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**Dates to Remember**

- February 15—Medicare RX Plan and Financial Planning 6:30 p.m.
- February 20—Dexter Book Club 7:30 p.m. discussing “Nickel and Dimed” by Barbara Ehrenreich
- February 21— Choosing Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan 10:00 a.m.
- February 25—Winter Family Reading program activity “The Magnificent Mesozoic” 10:30 a.m. (Registration required)
- March 10—Yvonne Healy, Storyteller will present “The Lilt of Irish Laughter” - 11:00 a.m.—ages 4 and up
- March 15th—Retirement at Its Best financial planning workshop 6:30 p.m.
- March 18th—Winter Family Reading program activity “The Sensational Cenozoic” 10:30 a.m. (Registration required)
- March 18th—Winter Family Reading program pizza party 12:00 noon
- March 20 through March 31—First Grade Reader Round Up

## LIBRARY MOVES FORWARD AFTER SUCCESSFUL ELECTION

The Dexter District Library will begin an exciting new chapter in the Library’s development in 2006 by moving forward with its building project. After the successful November election, the Library is now ready to complete the design process and begin building its new facility on Alpine Street. Through the course of the design process, the Library’s planning committee will work closely with Holzheimer, Bolek Architects to address the functional and aesthetic building needs. This process will continue over the next few months and will involve finalizing the space and area layouts inside the building. Updated plans will be on display in the Library as they become available. The construction of the new Library will take approximately two years to complete and involves many



The new Library will replace houses along Alpine Street, just north of the newly renovated Farmer’s Market area

steps in addition to the visible construction phase.

The Library is currently working to finalize the purchase of the Alpine Street properties. At the same time, the Library is preparing for the planning and zoning process to receive necessary approvals needed from the Village of Dexter to start building. The Library will need to go

through all the proper channels and work closely with the Village over the next several months in order to obtain all the necessary permits and approvals, before construction can begin. While it is too early in the process to determine a groundbreaking date, the Library will keep residents informed of progress through this newsletter .

## WINTER FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The Dexter District Library continues its series of Financial Planning Workshops, hosted by Matt Rolfes of the Edward Jones office in Dexter.

On February 15th Rolfes will present a video on the

Medicare prescription drug plan—what it is and how it works. This presentation will focus on retirement investments and how to protect your retirement from unexpected drug costs. On March 15th, Rolfes will review year-end techniques

for maximizing retirement income. Both programs will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Library’s Group Study Room. The programs are free and open to the public. Please contact Matt Rolfes at 426-5198 to register.



## Dexter Reads Together

### One Book One Community

This winter, the Dexter District Library will participate in the "One Book, One Community" (or in this case, the "One Book, Three Communities") program. This year's title is "Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich.

This program, coordinated by the Chelsea District Library, will offer several opportunities for members of the Chelsea, Dexter and Manchester communities to discuss the book and participate in other events. The program will run between February 16th and April 11th.

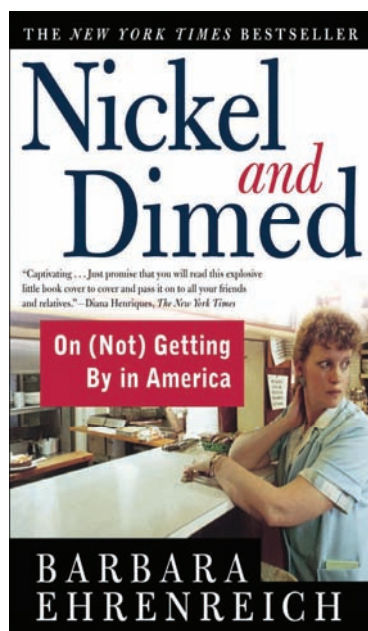
Reviews of Ehrenreich's book have been very complimentary:

"Nickel and Dimed" reveals low-wage America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity -- a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival. Read it for the smoldering clarity of Ehrenreich's perspective and for a rare view of how "prosperity" looks from the bottom. You will never see anything -- from a motel bathroom to a restaurant meal -- quite the same way again. -- Henry Holt & Co.

And from Diane Sawyer: Barbara Ehrenreich is smart, provocative, funny, and sane in a world that needs more of all four. And from Studs Terkel: "Nickel and Dimed" is a stiff punch in the nose to those righteous apostles of 'welfare reform'. . . Bravo! Rattle your middle-class sensibilities and check out "Nickel and Dimed" today!

The Dexter District Library Book Discussion Group will discuss this title

at their February meeting, to be held on February 20th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library's Group Study Room.



All additional events will be held at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea unless otherwise noted. Other events associated with this program include:

**Thur., 2/16, 7 pm** - Katrina's Healthcare Crisis for the New Orleans' Middle Class and Working Poor Join New Orleans physician Dr. Ravi Vadlamudi to hear the latest on Katrina's aftermath, including the slow, difficult recovery of the area.

**Fri., 2/24, 7 pm** - Film Series: Roger & Me This groundbreaking documentary, while focusing on filmmaker Michael Moore's funny and sometimes absurd attempts to reach GM chairman Roger Smith, also speaks to the devastating effects corporate decisions

have on the "regular guy." Recommended for ages 17 & up; at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St., Chelsea **Wed., 3/1, 7 pm** - Healthy Cooking on a Budget Eating at McDonalds may seem cheaper, but in reality, eating at home is not only healthier, but saves money. Find out ways to prepare foods that are easy on your budget and good for your body with the experts from the CCH Health & Wellness Center.

**Fri., 3/3, 7 pm** - Film Series: Supersize Me Haven't seen this great film yet? Join us and enjoy as filmmaker Morgan Spurlock cheerfully enlightens us about the realities of our fast food nation. Recommended for ages 13 and up; at the library.

**Thur., 3/9, 6-8 pm** - Job Searching Workshop Looking for a new job in the Internet age? Find out how to use online resources to your advantage in the job search. Participants will learn how to search for jobs and post resumes online in this hands-on workshop. Registration required.

**Fri., 3/10** - Film Series: Wage Slaves - Not Getting by in America Originally an A&E "Investigative Reports" special, this eye-opening film is based on Ehrenreich's award-winning book and follows 5 families as they attempt to make ends meet. Not rated; at Cranesbill Books.

**Thur., 3/16, 1:30 pm** - Books & Banter - Our Thursday afternoon book group features "Nickel and

Dimed" as one of the March selections.

**Thur., 3/16, 6-8 pm** -- Resume Writing Workshop Learn how to create a professional-looking resume and get other tips for how to present yourself during a job search. Participants should bring a copy of their current resume if possible. Registration required.

**Fri., 3/17, 7 pm** - Film Series: My Family An Academy Award nominee, this film stars Jimmie Smits and Edward James Olmos in the story of 3 generations struggling for the American Dream. Recommended for ages 17 & up; at the library.

**Fri., 3/24** - Film series: Store Wars: When Walmart Comes to Town. A palpable drama of social activism. Not rated; at Cranesbill Books.

**Fri., 3/31** - Film Series: American Dream This Oscar-winning documentary examines the Austin, Minnesota Hormel meat-packing strike, focusing on the emotions, personalities, and strategies that left the community shattered. Recommended for ages 13 & up

**Tuesday, April 11, 7 pm** An Evening with Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist David Shipler. The author of "Working Poor: Invisible in America" will discuss the interlocking issues of the working poor, the economics and politics of minimum wages, and the inequalities of the American Dream. A Q&A and book signing will follow. Books will be available for purchase.

# Library to Present Program on the New Medicare D Prescription Drug Plan

On Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dexter District Library will present an informational program on the Medicare D Prescription Drug Plan. The program will be held in the Library's group study room and is free and open to the public.

If you are looking for simple answers to complicated questions or need a better understanding of the various Medicare plan D offerings our workshop could be the answer for you.

Join Carleen Nelson-Nesvig, President of Bee Tree Consulting, Ltd., a Human Resource Consulting firm located in Dexter, Michigan as she walks you through the details of some

of the top Medicare D programs and explains the positives and negatives to watch for when making your selection.

According to Carleen, who describes herself as an advocate for seniors, "No two plans are alike and neither are the needs of anyone individual. A program that might be a saving for one is a cost for another. Making a decision simply based on your today's usage can also get you in trouble. Don't be "talked" into a program until you have all the facts".

Prescription Plan listings, details of each plan discussed and applications will be made available to all participants so they can review the materials

in the privacy of their own homes and make the selections that are best for them.

If you require personal assistance following the presentation bring with you a list of your current prescriptions (including all names on the prescription bottle), as well as your current costs. You will need this information to make your decision.

No Licensed Medicare D sales representatives will attend. No pressure to select one of the programs described. Just simple explanations, simple analysis of benefits and simple facts you need to make a very important decision about your future.

## New Items in the Library

### Books in the Adult Collection

- Blindfold Game* by Dana Stabenow  
*The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell* by Lillian Jackson Braun  
*Cell* by Stephen King  
*Malpractice in Maggody* by Joan Hess  
*Night* by Elie Weisel  
*Pale Horseman* by Bernard Cornwell  
*Sea Change* by Robert Parker  
*Terror Town* by Stuart Kaminsky

### New Juvenile Fiction

- The Edge Chronicles: The Last of the Sky Pirates* by Paul Stewart  
*Franny K. Stein Series* by Jim Benton  
*Henry and Mudge and the Great Grampas* by Cynthia Rylant  
*High in the Clouds* by Paul McCartney  
*The Lambkins* by Eve Bunting  
*Lily B. on the Brink of Love* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel  
*Small Steps* by Louis Sachar  
*Whisper in the Dark* by Joseph Bruchac

### Children's Picture Books

- Bee-bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park  
*New York State of Mind* by Billy Joel  
*Prehistoric Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins  
*Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Tacky and the Winter Games* by Helen Lester  
*Walter Was Worried* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
*The Witch's Walking Stick* by Susan Meddaugh  
*You're Different and That's Super* by Carson Kressley

### YA Books

- 13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson  
*Autobiography of My Dead Brother* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick  
*Inkspell* by Cornelia Funke  
*Skybreaker* by Kenneth Oppel  
*Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie* by David Lubar  
*Valiant: A Modern Tale of Faerie* by Holly Flack  
*You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah* by Fiona Rosenbloom

## WINTER FAMILY READING PROGRAM

The Winter Family Reading Program returns to the Dexter District Library between January 21 through March 18, 2006. This program encourages adults and children to read together and discuss their reading by setting a three-month reading goal, tracking the books the family has read and discussing the topic as a family. Reading records are available at the Library.

This year's theme is "Life through the Ages" and focuses on paleontology and evolution.

The program offers interactive demonstrations coordinated by the University of Michigan Natural History Museum. On Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m. the program will be "The Magnificent Mesozoic." and on Saturday, March 18th at 10:30 a.m., the Library will present "Sensational Cenozoic." Each program will have a variety of hands-on activities for parents and children to do together. Sign-up for the Saturday programs is required and limited to families partici-

pating in the Winter Family Reading program. Space is limited, so plan to sign up early.

The Library will also host a pizza party for all the families who participated in the Reading program. The pizza party will be held at noon on Saturday, March 18th in the Library's group study room.

This is a great opportunity for parents and children to read together, discuss a common topic and share ideas while spending time together.

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<http://www.hvcn.org/info/ddl>

### Mission

The Dexter District Library serves everyone by being a center for popular materials in a variety of print, audiovisual and electronic formats.

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### DIRECTOR'S CORNER BY PAUL MCCANN

At the November election, the voters of the Library's service area approved both the Library's bond issue and an increased operating millage. Many volunteers helped the Library disseminate information regarding the plans for a new Library and we would not be undertaking a new building project without their tireless efforts. Kantha Gardner stepped up and chaired the volunteer campaign committee. Kantha worked extremely hard organizing yard signs, mailings and phone calls. She was helped by Marilyn Sleder who was the committee's treasurer. Melissa Kesterson, Meg Labadie and Sue Smith all helped with making telephone calls and Ralph King did a great job distributing signs. Many other volunteers assisted in getting the word out, including many members of the Village and Township units of government. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all community mem-

bers who helped communicate the Library's program to the voters. We are looking forward to the construction process and providing the community with an enhanced Library building.

As noted on the first page, the process of building the building has many facets. Currently, the Library is finalizing soil tests to ensure the foundation is properly designed. Additionally, the Library has met with the Village in order to determine the best way to proceed through the Village Planning process. Our architects hope to apply for and begin the official planning process in time for the Village Planning Commission's March meeting.

#### **Tax Time**

Unfortunately, it is getting to be that time of year again — time to think about income taxes. The Dexter District Library will continue to provide a variety of forms for the public.

This year, both the Federal Government and the State of Michigan have reduced the number of forms the Library may request for handing out. The staff will maintain the stock and reorder as necessary. The Library will also provide reproducible forms for both Federal and State taxes.

Both the IRS and the Michigan Treasury have limited the distribution of forms in order to save printing costs. This has greatly affected the number of instruction books available. Both units are also encouraging individuals to file their taxes electronically. We regret any inconvenience these policies may create but the Library has no control over these decisions.

Federal forms and instruction books can also be accessed through the IRS website at: [www.irs.gov/formspubs/](http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/)

As of printing time, the Library has received the Federal reproducible forms, but we are still waiting for the State reproducible forms.