**WINTER PROGRAMS**

**African American Read-In**

*Saturday, February 22*

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**Library Hours**

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- **Saturday**: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
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**Board Meetings**

- **Southfield Public Library Board Meetings**: Wednesday, December 11
  - Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room
- **Friends of the Southfield Public Library Board Meetings**: Wednesday, December 18
  - Meeting at 3:00 pm in the Southfield Room

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**Individuals with special needs who plan to attend a program should contact the Library at (248) 796-5150 (voice) or adultref@southfieldlibrary.org if auxiliary aids are needed. Reasonable advance notice is required.**

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**Show your Friends Membership Card and receive a 10% discount on BookShelf purchases.**

Donations in good condition are accepted year round. Please place books in the book chute beside the Circulation Desk. Do not put audio-visual materials down the chute. Take large donations to the loading dock on the north side of the Library from 1:00 - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Your donations keep our book sales successful!

To find out more about becoming a Friend, call (248) 796-4397.

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library is a volunteer, non-profit organization of people like you who believe that a dynamic, exciting Library is crucial to the education, well-being and success of our community and its residents.

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**STORYTIME PROGRAMS**

**Baby Tummy Time**
We will read stories, sing and have some tinkle time to encourage babies to increase tummy time. Bring a blanket and a floppy style pillow or blanket to roll under your little one. We will have 15 minutes of structured time and 15 minutes to socialize.

Wednesdays at 11:15 am in the Youth Program Room for infants up to 6 months old with caregiver

December 4, 11 & 18 January 8, 15, 22 & 29 February 5

**Baby Bounce Storytime**
Designed to introduce books to the very young with simple stories, songs, finger plays, social interaction and playing. Parents and caregivers will learn tips and tools to use at home for learning reinforcement.

Wednesdays at 10:15 am in the Youth Program Room for 6 - 18 months old with caregiver

December 4, 11 & 18 January 8, 15, 22 & 29 February 5

**Toddler Storytime**
Toddlers will hear stories, learn finger plays, develop social interaction skills and enjoy free-play time. Parents and caregivers will learn tips and tools to use at home for learning reinforcement. Limited to 25 toddlers per session.

Tuesdays at 11:15 am and Thursdays at 2:00 pm in the Youth Program Room for 1½ to 3 years old with caregiver

Tuesdays December 3, 10 & 17 January 7, 14, 21 & 28 February 4

**Preschool Storytime**
Preschoolers will enjoy fun stories, learn finger plays and sing songs. Parents and caregivers will learn tips and tools to use at home for learning reinforcement.

Tuesdays at 10:15 am in the Youth Program Room for 3 - 5 years old, not yet in kindergarten with caregiver

December 3, 10 & 17 January 7, 14, 21 & 28 February 4

**Sleep Under Family Storytime**
Come for our Sleep Under Family Storytime. We’ll have fun together reading, singing and making a craft. PJ’s and stuffies are welcome.

Tuesdays December 3, January 7 & February 4 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Program Room

Wednesdays January 29 & February 26 at 6:30 pm in the Youth Program Room

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**Programs Available Through Digital Access**

**Kanopy**
The Library has a new way for you to watch movies for free. Kanopy has a large selection of movies available for mobile and online access with your library card! Southfield and Lathrup Village residents are able to check out up to ten items each month.

Go to www.southfieldlibrary.org and click on Digital Library to get started.

**Hoopla**
Hoopla has thousands of movies, television shows, music albums, graphic novels and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access with your library card! Southfield and Lathrup Village residents are able to check out up to five items each month.

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BOOK CLUBS

Mind, Body & Spirit Book Club Join us on the third Thursday of the month to discuss popular new and old books on the topics of creativity, spirituality, self-help and more!

January - The Untethered Soul by Michael Singer
What would it be like to free yourself from limitations and soar beyond your boundaries? What can you do each day to discover inner peace and serenity? The Untethered Soul offers simple yet profound answers to these questions.

Thursday, January 16 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room on the third level

February - You Deserve the Truth: Change the Stories that Shaped Your World and Build a World-Changing Life by Erica Williams Simon
This book shows how to challenge the stories surrounding fear, work, money, identity, success, faith and love that you have unconsciously adopted and provides a blueprint for anyone seeking a new way to live.

Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room on the third level

Urban Fiction Book Club Are you interested in reading and discussing the latest Urban Fiction books? Light refreshments will be served.

December - Right Beside You by Mary Monroe
With a successful career, money in the bank and a solid future, Felicia has almost everything she ever wanted. However, getting married is the one holiday wish she can't seem to get. And it's not helping that she's hopelessly in love with her coworker, widower Richard Grimes. Richard has his hands full juggling pre-Christmas work demands and raising two teenage daughters. But he's not too busy to wish his relationship with Felicia could become much more. It will take all their courage and compassion to risk opening their hearts to each other, hopefully for many more holiday happily-ever-afters.

Wednesday, December 4 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room on the third level

February - Love and the Game by Johnni Sherri
At twelve years old Perri Daniels is a tomboy at heart. Instead of participating in girl things, she spends her time hooping and playing video games alongside Plus, her best friend. As the years roll by, Perri discovers her secret desire to be more than just Plus' best friend. On prom night, the two lose their virginity to one another causing their relationship to take an unforeseen turn. Later, another man unexpectedly sweeps Perri off her feet, leaving her torn between the two. Will Perri and Plus circle back to the connection they once shared as youths or will Perri leave her first love in the past and continue on with life's beautiful game?

Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm in the Southfield Room on the third level

YOUTH

Scratch Coding Club
Scratch is a free coding program developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. For each series of events, we will build up to creating our own game. For 3rd - 6th graders.

Tuesdays January 14, 21 & 28 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
in the first level Computer Lab

Read, Romp and Rollick
Join us at our enhanced storytime. We will explore themes through stories and activities with our eyes, ears, hands and more.

Thursdays January 16 & 30 at 10:30 am
in the Youth Program Room
for 0 - 4 years old with caregiver

Manic Maker Mondays
Come and enjoy Manic Maker fun. This is drop-in craft-making for children in K - 5th grade with their caregiver. Make a different creative project at each session.

Mondays January 27 & February 24 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm
in the Tower Lobby

Choose Your Own Craft
Pick a craft to make at the library.

Saturday, February 1 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm
in the Youth Program Room

February Break Fun!
Make your very own Forky, then the two of you can enjoy watching the adventures of Forky, Woody, Buzz and the rest of your favorites in Toy Story 4, rated G. Pack a blanket and picnic lunch to munch as you watch!

Tuesday, February 18 at 1:00 pm
in the Meeting Room
**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

**What is Battle of the Books?**

Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage reading and to give recognition to those who like to read. Students form teams with an adult manager(s), read from a selected list of six books and then participate in a contest where they will compete with other teams by answering questions based on those books.

All 4th - 8th graders who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village are eligible to participate. Each team must consist of 2 - 6 members and 1 or 2 adult team manager(s). It is not necessary for team members to attend the same school. Each Battle will be limited to the first 60 teams who register.

The team manager and/or co-manager may be a parent, teacher or other interested adult who will serve as the contact person between the team and the Southfield Public Library. All team managers must attend the Kick-Off meeting and the Manager's Update meeting.

**Manager and/or co-managers of Battle of the Books**

**Battle of the Books Kick-Off Meeting**

Managers and/or co-managers of Battle of the Books teams must attend this meeting to learn what their duties as a team manager will be over the course of the 16 week Battle preparation.

**Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm**

in the Meeting Room

**Battle of the Books Manager’s Update Meeting**

Managers and/or co-managers of Battle of the Books teams must attend this meeting. Battle teams are invited to show their team spirit and make a team poster to be displayed in the youth room.

**Monday, February 3**

in the Meeting Room

**Poster making at 6:30 pm**

**Update meeting at 7:00 pm**

Battle books are available and registration is open. Teams may register online at www.southfieldlibrary.org or at the Youth Reference Desk.

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

Families are invited to join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to regularly read aloud to their children. By reading just one book a night, families can reach the 1,000-book goal in three years. Reading to children can help close the vocabulary gap, prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed and promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years. Register your child at the Youth Reference Desk.

**Creecy Book Club**

**January - Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate

Newly engaged Avery Stafford leaves her job as a federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., to go back home to South Carolina, where she is being groomed to succeed her ailing father, a U.S. senator. At a meet-and-greet at a nursing home, she encounters May, a woman who seems to have some link with Avery's Grandma Judy, now suffering from dementia. May was once Rill Foss, one of five siblings snatched from their shanty home on the Mississippi and taken to the Memphis branch of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. The society seems too Dickensian to be true, except that it was, and its black-market adoption practices caused a stir in the mid-twentieth century. Rill’s harrowing account of what befell the Foss children and Avery's piecing together of how Rill and Grandma Judy's stories converge are skillfully blended.

**Tuesday, January 7 at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm**

in the Meeting Room

**February - Barracoon: The Story of the Last “Black Cargo”** by Zora Neale Hurston

In 1931, Hurston completed a nonfiction account of a man who was one of the last-known survivors of the Atlantic slave trade. Kossola (Cudjo Lewis) was captured at age 19, lived for five-and-a-half years as a slave and later helped found Africatown, renamed Plateau, Alabama. As an ethnographer, Hurston came to meet and interview the 86-year-old Kossola but understood the value of his first-person narrative as folk art, preserving stories and traditions conveyed by those who actually lived them. Like a griot and in his own vernacular, Kossola recalled his life in Africa, the wars that resulted in enslavement, the Middle Passage journey to America and life as a slave. He also spoke of his Christian faith and memories of the spiritual traditions of his homeland and his lifelong yearning for Africa. The introduction provides context for Hurston's struggle with the conventions of ethnography and her own appreciation for the opportunity to learn about the slave trade from the perspective of the enslaved. This is a fascinating look at the journey of one man, reflective of the African American experience. It also attests to Hurston's development as an author and ethnographer and stands as a work of profound relevance, its illumination of slavery, freedom and race as timely as ever.

**Tuesday, February 11 at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm**

in the Meeting Room

**BOOK CLUBS**

Do you enjoy reading? Are you interested in sharing your thoughts about what you have read? If so, come to the Library and join one or all of our book club discussions!

We host three book clubs; each meets once-a-month to discuss a preselected book. Book discussions are led by a Librarian in a casual, relaxed and fun atmosphere. No registration required.

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in the Meeting Room
**Sandra Bomar**

A native Detroiter, Sandra Bomar has established herself as being an incredible jazz and classical song stylist, whose sultry voice was influenced and inspired by great songstress artists such as Nancy Wilson, Sara Vaughn, Dinah Washington, Phyllis Hyman and Gloria Lynne. She has traveled extensively, performing around the world. Sandra Bomar’s sultry and alluring voice is guaranteed to amaze you.

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm  
in the Meeting Room

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**Sax Maniacs**

Detroit’s Sax Maniacs are a five-piece rockin’ blues revue performing classic blues and sax tunes and their original blues recordings. The band incorporates great harmonies, cool brass, lots of burnin’ guitar with one of the hottest rhythm sections in the Motor City.

The Sax Maniacs’ 2018 CD, **LIVE Downstairs**, was a finalist in the 2019 Detroit Music Awards for Outstanding Blues CD. The original song, **Headin’ To New Orleans**, was the title tune for the national CD, **Blues For Katrina**, a compilation of bands around the country supporting the victims of hurricane Katrina.

Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 pm  
in the Meeting Room

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**The Keller/Kocher Quintet Loves George Shearing**

The Keller/Kocher Quintet Loves George Shearing will perform the music of George Shearing, as well was some Nat King Cole, Benny Goodman, Terry Gibbs and Lionel Hampton. Dance and listen to the standards and original songs, influenced by George Shearing’s sound of the 50s, using vibraphone and a piano.

Wednesday, February 19 at 6:30 pm  
in the Meeting Room

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**Teen GAMEE Night**

Teen GAMEE Night (Games, Anime, Manga and Everything Else) is a new club for teens ages 12 to 18 interested in board games, anime, manga and more! Join us the second Monday of the month in the Youth Program Room.

Mondays January 13 & February 10 at 7:00 pm  
in the Youth Program Room

**Drop-in Volunteer Night for Teens**

Are you a teen looking for a place to volunteer? Join the Southfield Public Library for a volunteer project.

Monday, January 27 at 7:00 pm  
in the Youth Program Room  
for 6th - 12th graders

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**Chocopalooza**

Celebrate everyone’s favorite confection with chocolate games and snacks. Space will be limited to 15 participants.

Tuesday, February 18 at 4:00 pm  
in the Youth Program Room  
for 6th - 12 graders

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**Cookie Decorating in the Lobby**

Do you like cookies? Do you like decorating them? If so, join us in the Tower Lobby to decorate a delicious sugar cookie to take home.

Tuesday, December 3 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm  
in the Tower Lobby

**Little Gingerbread Women**

No matter if you are a Meg, Jo, Beth or Amy, come to the Library and enjoy a screening of the 1994 version of **Little Women**, rated PG, and decorate a tasty gingerbread woman.

Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 pm  
in the Meeting Room

**Winter Wrap Up!**

Get those presents wrapped! The Library will provide all the wrapping goodies. You just bring your gifts and come ready to wrap!

Wednesday, December 11 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
in the Youth Program Room
ALL AGES

PuppetART Detroit Puppet Theater Programs
The Southfield Public Library is partnering with PuppetART Detroit Puppet Theater, a Southfield based puppet troupe, with a grant funded by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Kolobok with PuppetART
Presenting Kolobok, a Russian folktale about the adventures of Butterball, who is baked by an elderly couple and comes to life. The performance will be followed by a children's puppet-making workshop.

Sunday, January 12 at 2:00 pm
in the Meeting Room

Marionette Make Workshop with PuppetART
For the hobbyist, professional or young at heart. Make your own puppet using the methods and techniques behind three types of puppets and learn the history and character of each type. Irina Baranovskaya, instructor and principal designer for PuppetART, began her career at Moscow Central State Obraztsov Theater and has over 40 years experience.

For ages 15 years and older.
Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 15 participants.

Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm
in the Youth Program Room

Snow Queen with PuppetART
Presenting Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen. When the Snow Queen abducts her beloved friend Kai, Gerda begins a magical and perilous journey to find him, encountering friends, flowers and an enormously critical crow. The performance will be followed by a children's puppet-making workshop.

Sunday, February 9 at 2:00 pm
in the Meeting Room

ALL AGES PROGRAMS

TECHNOLOGY

Publisher Basics
Learn how to make flyers and promotional materials using Publisher. This class will cover the basics: editing images, using the ribbon’s elements and combining images, background and text together. Participants must have basic computer skills with ability to use a mouse and keyboard. Knowledge of MS Office programs is helpful.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Thursday, February 13 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab

Resume Workshop
Has it been a while since your resume has been updated? This class covers how to create a resume, where to find templates and how to create it in Microsoft Word to send to employers. Bring a draft, as there will be time to get started and ask staff questions. Requires knowledge of Microsoft Word, basic computer skills and an email account.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab

Tech Help
Do you need help with your smart phone, laptop, tablet or e-reader? Drop in during our Tech Help hour for one-on-one assistance from a librarian. Learn how to use the Internet, set up a device or send an email. Ask us how to use library resources, such as Hoopla, Overdrive and RB Digital. First come, first served.

Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:00 pm
December 11, January 8 & February 5 in the Auditorium

Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 pm
December 18, January 22 & February 19 in the Auditorium

Word Basics
Learn the basics of word processing using Microsoft Word. Students will enter data, do basic formatting, copy, cut and paste, open, close and save and edit files. Must have basic computer skills: know how to use a mouse, knowledge of the keyboard, selecting know-how and the ability to double-click.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Thursdays December 12 and February 20 at 10:30 am in the first level Computer Lab

Word Intermediate
Learn about more features using Microsoft Word. Class covers inserting tables, using styles and design elements. Must have basic knowledge of MS Word and basic computer skills or completion of the Word Basics Class.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Thursday, January 16 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab
Excel Basics
Learn the basics of creating customized spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel. Class covers the basics of creating and working with spreadsheets, formulas and organizing data using cells. Must have basic computer skills: know how to use a mouse, knowledge of the keyboard, selecting know-how and the ability to double-click.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Each class is limited to 13 participants.

Monday, December 16 and Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab

Excel Intermediate
Come and learn more about Excel! Class covers custom data sorting, conditional formatting, introducing logic formulas and creating tables, charts and graphs. Must have prior experience with Microsoft Excel or have taken the Excel Basic class.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Monday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab

Internet Basics
Learn the basics of the Internet and gain experience searching on Google. This fun class teaches you all you need to know to successfully start searching the Internet.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Thursdays December 3, January 14 & February 11 at 10:30 am in the first level Computer Lab

Introduction to Gmail
Learn the basics of Gmail, a free email service from Google. Class covers how to set up and use a free account, send emails, organize your messages and attach files and pictures. Must have basic computer and Internet skills: how to use a mouse and keyboard, click and navigate the Internet.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Thursday, December 5 at 10:30 am in the first level Computer Lab

PowerPoint Basics
Learn how to make specialized PowerPoint presentations. Class covers using layout templates, entering content and images into slides and adding transitions to your presentation. Must have basic computer skills: know how to use a mouse, knowledge of the keyboard, selecting know-how and the ability to double-click.

Registration is required. Please register at Guest Services. Class is limited to 13 participants.

Monday, February 3 at 6:30 pm in the first level Computer Lab

Potato Chip Challenge
Tune up your taste buds and sample a variety of chiptastic flavors. From classic to a bit on the wild side, try a few then vote for your favorite!

Wednesday, February 19 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the Tower Lobby

African American Read-In
In celebration of Black History Month, the Library is inviting the public of all ages to take part in 2nd Annual African American Read-In to explore books written by African American authors.

The African American Read-In was started in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English. The event spotlights the literary contributions made by African American writers and ensures that literacy is a major focus of Black History month.

Participants are invited to come listen and, if they wish, read aloud to the group. Not sure what you’d like to read? Books will be available for suggested reading; including fiction, picture books, young adult fiction, plays, non-fiction and poetry. Readers will be limited to five minutes or less.

Saturday, February 22 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in the Meeting Room

Transgender 101 with Transgender Michigan
The Library is hosting Transgender Michigan for a Transgender 101 panel. Learn about basic definitions, local resources and hear personal stories from members of the transgender community.

Monday, February 24 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room
Workshop: The Business of Writing
A two-hour workshop hosted by the Authors Guild of America [Detroit Chapter], intended to help writers and aspiring writers navigate the publishing industry, from writing articles to novels, getting published, to marketing yourself and your work.

Workshop leaders Weam Namou and Violet St. Karl are the Detroit ambassadors to the Authors Guild. They have over twenty-five years of combined experience in different facets of the writing and publishing industry and will share their knowledge, tips, best practices and more.

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm
in the Meeting Room

Morning Movies
The Southfield Adult Recreation Center 50+ and the Southfield Public Library present: Morning Movies. Free admission! Popcorn and water will be served. Call (248) 796-4650 for more information.

Thursday, December 12 - Love Actually, rated R
Thursday, January 9 - Standing in the Shadows of Motown, rated PG
Thursday, February 6 - Color Purple, rated PG-13
Thursday, February 13 - Maid in Manhattan, rated PG-13
Thursday, February 20 - Selma, rated PG-13
Thursday, February 27 - 42, rated PG-13

All movies start at 10:15 am
in the Meeting Room

Starting a Business
This workshop is designed for aspiring entrepreneurs at the beginning stages of starting a business. Assess your abilities to lead and manage a company and evaluate market and sales potential. Start-up costs, financing options and business planning will be discussed. Presented by Michigan Small Business Development Center.

Register at: https://clients.sbdcmichigan.org/events.aspx.

Tuesdays December 17, January 21 & February 18 at 10:30 am
in the Southfield Room

Airman to CEO: From the Boiler Room to the Boardroom - Author Talk
Dan Ringo’s book, Airman to CEO: Boiler Room to Boardroom, chronicles his life growing up in Detroit, barely graduating high school, becoming a teen father and joining the military before graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wayne State University, climbing the corporate ladder, becoming one of Michigan Chronicle’s 40 Under 40 in 2013, graduating law school and becoming a CEO. This book is inspiring and Dan has traveled the country speaking of his wonderful literary accomplishment.

Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30 pm
in the Meeting Room

Life on an Urban Farm in Detroit
Spirit Farm was founded in 2007 on vacant lots to address food security and social justice in North Corktown and the surrounding areas. Spirit of Hope is one of many groups in the city transforming abandoned city plots into bountiful community gardens. Tuka Rivers is the farm steward at Spirit Farm in Detroit. Some of the topics she will discuss are permaculture, hoop houses, raising chickens and rainwater harvesting.

Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room

City of Southfield Parks: Doing What Comes Naturally with Park Maintenance
John Thompson, City of Southfield Parks & Operation Supervisor, will discuss how the Parks Department is working to be a better steward of the natural areas in our parks. These methods include bioswales in and around parking lots for water capture and storm water runoff treatment, establishing areas of native vegetation to cut down on mowing, and planting other areas with wildflowers, prairie grasses and milkweed to create habitats for bees and butterflies. Mr. Thompson will also discuss woodlands management to keep them in their natural state.

Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room

Social Security Workshop
Learn when and how to file for social security. Learn about changes to Social Security filing strategies, how to claim retroactive benefits as a lump sum, the effect of remarriage on survivor benefits for widowed and divorced spouses and five factors that could reduce the actual payments you receive. This presentation is strictly informational. No investments will be promoted. Presented by Social Security 567.

Tuesday, February 4 at 11:00 am
in the Meeting Room

Dr. Holloway’s Breast Cancer Survival Guide for Black Women
Cancer is an equal opportunist disease, but statistically, it’s been proven that black women have a greater risk of developing breast cancer than other ethnicities. Women of color are also deprived of the important educational resources and early detection methods - which may result in delays of treatment.

A two-time breast cancer survivor, Dr. Cheryl D. Holloway knows first hand of the unfortunate ignorance surrounding breast cancer warning signs and symptoms amongst black women. Dr. Holloway's book, The Black Woman’s Breast Cancer Survival Guide, draws from vast personal experience; her unique and relatable approach to this often difficult topic covers all aspects of dealing with this disease including information about the latest tests and treatments plans.

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm
in the Meeting Room

Spring Humanities
Please join us for lively discussions based on book excerpts, short stories, articles and poetry.

Thursdays February 27 - April 23 at 1:00 pm
in Study Room 301, third level