

Youth and Family Programs

Cemeterium Workshop

Saturday, October 26 1:00—2:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Try your hand at making your very own Halloween-themed terrarium, AKA a cemeterium! We provide all the supplies and help! All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Space is limited. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-6050 or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com. Registration begins October 1.

Trunk or Treat & Mini Golf

Saturday, October 26 6:00—8:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
 Join us for a fun-filled evening with your family at the library's Trunk or Treat & Mini Golf event! Complete the mini golf course and be entered into a prize drawing. Suggested donation for mini golf: \$5 (18+) and \$3 (under 18). All proceeds benefit the Dearborn Heights Goodfellows. Cash or check is accepted (payable to Dearborn Heights Goodfellows). We will have free food and refreshments.

Saturday Afternoon Board Games

November 2 2:00—4:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Come have fun playing board games at our Saturday Afternoon Board Games program. We'll have games like Catan, Ticket to Ride, Monopoly, and Clue. No experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Saturday Movie Night at the Library

Come enjoy a movie night with your family! The movies are rated PG. Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win awesome prizes. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Refreshments will be provided.

Caroline Kennedy Library
 7:00—9:00 pm

October 19
Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (2022)

November 16
The Garfield Movie (2024)

December 21
The Polar Express (2004)

Taste Safe Toddler Sensory Program

Friday, November 8 10:30—11:15 am
Caroline Kennedy Library
 This program is designed for toddlers and preschoolers, but babies are welcome as well. Little ones often learn best through exploration, and sensory play allows them to explore and touch lots of different textures in a safe way. We will use food-based products, such as noodles and oatmeal, just in case our smallest friends sneak a bite!

Kid Chemist

Thursday, November 14 4:00—5:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
 Kid Chemist will bring the excitement of science to the library with experiments that will spark curiosity and fun. Children will get hands-on experience as they create the famous elephant toothpaste experiment—a foamy, bubbly reaction that will leave everyone amazed! For ages 4-16, but children ages 12 years and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone at 313-791-3800 or by email at dhreference@gmail.com. Space is limited.

Library Scavenger Hunt

November 18-26 **December 26-28**
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Go on a scavenger hunt at the library! All participants will select a prize from the treasure chest. This program is geared for children of all ages, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who can assist them.

Bingo at the Library

Wednesday, November 20 6:30—7:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
 Come to the library and enjoy a fun night of bingo! Everyone is welcome, but children ages 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who can assist them. Dabbers will be provided by the library. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Lynn Hartwig

Saturday, December 7 10:30 am
Caroline Kennedy Library
 Local performer Lynn Hartwig returns to the library with her guitar and some cuddly friends. Join her for songs, stories and movement games based on a winter theme. This interactive program is geared for children ages 3-6, but everyone is welcome. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Classroom Partnership Program

It's back to school again! Here is a list of programs that we offer teachers and administrators in Dearborn Heights schools.

For more information, please email ajwyatt-moir@dearbornheightsmi.gov.

Classroom Library Cards

Any teacher in our Dearborn Heights schools can request a classroom library card (with principal permission). This library card is the gateway to access our Great Crates and Materials on Request programs, as well as the ability to use databases directly in your classroom.

GC: Great Crates

Our Great Crates program is back! Great Crates allows for a teacher to sign up their classroom to receive a box of 30 grade-appropriate books for in classroom use each month. We will drop the crate directly at your school, then whisk the crate away and replace it with another set of 30 books for your students to explore. This is a great way to make new books available to your students each month at no cost to you! (Available in Crestwood, Westwood, and D7 school districts only).

Field Trips

Planning your field trips for the year? Don't forget the library! We do library tours, research project tips, database demonstrations and more. Library field trips are always free.

MoR: Materials on Request

Materials on Request allows for teachers and principals to make direct requests to the library for titles to be used in schools in a variety of ways. Examples of this program include:

- Checking out 30 board books for use with a kindergarten class
- Providing a teacher with grade-appropriate books for students doing a research assignment
- Finding read-aloud books for teachers to share in class

Borrow a Library Staff Member

We would LOVE to come to your school as a guest reader, have a booth at kindergarten round up or for PTA nights, assemblies, parent/teacher conferences, STEAM nights and many, many others.

Library Card Drives

School-wide library card drives are a great way to get cards into the hands of students. All students in Dearborn Heights schools qualify regardless of their residency.

15th Annual Mitten Tree

November 18—December 20

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Give a person in need the gift of warmth this year by helping us decorate the mitten tree. We are collecting new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats to hang on our tree. All the items will be donated to First Step, a local domestic violence shelter. Donations will be accepted at either library branch. Homemade items will also be accepted.

Seasonal Cookie Decorating Delivery Kits

Registration:

November 18—December 8

Delivery: December 12-21

Out with gingerbread houses and in with cookies! Each participant will get cookies, frosting and snacks that can be used to make unique and tasty seasonal treats. All ingredients are halal. The kits are free of charge, but you must pre-register online. Late registrations will not be accepted as products are limited.

Dearborn Heights Library

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Caroline Kennedy Library Hours

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 Friday—Saturday: 10:00 am—5:00 pm
 Sunday: Closed

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS LIBRARY

October-December 2024

Bill Bazzi, Mayor

Michael McCaffery, Director

Notes from the Director

Thank you for your continued support of the library. As we move into fall and winter, I hope everyone had a pleasant summer season. We have many interesting programs upcoming, including our annual trunk or treat and our Friends book sale! The library will be doing renovations this fiscal year as well, replacing carpet at our John F. Kennedy, Jr. branch and adding chairs, among other things. As we get more details, we will pass them along. I wanted to thank the many donors of our summer reading program and open house as well. We made lots of families and kids happy. Thank you for your time and see you at the library.



60th Anniversary Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 5

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Join us for a day full of activities! All day activities will include a history walk of the library, crafts and story time for the little ones, database demonstrations, library card sign-ups and renewals, treats, giveaways, shopping and raffles. Evening activities include a walk through our Holiday Tree Village, hot chocolate and desert bar, music, and surprise guests! Please check the library's website for scheduled activities throughout the day.

Donate Unwanted Christmas Decorations

Cleaning out your attic or garage and have unwanted, in good working condition, Christmas trees and/or decorations you would like to get rid of? Please consider donating them for our Open House Holiday Tree Village. We are looking for 10-20 usable trees as well as enough decorations to fully decorate them. These trees will be raffled off as well as donated to families in need. Donations needed by Saturday, November 16.

Adopt a Holiday Tree to Decorate

November 18—December 4

We are looking for 10-20 families or businesses who would like to adopt a tree to decorate for our Open House Holiday Tree Village. Don't celebrate Christmas? No problem! There are no theme requirements. The three most creative trees will win a Barnes & Noble gift card. Fell in love with the tree you decorated and want to keep it? You may request to keep it and pick it up after the Open House.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale at Caroline Kennedy Library

Thursday, October 10 10:00 am—8:00 pm

Friday, October 11 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Saturday, October 12 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Hundreds of books will be available at bargain prices. Shop often as new items for all ages will be added daily to the sale! All proceeds from the book sale support library services, programs and collections. Saturday is "Bag Day" when you can fill a plastic bag for \$3 or a paper bag for \$5.

Library Closings

October 14 for Maintenance Day

October 26 closing at 3:00 pm for Trunk or Treat set up

November 11 for Veterans Day • November 28—30 for Thanksgiving

December 23—25 for Christmas • December 30—January 1 for New Year's Eve

Adult Programs

Attendance at library events constitutes consent to be photographed for use in print and/or electronic publicity for the Dearborn Heights Library.

Small Business Saturday Artisan Fair

Saturday, October 5 10:00 am—4:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Our artisan fair will feature handmade goods, art, antiques, collectibles and more. Start your holiday shopping early!

Plant Swap

Saturday, October 5 10:00 am—4:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Give a plant, take a plant! Do you have plants left over from spring planting? If so, come into the library and exchange them for new ones. The plant swap will be part of our Small Business Saturday Artisan Fair.

Medicare Today

Saturday, October 19 12:00—2:00 pm
John F. Kennedy Jr. Library
Are you turning 65? Do you have questions about Medicare? Medicare expert, Mardena Willis, will be on hand to answer your questions and show you what changes in Medicare are occurring. Certain individuals with both Medicare and Medicaid may be eligible for new benefits such as vision, hearing, dental, transportation and groceries.

Spooky True UFO Stories

Wednesday, October 30 6:30—7:45 pm.
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Come hear about UFO cases that are so bizarre and frightening they're in a class of their own: ominous UFOs, strange beings, harrowing encounters in the middle of the night. Listen to some of the eeriest true UFO events you'll ever hear. Even if you've come to this presentation before, be prepared to hear new stories. Presented by Bill Konkolesky the Michigan Mutual UFO Network State Director.

Michigan Fur Trade History in the 1700s

Thursday, November 7 7:00—8:15 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
Randy Baker of Naturalist Endeavors will discuss the fur trade of the Great Lakes Region during the 1700s. He will cover the interaction with Native Americans, the growth of French colonization and the conflict with Great Britain. He will also explain the importance of Michigan's waterways and other natural resources in the development of Michigan's fur trade.

Revolutionary War Soldier Burials in Metro Detroit

Tuesday, November 12 7:00—8:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library
Local architectural historian Dale Carson will present a rundown of metro area burials of soldiers of the American Revolution – there are over 50, believe it or not! This program will focus primarily on the biographies of the interred, but will also touch lightly upon cemetery history and architecture.



101 Things That Happened on the Mackinac Bridge

Wednesday, November 13 6:00—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Learn about the Mackinac Bridge, Michigan's iconic five-mile span that has seen historic, tragic and hilarious events. Take a trip with author and historian Mike Fornes through the first six decades of the bridge's history. You'll experience unusual crossings, triumph and tragedy. Mr. Fornes will have copies of his books for sale, including the Michigan Notable Book winner, *Mackinac Bridge: A 50 Year Chronicle, 1957-2007*.

The Assassination of John F. Kennedy

Tuesday, December 3 6:00—7:45 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
On November 22, 1963 in Dallas Texas, a vibrant young president was struck down in the prime of his life. Kennedy assassination expert Jay Hernandez brings a fact-based perspective on this event and discusses how recently declassified documents shed new light on what we thought we knew.



Adult Book Groups

For full schedules and book selections, visit the library's website at dhllibrary.org. Copies of each book will be available one month prior to the meeting and can be picked up at the Circulation Desk of the library hosting the book club. Refreshments will be served.



Fireside Book Chat

1:00 pm 1st Monday of the month
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Please contact Gretchen at gmburke@dearbornheightsmi.gov or at 313-791-6057.

Mystery Book Group

2:00 pm 1st Tuesday of the month
Caroline Kennedy Library
If you love to read, discuss and learn about mystery books and authors, then this is the book club for you. Please contact Sandi at 313-791-3811 or at slmartin@dearbornheightsmi.gov with questions.

Fiction Ignition Book Club

2:00 pm 2nd Monday of the month
Caroline Kennedy Library
Please contact Jason at 313-791-3825.

Adult Graphic Novel Book Club

6:00 pm 3rd Thursday of the Month
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Our newest book club this fall will be for patrons interested in adult graphic novels. Please contact Sam at srbaggett@dearbornheightsmi.gov with questions.

Historical Fiction Book Group

2:00 pm 3rd Tuesday of the Month
Caroline Kennedy Library
Beginning in January, 2025, this group is for adults who are interest in reading about significant events, people, palaces or periods from the past. Please contact Sandi at 313-791-3811 or at slmartin@dearbornheightsmi.gov.

Adult Community Programs

Citizenship Preparation Class

Tuesdays 12:00—1:30 pm
September 10 - November 26
Caroline Kennedy Library

The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit (IIMD) is offering a twelve-week course that will help you prepare for the citizenship test. Classes are taught in English by an IIMD instructor. You must be a Michigan resident. An image of your driver's license or official ID and image of your USCIS Permanent Resident (Green Card) is required. Register online through IIMD. You may join the class any time after the start date. For more information, call 313-600-7618 or email wojciech517@yahoo.com.



Genealogy Help

Are you interested in exploring your family's past? Members of the Dearborn Genealogical Society at dgs.org will be available to help you research your family using Ancestry.com (only available in the library) and other websites.

Caroline Kennedy Library

Monday, October 7 12:00—4:00 pm
Monday, November 4 4:00—8:00 pm

John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Wednesday, October 23 4:00—7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 20 4:00—7:00 pm

Youth and Family Programs

Teens Celebrating Michigan Library Appreciation Month

Wednesday, October 2 4:00—5:30 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Celebrate Michigan library appreciation month! Teens can write a paragraph on what the library means to them as well as make decorations that will be hung up around the library. The paragraphs will also be displayed and each teen that participates will be entered to win a gift basket! Open to ages 10-18.

Youth and Teen Painting Projects

Saturday, October 12 11:30 am—12:30 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Open to children of all ages. Teens ages 10-18 can follow along with the instructor and create an acrylic painting. Children ages 5-9 can paint their own masterpieces with watercolors. Children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver who can assist them. Registration is required at the Circulation Desk, by phone (313) 791-6050 or by email at jfkreference@gmail.com. Space is limited.

Pippin Puppets: The Boo Brothers!

Wednesday, October 16 6:30—7:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Join us for a fun, non-scary puppet show. Children are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes as they watch the Boo Brothers perform silly acts including a vampire sing-along. Everyone is welcome, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Presented by Rob Papineau of Pippin Puppets.

Open Mic Night 7:00—8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 15
Tuesday, November 19
Tuesday, December 10

Caroline Kennedy Library

Calling all artists! Share your creativity at our Open Mic Night. Bring a poem, song, short story, or any other innovative endeavor. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Pippin Puppets: Magic Tricks with Batty Witch!

Tuesday, October 22 7:00—8:00 pm
Caroline Kennedy Library

Come and enjoy a silly, surprising and non-scary puppet show with Battilda Witch! She will perform magic tricks with the help of creepy creatures and audience participation. Everyone is welcome, but children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Presented by Rob Papineau of Pippin Puppets. Children are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes.

Library Wheel of Fortune

Thursday, October 24 5:30—7:00 pm
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Join us for library *Wheel of Fortune!* Spin the wheel and puzzle out the phrase. All ages are welcome, but children ages 12 years and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Teams of four are encouraged.

Story Times

Castle Story Time

Join us for stories in the youth area. Geared for 2 to 4 years old, but all ages are welcome.
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month
October 8—December 10
10:30—11:00 am
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library

Toddler Story Time

Join us for simple stories, music and art for little ones and their caregivers. This program is designed for children aged 2 or 3, but all ages are welcome.
Thursdays at 10:30 am
Saturdays at 10:30 am
October 3—December 19 (no Story Time on 10/31 & 11/28)
October 5—November 23 (no Story Time on 10/12)
Caroline Kennedy Library

Night Light Stories Live

3rd Thursday of the Month
6:30—7:00 pm
October 17, November 21 & December 19
John F. Kennedy, Jr. Library
Join us at the library or on Facebook Live! We will read a story or two to help you go to sleep. Pajamas are encouraged. For ages 0-10, but all ages are welcome. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at the library.