

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

What's Happening at Your Library

Let Freedom Read Week: October 1-7

The Dickinson County Library celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries during the first week of October each year. "Let Freedom Read" is the national theme for Banned Books Week 2023. Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship and brings focus to efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books. When we restrict access to books, we're closing off readers to people, places, and perspectives. When we stand up for stories, we unleash the power that lies inside every book to build understanding. All voices deserve to be heard and represented in our libraries. Let freedom read!

Please visit <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned> for more information.



Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, October 13 - Sunday, October 22 @ Main



Find fantastic deals on books, audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, magazines, and more at the semi-annual Friends of the Library Book Sale from October 13 through October 22 during library hours at the Main Branch. The event kicks off with a preview sale open to the Friends of the Library members only on Thursday, October 12 from 5:00-6:00 PM, followed by the Friends of the Library annual meeting at 6:30 PM. New members are encouraged to join at the door for \$5.

Children's Room Closure

The Children's Room at the Main Branch will be closed to browsing starting at noon on Thursday, October 26 for program set up. Library staff will assist with getting items for patrons.



Materials by Mail



Did you know we have a Books-by-Mail service at the Dickinson County Library? This program is a service offered free of charge to patrons who have difficulty accessing the library. Materials available include books, audiobooks, movies and magazines. To qualify for this service you must be a resident of Dickinson County, have a library card in good standing, have difficulty traveling to any of our branches, or live outside a 15 mile radius of the Main Library. If you are curious if you qualify or interested in this service, please call 774-1218 to request an application via mail.

TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten

Text and Learn for Kindergarten, sends two text messages each week suggesting activities that parents and caregivers can easily incorporate into daily routines with their children. The service also notifies parents of free activities and services at the library. TALK is available to parents and caregivers in Michigan and Indiana with children ages 5 and under. Parents can sign up by texting TALK to 75547 or visiting www.texttolearn.com.

The Dickinson County Library helps the community find its story!



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.

Abbott Fox Memorial

Five adult non-fiction titles will be on display **October 9-16** at the Main Branch.

Angela Butterfield Memorial

Ten large print fiction titles will be on display **October 23-29** at the Main Branch.

Library Board

The Dickinson County Library Board meets **Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00 PM** at the Solomonson Branch-Norway. 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



INSTAGRAM: instagram.com/dickinsoncountylibrary/



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



TikTok: [@dickinsoncountylibrary](https://tiktok.com/@dickinsoncountylibrary)

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