

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

What's Happening at Your Library



Teen Subscription Boxes



Registration opened **Tuesday, February 21**

Boxes available for pickup on **Monday, March 6** @ Main Branch

This month's theme is Science Fiction and includes a library book, treats, some other fun items, and a book review form. Both the library book and the box must be returned, but participants may keep all other items. This is currently limited to the first four teens each month. Please stop in at any branch to fill out a registration form.

A new registration form must be filled out each month to receive the next subscription box.

Together We Read: "River Woman, River Demon" by Jennifer Givhan

March 1-15 on the OverDrive/Libby App

Together We Read is a two-week digital book club that connects readers from the U.S. with the same book at the same time without any waitlists or holds. This year's selection is "River Woman, River Demon" by Jennifer Givhan and will be available on the OverDrive/Libby App for simultaneous use in eBook and audiobook format March 1 through March 15. The program is free and similar to OverDrive's Big Library Read. Visit the OverDrive or Libby app to get started!



Just "Doh" It! Toddler Playdough Club



Wednesday, March 1 at 10:30 AM @ Solomonson Branch

Wednesday, March 15 at 10:30 AM @ Main Branch

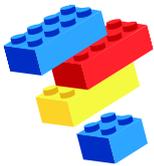
Join us for this playdough club that provides guided and independent activities such as a letter formation, shape identification and more for kids **ages 3-5**. Playing with playdough is great activity to build fine motor skills and encourages children's language and literacy, science, and math skills all at the same time.

No registration required.

13th Annual Prom Dress Swap

Teens are invited to choose a dress and accessories, such as a matching tie, shoes, and jewelry, free of charge. Teens do not need to donate an item nor be a library card holder in order to participate. All are welcome! Dresses and accessories will be available for browsing during library hours beginning at 2:00 PM on Friday, March 3rd through 8:30 PM on Monday, March 6. This year, we will be offering a prize drawing for tuxedo rentals from Nic's Boutique. Teens may stop into the Main Branch any time between Friday, March 3 and Monday, March 20 to enter the drawing—one entry is allowed per day. All branches are now accepting donations of clean and gently used dresses, ties, shoes, and accessories during library hours. Donations will be accepted anytime at the Main Branch, and through Thursday, March 2 at the Solomonson and North Dickinson branches. All donors and attendees will be entered into a prize drawing! This event wouldn't be possible without generous donations from the public, as well as the Friends of the Library and many sponsors.

The Dickinson County Library helps the community find its story!



Lego Club

Tuesday, March 7 at 4:00 PM @ Main Branch

Thursday, March 9 at 4:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch

Tuesday, March 14 at 3:15 PM @ North Dickinson Branch



Build yourself up at Lego Club! This monthly program for kids in **grades 3-8** offers an opportunity to be creative and have fun while building with Legos! This month, participants will be challenged to build a leprechaun and a trap to lure your leprechaun. Kids in grades K-8 are invited to attend the North Dickinson session. No registration is required for Lego Club.



Community Partnerships: Urban Forestry



Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 PM @ Main Branch

Adults and teens are invited to learn about urban forestry and its benefits. This event, the first in our Community Partnerships series, is a partnership between the Dickinson County Conservation District and the Iron Mountain Tree Board. It is hosted by Joshua Isaac, FAP District Forester for the Dickinson Conservation District and member of the Iron Mountain Tree Board. Refreshments will be provided, and no registration is required.



Bow Wows and Books



Wednesday, March 8 at 5:00 PM @ Main Branch

Learning to read doesn't have to be intimidating, especially when you have a furry friend at your side! **Kids of all ages** are invited to practice their literacy skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs Azul, a Siberian Husky-mix, and Diogee, a Sheepadoodle. Required registration begins on Wednesday, March 1; please call the Main Branch at 906-774-1218 to reserve a 15-minute time slot with either or both dogs!



Self Defense with Michigan State Police



Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 PM @ Main Branch

Michigan State Police Officer Geno Basanese along with fellow officers will share a presentation on how to defend yourself. Officers will use one another to demonstrate proactive as well as reactive measures that can be taken to safely navigate encounters with aggressive behaviors.

This program is for **adults** and no registration required.



Mario Madness



Friday, March 10 at 5:00 PM @ Main Branch

Celebrate Super Mario Day with our family-friendly kids vs. adults Mario showdown. We will have video game consoles set up with various Mario-themed video games to play. When you aren't playing video games, we will also have Mario themed board games available. Families will rotate through video games and board games. No registration required.



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 AM @ Solomonson Branch

Saturday, March 11 at 1:00 PM @ Main Branch

Celebrate Dr. Seuss, one of the world's most popular children's book authors, and his famous characters through stories, crafts, activities, and a special take home snack at this program for kids in **Preschool-2nd grade**. Wear your silliest socks and guess the correct number of fish in a jar for a chance at a prize! No registration required.



Lego Club, Jr!



Monday, March 13 at 4:00 PM @ Main Branch

Children in grades **Kindergarten through 2nd** will be challenged with task cards to build Legos at this program perfect for budding engineers. No registration required!



Growing Up with Gardens

Tuesdays, March 14 & 21 at 10:30 AM @ Main Branch
Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 AM @ Solomonson Branch
Friday, March 24 at 10:30 AM @ North Dickinson Branch



Spring into some good books at these storytime sessions for **kids ages 0-5**. Kids will grow their early literacy skills through garden stories, songs, crafts, and science experiments. No registration required!

Finding Fossils, Agates, and Yooperlites on the Great Lakes

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch

Learn about some of the Great Lakes' geological treasures from Rob Martignon, who spends his summers as a lighthouse keeper and has honed his skill at rock hunting. He will share information and tips on how to spot Yooperlites, agates, and fossils, and will show samples. This program is for **teens and adults** and no registration is required.

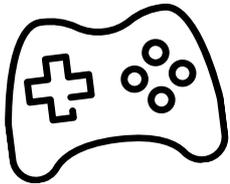


Book Club- Solomonson Branch

Thursday, March 16 at 2:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch

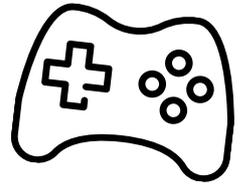


Adults are invited to discuss "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan. New members are always welcome!



Gamers' Club

Monday, March 20 at 4:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch
Tuesday, March 21 at 3:15 PM @ North Dickinson Branch
Monday, March 27 at 4:00 PM @ Main Branch



Calling all video game enthusiasts in **grades 3-8**, enjoy some snacks from the Friends of the Library and play a variety of video and board games at this month's session.



Book Club- Main Branch

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch



Adults are invited to discuss "Atomic Love" by Jennie Fields. New members are always welcome!

Miniature Figure Painting with Local Artist Austin Smith

Friday, March 24 at 5:30 PM @ Main Branch

Local artist, Austin Smith, will provide 3D printed figures for kids in **grades 3-8** to decorate and paint. Required registration for this program begins on Friday, March 17; please call the Main Branch at (906) 774-1218 to register!



Shh...Out!

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch

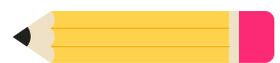


Decorate some sugar cookies with Melissa Boyles from Dulce Nulla Gourmet Desserts and hang out with therapy dogs, Azul and Maverick at this month's meeting! This program is open to all teens in grades 9-12 and is a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ teens and allies to just be themselves. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and no registration required.



Write On!

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch



Adults and teens are invited to join this writers' group that focuses on providing an encouraging and supportive space for all types of writers. Attendees will be able to make connections, get feedback on current projects, share ideas, learn new tips and tricks, and simply enjoy writing. For March's meeting, be ready to share your best writing tips! Snacks will be provided by the Friends of the Library.



Memorial Funds



The following Memorial Fund collections will be on display at the Main or Solomonson branches. To see the titles, please visit our website at www.dcl-lib.org, click the "About Us" tab, and click the "Memorial Funds" page. If you would like to reserve any of the titles for checkout, please inquire at the circulation desk, call the branch where the Memorial is being displayed, or place a hold through our website.

Gerald Goodchild Memorial

Five adult non-fiction titles will be on display **March 1-8** at the Main Branch.

Kathy Johnson Memorial

Sixteen adult fiction titles will be on display **March 6-13** at the Main Branch.

Ann Mindok Memorial

Six adult non-fiction titles will be on display **March 13-20** at the Main Branch.

Howard Uren Memorial

Five adult non-fiction titles will be on display **March 20-27** at the Main Branch.

Library Board

The Dickinson County Library Board meets **March 14 at 5 PM** at the Main Branch. The public is always welcome to attend board meetings.

Board Members:

William Cummings, Chair
Donna Hayes, Vice Chair
Katy Driscoll, Secretary
Robert Lundholm, Treasurer
Wanda Khor, Trustee

Mission Statement

The Dickinson County Library strives to enhance the quality of individual, family, and community life by providing information, materials, and services that are readily available and responsive to the needs of all our patrons. The library aspires to balance traditional, historical, entertaining, and modern library services provided at a reasonable cost. Paramount to the library is empowering our community, stimulating an interest in reading, cultivating a love of lifelong learning, and providing welcoming spaces where patrons can try new things to encourage everyone to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals.

Let's Get Social!

For the most up-to-date information on library programs and services, check our website at www.dcl-lib.org and our social media channels:



FACEBOOK: [facebook.com/DickinsonCountyLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DickinsonCountyLibrary)



INSTAGRAM: [instagram.com/dickinsoncountylibrary/](https://www.instagram.com/dickinsoncountylibrary/)



YOUTUBE: <https://bit.ly/2XJOaiy>



TWITTER: twitter.com/dcl_library

Main Branch

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F: 9 AM-6:30 PM
SA: 9 AM-3:30 PM
SU: 1 PM-4:30 PM

Solomonson Branch

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North Dickinson Branch

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2 PM-6 PM