

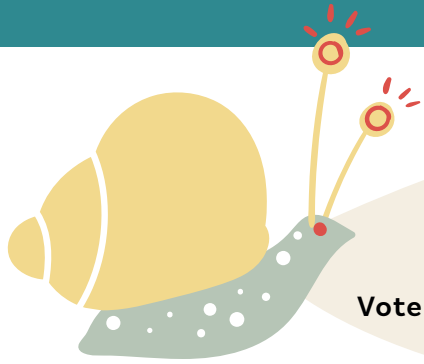
FRIENDLY NEWS

SPRING 2026

CIDL

CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Innovate. Enrich. Educate.



Be sure to attend the
SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
APRIL 16 AT 7PM-COMMUNITY ROOM
Vote for the Library's Wish List presented by the Library Staff

LET YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE THROUGH AT CIDL

THE SEWING CLUB MEETS MONTHLY.

All supplies provided for your project.
Friends Sponsored Program.



TRY OUT ONE OF THE TECH TOYS.

Sublimated Socks using the
Sublimation Printer.



ART IN THE VILLAGE

Kids Art Tent
Friends Sponsored Program.



SPONSORED BY
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WITH YOU EVERY MILE



David W. Elliott
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FRIENDS
CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE
DISTRICT LIBRARY

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PARTY

JUNE 6 @ 1PM: Dino-soar into Summer Reading with our Kick-Off Party! Kids, teens, adults, families and friends can all join the fun. Attractions include a dino dig, face painting, obstacle course (weather permitting), music, ice cream, crafts, snacks, games and more!

SUMMER READING FINALE PARTY

AUGUST 15 @ 1PM: Come close out summer reading with us! Prize winners from the Summer Reading Challenge will be announced.

JANE AUSTEN'S 250TH

**BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION**
WITH TEA, TREATS AND ACTIVITIES



MUSIC AT CIDL

RECENT MUSICAL EVENTS FEATURED
THE HILDALAND MUSIC DUO

Scottish-, Oldtime- and Swedish-inspired music
- Friends Sponsored Event

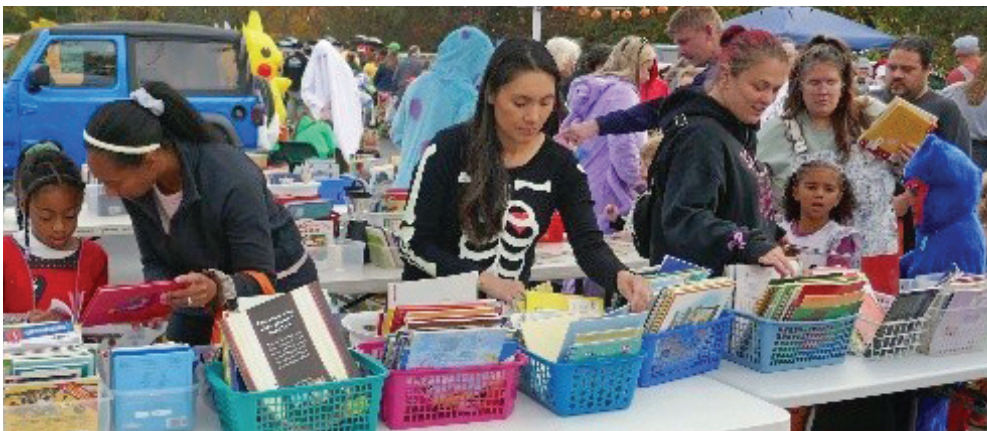


TRUNK-OR-TREAT

SPOOKTACULAR FALL FUN



Children received a free book! Friends Sponsored Event.



OPPORTUNITY TO HELP FRIENDS

Sponsor events-sign up for
 Kroger Reward Program



community
rewards

Go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](https://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
to register your card

SPRING BOOK SALE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS – MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, April 29	3 PM to 7:30 PM	Member Preview Night
Thursday, April 30	10 AM to 8:30 PM	Open to the Public
Friday, May 1	10 AM to 5:30 PM	Open to the Public
Saturday, May 2	10 AM to 2 PM	\$5.00 Bag Sale

CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE JUNE 15 11AM-7PM

Fall Book Sale

Wednesday, September 23	3 PM to 7:30 PM	Member Preview Night
Thursday, September 24	10 AM to 8:30 PM	Open to the Public
Friday, September 25	10 AM to 5:30 PM	Open to the Public
Saturday, September 26	10 AM to 2 PM	\$5.00 Bag Sale



Can't wait for the Book Sale?

SHOP OUR LOBBY SHELVES.
Inventory is stocked frequently.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY SPOTLIGHT

BOOK SORTER: Separate book donations into specified genres. After initial training session, drop in during library hours.
Contact: Call 248-625-2212 or
Email friends@cidlibrary.org

BOOK SALE: Set/up and take/down of sales area, cashier, floor attendant.

SignUpGenius sent to all Friends members before event or visit our webpage on the CIDL website.





EXAM CRAM!

Come to the library and cram for your exam!

Drinks, snacks, and some stress-relieving activities will be provided. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the

Teen Lounge and Conference Room.

Sunday, May 10 1 pm-5:45pm.

Monday, May 11 2:45pm -8:45pm.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS – ELEMENTARY

Friends Sponsored Program

Battle Journey: 2026-115 Teams-507 Students & 158 Coaches

243 Fourth Graders

264 Fifth Graders

Total Participants 2023-2026: 456 Teams, 2011 Students

FIRST PLACE



PAGE PUNCHERS – IE

SECOND PLACE

and Best Team Name



THE CLIFFHANGER CREW – CE

THIRD PLACE



BOOK SHARKS – SPE

BEST TEAM COSTUME



BOOK BABIES II – CE

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS SASHABAW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Friends Sponsored Program

FIRST PLACE



THE GRAMMAR GOOSES

SECOND PLACE



READER THINGS

THIRD PLACE



BOOK BANANAS

BEST TEAM NAME



THE BOOKIE WOOKIES

BEST COSTUME



THE READERS OF OZ

BEST POSTER



SORTING HAT SCHOLARS

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

In 2022, the Library and Friends of the Library began collaborating on a Little Free Library (LFL) project honoring Carol McNally, the Friends of the Library President, who passed away in March of that year. Carol was a dedicated volunteer who worked at the library and tutored young children in reading. This Spring we are replacing the Little Free Library in Depot Park. Carol's belief in the importance of reading lives on through this project.



VISIT ALL LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES:

The following have books for all ages:

- Depot Park
- W. Washington St. (Downtown)
- Bridgewater Apt. Complex
- Independence Woods
- Pine Knob Elementary - Children's only
- North Sashabaw Elementary - Children's only



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library. We look forward to getting to know you as we work together to support the Library.

Debbie and Dennis Church

Jessica Rainey

Emanuel Craciunescu

Cathy Rush

Juan Flores

Teresa Salcedo

Cathy Heleski

Jennifer Sawvel

Lyn Henderson

Karla Krieger

Erik Schwietzer

Karyn Lukewski

Nate Smith

Melanie Marks

Tara Smrchek

Julie McDermott

Shelby Streit

Megan Morden

Monica Voll

Mike Mulcany

Greg Warner



WELCOME BACK

Betty Anderson

Lori Collins

Sharon Hurlbert

Tina Monkaba

Scott and Lillian Phillips

Honors

Tom Stone

MEMORIALS

David W. Elliott

Katherine M. Woloson

Estelle Kachalsky

Josephine Vaara

DONATIONS

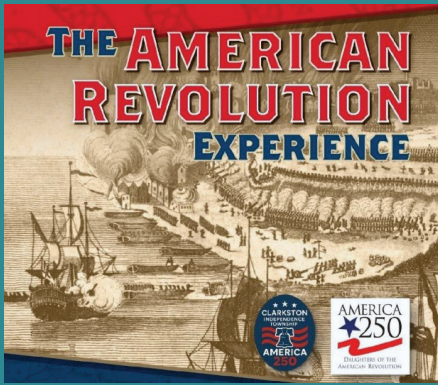
General RV

Optimist Club of Clarkston

Dort Financial

Nikki Hanmore-Reynolds





CIDL HOSTED THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION EXPERIENCE

exhibit in the Youth Activities Room from Sunday, January 4, - Saturday, January 10. This interactive traveling exhibit was paid for by the National Daughters of the American Revolution to circulate around the United States. Our local chapter of the DAR applied for a grant to host this exhibit in Clarkston. Our DAR chapter, in partnership with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the exhibit on Monday, January 5, which included an eight-flag color guard, a cadence drummer and a bagpiper from the Sons of the American Revolution. Over 100 people attended the opening ceremony. During the week of the exhibition, 621 people toured the display. This project was the kickoff of Clarkston's celebration of America 250—the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



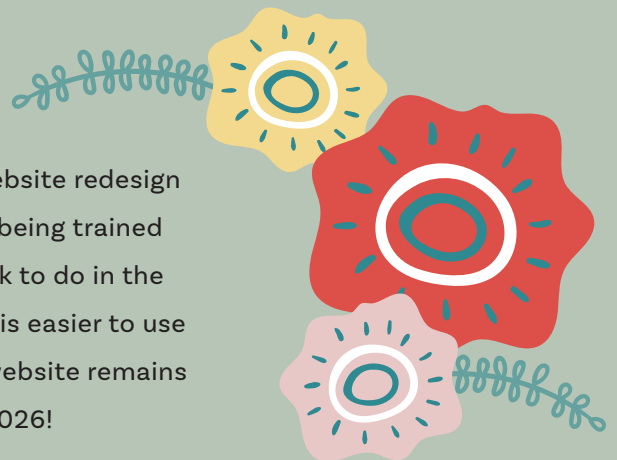
MAURICE IMHOFF

Author of 1st Michigan Colored Regiment, shared the story of Michigan's first and only African American Regiment during the Civil War



CIDL WILL BE LAUNCHING A BRAND-NEW WEBSITE

This includes an updated Friends of the Library page. The library's website redesign team has copied the content to the new platform, library staff are being trained on the system, and the design work has begun. There is a lot of work to do in the coming weeks. The goal is to create a site that still feels familiar, but is easier to use and incorporates ADA compliant accessibility features. The current website remains available while we prepare to launch our new site in May 2026!





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MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR PURPOSE IS TO ENRICH, ENCOURAGE AND
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