

22nd Annual

Black History Month Brunch

Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 10am Genesys Conference & Banquet Center

Featuring the Kuungana African Drum & Dance Company, Vocalist Gwen Pennyman-Hemphill, and Keynote Speaker TBD.

2023 Honorees

Each year, the Genesee District Library honors three individuals and one organization for making a positive impact in the community.

- Mr. Norm Bryant, Award of Excellence
- Ms. Shane Jackson, Award of Excellence
- Sgt. Tanya Meeks, Award of Excellence
- The Odyssey House (Mr. Ronald Brown), Partner in Progress Award

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CLOSING DATES

Winter Break:

Friday, December 23—Monday, December 26

New Year's

Saturday, December 31—Monday, January 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 16



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Winter Concert Series

Peter Bergin Holiday Concert

Concert pianist Peter Bergin brings a joyful array of holiday favorites like A Charlie Brown Christmas, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, original transcriptions from George Winston's December album, and perennial favorites such as White Christmas and many others.

Flint Township-McCarty

Wednesday, December 14 @ 3:30pm

Baker Park

Monday, December 19 @ 3:30pm

Danny Paul Classic Country Concert

Danny Paul has opened for several Nashville artists including George Jones, Boxcar Willie, and Blake Shelton.

Baker Park

Tuesday, January 10 @ 3:30pm

Elvis: Shades of a King

Enjoy a fun-filled, high energy Elvis impersonator. Shake, rattle, and roll down memory lane with Bryan Elzie Dixon as he gets you all shook up to the favorites from the King of Rock & Roll.

Flint Township-McCarty

Wednesday, January 25 @ 3:30pm

Boogie Woogie Kid

Mathew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, is the piano man turned YouTube sensation with almost 5 million views. He performs timeless hits of New Orleans Boogie-Blues-Swing favorites from the '20s, '30s, and '40s.

Baker Park

Monday, February 13 @ 3:30pm

Simply Sinatra

Enjoy a tribute to Ol' Blues Eyes, including his biggest hits, memories and humor. For over six decades, Frank Sinatra entertained people all over the world, recording approximately 2,000 songs. Hear some of your favorites and learn the stories behind them.

Flint Township-McCarty

Wednesday, February 15 @ 3:30pm







Technology

Resin 3D Printing

Design your project at the library using Tinkercad, and staff will use the 3D printer to print it for you using our new Resin 3D printers.

William F. Delaney Headquarters

Thursday, December 8 @ 4pm Thursday, January 12 @ 4pm Thursday, February 9 @ 4pm

Parental Controls 101

What parental controls are available for your child's device? Is there a way to block certain apps, or limit what your child can do on their tablet or phone? Learn answers to these guestions and more at this presentation from our Digital Services Librarian.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Tuesday, January 10 @ 6pm

Coding for Kids

Learn to code using Scratch. Create games, animations, and stories using a simple drag and drop software.

Davison Area

Saturday, January 14 @ Noon Saturday, February 11 @ Noon

X-Carve Valentine's Day Craft

Drop in to learn about the Clio Area Library's X-Carve machine, and receive help using it to make a Valentine's Day themed craft.

Clio Area

Tuesday, February 7 @ Noon-4pm



Tech Tutoring

You can get technology help with just about any device. Call to make an appointment.

Burton Memorial

Call Kevin at (810) 742-0674

Fenton-Winegarden

Call Ryan at (810) 230-3336

Grand Blanc-McFarlen Call Alger at (810) 694-5190

All Other Branches

Call Ryan at (810) 230-3336

Montrose-Jennings cont.

Young Critics Book Club Join the Young Critics Book Club as we discuss our favorite great reads. Recommended for readers 10 and up.

We will not all be reading the same book.

Monday, December 19 @ 3pm Monday, January 23 @ 3pm Monday, February 27 @ 3pm

Tabletop Game Night for Teens and Adults

Play unique, cooperative-style board games and meet other game enthusiasts. (Adults and teens) Snacks and beverages provided.

Thursday, December 22 @ 6-8pm Thursday, January 26 @ 6-8pm Thursday, February 23 @ 6-8pm

Holiday Family Night

Join us for holiday family fun. Listen to Santa read his favorite book, and make a holiday craft. Snacks provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Thursday, December 22 @ 6:30pm

Montrose-Jennings cont.

Snowman Hat

Turn tin cans and plates into beautiful Snowman Hat creations. Materials provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Saturday, January 14 @ 10am

Mt. Morris

Sequin and Bead Ornaments

Create seguin and bead ornaments and make your tree stand out this holiday season.

Saturday, December 10 @ 2pm

Stitchery Club

Learn to cross stitch or embroider. Work on your own project or learn with the free kit provided.

Tuesday, December 13 @ 6:30pm Tuesday, January 10 @ 6:30pm Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:30pm

Mt. Morris cont.

Marbled Ornaments

Deck the halls with this fun DIY project of marbling ornaments. Update plain plastic ornaments with an easy marbling effect in just a few minutes.

Wednesday, December 14 @ 6pm

Table Games

Join us for a casual afternoon of table games. Each week will feature a different game.

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 1pm

Foil Embossing Art

Learn this simple and fun technique using glue, aluminum foil and Sharpies.

Wednesday, January 25 @ 6pm

Cork Animals

Learn how to turn a recycled champagne cork into a koala, penguin, or bear.

Saturday, February 11 @ 2pm

Story Times

Clio Area with Miss Marcia

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 10:30am

Davison Area with Miss Marcia

Mondays, January 9, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 6 @ 10:30am

Fenton-Winegarden with Miss Heather

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 10:30am

Flushing Area with Miss Lisa

Mondays, January 9, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27 March 6 @ 10:30am

Goodrich with Miss Marie

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 10:30am

Grand Blanc-McFarlen with Miss Marie

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 10:30am

Evening Story Time at Grand Blanc-McFarlen with Miss Chandra

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21 @ 6pm

Linden with Miss Katie

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21 @ 10:30am

Mt. Morris with Miss Lisa

Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 10am

Mister Johnnie's Singing Story Time at **Swartz Creek-Perkins**

Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 10:30am





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Beecher-Vera B. Rison

Movie Club

Discuss your favorite movies. There will be a different theme each month. Snacks

Thursday, December 8 @ 6pm Thursday, January 12 @ 6pm Thursday, February 9 @ 6pm

Fenton-Winegarden

Holiday Hoopla Craft Event Join us to make holiday crafts. Enjoy music and a treat.

Saturday, December 10 @ 11am

Fenton Fiction Book Club

We will be discussing The Christmas Escape by Sarah Morgan.

Wednesday, December 14 @ 10am Wednesday, January 11 @ 10am Wednesday, February 8 @ 10am

Fenton Mystery Book Club

We read a different mystery each month and discuss. We also talk about the genre in general and/or other formats, such as movies and TV.

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Tuesday, December 20 @ 6:30pm Tuesday, January 17 @ 6:30pm Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:30pm

Decoupage Light Switch

Add a splash of color and interest to your walls by turning plain switch plates into sweet little works of art.

Thursday, January 26 @ 6pm

Winter Seed Sowing

Learn about winter seed sowing. Participants will plant one container to take home.

Saturday, January 28 @ 2pm

Valentine Gnomes

Join us to make Valentine themed sock

Thursday, February 9 @ 6:30pm

Flushing Area

Flushing Kids Book Club

The Flushing Kids Book Club encourages young readers to discover great books, explore interesting topics, and have some bookish fun.

Thursday, January 19 @ 6pm Thursday, February 16 @ 6pm

Flushing Book Club

Join the Flushing Book Club. Read all genres including thrillers, nonfiction, contemporary, memoir, and historical

Tuesday, January 24 @ 6pm Tuesday, February 28 @ 6pm

Montrose-Jennings

Book Club

The book is chosen and ordered each month, so please call (810) 639-6388 if you plan to join (you must have an active GDL library card). The book title will be posted at the library prior to the meeting. Adults only.

Thursday, December 1 @ 7pm Thursday, January 5 @ 7pm Thursday, February 2 @ 7pm

Craftina with Yarn

New and advanced yarn crafters welcome. We will have someone available to help newbies get started. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Thursday, December 1 @ 12:30pm Thursday, January 5 @ 12:30pm Thursday, February 2 @ 12:30pm

Tree Book Folding

Learn how to fold book pages into a holiday tree. Book and supplies provided. Sponsored by Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Saturday, December 3 @ 10am

Open Craft Lab

Bring your own project or try something new while socializing with other crafters. There may be a scheduled craft on some nights, and you can participate or work on your own. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with us. Adults only.

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27 January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 6pm

Montrose-Jennings cont.

Craft On!

Crafting for kids. Various crafts will be offered with paints, paper, crayons and markers, canvases, wood items, and much more. (Children of all ages) One craft per child, please.

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28 January 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 3pm

True Crime Book Club

Are you a fan of the true crime genre? Join us as we discuss true crime podcasts, documentaries and books. Adults only.

Thursday, December 8 @ 6:30pm Thursday, January 12 @ 6:30pm Thursday, February 9 @ 6:30pm

Coffee & Colorina

Join us for coffee, coloring and friendly conversation. Coffee and adult coloring pages will be available. Sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Monday, December 12 @ 10:30am Monday, January 9 @ 10:30am Monday, February 13 @ 10:30am

Montrose-Jennings Friends Meetings

Attend a Montrose-Jennings Friends meeting and see what it's all about. Volunteer to help your library by joining this fun group of people. This group raises funds for the library and offers programming for the community.

Thursday, December 15 @ 6:30pm Thursday, January 19 @ 6:30pm

Kids Colorful Elements

Art and crafts for kids, sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings Library.

Saturday, December 17 @ 10am Saturday, January 21 @ 10am Saturday, February 18 @ 10am

Tween & Teen Art Attack

Tween and teen art and crafts, sponsored by the Friends of the Montrose-Jennings

Saturday, December 17 @ 11am Saturday, January 21 @ 11am Saturday, February 18 @ 11am

DECEMBER In-Person

ARK Animals

Cool animals will be presented in a showand-tell style, blending education and entertainment.

Fenton-Winegarden

Saturday, December 3 @ 10am

Flushing Area

Saturday, December 3 @ 3pm

Holiday Ornament Make & Take

Join us for holiday crafting fun by making a variety of easy ornaments for the home and tree. These make great gifts for family, teachers, and friends.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Saturday, December 3 @ 10am

Light-Up Circuit Friendship Bracelets

Use felt, LED lights, and conductive thread to create a beautiful bracelet that you can share with your friend or keep for yourself. (Ages 8–12) *Space is limited. Register at thegdl.org.

Genesee Valley Center

Saturday, December 10 @ 10am

Swartz Creek-Perkins

Saturday, December 10 @ 2pm

Cooking with Ming— French Potato Salad

Our favorite chef, Ming Louie, will teach you to make French potato salad with French garlic sausage, and tarragon. A perfect starter for a holiday dinner.

Davison Area

Tuesday, December 13 @ 5pm



JANUARY In-Person

Learn Women's Self Defense

Andrea Moon, from Metro Michigan Shotokan Karate School, will offer a 90-minute Women's Self-Defense seminar. Please wear comfortable clothing. (Ages 13 and up)

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Saturday, January 7 @ Noon

Cooking with Ming— **Pan Fried Seafood Chow Mein Noodles**

Our favorite chef, Ming Louie, will teach you how to make delicious pan fried seafood chow mein noodles, with oyster sauce, shiitake mushrooms, scallops, shrimp, bok choy, and pea pods.

Forest Township

Tuesday, January 10 @ 5pm



Galactic Goo Science Fun

Led by an educator from Sloan Longway, this class will teach children about molecules and polymers without ever having to say the word "chemistry" out loud. Plus, each child will get his or her own bag of otherworldly goo to take home. (Ages 6–12) Space is limited. Register at **thegdl.org**.

Genesee-Johnson

Saturday, January 14 @ 10am Mt. Morris

Saturday, January 14 @ 2pm

Robotics in Action

Students from all levels of the Linden Robotics teams will talk about their robot design for the 2022-23 season, FIRST Energize presented by Qualcomm. They will discuss design, share a demonstration with their robots, and allow some guests to drive the LEGO robots themselves.

Linden

Saturday, January 21 @ 10am

Welcome to the Jungle

A fascinating look deep inside the jungle where the wild creatures roam. Featuring a variety of reptiles and amphibians.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Saturday, January 21 @ 10am **Davison Area**

Saturday, January 21 @ 2pm

It's Your Choice **YA Book Club**

Share your latest YA read with other teens.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen Saturday, January 21 @ 2pm

Circus Science Fun With juggling and balancing acts, science

has never been so fascinating.

Fenton-Winegarden

Saturday, January 28 @ 10am Goodrich

Saturday, January 28 @ 2pm

Let's Play Wingspan

Learn how to play the board game Wingspan. Players will compete to attract birds to their aviaries while learning about

Linden

Saturday, January 28 @ Noon

birds and their habitats.







FEBRUARY In-Person

Young Zoologists

An inspiring and unique look at the characteristics and habitats of animals. Featuring mammals, reptiles, and birds.

Burton Memorial

Saturday, February 11 @ 10am

Clio Area

Saturday, February 11 @ 2pm

Mysterious Benedict Society Adventure

Fans of the Mysterious Benedict Society are invited to participate in an adventure featuring secret codes, puzzles, and riddles. Join Number Two in learning Morse Code, how to make decoder rings, and handmade marshmallow shooters. Pencils and disappearing ink pens will be provided. *Space is limited*.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Saturday, February 11 @ 10am

The Storytellers

Kids of all ages will enjoy stories, hands-on fun with musical instruments from around the world, and a hilarious musical skit.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

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Saturday, February 18 @ Noon

It's Your Choice YA Book Club

Share your latest YA read with other teens.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Saturday, February 18 @ 2pm

Let's Go Ice Fishing

Just because the lake is frozen doesn't mean you can't fish. Learn the basics in this ice fishing seminar by Don Snoeyink of Thornapple Woodlands, LLC. This just might be the best fishing of the year. (Ages 12 and Up) Space is limited. Register at **thegdl.org**.

Linden

Saturday, February 18 @ Noon

Finding Black Ancestors

The presentation discusses the unique challenges of African American genealogical research, sharing some of the relevant history and resources available. It includes a case study of researching freedom seekers (Underground Railroad), free Blacks, and enslaved persons.

William F. Delaney Headquarters Monday, February 20 @ 6pm

The Science of Ice Cream

A sweet way to study solids, liquids, and gases. Kids will use beakers, measuring cups, and measuring spoons to mix up solids and liquids into an ice cream base. An educator from Sloan Longway will add the "magic liquid" that changes it into solid ice cream. (Ages 6–12) *Space is limited. Register at thegdl.org.

Linden

Saturday, February 25 @ 10am

Beecher-Vera B. Rison

Saturday, February 25 @ 2pm

Bringing Historic Cemeteries to Life

Join Thomas Henthorn, Ph.D., from the University of Michigan-Flint Department of History to learn about the preservation of beautiful historic cemeteries.

Fenton-Winegarden

Saturday, February 25 @ 11am

Laughter is the Best Medicine

Explore the social, emotional, mental, and physical benefits of laughter. Stress Less with Mindfulness teaches and encourages the use of mindfulness self-care skills to help one feel better and enjoy life more.

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Tuesday, February 28 @ 6pm



Winter 2023 Bingo Reading Challenge All the Feels!

January 1-31

Experience all the feels this winter. Learn about the history of emojis, explore the importance of emotions, and discover fun activities to express yourself. Participants will log their reading, complete activities, and earn emoji-themed badges while playing bingo.

Complete the challenge and you will be entered into a drawing to win gift cards!

What Are You Reading? Join Genesee District Librarians as they discuss the books they love, and the books Delicious Holiday Side Dishes Mary Spencer will demonstrate exciting

they don't. Registration not necessary. (Teen and Adult) *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Tuesday, December 13 @ 1pm Tuesday, January 10 @ 1pm Tuesday, February 14 @ 1pm

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?

Join us for an evening of online trivia where librarians get to ask you the reference questions. Level of difficulty? Just challenging enough to be fun. No registration needed. (Teen and Adult) *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, December 15 @ 6pm Thursday, January 19 @ 6pm Thursday, February 16 @ 6pm

History of Santa Claus

Where, exactly, did Santa Claus come from, and why does his popularity remain so high in modern American pop culture? This Illustrated lecture takes you on the journey St. Nicholas made to become our current-day Santa Claus. It also includes many recognizable images and poems. Laura Keyes will delight audiences with her wonderful nostalgic presentation. *Please Note: Because of secrets revealed, this program is NOT intended for children for whom Santa Claus is a very real figure! *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, December 1 @ 5pm

Mary Spencer will demonstrate exciting recipes for holiday side dishes. Recipes will be provided. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, December 8 @ 6pm

Managing Digital Images: Finding, Saving, Sharing, and Organizing the Pictures of Your Life

With smartphones and tablets, photography is easier than ever, but we find ourselves with a new concern. How do we manage, save, and share these pictures? This program will introduce you to photo sharing services and will look at ways to organize, backup, and share pictures with friends and family. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, January 5 @ 6pm

Exploring Budapest

Hungary's capital city has long been acclaimed as one of Europe's most beautiful, with its parliament building frequently highlighted on advertisements for Danube River cruises. Join Mariya Fogarasi and learn about the geography, history, cuisine, landmarks, and culture on this beautiful tour of Budapest. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, January 12 @ 6pm

Miz Rosie Great Migration of African Americans—Goin' Up North

Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a storyteller, author, poet, artist, therapist, and school social worker who thrills audiences of all ages with her storytelling. Rosie's interactive stories warm the heart and stimulate the mind. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, January 26 @ 2pm

Dark Side of the Mitten

Michigan's past has a more sinister side than what's commonly displayed on roadside historical markers. In *Dark Side of the Mitten: Crimes of Power & Powerful Criminals in Michigan's Past & Present*, author Tom Carr presents stories about Michigan's gritty, dark side. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook

Thursday, February 2 @ 6pm

or YouTube.

Miz Rosie—African American Folk Tales

Rosie Chapman, a.k.a. Miz Rosie, is a storyteller, author, poet, artist, therapist, and school social worker who thrills audiences of all ages with her storytelling. Rosie's interactive stories warm the heart and stimulate the mind. *View program at thegdl.org/virtual or on Facebook or YouTube.

Thursday, February 9 @ 2pm



Goodrich

Thursday, December 8 @ 5-8pm

Grand Blanc-McFarlen

Thursday, January 12 @ 5-7pm

* Members of the Friends of the Grand Blanc Library only

Friday, January 13 @ 9am-5pm

* Open to general public

Saturday, January 14 @ 9am-5pm

* Open to general public

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