No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

—Hal Borland

The Armchair Academy is a new lecture and discussion series on a variety of subjects presented by local scholars. It is designed for the knowledge enthusiast — people who enjoy dabbling in scholarly subjects. The “academy” is a fun, free way to learn more about a lot of things from the experts. Check out the schedule below for upcoming lectures in January and February, and see the full schedule on our website or by picking up an Armchair Academy flyer at any library location. Come to one, two, or all of them. We’d love to have you! There is no cost to attend, and no registration is required. All programs will be held at Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

**Challenges to Sustainable Urban Development:**

**The Case of Detroit**

**January 14, 2015, 7 p.m.**

Paul Draus, Ph.D., UM-Dearborn

This lecture and discussion will examine the legacy of 20th century American urban, industrial and housing policy as it relates to issues of poverty, unemployment, crime and substance abuse that affect the city and its suburbs today. Efforts to rebuild and “re-imagine” the city of Detroit today must confront the legacy of past policy and the wounded landscape it left behind.

**Are Rich People Thinner? The Economics of Obesity**

**January 28, 2015, 7 p.m.**

Patricia Smith, Ph.D., UM-Dearborn

Does the consumption of fast food vary with income and wealth? Several studies indicate that fast food outlets are more numerous in low income areas, and some studies show evidence that low income individuals are exposed to more fast food advertising than are higher income individuals. But, do low income individuals actually consume fast food more frequently than middle and upper income groups?

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All sessions are open to the public and no registration is required. Sessions take place on the third Wednesday of each month through May, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Ford Collection Room. Multiple copies of each work are available for checkout at all library branches. If interested, reserve your copy today! Further information on each book and its author is also available through the Literature Resource Center database via the Online Resources page on the library’s website, dearbornlibrary.org.

The schedule of readings is as follows:

January 21
Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

February 18
Autobiography of Malcolm X

March 18
Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys

April 15
The Birds by Aristophanes

May 20
Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen

ARMCHAIR ACADEMY, cont’d

The Making of Arab Americans
February 11, 2015, 7 p.m.
Hani Bawardi, Ph.D., UM-Dearborn

Using previously untapped archives to reclaim a forgotten history, Dr. Bawardi traces Arab American advocacy to the early twentieth century, when mass immigration as a result of Arab grievances with Ottoman Turks fostered a unified Arab American political identity. Bringing this long-neglected history to life, Bawardi overturns the notion of an Arab population that was too diverse to share common goals. This information is based on Bawardi’s book of the same title recently published by University of Texas Press.

King Arthur: Myth, History or Legend?
February 25, 2015, 7 p.m.
Rayne Allinson, Ph.D., UM-Dearborn

This lecture will survey current scholarly debate on whether King Arthur, a British hero made famous in medieval romance literature, really existed. Although most scholars in the academy have answered this question soundly in the negative, more and more books are published each year claiming that Arthur was a real historical figure who fought the Saxon invaders in the late 5th and early 6th centuries. Why has Arthur inspired so much debate?
*Please note: All Programming is at Henry Ford Centennial Library unless otherwise noted. Patrons arriving five minutes after the program start time will forfeit their place and will not be admitted. Registration must be made by phone, online, or in person at any Dearborn Public Library location.

**BABIES-PRESCHOOL**
(5 yrs. and under)

**Mother Goose Storytime** (Ages 6-23 months) Fridays, January 9, 23, & 30 at 9:45 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m.
Babies and toddlers are invited to their first literature experiences along with songs, fingerplays, and movement. One caregiver per child is recommended. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins December 26.

**Tot Time** (Ages 2-3 years)
Thursday, January 15 & 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Children with a caregiver are invited for stories, songs, and fun. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins January 2.

**Preschool Storytime** (Ages 3-5 years) Thursdays, January 15 & 22 at 2 p.m.
Join us for fun stories, fingerplays, and a craft. Caregivers must remain in the library. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins January 2.

**Play and Learn** (Ages Birth—5 Years with a caregiver)
Thursday, January 15, 1-2:30 p.m. at Esper Branch Library, 12929 West Warren, Dearborn
This FREE program, presented by Starfish Early Learning Communities, meets once a month at the Esper Branch Library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy interactive time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. For ages birth-5 years and their caregivers. Siblings welcome. No registration.

**Busy Bag Playdate** (Ages 2-5 with a caregiver)
Thursday, January 29, 10 a.m.
Open play for children while caregivers make busy bags that are great to use for long car trips or quiet times at home. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins January 15.

**Mother Goose Storytime** (Ages 6-23 months) Fridays, February 13 & 27 at 9:45 a.m. OR 10:45 a.m.
Babies and toddlers are invited to their first literature experiences along with songs, fingerplays, and movement. One caregiver per child is recommended. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins January 30.

**Tot Time** (Ages 2-3 years)
Thursday, February 5, 12, & 19 at 10:30 a.m.
Children with a caregiver are invited for stories, songs, and fun. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins January 22.

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**Busy Bag Playdate** (Ages 2-5 with a caregiver)
Thursday, February 26, 10 a.m.
Open play for children while caregivers make busy bags that are great to use for long car trips or quiet times at home. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration begins February 12.

**KIDS EVENTS**
(Grades K-6)

**LEGO Club** (Grades K-6)
Wednesday, January 28, 4 p.m.
Come build with us! Creations will be photographed and displayed on our blog, dearbornkidsread.blogspot.com
No registration but space is limited.

**LEGO Club** (Grades K-6)
Wednesday, February 25, 4 p.m.
Come build with us! Creations will be photographed and displayed on our blog, dearbornkidsread.blogspot.com/
No registration but space is limited.
TWEENS
(Grades 4+)

 Twiggy’s Craft (Grades 4+)
Thursday, January 29, 4:30 p.m.

Tween+ Craft (Grades 4+)
Tuesday, February 10, 4:30 p.m.
Decorate snacks, make cards, have a lovely time. No younger siblings. Registration required. Registration begins January 27.

TEENS
(Grades 7-12)

Teen Zone Update: Due to generous funding from the Dearborn Public Library Foundation, we were able to expand the Teen Zone area, update the shelving, and purchase new furniture. By swapping the DVD and Teen areas, the Teen Zone is brighter than ever with all of the natural light that streams through the windows. We’re working hard to improve our services and facilities. We hope you enjoy the new space!

Teen Movie (Grades 7-12)
Tuesday, January 6, 5:15 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (2001, PG, 152 min.) No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

Teen Movie (Grades 7-12)
Tuesday, February 3, 5:15 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002, PG, 161 min.) No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

Third Thursday Craft (All Ages)
Thursday, January 15, 6 p.m.
Hang out, voice your opinion, help plan programs, and earn volunteer hours. No parents or younger siblings. No registration.

We Love Cars (All Ages)
Wednesday, February 18, 2 p.m.
Hit the road with your fastest car and help build an awesome race track. No registration but space is limited.

ALL AGES EVENTS

Third Thursday Craft (All Ages)
Thursday, January 15, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.
Make a clothespin puppet. Younger children may need adult assistance. No registration. Crafts available while supplies last.
**EARLY LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

Parents, caregivers, and educators are invited to FREE workshops provided by the staff of Starfish Family Services this fall. Classes are intended for adults, but childcare will be provided by Starfish’s daycare professionals. Registration is required.

**Register online at** [www.greatstarttoquality.org](http://www.greatstarttoquality.org) or by phone/in person at the Dearborn Public Library.

**Caregiver and Family Relationships**  
Friday, January 16, 10 a.m.–noon  
Explore new ways to communicate with family members about children. Bring your children as free daycare is provided by Starfish's daycare professionals. Registration required.  
*Please specify how many children will be attending when registering.*

**Anecdotal Notes**  
Friday, February 20, 10 a.m.–noon  
Caregivers learn how to organize and note progression in the daycare setting. Bring your children as free daycare is provided by Starfish's daycare professionals. Registration required.  
*Please specify how many children will be attending when registering.*

**TECH TIME HELP SESSIONS CONTINUE**

Patrons can drop by Henry Ford Centennial Library on Fridays from 2-4 PM for some free Tech Time device help.

These sessions will take place in the first-floor computer training room at HFCL. For these sessions, please bring USB and/or power cables for your device. Apple device users may need their Apple account credentials. Kindle device users may need their Amazon account credentials. Help with ebooks requires a valid library card. This workshop is not intended to help with repairing equipment.

**ESL CONVERSATION CIRCLES CONTINUE AT HFCL**

Adults interested in learning English are invited to join one of Henry Ford Centennial Library’s ESL Conversation Circles, where one can meet new friends and develop confidence in English vocabulary and speaking in a friendly, relaxed environment. Sessions are held three times a week; no registration is required, just drop in during any session that is convenient for you! Conversation circles are held in Room 30 on the third floor mezzanine at HFCL on Mondays from 6:30-8 PM or Tuesdays from 1-2:30 PM.

We are also seeking native or fluent English speakers to volunteer as “Talk Buddies” at our ESL Conversation Circles. Fill out a volunteer application, come to a Conversation Circle and spend some time chatting with our English Language Learners! Call Isabella at 313-943-2816 for more info.
Winter basic computer workshops at the Henry Ford Centennial Library begin in January with classes scheduled through April. All sessions listed below take place in the Computer Training Room at Henry Ford Centennial Library and are free of charge. Interested patrons can visit or call the Reference Desk at (313) 943-2330 to register during the appropriate registration dates listed below.

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The next FOLD Book and Media sale will take place on Wednesday, February 4 from 9:30 AM-6 PM. As always, we will have freshly stocked shelves of fiction, nonfiction, magazines, record albums, compact discs, audiobooks, DVDs, VHS tapes, and more! Arrive early for the best selection of our newly-replenished stock of items!

Michigan’s Senior Brigade will be visiting HFCL for several upcoming presentations on various issues facing seniors.

On Friday, January 23, a presentation on Online Safety will exhibit several ways to stay safe online, including tips for email safety, basic computer security measures, and helpful online resources.

On Friday, April 17, the Brigade will present information on Home Repair and Equity Scams, which will include topics such as recognizing and avoiding home repair and home loan scams, how to work with a contractor and reverse mortgage tips.

All presentations begin at 11:00 AM and will take place in Room 30 on HFCL’s third-floor mezzanine. The presentations are roughly 40-45 minutes in length.

According to the Senior Brigade website, www.Mi.gov/seniorbrigade, Michigan’s aging population faces increasingly complex decisions related to health care and financial matters. In response, the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division has developed information resources including guides, fact sheets, and how-to’s in order to assist in making complex decisions. Additionally, senior citizens are often the targets of unscrupulous scam artists. To protect yourself and your loved ones from these scams, you should understand what they are, what they look like, how they work, and what you can do to avoid them.

The website also provides links to a wide variety of state and federal resources that can benefit Michigan seniors as well as a comprehensive guide to consumer protection information.
REJUVENATE YOUR RETIREMENT SEMINARS UPCOMING

Henry Ford Centennial Library will present retirement investment seminars presented by Tony LaJeunesse of TLN Financial Group.

Interested patrons can choose from one of two schedule options:

Option A: Thursdays, January 29 and February 5 9:30-11:30 AM

Option B: Tuesdays, February 3 and 10 1:00-3:00 PM

There is a charge of $39 for each option and advance registration is required. Inquire at the Adult Reference Desk at Henry Ford Centennial Library. Make checks payable to: Friends of the Library-Dearborn. All sessions will be held in Room M30 on the Mezzanine at Henry Ford Centennial Library.

Tony LaJeunesse is the founder of TLN Financial Group, a full-service investment advisory firm dedicated to helping enrich the lives of individuals, families, and business owners at every stage of life.

EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS DURING FINALS JAN. 20 & 21

Henry Ford Centennial Library will be open later on January 20 and 21 for Exam Cram! The library’s third floor will remain open until 10:30 PM both nights for students studying for finals.

Students need to be aware of the following during these extended hours:

- Students working alone or in groups may remain in the building (3rd Floor only) until 10:30pm
- No re-admittance—arrange for parental transportation/pick-up prior to leaving the building
- Have student ID available
- Quiet study room available—tables for group study
- Library Code of Conduct must be followed

Please join Dr. Michael C. LoPresto, HFC Instructor of Physics & Astronomy, for an interesting and enlightening series of presentations on What We Hear and Why We Hear It that look at the connection between science and the arts. Dr. LoPresto’s series continues in March and April with:

Musical Consonance and Dissonance
Wednesday, March 18 6:30pm HFCL Conference Room 30

Why do we like some sounds and not others? Come and find out! Audience participation possible!

The Science Behind Musical Instruments
Wednesday, April 15 6:30 PM HFCL Conference Room 30

Explore how brass, woodwind and stringed instruments work.

Dr. LoPresto has taught a course on the science of sound & light for music, art and theater majors at HFC for 10 years now. He has also been doing, presenting and publishing research on the subjects since he was a student.
The libraries are now open for regular hours according to the schedule below. Please note holiday closures.

**Henry Ford Centennial Library**
16301 Michigan Ave.  (313) 943-2330
- Mon-Thurs 9:30-8:30
- Friday 9:30-5:30
- Saturday 9:30-5:30
- Sunday 1-5

**Bryant and Esper Branch Libraries**
- Monday 12:30-8:30
- Tuesday 12:30-8:30
- Wednesday 10:30-5:30
- Thursday 12:30-5:30
- Friday CLOSED
- Saturday 12:30-5:30
- Sunday CLOSED

The library will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 16 for Presidents Day

[www.dearbornlibrary.org](http://www.dearbornlibrary.org)