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2024 Events!

50/100 Centennial Series
Jan 8 ~ Merkel Furniture with Tim and George Merkel
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Nov 4 ~ CAHS 50th Anniversary with CAHS Board

2024 Tours & Gatherings

Spring & Summer ~ To be Announced!

Fall ~ Haunted Chelsea
December 7 ~ Holiday Home Tour
December ~ Holiday Potluck

Gallery 100 Showcases Local Artistry with C.A.D.D.Y. Corner Quilters' Unique Exhibit



Photo courtesy C.A.A.D.Y Quilters



From: D&B Strategic Marketing

Gallery 100, nestled within the heart of Silver Maples, proudly presents a special quilt exhibit featuring the artistic creations of local talents who are members of the Chelsea, Ann Arbor, Dexter, and Ypsilanti (C.A.A.D.Y.) Corner Quilters. From January 3 to February 29, the public is invited to witness the beauty of handmade quilts that embody the spirit of community and philanthropy.

Exhibit Highlights: The quilts at Gallery 100 represent the generous contributions of the C.A.A.D.Y. Corner Quilters, a group of dedicated artists who have been creating and donating quilts for over 20 years. This exhibition provides a unique opportunity for the public to explore the collaborative efforts behind these stunning pieces, as most quilts are the

result of the group's collective creativity.

Artists Reception: Join us for an artists' reception on Sunday, January 14, at 2 pm. This event offers a chance to meet the talented artists behind the quilts and gain insight into the creative process. Attendees can view the quilts and engage with the artists in a welcoming atmosphere.

Community Outreach:

The C.A.A.D.Y. Corner Quilters have donated over 800 quilts since 2008, with recipients including the University of Michigan's Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, the St. Louis Center, Faith in Action, Jewish Family Services, and the University of Michigan's Office of Decedent Affairs. They have also collaborated with the Chelsea District Library for the Community Quilt project. Gallery 100, part

of the Silver Maples community, was established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit; the Gallery is open to the public and provides exhibition space for artists in Chelsea and the surrounding area to enhance the cultural experience of the community. Gallery related events and programming encourage the exploration and appreciation of all aspects of art and create opportunities for artists, the greater community, and those that call Silver Maples home, to come together to enjoy art and to develop meaningful relationships.

Artists interested in exhibiting at Gallery 100 may contact Winn Nichols, Director of Programs, by email: wnichols@silvermaples.org. Gallery 100 is open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday.



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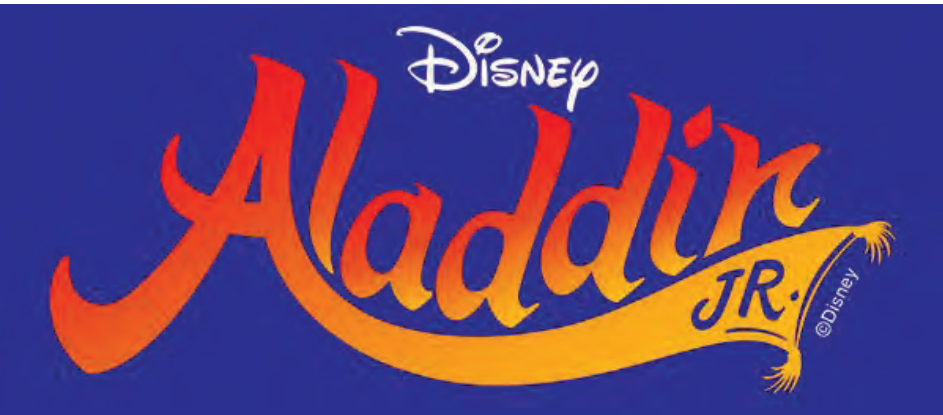
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Aladdin Jr Audition Information



From Chelsea Area Players

Auditions for CAP Jr.'s winter musical Aladdin, Jr. are coming! Mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 15, and Wednesday, Jan. 17 from 5:30-7:30 pm. In addition, please keep Thursday, Jan. 18 from 5:30-7 pm open in case we need to call back anyone to hear sing for a second time, or to read a scene with someone new.

A sign-up genius is available here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B-4BADAE2CA3FC1-46810651-capaladdin#/>

For more information visit Chelsea Area Players website here: <https://chelseareplayers.org/2023/12/aladdin-jr-audition-information/>

Here is what you need to know:

Show dates are March 15, 16, and 17, 2024.

Rehearsals will start January 22 and will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm. The size of the child's part will determine how often he/she needs to attend; most students will not have to attend every rehearsal. All rehearsals will be held at St. Paul United Church of Christ at 14600 E. Old US Highway 12.

Performances will be in the evenings of March 15 and 16, and a matinee on March 17. Students are expected not to miss ANY rehearsals during the week of March 11 unless due to illness. Other absences, as long as they are noted in advance,

are acceptable.

There will be two parts to the audition: an acting part and a singing part.

For the acting part: Audition scenes are posted below. Students 5th grade and up will be asked to read from at least one of them, and likely read for more than one character. Actors are not expected to memorize any parts; however, it is recommended that actors spend some time becoming familiar with the lines and the characters before the audition. The director is looking for strong acting choices, which can mean a character voice, a way of moving, and lots of facial expressions. The director also wants to hear that students can project (be loud) and speak clearly. Copies of

the scenes will be available at the auditions, or students can bring their own copy.

Younger students (3rd and 4th grade) can concentrate on Audition Scene 1 only.

Audition Scene 1: Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim

Audition Scene 2: Aladdin, Jasmine

Audition Scene 3: Genie, Aladdin

Audition Scene 4: Jafar, Iago, Spooky Voice

For the singing part:

Students will be auditioning alone. All students, but especially older ones who are hoping to get leads, are encouraged to sing excerpts from one of the songs from Aladdin that are linked below: "Friend Like Me," "Arabian Nights," "Babkak, Omar, Aladdin, Kassim," or "A Whole New World." We are looking for the ability to sing in tune, on tempo, and to act while singing. If the song seems to suggest movements of some kind, students are encouraged to do some of their own. Remember, this is a musical, so we want to see kids who

can "sell" the song.

Girls can sing any of the songs. Boys are encouraged to do any except for "A Whole New World" (the part that is excerpted for auditions is Jasmine's part so is likely not in range for most boys).

We will have the music at the audition. The youtube playlist has audition songs both with and without vocals. Most of the students will be more comfortable auditioning to the track that has the vocals, and that is perfectly fine. Some students will prefer a karaoke version (labeled "instrumental") so we have that available as well.

Parents, we now have the audition form ready for you to print out and fill out before auditions! The auditions will be able to move along faster if you have this already filled out before you arrive at the audition. Aladdin Audition Form at <https://chelseareplayers.org/>

We also have the Take-Home form. This is just informational with costs, rehearsal days and times, etc. You do not need to print this out or bring it with you. AUDITION TAKE HOME FORM - Aladdin Jr

Please direct any questions to Alex at mooreaec@gmail.com.

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CHELSEA BULLDOGS COLLEGE SIGNINGS

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Seth Anstead

Ohio University Football

Parents:
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Business Spotlight: The Glow Bar



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By Aimee Bingham
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I have sworn off tans since my skin bubbled after about 20 minutes in the tropical sun on a cruise in the Bahamas. My Irish/English ances-

tors made bronzing like a bottle of oil from the 80s impossible. When getting a spray tan became an option, I secretly feared turning a hideous shade of orange. I'd rather be a shocking shade of white than an ugly un-

natural orange. When I spotted a small business in Chelsea supporting other small business owners in Chelsea; I decided to face my fears and give it a try. I made an appointment with the Glow Bar for a spray

tan.

I received directions to the location and some instructions for prepping for the appointment to get the best outcome. I shaved and exfoliated before the appointment. I did not put anything on my skin after my shower. I searched for a bathing suit to wear. I no longer wear bikinis so I didn't have an appropriate suit. But, the instructions explained that Ashley, the person giving the tan is a professional and has seen plenty of naked bodies. This was a first and likely a last. I'd be going topless to get a story. When I arrived at Glow Bar which happens to be in the amazing finished basement of Ashley's house, I was met at the door by Ashley, she immediately made me feel comfortable and warm, and friendly. I followed her to the basement. She asked me if I wanted light, medium, or dark. Considering my natural state of glow-in-the-dark, white I opted for light, to be safe. I went to a changing area and took my clothes off as she prepped. I tried to put it out of my head, the lack of clothes and how little I know Ashley. It was like being a doctor's appointment.

She had me step my bare feet on what looked like the soles of flip-flops. They had adhesive and stuck to my feet. I stepped into the spray tan area. Ashley turned on a



light that felt warm and a fan. She started spraying, which caused me to jump, like catching droplets from a sprinkler. Ashley explained that I should rinse the tanner off in 4-8 hours. But I knew I wouldn't be home in that window. I should have researched more before my appointment. Ashley explained that if I didn't rinse after 8 hours the tanner would not continue to darken my skin. I fear that I would turn into a Oompa Loompa if I waited too long to rinse. She assured me that I wouldn't. After we were done, I put on loose clothes and left.

Once I had time to rinse I did and was sure to follow Ashley's instructions. Without exposing my fragile skin to rays that wanted to melt and burn it, I had achieved a sunkissed glow. Ashley performed some sort of magic on my skin. I wasn't orange or streaked or strange looking and to get this shade did not require I crisp my body in lights or the sun. This

was a painless, easy experience. Aside from the chill of the spray and the slightly awkward feeling of being topless in front of a stranger, it was the easiest, most perfect tan I've ever had. It is not a sunscreen but if you are going on a vacation and don't want your see-through legs to see the light of day, I encourage you to set an appointment with Ashley. It was like the magic of an Instagram filter all over my body. I did not look like a Umpaloompa. I looked like I'd just arrived back from a lovely tropical vacation without sun poisoning! I highly recommend the Glow Bar for a lovely year-round sun-kissed look. I will be back. If you're interested in an appointment, you can book through the link on the Instagram https://www.instagram.com/theglowbar_chelsea_mi/ or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheGlowBarChelseaMI> or call (734) 719-0155 or email Theglowbar10@gmail.com.



Chelsea Education Foundation and Serendipity Books Support Chelsea School District's Literacy Drive



Photo courtesy Chelsea Education Foundation: K Owen-CEF Board Member, K Hepler-CEF Board Member, P Roberts-CEF Admin, and Katie Spisich-CSD Literacy Specialist

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Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) and Serendipity Books co-hosted an event that will help enhance educational resources in Chelsea's schools.

The event, held at Serendipity Books on December 14, was successful, with a diverse and enthusiastic crowd of supporters in attendance. Guests purchased books on-site while savoring a selec-

tion of wines curated by Jay Friend, Owner of Withingtons.

"The books will help fulfill part of the Teacher requested grants to CEF in their quest to support Chelsea School Districts literacy campaign", said Amy Forehand, CEF Board President. "And an added benefit is CEF realized significant savings by buying the majority of the books through Serendipity with assistance from Chelsea District Library!"

The centerpiece of this collaboration was the bundling of books

for purchase, benefiting Chelsea educational institutions. The books included:

- New titles for the Chelsea High School Media Center.
- Books from the Chelsea District Library's "Authors In Chelsea" program for Beach Middle, South Meadows and North Creek Schools.
- Elementary-level social-emotional and non-fiction books.

Through the generous contributions of attendees and book enthusiasts, Chelsea Education Foundation raised \$3,700 during

the event, actively working towards their goal of \$6,500.

For those unable to attend or who may be interested in contributing further, CEF is keeping the donation page active through the end of 2023. Individuals interested in donating can visit <https://www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org/post/book-drive-fundraiser>

This partnership underscores the significance of local businesses coming together to support Chelsea Education Foundation's mission to enrich the educational experience for Chelsea's students.

Chelsea Education

Foundation and Serendipity Books extend their gratitude to everyone who contributed to the event's success, reaffirming their commitment to the growth and development of education in Chelsea. Anyone interested in learning more about Chelsea Education Foundation may email: vicepresident@chelseaeducationfoundation.org

About Chelsea Education Foundation:

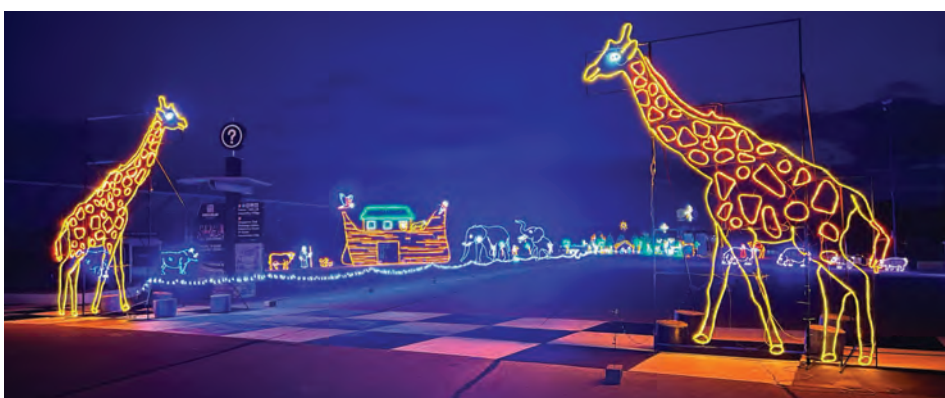
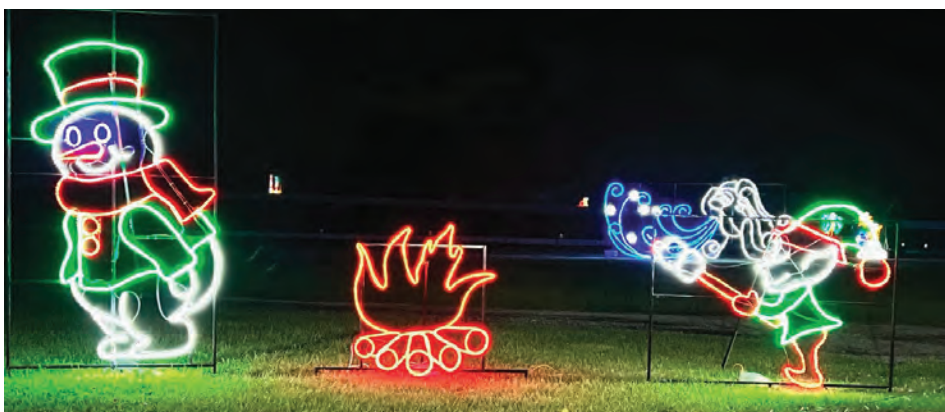
Chelsea Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing educational opportunities for students in the Chelsea School District. CEF

provides grants, scholarships, and other resources to support innovative and enriching programs that inspire and empower Chelsea's students. www.ChelseaEducationFoundation.org.

About Serendipity Books:

Serendipity Books is a local bookstore in Chelsea, MI, committed to fostering a love for reading and learning within the community. With a diverse selection of books and a passion for education, Serendipity Books is a proud supporter of Chelsea's schools and educational initiatives. www.serendipity-books.com

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United Way for Southeastern Michigan Announces Two New Grant Opportunities for Washtenaw County Nonprofits

Grants to support families in need, access to resources and equity

United Way for Southeastern Michigan has announced the opening of two significant grant opportunities for nonprofit organizations based in Washtenaw County: the 2024 Responsive Basic Needs Grant and the 2024 Racial Equity Fund Grant. These grants aim to support and empower community-focused initiatives addressing vital needs and foster racial equity in the region.

“At United Way for Southeastern Michigan, we believe in the power of unity to create lasting change. Following our merger in October of 2023, we are proud to continue our commitment to Washtenaw County families and organizations. With the launch of these grants, we are not just funding projects; we are investing in the heartbeat of our communities,” says Tonya Adair, Chief Development, Diversity & Engagement Officer at United Way for Southeastern Michigan. “We aim to support the in-

credible efforts of nonprofits that align with our vision of a more equitable, inclusive, and thriving Washtenaw County. Together, we can address immediate needs and lay the groundwork for systemic change, ensuring every individual can become stable and have opportunities to thrive.”

2024 Washtenaw County Responsive Basic Needs Grant - This competitive grant program targets 501(c)(3) nonprofits based in Washtenaw County with proven programs in emergency food, services for individuals who are unhoused, and benefit navigation support, including Medicaid enrollment. Funding amounts range from \$15,000 to \$40,000 for a six-month period. Eligible organizations, including current and prospective United Way partners, are encouraged to apply. The application period opens on January 3; the deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on January 18.

2024 Washtenaw County Racial Equity Fund Grant - Dedicated to supporting BIPOC-led organizations, the Racial Equity Fund offers unrestricted operational grants and technical assistance. This initiative aims to eliminate racial disparities and promote equitable communities in Southeastern Michigan. By prioritizing the experiences of those affected by systemic oppression, the fund seeks to foster authentic inclusion and equitable access to resources. This year, \$200,000 is available for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Organizations serving and based in Washtenaw County with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) executive leadership are eligible. The application period is identical to the Basic Needs Grant, with applications due by 5 p.m. on January 18.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan has served the region for more than 100

years. Their mission is to mobilize the caring power of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan to improve communities and individual lives in measurable and lasting ways. They

work with hundreds of partners and thousands of donors, advocates, and volunteers to advance equitable communities where households are stable, and children thrive.

They also actively work to ensure equity in communities.

Eligible organizations in Washtenaw County are encouraged to apply and join **continued on page 9**



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<p>Business Breakfasts Jan 11th 7-9am April 11th 7-9am July 11th 7-9am Oct 10th 7-9am</p> <p>Wellness After Hours Jan 17th 5-6:30pm</p> <p>Chocolate Extravaganza Feb 10th</p> <p>Curling Fest Feb 24th 8-11pm</p> <p>Annual Meeting March 6th 6-8pm</p> <p>Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights June 6th-July 25th & Oct 24th 6:30-8:30pm</p> <p>Sounds & Sights Festival July 26th-27th</p>	<p>Community Picnic Aug 10 Noon to 2pm</p> <p>Golf Outing Sept 4th 7:30am-3pm</p> <p>Backyard Beer Garden Oct 12th 3-10pm</p> <p>Hometown Halloween October All Month</p> <p>Wine, Women, & Shopping Nov 8th & 9th</p> <p>Hometown Holiday December All Month</p> <p>Sculpture Walk All Year</p> <p>Chelsea Trail Challenge Feb 1st-Nov 30th</p>
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Nonprofit Improving Medication Access for Patients with Cancer in Michigan



Nonprofit Improving Medication Access for Patients with Cancer in Michigan YesRx is a charitable service organization working on behalf of patients with cancer to help with medication access and medication waste. YesRx launched their efforts in June 2023 with

enthusiastic support from patients, caregivers, and clinicians who navigate the barriers related to expensive cancer medications and the devastating effects.

Two big problems YesRx is helping solve are cancer medication access and waste. Recently published studies captured shocking statistics. Patients with cancer who have pharmacy co-pays that are \$500 or more are 4x

more likely to not start or continue their cancer treatment than patients who have co-pays of \$100 or less. Patients receiving oral cancer medication who have a single prescription change during treatment results in an average of \$4,300 worth of medication being wasted.

YesRx supports cancer care providers across the State in the utilization of Public

Act 416 of 2006 which established the Cancer Drug Repository (CDR) Program. This Michigan law allows patients to donate eligible unused and unopened cancer medication and provides clinicians with access to medication that can be provided to a patient in need. YesRx connects and supports CDRs in Michigan through the YesRx Network. Currently consisting of 14 CDR programs and growing, the Network is designed to reach people and communities across the state. Michiganders have already generously donated cancer medications valued in the millions that clinicians have been able to provide to patients in need at no cost.

The strategic expansion of the YesRx Network resources is occurring with mission-aligned organizations. YesRx has received initial funding through Trinity Health Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM). YesRx is thrilled to have Trinity Health Michigan as the founding health system organization and the Michigan Oncology Quality Consortium (MOQC) and Pharmacists Optimizing Excellence in Oncology (POEM) whose funding is provided by Blue Cross as part of the BCBSM Value Partnerships pro-

gram as the founding Network sponsor. "At Trinity Health Michigan, our Core Values include stewardship and a commitment to those experiencing poverty," said Rosalie Tocco-Bradley, PhD, MD, MHSA, chief clinical officer at Trinity Health Michigan. "That is why we are so delighted to partner with YesRx, so that we can better serve Michigan communities by providing oral cancer medications to patients who otherwise would not have access to affordable, lifesaving treatments."

Trinity Health Michigan's support establishes the infrastructure needed for the first Statewide CDR location at Trinity Health Pharmacy - Reichert Center. Medications donated by patients across the state are safely stored and dispensed to clinicians under strict pharmacy practices and CDR guidelines at this location.

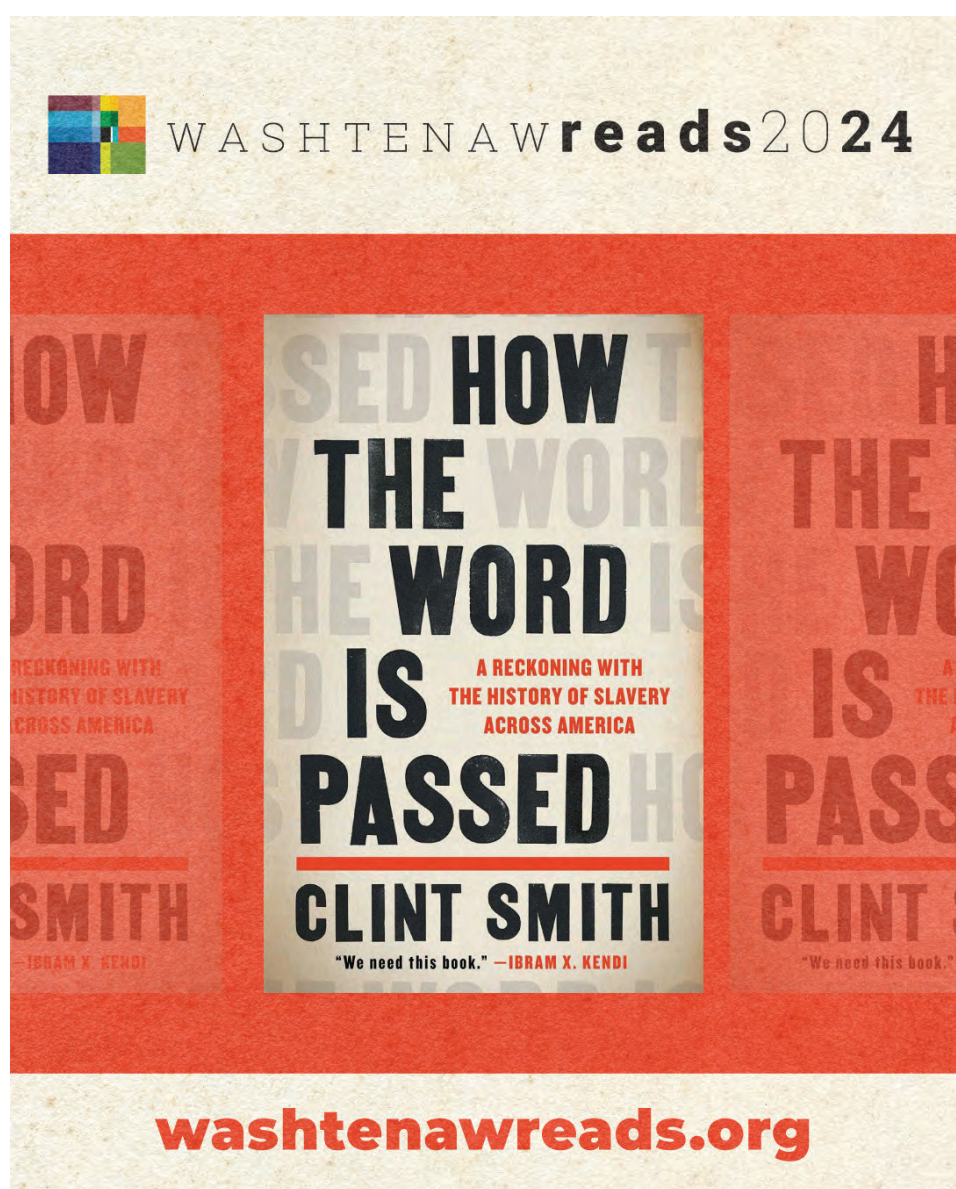
"We joined the YesRx mission to be co-creators in a system for sustaining affordable access to cancer treatment in our state," Dr. Katie Beekman shared. "This is a muchneeded solution that patients, clinicians, cancer care advocates, and policy makers all support because by design it demonstrates the ability to reduce the amount of unused and wasted cancer medi-

cations while improving access to treatment for patients in need." Dr. Beekman's Trinity Health IHA Hematology Oncology Medical Group is a founding member of the YesRx Network.

The MOQC/POEM support through BCBSM provides funding that enables YesRx to provide the resources needed to support CDRs in oncology practices to YesRx Network members at no cost. Members choose to participate in the YesRx Network because they believe CDRs can positively impact the quality of patient care.

"We are pleased to see the advent of a system in Michigan that helps facilitate improving medication access to those in need while at the same time eliminating medication waste," said Martha Walsh, MD, MHSA, senior medical director and associate chief medical officer for Provider Engagement at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. "Through this innovative model, patients and their families are able to donate medications that they may not be able to use. Cancer patients will have enhanced access to medications they need, and increasingly these expensive medications will not be wasted. We applaud YesRx Network for their efforts."

Reading is Rewarding at CDL!



From: Shannon Powers, Head of Information Services

Chelsea District Library (CDL) is encouraging people of all ages to grab a good book this winter through its Hot Reads for Cold Nights (HRCN) winter reading program! From increasing vocabulary, to exercising empathy, to pure entertainment, research has long supported the importance of reading for children, teens, and adults. Reading is even touted as an activity to help keep dementia at bay, according to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation! There is no better time to dive into a good book than winter, and CDL has the perfect incentive to send you reaching for a book instead of a phone!

From December 18 through February 29, read, log, and review books to earn hot prizes like cocoa or tea and superhero themed mugs! HRCN uses the same reading program app as the popular summer reading program, Beanstack. If you participate in the summer program, simply open up your app and login to sign up for the HRCN winter challenge. If you've never participated, visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org/hrcn to learn how. Not a fan of reading apps? Stop by the library to participate on paper instead.

Need a book recommendation to get you started? Why not try the countywide read? Stop by CDL and grab a copy of Clint Smith's *How the Word Is Passed*, the Washten-

aw Reads book choice for 2024. When discussions of removing confederate monuments in his hometown of New Orleans began in 2017, Smith was inspired to write this book, touted as a "brilliant, vital work" by Kirkus Reviews. Smith's book takes us around the country, highlighting historic sites and monuments such as Monticello, Galveston Island, Texas (the birthplace of Juneteenth), Confederate cemeteries, and the Whitney Plantation. Along the way, he highlights how nostalgia and miseducation have shaped our country's collective memory and understanding of race and history. Copies of *How the Word Is Passed* will be available starting January 3.

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January Events

Yoga for Parkinson's Disease [PD]* (CHE)

Tuesdays, January 4–25 • 2:00pm–3:00pm

People with PD have been shown to respond favorably to the practice of Yoga. This class is suitable for people with PD as well as their caregivers. Yoga can ease symptoms by improving core strength, flexibility, and balance. Yoga may also decrease stress and bring calm to a busy mind, allowing for deeper relaxation. In addition to postures, breathing techniques will be shared to apply anytime during your day that may help with one's symptoms. All levels are welcome, modifications will be given.

Strengthening Your Posture (CHE)

January 9–February 13 • 12:00pm–1:00pm

These 6-week sessions will focus on strengthening your back, shoulders, and core muscles, which are all essential to standing with proper posture and preventing lower back pain.

Strengthen Your Core Class (CHE)

January 9–February 13 • 1:00pm–2:00pm

Participants will learn how to break down their movement to engage their muscles and then advance their core as they progress.

All About Balance (DEX)

Thursdays, January 11–February 15 • 12:00pm–1:00pm

This class is designed to teach you to maintain balance by strengthening key muscles responsible for keeping you upright, particularly focusing on your legs and core. The emphasis lies in enhancing stability to prevent falls.

Training Your Pelvic Floor (DEX)

Thursdays, January 11–February 15 • 5:00pm–6:00pm

This class improves the strength and mobility of the pelvic floor, effectively enhancing the function of multiple systems. Members learn to contract and relax pelvic floor muscles in relation to other muscles.

Healthy Eating in the New Year (CHE)

January 31 • 6:00pm

Learn and discuss ways to change your eating habits in the New Year.

*Community welcome!



COMING SOON

CPR Class (CHE)
February 26

St. Patrick's Day
Indoor Triathlon (DEX)
March 17

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CDL Celebrates the 2023 Friend and Volunteer of the Year Award Recipients!



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY

ENGAGE. INSPIRE. EQUIP.

Chelsea District Library (CDL) staff and volunteers were excited to gather at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on Saturday, December 2. At this celebration, CDL honored two individuals who have been particularly generous in their service to the library. The awards originated in 1992 as a small way to recognize the enormous gratitude CDL has for those individuals who help to further its mission. These dedicated individuals provide great value to the library by doing work above and beyond the normal scope of the CDL staff. This year CDL celebrates the services of 2023 Friend of the Year David Griffiths and 2023 Volunteer of the Year Dan Kaminsky.

David and his wife Marion moved to Chelsea in 2017 after his forty-year career at Hillsdale College as the theatre department's scenic designer and technical director. He recalls, "Once settled, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity and heard the library was a possibility,

what better for a lifelong reader? ... Books have always been a source of joy for me. As Groucho Marx once said - 'Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend - inside of a dog, it's too dark to read anyway.'" David has volunteered his time with the Friends Used Book Sale since 2018. When told of his nomination, David shared, "The library was part of my daily work life, researching facts for the classroom and information and images for sets. The plays we produced covered the widest variety of subjects and eras imaginable and libraries provide the information we need for every topic and taste. Libraries supported me throughout my work life and now it is my turn to support them however I can."

CDL's Volunteer of the Year, Dan Kaminsky, has a decades-long service history with CDL. He was part of the successful campaign to form our library district and an incredibly generous donor in our recent efforts to bring Mobile CDL

into library services. He has helped with book sales, deliveries to the homebound, and even served a stint as the library board president. Reflecting on the formation of the district, Dan shared, "At the time, I envisioned more books, more room, finally some staff. What happened astounds me now today. The library has become an enormous benefit for our community, with interesting programs, great resources, and helpful knowledgeable staff. It's a place that everyone in Chelsea can be proud of."

The staff at CDL could not agree more with this sentiment and gives thanks to all of our wonderful Friends and volunteers. It is with the help of many hands that we are able to engage, inspire, and equip our community! For information about volunteering, please contact Linda Ballard at 734-475-8732 x202. For more information on becoming a Friend, visit friends.chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan Announces Two New Grant Opportunities for Washtenaw County Nonprofits

Grants to support families in need, access to resources and equity

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United Way in its mission to create lasting, positive change.

For further details, including eligibility criteria, funding priorities, and application instructions, please visit [United Way's](http://UnitedWay.org) grant information page here.

For inquiries regarding the Basic Needs Grant, contact Emily Mueller, Basic Needs Director, at SafetyNet@UnitedWaySEM.org. For assistance with SurveyMonkey Apply, email

SMA@UnitedWaySEM.org.

About United Way for Southeastern Michigan

United Way for Southeastern Michigan, a member of the United Way Worldwide network and an independently governed 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, works to help households become stable and ensure children have the support they need to thrive. For more than 100 years, United Way has been a leader in creating pos-

itive, measurable, and sustainable change in communities throughout southeast Michigan. United Way works in partnership with donors, agencies, corporate and municipal partners to help families meet their basic needs of housing, food, health care and family finances, and ensure children start school ready to learn and graduate ready for life. To give, advocate, volunteer or learn more, visit UnitedWaySEM.org.



Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-4923

Date: December 18, 2023

Location: 1100 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:53 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer responded to the 1100 block of S. Main Street for the report of a fraud complaint involving a stolen check. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that she had re-

cently discovered that a suspected fraudulent check had been recently cashed on the business account. Upon reviewing the financial records, it was found that a check with the same check number had been mailed out, however, the name and

check amount had been altered to reflect a different amount. At the time of the report there was no suspect information available and the incident remains open pending further investigation.

Incident #: 23-4947

Date: December 19, 2023

Location: 1200 block of S. Main St.

Time: 5:23 pm

INFORMATION: While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 1200 block of S. Main Street for the report of a counterfeit currency complaint. Upon arrival the officer made contact with the manager who stated that an employ-

ee had taken money throughout their shift. The manager stated that it was later found that one of the bills in the cash drawer was counterfeit. At the time of the report there was no information available on who may have provided the counter-

feit bill to the employee. The counterfeit bill was taken and logged into evidence and the case was closed pending any further investigative leads on the identity of the person who provided the counterfeit currency.

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