

# ProgramGuide

March • April • May

A guide to spring programs at the Flint Public Library

SPRING  
2023



## Spring Into More Ways to Learn!



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Hours: Tue-Thu, 11 AM-8 PM  
Fri-Sat, 9 AM-6 PM • Closed Sun-Mon



## Drop-In Days

Tuesday-Friday • 2 PM

### Mar. 28 Drop-In and Play Games

Come and play board games or card games. We have games, games and more games to challenge your memory, dexterity, and luck! Challenges for the whole family!

### Mar. 29 Drop-In and Make a Craft

Drop in and create something artsy and fun with the children's librarians. Supplies provided!

### Mar. 30 Drop-In and Build

Come and build with various building materials, a roller coaster or a windmill...how about a little Bits car or a moving drink delivery truck with lights, sound and actions! Or perhaps just enjoy making buildings that light up!

### Mar. 31 Drop In and Watch a Movie

Join us as we watch: Boonie Bears: Blast into the Past.



## Little Explorers

Saturdays • 10:30 AM  
March 11, April 15, May 13

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.

NEW!

## Super Saturday Storytime

Saturdays • 1 PM

Mar. 4 March Forth

Mar. 11 National Dream Day! Create a Dream Jar!

Mar. 18 St. Patrick's Day/Leprechauns

Mar. 25 Spring

Apr. 1 Reading is Funny! Craft: Create a Book Craft!

Apr. 15 World Art Day!

Apr. 22 Earth Day!

Apr. 29 World Wish Day!

May 6 Kentucky Derby Activity: Pool Noodle Horse Races outside, weather permitting!

May 13 Mother's Day! Craft: Create a Card for Mom!

May 20 Armed Forces Day



## Toddle Time Storytime

Fridays • 10 AM • March 10, 17, 24,  
April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19

0-4 year old's enjoy books, rhymes, songs, puppets and play!



## Bookie Babies

Tuesdays • 6 PM

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

Parents and caregivers of infants 0-12 months, learn about the five Ready to Read practices. Support their early literacy skills and language development. Sorry, no older siblings. Registration Required.

NEW!



## Read-While-You-Wait-Library (RWYWL): Barbershop Books:

Did you know that many barbershops have little libraries to share books with kids while you wait to get your hair cut?

### A Kut Above Barbershop

1517 W. Atherton Rd.  
Flint, MI 48507

### Big Daddy's Barbershop

3725 Saginaw St. # 109  
Flint, MI 48507

### Bryant's Barbershop

4217 Clio Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

### 1st Class Cuts

3601 Beecher Rd.  
Flint, MI 48503

### Courtside Cuts

1101 N. Chevrolet Ave.  
Flint, MI 48504

### Maurice Hair and Nail Salon

1313 W. Dayton St.  
Flint, MI 48504

### Mellys Small Mall

1426 N. Chevrolet Ave.  
Flint, MI 48504

### Te Jay's Cuts and Fades

915 S. Dort Hwy.  
Flint, MI 48503



## THE ARTIS COLLECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FINE ART



### African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class

Wednesdays • 4 PM • March 1, April 5, May 3

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

Wednesdays • 4:30 PM  
March 8, April 12, May 10

Mar. 8

#### Sun Catchers

Catch the springtime sun with your very own Sun Catcher!



Apr. 12

#### Lanterns

Create and decorate your own lantern!



May 10

#### Perler Bead Coasters or Cup Toppers

Design and make your own coaster or cup-topper!



### Rocket League

Saturdays • 3 PM

April 29, May 13

Soccer with cars! Compete against other players in 2v2 and 3v3 matches!

NEW!



### Minecraft

Saturdays • 3 PM

March 11, 25, April 15

Join in on the Library's Minecraft server and build worlds with other players!



### Teen Writers Workshop

Tuesdays • 4:30 PM

March 7, 21, April 4, 18,  
May 2, 16

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!





## A Poetry Workshop with Semaj Brown

**Saturday, March 18 • 2 PM**

March is Women's History Month and to celebrate we welcome you to a poetry workshop! Black Dandelion: Convergent Voice is a dynamic, hands-on, multimedia poetry workshop. Women centered, family friendly for participants 13 years of age and up! Join hostess, Semaj Brown, Poet Laureate of Flint, as she reads poems and hosts this workshop.

## Open Mic Poetry Workshop

with Semaj Brown

**Saturday, April 22 • 2 PM**

Join us for a writer's workshop with Flint's first Poet Laureate Semaj Brown. During this workshop you will receive tips, technique, that will help you give words to your emotions!

## Open Mic Poetry Program

**Saturday, April 22  
3 PM**

Bring your creative work to the stage during our open mic event. This event is open to anyone who wishes to perform their poetry to a family friendly audience. 15 slots available, sign up at the event.

**NEW!**

## VITA

**Saturdays • 9 AM – until spots are filled • March 4, 11, 18, 25**

Registration begins at 9 AM and ends when 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.

## Getting Started with your Genealogy

**Saturday, March 11 • 9:30 AM**

Michael Madden, retired FPL Librarian, leads this workshop for you to become acquainted with the Library's Genealogy resources while you begin your family history in this workshop for beginners. Registration required.



## Civil War Ancestry

**Saturday, May 13 • 9:30 AM**

Over 2.8 million men (and a few hundred women) served in the Union and Confederate armies during the American Civil War. Are you a descendant of one of these soldiers? Registration Required for this in-person event.

**NEW!**

## How To Use Ancestry.com

**Saturday, March 18 • 9:30 AM**

There are many paths to finding your family story. On ancestry.com you can search through US census, vital records, military records and more. Registration Required for this in-person event.



## Introduction to Mindfulness with the CRIM

**Wednesday, May 24 • 5:30 PM**

In partnership with the Crim Foundation join us as Theresa Roach guides you to learn more about the practice of mindfulness, and how we can use mindful practices to cultivate well-being and a healthy stress response. We will "try on" different practices and engage in group discussion.

## Adult Writers Workshop

**Tuesdays • 6:30 PM**

**March 7, April 4, May 2**

Writers 18 and over of all levels of experience are invited to join the Flint Public Library's monthly Adult Writer's Workshop. Share your poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction and get critical feedback from your fellow writers. Facilitated by Connor Coyne, author and director of Flint's *Gothic Funk Press*.

**NEW!**



## Celebrate with Our Muslim Neighbors: Ramadan and the Festival of Eid al-Fitr

**Saturday, March 4 • 2 PM**

Learn about your Muslim neighbors! There will be a short, cultural presentation about the month of Ramadan and the Festival of Eid al-Fitr, more commonly known as EID, at 3 PM. Eid al-Fitr, translated as "festival of breaking of the fast", is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan. Also to share and celebrate with the community there will be: Delicious food to share, a Story time for children, Henna hand painting by a local henna artist, and Free Hijab scarves, with lessons on tying and wearing the Hijab.



## Today I'm a Reader, Tomorrow I'm a Leader

**Saturday, May 13 • 11 AM**

Come work with early childhood and literacy professionals to assist both parents and students with hands-on activities to enhance age-appropriate literacy skills. This program is geared toward K through 2nd grade. In partnership with the Flint Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



## Basic Needs Fair

**Saturday, March 25 • 10 AM**

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

## Podcasting@FPL

**Wednesdays • 6 PM**

**March 8, 22, April 5, 19, May 3, 24**

**Saturdays • 11 AM**

**March 18, April 15, May 13**

Learn how to use podcasting tools in our Digital Studio and get podcasting tips from our digital staff. You must take this class to use the Digital Studio. Registration Required.



## Adult Winter Reading Club Challenge

**January 3 – March 18**

There is still time to join the Adult Winter Reading Challenge and log books! Read what you want or participate in fun, interesting reading challenges to expand your reading horizons. Wraps up March 18th! Look for the Winter Reading Challenge on [flintpl.readsquared.com](http://flintpl.readsquared.com).

## Art and Conversations with Artist Carla Harden presented by Flint Chapter of The Pierians Incorporated

**Saturday, March 11 • 2 PM**

Join the Flint Chapter of The Pierians Incorporated for an engaging afternoon of art and conversation with artist Carla Harden. Carla's exhibition titled *Rebel With a Cause* will showcase artwork that challenges and inspires the audience. This event will feature a discussion of her works and a display of key pieces.



## Friends Book Sale

**Thursday, April 20 • 11 AM-2 PM\*, 2-7 PM**

**\*Friends Only Preview;** new Friends are welcome to join at the sale at 2 PM.

**Friday, April 21 • 12-5 PM**

Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday, April 22 • 10 AM-5 PM**

**Bag Sale Day!** Purchase a bag of books for \$5 (bag provided).

## Friends Book Drop Off

**Saturdays • 10 AM-12 PM**

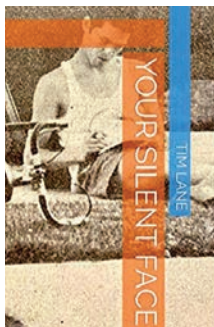
**March 4, April 1, May 6**

Donate your gently used books, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records. Drive up to the garage door and we will help you unload.



**Booked for Lunch**

Thursday, March 9 • 12 PM



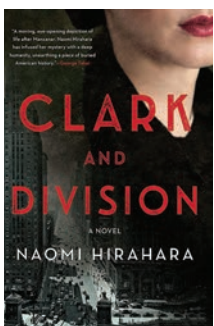
Bring your lunch and listen to Tim Lane discuss his book *Your Silent Face*, a coming of age novel that takes place on the east side of Flint during the tumultuous 1980s.

**Fiction Only Book Club**

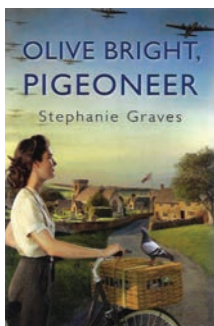
Wednesdays • 12 PM • March 15, April 19, May 17



**March 15 • *Everything Here is Beautiful* by Mira Lee.** An unforgettable story of a young Chinese American woman's quest to find fulfillment and a life unconstrained by mental illness and her sister's devotion to her.



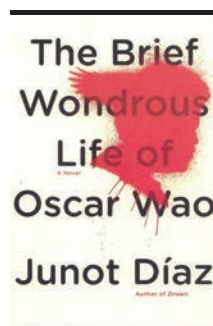
**April 19 • *Clark and Division* by Naomi Hirahara.** A heartbreaking story, inspired by historical events, of a Japanese American family released from mass incarceration at Manzanar during World War II.



**May 17 • *Olive Bright, Pigeonier* by Stephanie Graves.** Olive Bright, a spirited young British pigeon fancier, finds herself at the heart of a baffling murder during World War II.

**Literature to Life: *The Brief, Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Díaz**

Friday, March 10 • 4 PM



Come to this thrilling play production adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel chronicles the life of Oscar, an overweight science-fiction enthusiast who dreams of becoming the Dominican J. R. R. Tolkien. Growing up in Paterson, he obsesses over fantasy novels, falling in love, and the curse that has plagued his family for generations. In partnership with FIM, Literature to Life (LTL) is a performance-based literacy program that presents professionally staged verbatim adaptations of American literary classics.

**Evening Readers Book Club**

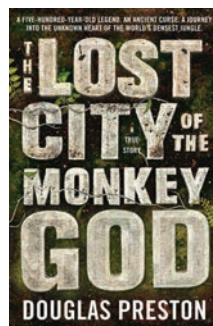
Thursdays • 6:30 PM • March 23, April 27, May 25



**March 23 • *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play* by Nick Offerman** Actor, comedian, and NY Times best-selling author Nick Offerman, gives us a humorous and rousing set of literal and figurative sojourns as well as a mission statement about comprehending, protecting, and truly experiencing the outdoors.



**April 27 • *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam.** A magnetic novel about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong. But what has happened? In this rural area, with the TV and internet down and no cell phone service, it's hard to know what to believe.



**May 25 • *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston.** Bestselling author and journalist Douglas Preston joins a team of scientists on an adventure in the Honduran rainforest to find the fabled lost civilization. Suspenseful and shocking, filled with colorful history, hair-raising adventure, and dramatic twists of fortune, *The Lost City of the Monkey God* is the absolutely true, eyewitness account of one of the great discoveries of the twenty-first century.



## Virtual Reality for Seniors

Wednesdays • 12 PM

March 8, April 12, May 10

Have you heard about Virtual Reality, but don't really know what it is? Come create new friendships through the power of shared experience. Simply put on the headsets and immediately be transported into an immersive adventure traveling virtually to all corners of the world.

**NEW!**

## Senior Yoga

Tuesdays • 12 PM • April 11, 18, 25,  
May 2, 9, 16

Join us for a Senior Yoga class in partnership with the Crim Foundation! Yoga instructor, Elizabeth Wise will guide this 6-week yoga class specifically designed with older adults in mind. This beginner level class will incorporate basic chair and standing yoga poses, stretching, and deep breathing to help you gain flexibility, strength and a sense of calm. (Mats not necessary)

**NEW!**

## EVERYONE



## Evening Concert Series

Fridays • 6:30 PM

- Mar. 10** Serita's Black Rose from Grand Rapids, Michigan brings a raucous mix of FUNK, ROCK, BLUES, NEO-SOUL, and AMERICANA. As an acoustic duo, they play much of the timeless "feel good music" from the 60's and 70's along with their own original music. Serita's fiery, blues and soul-infused vocals will surely reach your heart!!
- Apr. 28** By fusing Detroit's Jazz-Funk heritage with Chicago Step, the band achieves something uniquely urban.
- May 19** Deacon Earl and Kidd Cincinnati make their way to Flint, MI, bringing their brand of Icy Waters blues, reggae, folk/American, R & B, vintage country and more.
- Jun. 9** Ann Arbor's Tumbao Bravo is a Latin jazz combo that brings Afro-Cuban rhythms to life. The group performs styles such as mambo and rumba alongside rich harmonic compositions written by the band members themselves, on instruments ranging from congas, timbales, and Latin percussion to sax, flute, keyboard, and bass.

## Family Concert Series

Saturdays • 2 PM

- Apr. 29** Get ready for a great time with musician Rick Kelley! Rick brings big energy and fun that your kids will love.
- May 6** Pianist & Singer, Matthew Ball, aka The Woogie Kid, brings an afternoon of music, energy and fun to the library!
- May 20** As a storyteller, musician, and teaching artist Karen Bonnici's unique performances combine music and stories to teach, engage, encourage and tickle the funny bone. Her collaboration of character and tale reveal colorful images in the minds of listeners.
- Jun. 3** Come, move and be moved by the drums and music of Kevin Collins and Kuungana. Afro-Cuban and West African music!

## The One Year Anniversary of the Re-Opening of FPL

- May 19** 6:30 PM Friday Evening Concert: Deacon Earl and Kid Cincinnati.
- May 20** 1 PM Super Saturday Storytime.
- 2 PM Storyteller Musician Karen Bonnici.
- 3:30 PM Ventriloquist Richard Paul's Family Fun Variety Show, the perfect show for audiences of all ages.

More events to be determined.

**FREE**  
BOOKS & PRIZES  
TO KIDS 0-16YS.

## March

### MARCH 1, WEDNESDAY

- African-American Art Legacy & Literacy Class, 4 PM

### MARCH 2, THURSDAY

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

### MARCH 4, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- VITA, 9 AM – Until spots are filled
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Celebrate with our Muslim Neighbors: Ramadan and the Festival of Eid al-Fitr, 2 PM

### MARCH 7, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Adult Writers Workshop, 6:30 PM

### MARCH 8, WEDNESDAY

- Virtual Reality for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft – Sun Catchers, 4:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 PM

### MARCH 9, THURSDAY

- Booked for Lunch, 12 PM

### MARCH 10, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM
- Literature to Life's *The Brief, Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz, 4 PM
- Evening Concert Series – Serita's Black Rose, 6:30 PM

### MARCH 11, SATURDAY

- VITA, 9 AM – Until spots are filled
- Getting Started with your Genealogy, 9:30 AM
- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Art and Conversation with Artist Carla Harden presented by Flint Chapter of The Pierians Incorporated, 2 PM
- Minecraft Saturday, 3 PM

### MARCH 15, WEDNESDAY

- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM

### MARCH 17, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM

### MARCH 18, SATURDAY

- VITA, 9 AM – Until spots are filled
- How to Use Ancestry.com, 9:30 AM
- Podcasting@FPL, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- A Poetry Workshop with Semaj Brown, 2 PM

### MARCH 21, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM

### MARCH 22, WEDNESDAY

- Podcasting@FPL, 6 PM

### MARCH 23, THURSDAY

- Evening Readers Book Club, 6:30 PM

### MARCH 24, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM

### MARCH 25, SATURDAY

- VITA, 9 AM – Until spots are filled
- Basic Needs Fair, 10 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Minecraft Saturday, 3 PM

### MARCH 28, TUESDAY

- Drop In and Play Games, 2 PM

### MARCH 29, WEDNESDAY

- Drop In and Make a Craft, 2 PM

### MARCH 30, THURSDAY

- Drop In and Build, 2 PM

### MARCH 31, FRIDAY

- Drop In and Watch A Movie, 2 PM

## April

### APRIL 1, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM

### APRIL 4, TUESDAY

- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Adult Writers Workshop, 6:30 PM

### APRIL 5, WEDNESDAY

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

### APRIL 6, THURSDAY

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

### APRIL 7 – 8, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- Library Closed

### APRIL 11, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM

### APRIL 12, WEDNESDAY

- Virtual Reality for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft – Lanterns, 4:30 PM

### APRIL 14, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM

### APRIL 15, SATURDAY

- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- Podcasting@FPL, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Minecraft Saturday, 3 PM

### APRIL 18, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM

### APRIL 19, WEDNESDAY

- Fiction Only Book Club, 12 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 PM

### APRIL 20, THURSDAY

- Friends Book Sale – Friends Only Preview, 11 AM – 2 PM
- Friends Book Sale, 2 – 7 PM

### APRIL 21, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM
- Friends Book Sale, 12 – 5 PM

### APRIL 22, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Sale, 10 AM – 5 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Open Mic Poetry Workshop with Semaj Brown, 2 PM
- Open Mic Poetry Program, 3 PM

### APRIL 25, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM

### APRIL 27, THURSDAY

- Evening Readers Bookclub, 6:30 PM

### APRIL 28, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM
- Evening Concert Series – Smooth Operation Project, 6:30 PM

### APRIL 29, SATURDAY

- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Family Concert, Rick Kelley, 2 PM
- Rocket League Saturday, 3 PM

## May

### MAY 2, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM
- Adult Writers Workshop, 6:30 PM

### MAY 3, WEDNESDAY

- African-American Art Legacy & Literacy, 4 PM

### MAY 4, THURSDAY

- Board Meeting, 5:30 PM

### MAY 5, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM

### MAY 6, SATURDAY

- Friends Book Drop Off, 10 AM-12 PM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Family Concert – Matthew Ball, 2 PM

### MAY 9, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM

### MAY 10, WEDNESDAY

- Virtual Reality for Seniors, 12 PM
- Teen/Tween Craft – Perler Bead Coasters or Cup Toppers, 4:30 PM

### MAY 12, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM

### MAY 13, SATURDAY

- Civil War Ancestry, 9:30 AM
- Little Explorers, 10:30 AM
- Podcasting@FPL, 11 AM
- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Today I'm a Reader, Tomorrow I'm a Leader, 11 AM
- Rocket League Saturdays, 3 PM

### MAY 16, TUESDAY

- Senior Yoga, 12 PM
- Teen Writers Workshop, 4:30 PM
- Bookie Babies, 6 PM

### MAY 17, WEDNESDAY

- Fiction Only Bookclub, 12 PM

### MAY 19, FRIDAY

- Toddle Time Storytime, 10 AM
- Evening Concert Series – Deacon Earl and Kidd Cincinnati, 6:30 PM

### MAY 20, SATURDAY

- Super Saturday Storytime, 1 PM
- Family Concert, Karen Bonnici, 2 PM

### MAY 24, WEDNESDAY

- Introduction to Mindfulness with the CRIM, 5:30 PM
- Podcasting@FPL, 6 PM

### MAY 25, THURSDAY

- Evening Readers Bookclub, 6:30 PM

### MAY 26 – 27, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

- FPL Closed