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Holiday Events at Dorsch



On Friday November 21, 2008, downtown Monroe will celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season. The fun begins at 6:30 PM and lasts until 8:30 PM. In addition to the tree lighting ceremony, there will be many events throughout the downtown area. At the Dorsch, you can ring in the holidays with free hot chocolate, craft activities for children, and baked good for sale.



Friends of Dorsch are encouraged to bring baked goods to the library on Thursday November 20 or Friday November 21 so that the goodies can be packaged and priced for sale during the Downtown Monroe Holiday Kick-Off.



On Wednesday December 3, 2008 at 6:00 PM, a workshop on Gingerbread House Making will be offered. Registration is required because this special holiday program is limited to twelve participants. Please call 241-7878 to register. You should bring your own candies, such as gumdrops, jelly beans, licorice, tootsie rolls, smarties, etc. Sandy Bergquist will supply the gingerbread house forms and assembly instructions

Dorsch Library Expansion Plans in Jeopardy

The Ginko has fruited!

Fall is always a welcomed time to smell the Ginkgo fruit? Ah, yes, the strong odor permeates Loranger Square with sour notes. And your feet carry that macerated fruit right into the doors of Dorsch if your not careful. But, please wipe your feet at the door. What is remarkable to me, is that Dr. Dorsch smelled the same smell years ago. The Ginkgo tile in the Dorsch entry is a reminder of the gift of Dr. Dorsch, and the notion that like the Ginkgo, Dr. Dorsch's gift of his home is something for you to remember for the years to come.

The beginning of fall also resumes Library programming for storytime, playgroup, book club, and more. What a great welcome back when you walk in the doors to enjoy the new charm of the renovated Dorsch. The Advisory Board will continue to advocate for upgrades to our Dorsch, as well as Navarre, city library branches. Expanding library services is a continually evolving project because of technology and new services. The board sees Dorsch as a social gathering place. A place you can meet friends, enjoy informative programming, and participate in downtown Monroe events. What a great place to be...the Dorsch Library!

The City of Monroe recently conducted a work session to say that they will not expand the Dorsch Library into the United Furniture Building. They do not wish to pay for a study or needs assessment of what the costs would be for the expansion. This is disheartening considering the past 4 years of efforts given to the idea of expanding the Dorsch Branch into the building next door. If you have a position on this issue, YOU MUST ACT NOW. Contact your councilperson or City Hall to tell them what you think. The United Furniture Building is up for sale by the Port of Monroe. The opportunity will be lost, unless people come in masses to support the Dorsch Expansion

Sincerely,

Alisha Cooley, Chairperson
Library Advisory Board, City of Monroe

**The Monroe County Library System is celebrating
75 years of library service to the county this year.....**

More Dorsch Programs and Events.....

Dorsch Memorial Branch Library

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS PLAYGROUP

10:30 AM THURSDAYS
children of all ages play
and parents can interact

Ongoing Art Displays

**Monroe Art League
sponsors a one person
art show featuring a
new artist each month**

**Monroe Camera Club
features a different
photographer each
month**

Saturday November 15, 2008 7:00-10:00 PM

Teen Program! "Twilight" Vampire Prom

Rabid fans of the "Twilight" series by Stephanie Meyer who are eagerly awaiting the release of the movie will not want to miss this prom event. Come dressed in your formal attire, dance to the sounds of our DJ, and win movie tickets and other prizes.

Wednesday December 3, 2008 1:00 PM : Are You Ready for Digital TV?

Is your old TV ready for the change to digital in 2009. Come and listen to Kristy Minney from Telegraph Road Radio Shack talk about what you can do to get ready. Hear about the difference between analog and digital signals. Find out if digital converter boxes will work for you. Learn how you can apply for converter box coupons.

Saturday December 6, 2008, 1:00 PM: Tax Tips Program

Pat Pitcher from H&R Block will talk about the many new tax changes for 2008. Pat will answer your specific tax questions.

Dorsch Memorial Library (734) 241-7878

Monroe County Library System website: monroe.lib.mi.us

