

# FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## What's Happening at Your Library



### Teen Subscription Boxes



Registration opened **Monday, January 16**

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

This month's theme is Mystery 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.



### Snowy Stories



**Tuesdays, January 31 and February 7 at 10:30 AM** @ Main Branch

**Friday, February 3 at 10:30 AM** @ North Dickinson Branch

**Thursday, February 9 at 10:30 AM** @ Solomonson Branch

Explore the wonders of winter at these storytime sessions for children age **birth through 5** through stories, songs, and crafts to build early literacy! No registration is required for these storytime sessions.



### MiLibraryQuest



**Wednesday, February 1 through Tuesday, February 28**

Calling all teens in **grades 6-12**, grab your sword and shield and get ready for an adventure with the Winter MiLibraryQuest! This winter's quest is Dungeons and Dragons themed. You will solve riddles, take part in the quest, and enter to win a prize from the library!

Please visit [mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest](https://mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest) or visit our website at [www.dcl-lib.org](http://www.dcl-lib.org) for a link!



### Take Your Child to the Library Day: Mini Golf



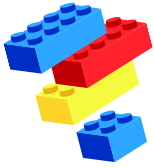
**Saturday, February 4 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM** @ Main Branch

Take Your Child to the Library Day returns with a game of mini golf! Kids in **pre-school through grade 8** are encouraged to complete the golf course, make a Valentine's Day craft, and pick a free book to take home. Required registration begins Saturday, January 28; please call (906) 774-1218 to sign up. The children's room at the Main Branch will be unavailable for browsing beginning at 1:30 PM on Friday, February 3 to allow for program setup. However, library staff can assist you with locating items.



The Dickinson County Library helps the community find its story!

# Around the Corner



## Lego Club

**Tuesday, February 7 at 4:00 PM @ Main Branch**  
**Thursday, February 9 at 4:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 14 at 3:15 PM @ North Dickinson Branch**



Kids in **grades 3-8** will build candy dispensers for conversation hearts or participants may build based on their interests. All Lego Club creations will be on display until the next Lego Club and grades K-8 are invited to attend North Dickinson's Session. No registration is required for Lego Club.

## Bow Wows and Books

**Wednesday, February 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, February 1; please call the Main Branch at 906-774-1218 to reserve a 15-minute time slot with either or both dogs!



## Valentine's Day Cupcake Decorating

**Friday, February 10 at 5:30 PM @ Main Branch**



Kids in **grades 3-8** are invited to decorate Valentine's Day Cupcakes with Melissa Boyles from Dulce Nulla Gourmet Desserts. Required registration begins on Friday, February 3; please call the Main Branch at (906) 774-1218 to register.

## Valentine's Day Storytimes

**Monday, February 13 at 10:30 AM @ North Dickinson Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30 AM @ Main Branch**



Fall in love with reading at these special storytime sessions for children ages **birth through 5 with** stories, songs, and crafts to build early literacy! No registration is required for these storytime sessions.

## Gamers' Club

**Monday, February 13 at 4:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch**  
**Tuesday, February 21 at 3:15 PM @ North Dickinson Branch**  
**Monday, February 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. No registration required!



## Just "Doh" It! Toddler Playdough Club

**Wednesday, February 15 at 10:30 AM @ Main Branch**



Join us for this playdough club that provides guided and independent activities such as 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.



## Capture the Flag



**Friday, February 17 at 6:30 PM @ Main Branch**

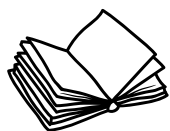
Kids in **grades 6-12** are invited to a special after-hours event, Capture the Flag! Attendees will be divided into 2 teams and each team will be tasked to find the perfect hiding spot for their flag. Then, teams will coordinate and execute plans to find and claim their opponents' flag in victory. Extra challenges will be in place to create a truly formidable experience. Registered participants must be at the library by 6:25 PM; regular library hours end at 6:30 PM and the doors will be locked. The program will end at 7:15 PM and participants will exit from the library's main entrance. Kids may attend on their own and any parent/caregiver wishing to stay is welcome to report with their child to the library's Multipurpose Room at 6:25 PM; parents/caregivers will be provided with a space to wait while their child participates. Required registration begins Friday, February 10; please call the Main Branch at (906) 774-1218 to register.

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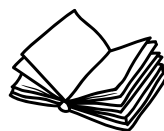
## Staff Training Day CLOSURE

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All branches will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the library's annual Staff Training Day. Regular hours will resume at all branches on Tuesday, February 21.

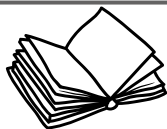


## Main Branch Book Club



**Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch**

**Adults** are invited to discuss the February Book Club selection, "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan. New members are welcome to join!

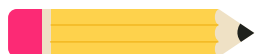


## Solomonson Branch Book Club



**Thursday, February 23 at 2:00 PM @ Solomonson Branch**

**Adults** are invited to discuss the February Book Club selection, "Once Upon a Wardrobe" by Patti Callahan. New members are welcome to join!



## Write On!



**Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch**

**Adults and teens** are invited to join this writer's group that will focus on providing an encouraging and supportive space for all styles 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 February's meeting, bring an item that represents why you became a writer/what inspires you to write. No registration is required, and snacks will be provided by the Friends of the Library.



## Shh...Out!



**Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 PM @ Main Branch**

Get your glow on with glow in the dark activities including Bingo, Twister, Ring Toss, and more 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. No registration is required, and snacks will be provided by the Friends of the Library.



## Ask About Our Take-n-Make Craft Kits for Kids!



Call your local branch or inquire at the circulation desk to see what we have available each week!



## **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.

## **Library Board**

The Dickinson County Library Board meets **February 14 at 5:00 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](http://www.dcl-lib.org)** and our social media channels:



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



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



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



TWITTER: **[twitter.com/dcl\\_library](https://twitter.com/dcl_library)**

### **Main Branch**

**401 IRON MOUNTAIN ST.  
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI 49801**

**906-774-1218**

**M-TH: 9 AM-8:30 PM**

**F: 9 AM-6:30 PM**

**SA: 9 AM-3:30 PM**

**SU: 1 PM-4:30 PM**

### **Solomonson Branch**

**620 SECTION ST.  
NORWAY, MI 49870**

**906-563-8617**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY:**

**9 AM-6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY:**

**9 AM-1 PM**

### **North Dickinson Branch**

**W6588 M-69**

**FELCH, MI 49831**

**906-542-7230**

**MONDAY & FRIDAY:**

**11 AM-4 PM**

**TUESDAY & THURSDAY:**

**2 PM-6 PM**