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Dental Clinic reopens at WCC

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Contributor

Looking to save money at the dentist? The WCC dental clinic is back and offers affordable options for cleanings, X-rays, and more.

"I always liked going to the dentist. I think a lot of people in dentistry do," said Kristina Sprague, an instructor in the dental program, upon being asked why she was drawn to dentistry which she described as a blend of "art and engineering."

The dental clinic offers basic treatments, such as radiographs, simple fillings and cleanings, provided by WCC dental assisting students and third-year students from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

But Sprague hesitates to call routine dental maintenance "just" a cleaning.

"People look at it as just a cleaning—where it is kind of a preventative measure to see what's going on and get that bacteria cleaned up as much as possible," she said.

Keiana Armstead, a student who is more than halfway through WCC's dental assisting program, said that going to the dentist as a kid is where it

all started.

"I love it here," she said.

The WCC Dental Clinic assists patients in starting their journey to better oral health and finding their "dental home," said Jodi Neuman, another dental instructor.

"The reason we start off small is because our clinic is open two days a week," she said. "We only get such a short time to see patients and restore their oral cavity. So we only take on smaller projects to make sure that we can complete their care and give them what we need in the time frame in which we're open."

The dental clinic starts patients out with X-rays, or an exam before referring them to a private practice or to someplace like the University of Michigan School of Dentistry to complete more complex work for them.

"We treat dentistry as whole body health," said Neuman. "If we can't do something for them, we make sure that we can get them to a place that can. We want our patients to be healthy and as happy as possible."

The dental clinic also educates about oral health.

"Simple little education and steps that we can change



ALISA CHMERENKO | WASHTENAW VOICE

Kristina Sprague, an instructor in the dental program, shows off one of the special accommodations provided to those in need or afraid to visit the dentist.

are gonna save problems on those expensive things later," said Sprague. "Sip and snack all day? Risk decay!" she said, quoting a campaign from the American Dental Association.

Acknowledging that, for many patients, dental anxiety can be an even greater hurdle than financial barriers, Sprague said the dental clinic also offers various accommodations to help.

A licensed dentist oversees the work done by dental students and dental assisting students, Neuman said.

Services range in price from \$5 to \$20

Available to students, staff, faculty, and community members

Most appointments are two hours

The Dental Clinic is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in February and March.

To schedule an appointment, call 734-973-3332.

Located in OE Building, Room 106



COURTNEY PRIELIPP | WASHTENAW VOICE

Sean Martin, one of the designers behind the Tic Tac Toe robot, says the machine's hardest difficulty should be "statistically impossible" to beat.

'Tic-Tac-Toe robot' reveals potential future of education

By CALEB HENDERSON
Editor

Sitting ominously on the right side of the student center, the Tic-Tac-Toe robot awaits its latest challenger.

Many have tried to defeat the robot's hardest difficulty, but none have succeeded - and that statistic won't change today, or anytime soon.

Sean Martin, one of the robot's lead designers, says it's physically impossible to outsmart hard mode on the machine; the only possible outcome being a loss or a tie for the player.

However, it's the easiest mode that tends to trip up competitors the most.

"The hard mode should not actually be beatable. The best you can do is a tie," Martin said.

Stepping back from his days at Pinckney High School, Martin said that he has always tried his best to create new, innovative ways to get young students invested in robotics.

The Tic-Tac-Toe robot is something

that many have tried to perfect in an effort to get the next generation of kids involved - a more hands-on approach in contrast to the traditional presentations that most robotics programs give.

What makes the WCC edition unique however, is the location and design: an arcade looking machine that popped up in the Student Center seemingly out of nowhere.

"Having something that's not necessarily in this (OE

building) has brought a lot of students awareness that we exist," Martin said.

It was a much quicker turnaround to build than typical for most robots - the design only taking 20 hours, with the building process itself taking 60-80 hours to complete.

The ingenious strategy thus far has been a success: an extremely positive reaction from the campus, students and faculty alike, and the most high profile project the robotics program has completed that Martin and lab technician Nathan Sprague have collaborated on.

One of the most noticeable additions to the contraption would be the "emotes"

programmed in based on the result in a given Tic-Tac-Toe match.

If the player wins against the robot, the contraption will hide in the corner in shame. In a neutral or draw result, the robot gives a shrug.

However, if the robot wins, the machine does a "victory

dance" - a nice additional touch of personality baked

into the apparatus by Sprague. "To be able to have something we can bring around to not only put in front of WCC students but to bring to high schools, technical centers—it connects with people in a way that just saying 'manufacturing is cool' doesn't connect with people," Sprague said.

SEE TIC TAC TOE, A2



MARCELLA SOUZA FREITAS | WASHTENAW VOICE

Students enjoy the catering provided for the Mardi Gras event hosted on Feb. 13, 2024 in Garrett's restaurant.

WCC celebrates Mardi Gras at Garrett's Event hosted by Student Development and Activities office

ALEJANDRA SMITH
Staff Writer

The vibrant sounds of laughter and chatter filled Garrett's Restaurant as students hungrily flooded in, ready to indulge in the tasty delights of the Mardi Gras event hosted by WCC's Student Activities team.

The festivities kicked off on Feb. 13 with a conglomeration of food and activities. Student activities included mask-making stations, games, and educational activities for WCC students. The room was adorned with tables of foods ranging from paczkis to crawfish. The catering was provided by Red Lobster, Dom's Bakery, and JJ's Crab House.

Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday," is the last day

of the Carnival season associated with feasting before Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the six-week Christian holiday, Lent. Christians who observe Lent commit to giving up a habit for the holiday.

Beyond the festivities, however, Mardi Gras at WCC is an opportunity to celebrate the world's rich diversity of cultures and traditions. Christy Main, the supervisor of student activities and event coordinator, aimed to expose students to the rich New Orleans culture, stressing the importance of having new experiences and trying new foods.

"I think that it's really cool that WCC hosts events like these," said Michael Ma, a 25-year-old engineering major. "It's my first time being ex-

posed to Mardi Gras, and I'm having a great time."

The event, which had taken three months of preparation, exceeded all expectations according to Main. While she was initially expecting a turnout of approximately 50 students, 109 students ended up arriving for the festivities.

Looking ahead, Main's next event promises to be equally engaging. A silent disco is scheduled for Feb. 29 at Garrett's restaurant from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., allowing students to come together and have fun. Food, mocktails, and games will be provided.



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Students had the opportunity to design their own Mardi Gras themed masks in celebration of the event.



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Photo lab open for digital media students

ALISA CHMERENKO AND
GABRIELA GÓMEZ
Contributors

For the new photography students who just started to apply for a photography degree and former students who want to experience darkroom, studio or printing, WCC offers a Photo Lab that can fulfill their desire for brand-new equipment and up to date photography environments.

“The photo center offers great people to work with, knowledgeable individuals who genuinely care about supporting students professionally and maintaining our equipment in impeccable condition,” said Don Werthmann, a seasoned member of the photo lab staff.

The lab assistants and photo lab managers are always happy to help students who seek professional photography support.

One of the lab assistants, Emily Riley, offered guidance for students who are visiting the photo lab. She also advised students to ask questions if they’re stuck or struggling with a particular issue.

“Our job in the photo lab is to really make sure the students succeed and have all the equipment they need to create their vision,” she said.

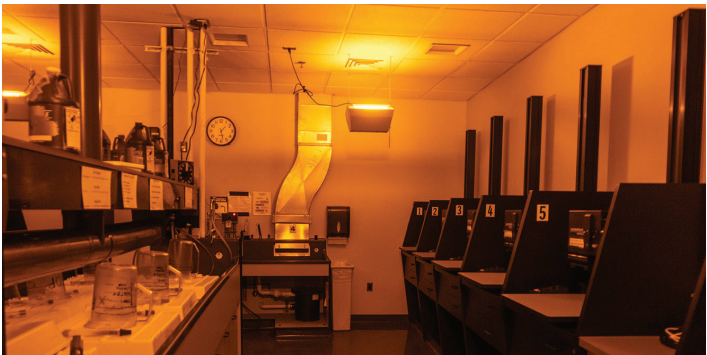
The Photo Lab operates not only as a space for technical instruction but also as a nurturing environment where creativity is encouraged to flourish.

Whether assisting with equipment setup, troubleshooting technical issues, or providing feedback on student work, lab assistants can help students along their photographic journey.

Looking ahead, photo lab staff also hope to offer expanded access to advanced camera equipment.

“We do have a few like large format cameras or higher megapixel digital cameras that I feel like we do get some interest in but not as much as I think there could be,” Rebecca Hullstrung said.

Additionally, assistants highlight the importance of enhancing advertising efforts to raise awareness among students about the lab’s vast resources.



GABRIELA GOMEZ | WASHTENAW VOICE

The photo lab is available to photography students on the garden level of the Gunder Myran Building (GM012).

PHOTO LAB HOURS

MON | 6 - 9 P.M.
TUES | 9 - 12 P.M.
WED | 6 - 10 P.M.

Students will be provided with open lab hours for Studio, Darkroom, & BW Film Processing. The Photo Lab Center is located in the Garden level of the Gunder Myran building (GM012).

The students, who would like to check out equipment or talk to the Photo Lab assistants/managers, have time on Monday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lab can only be used by digital media arts students

Wolfpack fall short in 110-79 defeat

Jalen Passmore scores 23 points for WCC in loss

On Feb. 14, 2024, the WCC Wolfpack faced off against Community Christian College in a road game played in Detroit. Despite a valiant effort from the Wolfpack spearheaded by leading scorers Jalen Passmore (23 points), Nacail Fly (21 points) and Kian Lemons (11 points) all posting double figures, the squad ultimately fell by a final score of 110-79.

The team, coached by Will Delgado, will return to practice this week from Feb. 27-29 at 8 p.m. each night in the WCC Health and Fitness center.



Kian Lemons shoots a freethrow.



The WCC basketball team takes a time-out to talk about their strategy.



Kian Lemons was one of three WCC players to post double figures.



Teammates Craig Chen and Khristian Riggins-El pose for a photo after the game.



Jalen Passmore, led the Wolfpack in scoring with 23 points.

Savion Buchanan playing defense during the Wolfpack's 110-79 defeat.

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BRIONNA WINTERS

Nacail Fly scored 21 points, the second most of any WCC player.

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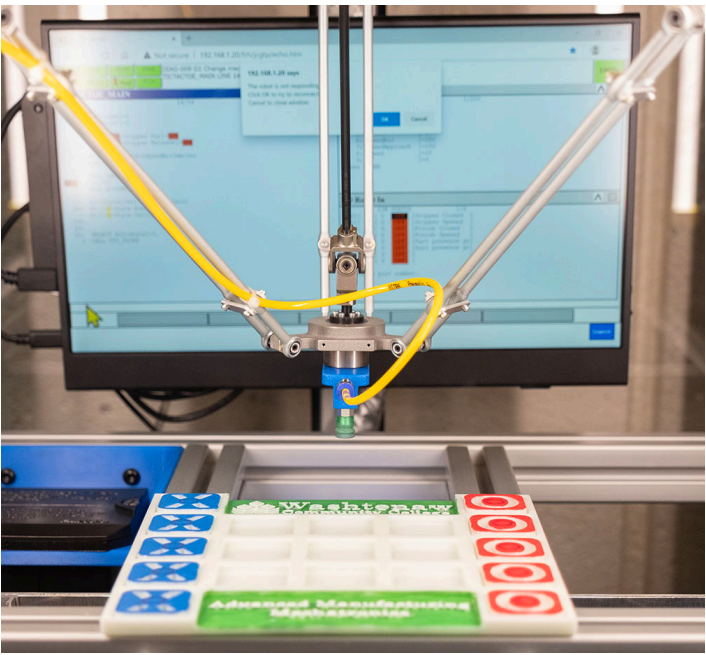
Bridget Donahue, a student currently majoring in Mechatronics, Robotics and Automated Systems (APM-RAS), had positive things to say about her instructors Martin and Sprague as well.

“They’re amazing. I would not have made it through the program without their help,” Donahue said. “Very knowledgeable, very supportive, always willing to help out with anything.”

The Tic-Tac-Toe robot serves as an effective gateway into getting the next generation of students interested in robotics - but what keeps pupils invested is programs such as FAME (Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education) that give them a direct pathway into the industry while still being enrolled in college classes.

Over a five-semester period, students enrolled in the initiative take classes two days a week while also receiving an opportunity to work at a reputable employer the other three days, earning a competitive hourly wage while also gathering invaluable work experience for their resumes in the process.

“The FAME program model should be just about applied to everything,” Sprague said. “Living it and not just learning it—learning is the foundation, but why can’t we build the foundation and the house at the same time?”



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Players have the option to play against each other, or against the robot on either easy mode or hard mode.

CRIME LOG

The following events were reported by WCC Public Safety between Feb. 8 and Feb. 23.

ACCOSTING A MINOR FOR IMMORAL PURPOSES
On Feb. 8 at 3:26 p.m. in the GM building, an incident was logged involving a WCC student who has since been removed from campus. This is an ongoing investigation, and readers are advised to check back into the Voice's crime log section for updates.

DISORDERLY PONDUCT
On Feb. 8 at 10:45 p.m., an incident was logged involving a WCC student that filed a string of false police reports in an attempt to dupe public safety. This is an ongoing investigation, and readers are advised to check back into the Voice's crime log section for updates.

Chief of Public Safety John Leacher said that public safety takes emergency calls seriously and reminded members of the WCC campus community to call 911 or (734-973-3411) if they are in danger or see someone in danger.

DRUG LAW VIOLATION
On Feb. 13 in the TI Building at 1:03 p.m., an underage person on campus was logged for possession of marijuana. This is an ongoing investigation, and readers are advised to check back into the Voice's crime log section for updates.

Campus Safety Tips

Chief of Public Safety John Leacher also advised the following tips to keep yourself safe on campus:

- If You See Something, Say Something**
- Report any suspicious activity to public safety, including:**
 - Unusual items or situations such as odd packages, open windows, or unusually parked vehicles**
 - Individuals appearing to pay unusually close attention to buildings or objects beyond a casual or professional interest**
 - People asking potentially suspicious questions such as how security procedures work or when shifts change**

VOICE BOX

Given the free community college proposal, what do you think of the cost of WCC?

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer called for free community college tuition for high school graduates during her state of the state address in January

Abigail Gibb and Patrick Sullivan | Contributors

"They have facility fees, which not a lot of people see unless they fully see the breakdown. But I think overall the cost is pretty good."

Joy Bennett
Chemistry



"Just give it to people for free. It's low compared to a university, but if you work full time and have kids, paying \$2,000 for tuition for something like a trade can be a lot."

Anna Pilarz
Welding and Fabrication



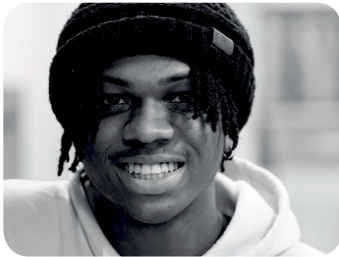
"As far as community colleges, this is a very good deal."

Roderick Martin
Video Production



"I think people would have less stress if they made it free, especially with our field. You want us to put as much as we can into nursing education because people's lives will be on the line."

Donovan Golden
Nursing



"Especially compared to colleges that I've viewed, WCC is pretty reasonable. And they have payment methods that allow me to pay in the way that fits my budget, which I value a lot."

Emory Kimball
Computer science



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LET'S CHAT: ADVICE COLUMN

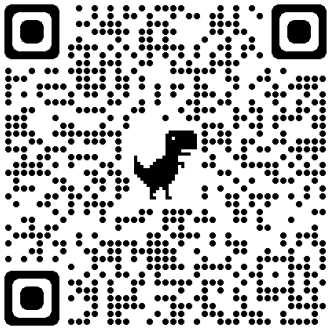
The road to successfully obtaining your college degree may be a bumpy one. Luckily, you don't have to make the journey on your own.

Need some school advice, have any questions, or do you just want to talk things out to gain some clarity?
No worries, we're here to help!

The Voice is pleased to introduce our new advice column from contributing writer Yana McGuire: Let's Chat.

We want to know we're hearing from the WCC community. Use your student email and we'll use a pseudonym to keep your name private ("Angsty in A2," for example).

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Lyric Lane

Charlie Todd | Contributor

"WHAT IS THE SONG YOU LOVE TO HEAR WHEN YOU DRIVE WITH THE WINDOWS DOWN?"

"Hell N Back" by Bakar (2019)

NAYDEN SAMARA | UNDECLARED
"There's a whistle behind it, and it makes me feel really upbeat and happy."



"Nights" by Frank Ocean (2016)

CHIP EVANS | UNDECLARED
"There's a lot of diversity in the song itself, it kind of can fit any occasion because the first half is very different from the second half. Like a vibe switch almost."



"Grinning (Like an Undertaker)" by The Accused (1990)

LIA ENGLAND-IONSWAY | GENERAL MATH & SCIENCE
"It's got a good beat to it and I think when I listen to it in the car it just makes me feel happy. The singer is really talented."



"Child Psychology" by Black Box Recorder (1998)

AXL EDGAR
"It's got speaking parts and singing parts and they just make me real happy. I love it."



"Pocketful of Sunshine" by Natasha Bedingfield (2007)

JUMANA ABRAHAM
"It's like a really nice vibe. You roll down the windows. It makes you speed."



"Legendary" by Rio De Young OG (2019)

MOHAMMED SHAKNEE
"It's like a hype song. I want to go out for a run, do stuff, play sports. Makes you want to act, like, crazy."



"Humility" by Gorillaz (2018)

SARAH MCVEY | GRAPHIC DESIGN
"It has a silly, summertime feel."



"Ventura Highway" by America (1972)

AVRIL MOORE | MUSIC
"It's a good song for when you're going on a trip. It's relaxing. It's kind of folk rock."



JADA HAUSER | WASHTENAW VOICE

Ben Blout talks to graphic design students about his printmaking process in Room 202 of the Great Lakes Regional Training Center on Feb. 13.

Campus Snaps



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"BATTLE ROYALE A LA OSCARS" BY CHARLIE TODD



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WCC students and employees can place classified ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free.

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS Looking for help? As a service to our students, you may place "help wanted" ads in The Washtenaw Voice for free.

THE DEADLINE in 5 p.m. the Tuesday before publication. SEND ADS to wcc.voice.advertising@gmail.com

JOB POSTINGS

Below are recent employment want ads which have been posted with WCC Center for Career Success. WCC Students and alumni are invited to read these ads and to apply on Handshake™. For more information or assistance with applications, contact the Center for Career Success, SC 112 at careers@wccnet.edu or 734.677.5155. Follow us on Twitter: @WCC_Careers | Facebook: @WCC.CenterforCareerSuccess | LinkedIn: WCCCenterforCareerSuccess | Instagram: @wcccenterforcareersuccess

Career & Internship Fair is February 28

The WCC Center for Career Success will host its Winter 2024 Career & Internship Fair from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in the Morris Lawrence Building. Your help getting the word out to WCC students, alumni and the community at large is greatly appreciated!

More than 70 local employers will be recruiting a variety of majors. Encourage students to come prepared with a resume and questions to ask company representatives.

Laboratory Administrative Coordinator.

Organize, distribute, and store records appropriately. Reconcile billing records with Organ Procurement Transplant Network (OPTN). Update the laboratory database with new or altered transplant patient listings. Receive, verify, and store samples appropriately. Coordinate shipment

of biopsy slides to partner organizations. Coordinate and provide administrative support for meetings and continuing education activities. Maintain adequate office and specimen collection supplies. Perform other duties as assigned.

Information Technology (IT) Intern.

We are looking for a motivated and self-driven Information Technology (IT) Intern to join our team. The IT Intern will support our IT department in providing technical assistance, maintaining computer systems, and configuring hardware and software. The successful candidate will be able to troubleshoot and resolve technical issues, assist with the implementation of new technologies, and provide training and support to team members.

Saline Area Schools Building Supervisor (Community Education).

We're looking for responsible, dependable individuals to serve as building supervisors in the Saline School District. Responsibilities include supervising groups using district buildings after hours and assisting with facility-related needs on the weekends and some evening weekdays. You don't have to commit each weekend; the main building supervisor will contact you to see if you are available each weekend to work. This is a perfect job for a college student!

Entry level BA Biology / Health Sciences Major Position. Synapses IOM's Intraoperative Neuromonitoring

Specialists are highly trained, credentialed, multi-skilled, allied health professionals who perform multi-modality neurophysiologic tests including, but not limited to, evoked potentials (EP), electromyography (EMG), brain mapping, motor cranial EMG, and electroen-

cephalography (EEG).

Conservation Worker II

Work Schedule: Typical work hours are 8am-4:30pm Monday through Friday with occasional weekends and evenings required. Position is 10 months in duration. Nature of Work: Manually remove invasive plant species from natural areas. Assist with prescribed ecological burns. Monitor progress of restoration and ecological stewardship activities. Maintain and construct tails. Collect, process, and sow seed from native plants. Keep accurate, detailed records of work performed. Apply herbicide for the control of invasive plant species. Help lead and supervise volunteer workdays.

Entry Level Digital Media Planner | Digital Media Apprentice

Locations: We have opportunities in several markets including New York, NY, Detroit, MI, Atlanta, GA, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, & Birmingham, MI currently. During your apprenticeship with Catalyte, you will develop and hone your foundational skills in Digital Marketing and Digital Media under the tutelage of experienced digital media practitioners and work on real projects at an ad agency, marketing firm, or in some cases an internal marketing team at a large Fortune 100 company. You will learn about digital media platforms, how to create ad campaigns, analyze media reports and how to optimize media campaigns. You will also earn certifications related to the digital marketing industry, which will be essential in growing your future media career.

Technical Assistant Internship

Assist with installation, maintenance, and problem-solving services of

end-user computer hardware and software, audio-visual equipment, phone system, and related equipment.

Caregiver

Stand by assistant, personal care, light housekeeping, meal prep, and med reminders. The right attitude, a willingness to work and a true desire to help others are the most important requirements.

Research Area Specialist Intervention delivery

Deliver the behavioral intervention to research participants, record sessions, participate in supervision with project leadership, complete session notes and documentation, prepare for next sessions, provide appropriate resources and follow-up to participants. Intervention methodologies: Maintain current knowledge of intervention delivery methodologies and content topics, including, but not limited to, Motivational Interviewing (MI), MI coding, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, chronic pain treatment, substance use misuse/disorders, and harm reduction.

Visitor Services Assistant

Work with the visitor experience team as the primary point of contact for many of our over 500,000 annual visitors at both the Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Greeting visitors, taking phone calls and communicating information about our properties and programs, assisting with retail operations, plant sales, rentals, and special events. Event Hosting Assistant. Hosting garden weddings and other rental events. Assisting with other public event operations like Shakespeare in the Arb. Will also perform other visitor services when events are not occurring.

Nature Play Advocate Internship

Within the Education Team, the Nature Play Advocate intern at the Gaffield Children's Garden will combine innovative Nature Play activation with horticultural care of Gaffield Children's Garden. During this 15th anniversary year, Gaffield Children's Garden interns will develop knowledge of interdisciplinary frameworks of Nature Play, will create and actualize dynamic nature play engagements within Gaffield Children's Garden, across MBGNA, and occasionally off-site, will elevate public awareness of the value of outdoor play, nature access, and play equity, and provide garden care and ecosystem maintenance for Gaffield Children's Garden.

Radiology Technologist

Confirms patient identity is correct, checks in patients, schedules appointments. Creates Radiology Module. Greets and courteously escorts patient and other guests to examination room. Interprets patient histories and physician instructions. Prepares patients for procedures utilizing aseptic and sterile technique. Positions patients for radiologic examination. Selects exposure factors, takes exposure and processes images. Practices radiation protection.

Co-Teacher

Toddler Room. The Ypsilanti YMCA Child Development Center is hiring full-time Early Childhood Toddler Room Co-Teacher. We believe the values and skills learned early on are vital building blocks for quality of life and future success. That's why our child care programs are staffed with people who understand the cognitive, physical and social development of kids, the need children have to feel connected and supported in trying new things and the caring and reinforcement parents and families need to help each other.

Automotive Mechanic I

Roush has an immediate opening for an Automotive Mechanic I that wants to work with cutting edge

technology. ROUSH Prototype does work on experimental vehicle builds built with brand new parts. We have a large multi-hoist garage in a clean, indoor shop environment. This position is located in Dearborn, MI.

Tier 1 – Computer Technician

Jafferson Computers is an owner-operated computer and technology service shop. We have been serving the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area since 2002. Our guiding vision is a world without technology-induced stress. To achieve this, we focus on the human element of tech. We work closely with our customers to ensure they get what they want out of the devices in their life, whether they are computers, printers, phones, or other electronic devices. We don't just repair computers. We solve problems and find solutions.

Youth and Family Client Services Manager

Under the supervision of a Health Service Supervisor, is responsible for working directly in the community, with youth and families, natural supports, service providers, and community agencies. The Client Service Manager may work with youth with serious emotional disturbance and/or youth with developmental disabilities and their families. Working within the team context assures that the Family Centered Process results in an integrated plan of service and facilitates the achievement of specific outcomes. In their role, the Client Service Manager is responsible for developing and maintaining the Family Centered Plan (FCP), coordinating and monitoring youth/family services, and directly assisting youth and families in achieving desired outcomes and documenting consumer.



Students pet Maddie, an eight year old golden lab retriever, during the WCC Therapaws event hosted on Feb. 14.



Members of Therapaws must be registered and insured through the national testing organization, Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Therapy dogs bring paw-sitive vibes to Bailey Library

Therapaws visits WCC campus the second Wednesday of every month

PHOTOS BY COURTNEY PRIELIPP



Stout, an eight year old black lab, poses for pets in the Bailey Library during the WCC Therapaws event.



Therapaws of Michigan aim to promote and foster the bond between animals and humans in educational and therapeutic settings.



Therapaws have more than 130 dog pet therapy teams who visit 40+ spaces in the Washtenaw County area.

Reading through Black History Month and beyond

Carlos Franklin, co-owner of Blackstone Bookstore & Cultural Center offers his best reading recommendations

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Contributor

Though February may be coming to a close, it's not too late to pick up a book and learn more about Black history. Carlos Franklin, co-owner of Black Stone Bookstore in Ypsilanti, underscored the importance of diversity in literature.

Franklin said he grew up seeing bookstores and libraries filled with little Black representation. He hadn't set out to create a Black bookstore, but now his store is crammed with stories written by a majority of Black authors.

"I wanted books that look and sound like me," Franklin said.

Here are some recommendations from Franklin that he thinks best represent the Black experience throughout history.

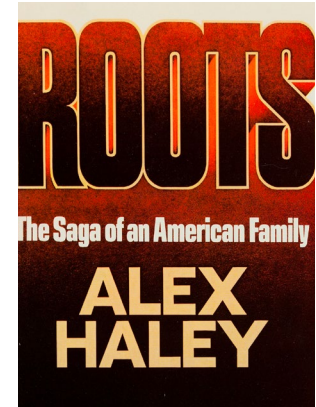
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FRANKLIN'S SUGGESTIONS

"Roots: The Saga of an American Family" by Alex Haley (1976)

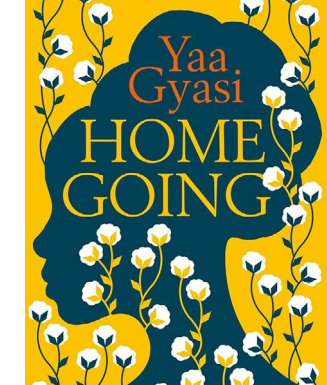
Historical Fiction, Biography

The story was inspired by Haley's search for his own roots and finding a trove of oral histories when visiting his ancestral village. There, Haley



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learned of his ancestor, Kunta Kinte. Kinte is the main character of the family epic, as the story follows his upbringing in Africa through the slave trade and into the American South. There, he is faced with the harsh realities of slavery, a famous scene being that of his renaming to Toby, a "White name." In the final chapter, Haley goes into great detail about preserving the accuracy of his lineage. Because of this, the book sold both as fiction and non-fiction, coining the term "faction."



"Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi (2006)

Historical Fiction, Family Saga

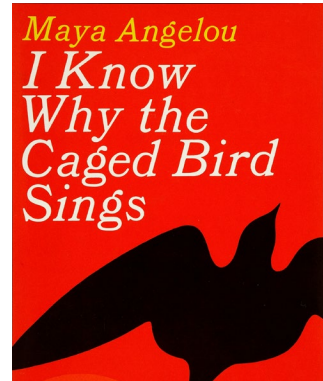
Franklin described this

historical fiction novel as a "modern retelling" of "Roots". Similarly to Alex Haley, the Ghanaian-American author was inspired when she visited Ghana and learned of "slave castles." These structures were elaborate palaces for White slave traders to live in, but the basements were dungeons for captured locals set to be transported to America. Gyasi's story begins with two sisters torn apart by the slave trade. Each chapter follows the descendants of these sisters as their family lines experience slavery, Jim Crow, the Great Migration, and the Harlem Renaissance. Similar to "Roots", the novel ends with Gyasi's description of her inspirational trip to Ghana. This brings the story to a perfectly cyclical end.

"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou (1969)

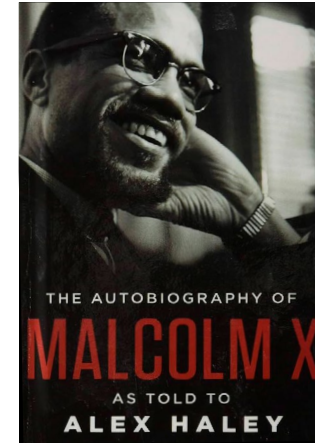
Autobiography, Non-Fiction

At the peak of American unrest during the Civil Rights Movement, Angelou was deeply affected by the assassination



of Martin Luther King Jr. and wanted to write an autobiography that could double as a piece of poignant literature. Her book begins when Angelou was only three years old and living in Arkansas and ends when she is a pregnant teen. The work follows Angelou's development from meekness into a strong, proud woman. She experiences sexual assault, brutal racism and generational trauma as she navigates her way through life as a Black girl in the American South. The title represents the resistance to oppression Angelou ultimately faced with poise and dignity. In a poem, she likens the bird's singing to roaring at the bars of his cage

and not singing "a carol of joy or glee."



"The Autobiography of Malcolm X" by Malcolm X (1965)

Autobiography, Political Philosophy

Released nine months after his assassination, Malcolm X's autobiography explains his philosophy on pan-Africanism, Black nationalism and pride and critiques of the Civil Rights Movement. The book's epilogue was written by "Roots" author, Alex Haley, to describe the events leading up to the assassination. The autobiography is based on a series of interviews Haley had conducted in the final

two years of his life. Malcolm X uses his own words to describe his life, beginning as a child in Nebraska and moving seamlessly through X's experiences with gangs, his imprisonment, and conversion to Islam. Franklin recommended this book because of the insights it offers into the Black Power Movement.

These titles and more are available at Black Stone Bookstore & Cultural Center. Visit www.blackstonebookstore.com/ for more information.



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DROP-IN ORIENTATION

Get all your orientation questions answered and assistance in completing enrollment steps. Orientation helps students get going on the right path with the correct resources to be successful.
Student Center SC 302
Feb. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

IN-PERSON CAMPUS TOUR

Join In on a campus tour of WCC and become familiar with all there is to know. Note: welding, automotive, digital media arts and nursing labs will not be shown on this tour. Contact Halee Warren at 734-973-3718 to set up a personal tour.
Starts at Welcome Center
Feb. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

STEAM WEEK

This three-day event will help show you what WCC has to offer in the science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics fields. This event includes workshops, STEAM presentations, documentaries, and knowledge from the WCC community and partners.
Tiny link with locations and times: <http://tinyurl.com/steam-week>
Various locations on campus
Feb. 27-29

MEDITATION 101 WORKSHOP

The Instructor, Ellie, will go over all of the benefits of meditation, bust some common myths and explore strategies for creating a home practice. Tickets are \$35.
Sign up link: [hppt://tinyurl.com/meditation101-sign-up](http://tinyurl.com/meditation101-sign-up)
Zion Well | 3384 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor
March 10, 11:30 a.m. -12:45 p.m.

DRAG BINGO

It's time to let loose, laugh, and win some amazing prizes while being entertained by the most glamorous drag queens in town. Don't miss out on this in-person event that promises to be a riot of laughter, glitter, and fierce competition.
Avalon Cafe and Kitchen, Pretzel Bell Building | 120 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor
March 15, 7-9 p.m.

COMEDY JAMM OPEN MIC

Comedians ranging from beginners to established will be presenting at the Comedy Showcase. Enjoy some laughs and good vibes with family and friends. Tickets are only \$5.00.
Get your tickets on the Comedy Jamm website
Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase | 212 S. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor
March 13, 7:15 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

ZUMBA!

Looking for a fun way to incorporate fitness into your routine? Come experience Zumba with instructors Kadesha and Teri. Zumba is a wonderful way to get your body moving. All experience levels are welcome to try this class. \$10 with student ID or \$15; first-time participants get in for free.
Riverside Arts Center | 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti
March 4, 6-7 p.m.

ESL COMMUNITY TUTORING

English as a second language community tutoring is available for those seeking help with their English skills. Come and participate in a relaxed environment with individuals who are from all over the world. Pop on in and increase your knowledge with others! This Event is FREE to the public.
Ypsilanti District Library Meeting Room | 5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti
Feb. 27, 1-2:30p.m.

LUCK OF THE ICING COOKIE CLASS

If you have a sweet tooth this St. Patty's Day, head on over to Yours Truly Events for a themed cookie decorating class. This class will be laidback, fun and sweet. Six baked sugar cookies are waiting for you to ice them. All items necessary will be provided. Tickets are \$45.
Yours Truly Events Venue | 114 W. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti
March 16, 2-4 p.m.



COURTESY OF DANIEL MAJAESS

WCC alumna and aerospace engineer Aisha Bowe speaks at a previous STEAM week event. WCC hosts its annual STEAM week Feb. 27-29, with workshops, guest lectures and presentations across campus.



PHOTO BY НАДЯ КИСИЛЬОВА

Zion Well hosts an introductory meditation class on March 10.



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Yours Truly Events to host a St. Patrick's Day-themed cookie decorating class in Ypsilanti.



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