An Evening with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
A National Library Week Special Event

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is a pediatrician and public health advocate turned activist. Her research revealed dangerous levels of lead in Flint’s water and put a spotlight on the damage it was causing children.

Hear how Dr. Mona used science to prove the Flint water crisis was real and about the brutal backlash she faced when she went public with her findings. Her bestselling book, *What the Eyes Don’t See*, is the compelling, firsthand account of an environmental disaster. It’s also an inspiring personal story of Dr. Mona—immigrant, doctor and scientist—whose family roots in social justice activism turned her into a “renegade and detective” who exposed what was happening in Flint.

Dr. Mona was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by Time magazine for uncovering the Flint water crisis and leading recovery efforts. As part of her advocacy, Dr. Mona helped found and now directs the Pediatric Public Health Institute, a partnership between Hurley Children’s Hospital and Michigan State University. Its goal is to help ensure the best outcomes for the children who were exposed to lead and to build a model pediatric public health program.

“We literally cannot see lead in water. It’s odorless. And it’s tasteless. It’s clear. We also don’t see the consequences for years, if not decades, later. But this book is also beyond Flint. It’s about the people, the places and the problems that we choose not to see. Flint was a forgotten city, neglected really for decades. But ultimately, this title is about the ability for all of us to see the problems that are right in front of us and to make a difference in our communities.” —Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

An Evening with Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha
*Hosted by the Library and co-sponsored by the Chaldean Cultural Center*

*Thursday, April 23 at 7 PM* in the Main Library Meeting Room

Dr. Mona will speak about the Flint water crisis and her book, followed by a Q & A. Copies of *What the Eyes Don’t See* will be available for purchase and signing.

Due to popular demand, a ticket is required for this event. Tickets are free but limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Register for tickets by phone or at any Library Information Desk. Limit two (2) tickets per cardholder. Contact the Adult Information Desk at (248) 232-2290 with questions and to register.

Paced like a medical and scientific thriller, *What the Eyes Don’t See* is a gripping read. The book was named to the *New York Times* 2018 list of 100 notable books and in 2019, it was the title selected for the Great Michigan Read. Check out the book or audiobook from the Main Library or Westacres Branch. Download the eBook or eAudiobook from the eLibrary.
A Prescription for Healthy Children

“As a pediatrician and a mom, my family has been so fortunate to take advantage of all the awesome childhood programming at the West Bloomfield Library,” said Dr. Mona. “From reading time to text messaging tips, the Library knows that books are brain food and critical to the health and development of our community’s kids.”

Dr. Mona’s prescription for all kids is early childhood experiences that help kids grow into healthy, eager learners. “The most important medication that I can prescribe to Flint kids is early education. People are like, you’re a doctor. Don’t you want like, you know, health care stuff? No, I want early education,” said Dr. Mona on PBS Newshour. “…early childhood teachers [and parents] are actually brain builders. They’re building kids’ neural connections. We must be proactive. We must be preventative.”

Children learn from their environment and experiences. These shape a child’s brain and capacity to learn. Helping young children grow up into healthy, eager learners who are self-reliant and resilient is a vision the Library shares with parents, educators, doctors and others in our community.

Come to the Library for services, resources and programs to help children Grow Up Reading™ and prepare for a lifetime of learning.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha lives in West Bloomfield with her family. Dr. Mona uses the Library for a variety of learning resources and activities for her daughters, Nina and Layla.
Monday, January 20

**Musical Folktales at 11 AM (All ages)**
Main Library Youth Activity Center
The Storytellers will bring their unique program of musical folktales that combines interactive storytelling, beautiful music, full audience participation, and hands-on musical instruments from many cultures. This upbeat program will have you laughing and dancing the morning away. **No registration is required.**

**African American Storytelling at 2 PM (All ages)**
Main Library Meeting Room
Interweaving his stories with humor and fun, Master Storyteller Ivory D. Williams explores the meaning and power of stories and their importance within the African American community. This interactive, entertaining and educational storytelling presentation will use props and instruments to engage the audience with upbeat and positive messages and leave listeners, young and old, feeling the rhythm of the story. **No registration is required.**

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**In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a special BOOKED for the Evening Event**

**March: Book One** by John Lewis
Dr. Tara Hayes will discuss *March*, the first graphic novel in a trilogy by Georgia Congressman John Lewis. Lewis is an American icon and key figure of the civil rights movement. His commitment to justice and nonviolence has taken him from an Alabama sharecropper’s farm to the halls of Congress, from a segregated schoolroom to the 1963 March on Washington, and from receiving beatings from state troopers to receiving the Medal of Freedom from the first African American president. To share his remarkable story with new generations, Lewis wrote *March*, a vivid first-hand account of his lifelong struggle for civil and human rights. **No registration is required.**

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**Learn about Local History**

**The Underground Railroad in West Bloomfield Township**
Sunday, February 16 at 2 PM
Main Library Meeting Room
Presented by Professor Rochelle E. Danquah
Co-sponsored by the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society
Rochelle Danquah will discuss the history of the Underground Railroad movement in West Bloomfield Township and surrounding Oakland County communities from 1850 to 1865. **No registration is required.**

**Rosie the Riveter**
Wednesday, March 25 at 7 PM
Main Library Meeting Room
Presented by Bailey Sisoy Isgro, Executive Director of Detroit History Tours
Co-sponsored by the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society
Learn about the history and impact of women recruited to work in American factories and shipyards during World War II. They came to be represented by Rosie the Riveter, an iconic Norman Rockwell figure. The presentation will include how the Rosie the Riveter name came to be and the scale of women’s heroic work on the American home front. **No registration is required.**

**Our Four Communities, Celebrating 200 Years**
Wednesday, April 22 at 7 PM
Main Library Meeting Room
Co-sponsored by the Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society
Oakland County celebrates its 200th birthday in 2020 and we’re joining in the festivities. Enjoy an evening of pictures, stories and the history of our four communities: Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield. **No registration is required.**
Author SHINES in Return Home

The Library sponsors author visits as the culminating event for school reading programs. This year will be a homecoming for one of the authors speaking to students at West Hills Middle School.

J.J. Grabenstein, who attended West Hills, and her husband Chris wrote Shine!, a New York Times bestselling book for tweens. Shine! is the featured book for this year's West Hills Reads program for 4th through 8th grade students.

J.J. was Jenny Myers in the early 1970s when she was enrolled at what was then West Hills Junior High School. Her mother, Jeanette Myers, worked as a librarian at the West Bloomfield Township Public Library.

While she attended Andover High School (now part of Bloomfield Hills High School), J.J. was awarded the Traub Scholarship for excellence in music that allowed her to study abroad the summer before college. Shine! trivia: In the book, there is a Traub Scholarship that allows the protagonist's mother to study music at the University of Michigan.

“It’s exciting to return to my hometown and talk to readers about Shine!, especially in the library where my late mother once worked,” said J.J. “I’m really looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.”

About the book:

“Shine on, stargazers!” might be the catchphrase of twelve-year-old Piper’s hero—astronaut, astronomer, and television host Nellie Dumont Frissé—but Piper knows the truth: some people are born to shine, and she’s just not one of them.

Bursting with humor, heart, science, possibilities, and big questions, Shine! is a story about finding your place in the universe—a story about figuring out who you are and who you want to be.

Shining together! Chris and J.J. Grabenstein will speak about writing their NYT bestselling book, Shine!, how they collaborate and writing tips at West Hills Middle School on March 10. They will also appear during a reception at the Library for students who complete goals for the West Hills Reads program. J.J. graduated from West Hills in 1974.

Partnerships Promote Reading

Reading is the foundation of so much learning. As part of its Grow Up Reading™ initiative, the Library partners with Bloomfield Hills Schools and the West Bloomfield School District to help students improve reading skills so they can maximize academic achievement.

In Bloomfield Hills Schools, the Library supports Lone Pine Star Readers for kindergarten through 3rd grade as well as West Hills Reads for middle grades. The Library and the West Bloomfield School District partner on the Pine Cone program for 1st and 2nd grades, Pine Tree for 3rd through 5th grades and RAP for 6th through 8th grades. All of these school-wide initiatives encourage reading for enjoyment while improving comprehension and other reading skills.

School media specialists choose books that represent a wide range of interests and reading levels. They include new and classic literature and encourage students to branch out and read different genres.

Multiple copies of all books are available at the Main Library and the Westacres Branch. The Library provides a collection of each school’s books for their school media center. The Library also sponsors school visits by the featured authors and hosts a reception for each author at the Library. The chance to meet and talk with an author is exciting and motivating for students.

See displays of books for each program at the Library.

Sit, Stay, Read!

Shelby the Shih Tzu and other canine volunteers help K-5 students become better readers. Shelby, a certified therapy dog, and trainer Julie Benson volunteered for the Library’s Read to a Dog program for eight years. Shelby listened to dozens of children read everything from board books to chapter books while they practiced and improved their reading skills.

Shelby, like many of the other four-legged volunteers, had a following. Emily Massat was five when she read to Shelby on the dog’s first day at the Library. Emily was at the last session before Shelby, at age 16, retired in November 2019. “The Read to a Dog program is a great opportunity for readers of any level,” said Lisa Massat, Emily’s mother. “Kids can read in a comfortable, supportive environment without any pressure to perform.”

Emily was reading chapter books in kindergarten but sharing her love of reading with Shelby gave her purpose for reading outside of school. Choosing a book to read for enjoyment and sharing it with a friendly canine pal was motivating and reinforcing, said Lisa Massat. “It is a wonderful experience that I highly recommend.”

For a schedule of Read to a Dog programs, go to the Event Calendar at www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org. If you’re interested in having your certified therapy dog participate in the program, please call the Youth Services Department at (248) 232-2250 to learn about eligibility requirements and the application process.
Learning Kits To Go

Use the Library’s Literacy Kits and Discovery Kits for interactive learning experiences at home.

The kits help children from birth to six years old develop language, critical thinking and STEAM skills through hands-on activities. Each kit has a theme, learning goals and related activities. Depending on the theme, kits can include a variety of manipulatives, activity cards, books, games, music CDs or DVDs. Parents and children can explore and discover together, while enjoying fun learning experiences.

More than 60 kits are available. Kits align with developmental milestones and the Michigan State Infant/Preschool Curriculum. The kits were developed as part of the Library’s Grow Up Reading™ initiative, which partners with parents, grandparents and other caregivers to help children grow into lifelong readers and learners.

Find Literacy Kits and Discovery Kits near the puppet tree at the Main Library and near the reading house at the Westacres Branch. Or, find a complete list of all available kits online. Go to www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org and search “Literacy Kit” or “Discovery Kit.”

Pick up copies at the Main Library or Westacres Branch.

Raise a Whiz Kid!

The Library’s Whiz Kids guides offer tips to help parents and grandparents develop reading and STEAM skills in children from birth through 5th grade. Each brochure includes information and ideas to use immediately to help nurture a love for reading and learning in young children.

Preschool Palooza

Guy Louis Worlds of Music (All ages)
Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 AM
in the Main Library Meeting Room

First, start your morning rocking and rolling with a family concert. Move and dance to authentic songs from Africa, India, Europe and America past and present. Learn about different cultures, traditions and instruments as you actively participate in a tour of music from around the world. No registration is required.

Preschool Palooza Open House
(Recommended for ages birth to 6 years)
Saturday, January 25 from 11 AM to 1 PM
Main Library Youth Activity Center

Staff from area schools will be at the Library to talk about their preschool and childcare programs. Early childhood professionals will also be on hand to answer questions about child health, safety and development. No registration is required.

PLUS: Stop by one of the many STEAM stations to try a fun activity and get an airbrush tattoo.
New from the eLibrary

National Theatre Collection

Bring the stage to you with high-definition streaming video of British theatre productions.

The collection draws from 10 years of Royal National Theatre (NT) broadcasts and includes high-quality archive recordings never previously seen outside of the NT's Archive. The initial collection offers 19 titles, including modern stagings of Shakespeare, literary adaptations such as Mary Shelley’s *Frankenstein*, 20th century classics such as Lorraine Hansberry’s *Les Blancs*, and comedies such as *She Stoops to Conquer* and *One Man, Two Guvnors*. More titles will be added during 2020.

Watch performances by some of today’s most acclaimed actors and actresses, including:

- Benedict Cumberbatch
- Jonny Lee Miller
- Helen McCrory
- Fiona Shaw
- James Corden
- Tom Hiddleston
- Zoë Wanamaker
- Simon Russell Beale

For a complete list of productions and archival materials, visit www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org, click “eLibrary,” “Databases” and “National Theatre Collection.” Once you are at the NT Collection, click “Plays” and then the number to the right.

BOOKED for the Evening

Inspired by Margaret Atwood’s *The Testaments*, which was a co-winner of the 2019 Booker Prize for Fiction, Tara Hayes turns to a dystopian theme for 2020. Join Dr. Hayes for discussions of dystopian classics from Huxley’s *Brave New World* to the award-winning *Station Eleven*.

**Brave New World**
by Aldous Huxley (1932 classic)
Monday, February 17

1984
by George Orwell (1949 classic)
Monday, April 20

**The Handmaid’s Tale**
by Margaret Atwood (1984 classic)
Monday, May 18

**The Testaments**
by Margaret Atwood (2019 Man Booker Prize)
Monday, June 15

**Station Eleven**
by Emily St. John Mandel (2015 Arthur C. Clark Award)
Monday, July 20

Discussions will be held in the Main Library Meeting Room from 7 to 8:30 PM. No registration is required.

From “AtoZ”

The “AtoZ” online resources are an encyclopedia of information about travel and food.

**AtoZ The World™**
With information on more than 120 topics for 175 countries, this is the largest and most comprehensive database of country information highlighting country culture, history, language, education and travel.

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**AtoZ World Food™** covers food and food culture for 174 countries, with traditional recipes, articles about ingredients, historical timelines for food culture, glossaries, quotes and more than 14,000 lavish photos.

To try these user-friendly resources, visit www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org, click “eLibrary” and then “Databases.”

The Library’s newest guide to services

Learn more about Library resources, services and programs of particular interest to empty nesters, retirees, residents in senior living facilities and older adults.

The Next Chapter guide to services will cover:

- Lifelong learning opportunities at the Library
- Digital resources like eBooks and eAudiobooks from the eLibrary
- Computer and tablet tutoring
- Ways for grandparents to enjoy the Library with grandchildren
- Spaces to enjoy at the Library
- Volunteer opportunities

Watch for more about The Next Chapter coming soon.
News & Programs from Your Friends

MUSIC@Main

Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers
Sunday, January 12 at 3 PM & 4:30 PM
Enjoy a style reminiscent of small American bands of the 1930s with hot jazz and exciting improvisation.

La Compagnie Musical Dance Troupe
Sunday, February 23 at 3 PM & 4:30 PM
These “real troupers” are preserving French Canadian and Celtic folklore, music and dance. Get a break from winter with the group’s “The Coming of Spring” show.

Klezundheit
Sunday, March 22 at 3 PM & 4:30 PM
The group plays traditional and modern klezmer, gypsy, Balkan and jazz music. Enjoy the extensive instrumentation, including flute, violin, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, harmonica, bass, tuba, piano and percussion.

Jim Bizer Band featuring Diamonds in the Rust
Sunday, April 19 at 3 PM & 4:30 PM
In this band, everyone sings and plays multiple instruments. Enjoy older material in new arrangements and brand new songs written for the band.

New Third Coast
Sunday, May 3 at 3 PM & 4:30 PM
This trio delivers a unique Power Folk, Leelanau County-style sound. Their strong three-part harmonies, combined with diverse instrumental musical expression, have created a large Michigan following.

BOOKTalks

Beautiful Music by Michael Zadoorian
Dr. Steve Berman, Discussion Leader
Wednesday, February 5 at 7 PM OR Friday, February 7 at 10 AM

Ann Finn, Discussion Leader
Wednesday, April 1 at 7 PM OR Friday, April 3 at 10 AM

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk,
translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones
Diane Henderson, Discussion Leader
Wednesday, March 4 at 7 PM OR Friday, March 6 at 10 AM

Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Companies that Addicted America by Beth Macy
Ann Finn, Discussion Leader
Wednesday, May 6 at 7 PM OR Friday, May 8 at 10 AM

BOOKTalks are held in the Main Library Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted. No registration is required. BOOKTalks are organized and funded by the Friends of the Library.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friends Summer Used Book Sale
Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7
Main Library

Friends Preview Sale:
(You may join at the door.)
Friday, June 5 from 7 to 9 PM

All books and media are half price during Friday’s preview sale!

General Public:
Saturday, June 6: 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, June 7: Noon to 5 PM
Sunday is bag sale day—a bag of books is only $5!
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**1. No holds, no ads, no cost**
Everything on Hoopla and Kanopy is available instantly. No waiting, no advertisements interrupting your favorite show, and it’s free with your West Bloomfield library card.

**2. TV, movies, and so much more**
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**4. Works on many devices**
Hoopla and Kanopy are available on almost any device, including Android or iOS mobile phones and tablets, Apple Airplay, Apple TV, Android TV, Fire TV, Chromecast, Roku or any computer.

**5. Easy sign up**
All you need is your West Bloomfield library card and an email address.

Start streaming now! Go to www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org and click “eLibrary.”

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(Year round): Noon – 5 PM

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**The Library will be closed:**
Sunday, April 12
AND
Saturday, May 23 to Monday, May 25

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