

# The Home Page

Northville District Library

Winter 2015 - 2016

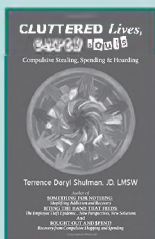
Connecting you to Ideas, Information & Imagination!



## TOO MUCH STUFF?

Author Terrence Shulman talks about our stuff and how we can manage it.

Jan. 14 @ 7 pm.  
Details inside.

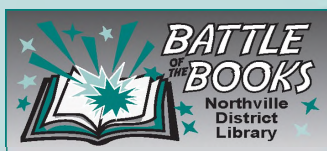


## KIDS LOVE MAD SCIENCE!

Foggy dry ice storms and a special burp potion at Fire and Ice by Mad Science!

Jan. 13 at 4:15 pm.

Details inside.

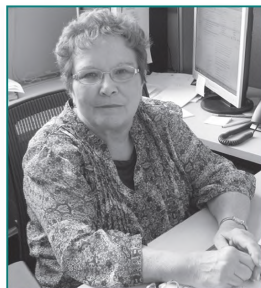


## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2016

Competition date is **Wednesday, March 16.** Start your reading now for this fun middle school reading competition.  
Book titles inside.

## FREE COMPUTER HELP?

1-on-1 help with your computer or tablet questions weekly with our TechXpert.  
Details inside.



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Many factors add to the quality of life in Northville and greater Detroit: beautiful changes of seasons, world-class attractions, top-notch schools and universities, the list goes on. We are honored to count the Northville District Library among these. Our single highest priority is to contribute to your quality of life.

While public funding provides us with a strong but limited financial base, your private donations build our Library into an exceptional community resource, both now and for the future. With close to

230,000 visits this past year, strong circulation numbers, and high attendance at programs, it is clear the Library is valued in this community.

We ask you to support our efforts with a tax-deductible gift to our Endowment Fund, or directly to the Library. Click on Giving to Your Library on our website 24/7, or call the Library to find out how to send your gift. Thank you for helping us continue to offer excellent programs and services to our community.

—Julie Herrin, Director

## FREE ONLINE GALE COURSES

Never stop learning. Whether you're looking for college-level, professional development, or personal enrichment courses, we now offer hundreds of online courses accessible online, 24/7. **Gale Courses** offer well-crafted lessons, expert online instruction, and interaction with fellow students. Sample courses include creative writing, digital photography, accounting and more. New sessions begin every month and run for six weeks. Free with your Northville library card! Visit our website: [Research & Learn > Adult Learning Center > Gale Courses](#).

## LITTLE PIM FOR OUR LITTLEST LIBRARY PATRONS

Children learn languages best at a very young age and now our youngest patrons can benefit from Little Pim, an innovative, award-winning program designed to introduce new languages to young children. Offering 10 languages including English, Little Pim "stars" a lovable animated panda and features native speakers, excellent pacing, and activities to make learning fun and easy. Go to [Kids & Tweens > Homework Help > Little Pim](#) on our website.



## ENJOY THE USED BOOK SALES? YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Enthusiastic. Library Lover. Book aficionado. The Friends of the Library want you! They are looking for an energetic individual to coordinate their semi-annual used book sales,

a major way for the Friends to raise funds for the Library. Please consider volunteering for this position. Training and on-going support provided. Contact Carol Oldenburg at [cao48168@gmail.com](mailto:cao48168@gmail.com).



## NEW! ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

January 4 - 31

Pick up your bingo card, read 5 books or complete tasks to earn prizes.

Details inside.

## NEW DRIVER HELP

Online practice tests for cars, motorcycles and commercial drivers licenses through our website: [Research & Learn > Online Resources A - Z > Driver Education](#).

# JUST FOR KIDS



## Youth Program Sign Up Tips

Most special events require a free ticket for entry. 100 free tickets available 5 minutes prior to event at the Information Desk. Due to space limitations, library activities cannot accommodate special groups. Tickets not available in advance.



## THUMBELINA PUPPET SHOW

**Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4:15 – 5 pm**

Enjoy the classic fairytale story of Thumbelina, fantastically brought to life by Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures! All ages. *Ticket required.*



## DROP-IN MOVIES & MUNCHIES FOR KIDS: PADDINGTON

**Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 12 – 1:45 pm**

Looking for something fun to do over Winter Break? Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy *Paddington* (20th Century Fox. Rated PG for mild action/rude humor. 95

mins) Snacks and beverages provided. All ages, but ages 4 and younger must attend with an adult.

## DROP-IN WINTER BREAK CRAFTAPALOOZA

**Monday, Dec. 28 from 4 - 5 pm**

All ages use your imagination and get creative with a variety of fun craft supplies. Just drop in!

## GET CREATIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Children of all ages are invited to make fun seasonal crafts. Kids under age 5 should attend with a caregiver. Just drop in!

**Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 4 – 5 pm**

*Snowflake Ornament Craft*

**Thursday, Feb. 11 from 4 – 5 pm**

*Valentine Paper Bag Puppets*



## MAD SCIENCE PRESENTS: FIRE & ICE

**Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Foggy dry ice storms, giant beach balls floating in the air and even a special "burp" potion will amaze kids as they learn about science! All ages.

*Ticket required.*



## HOORAY FOR LEGO DAY!

**Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 4:30 – 5 pm**

**Registration begins Jan. 3**

Kids in 1st – 5th grade make a fun hand-sized LEGO creation to be displayed in the youth area of the library. Limit 30 attendees.



## JOSH & ROY SHOW

**Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 4:15 - 5 pm**

Beat those winter blahs with this hilarious comedy variety show! All ages. *Ticket required.*



## WINTER STORYTIMES

The library offers a variety of storytimes, with sessions scheduled during the fall, winter and spring. Choose from six-week series including *TOT Storytime for 2s and 3s with a caregiver* and *Storytime for 4s, 5s and kindergartners*; and monthly *Kidz Time for 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders*. All require pre-registration. Call the library or view the website for details.

### Winter Series Registration Begins:

**TOT Storytime:** Residents only Jan. 6; open to non-residents Jan. 7

**Storytime:** Residents only Jan. 12; open to non-residents Jan. 13

**Kidz Time:** Register for individual sessions the 1st of each month, except for Jan. 3

## DROP-IN STORYTIMES

### DROP-IN LITTLE ME STORYTIME

**Fridays: Dec. 18, Jan. 15 & Feb. 12 @ 10:30 am**

A special 45-minute morning lap-sit program for babies to children 2 years old with caregivers (older children are welcome).

### DROP-IN MORNING STORYTIME

**Thursdays: Jan. 28 – March 3 @ 10:15 am**

Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome to attend this half hour program. Children age 3 and younger must attend with a caregiver.

### DROP-IN SUPER SATURDAY STORYTIME

**Saturdays: Dec. 12, Jan. 23 & Feb. 20 @ 11 am**

Join us for stories, music and movement. Best for children ages 2 – 4, but entire families welcome.



# TEEN SPACE



Teen programs for all in 6th – 12th grades.

Registration required for some events. Call or register online at our Events Calendar.



## SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Jan. 9 from 12:30 – 5 pm

Free play and check-in begin at 12:30. Tournament begins promptly at 1. No late arrivals.

Show off your Wii U skills and compete for fun prizes.

Bring your own controller if you like.

**Registration required.**

## JIGSAW PUZZLE CHALLENGE

Monday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 pm

Love jigsaw puzzles? Compete in our puzzle challenge! Register as a team of 2 to 4 or as individuals, we will assign you to teams. Compete to assemble a 500 piece puzzle the fastest. Prizes for winning team!

**ALL AGES.** Space limited.

**Register online.**

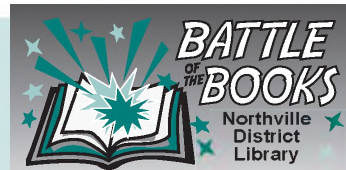


## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2016

Competition is

Wednesday, March 16

Registration for this fun reading competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville begins **Tuesday, December 1. The mandatory team manager meeting is Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm.** Check our website for complete details.



### Battle of the Books 2016 Titles

*The Boundless* by Kenneth Oppel

*Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*The Iron Trial* by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

*Paperboy* by Vince Vawter

*Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs

*Zen and the Art of Faking It* by Jordan Sonnenblick

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### NDL'S BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM

Imagine a very large room full of middle schoolers yelling and cheering about books. Sound loud and bothersome? Not to these three librarians. Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Teen Services librarian; Laura Curtsinger, Youth Services librarian, and Julie Ramsden, Youth/Teen Services librarian, enthusiastically coordinate the annual middle school Battle of the Books competition, and they all agree...

the louder, the better. That means more teens have come up with the correct answer, which means more kids have read the books, one of the program's goals.

"The friendly competition and teamwork provide an unusual and fun interaction with books that brings together avid, average, and reluctant readers. They challenge themselves and gain something valuable from the experience," said Suzanne. She has been a librarian for 20 years, 11 at NDL. "We are headed into our tenth year, and every year we have around 150 students competing. Parents and students tell us what they love, and it ranges from the books, the teamwork, the costumes, to the competition itself."

"We start in July, reading numerous books in order to choose just the right 7 titles," said Julie, who has been a librarian for 18 years, the past 7 at NDL. "I don't think people realize how difficult it is to choose books from different genres, with different reading levels, varied lengths, with male and female protagonists, and with nothing offensive or controversial in the

content. It is not easy!"

Laura, a librarian for 19 years, the past 18 at NDL, enjoys the energy of the participants on Battle night. "I love writing the questions for the competition," said Laura. "I am also one of the judges and I enjoy seeing their answers and in some cases, drawings (!) on the answer cards. A lot of work goes into Battle behind the scenes to ensure we conduct a fair, well-run Battle.

We rely on a lot of volunteers and staff members to make it happen."

Battle of the Books is just one of the responsibilities for these librarians, all of whom also plan and host Tween and/or Teen events, assist with summer reading programs, and have scheduled time daily on the public desks providing reference and reading assistance. Suzanne is responsible for all Teen programs and collections. She enjoys working with teens and helping them connect with just the right book.

Laura hosts Drop-In Storytimes and orders all youth fiction and some non-fiction. She enjoys ordering fiction the most, especially when she has already ordered that year's Newbery Award book well before it has been announced as an award-winner. Julie hosts Saturday Storytime for families, and conducts tours for scout groups, preschools and homeschooling groups. She enjoys coming up with new ideas for craft and after-hour events.

Busy as these librarians are on a daily basis, it is very likely they are also either reading, writing questions or thinking about plans for the next Battle of the Books.



L to R: Julie Ramsden, Suzanne Schimanski-Gross, Laura Curtsinger

# TWEEN SCENE

For Tweens ages 9-12. Registration is required. Tween events cannot accommodate special groups



## HOT COCOA CONES

**Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 4:15 – 5 pm**  
**Registration begins December 1.**

Make delicious hot cocoa cones to share with friends or family. *Limit 30 attendees.*

## VISION ROCKS CRAFT

**Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 4:15 - 5 pm**  
**Registration begins January 3.**

Rocks, paper, scissors – YOU win! What's your vision for the New Year? Design your own fun, inspiring vision rocks and hold your dreams in the palm of your hand. *Limit 30 attendees.*



## MINION CUPCAKES

**Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 4:15 – 5 pm**  
**Registration begins February 1.**

Make Despicable Me Minion cupcakes with Twinkies! *Limit 30 attendees.*

## Gifts & Memorials

Donate a gift book or other media to the library to honor the special people in your life. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones or to honor someone for a special milestone in their life. Stop in the library to pick up a gift form. All gift books will be plated with the person's name and donor name. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### In Honor Of...

Erin McDermott  
by Friends of the NDL

Will Neafsey  
by Jack & Rilla Neafsey

Dr. James Hawkins  
by Donna Goldsmith

### In Memory Of...

John Angell  
by Roberta & Craig Malkowski  
Kelly Bahl  
by Betty Kaiser  
Jeannine Schiffman Davidson  
by Mrs. Barbara Niman

Sam Hall  
by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Baker; John & Lisa Buckman;  
M.E.M.B.E.R. Book Club; Gary & Barbara Sixt;  
Gardiner C. Vose, Inc.  
Elaine Johnson by Julie Lavey  
Frances Mattison by Carolann Ayers; Northville

District Library  
Nan Oliver  
by Pat Stringer; David & Kathi Jerome  
Marian Rowlette by Volunteers from  
the Friends Gift Store  
Melanya Svirid  
by Lynn Parkllan & Jerry Morris

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Joe & Jane Traudt; Jill Whelan

# TECH CONNECT: CLASSES & HELP

Get connected with free technology classes and help at NDL.



## iPAD BASICS

**Wednesday, Jan. 13 @ 7 pm**

Bring your device and learn basic skills, where to find common settings, how to install apps and more.

**Registration required.**

## ANDROID TABLET BASICS

**Wednesday, Feb. 17 @ 7 pm**

Bring your device and learn basic skills, where to find common settings, how to install apps and more.

**Registration required.**

## 1-ON-1 HELP WITH OUR TECHXPERT

**Wednesdays at 5 & 6 pm**

**December - February**  
(except December 3)

**Thursdays at 1 & 2 pm**

**December - February**  
(except November 26)

Bring your computer or device questions.

Register for a free 1-on-1 one hour session.

## SATURDAY 1-on-1 DROP-IN HELP

**Saturdays: Dec. 12 Jan. 23 Feb. 20**  
**between Noon and 2 pm**

Drop in for a free one 1-on-1 session with a volunteer for help with your computer or device questions.



# ADULT EVENTS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS except book discussions and foreign films.  
Register online at our Events Calendar, call 248-349-3020 or in person.



## TWELFTH NIGHT CONCERT

Tuesday, Dec. 1 @ 7 pm

Enjoy traditional seasonal music performed by this acclaimed a capella group in Renaissance costumes. **This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and will be held at the Northville Community Center.**

## RJ SPANGLER JAZZ TRIO

Thursday, Dec. 3 @ 7 pm

John "T-Bone" Paxton, veteran Detroit singer and instrumentalist, performs jazz and blues favorites with this all-star band. RJ shares a bit of the history of Detroit's jazz and blues roots.

## STAR WARS ORIGINAL MOVIE

Saturday, Dec. 19 @ 2 pm

"A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away" the Star Wars story began. Join us in seeing the original 1977 film.

## CONNECTED & DRIVERLESS CARS

Monday, Jan. 4 @ 7 pm

David Maloney leads this engaging presentation about how Connected and Driverless cars are disrupting the transportation industry and upcoming historic changes. Maloney works in the auto industry managing innovation and intellectual property for Fortune 500 companies.



## NEW! ADULT WINTER READING PROGRAM

Jan. 4 - 31

Winter in Michigan. The perfect time to curl up, read and earn prizes! Pick up your bingo game card beginning January 4 and read 5 books or complete simple tasks to earn a spin on the Wheel of Prizes.

## OUR STUFF AND US!

*From clutter to chronic disorganization to hoarding*

Thursday, Jan. 14 @ 7 pm

How much is enough? What happens when we go from owning our stuff to our stuff owning us? Come learn about our relationship with our stuff. Presented by Terrence Schulman, director of *The Shulman Center for Compulsive Theft, Spending & Hoarding*, and author of *Cluttered Lives, Empty Souls*.



## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH ESSENTIAL OILS?

Wednesday, Feb. 10 @ 7 pm

Learn what essentials oils are, how they are made, their uses throughout history, and benefits of using them from Margaret Wilson, owner of *Lavender and Lemongrass Wellness*.

## HOME BUYING 101

Tuesday, Feb. 16 @ 7 pm

Join local realtor, loan officer and credit repair specialist Kevin Weedmark for tips on finding the proper agent to represent you in your buy/sell process, getting the best rate/mortgage option and how to improve your credit score in 30 days.



## THE ARCHITECTURE OF ALBERT KAHN

Tuesday, March 1 @ 7 pm

*Detroit News* fine arts writer Michael Hodges presents on the architecture of Albert Kahn.



## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN NORTHVILLE HEALTH SYSTEMS

Programs are presented by physicians from the University of Michigan Northville Health Center

**GENERAL HEALTH OVERVIEW: Dr. Audrey Fan**

Monday, Feb. 1 @ 7 pm

**YOUR LUNGS: Dr. Doug Arenberg**

Monday, March 7 @ 7 pm

Presented by Dr. Doug Arenberg



## FOREIGN FILMS AT THE LIBRARY



**Mondays at 6:30**

Join us each month and see a well-reviewed film in another language with English subtitles.

**Dec. 28: *The Gilded Cage*:** Will Marie and Jose' choose to leave their beloved Paris neighborhood to fulfill a lifelong dream? (French, 90 mins.)

**Jan. 25: *Letter to Father Jacob*:** Two very different lives unexpectedly intersect. (Finnish, 75 mins.)

**Feb. 22: *The Pool*:** A young worker in India hopes for a better future and devises a plan to make it happen. (Hindi, 94 mins.)

## BETWEEN THE LINES: ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.  
Fiction and non-fiction titles.

**Dec. 14:** *Social Animal: the Hidden Sources of Love, Character and Achievement* by David Brooks

**Jan. 11:** *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Feb. 8:** *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



## FALL USED BOOK SALE

With the help of many volunteers the Friends Used Book Sale was a great success! The Friends made over \$1,800 -- more than either of the last two sales. Our community has been very supportive of this major Friends fundraiser and we are grateful. Are you someone who could lead this effort in the future, or do you know someone who could? We'll provide training and ongoing support. If we don't find a new leader we may have to discontinue this event altogether. This is a rewarding job that occurs only twice a year but offers great chance to make new friends and do good work for the community. Please contact Carol Oldenburg, Friends President, at [cao48168@gmail.com](mailto:cao48168@gmail.com).

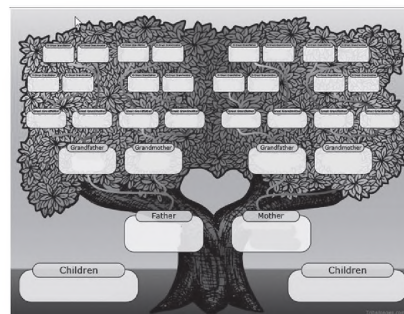


## GREAT GIFTS AT THE FRIENDS GIFT STORE

The Friends Store offers unique items, great for gift-giving! Jigsaw puzzles for all ages, games, toys, scarves, jewelry, collegiate and sports mugs, book-related items and more. Stop in and browse! All proceeds from the Store benefit the Library. Store hours are Monday – Friday from 11 am – 5 pm, Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday from 1:30 – 4 pm.

## SEARCHING YOUR FAMILY TREE?

Members of the Northville Genealogical Society offer help on Mondays from 1 – 3 in the Library's Local History Room. Just drop in.



### LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alan Somershoe, *Chair*  
Mike DeFrancesco, *Vice Chair*  
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Jean Hansen, *Treasurer*  
Joseph Corriveau, *Trustee*  
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### LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Julie Herrin

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Carol Oldenburg, *President*  
Judy DeFrancesco, *Vice President*  
Deborah Stanifer, *Treasurer*  
Linda Bolam, *Secretary*



### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

Held monthly on Thursdays  
at 7:30 pm in the  
Carlo Meeting Room.  
The public is welcome!  
December 17    January 28  
February 25

*Remember the Library in your will or estate planning.*

**Library Closings:** *Christmas:* Thursday, Dec. 24 & Friday, Dec. 25

*New Year's:* Thursday, Dec. 31 & Friday, Jan. 1 • *Martin Luther King Jr. Day:* Monday, Jan. 18



### Library Hours & Info

Monday – Thursday:  
10 am - 9 pm  
Friday & Saturday:  
10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm

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