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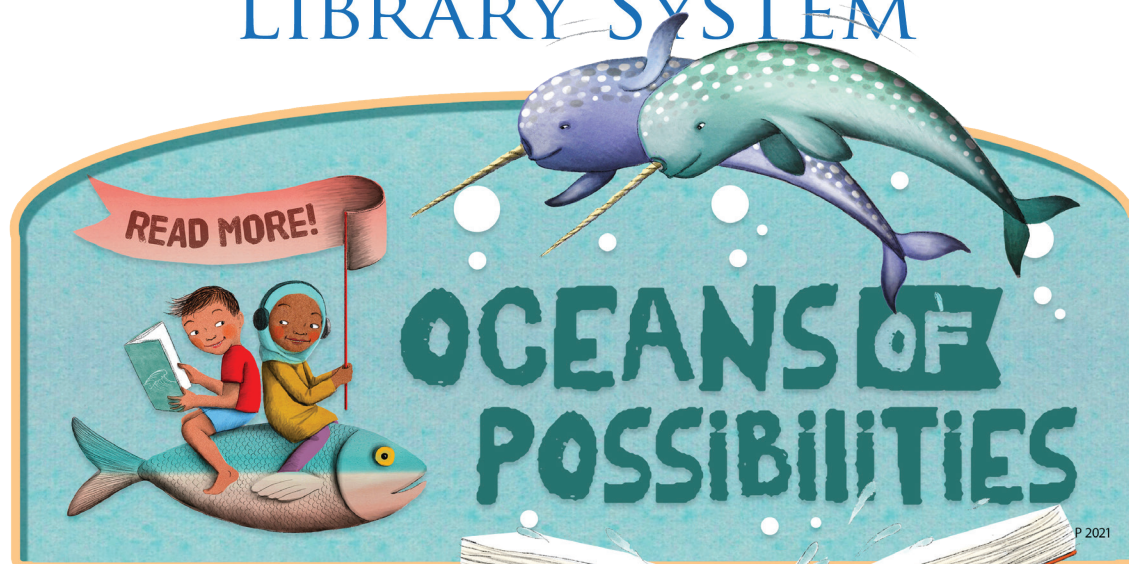
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## SUMMER READING @MCLS

Summer Reading has officially begun! Readers of all ages are invited to discover *Oceans of Possibilities* at your Monroe County Library System! Children and teens who participate in summer library programs benefit from engaging activities which promote literacy development and help counter the summer slide. Library programs enhance lifelong learning and provide meaningful, enjoyable experiences available to everyone in the community. But the fun isn't reserved for kids and teens alone! Adults are also invited to ride the summer reading wave with free drawings, book reviews, and games. Find programs for all ages at <https://mymcls.com/summer-reading>.

### KIDS

Visit your local branch for story times, crafts, play groups, and more! Pick up a summer reading log and complete it for special prizes.

- Show your completed reading log at any MCLS branch to receive a free prize book, donated by Directions Credit Union.
- You can also show your completed reading log at Directions Credit Union, located at 15470 S. Telegraph Road in Monroe, to receive a \$5.00 deposit in your child's savings account.
- Find an event and register at <https://bit.ly/mclssummerevents>.

### TEENS

Turn in book reviews to receive prize scratch off cards. Scratch your card to reveal fun prizes.

- Summer Reading entry slips are available at any branch of the Monroe County Library System.
- Complete the slip with any three books or six graphic novels you read.
- Redeem the slip at your local library branch to receive a scratch off prize ticket!
- The more you read, the more chances you have to win!
- Learn more at <https://mymcls.com/teen-summer-reading-2022>.

### ADULTS

- Summer Reading isn't just for the kids! Track your reading, review books, or play Summer Reading Book Bingo to win prizes.
- Find a participating branch near you at <https://mymcls.com/adult-summer-reading-2022>.

FIND A PROGRAM!  
[mymcls.com/summer-reading](https://mymcls.com/summer-reading)



# Letter

## From the Director

One of the most enjoyable parts of being a Library Director is having the opportunity to express appreciation for our wonderful community partners in Monroe. The Monroe County Library System is pleased to recognize a generous \$3,000 donation from Directions Credit Union, given earlier this year to purchase summer reading prize books.

As you may know, Directions Credit Union aims to improve the quality of life for the entire community, which aligns seamlessly with the Monroe County Library System's goals. The significant contribution from Directions Credit Union was used to purchase approximately 1,200 books which will be given away to children who complete a summer reading log.

Additionally, showing a completed MCLS reading log at Directions Credit Union will result in a \$5.00 deposit in your child's Directions Youth Savings account. Directions Credit Union is a community-based organization dedicated to serving the financial needs of its members. Membership is open to those who live, work, worship, attend school, or volunteer in Monroe or Lenawee County in Michigan and several counties in Ohio. Directions Credit Union has two branches in southeast Michigan at 15470 S. Telegraph Road in Monroe and 3558 West Sterns Road in Lambertville.

I am also delighted to report that this is the second consecutive year that Directions Credit Union has been a summer reading partner. The value of putting quality books in the hands of children is priceless, and the continued support of our community partners is greatly appreciated.

**- Nancy Bellaire**



*Photo of Directions Credit Union representatives presenting a donation check to the MCLS Board of Trustees, taken at the Bedford Branch Library on May 11, 2022.*



From left to right:

Nancy Bellaire (MCLS Director), Beth LaPensee (MCLS Trustee), Rob Peven (MCLS Trustee), Barry Shaner (President and CEO Directions Credit Union), Brenda Covrett (Directions Credit Union Marketing and Community Outreach), Raymond Leighton (Directions Credit Union Board Member), Catharine Calder (MCLS Board Vice Chair), Bernie Smith (MCLS Board Chair), Michael Grodi (MCLS Board Secretary)

## WHO AM I? A DOWNTOWN MONROE COMMUNITY EVENT

Get outdoors and jump into Summer Reading with an ocean themed scavenger hunt in Downtown Monroe! Kids ages 16 and under are invited to test their knowledge of different sea creatures. Downtown Monroe businesses will have a list of traits of sea creatures, along with multiple choice options to answer the question, "Who am I?"

Pick up an event form from the Dorsch Memorial Branch Library, then let your challenge begin! Return your completed form to the branch by August 5, 2022, to be entered for a prize drawing. The drawing will take place on August 8, 2022.

Participating businesses include:

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| • \$20 and Below                          | • Integrative Sustainable Movement | • Public House  |
| • The Advance Group                       | • Jack's Bicycle                   | • Run Hip   |
| • Barn Owl                                | • Jacob's Architects               | • Salon 23  |
| • Book Nook                               | • Key Concerns                     | • Tiffany's Pizza   |
| • Craft Jar                               | • Law Office of Jill LaVoy         | • Two French Hens   |
| • First Presbyterian Church               | • Leah Rurka Law Office            | • Williams Insurance Agency   |
| • Frenchie's Fine Jewelry, Coins & Stamps | • Lotus Financial                  | • Sage Medi Spa *This is a "bonus" stop located several blocks from Downtown. |
| • Haircutters/Wise Guy                    | • Martin's Shoe House              |   |

## Kids Corner



*This event is made possible by the Downtown Monroe Business Network.*







### **Sidewalk ART**

**Dundee Branch Library**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Join us on the back patio of the Dundee Branch Library for Sidewalk ART. Chalk and Stencils will be provided to explore your inner Sidewalk Artist side! In case of rain, we will meet inside in the lower level!.

### **Blue Bush Trail Blazers**

**Blue Bush Branch Library**

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

Join our "Blue Bush Trail Blazers" as we walk around the paved trail behind the library. It will be a fun morning walking and talking with friends. As days get warmer, we will start earlier (to be determined, when the time comes). We will walk every Tuesday, weather permitting.

### **Summer Garden Club**

**L.S. Navarre Branch Library**

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Join us at the Navarre Branch Library as we explore gardening concepts through hands-on experiences at the Selma Rankins Jr. Community Garden. We will learn fascinating facts, complete engaging activities, and make delicious garden recipes. For school aged children and teens. No registration necessary.

### **Tai Chi for Health**

**Bedford Branch Library**

**Tuesday, July 5, 2022 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

This is a soft movement class designed for those who have wanted to try Tai Chi and those who understand the principle. Each class will be divided into three parts including warm up, senior form, and yang form. This is a very beneficial exercise for stretching and movement with no impact. Participants need to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Beginners and those who would like to warm up should be at the class at 10:00 a.m.

### **Drop-In Device Advice**

**Bedford Branch Library**

**Thursday, July 7, 2022 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

Have a question about your laptop, phone, or tablet? Drop by one of our open tech-help sessions on the first and second Thursday of each month! A reference tech will be available to offer individualized advice, on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Machine Sock Knitting Group**

**Ida Branch Library**

**Monday, July 11, 2022 from 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Machine sock knitting group meets once a month in the Ida Library Community Room. Bring your sock knitting machine or come and learn about sock knitting with machines. Sock knitting machines date back to the mid

1800s. Beginners to experts are welcome. Helping each other with projects is just part of the fun!

### **Summer Reading Survival Island**

**Dundee Branch Library**

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

There will be "Ocean of Possibilities" as we explore all things related to the Ocean! This is a six week program geared towards children K-5th grades!

### **Popsicles, Crafts & Stories**

**L.S. Navarre Branch Library**

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022 from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Stop by Labor Park for a cold, frozen treat and some fun summer stories and crafts!

### **Summer Splash Dayz**

**Dundee Branch Library**

**Friday, July 29, 2022 from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Come cool down with the Library! Splash pads, a sprinkler and other water play will be available for our little ones to cool down! We will be on the cement patio outside of the lower level. Please bring a towel, sunscreen and a water bottle if needed. We will have a Splashin' good time!

### **Puzzle in a Day - Vivian**

**Vivian Branch Library**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 from 1:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

Do you love putting puzzles together? Come join us at Vivian Branch Library between 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Join fellow patrons as we attempt to finish a puzzle in a day!

### **A Common Thread**

**Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library**

**Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Bring your projects such as knitting, cross-stitch or crochet work and be a part of our group! Join us on the first and third Thursday of every month to share your projects and a "common thread" with others!

## **Coming Soon Booklist**

### **October 2022**

David Baldacci - Long Shadows  
Lee Child - No Plan B  
Colleen Hoover - It Starts with Us  
Celeste Ng - Our Missing Hearts  
Jodi Picoult - Mad Honey

### **November 2022**

Rita Mae Brown - Hiss & Tell  
Jeffery Deaver - Hunting Time  
Janet Evanovich - Going Rogue  
Nora Roberts - The Choice  
Danielle Steel - The Whittiers

### **Discover GREAT TITLES coming to MCLS:**

• [mymcls.com/all-recommendations](https://mymcls.com/all-recommendations)

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**Holiday Closings**

All branches of the Monroe County  
Library System will be closed:

**September 5, 2022**

in observance of Labor Day

**October 10, 2022**

in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day /  
Columbus Day

**November 11, 2022**

in observance of Veterans Day

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# Become a Friend of the Library!

If you love the library and want to help enhance library services and promote library use, we extend an invitation to you to become involved in the Friends of the Monroe County Library System. Your membership also entitles you to invitations to Book Sale previews, special Friends events, and related Library mailings.

Please fill out the application below, call 734-241-5770, or visit <http://bit.ly/myclsfriends>

☐ **New Membership** ☐ **Renewal**

Name: .....

Address: ..... Phone: .....

City: ..... State: ..... Zip: .....

Please make checks payable to **FRIENDS OF THE MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM.**

**Classes of membership:**

Individual (annual)-\$10.00

Family (annual)-\$15.00

Senior (annual)-\$5.00

Junior (annual)-\$2.00

Life- \$200.

Joining the **FRIENDS of MCLS** entitles you to membership in your local **FRIENDS** group. With which branch library would you like to be affiliated? .....

What would you like **FRIENDS** to support?

Books ☐ Technology ☐ Programs ☐ Beautification ☐

Other? .....

We also welcome corporate sponsors. Please call the library for details.

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