YOU’RE INVITED TO ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE to see the new renovation design for your Flint Public Library. See pages 2-3

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
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Renovation and Bond Issue Vote November 5
Find Out More at YourNewFPL.org
Flint Public Library is seeking a millage renewal and support of a 12-year bond on the November 5 city of Flint ballot. You will need to vote separately on each ballot measure. We encourage you to learn about both measures in advance of the vote.

The first measure is the renewal of a 2 mill operating millage that provides money to maintain the Library’s current programs and services. Although we are located on the Cultural Center Campus, we do not receive any money from the Arts & Cultural Enrichment millage that passed in 2018. If this millage is not renewed, the Library will receive less tax money and will need to reduce its budget and services accordingly.
The entire interior of the Library will be renovated. Significant changes include:

• Doubling our children’s learning space
• Doubling our digital learning space, including three tech-rich classrooms
• 66% more space for local history and genealogy, including a storage vault
• 15 meeting rooms and 4 classrooms
• Making an additional 16,000 sq. ft. available to the public
• Making the building more accessible for people with disabilities

The second measure is a 12-year bond to help pay for a completely renovated Library building. The Library is the only building on the Cultural Center Campus that is owned entirely by the residents of Flint. The Library building and its systems are 60 years old. Major renovation is needed to keep the building working. Our board has adopted a renovation plan that is more cost-effective than building a new building. The total cost is approximately $27.6 million.

Generous donors are prepared to pay for more than half the cost of the project. The 12-year bond will provide the remainder of the funds needed for this project.

Architects will be previewing the design with the public prior to the November 5 vote. Please drop in during one of these open houses to see the design, explore a 3D flythrough, and ask any questions you might have.

All open houses will be held at Flint Public Library (1026 E. Kearsley Street).

• Thursday, September 19: 6-7:30pm
• Tuesday, October 1: 6-7:30pm
• Tuesday, October 29: 1-2:30pm
• Tuesday, October 29: 6-7:30pm

Sign language interpreter on site, if you need other services please call the Library.

FIND OUT MORE AT YourNewFPL.org
**Every Child Ready to Read**

**Bookie Babies-First Stories-Ages Newborn to One Year**

*Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 5:30pm*

Share finger play, rhyming and expression with your little one. Parents learn storytelling techniques and enjoy Baby Yoga together for healthy beginnings.

Register, call 810.249.2569.

**EVERY CHILD READY TO READ**

Talking ★ Singing ★ Reading ★ Writing ★ Playing.

**Bookie Babies-Second Steps-Ages One to Two Years Old**

*Tuesday, November 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:30pm*

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**EVERY CHILD READY TO READ**

Talking ★ Singing ★ Reading ★ Writing ★ Playing.

**Super Saturday Story Time, 1pm**

A traditional story time for the family with an emphasis on helping children build reading skills. Tap & Tell (every other week) is technology exploration for young children. Tell-a-Tail welcomes real live dogs who love to listen to children practice their reading skills.

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**Tell-a-Tail: Have a Bow-Wow Time Reading to a Dog!**

*September 14 and October 12, 1pm*

Choose a favorite book and Read aloud to real live dogs trained to listen.

**Little Explorers: Sensory Exploration for Ages 1-4**

*Saturday, September 21 and October 19, 12pm*

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, play-doh, and more! Dress accordingly, as clothes may get dirty. This is a program for young children, 1-4yrs., with parental supervision. We will also offer a Baby-Centered play area with age appropriate baby toys and activities.

**Braille Story Walk**

*Saturday, September 7, 2pm*

Families take a walk with your hands as Braille Story Walk adventure highlights 3 books for a story time pleasure. Book titles in the braille Story Walk: Anywhere Farm by Phyllis Root; Caps for Sale by Esphyr; If you Give a Moose a Muffin by Laura Numeroff. Books will be in braille and sight language for everyone’s enjoyment. Check the Children’s Learning Place for details.

**KIDS QUILT CRAFT**

*Thursday, October 12, 2pm*

In conjunction with the Quilt exhibit, Learn and create your own quilt square.

**STEAM TECH Studio OH!**

**2ND GRADE AND UP**

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**September 14 - **

Decorate pencils and make a pencil holder

**September 28**

Simple Machines

**October 19 - **

Sound
GAME DESIGN

Ages 12-17
Saturday, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, 3-4:30pm
Learn the basics of designing video game levels and start building your own Mario-style platform game.
No computer coding experience needed.
Call 810.249.2569 to register. Must have a valid Flint Public Library Card to register.

CHALK & THE WALK!
Saturday, September 21, 1-4pm; FRONT SIDEWALK (Rain – in Downstairs Mtg Rm)
Children of all ages can draw their favorite pictures on the Library’s sidewalks. Pictures will be judged in age-based categories and winners will receive prizes. Enjoy fun with balloon twist 2-3pm!

FAMILY ZOMBIE JAMBOREE:
Dress in Costume and Join the Party!
Saturday, October 26, Noon-4pm
Join us for a Family Zombie Jamboree! We will have fun activities for the whole family. Face Painting, Crafts, Sensory Play, Zombie Photo Booth and Costume Exchange. Every half hour a special guest Grand Marshal will read a story, and on the hour they will lead our Zombie Parade around the building. All children under 16 will receive a Free book!

SATURDAYS WITH STEVE:
MINECRAFT@FPL
Ages 10-17
Saturday, September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3-4:30pm
Meet up with fellow Minecraft adventurers to build and survive in unique and exciting worlds. There will be different game modes and themes each time to challenge players of all skill levels. Players at any skill level are welcome to join in!

Call 810.249.2569 to register. Must have a valid Flint Public Library Card to register.

TAP•O•L•O•G•Y

Thursday and Friday, October 24 and 25, 9am
Interested classrooms sign-up at tapology.org Elementary and high school students from Flint Public Schools will discover the world of tap dance.
REGISTER: see website: http://www.tapology.org or call Tapology @ 810.787.0197 to register.

TEEN ZONE

Teen Writers WORKSHOP
Tuesday, September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22, 4:30pm
Ages 12-17 come join instructor Connor Coyne for creative writing exercises, peer sharing and feedback by other writers your age. Writing, reading and discussion of writing at each meeting!
Fiction Only Book Club

Wednesday, September 18, 12pm

There There by Tommy Orange
Orange’s shattering novel follows twelve characters from Native communities, all traveling to the Big Oakland Pow Wow and all connected to each other in ways they may not yet realize. Together, this chorus of voices tells of the plight of the urban Native American, grappling with a complex and painful history, with an inheritance of beauty and spirituality, and heroism.

Wednesday, October 16, 12pm

Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey
In the early 1920s, Bombay’s only female lawyer is investigating a suspicious will on behalf of three Muslim widows living in full purdah when the case takes a turn toward the murderous. The award-winning author brings us an atmospheric new historical mystery with a captivating heroine who is driven by personal tragedy to protect the rights of women.

Teen Author Forum with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha author of What the Eyes Don’t See

Thursday, October 17, 10am

High School classrooms please call to register, 810.249.2569

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Poetry After Hours with Semaj Brown

SEPTEMBER 27, 6pm

Poet, author, playwright, dramatist, educator and spoken word artist, Semaj Brown will perform works from her latest collection, Tap the Eternal Spring of Regenerative Light, accompanied by Dr. James Brown on the Arborlune.

BOOKED FOR LUNCH MICHIGAN

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND HEAR A MICHIGAN AUTHOR TALK ABOUT THEIR WORK.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1pm

Saladin Ahmed will talk about his book, Abbott, at 1pm. While investigating police brutality and corruption in 1970s Detroit, journalist Elena Abbott uncovers supernatural forces being controlled by a secret society of the city’s elite.

Book sales and signing at 12:30pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1pm

Lisa Ludwinski will talk about her book, Sister Pie: The Recipes and Stories of a Big Hearted Baker in Detroit: A Baking Book. At Sister Pie, Lisa Ludwinski and her band of sister bakers are helping make Detroit sweeter one slice at a time from a little corner pie shop in a former beauty salon on the city’s east side.

SHOW YOUR CARD AND SAVE!

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List of participating businesses available online or at the library.

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**ASK A LAWYER**

**Wednesday, September 18, 6pm**
Housing and Landlord/Tenant Rights with the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

**Genealogy Research for Beginners**

**October 19, 9:30am-12:30pm**
Learn the basics to begin your family history search in collaboration with the Flint Genealogical Society. In the Genealogy area. Register, call 810.249.2569.

**Virtual Reality Experience**

**Wednesday, October 23, 6-7:30pm**
Visit our TECHStudiOH! and see the digital world like never before! Learn how to use the equipment and try your first virtual reality experience – street tours, roller coasters, painting and more. Ages 18+ call 249.2569 to register. Must have a valid Flint Public Library Card to register.

**Armchair Traveler**

**Tuesdays, 12:15pm**
Take a visual vacation. Bring your lunch and see a travelogue film!

**Chess for Everyone!**

**Saturday, September 7, 21, October 5, 19, 3-5:30pm**
All ages and skill levels welcome.

**Friends of the Flint Public Library**

**Book Drop-Off**

**Saturday, September 7 & October 5, 10am-noon**
At the FPL garage. Time to go through your books, CDs, vinyl, DVDs and donate them to the library. Get a receipt for your donation.

**Friends of the Flint Public Library Used Book Sale**

**THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10-12**
Books galore; children’s, mystery, science fiction, romance, special priced books and more. Also shop our collection of CDs, DVDs and vinyl. **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16**, Friends ONLY Night, 5-7:30pm, new members may join at the sale. Used Book Sale Public Sale Days:

- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2-7pm
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, NOON-5pm
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 10am-5pm

A BAG OF BOOKS FOR $5

**El Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil**

**Saturday, October 5, 2pm**
Let’s Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month! Hear youth mariachi students and experience a dramatic reading of The Woman Who Outshone the Sun “La mujer que brillaba aún más que el sol” a poem by Alejandro Cruz Martinez with audience participation. National Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15-October 15, recognizes the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States.

El Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil is dedicated to preserving the Mexican culture and enriching children’s lives through dance, music, and education. It has been the leader providing Hispanic cultural programs in Michigan for over 25 years.

**30th Flint African American Quilters Exhibit**

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10-12
(Part of the Flint Festival of Quilts)
30th Annual Exhibit of the Flint African American Quilters Guild "Looking Back, Going Forward"

- **October 10, 11am-8pm**
- **October 11, 9am-6pm**
- **October 12, 9am-6pm**
- **October 12 at 2pm (Free)**

Juanita Yeager, quilt maker, educator and curator, creates whole cloth quilts using watercolor pigment painted on silk broadcloth. Ms. Yeager has been quilting since 1983 and began teaching quilting in 1990. Her art has been exhibited in solo and group. Quilt Presentation co-sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Flint Alumnae Chapter.

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Our program guide is digital!
Make sure we have your correct email to receive a link to the program guide and our Constant Contact communications regarding Library programs and services.

For more information on any of our programs, see our web site at www.fpl.info or our Facebook page. Email us at askus@fpl.info or call us at 810.232.7111 during library hours.

**SEPTEMBER 2, MONDAY**  
**Labor Day - Library Closed**

**SEPTEMBER 3, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm

**SEPTEMBER 5, THURSDAY**  
• Booked for Lunch Michigan! Bring your lunch and hear Saladin Ahmed talk about his book Abbott, 1pm  
• FDL Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY**  
• Friends of the Library Book Drop-Off, 10am-Noon  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time and Tap and Tell, 1pm  
• Braille Story Walk, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Minecraft, ages 10-17, 3-4:30pm*  
• Chess for Everyone, 3-5:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 10, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• Tween/Teen Writers Workshop, ages 12-17, 4:30-6pm  
• Friends of the Flint Public Library meeting, 5:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 14, SATURDAY**  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time and Tell-A-Tail, 1pm  
• STEAM Saturdays, second grade and up, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Minecraft, ages 10-17, 3-4:30pm*

**SEPTEMBER 17, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm

**SEPTEMBER 18, WEDNESDAY**  
• Fiction Only Book Club, There There by Tommy Orange, Noon  
• Ask a Lawyer, with the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, 6pm

**SEPTEMBER 19, THURSDAY**  
• Library Renovation Design Open House, 5:30-7:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 21, SATURDAY**  
• Little Explorers, ages 1-4, Noon-1pm  
• Chalk the Walk and Balloon Twist, 1-4pm  
• Tween/Teen Minecraft, ages 10-17, 3-4:30pm*  
• Chess for Everyone, 3-5:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• Tween/Teen Writers Workshop, ages 12-17, 4:30-6pm

**SEPTEMBER 26, THURSDAY**  
• FDL Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm

**SEPTEMBER 27, FRIDAY**  
• Poetry After Hours with Semaj Brown, author of Bleeding Fire, 6pm

**SEPTEMBER 28, SATURDAY**  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time, 1pm  
• STEAM Saturdays, second grade and up, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Minecraft, ages 10-17, 3-4:30pm*

**OCTOBER 1, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• ECRR: Bookie Babies-First Stories, newborn to one year, 5:30pm*  
• Library Renovation Open House, 6:00-7:30pm

**OCTOBER 3, THURSDAY**  
• Booked for Lunch Michigan! Bring your lunch and hear Lisa Ludwinski talk about her book Sister Pie, 1pm  
• FDL Monthly Board Meeting, 5:30pm

**OCTOBER 5, SATURDAY**  
• Friends of the Library Book Drop-Off, 10am-Noon  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time, Tap and Tell, 1pm  
• El Ballet Folklorico Estudiantil, performance by youth Mariachi and dancers, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Game Design, ages 12-17, 3-4:30pm*  
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**OCTOBER 8, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• Tween/Teen Writers Workshop, ages 12-17, 4:30-6pm  
• ECRR: Bookie Babies-First Stories, newborn to one year, 5:30pm*

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**OCTOBER 11, FRIDAY**  
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**OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY**  
• 30th Flint African American Quilters Exhibit, 9am-6pm  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time and Tell-A-Tail, 1pm  
• Quiet Lecture by master quilter, Juanita Yeager, 2pm co-sponsored with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Flint Alumnae Chapter  
• Kids Quilt Craft, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Game Design, ages 12-17, 3-4:30pm*

**OCTOBER 15, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• ECRR: Bookie Babies-First Stories, newborn to one year, 5:30pm*

**OCTOBER 16, WEDNESDAY**  
• Fiction Only Book Club, Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey, Noon  
• Friends ONLY Preview Night, 5-7:30pm

**OCTOBER 17, THURSDAY**  
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• Friends Used Book Sale, 2-7pm

**OCTOBER 18, FRIDAY**  
• Friends Used Book Sale, Noon-5pm

**OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY**  
• Genealogy for beginners, 9:30am-12:30pm*  
• Friends Used Book Sale, 10am-5pm, bag of books for $5  
• Little Explorers, ages 1-4, Noon-1pm  
• ECRR Super Saturday Story Time, Tap and Tell, 1pm  
• STEAM Saturdays, second grade and up, 2pm  
• Tween/Teen Game Design, ages 12-17, 3-4:30pm*  
• Chess for Everyone, 3-5:30pm

**OCTOBER 22, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• Tween/Teen Writers Workshop, ages 12-17, 4:30-6pm  
• ECRR: Bookie Babies-First Stories, newborn to one year, 5:30pm*

**OCTOBER 23, WEDNESDAY**  
• Virtual Reality Experience, ages 18+, 6-7:30pm*

**OCTOBER 24, THURSDAY**  
• FDL Finance Committee Meeting, 5:30pm  
• Tapology, 9am*

**OCTOBER 25, FRIDAY**  
• Tapology, 9am*

**OCTOBER 26, SATURDAY**  
• Family Zombie Jamboree, Noon-4pm  
• Tween/Teen Game Design, ages 12-17, 3-4:30pm*

**OCTOBER 29, TUESDAY**  
• Armchair Traveler, 12:15pm  
• Library Renovation Open House, 1-3pm  
• Library Renovation Open House, 5:30-7:30pm

**NOVEMBER 5 - VOTE**