

ProgramGuide

A guide to programs at the Gloria Coles Flint Public Library

January - March
2024

 GLORIA COLES
FLINT PUBLIC
LIBRARY

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Calendar



**“Intelligence plus
character – that is the
goal of true education.”**

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Greetings Library Lovers,



Happy 2024! There is something magical about the beginning of a new calendar year, and I am excited about the magic that will occur at the Library and in our community throughout 2024. The coming months will bring creative ideas, new and renewed partnerships, and fun events.

During my first year as the Executive Director my goal has been to listen, learn, and work with Library staff and residents to determine what they need and value. I also want to meet as many people as possible!

To that end, please join me and our Library staff for an informal monthly conversation to discuss and give feedback about how you are currently using the Library and how you want to use the Library in the future. This is a great opportunity to hear more about the future direction of the Library with the added bonus of good food and tea.

Life is a journey, not a destination. As we start the new year, we are committed to paying attention, showing up, and deep listening. Will you join us?



Best regards,

Taliah Abdullah

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Executive Director

CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah

- Thursday, January 18 • 6:30 PM
- Friday, January 26 • 10:30 AM
- Friday, February 23 • 12:30 PM
- Friday, March 15 • 12:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 26 • 6:30 PM





Silent Book Club

Fridays • 10 AM

January 19, February 16, March 15

Need time for uninterrupted reading? Bring a book and enjoy one-hour of silent reading. Ideal for teens and adults.

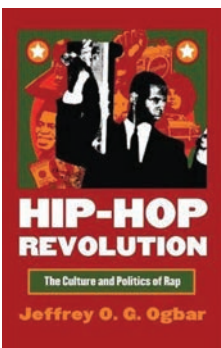
Evening Readers Book Club

Thursdays • 6:30 PM



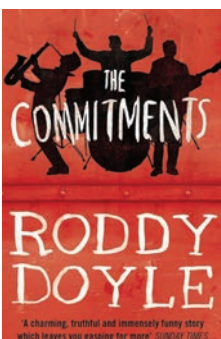
January 11

In *The Second Ending* by Michelle Hoffman, a former prodigy who refuses to believe her best years are behind her and a young virtuoso searching for his passion, both get an unlikely shot at their dreams. As they prepare to face off on stage, they each realize that the competition is their chance to prove that it's never too late to write a new ending.



February 8

In this groundbreaking book, Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar celebrates hip-hop and confronts the culture of authenticity that defines it. *Hip-Hop Revolution: The Culture and Politics of Rap* is a balanced look at past negative stereotypes of hip-hop as a monolith of hedonistic, unthinking noise to reveal its evolving positive role within American society.

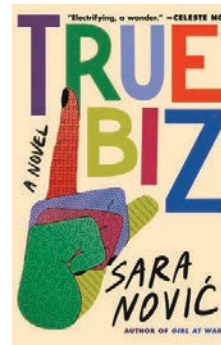


March 14

The Commitments by Roddy Doyle, is a group of fame-starved, working-class Irish youths with passion for the music of Sam Cooke and Otis Redding and a mission – to bring Soul to Dublin. Doyle writes about the band with a fan's enthusiasm and about Dublin with a native's cheerful knowingness.

Fiction Only Book Club

Wednesdays • 12 PM



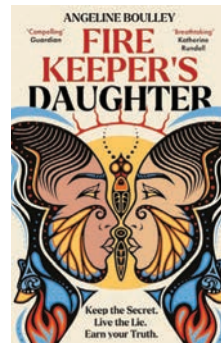
January 17

A heartfelt story about human connection and the beauty and adversity woven into the deaf community and culture. *True Biz* by Sara Novic is our read for the month, join us!



February 21

The award winning *Cora's Kitchen* is a powerful book that is set in 1928. Cora James, a 35-year-old Black librarian in Harlem, dreams of being a writer and is torn between her secret passion and the duties of a working wife and mother. Her journey to becoming a writer takes her to the brink of losing everything including her life.



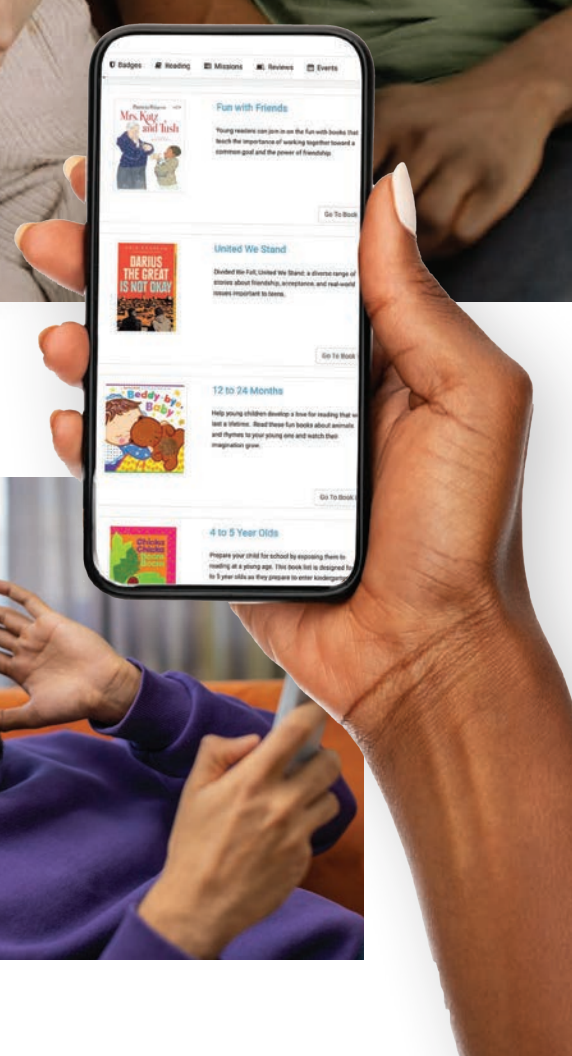
March 20

The Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley, which was named this year's Great Michigan Read, is a story about a biracial, unenrolled tribal member, Daunis Fontaine who has never quite fit in both in her hometown or on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. How far will she go to protect her community if it means tearing apart the only world she's ever known?





Win Prizes for Reading All Winter Long!



Winter Reading Challenge

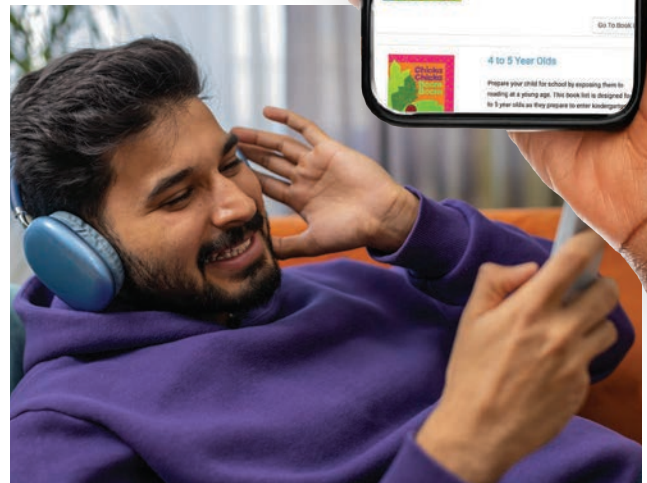
December 19 – March 31

It's a great time to cozy up with a good book and join the Winter Reading Challenge. This challenge is meant for all ages. Read or participate in challenges to expand your horizons. The more you read, the greater chances to win monthly prizes! flintpl.readsquared.com

March is Reading Month

March 1 – 31

Where's Whiskers? Children ages 1-12, help us find our cat puppet Whiskers in the children's area, write down where he was hiding, and get a free book! Then help us hide him in a new spot for the next person.



Thursdays with For-Mar

Thursdays • 6:30 PM

1/11 - Oh, Snow! Explore snowflakes and other forms of water as they travel through the water cycle.

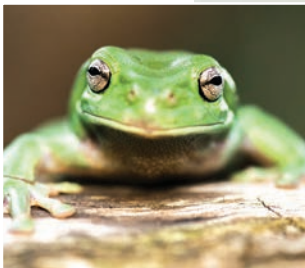
1/25 - Rock & Roll. Let's take a stroll through the rock cycle and dig deep for some heavy facts.

2/15 - Do the Rot Thing. We'll creep and crawl through the world of various decomposers and the important role they play.

2/29 - Leap Day. Check out some live amphibians. Explore their great adaptations and see how our own abilities measure up.

3/14 - Sensational Senses! Blink, blink, blink. Flash, flash, flash! Bring your sensational senses, and let's explore how different living things communicate!

3/28 - Wwhooo's There? How many species of owls call Michigan home? Do they all say "hoo?" For-Mar educators will bring some natural artifacts to help discover the answers to these questions and more!



GEARED TOWARD HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Time Travel Club

Wednesdays • 12 PM

January 3, February 7, March 6

Saturdays • 12 PM

January 20, February 17, March 16

History doesn't belong in the past. Bring it to the present with a little bit of time travel! Discover how to make history fun with hands-on activities, movies, music, snacks, and creativity.



Make a Mess Crafts

Saturday, March 9 • 12 PM

Do messy crafts that you don't want to clean up at home! Ideal for ages 5-8 with adult, and youth ages 9-15.





Super Saturday Storytime

Saturdays • 12 PM
January 13, February 10, 24

Children ages 4 & up enjoy stories and crafts.

Power of Wind Storytime

Saturday, March 23 • 12 PM

Explore the forces of nature with this STEAM storytime. In partnership with the Franklin Institute, the Library of Michigan, and the Detroit Zoological Society, leap into science with us!

LEGO® Club

Wednesdays • 4:30 PM
January 10, 24, February 7, 21,
March 13, 27

Use your imagination and engineering skills to build amazing creations. Work with others, try new ideas, and stretch your skills with our challenges. Add moving parts to your structures to explore what they can do. *Thank you to the Friends of the Flint Public Library for raising money and donating the LEGO® bricks for this wonderful club!*



Super Saturday Movie

Saturdays • 1 PM

1/20 - How to Train Your Dragon Help us celebrate Appreciate Dragon Day. Enjoy snacks and make a clay dragon and other dragon crafts while you watch everyone's favorite fire-breathing friend, Toothless.



2/17 - Captain Underpants This kooky superhero has been around for more than 25 years! Make silly Captain Underpants crafts and enjoy snacks while giggling at the antics of George and Harold.



Wee One's Storytime Yoga

Wednesdays • 5:30 PM
January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28

This program series will incorporate a yoga or movement story to help children with communication skills, and positive body awareness. It will also introduce various mindful activities to help children with self-regulation.

NEW

Teen Time

Thursdays · 5:30 PM

1/11 - Movie & Snack *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*

1/18 - Craft/Snack/Hangout

1/25 - Teen Advisory Board Your turn! Help us plan teen Library programs and do volunteer projects in the community.

2/1 - Video Game Lounge Drop by for a casual hangout session and free play a video game of your choice. Laptops provided; bring a friend and your own PC-compatible controller! Tweens under 13 will meet in Flint Central A; teens 13+ will meet in Flint Central B.

2/8 - Movie & Snack *The Flash*

2/15 - Craft/Snack/Hangout

2/22 - Teen Advisory Board Your turn! Help us plan teen Library programs and do volunteer projects in the community.

2/29 - Video Game Lounge Drop by for a casual hangout session and free play a video game of your choice. Laptops provided; bring a friend and your own PC-compatible controller! Tweens under 13 will meet in Flint Central A; teens 13+ will meet in Flint Central B.

3/7 - Movie & Snack *Barbie*

3/14 - Craft/Snack/Hangout Bring your own DIY project or choose a provided one.

3/21 - Teen Advisory Board Your turn! Help us plan teen Library programs and do volunteer projects in the community.

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**Teen Movie & More**

Tuesday, March 19 · 5 PM

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, popcorn, pizza! There will also be a service project for those who are interested in participating. Ages: Teen only, 13-19 years.

**VR for Teens**

Saturdays · 3 PM
January 20, February 17,
March 16

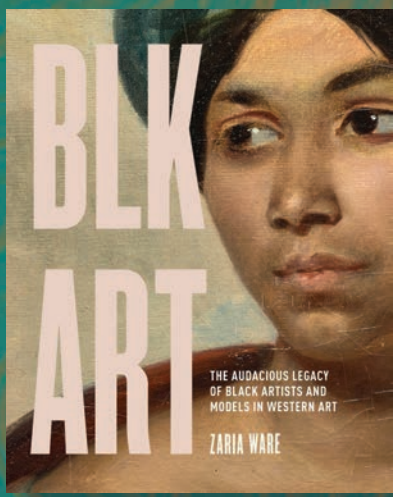
Have you heard about Virtual Reality, but haven't had a chance to try it? Join us at the Library to be transported into an immersive adventure!

**Teen Writers Workshop**

Tuesdays · 4:30 PM
January 9, 23, February 6, 20,
March 5, 19

Learn about literature, writing, publishing, and critiquing while sharing your work with teen peers. Facilitated by Connor Coyne, author, and director of *Flint's Gothic Funk Press*. New writers welcome!



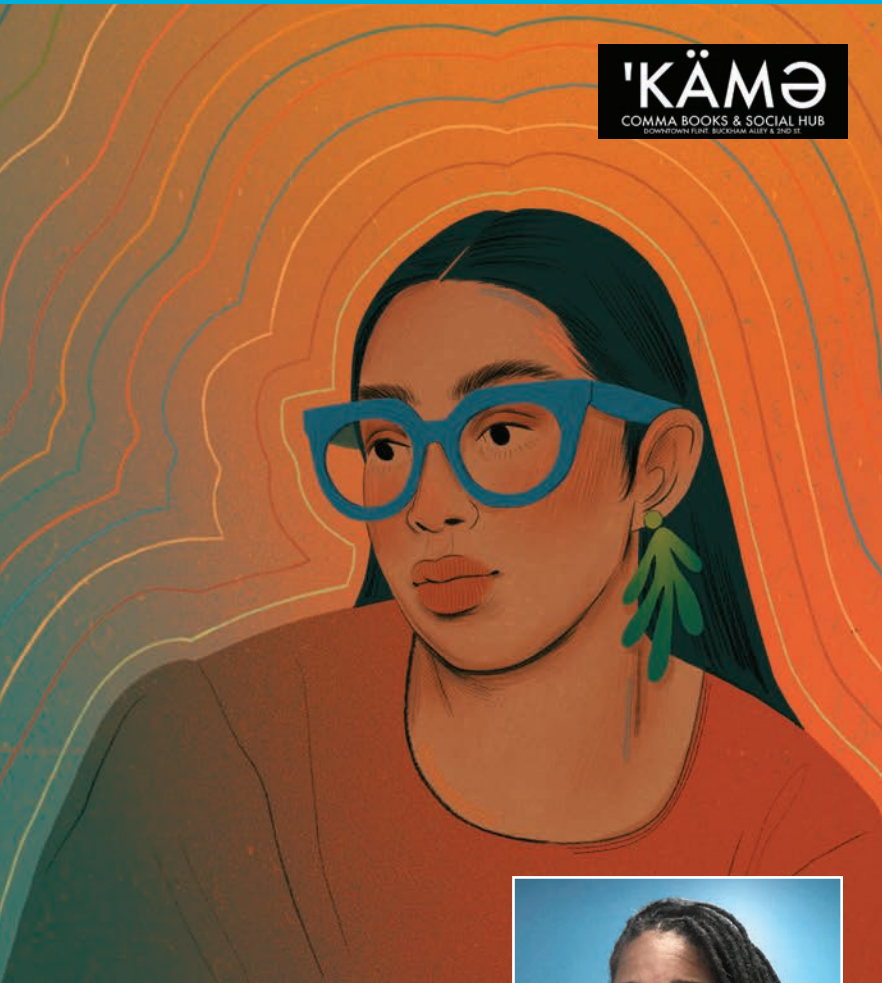


Library After Hours with Author Zaria Ware

Friday, February 9 · 6:30 PM

In collaboration with Comma Bookstore & Social Hub, we invite you to join Michigan author, poet, artist, and curator Zaria Ware as she discusses her book, *BLK ART: The Audacious Legacy of Black Artists and Models in Western Art*. Book sale and signing to follow.

This event will be held at Comma Bookstore & Social Hub located at 132 W 2nd Street, Flint, MI 48502.



Anansy Stories with Local Storyteller & Author Shani Womack

Saturday, January 27 · 12 PM

Get ready for Groundhog Day with author Shani Womack as she shares her new book *Anansy and Why Groundhog is Afraid of His Shadow*. Shani's books about Anansy the Spider, the sly and wonderful African folk hero, will be available for purchase.



Flint Institute of Art Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 6
1:30 PM

Join readers and art lovers for FIA's discussion of *Cora's Kitchen*. Come enjoy a presentation and explore the artist and artwork related to the book. **This event will be held at the Flint Institute of Arts located at 1120 E Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503.**



Celebrate Love & Healthy Relationships!

Tuesday, February 13 · 6 PM

Just in time for Valentine's Day, local author and humorist Andre Louis will discuss his book *Make America Date Again*. Book sale and signing to follow discussion.

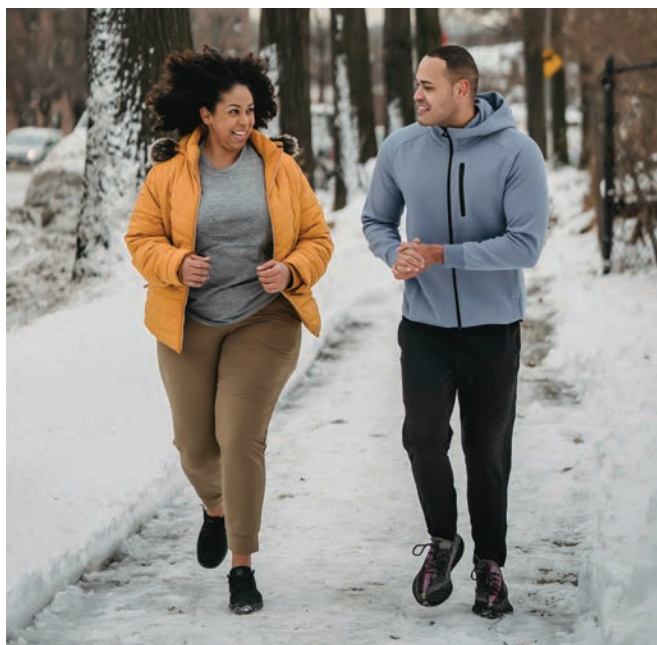




Finding Black Ancestors

Saturday, February 10 · 11 AM

Rozlyn Kelly of the Farmington Genealogical Society will discuss the unique challenges of African American genealogical research. Registration required.



H.E.A.L (Healthy Eating/Active Lifestyle)

Fridays · 12 PM

January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9

Join CRIM program coordinator, certified personal trainer, and sports nutritionist Kquaisha Stewart for tips on how to shift into a healthy mindset for our best health and wellbeing.



Computer Skills Workshop

Tuesdays · 12 PM

Are you looking to expand your digital knowledge? Join us every month for an exciting new technology topic led by our Digital Specialists. Registration required.

1/16 - Canva Easy graphic design

2/13 - Libby Ebooks & audio books

3/12 - Resume Workshop Future career planning

Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Saturdays · 3 PM

January 13, February 10, March 9

Do you love stop motion movies like *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Coraline*, and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*? Now you, too, can film your own short videos using stop motion animation. Cameras, laptops, and some models included; feel free to get creative and bring characters of your own design!



SENIORS

Digital Drop In for Seniors

Tuesdays · 12 PM

January 9, 23, February 6,
20, March 5, 19

Struggling to figure out your smartphone, tablet, or computer? Drop by the Digital Hub to receive individualized help from our Digital Specialists. Please note that in-depth questions will be referred to Book-an-Expert services.



“Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

IT STARTS WITH ME.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15 • 2 PM

Join us for this annual event filled with song, poetry, spoken word, and community-engaged conversation. The King Center has established this year’s theme as **IT STARTS WITH ME**. All are welcome!



African American Read-In

February 1-29

In celebration of Black History Month, readers of all ages are invited to join us to read and share books by African American authors. Stop in to choose from our selection of titles or read favorites of your own.

Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame



Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame Press Conference

Tuesday, February 6 • 5:30 PM

Join us for the announcement of the 2024 class of notable athletes, and learn about the inductees' athletic and life achievements.

Women Talking

Saturday, March 9
3 PM

Join us for the showing of the Academy Award-winning movie *Women Talking* and stay for the discussion. This is a great way to celebrate Women's History Month.



Mott Warsh Gallery Tour

Thursday, February 22
5:30 PM

Come tour artworks from the Mott-Warsh Collection (MWC) on exhibit here in the Library on the second and main floors. The MWC is a privately owned, publicly shared collection of fine art by artists of the African diaspora and others who reflect on it. The tour will be led by Stephanie James, *Director, Curator, and Collection Educator* of the Mott-Warsh Collection. Reception to follow.



Basic Needs Fair

Saturday, March 23 • 10 AM

In partnership with The Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated come meet representatives from agencies that provide information on health care, insurance, support programs and other community resources.



Share Your Culinary Masterpiece!

Share your beloved recipes and we will select one recipe to be featured in the upcoming program guide. Submit your delectable creations to srowser@fpl.info today!

January

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

- Time Travel Club, 12 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM
- Podcasting @ The Library, 6 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- H.E.A.L., 12 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- Super Saturday Storytime, 12 PM
- Stop Motion Animation Workshop, 3 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- Library Open, 9 AM – 6 PM
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- Computer Skills Workshop, 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- H.E.A.L., 12 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- Time Travel Club, 12 PM
- Super Saturday Movie, 1 PM
- VR for Teens, 3 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah, 10:30 AM
- H.E.A.L., 12 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- Podcasting @ The Library, 11 AM
- Anasy Stories with Local Storyteller & Author Shani Womack, 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

February

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Teen Time, 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- H.E.A.L., 12 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame Press Conference, 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- Time Travel Club, 12 PM
- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting @ The Library, 6 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- H.E.A.L., 12 PM
- Library After Hours with Author Zaria Ware @ Comma Book Store, 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- VITA, All Day
- Finding Black Ancestors, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 12 PM
- Stop Motion Animation Workshop, 3 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Computer Skills Workshop, 12 PM
- Celebrate Love & Healthy Relationships!, 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- Toddle Time, 10 AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- VITA, All Day
- Friends Pop Up Book Sale, 12 – 4 PM
- Time Travel Club, 12 PM
- Super Saturday Movie, 1 PM
- VR for Teens, 3 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Mott Warsh Gallery Tour, 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah, 12:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- VITA, All Day
- Podcasting @ The Library, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

March

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- VITA, All Day
- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- Time Travel Club, 12 PM
- Art Book Discussion @ FIA, 1:30 PM
- Podcasting @ The Library, 6 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Teen Time, 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

- VITA, All Day
- Make a Mess Crafts, 12 PM
- Women Talking, 3 PM
- Stop Motion Animation Workshop, 3 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Computer Skills Workshop, 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM
- Thursday with For-Mar, 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- Toddle Time, 10 AM
- Silent Book Club, 10 AM
- CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah, 12:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- VITA, All Day
- Time Travel Club, 12 PM
- Super Saturday Movie, 1 PM
- VR for Teens, 3 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

- Digital Drop In for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Teen Movie & More, 5 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- Toddle Time, 10 AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- VITA, All Day
- Basic Needs Fair, 10 AM
- Podcasting @ The Library, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, Power of Wind, 12 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- CommuniTea: Conversations with Taliah, 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

- LEGO® Club, 4:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- Teen Time, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 5:30 PM

3/29/24 - 3/30/24

- FPL Closed