL locations

I SPY WITH MY JEDI EYE

I SPY with my JEDI eye... Star Wars characters that are hiding in the library! During May, find Star Wars characters hidden in the book stacks and win a baby Yoda sticker or candy.

*One gameplay, per week, per patron, please.

May 1 -31
All CRDL locations



family

FAMILY BAKE NIGHT: RASPBERRY THUMBPRINT COOKIES

This month's kit includes ingredients and instructions to make raspberry thumbprint cookies. Please register **ONCE** per family. Kits will be distributed at your selected branch library starting May 12. Kits not picked up by May 26 will be distributed to patrons on the waitlist.

May 12
All CRDL locations

KARATE KID: INTERACTIVE MOVIE KIT

Each interactive movie kit includes items for up to four participants: movie scripts, activity prompts, novelty items, and food. The Karate Kid is available to stream on several streaming services or borrow a copy from your local library branch using your library card, call 773-3242 Ext 202, or chat/email the librarian. Download the movie soundtrack [here](#) (using your library account).

May 19
All CRDL locations

Kits will be available to pick up at your library branch starting May 19. Reserved kits not picked up by June 2 will be distributed to patrons on the waitlist.

SUNDAY CINEMA

Enjoy a movie on the big screen with freshly popped popcorn.

Shang-Chi and the
Legend of the Ten Rings April 03 | 2 p.m. | FJML

King Richard April 24 | 2 p.m. | FJML

Spider-Man
No Way Home May 15 | 2 p.m. | FJML





adult

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Click on date to register.

April 16
2 p.m.
VML

PICKING WITH THE CHAMP: MORELS HUNTING

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time picker, you're bound to find a new perspective to gathering the elusive morel!

Anthony Williams, a five-time National Morel Hunting Champion, will share morel folklore stories and tips and tricks of hunting for morel. Join us for this fun and family-friendly program!

April 3
and May 1
6 p.m.

VML Annex

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Join us for an engaging, lighthearted discussion of this fascinating yet disturbing genre. We focus our discussion on uplifting and empathizing with the victims of these crimes.

- April's book: *My Friend Anna* by Rachel DeLoache Williams
- May's book: *We Have Your Daughter* by Paula Woodward

For more information and to join in on the online discussion, feel free to join our [Facebook group](#)!

April 11 and
May 9
All CRDL
Locations

SPICE IT UP

Laura from GreenTree Co-op Market will share a tasty recipe using a selected spice of the month. This event will be offered as a blog post to view at your leisure.

- April's spice is Carob
- May's spice is Ginger

Register each month to receive a sample of the spice of the month at your branch location. Video link with recipe <http://greentree.coop/category/recipes/>

April 20
and May 18
noon
VML

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Brown Bag Book Discussion Group meets the third Wednesday of the month. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

- April's book is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- May's book is *The Light Over London* by Julia Kelly

art at the library

Wesley Merritt, Artist

If you've lived in the Mount Pleasant area for a long time, you may have seen Wesley Merritt or his work. In Shepherd, decades ago, you may have seen a hand-painted sign on a door downtown saying "Wesley's Wonder Shop," probably with a carved wooden bear out front. Later, you may have been driving on Wise Road south of M 20 and passed a yard with an old trailer on it and a large carved crucifix and whatever other carvings Wesley had on display at the time. Or maybe an old pickup went by with a large, fierce-looking tiger or some other eye-catching figure on the roof. Wesley was a bit of a showman, and he wanted his work to be seen.

I happened on the Wonder Shop when I was beginning to read about "folk art," art made by people we don't think of as artists at all. In the past they were often artisans who made useful things like quilts or trade signs. Later I heard the term "outsider art" applied to the work of people outside the social and artistic mainstream, who often just start making art without training or encouragement, because it is in them to do. There in Shepherd was this engaging man with a streak of mischief in him who loved to talk about his work. He could have jumped out of the pages of any of the books I was reading. He was an outsider, all right; he didn't have much education, and didn't make much of a living buying and selling used things. But it is as true of Wesley as of any of the great artists whose names we know that he had dedicated his life to his art. There are artists like him all over this country and all over the world. Their work is sold in galleries, collected by admirers and preserved in museums; Wesley's work finally won him enough recognition and sales that he could spend most of his time carving. His work was featured in the Detroit Free Press magazine, later was the subject of an exhibition at the Dennon Museum in Traverse City, and was sold at the Outsider Art Fair in New York. Collectors from many parts of the country came to Mt. Pleasant to meet him and buy his work.

When Wesley and his wife Mabel relocated to Wise Road, near our home, my wife Ann Kowaleski and I stopped by often to see him and collect more of his work. We became friends. Mabel, whose job it was to attach the hundreds of toothpicks that were the quills of his porcupines, was shy and funny; when Wesley told us about plans for new carvings there was a mischievous gleam in his eye that was a pleasure to see. They're both gone now, but it is especially satisfying that he will be remembered and honored in the place where he lived, and we're grateful to the Chippewa River District Library for having the vision to grant him this honor.
—Eric Torgersen

Eric Torgersen has published eight books and chapbooks of poetry, two of fiction, and a full-length study of Rainer Maria Rilke and Paula Modersohn-Becker. He also translates German poetry, especially the works of Rainer Maria Rilke and Nicolas Born. He was born in Melville, New York. He has a BA in German Literature from Cornell University; after two years in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, he earned an MFA in poetry from the University of Iowa. He retired in 2008 after 38 years of teaching writing at Central Michigan University. He lives in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, with his wife, the quilt artist Ann Kowaleski.



The porcupine will be on permanent display at the Veterans Memorial Library and The Weasel (not pictured) will be on permanent display at the Shepherd Community Library.



Teens

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Click on date to register.

TEEN TAKE & MAKE: PAPER BEAD JEWELRY MAKING

Learn how to upcycle unused paper scraps into works of art. When you finish your artwork, you'll have a beautiful piece of jewelry you can keep or give to someone special! Kits will become available for pickup on Tuesday, April 12 at Veterans Memorial Library in Mt. Pleasant. Please allow a few days extra time for delivery to branch locations.

April 12
all day
VML

MIDDLE SCHOOL READING MASTERS

A book club led by middle school students for middle school students! For grades 6-8. Space is limited, registration is required. We'll contact you as soon as your materials become available for pickup.

April 19 and
May 17
5 p.m.
Virtual

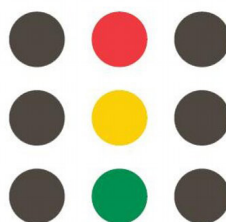
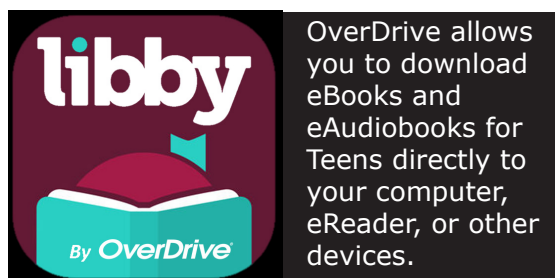
- April - *The Mona Lisa Key* by Liesl Shurtliff
- May - Trivia

The Zoom link to join us virtually will be sent out on the day of the event.

TEEN TAKE & MAKE: HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Try your hand at making natural health & beauty products with our special DIY kit, just for teens! When you make your own health & beauty products, you can feel confident pampering yourself without harsh chemicals. Kits will become available for pickup on Tuesday, May 10 at Veterans Memorial Library in Mt. Pleasant. Please allow a few days extra time for delivery to branch locations.

May 10
all day
VML

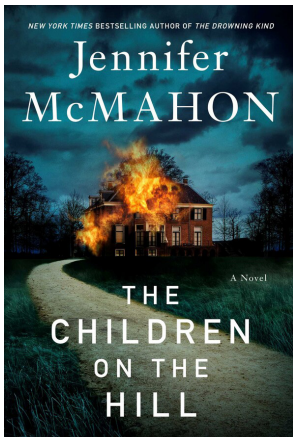


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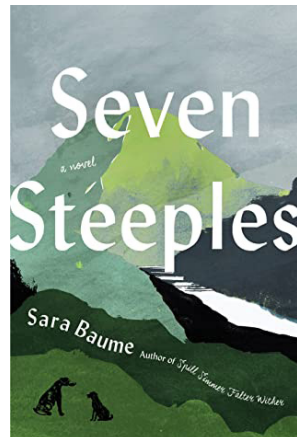
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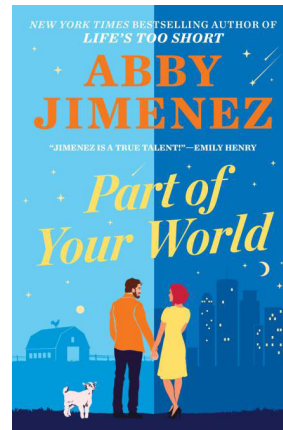
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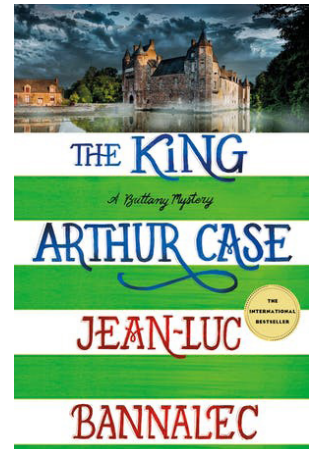
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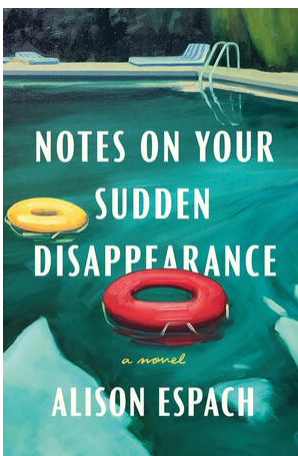
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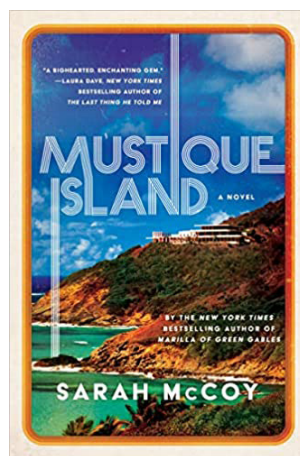
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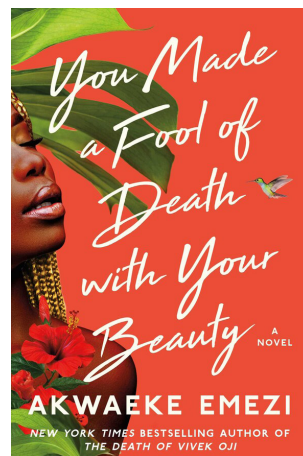
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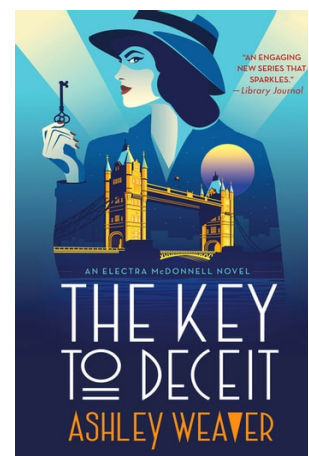
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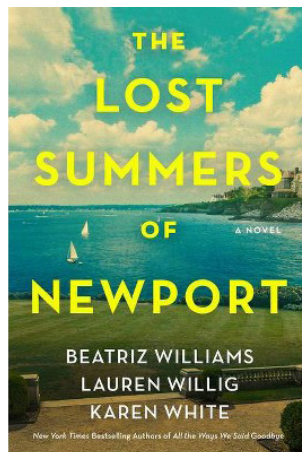
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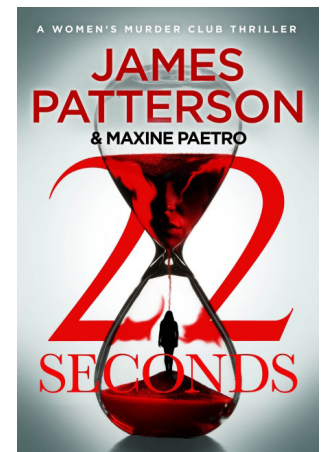
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STAFF PICK

The Cartographer's Secret | Tea Cooper

A historical fiction novel set in Australia with a parallel storyline? Sold! Evie Ludgrove is known in her family for being quirky...she can disappear for hours around her home in New South Wales, painting and sketching intricate landscapes and maps. Until one day she sets out to solve the decades-old mystery surrounding famed Australian explorer Dr. Leichhardt and never returns. Her disappearance splits her family apart and remains a mystery for decades.

Thirty years later, Letitia Rawlings, Evie's niece, arrives at the family estate, the home of her Great-Aunt Olivia, seeking solace after her brother's traumatic death. Expecting a bitter old woman, Letitia finds a dynamic, kind woman still haunted by Evie's disappearance. Seeking to heal the long-standing rift caused by Evie's disappearance, Lettie follows the clues left behind by Evie, including the intricate map she drew before her death.

I am a sucker for a parallel storyline, and this one did not disappoint! It was a great read without being too heavy and kept me hooked until the last line. I will absolutely be adding Tea Cooper to my list of must-read authors.



Reviewed by Barb Sanford



THINGS GOING ON AT CRDL

MOUNT PLEASANT GARDEN CLUB SEED EXCHANGE

Did you know there is a Seed Library at Veterans Memorial?

Borrow

The Seed Library is available at the Veterans Memorial branch, and is not limited to CRDL cardholders. Participants may choose from a variety of seeds to grow.



Grow

You can find basic seed planting information in your branch's gardening section. If you are a beginning gardener, don't worry about saving seeds. Select what you are interested in growing and focus on learning how to garden. The seed saving part will come later.

Save

If you are collecting seeds, be sure to collect seeds from your healthiest crop! Place dried seeds in an envelope and seal. Identify exact type of seed and bring the seeds to VML.

Donating Seeds

Donations of saved seeds are always welcome! Seeds will be accepted if they are properly dried and identified. If donating commercial seeds, please be sure the seeds are **non-hybrid** and **non-Genetically Modified Organism (GMO)** seeds.

The Seed Library is sponsored by CRDL and the Mount Pleasant Garden Club.



Members of the Mt. Pleasant Garden Club repacking seeds for the seed library.

Hours and Locations

Veterans Memorial Library

Phone: (989) 773-3242

Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

*Open Sundays, Labor Day - Memorial Day

Faith Johnston Memorial Library

Phone: (989) 433-0006

Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 12 - 8 p.m.

Fremont Community Township Library

Phone: (989) 866-2550

Sunday: 12 - 4 p.m.

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 3 - 8 p.m.

Thursday: 12 - 8 p.m.

Shepherd Community Library

Phone: (989) 828-6801

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 12 - 8 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tate Memorial Library

Phone: (989) 561-2480

Tuesday & Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday: 2 - 8 p.m.

Friday: 1 - 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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