

ProgramGuide

January • February

A guide to winter programs at the Flint Public Library

WINTER
2023



"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Celebration

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 • 2-4 PM



Wee One's Storytime Yoga

WEDNESDAYS • 5:30 PM • JANUARY 18, 25 & FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22

This weekly 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.

Little Explorers

SATURDAYS • 11 AM • JANUARY 14 & FEBRUARY 11

Come get messy with us as we explore our five senses! We will have a variety of sensory stations with activities such as sand, water balls, play-doh, and more! Dress accordingly, as clothes may get dirty. This is a program for ages 1-4 with parental supervision.

Super Saturday Storytime

SATURDAYS • 1 PM

- Jan. 7** Food Celebration Day
- Jan. 14** Snow-Indoor Snowball Fight!
- Jan. 21** Lunar New Year
- Jan. 28** National Chocolate Cake Day
- Feb. 4** Take Your Child to the Library Day!
- Feb. 11** International Day of Women & Girls in Science! Please welcome author and special guest reader, Orezime Uyeh, who will be reading her book *Girls for Medicine!*
- Feb. 18** Bread with Craft – Making Butter!
- Feb. 25** Quiet/Noisy



Tell-A-Tail

SATURDAYS • 1 PM • JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 & FEBRUARY 4, 11, 18, 25

Join us every Saturday in January and February for Tell-A-Tail! Certified therapy dogs come into the library for your child's read aloud practice!

Preschool Storytime

FRIDAYS • 10 AM • JANUARY 20, 27 & FEBRUARY 3, 10, 17, 24

NEW!

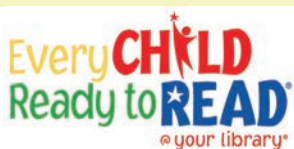
0-5 year old's enjoy books, rhymes, songs, puppets and play!

Toddle Time

WEDNESDAYS • 11:15 AM
JANUARY 18, 25 & FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22

NEW!

Babies and Toddlers (0-3) enjoy books, bouncing, clapping, songs, rhymes and play especially for them!



Teaching parents and other caregivers how to support the early literacy development by promoting five simple, everyday practices; Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing.



Children's Winter Reading Challenge

JANUARY 3 - MARCH 18

There's snow time like the present to begin anew. You snow it to yourself to make the best of our Winter Reading Challenge! If your goal is to read more in the New Year, to be more positive, to be healthier, we are here for you! Earn badges! Earn free books! Begin the most Winter-ful time of the New Year with a wealth of good scribes! Look for the READSquared Winter Reading Challenge online at flintpl.readsquared.com



1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Can you help your child listen to 1,000 books before they start kindergarten? It's not as difficult as you think! Reading just one book a day gets you to 365 in a year, which means you'll be to 1,000 in a bit over 3 years.

Read several books a day and it might not even take one year! Yes, reading your child the same book over and over counts—it's a great way to build reading skills. And if other caregivers are reading aloud to your child, those books count too.

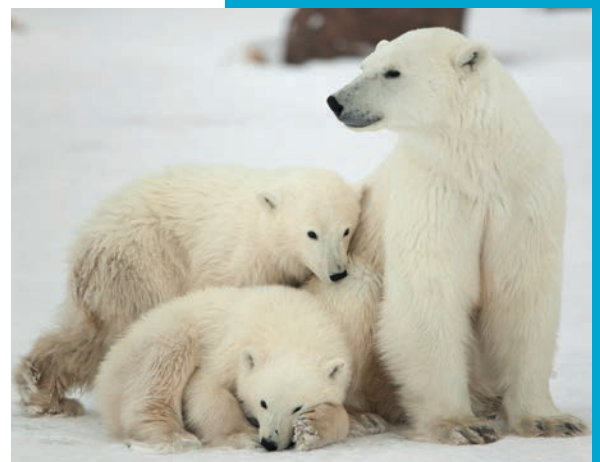
To participate in the program, you need to read with your child, keep a log of the books your child has read to them, and celebrate the milestones!

We surely will! Look for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten on flintpl.readsquared.com

Thursdays with For-Mar

THURSDAYS • 6 PM

- Jan. 5** **Ribbit, Ribbit...Brrrr:** Everyone loves the cold and snow, right? Join For-Mar Educators to explore how different Michigan animals handle winter. A couple of Animal Ambassadors will be ready to meet you!
- Jan. 12** **Crazy 8s and Other Numbers in Animal Lives:** Join For-Mar educators to explore some fascinating figures with hands-on activities. A live Animal Ambassador will be there to check your work.
- Jan. 19** **Feathers! Not Just for Flying:** Let's take to the skies as we investigate the forms and functions of feathers! We will study some preserved bird specimens to explore neat feather shapes.
- Jan. 26** **Conservation Challenge:** Let's use hands-on activities and games to investigate habitat conservation! We will explore ways to conserve habitat and reuse or recycle trash. Meet a member of a Michigan turtle species that is on the Threatened Species List.
- Feb. 2** **Dynamic Duos:** Let's look at ways living things can work together, or in some cases, against each other. We will need our imaginations as we cruise across the world visiting far-off places with unique animals and strange relationships.
- Feb. 9** **Penguin Huddle & Celebrations of Polar Bears:** Join For-Mar educators as we investigate two coooooool animals living in separate hemispheres.
- Feb. 16** **I Heart Nature!:** Sometimes nature is inspiring and sometimes it can make your heart skip a beat! Let's compare our human hearts to those in the wild, and explore the wild outdoors.
- Feb. 23** **Star Struck!:** Michigan winters are cold, can you guess what is cooler than that? Space! For-Mar educators will lead an exploration of Earth's moon, the difference between revolution and rotation, and more!





THE
ARTIS COLLECTION
OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FINE ART

African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class

WEDNESDAYS • 4-6 PM • JANUARY 4 & FEBRUARY 1

African-American Art Legacy & Literacy is a monthly symposium to engage art enthusiasts in learning about African-American Art and Artists. Ages 12+ (adults welcome). Supported in part by a grant from the James A. Welch Foundation, Dedicated Believer Ministries, and Artis Collection of African-American Fine Art, in collaboration with the Flint Public Library.



Teen/Tween Craft: Handwoven Bookmark

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
4:30-5:30 PM

Come and create your own colorful handwoven bookmark!



Teen/Tween - Trivia

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
4:30-5:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon of trivia. Bring a friend and face off against each other to see who knows more!

Teen Writers Workshop

TUESDAYS • 4:30-6 PM
JANUARY 10, 24, &
FEBRUARY 7, 21

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



VR at the Library

SATURDAYS • JANUARY 14, 28 &
FEBRUARY 11, 25 • 3-4:30 PM

Enter the world of virtual reality! Try out a variety of 3D games on your own or against other players! Explore different worlds virtually without ever leaving the room. Must be ages 13+ to use this equipment.



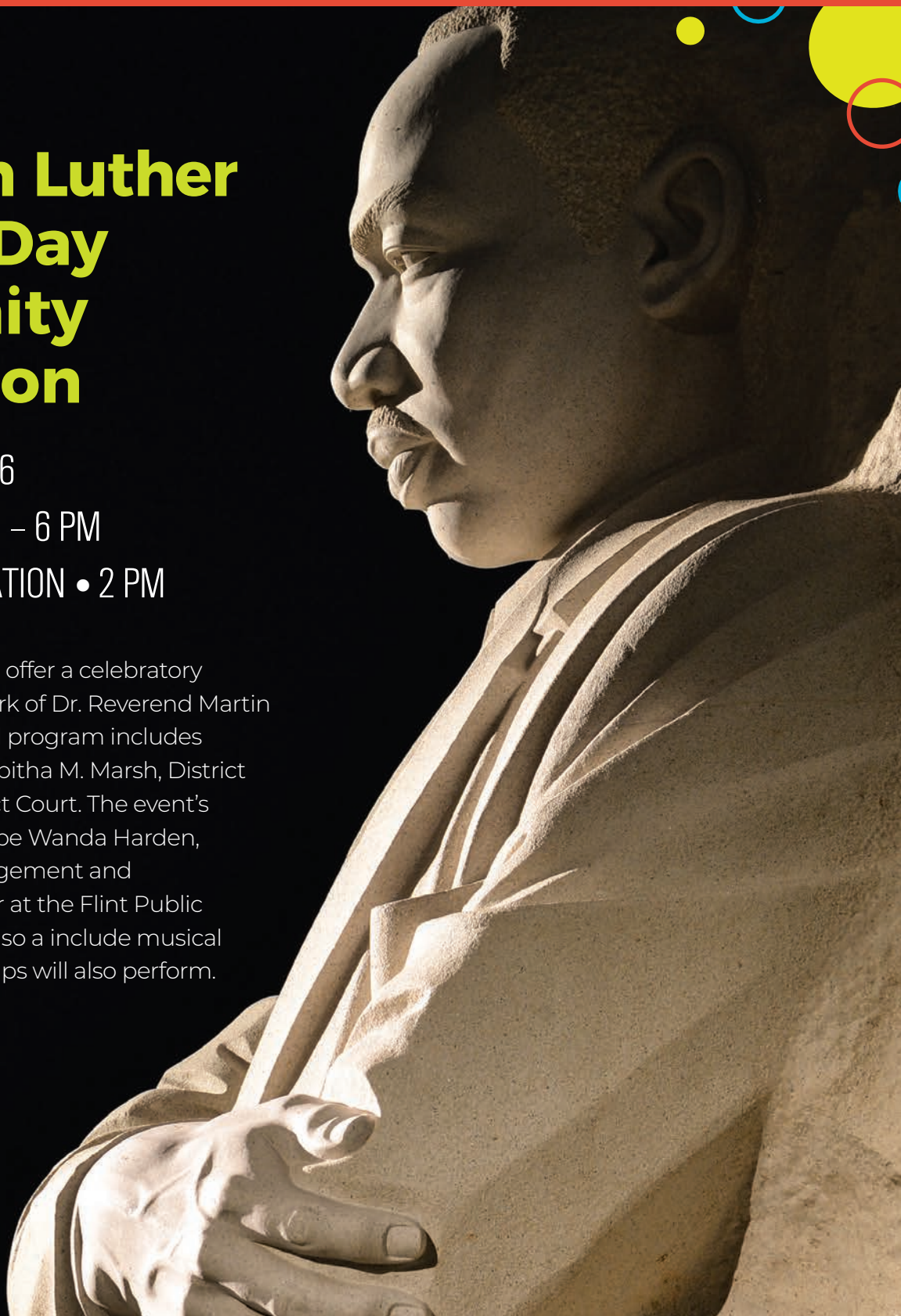
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Celebration

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

LIBRARY OPEN • 9 AM – 6 PM

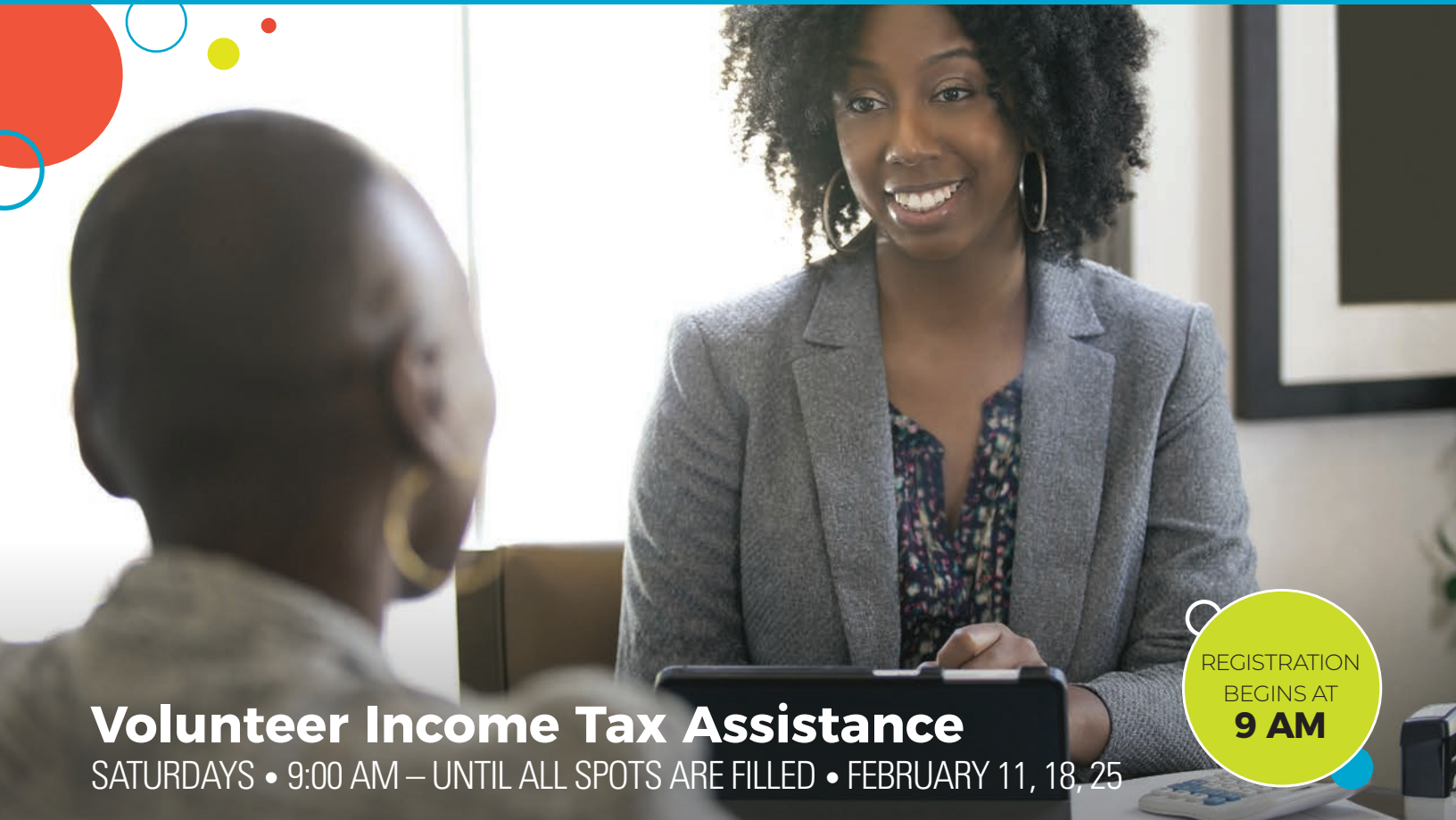
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION • 2 PM

The Flint Public Library will offer a celebratory program of the life and work of Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. This annual program includes keynote speaker, Judge Tabitha M. Marsh, District Court Judge at 67th District Court. The event's Master of Ceremonies will be Wanda Harden, Retired: Community Engagement and Communications Manager at the Flint Public Library. The program will also include a musical guest and local youth groups will also perform.



Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame Announcement Tuesday, February 7 • 5 PM

Come find out who will be inducted into the 2023 class of notable athletes. Hear about each inductee's athletic and life achievements!



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

SATURDAYS • 9:00 AM – UNTIL ALL SPOTS ARE FILLED • FEBRUARY 11, 18, 25

REGISTRATION
BEGINS AT
9 AM

Registration begins at 9 AM and ends when all slots are full. VITA volunteers will provide income tax assistance to those with low-to-moderate incomes (\$60,000 or less) filing 2022 tax returns. (No itemized deductions, business income (self-employed), or capital gains transactions). Bring proof of income (W-2, 1099, SSI benefits), proof of identity (driver's license or state identification), and proof of Social Security number (Social Security card preferred) for every family member being claimed. Homeowners MUST bring their 2022 property tax statements for BOTH winter and summer property taxes to claim the property tax credit. Those who purchased health insurance through the Healthcare Marketplace and received advanced premium payments MUST bring Form 1095-A.

Adult Winter Reading Challenge

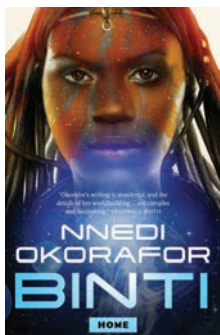
JANUARY 3 – MARCH 18

When it's cold and snowy outside, nothing is better than curling up in front of the fireplace or on a couch with a good book. It's the perfect time to join The Adult Winter Reading Challenge! Read what you want or participate in fun, interesting reading challenges to expand your reading horizons. Look for the Winter Reading Challenge on flintpl.readsquared.com.



Fiction Only Book Club

WEDNESDAYS • 12 PM • JANUARY 18 & FEBRUARY 15



January 18 · *Binti: The Complete Trilogy* by Nnedi Okorafor. Collected for the first time in an omnibus edition, the Hugo and Nebula award-winning Binti trilogy is the story of one extraordinary girl's transformative journey from her home in a small African village to the distant intergalactic Oomza University.

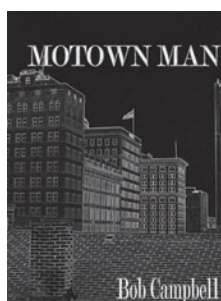


February 15 · *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. A remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.



Booked for Lunch

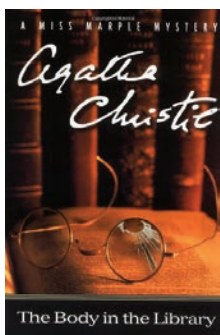
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 • 12 PM



Bring your lunch and hear Bob Campbell the author of *Motown Man* as well as numerous non-fiction essays for *Belt Magazine*, *Gravel Magazine* and *Forge Literary Magazine*. A former newspaper reporter, Bob, is a native of Flint. He is the 2022-2023 Writer in Residence at the Buckham Fine Arts Project and manager of Marketing and Communications at Mott Community College.

Evening Readers Book Club

THURSDAYS • 6:30 PM • JANUARY 26 & FEBRUARY 23



January 26 · *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie. Colonel and Mrs. Bantry wake to find the body of a young woman in their library. Who is she? How did she get there? And what is the connection with another dead girl, whose charred remains are later discovered in an abandoned quarry? So many questions! The respectable Bantrys invite Miss Marple to solve the mystery... before tongues start to wag.



February 23 · *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Both a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution and an investigation into one of its greatest mysteries: did someone purposefully set fire to the L.A. Public Library in 1986 and if so, who?

January

JANUARY 4, WEDNESDAY

- African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 – 6 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

JANUARY 5, THURSDAY

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

JANUARY 7, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 11 AM – 12 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM

JANUARY 10, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 – 6 PM

JANUARY 11, WEDNESDAY

- Teen/Tween Craft: Handwoven Bookmark, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

JANUARY 12, THURSDAY

- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

JANUARY 14, SATURDAY

- Little Explorers, 11 AM – 12:30 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM
- VR at the Library, 3 – 4:30 PM

JANUARY 16, MONDAY

- MLK Day Open, 9 AM – 6 PM
- Community Celebration, 2 PM

JANUARY 18, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

JANUARY 19, THURSDAY

- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

JANUARY 20, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

JANUARY 21, SATURDAY

- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM

JANUARY 24, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 – 6 PM

JANUARY 25, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

JANUARY 26, THURSDAY

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

JANUARY 27, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

JANUARY 28, SATURDAY

- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM
- VR at the Library, 3 – 4:30 PM



"The Library has become my haven to battle the winter blues"

February

FEBRUARY 1, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 – 6 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

FEBRUARY 2, THURSDAY

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

FEBRUARY 3, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 4, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM

FEBRUARY 7, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 – 6 PM
- Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame Announcement, 5 PM

FEBRUARY 8, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- Teen/Tween Trivia, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

FEBRUARY 9, THURSDAY

- Booked for Lunch, 12 PM
- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

FEBRUARY 10, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 11, SATURDAY

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A), 9 AM – until spots are filled
- Little Explorers, 11 AM – 12:30 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM
- VR at the Library, 3 – 4:30 PM

FEBRUARY 15, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

FEBRUARY 16, THURSDAY

- Thursdays with For-Mar, 6 PM

FEBRUARY 17, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 18, SATURDAY

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A), 9 AM – until spots are filled
- Podcasting@FPL, 11 AM – 12 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM

FEBRUARY 21, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 – 6 PM

FEBRUARY 22, WEDNESDAY

- Toddle Time, 11:15 AM
- Wee One's Storytime Yoga, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 – 7 PM

FEBRUARY 23, THURSDAY

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

FEBRUARY 24, FRIDAY

- Preschool Storytime, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 25, SATURDAY

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A), 9 AM – until spots are filled
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- Tell-A-Tail, 1 PM
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