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SUMMER READING @MCLS

Summer Reading is in full swing! Readers of all ages are invited to unite *All Together Now* at your Monroe County Library System! Through a variety of books, activities, and events, this year's program aims to celebrate diversity, community, and the joy of reading together. One of the main goals of the program is to combat the "summer slide" - the learning loss that can occur during the school break. By participating in Summer Reading, children strengthen their literacy skills, expand their vocabulary, and develop their imaginations while having fun!

KIDS

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

- Find an event and register at <https://bit.ly/mclssummerevents>.
- At the end of the summer, 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.

TEENS

Turn in book reviews to receive prize scratch off cards. 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!
- Learn more at mymcls.com/teen-summer-reading-2023.

ADULTS

The fun isn't reserved for kids and teens alone! Adults are also invited to participate with free drawings, book reviews, and games.

- Track your reading, review books, or play Summer Reading Book Bingo to win prizes.
- Find a participating branch at mymcls.com/adult-summer-reading-2023

Find programs for all ages at mymcls.com/summer-reading.



FIND A PROGRAM!
mymcls.com/summer-reading



Memories of Orchard East

DIGITAL COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

The Monroe County Library System is pleased to announce an initiative to capture and preserve the vibrant history of the Orchard East neighborhood.

With the launch of "Memories of Orchard East: Digital Community Archive" the Monroe County Library System is striving to ensure the collective memory and heritage of our community is preserved for generations to come. Anyone who has memories or materials related to the Orchard East neighborhood is welcome to participate in this project.

Recognizing that every individual holds a significant piece of the neighborhood's tapestry, the project aims to collect a wide range of stories. From longtime residents who have witnessed the evolution of the Orchard to newcomers who bring fresh perspectives, the library invites everyone to contribute their narratives. The project will encompass a diverse range of themes including family life, work, cultural traditions, community activism, and the transformations the neighborhood has undergone over time.

Oral histories will be collected on Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9:00am until noon at the L.S. Navarre Branch Library. With the participant's permission, each oral history will be recorded to ensure accuracy and avoid paraphrasing. Memorabilia from the Orchard East neighborhood will also be collected.

The Monroe County Library System has long been dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and providing resources that reflect the diverse experiences of our patrons. The library has collaborated with local historians, educators, and community organizations to ensure the project's success. The City of Monroe, the Opportunity Center, the Monroe County Museum, and Orchard High School have been particularly helpful in launching this project.

How to Get Involved

This project is begin co-led by Kristen Brown and Regina Manning. Interested individuals can find more information, including guidelines for participation and upcoming events, online at mymcls.com, or by contacting Kristen Brown at kristen.brown@monroe.lib.mi.us or Regina Manning at regina.manning@monroe.lib.mi.us. Regina can also be reached by telephone at the Ellis Library & Reference Center: (734) 241-5277.

Letter

From the Director

Libraries are widely known to be guardians of history, lore, and local narratives. As you'll read above, I'm pleased to report that the library has joined with the Arthur Lesow Community Center, the City of Monroe, the Monroe County Museum, and Orchard High School to create an archive dedicated to the Orchard East community. By recording the oral histories of our communities, we foster a deep connection to our past while inspiring future generations to build upon the legacy of those who came before them.

My thanks go out to everyone dedicated to creating this archive. The passion and thoughtful collaboration of historians, volunteers, and members of the public is truly an inspiration to behold. I'd like to extend a special invitation to all past and present members of the Orchard East community to join in this project.

- Nancy Bellaire

*In partnership with the Opportunity Center
at the ALCC and the City of Monroe*



Memorabilia from the Orchard East neighborhood will also be collected. These items may include, but are not limited to:

- Community group memorabilia
- Any items that are personally significant and relate to Orchard East
- Photographs
- Recipe books
- Bibles
- Event flyers
- Letters
- 3D items

Memorabilia will be scanned and the library will archive the digital images. The library will not hold the original items and will not hold any rights over the material. Once the oral histories and memorabilia are collected and digitized, they will be available as anthology on the library's website. This archive will become an invaluable resource for researchers, students, and anyone interested in the rich tapestry of the Orchard's history and culture.



@The Branches

Monday Movies

Ellis Library & Reference Center

Monday, July 10, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Spend Monday afternoons with a movie. Each week we'll feature a different theme from our Summer Reading program "All Together Now." On July 10, we explore unity with the movie Moana.

Y on the Fly

Dundee Branch Library

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

'Y' on the Fly brings the YMCA to the Library. A trained facilitator will be there with games and activities, including sports equipment, parachutes, hula hoops, jump ropes, and other fun for Youth 5-12 years of age. An adult will need to stay on-site during this program. Dress for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Informal Dementia Support Group

Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This is an informal, unmoderated support group for current and former caregivers of loved ones with dementia to give voice to their frustrations, concerns and moments of joy during this journey we are on with this disease. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1-3 p.m. at the Frenchtown-Dixie Library. Please note that if the library is closed for any reason, there will not be a group meeting for that day.

Memories of Orchard East

L.S. Navarre Branch Library

Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bring in items that represent your "Memories of Orchard East" to be scanned or photographed and preserved in a digital community archive collection. The collections seeks to preserve the cultural and economic significance of the Orchard East community.

Come spend time telling your stories and sharing your experiences with others. Items of interest include: photographs, recipe books, event memorabilia, letters, journals, oral histories, community group memorabilia and any items that personal significant and relate to Orchard East. Donors will receive a digital copy of their material, along with the originals back.

Bees, Bugs and Blooms

Dorsch Memorial Branch Library

Saturday, July 15, 2023 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn everything about the bees, bugs and blooms, that live in the Dorsch gardens. Be prepared to do a craft and hear a story. This program is ideal for children the ages of 5-8 years old. Special thank you to the Eden's Garden Club.

Living History: An Interactive Journey

Throughout American History

Carleton Branch Library

Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Explore important moments throughout United States History as we learn from living historians. Learn about 18th century medicine from a Revolutionary War doctor, listen to live historical music, hear the stories of a World War II soldier, and much more.

Beat the Heat

Maybee Branch Library

Monday, July 24, 2023 from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Beat the heat this summer at the library! Come during the hottest part of the day for some fitness and project fun. Open to all ages, we'll do a fun (and adaptable to age and ability) fitness session, then transition to a craft or group project. These events are open to the community, all ages welcome! Please note: June 19 and July 3 there will be no Beat the Heat programs.

Ellis Kindness Club

Ellis Library & Reference Center

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Help create and spread kindness in our community by being a part of our library "Kindness Club." There will be fun activities designed to encourage kindness and help make the world a better place.

Build & Create

Ellis Library & Reference Center

Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Join us weekly as we tackle a new, creative, building challenge using a variety of fun and unique materials.

Circle of Friends Quilting Group

Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library

Monday, July 31, 2023 from 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The Circle of Friends Quilt Group share their love of quilting on the last Monday of each month, beginning at noon. All are welcome to join this group of active quilters whose skills range from beginner to advanced.

Coming Soon Booklist

September 2023

Mary Kay Andrews - Bright Lights, Big Christmas
M. C. Beaton - Dead on Target
Stephen King - Holly
The Traitor Among Us - Anne Perry
Payback in Death - J. D. Robb

October 2023

Rita Mae Brown - Lost & Hound
Lee Child - The Secret
Janet Evanovich - Dirty Thirty
Meg Cabot - Enchanted to Meet You
Stuart Woods - Obsession

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Holiday Closings

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

July 4, 2023

in observance of Independence Day

September 4, 2023

in observance of Labor Day

October 9, 2023

in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day /
Columbus Day

November 11, 2023

in observance of Veterans Day

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please visit bit.ly/mclsnewsletter



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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