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ADULT COLORING PROGRAM

The St. Clair Shores Public Library will be hosting a free adult coloring program on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM. This drop in program will take place in the Reading Lounge at the St. Clair Shores Public Library. All materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own supplies. Please contact the library at 586-771-9020 for details and information on the program or check the library’s website at: www.scslibrary.org.

DIA TOUR TO MONET AND CHURCH EXHIBIT

The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee is sponsoring a bus tour to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view two new special exhibits on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Monet: Framing a Life features the paintings of Claude Monet and other French Impressionists. Church: A Painter’s Pilgrimage explores popular American painter Frederic Church’s voyages to the Middle East, Athens, and Rome.

Tickets are on sale now at the library and are $12.00. The price includes bus transportation, admission to both exhibits, and a Tea and Cookie Reception and Presentation featuring the exhibits. Lunch is not included, but may be purchased separately, if time permits after the art viewing. The tour leaves by bus from the St. Clair Shores Public Library at 12:00 PM and will depart from the DIA at 3:15 PM.

We hope you can attend this afternoon of beautiful art and friendly company. For additional information call the St. Clair Shores Public Library (586) 771-9020, or visit the St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee’s Facebook page or website: www.scsculture.wordpress.com.
CRAZY 8S CLUB

The Youth Services Department is excited to offer a second session of the Crazy 8s Math Club for children in grades K through 2. Crazy 8s is an eight-week long program designed to provide hands-on activities that teach different math concepts in fun and exciting ways. The club will meet every Wednesday from 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM starting February 7, 2018. Registration is required and starts January 10. Each session is limited to 16 children and attendance is crucial as the skills learned one week will be built upon later. Register your child to have fun exploring glow-in-the-dark shapes, games, money, and patterns!

DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO VOLUNTEER?

The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee, a city-sponsored volunteer organization, is seeking new board members. At its monthly meetings, this group discusses ways to foster community awareness of cultural events and activities, and plans tours, talks and other means to facilitate community enrichment programs representing the entire spectrum of culture including art, music, literature, history and architecture.

Meetings are held once a month at the library and last for about an hour. Other duties as a volunteer might include designing and passing out flyers for the events, attending some or all of the events to assist the attendees and tour guides or helping research tours and talks to present. You can give a little time or more time but your ideas, energy, and enthusiasm are needed and will be appreciated by your community.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this active organization, you are invited to attend a meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the library. You can also call the library (586-771-9020) for further information. And be sure to take a look at the group’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/StClairShoresCultural).

FREE DIA LECTURE ON INFLUENTIAL WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS

Are you interested in learning about famous and groundbreaking female photographers? The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee and The Detroit Institute of Arts will be presenting “Through Her Eyes II: Women Photographers” on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 PM in the library’s meeting room. This free “Behind the Seen” lecture will introduce you to the impact of art photography by some of the leading women artists of the 19th and 20th centuries. Everyone is welcome to attend this free program led by a trained DIA Speakers Bureau guide. Please join us for what is sure to be an informative and inspiring discussion.

TAX SEASON

The St. Clair Shores Public Library will have a limited amount of Michigan Tax Forms for handout, in the Jefferson lobby, when they arrive.

Public libraries will receive a few select forms from the IRS to have as giveaways. Patrons may contact the IRS at 1-800-829-3676, to have instruction booklets and other items mailed directly to them.

Reproducible booklets, with tax forms, will be located by the photocopy machines. Reproducible forms may be photocopied, filled out and mailed to the Michigan Treasury.

Forms, instructions and publications are available online from the IRS and Michigan Treasury websites. We have provided the links on our website, www.scslibrary.org/tax.html, or you may come into the library and a librarian at the Information Desk can print them off at 15¢ per page.

AARP offers tax assistance to individuals with low to moderate incomes and those over the age of 60. The St. Clair Shores Library will have handouts, when the information is made available to the public, with the nearest locations for the Tax Aide sites or you can go online to http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide to find the nearest location.

Please remember that librarians are not tax advisors; we cannot tell you which forms you need or assist in completing the forms.
No potential but with the odds stacked against him. Losing his father under suspicious circumstances and his mother to a mental health hospital, Malcolm fell into a life of petty crime and eventually prison. Instead of letting prison be his downfall, Malcolm found a religion, a voice, and the podium that would eventually make him one of the most prominent figures in the burgeoning Civil Rights movement.

The 2017-18 Great Michigan Read, X: A Novel, is a tale of reinvention and redemption. Written by Ilyasah Shabazz, Malcolm X’s third daughter, and Kekla Magoon, X is a young-adult novel with a writing style and message that will appeal to readers of all ages. Join us as we work to explore the Michigan roots of one of the most influential leaders of the twentieth century.

Join Us for This Free Reading & Discussion Program

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00pm: Initial Discussion and Books Handed Out in Gilstorf Room
Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00pm: for Open Discussion in Reading Lounge
Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00pm: for Final Discussion
Registration is necessary and begins January 8, 2018.
Please call the library at (586) 771-9020 for additional information

Sponsored by The Michigan Humanities Council, The St. Clair Shores Cultural Committee and The Detroit Writers’ Guild
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Can you believe it's 2018 already? The holidays are behind us, and a brand new year stretches ahead. We Friends wish all of you a JOY-full 2018...our generous members, dedicated volunteers, library staff, patrons, and supporters. We are thankful for you as we all work together in continued support of our outstanding library!

USED BOOK STORE

The Used Book Store continues to provide readers with current and last chance fiction and non-fiction, paperbacks, and magazines. Prices for current books are marked on each book. Last Chance books are 50¢, paperbacks are 25¢ and magazines are just 10¢. Shelves are constantly restocked and there are always specials. Please visit us!! Always open during library hours!

ACCESSORY DONATION

The Friends were able to donate 70 unsold handbags and other small accessories to a local shelter for domestic abuse. The handbags will be filled by the shelter with toiletries and other needed items for their clients.

AND THE MONEY GOES TO

If it seems that the Friends are always reminding you of membership fees and book sales, that's because our entire budget is based on that income, and we spend it on many services and programs of the library. Following are just a few of the ways we spend your money.

- Youth Services
- Youth Services Summer Reading
- Adult Summer Reading
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Various Online Subscriptions and Renewals
- Consumer Reports Database (New!)
- Large Print Books
- Little Free Libraries Program
- Overdrive for the E-Reader
- Self-Checkout Maintenance Agreement
- Software upgrade for 4 iPads
- Wireless Printing Capability

We must also pay Michigan sales tax on the sale of our used books, tote bags, pens, bookmarks, and accessory sale items. Our budget increases every year, and your dimes and dollars are very important, and appreciated!!

FALL BOOK SALE AND HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support at our Fall Book Sale in November, and the Holiday Happenings Bake Sale in early December. Our income for these events was over $2500! That's a lot of 10¢ paperbacks and 50¢ cookies!

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The Friends recently received $14.52 for your Smile purchases for the period 7/1/2017 – 9/30/2017. Although this seems like a small amount, it is the result of the St. Clair Shores residents who signed up for the program and designated us as their charitable organization. If you wish to sign up, please go to http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2507662. You must register through smile.amazon.com. This link will not work on amazon.com or the mobile app. Thank you for your support!

FRIENDS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at the St. Clair Shores Public Library at 1:00 PM in the Gilstorf Meeting Room for the following book discussions.

January 10  Jane Eyre  by Charlotte Brontë
February 14  Me Before You  by JoJo Moyes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Bargain Book Sale: Need more books to read? Of course you do! Brave the cold and whatever Michigan weather we have to come to the one-day-only Winter Bargain Book sale on Tuesday, February 13 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Current hard-back and soft-cover bargain books will be sold for only $1!! Fill up your Friends tote bag (only $3 at the front desk), and settle in with your favorite hot beverage and warm socks with new reads.

Spring Accessory Sale: The Friends Spring Accessory Sale is scheduled for Thursday, March 15; Friday, March 16; and Saturday, March 17 this year. Here’s an opportunity for you to recycle your slightly used fashion accessories and to get new ones for the Spring season! After January 3, we’ll be accepting your donations of purses, jewelry, scarves, and hats. Please look for the donation box in the Used Book Store.

Spring Book Sale: Advance notice to mark your calendar! The Spring Book Sale will be held May 2 – May 5.
WINTER STORYTIME
Toddler and Family Storytimes return the week of January 15, 2018. Registration is required for Toddler Storytime only and will begin Wednesday, January 3, 2018. There is no registration required for Family Storytime. The times and recommended ages are as follows:

- **Toddler Storytime**
  - Mondays at 10:00 PM
  - (For ages 24-42 months with adult)

- **Family Storytime**
  - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM
  - (For children of all ages and their family)

FOR TOTS
1st Stop and Tot Time continue each Wednesday and Thursday morning beginning at **10:00 AM**. Your wee ones will enjoy the songs, nursery rhymes, stories and bubbles of 1st Stop before we bring out the toys at **10:30 AM** for Tot Time. These free programs are for children from birth through age four.

PAWS FOR READING
Paws for Reading continues on Saturday afternoons from **2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Read to one of our wonderful dogs for 15 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis. Paws for Reading is a nationally recognized program whose goal is to help reluctant and struggling readers discover the joy of reading with the help of a friendly canine.

NIGHT CREATURES
The Organization for Bat Conservation will be bringing four nocturnal animals, including an owl and bat, to the library on **Monday, January 15 at 6:30 PM**! Children will learn all about the fascinating adaptations that allow these animals to thrive in the dark. This program is for children ages 3 and up who are residents of St. Clair Shores. Registration is required and space is limited. Registration begins on **Wednesday, December 27** and can be done at the library or by calling the library at 586-771-9020 ext. 3.

THANK YOU
The Youth Services Department would like to thank the Friends of the Library for providing us with over 5,000 pieces of candy so that we could participate in the Halloween Fun Fest at Veterans Memorial Park.

VALENTINE CRAFT
A special drop-in craft for Valentine’s Day will be held on **Saturday, February 10**. Children of all ages can visit the library any time between **10:00 AM and 12:00 PM or 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM** to create an easy, do-it-yourself craft. Materials and instructions will be provided. Small children must be accompanied by an adult to help with scissors and glue.

LEGO® BLOCK PARTY
Do you love to build and create with LEGO®? Come to the LEGO® Block Party held **Saturday, January 27 and Saturday, February 24 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. We supply the blocks and you bring your imagination. We will even display your creations in the Youth Services Department. No registration is required for this free program.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (T.A.B.)
Teens in grades six through twelve are welcome to attend our Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) meeting on **Saturday, January 20 at 10:00 AM**. Join us as we plan teen programs, discuss favorite books, and provide input to the Youth Services librarians. New members are always welcome at this drop-in event. Snacks will be provided.

ESCAPE ROOM PROGRAM
Teens, come to the library’s escape room program on **Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 AM or 2:30 PM**, and find out if you have what it takes to work with a team to solve puzzles, uncover clues and escape from a locked room. Space is limited, **registration begins Monday, January 29**. This free program is for teens ages 11 to 18.
MUSEUM HOURS

The Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM: visit us and learn what daily life was like in rural St. Clair Shores in the late 19th and the early 20th century. Free special tours are also available, as well as low-cost rental for small groups. Please call (586) 771-9020 to schedule your special tour or to rent the museum.

MUSMUM TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

Do you love history and old buildings? If so, we need you at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum. A docent is essentially a tour guide that assists the museum curator in giving tours of the museum and helps with special events. You don’t need any experience to become a docent. Docents volunteer their time as often as they want to; some docents come a few times a month, others a few times a year. If you are interested please call (586) 771-9020 and leave a message for the museum curator. We look forward to hearing from you!

VICTORIAN VALENTINE’S DAY CARD CRAFT

Drop in on Saturday, February 10 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to make a traditional Victorian Valentine's Day card. No registration is necessary. If you have any questions call (586) 771-9020.

HISTORICAL NEWS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES IS SEEKING...YOU!

The important task of keeping our city’s history alive is supported largely by volunteers and membership in the Historical Society. This year’s goal is to increase our membership which will allow the Society to continue to provide historical activities at the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum. The annual membership fee is $15 for an individual or $25 for the whole family. Members receive a 10% discount on the Historical Marker for homes and businesses built before 1951. Please consider joining today. Thank you for helping to preserve our local history!

Historical Society of St. Clair Shores Membership Invitation 2018

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NEW BOOKS IN THE LOCAL HISTORY CENTER

The Local History Center adds new books to the collection each month. Two of our most recent additions are Trace Your German Roots Online: A Complete Guide to German Genealogy Websites and Border Crossings: The Detroit River Region in the War of 1812.

Trace Your German Roots Online highlights German resources on the web. The book has illustrated step-by-step instructions, allowing researchers to use each site to its fullest potential, including help for getting around language barriers and explanations about how the various German states have changed over the centuries. The book also provides links to the best websites for answers to German genealogy questions.

Border Crossings is a collection of essays exploring “the changing political allegiances and sweeping human narratives that shaped the Detroit River region” at the time of the War of 1812. The 21 essays present stories of individuals, institutions, and notable occasions such as the story of Army wife Lydia Bacon, a discussion of taverns in early Detroit, and the occupation of Amherstburg, Ontario.

Come to the Local History Center to read about our history and research your past!

GENEALOGY GROUP

The St. Clair Shores Genealogy Group will meet on the following Thursdays in 2018. Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the Arthur M. Woodford Local History Center in the lower level of the library. All the meetings are free and open to the public. No previous experience in genealogy is needed to attend.

February 22—A Professional Genealogist: Why, When, and How (see below)
March 22—Irish Genealogy
April 26—French language in genealogy records
May 24—Polish genealogy
September 27—to be announced
October 25—to be announced

A Professional Genealogist: Why, When, and How

The Local History Center and the St. Clair Shores Public Library are pleased to welcome Derek Blount speaking on February 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Professional Genealogist Derek J. Blount will be discussing a variety of aspects of hiring a professional genealogist including:

- When to hire a professional genealogist
- What services are included
- Research specialties
- Letters of agreement or contracts
- Scope of work
- Retainers and fees
- Copyrights on research
- Code of ethics

Derek Blount is a professional genealogist with his own business, “Lost Branches”. He has worked for 29 years on his family genealogy traveling America, Canada and the United Kingdom gathering records and visiting cemeteries and churches. He holds a B.S. degree from Oakland University and has completed course work at the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. He serves as Vice President of the Oakland County Genealogical Society and is on the Board of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research. He holds memberships in the Association of Genealogical Professionals and the Society of Genealogists in London. Derek is also the Genealogist for the St. Andrew’s Society of Detroit.
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