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Library Café Is on the Way!

We've often heard from our patrons how convenient it would be to grab a cup of gourmet coffee, a light lunch or a quick afternoon snack without leaving the comfort of the library. Well, that day is (almost) here! On June I, we will break ground on a new library café, which we expect to complete by early fall. The café will extend the library's reputation as a central community gathering place, offering a warm and welcoming environment to meet up with family and friends, relax, read, work, study or just settle in with a cup of coffee and a good book.

The existing library lobby will be redesigned to accommodate the new café, which will seat approximately 25 people. The café design will be modern and sophisticated, with overhead lighting, colorful furniture, round café-style tables and a self-contained cooking kiosk. A plasma TV and a magazine rack to house current issues of your favorite newspapers and periodicals will round out the décor. Architectural firm David W. Osler Associates Inc. is designing the café, with construction management by Frank Rewold & Son.

Summit Gourmet's Chef Paul Paparelli is providing food service for the café. A surprisingly wide selection of items will be available on the café's creative menu — all at competitive prices. Muffins, bagels and other breakfast foods, cookies, desserts, snack items, fresh salads, soups and sandwiches will be prepared to order and available daily, as well as numerous juices, soft drinks and gourmet coffee and espresso. The café will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The building project will also include some updates to the community room to further enhance the support services that are available for library programs and community groups. These improvements will include more space for storage, as well as the addition of state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment, room darkening shades and a new projector that will enable the library to show popular feature films on the big screen. The front entrance of the library and patio will also be refurbished, with the addition of new landscaping, paving and benches.

Due to the extent of construction, you will notice a temporary reduction in the number of programs that the library is able to offer while the project is ongoing. However, we will still have plenty of book discussions, Internet classes, storytimes and other children's and teen programs from which to choose. We know the new café and other improvements will be well worth the wait!

Library Announces Summer Sunday Hours

In other exciting news, we are pleased to announce that for the first time in its history, the Canton Public Library will be opening its doors to patrons on Sundays in the summer. This will enable us to meet the ever increasing demand for library services in our community and allow you to enjoy the full spectrum of services that we have to offer, seven days a week throughout the year.

The addition of the new library café and summer Sunday hours are just two of the many ways in which the library is working to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of our patrons. We hope you will enjoy the added flexibility that these new services will provide as part of your library experience.

Cover to Cover

Looking for lively conversation and great reads? Why not join our monthly book discussions! Brown bag it during Lunch and a Book, or enjoy an Evening Book Discussion sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

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Lunch and a Book

May 13 at 12 noon Eat Cake by Jeanne Ray:When Ruth's family begins to disintegrate around her — her husband loses



his job, her mother moves in, and her long-estranged father shows up at her door — she must draw on her talent for concocting delectable cakes and desserts to help her cope.

June 10 at 12 noon The Dive from Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer: When her fiancé Mike is left paralyzed following a tragic accident, Carrie



Bell begins to question her familiar world, from her everyday life in Wisconsin to her relationships, as she sets out to rediscover her own identity.

Evening Book Discussions

May 17 at 7 p.m.

A Painted House by John Grisham: Not a lawyer in sight! This "coming of age" novel is a departure for Grisham, exploring the



themes of classism, racism, economic survival and morals in the early 1950's on a sharecropper's cotton farm in Arkansas.

June 21 at 7 p.m. Seabiscuit: An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand: In 1937, America was struggling with the great depression and



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desperate to lose itself in something hopeful. Into this mix came Seabiscuit, a small, crooked-legged horse, who emerged as the greatest racehorse of all time and inspired the entire country to cheer for the underdog.



Adult Registration

Registration for Adult Programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999.

Book-Club-In-A-Bag

Everything your group needs for a great discussion...all in one easy kit!

Participation in book clubs is on the rise in Canton and across the country, as people continue to discover how fulfilling it can be to read and discuss great books with others in their neighborhood, library, congregation, workplace and community. In response to this growing trend, the Canton Public Library is pleased to announce "Book-Club-In-A-Bag", an exciting new service for book group members that will kick off in early fall.

Each "Book-Club-In-A-Bag" kit will contain eight copies of one title selected specifically for book discussions by our librarians, a list of discussion questions for that title, and other support materials such as author biographies and published reviews — all packaged in an attractive customized tote bag. The kits may be checked out for eight weeks by any group member with a Canton Public Library card, and may be reserved in advance by calling the Adult Reference Desk. Initial titles will include *Peace Like a River, Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress, The Secret Life of Bees, Never Change, Nickel and Dimed, Life of Pi, Death of Vishnu, Crow Lake, Eat Cake, Caramelo and The Dive from Clausen's Pier.* New titles will be added frequently. The "Book-Club-In-A-Bag" collection is being made available due to a generous donation from the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

If your group is interested in the convenience of having everything it needs for a memorable book discussion all in one place — multiple copies plus stimulating discussion ideas — then "Book-Club-In-A-Bag" is right for you. For more information on this upcoming service and additional usage guidelines, please call (734) 397-0999.

Connect with Your Neighbor

Cinco de Mayo

May 5 at 7 p.m.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo @ the Library! On May 5, join noted storyteller Yvonne Healy as she takes us on a magical journey with Latino, Hispanic and Spanish tales. Healy, a frequent performer in the Midwest, will enthrall us with "Keepsakes of Two Worlds/Prendas de dos Mundos." She is an artist with the Michigan Arts and Humanities Touring Program and a born storyteller with 32 years of experience. Registration begins April 28.

Book and Author Luncheon

May 4 at 12 noon

Mark your calendars! The 18th Annual Book & Author Luncheon, hosted by the Friends of the Canton, Northville, Novi and Plymouth Libraries, will feature guest author Keith Famie, Michigan celebrity chef, cookbook author and contestant on Survivor: Australian Outback. This popular event, to be held at the Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth, will benefit all four libraries and provide funding for their Friends' programming budgets. Chef Famie will share his travel and cooking experiences from around the world, and make his books Adventures in Cooking and You Really Haven't Been There Until You've Eaten the Food available for purchase and signing. Tickets are on sale at the library through April 30 for \$25.

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TEEN

Teen Summer Reading Club 2004

Get Connected @ the Library

Are you ready to "Get Connected @ the Library" this summer? Then sign up for Teen Summer Reading Club 2004! Whether you're flipping through the latest issue of *Teen People*, tracking batting stats in *Sports Illustrated* or devouring the newest installment of *The Princess Diaries*, time spent reading over the summer helps you stay sharp when school rolls around. Every word you read counts, with chances to win cool weekly raffle prizes or our grand prize \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall. Plus, we offer programs and activities that let you connect with your friends, your classmates, your community, and your library — and have tons of fun doing it. Summer Reading Club runs from June 21 through August 7; register in person at the library.

Author Inspires Canton's Teens to Make Reading a Priority

An author visit can be a life changing experience, allowing teens to meet face to face with an author whom they admire, discover hidden meanings behind the plot of their favorite books, and explore themes that relate to their everyday lives. Ultimately, it can inspire teens to read more, and even to harness their creative energy to produce their own literary works.

Teens in our community had the benefit of just such a visit in March, when the library sponsored a program to bring award-winning teen author Laurie Halse Anderson into all eighth grade classrooms in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Anderson discussed her historical fiction novel *Fever 1793*, an account of one teen's experiences during the yellow fever epidemic that swept the city of Philadelphia in 1793. She enthralled her audience with tales of what life was like in 18th century Philadelphia, theories on how the epidemic began, and a description of the heroic efforts of the Free African Society to provide aid to stricken residents. Funding for the program was provided by a generous grant from the Canton Community Foundation.

May Programs

May 4 at 7 p.m.	Altered Books: Make discarded books into a new creation.
May 8 at 2 p.m.	Registration begins April 28.
May 6 at 7 p.m.	Martial Arts: De-stress from finals with techniques from
	East/West Martial Arts Studio.
	Registration begins April 30.

Are you wondering what to read this summer? Why not try these brand new titles recommended by our teen librarian...

Princess in Pink by Meg Cabot The Blue Mirror by Kathy Koja Year of Secret Assignments by Jaclyn Moriarty Heartbeat by Sharon Creech Juline by Narumi Kakinouchi Kare Kano by Masami Tsuda

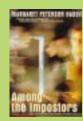
Teen Registration

Registration for Teen Programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999.

Book and Pizza Club

Join our monthly teen reading club for great books, lively discussion and a tasty pizza feast! Register by May 8 and May 22.

May 22 at 12 noon Among the Impostors by Margaret Peterson Haddix: In a future where the law limits families to only two children, third-born



Luke Garner has been in hiding for his entire life, until he enrolls in boarding school under an assumed name and faces his fear of being discovered.

June 5 at 12 noon So You Want to Be a Wizard by Diane Duane: Thirteen-yearold Nita, tormented by a gang of neighborhood bullies



because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

Teen Tuesdays

Hang out Tuesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. for fun, games, crafts and snacks.

Chess Club

Join us every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. for open chess play.

2004 Summer Reading Club Is Here! Kids ages 2-12 are invited to Discover New Trails @ the Library

CHILDREN

School's out for summer, and kids everywhere are ready to take a break from daily academic routines and have some fun in the sun. For too many children, however, this means taking a break from reading altogether, which puts them at risk of losing important reading skills. Research shows that kids who participate in summer reading activities are more likely to read at or above grade level than their nonparticipating peers, and to retain those skills into the next school year.

So how can you motivate your kids to keep reading and learning all summer long? Take them to "Discover New Trails @ the Library" during our 2004 Summer Reading Club! This program is specially designed to challenge kids' natural curiosity to explore the world around them, encourage participation from readers of all ages and abilities, and reward them for their efforts with fun games, crafts and prizes.

When children are given the opportunity to choose what they want to read, and to read at their own pace, they're more likely to enjoy reading and make it a lifelong habit. The library offers three reading levels, customized by age. For "Listeners" ages two through six, the library offers a Read-to-Me program in which children enjoy "reading" together with parents and other caregivers during the summer. Kids going into 1st through 3rd grades participate in the program as "Readers." And brand new this year is "X-Treme Readers," a group for older kids going into 4^{sh} through 6th grades.

Children's Registration

Registration for Children's Programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999. Due to popular demand, the first three days of program registration are reserved for Canton residents only. Non-residents may register starting on day four. Programs not requiring registration are open to all children.

For more details on the Summer Reading Program and all of the fun that awaits your family at the library this summer, please visit the Children's Information Desk. The first day of Summer Reading Program registration is June 14, and activities will continue into August. On your mark...get set...read!

Recommendations for Summer Readers

Some great choices for kids to kick off their summer reading adventure.

Books For Listeners:

Anna's Book by Barbara Baker Anna loves her new book, so after her mother reads it to her three times, she starts reading it to her teddy bear.

The Bridge Is Up! by Babs Bell A traffic jam is created when everyone has to wait for the bridge to come down.

Superdog: The Heart of a Hero by Caralyn Buehner

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, Dexter transforms himself into a superhero.

Ruby in Her Own Time

by Jonathan Emmett

Ruby the duck is slower than her four siblings are, until the day she flies further and higher than any of them.

My Big Sister by Valorie Fisher Photographs and simple text illustrate baby's view of what it is like to have a big sister.

Books For Readers:

Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye by Geronimo Stilton When Geronimo's sister, Thea, discovers a map of secret treasure on a faraway island, the "Rodent's Gazette" gang is dragged into the hunt.

Judy Moody Predicts the Future by Megan McDonald

After Judy obtains a mood ring, she tries to convince her third-grade class that she can predict the future.

Dogs Rule! by Daniel Kirk A collection of 20 poems from a dog's perspective.

When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Terapods Stalked the Earth by Hannah Bonner

Take a tour of Earth three hundred and twenty million years ago, and investigate the plants and animals found there.

Books For X-Treme Readers:

The Snow Pony by Alison Lester Prolonged drought has strained Dusty's ranching family to the breaking point, but she finds consolation with her wild and beautiful horse.

Boston Jane: An Adventure

by Jennifer L. Holm

Schooled in the lessons of 19th century etiquette, Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest.

Made You Look by Shari Graydon A study of how the world of product advertising works and why kids should know.

Knock on Wood by Janet S. Wong Seventeen original poems about superstitions, including walking under a ladder and breaking a mirror.

Storytimes

For Children 2-3¹/₂ Years

Children, ages $2-3^{1}/_{2}$ years old, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join us for a half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and action songs. Registration begins May 4.

Dates: May 10-May 27 Times: Mondays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Internet Training for Kids

Beginners' Training

This hour-long session will teach children the basics of the Internet, how to use it and how to stay safe. Registration begins May 8.

Ages:7-9 years oldDates & Times:May 15 at 2 p.m. and May 17 at 7 p.m.

Advanced Training

This hour-long session is designed for older children who use the Internet to research topics for school. Site evaluation and searching tips will be taught. Registration begins May 5.

Ages:9-12 years oldDate & Time:May 12 at 7 p.m.

Family Fun Night: Fractured Fairy Tales

Need a good laugh? Join us for an unforgettable evening of famous fairy tales with an exciting new twist! Registration begins May 12.

Ages:	Children 5-11 years old and their caregivers
Date & Time:	May 19, 7-7:45 p.m.

Simple Ways to Promote Year-round Reading

These clever, librarian-suggested tips make it easy to encourage early literacy skills this summer and all year long.

- 1. Read environmental print with your child food labels, signs and posters are all around you.
- 2. Take books and audiotapes along in the car. Read while traveling and waiting.
- 3. Make homemade postcards and send them to family and friends.
- 4. Read the mail with your child.
- Help your child print his name in white glue on construction paper. Stick dried beans on the glue, let it dry, and ask your child to feel the "bumpy" letters and say them aloud.
- Have your child pick her favorite animal. Ask her to imitate sounds the animal makes and how it walks, crawls or flies. Talk about what the animal eats and where it lives.
- Help your child make a collage of pictures cut from magazines that focus on one letter sound, like "Car," "Cat," "Cow" and "Cup."

Crafts and Clubs

Special K's

Stories, crafts, songs and fun! A snack will be provided. Registration begins May 13.

Age: Kindergartners Date & Time: May 20, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Afternoon Adventures

Bring your imagination and join us for stories, crafts and games. A snack will be provided. Registration begins May 3. Ages: Ist and 2nd graders

Date & Time: May 10, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Kid's Club

Share ideas about good books, play games and work on other fun activities. A snack will be provided. Registration begins May 15.

Ages:	4th and 5th graders
Date & Time:	May 22, 2-3 p.m.

Friday Friends

Drop by the Children's Library on Friday mornings to enjoy a simple craft and playtime with other children and caregivers. Registration not required.

Ages:Birth to age 5 and a caregiverDates & Time:Fridays, May 7-June 11, 10-12 noon

Reading Readiness Center

Come explore sensory activities, puzzles, nesting and matching games, alphabet cubes, flip books and the LeapPad Learning System with your young child. Registration not required. Ages: Birth to age 5 and a caregiver Dates & Time: Fridays, May 7-June 11, 10-12 noon

Discovering New Trails this Summer?

Whether you're on vacation with your family or just exploring in your own backyard, summer is a fabulous time for kids to discover new people, places and things — both in the books they read and in real life. As part of Summer Reading Club fun, bring a photo of yourself or your family to the children's library by August 13, and we'll add it to our special display of summertime adventures. *Please note that photos cannot be returned*.



Internet Classes

Are you missing out on all that the Web has to offer? Our popular Internet classes are a great way to brush up on basic search techniques, email tips and more. Classes are for adult Canton residents only. Please register in person or by calling the library at (734) 397-0999.

Mouse Skills

May 8, May 19, and June 18, 10-11 a.m. If you have never used a computer mouse before, this beginners-only class will guide you in mastering basic skills.

Introduction to the Internet

May 14 and June 12, 10-11 a.m. This class focuses on the basic features of Internet Explorer. Pre-requisite: Mouse skills.

Email Basics: Using Yahoo! Mail May 15, 9:30-11 a.m. new

Learn to open your own email account with Yahoo! Mail, send and receive messages and more. Pre-requisite: Mouse skills.

What Everyone Should Know about Mutual Fund Investing June 9, 7-8:30 p.m. (n)(e)(w)

Choosing the right funds for your investment portfolio can be difficult. Learn the ins and outs of mutual fund investing using popular online resources. Pre-requisite: Web navigation skills.



Latest Arrivals @ the Library

Each week, the Canton Public Library adds hundreds of new materials to its collection. From books, audiobooks, magazines and newspapers to music CDs, the latest movies on DVD and videocassette, and popular CD-ROM titles — something new is always awaiting you at your library! Check the library's Internet Branch for a list of highlights arriving each week. A new list is posted every Tuesday and remains online through the following Monday. An archive of recent lists is also available.

When you visit the Latest Arrivals page (www.cantonpl.org/new_arrivals.html) you'll see approximately 25-35 titles, each linked to the library's online catalog. Click on a title that interests you and the library record will appear, including its status. This indicates whether the item is available for immediate check out, or if it is already checked out, when it's due back. Even if a title is checked out, you can place a hold, and receive notification when it is available for pick up.

Worth a Click

info.detnews.com/history/

Rearview Mirror: This Detroit News page is an excellent companion to Michigan Week (May 15-21). Its story archive explores Michigan history for example, the building of the Ambassador Bridge and how Harry Blackstone brought magic to Michigan.

www.spellingbee.com/

National Spelling Bee: The awardwinning movie Spellbound (available at the library) has sparked popular interest in spelling bees. This year's national spelling competition runs June 1-3, and this site offers lots of details, like tips on running a local spelling bee.

www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/

Destinations: This Lonely Planet page provides the lowdown on travel spots ranging from the popular — like Europe and the Pacific Rim — to the more remote — think Greenland and Vanuatu. Includes information on history, culture, cuisine and much more.

web.mit.edu/invent/index.html Invention Dimension: Americans are

known for their creativity and resourcefulness, and this MIT site honors inventors "who have turned their ideas into accomplishments." Check "Inventor's Handbook" for tips on how to protect your own ideas.

Making Connections

Now you can access our *Connections* newsletter online! Check highlights from each issue, with links to our online catalog, or view the entire newsletter in PDF form at www.cantonpl.org/newslet/.

Our Online Catalog Is New and Improved!

Have you logged onto the library's online catalog from home or one of the more than 100 public terminals inside the library lately? If so, you've probably noticed some major enhancements, including expanded search features and inviting new graphics, designed to simplify and streamline the process of finding exactly what you're looking for.

This version of the online catalog has retained many features you've come to rely on. You can still place holds on materials you would like to check out, renew materials, view other library catalogs and check the status of your account online. Some new features include a shopping cart icon that allows you to track and print your search records, navigation tools to help you move seamlessly between the catalog and the Internet Branch, and four additional search categories to expand your search options. We've also added a powerful tool that allows you to search multiple online resources at the same time, including library catalogs, full text databases and the World Wide Web.

A user-friendly interface displays images of catalog items, along with expanded information about the items, including color book jacket photos, selected reviews, excerpts and tables of contents. Another exciting feature is the "preferred search" function within "My Account" which allows the library to notify you via email when new books, audiobooks, CDs, videos, CD-ROMs and DVDs are received that match your saved search criteria. Come explore our online catalog today at http://catalog.cantonpl.org.

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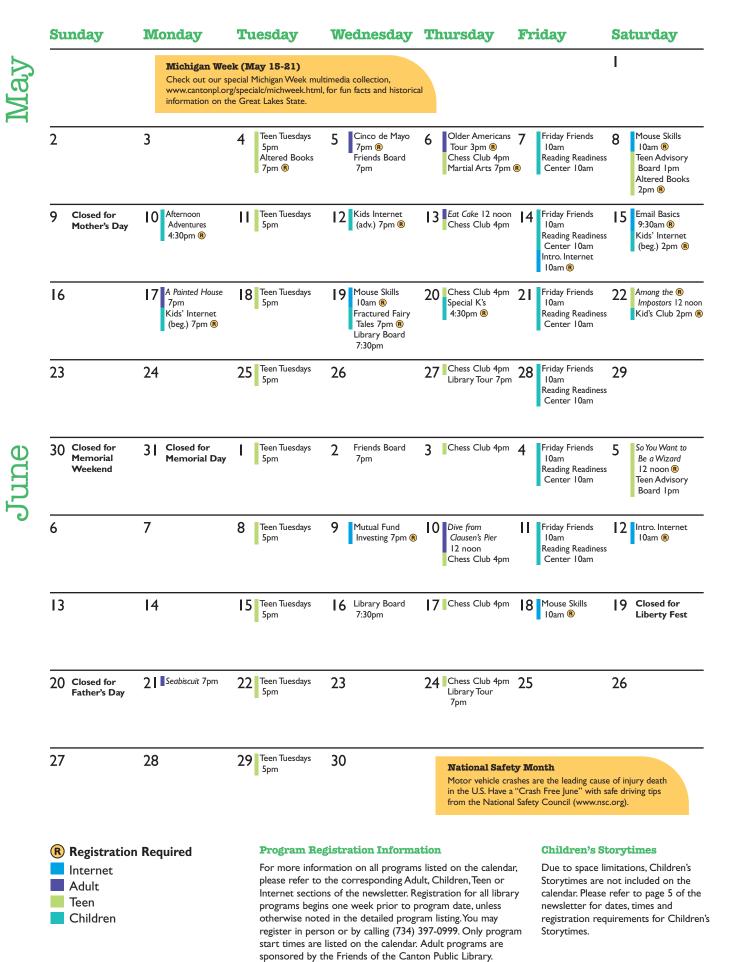
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Secondhand Prose Monthly Specials

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UNbooks Buy Two, Get One Free! We're more than just books! Get special deals on audiobooks, CDs, videos and more.

June

Family FunBuy Two, Get One Free!Shop our special selection of children'sand parenting books.

Secondhand Prose is pleased to offer expanded "Members Only" hours. The used bookshop will now be open every Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., exclusively for Friends of the Canton Public Library members. Find real bargains and the best selection of newly arrived merchandise when you show your membership card at the door. We sell onsite memberships at the following rates:

\$5
\$10
\$20
\$50
\$100

Secondhand Prose continues to offer great bargains on great books for all patrons on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Canton Public Library Celebrates Older Americans Month

The Canton Public Library offers numerous resources and specialized services of interest to Canton's older adult population. These include monthly book discussion groups, beginner Internet training sessions, a rotating collection of books at area senior housing complexes, special multimedia collections on "Caregivers" and "Older Americans," and thousands of audiobooks and large print titles.

In celebration of Older Americans Month in May, the library is pleased to host a special guided tour outlining all of the resources we have to offer seniors in our community. The tour will take place on May 6 from 3-4 p.m., with refreshments to follow. To register for this event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, please call (734) 397-0999.

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Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day Sunday, May 30 Memorial Weekend Monday, May 31 Memorial Day Saturday, June 19 Liberty Fest Sunday, June 20 Father's Day