



Commerce Connection



Fall 2018

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Mon-Thu:
10:00 am-9:00 pm

Fri-Sat
10:00 am-5:00 pm

Sun
1:00 pm-5:00 pm

A look back at summer from our Director

Summer is so much fun at the Library. Kids are everywhere and they are working on their summer reading goals and winning great prizes. This year there were 783 kids of all ages signed up to participate. That's a new record!

Earlier this summer we held a "Touch a Truck" event. Kids could climb into fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, earth moving equipment, and more.



We estimate we had over 700 kids attend. We were most impressed with all the creative parking on this very busy day.

One of the checkoff boxes on the kid's summer reading club booklet said: "tell someone a joke." I have been told several jokes. "What do you call a cow with no legs?"

So Summer Reading Club may be fun, but it is also important. Keeping kids reading helps to keep their reading abilities working until they go back to school and avoids summer slide. Children's reading, children's literacy, children's education. One of the most important things your local library does.

We hope to see you and your kids at storytime this Fall.

-Connie Jo Ozinga, Library Director

Bryan Gruley: Author Event

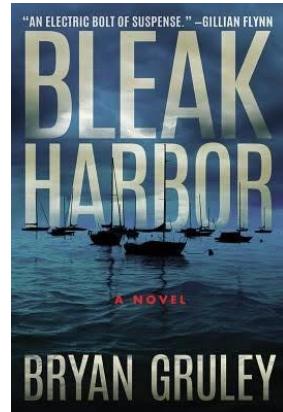
Pulitzer Prize winning author at the library!

Join us on Saturday, December 8, 2018 as Pulitzer Prize winning author, Bryan Gruley discusses and signs his new book "Bleak Harbor". Mr. Gruley's work includes "Starvation Lake: A Mystery", "The Hanging Tree", and "The Skeleton Box".

"A former journalist for the *Wall Street Journal* he shared in the paper's 2002 Pulitzer Prize for coverage of the September 11 terrorist attacks."

Saturday, December 8th at 2 pm

Location: White Pine Room





Have you ever needed help landing that dream job or passing a standardized test? Look no further!

Brainfuse is an online database that Commerce Township residents can access from virtually any computer with Internet access. This database offers real time tutor services, a 24/7 help center, and includes lessons on a variety of skills, and practice tests for both children and adults. Patrons can use this exciting resource to study, collaborate, and receive expert help from writing consultants and instructors on other academic subjects.

Some of the services offered include:

- Flashcards for K-12 subjects as well as languages and medical terminology
- Microsoft Office help
- Career resources for job searches
- Resume writing assistance
- Math, reading, and writing tests
- SAT, ACT, & High School Equivalency test study guides

To access Brainfuse, simply click on the Database icon on the library's homepage and scroll down to Brainfuse. Before using some of the features, you will be prompted to create a new account. Once you have done so, you can log in to Brainfuse anytime, anywhere. It's that simple!

Great New Databases

No one really likes change, but sometimes change is good! We are updating our databases to ensure that we are offering the most current, reliable information for all your needs. While the databases might look different, they will continue to be the databases that offer the most up-to-date information.

Some of the new databases you will see effective 10/1/2018 are:

- Encyclopedia Britannica School
- EBSCO Automate and EBSCO Small Engine Repair
- EBSCO Legal Information Reference Center and EBSCO Legal Source
- EBSCO MyHeritage



Adult Programs

Great Lakes Murder Series - A 3 part series

A Slayer Waits: The True Story of a Michigan Double Murder Saturday, October 6,

2018 | 2pm—3:30pm True crime author, Rod Sadler, will share the story of a 1955 Stockbridge couple's double homicide. Mr. Sadler is a retired police officer and served over thirty years in law enforcement.

The Witch of Delray Saturday, October 13,

2018 | 1pm—3pm

Local author, Karen Dybis, will discuss her book "The Witch of Delray: Rose Veres & Detroit's Infamous 1930 Murder Mystery." Come follow the twists and turns of this shocking story, and learn the truth of Detroit's own Hex Woman.

Michigan Serial Killers Saturday, October 20,

2018 | 2pm—3pm Learn about some of the villains who terrorized the Great Lakes State and explore true tales of criminal plots, mass murders, and mayhem as recounted by true crime author Tobin T. Buhk.

Journey to the Afterlife Saturday, October

25, 2018 | 7pm—8 pm

Please join us as Kristy Robinett takes us on a journey of the strange and unusual. Kristy lectures across the country where she is sought out by many celebrities and professional athletes. Journey to the Afterlife discusses the experiences of spirits once their physical bodies have transitioned.

Detroit DIA Inside/Out Pop-Up Museum



Thursday, November 1, 2018 7 pm - 8 PM

A docent from the DIA will speak about the paintings that were displayed throughout Commerce Township during the summer of 2018.

Poetry Reading

Thursday, November 8, 2018 7 pm - 8 PM

Local author Josie Fermanian reads from her newly published book of poetry.

Day of Games

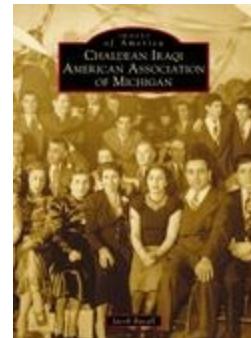
Saturday, November 3, 2018 12 pm - 4:30 PM

Oakland County Gamers (OCG) is bringing our popular DAY OF GAMES to the Commerce Township Community Library to celebrate International Games Week. This event will be a meet and greet to play board games. Volunteers will be on hand to teach new games.

History of the Chaldean Iraqi Americans

Saturday, November 10, 2018 2 pm - 3:30 PM

Jacob Bacall epitomizes the successful Chaldean American, as he immigrated to Michigan in 1977 and quickly established himself as a successful businessman. He tells the rich story of the Chaldean Iraqi American Association of Michigan with skillful prose and personal insight.



STORYTIMES

September-November

Young & the Restless
Mondays @ 11am
AGES 0-3, Siblings Welcome
September 10th - November
5th

Family Night Storytimes
Mondays @ 7PM
All Ages
September 10th - November
5th

Storytimes For 4's and 5's
Tuesdays @ 11AM
AGES 4-5, No Parents
September 4th - November
13th

Good Listeners
Wednesdays @ 11AM
AGES 2-3
September 5th - November
14th

Family Storytime
Thursdays @ 11AM
All Ages

Youth and Teen

Monthly Youth and Teen Programming

Baby and Toddler Sensory Play

Date: 10/5/2018, 11/9/2018, 12/7/2018

Start Time: 10:30 AM-End Time: 11:30 AM

Description: Bring your baby or toddler and explore a giant sensory-play area in the Meeting Room. Birth to Age 3. NO REGISTRATION.

Read to Elphie

Date: 10/6/2018, 11/3/2018, 12/1/2018

Start Time: 11:00 AM-End Time: 12:30 PM

Description: Do you have a beginning reader? Kids can come read to Elphie, the therapy dog, in a safe environment.

Lego Club

Date: 10/17/2018, 11/28/2018, 12/19/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: We provide Legos, Duplos, & even our giant foam Legos for you to do your own thing! All Ages. Registration required.

Play and Explore for Preschoolers

Date: 10/19/2018, 11/2/2018, 12/14/2018

Start Time: 11:00 AM-End Time: 12:00 PM

Description: Developmentally-appropriate toys & sensory objects, dress-up clothes, and other activities are provided for kids to engage with as they interact with other youngsters and adults.

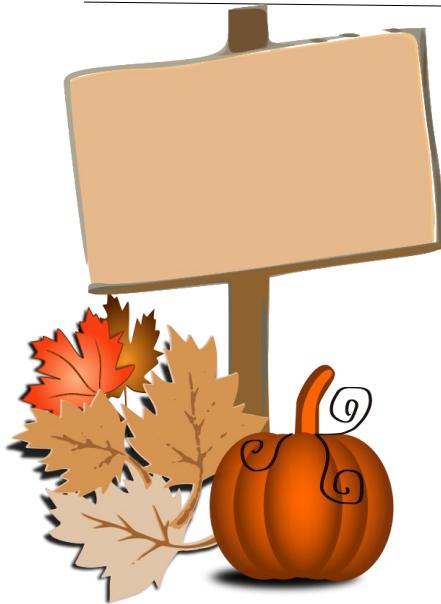
Preschoolers. NO REGISTRATION. Adult must stay with child.

Teen Advisory Board

Date: 10/27/2018, 11/10/2018, 12/8/2018

Start Time: 3:00 PM-End Time: 4:00 PM

Description: Need volunteer hours? Teen Advisory Board is the place for you! Plan programs, talk about books, and get volunteer hours while you're here! Pizza and drinks provided. Grades 6-12. Registration required.



October Youth and Teen Programming

Ghoul Olympics

Date: 10/11/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Creep, crawl & compete in games fit for monsters, ghouls and any other creatures of the night. Costumes encouraged! Ages 6-12. Registration required.

Ghost Hunting 101

Date: 10/22/2018

Start Time: 7:30 PM-End Time: 8:30 PM

Description: Join us to learn the basics of ghost hunting with a local expert! Then put those new skills to the test when we use ghost hunting technology next door at the Commerce Cemetery. Ages 8-18. Registration Required.

Goosebumps Party: The Haunted Library

Date: 10/24/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Join us as we celebrate all things spooky, scary, and Goosebumps! All Ages. Registration required.

Pizza and Pages Book Club: Monsterland by James Crowley

Date: 10/29/2018

Start Time: 4:30 PM-End Time: 5:30 PM

Description: Read an awesome book and then join other kids to talk about it and play games! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. This month's book is Monsterland by James Crowley. Ages 9-12. Registration Required.

Hour of Code Featuring Wonder Woman

Date: 10/9/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Use your coding superpowers to code scenes from the movie! Bring your own headphones or earbuds if you wish. This program will be held in the computer lab. Limit 8 participants. Grades 6-12. Registration required.

String Art

Date: 10/18/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:30 PM

Description: String a piece of art! Pick a design template, then use pins and embroidery floss to create a unique piece of art. Grades 6 and up. Registration Required.

Frankenstein's Freaky Birthday Celebration

Date: 10/23/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Frankenstein is turning 200! Come celebrate with monster makeup, mad science experiments, crafts, and a raffle drawing! Grades 6-12. Registration required. Tuesday, October 23, 7 PM.

November Youth and Teen Programming

Pokemon Science

Date: 11/8/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Do fun experiments with your favorite Pokemon. Explore the chemistry of gas with Koffing, look at how plants grow with Bulbasaur, test your psychic skills with Psyduck & more! Ages 6-12. Registration Required.

Pizza and Pages Book Club

Book: The Big Dark by Rodman Philbrick

Date: 11/26/2018

Start Time: 4:30 PM-End Time: 5:30 PM

Description: Read an awesome book and then join other kids to talk about it and play games! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. This month's book is The Big Dark by Rodman Philbrick. Ages 9-12. Registration Required

Plastic Bag Printmaking

Date: 11/15/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Using plastic bags, acrylic paint, and canvas, join us while we create awesome pieces of abstract art! Grades 6 and up. Registration Required

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December Youth and Teen Programming

Abominable Snowman Hunt

Date: 12/6/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Get a crash course in cryptozoology & go hunting in the library for the elusive Abominable Snowman. Ages 6-12. Registration Required

Pizza and Pages Book Club

Book: The Legend of Jack Riddle by H. Easson

Date: 12/17/2018

Start Time: 4:30 PM-End Time: 5:30 PM

Description: Read an awesome book and then join other kids to talk about it and play games! Pizza and refreshments will be provided. This month's book is 'The Legend of Jack Riddle' by H. Easson. Ages 9-12. Registration Required

DIY Holiday Presents

Date: 12/13/2018

Start Time: 7:00 PM-End Time: 8:00 PM

Description: Don't have time to shop? Join us and make your holiday gifts this year! We will be making Sharpie mugs, snow globes, and more! Grades 6 and up. Registration Required

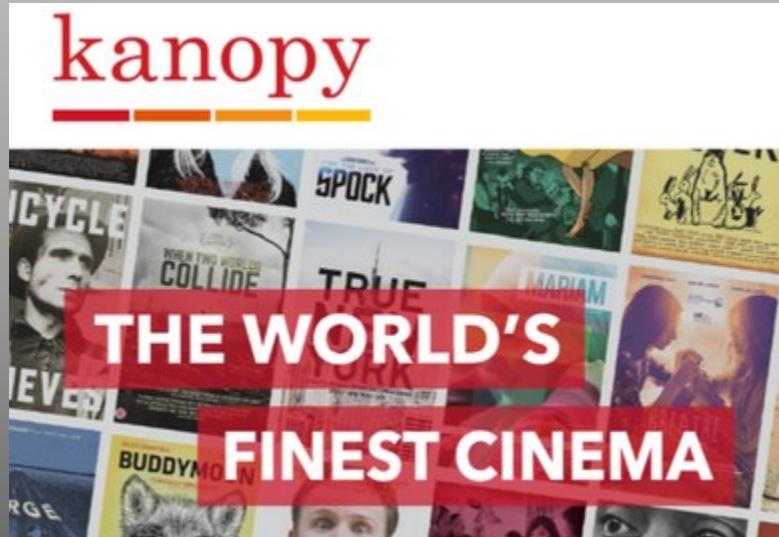


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Circulation News

Can't remember if you've already read that book? Now you can easily store a list of the books you've read by choosing the "Loan History" option on your library account. This opt-in feature will keep track of what books, DVDs, and other items you've checked out from the library previously, even after they've been returned. Just log into your library account at commercelibrary.info, select "Account Summary", then "Opt-In & Notifications." Check the box next to "Save my loan history" to enable this convenient feature.

Coming Soon! Kanopy, a Streaming Video Service. Stream more than 30,000 classic, foreign, independent, and short films; documentaries; instructional films for all ages; and educational videos for grades K-12 Stream films anytime, anywhere on your preferred devices. Watch for details!

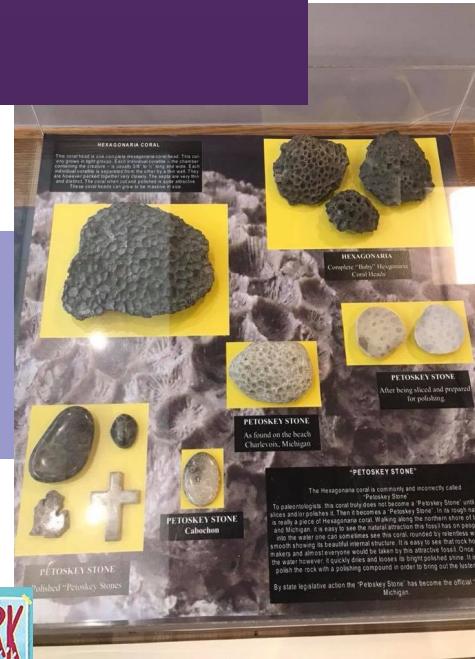


Lightbary is coming back!

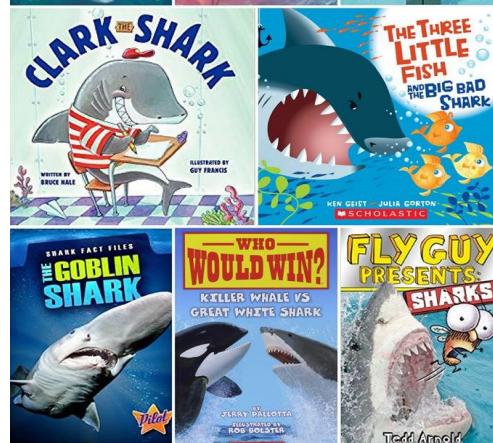
Do you feel low-energy and have trouble regulating your sleep schedule in the Fall and Winter months? Have you ever had the Winter Blues or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)? The reason you feel this way may be because you're not getting enough exposure to bright light during this time of the year (especially here in Michigan). The Library provides a therapy lamp during the Fall and Winter Months .The lamp, along with an informational handout, will be at one of our study tables near the Adult Reference Desk. So pull up a chair and let the library bring a little light to your day.



Highlights from last season



Summer Reading Party



SHARK WEEK

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