SUMMER 2026

ECORSE
Public Library

WORDS & WONDERS NEWSLETTER

Summer is here and there's so much to do at the Ecorse Public Library!

Summer Reading kicks off on June 13th. Readers of all ages are welcome to participate. Come into the library to grab your reading tracker sheet for the amazing stories that you read this summer. Then bring it back at the end of the summer and you might just win a prize!

Ecorse is also participating in DIA Inside|Out where reproductions of beautiful artwork have been installed across the City. Visit the installation at the library and explore the others around Ecorse.

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Sun: Closed
Mon: Closed
Tues: 10am-6pm
Wed: 10am-7pm
Thurs: 10am-6pm
Fri: 10am-5pm
Sat: 10am-5pm

Please check the online events calendar at ecorselibrary.org/events for the most current listing of events.

ART PROGRAMS

CRAFT CIRCLE

Bring a project that you're working or do a craft that we provide during open craft time.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 24 at 5pm
- July 29 at 5pm
- August 26 at 5pm

DIA INSIDE|OUT

We are so happy to welcome the DIA back to Ecorse with six beautiful art reproductions. Stop by the library to see one and check out the others throughout Ecorse. On display from now until October 2026. Check out highlights on Instagram!

DIA events to look out for:

- Sketch the art
- Inktober with DIA art

DROP-IN CRAFTS

Check our website for dates for drop-in crafts to make gem art, beaded bracelets, decorative picture frames, and more!

MAKE ART!

We do a ton of fun arts and crafts here at the library. Look for programs called "Make Art" to find the next fun craft we have planned.

June 10	PRIDE crafts
June 17 & June 20	Father's Day crafts
June 19	Juneteenth Flags
June 23	Giraffe crafts
July 1	Independence Day wreaths
July 15	Origami dinosaurs
July 18	Learn to tie a quilt
July 25	Basquiat-inspired art
August 12	3D chenille flowers

SPECIAL WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

On one Wednesday in June and most Wednesdays in July, we have some exciting programs for general public & Ecorse Public School students at Dr. Brenda Hague Early Learning Village.

All programs take place on **Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30pm and from 2-3pm.** Events on the same day are the same, with the event running twice for people who missed the first session.

June 24	Huron-Clinton Metroparks, activity TBD
July 1	Arts & Crafts for Kids with 4H/MSU Extension
July 8	Bunny Rabbit Roundup
July 15	Make a Fleece Blanket & Pet Toys with Gift of Life Michigan
July 22	Reptile-Amphibian Encounters with Wayne County Parks

LIVE ANIMALS

BUNNY RABBIT ROUND UP

Live bunnies at the library on **July 8 at 12:30 & 2:30pm** for a fun, hands-on program. The sessions at 12:30 and 2:30 are the same.

REPTILE & AMPHIBIAN ENCOUNTERS

Meet live animals up close with Wayne County Metroparks on **July 22 at 12:30 & 2:30pm**. earn about Michigan turtles, snakes, frogs, and salamanders, and their habitat adaptations. The sessions at 12:30 and 2:30 are the same.

BIRDS!

Meet and pet bird with Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue on **August 1 at 1pm**.

MUSIC PROGRAMS

JUNETEENTH GUITAR CONCERT

Guitarist Eric Watson will showcase Black heritage and culture on **Saturday, June 20 at 1pm**!

STEEL DRUM SHOWCASE

Come hear some awesome Caribbean music on steel drums with Gratitude Steel Band on **Saturday, July 18 at 1pm**!

SUMMER READING 2026!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Come to the library on or after **June 13th** to pick up your Summer Reading log.
- Pick up a free book to keep when you sign up for Summer Reading!
- In your tracker sheet, log each day that you read for at least 15 minutes.
- After completing 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, or 80 days of reading, you can pick a small prize and be entered into a drawing for a larger prize.
- Reading ends **August 31st**. The drawing will be **September 8th**.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

If you are an Ecorse library card holder, you can participate. Come to the library with photo ID and sign up for a card if you don't have one already. Open to all ages.

DINOSAUR-THEMED PROGRAMS

The theme for summer reading this year is Unearth a Story™. Check out some fun dinosaur-themed programs that we have to celebrate:

- **June 16:** Decorate wooden dinosaur ornaments
- **June 27:** Assemble and decorate a 3D wooden dinosaur
- **July 14:** Decorate ceramic tiny dinosaurs
- **August 22:** Learn about stones and geodes

The Library Network

Summer Reading ADVENTURE

How does it work?

Pick up a summer reading adventure book at any of the participating libraries, then visit each library to get your adventure book stamped. When you've visited 6 participating libraries, return to your home library to receive a vinyl sticker for completion. Patrons who visit all libraries will be entered into a grand prize!

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MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

Participating Libraries Include:

Addison Twp. Public Library
Allen Park Public Library
Bacon Memorial District Library
Belleville Area District Library
Berkley Public Library
Clarkston Independence District Library
Clawson Blair Memorial Library
Dearborn Public Library
- Henry Ford Centennial Library
- Bryant Branch

Ecorse Public Library
Farmington Community Library
- Farmington Branch
- Farmington Hills Branch

Ferndale Area District Library
Flat Rock Public Library
Garden City Public Library
Hamtramck Public Library
Highland Township Public Library
Holly Township Library
Huntington Woods Public Library
Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster
Lincoln Park Public Library
Livonia Public Library
- Bennett Civic Center
- Carl Sandburg Branch Library

Lyon Township Public Library
Madison Heights Public Library
Manchester District Library
Melvindale Public Library
Milford Public Library
Northfield Township Area Library
Northville District Library
Oak Park Public Library
River Rouge Public Library
Riverview Veterans Memorial Library
Romulus Public Library
Royal Oak Public Library
Southfield Public Library
Springfield Township Library
Trenton Veterans Memorial Library
Walled Lake City Library
Waterford Township Public Library
Westland Public Library
White Lake Township Library
Wixom Public Library

MI LIBRARY QUEST

In a world where dinosaurs and humans are enemies, a mysterious force will try to bring them together. Teens are invited to participate in MiLibraryQuest beginning on **July 1**. Visit mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest to get started!

CONNECTING PROGRAMS

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

A joint effort between EPL and the Ecorse Parks & Recreation Department, this is an opportunity for community members to spend time together. Coffee and refreshments are provided and the location rotates each month, **always at 10am**.

Upcoming Dates:
- June 5 at EPL
- No sessions in July or August

LEARN NEW BOARD GAMES

Board games are fun, but sometimes learning new rules can be confusing. Visit the library and a member of library staff will walk you through learning a new board game.

Upcoming Dates:
- July 18 at 2:30pm

GIANT BOARD GAMES

Come play giant checkers, Jenga, and more!

Upcoming Dates:
- June 13

STOP IN AND LEARN

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Learn how to garden with plants native to Michigan on **July 22 at 5pm**.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Learn healthier habits, home organization, financial sustainability, and simple changes that support a better daily life with Sustainable Living Solutions on **August 5 at 5pm**.

MEDICARE 101

From now to November, join this monthly series to have all your Medicare questions answered. **All sessions at 2pm.**

Dates:
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 23
- October 21
- November 18

READING PROGRAMS

BOOK CLUB

Book club is on the **fourth Saturday of the month at 11am**. All book selections for the rest of the year are available on our website.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 27
- July 25
- August 22

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Bring your own book for an hour of silent reading in community on the **third Friday of the month at 3pm**. Grab a passport to visit other SBC locations and enter into a prize drawing. Ask our staff to learn more.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 19
- July 17
- August 21

STORYTIMES

Join us **Saturdays at 2pm (2:30pm if there is a program right before)** for stories, song, and movement. Come early or stay after to make friends and to play with the toys in the story time area! Open to children of all ages.

STORYTIMES...AT THE PARK!

Get some sun and listen to a story on the **second Friday of the month at 12pm**. Open to children of all ages. Play together and free toys while supplies last.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 12
- July 10
- August 14

COLLECTION HIGHLIGHT

We have a ton of tools and games to make your next outdoor event a success. Come check out a canopy tent, beanbag toss, Bocci ball, and more!

THANK YOU!

SPECIAL CLOSURES

Ecorse Public Library will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day and September 5-7 for Labor Day.

LIBRARY MISSION

Ecorse Public Library's purpose is to serve the residents of Ecorse by providing information, ideas, entertainment, and access.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

The Ecorse Library Board meets on the second Monday of each month at the Ecorse Public Library. Meetings are open to the public, and there are no meetings held in August or December.

Upcoming meetings: July 13, September 14
There will be no meeting of the Library Board in August 2026