



CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY
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During these challenging, unprecedented times of COVID-19, communities are witnessing remarkable acts of generosity and support. Recently the Chelsea District Library was the benefactor of such a magnanimous act: an unsolicited grant of \$15,000 from the Chelsea Community Foundation of the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan. These funds are to be used for "support for unusual operating expenses related to COVID-19 response in Chelsea."

While the library building remains closed in the interest of community health and safety, its work continues. Because of these funds, the library can expand on and reimagine delivery of services that include:

- Increasing the number of books, movies, TV shows, and music we offer digitally.
- Offering online programming experiences like weekly livestreamed storytimes and read-alouds, trivia challenges, and local history activities.
- Creating virtual cultural experiences unique to the Chelsea community like Music in the Air with Jacopo Giacomuzzi.
- Providing online educational classes including Alzheimer's Association's 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's webinar and the Art of the Memoir with Kevin Sessums.
- Devising a summer reading game that allows players to engage remotely— either online or by mail.

Thanks to the generosity of the Chelsea Community Foundation, we can do this and so much more confidently and worry free.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 15,010 residents in the Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org.

About Chelsea Community Foundation:

The Chelsea Community Foundation has been providing financial support to nonprofit organizations through a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, enrichment programs for children and seniors, training for caregivers, outdoor trails in the community, leadership development, capacity building, health, human services, community development, and civic affairs.

The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment totaling more than \$2.5 million created through gifts from generous individuals, families, and businesses who care about Chelsea. The Chelsea Community Foundation has awarded more than \$1.6 million in grants to nonprofit organizations that improve the quality of life in the City of Chelsea and surrounding areas. The Chelsea Community Foundation is an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. For more information, please visit www.chelseafound.org.

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