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## ***Jaws Attacks Livingston County This Spring***

*2017 Livingston Reads Book Choice is Jaws by Peter Benchley*

Livingston County is reading the classic thriller *Jaws* by Peter Benchley as the 2017 Livingston Reads community read. Written in 1974, the story was made into the classic motion picture of the same name a year later, directed by Steven Spielberg.

Appealing to both older teen and adult readers, *Jaws* tells the terrifying tale of bloody havoc wreaked by a giant great white shark on the beaches of a Long Island resort town with attacks on swimmers until police chief Martin Brody, marine biologist Matt Hooper, and a veteran local seafarer Captain Quint hunt the monster down.

The story is a solid mixture of small-town politics, mystery, and outright terror. Those who are familiar with the movie, but not the book, are in for some surprises, and those who read the book way back when will find it worth another look.

Copies of the book in all available formats can be checked out at the six Livingston County libraries. Visit the website, [www.livingstonreads.org](http://www.livingstonreads.org), for more information about supporting events, book discussions, and the private showing of the movie *Jaws* at the Historic Howell Theater.

Livingston Reads is a “One Book, One Community” project offered by the six Livingston County libraries (Brighton, Fowlerville, Hamburg, Hartland’s Cromaine, Howell, and Pinckney), and is a program to encourage residents to read for pleasure, to create community through reading, and to promote the explorations of ideas, knowledge, and a love of Michigan!

Now in its thirteenth year, we hope to present the Livingston County libraries as centers for culture, entertainment, and enlightenment, and to position our libraries as leaders in promoting the joy of reading.

Livingston Reads is sponsored in part by the local Friends of the Library organizations. The Friends of the Howell Library sponsorship is in memory of Mary Goestch.

"It's heartening to see that Livingston Reads: One Book, One Community has become one of our county's enduring programs. It's brought together so many of our community members in the shared experience of reading. We're eagerly anticipating the participation for this year's program."  
Hope Siasoco, Pinckney Community Public Library

“Livingston Reads is a great opportunity to expose yourself to books you’ve either heard of but haven’t had a chance to read yet or just normally wouldn’t read on your own. This year’s selection is exciting. Many of us have seen the classic film *Jaws* but never read the book—so why not read it now?”  
Brandi Tambasco, Howell Carnegie District Library

## Upcoming Events

### **Brighton District Library**

Family Movie: *Shark Tale* (PG)

Saturday, March 4, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Free

Dreamworks animated tale of Oscar, the lowly tongue-scrubber at the local WhaleWash, who becomes an improbable hero when he tells a great white lie! Voices of Will Smith, Jack Black, Robert DeNiro, Angelina Jolie, Renee Zellweger, and Martin Scorsese. Snack and drinks provided. Drop in.

### *Jaws* Movie Viewings

Come see Steven Spielberg's 1975 classic thriller *Jaws* (PG)! Drop in.

- Monday, March 13, 6:00pm-8:00pm, Brighton District Library A/B Room, Free Snacks and drinks provided!
- Saturday, March 25, 7:00pm, Historic Howell Theater, Free with your library card! Doors open at 6:30pm. Admission is first-come, first served, and you must present your library card from one of the six Livingston County libraries. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

2016 Movie: *The Shallows* (PG-13)

Sunday, March 19, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Free

Come "enjoy" 87 minutes of thrilling terror! When Nancy is surfing on a secluded beach, she finds herself on the feeding ground of a great white shark! Snacks and drinks provided! Drop in.

### Seafood Delights!

Thursday, March 30, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Free

Celebrate the bounties of the ocean with Chef Cathy Ferrara, owner of Supper Made Simple personal chef service. Learn how to select and prepare delicious seafood recipes that utilize gifts from the sea! Tasting is required! Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Register online beginning Thursday, March 16, or by calling 810-229-6571 x227.

Shark Jewelry! All Ages Mother-Daughter/Father-Son Craft

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Tonight as part of our 2017 Livingston Reads program series, we'll be creating shark teeth jewelry, perfect for both men and women, boys and girls, ages 9 and older. Limit of 20 participants. Pre-registration is required. Register online beginning Wednesday, March 29, or by calling 810-229-6571 x227.

Sharks, the Ocean & You

Thursday, April 13, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Free

Kim Parker from Aquatic Adventures will share her experiences with these incredible creatures of the deep. Despite their terrifying reputation, sharks play an important part in the ocean environment. Come learn about the ocean, sharks, and how scuba diving can give you a chance to share their world. All ages. Pre-registration required. Register online beginning Thursday, March 30, or by calling 810-229- 6571 x227.

Aquariums 101

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Free

The Brighton District Library's fish tank is so popular that perhaps you've thought about fish as pets. Come explore the world of keeping fish as Barby Newton of Fish Doctors explains everything you need

to know. Explore different kinds of fish, freshwater vs. saltwater, how to start and maintain an aquarium, and even find out if fish can walk! All Ages. Pre-registration is required. Register online beginning Wednesday, April 5, or by calling 810-229-6571 x227.

#### *Jaws* Book Discussion

Monday, April 24, 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tonight we'll be taking a bite out of our 2017 Livingston Reads title, *Jaws* by Peter Benchley. We'll look at the book, compare it to the movie, and discuss how *Jaws* is still part of pop-culture today. Teens and adults. Drop in.

#### DINO-SHARKS! Presented by The University of Michigan Natural History Museum

Saturday, April 29, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Tickets available at 12:30pm

Explore the world of prehistoric sharks, find out why sharks are called the 'garbage can of the sea', touch jaws from different sharks, huge fossilized teeth and take a smaller shark tooth home with you! You may even see and touch a dissection of a shark specimen! Family program. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Register online beginning Saturday, April 15 or by calling 810-229-6571 x227.

#### **Fowlerville District Library**

The Livingston Libraries present *Jaws* at the Historic Howell Theater

Saturday, March 25, 7:00pm, Free with your library card!

Come see Steven Spielberg's 1975 classic thriller *Jaws* (PG)! Doors open at 6:30pm. Admission is first-come, first served, and you must present your library card from one of the six Livingston County libraries. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

#### **Hamburg Township Library**

Monday Movie: *Sharknado*

Monday, March 13, 6:00pm, Free

Come watch the film we love to hate, SyFy's *Sharknado* (TV-14). Bring snacks and blankets. Drop in.

#### Sharks & the Environment

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30pm, Free

Despite a bad reputation, sharks play an integral role in our environment. Come learn all about sharks and their ocean environment with Kim Parker from Aquatic Adventures. Pre-registration required.

#### SEA LIFE Aquarium presents "Super Sharks"

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30pm, Free

Did you know sharks have super powers? Join the experts from SEA LIFE Aquarium to find out how sharks use their super abilities to survive. Pre-registration required.

#### Thursday Matinee: *Soul Surfer*

Thursday, March 16, 1:00pm, Free

Come watch the inspiring story of surfer Bethany Hamilton in *Soul Surfer* (PG). Bring a snack. Drop in.

#### Saturday Double Feature: *Finding Nemo*/*Finding Dory*

Saturday, March 18, 12:00pm, Free

We'll show two Pixar favorites: *Finding Nemo* (G), starting at 12:00pm, and *Finding Dory* (PG), starting at 2:00pm. There will be a 20-minute intermission to enjoy themed snacks. Come enjoy one or both movies! Drop in.

#### Seafood Sampling: Fancy, Fun & Funky

Monday, March 20, 6:30pm, \$10/person due at registration

Join Renee Chodkowski, The Great Foodini, for a cooking demonstration of seafood creations, including appetizers and entrees that range from fancy to funky. Come hungry, leave happy! Pre-registration required. Space is limited.

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- Thursday, April 13, 6:00pm, Hamburg Township Library, Free  
Bring snacks and blankets.

#### *Jaws* Book Discussions

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively book discussion of *Jaws* by Peter Benchley.

- Book Club: Wednesday, April 5, 1:00pm, Free
- Evening Book Discussion: Wednesday, April 12, 6:30pm, Free

#### Summer Centerpiece

Thursday, April 13, 12:00pm, Free

Come create a beautiful beach-themed centerpiece, perfect for summer décor and parties. Pre-registration required. Space is limited.

#### Fishing 101

Monday, April 17, 6:30pm, Free

Learn all about fishing with Brent Lybrink of J&B Bait & Tackle in Howell, including different kinds of rods, bait, and equipment you can use to attract different fish. Bring all your fishing questions to be answered! Pre-registration required.

#### Boater's Safety Certification Course

Saturday, April 29, 9:00am – 4:00pm, \$10/person due to instructor upon arrival

This course is for adults and children 12 years and up who want to operate a personal water craft on Michigan lakes and streams. Students will receive Boater Safety Certification upon successful completion of course and test. All children under 15 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Bring your own lunch and snacks. Pre-registration required. Minimum number of participants required.

### **Hartland's Cromaine Library**

Fiction Book Club Discusses *Jaws* by Peter Benchley

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00pm, Free

Copies provided. Drop in - Village Library.

Coloring for Grown-ups: "Creatures of the Deep"

Wednesday, March 1, 6:30pm, Free

Drop in - Village Library.

Sharing the Underwater World - SHARKS!

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30pm, Free

Jim and Pat Stayer of Out of the Blue Productions will look at sharks from around the world. The program includes sharks from Mexico's Socorro Island, Micronesia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and North Carolina's Atlantic Coast. The show highlights a variety of sharks from whale shark, the largest shark on earth, to the sharp-tooth sand tiger shark and the weird-looking wobbegongs. Join the Stayers as they experience a thrilling shark feed with large seven-footers coming within inches of their camera lenses. Register - Village.

Predators of the Deep

Thursday, March 23, 6:30pm, Free

Jim Diana, director of the Michigan Sea Grant Program and Professor of Fisheries and Aquaculture at the U of M, will educate listeners about predatory fish in the Great Lakes and compare their role in the Lakes ecosystems to the role of sharks in the oceans. Professor Diana is an expert on muskies and sturgeon and has also worked on research projects with sharks. Register – Village.

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Travel Your Taste Buds to the High Seas with the Great Foodini!

Thursday, March 30, 6:30pm, Free

The Great Foodini, Renee Chodkowski, presents an evening dedicated to *Jaws*, our 2017 Livingston Reads selection. Expect a mix of recipes including seafood, east coast specialties, and maybe a classic 70s dish thrown in for fun! Register – Village.

*Finding Dory!* Family Movie

Friday, March 31, 10:00am, Free

Relax and bring the family to watch *Finding Dory* (PG) at the library. Fresh, hot popcorn will be served. Drop in - Village.

How *Jaws* Fits Into the Horror Movie Formula

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm, Free

Motor City Nightmares presents a multimedia presentation on horror films featuring big, scary animals as part of Livingston Reads 2017 *Jaws*! Those in attendance will be entered to win two tickets to the Horror Expo & Film Festival in Novi on April 28, 29, and 30th! Register - Village.

### **Howell Carnegie District Library**

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One Idea, Two Stories: *Jaws* Book vs. Movie Discussion

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm, Free

*Jaws* is both a thrilling novel and terrifying movie, but the story in Peter Benchley's original book differs greatly from the one depicted in Spielberg's iconic film. Join us for a lively discussion comparing these two works and share your opinion on which is better: the book or the film? Drop in, no registration required.

Wonders of the Deep

Saturday, April 29, 10:15am-11:15am & 11:30am-12:30pm, Free

Take a trip to the bottom of the ocean without leaving the library! Learn about many denizens of the deep at Supe's Exotic Jungle traveling ocean show and get a chance to pet starfish, stingrays, and even sharks! All ages welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required and begins April 1, 2017 online, by calling 517-546-0720 x106, or in person at the Information Desk.

### **Pinckney Community Public Library**

Boating Safety Talk with the Michigan DNR

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30pm, Free

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Sea Life Conservation with Pruess Pets

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Free

Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group: *Jaws* by Peter Benchley

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Free

Thursday Night Theater: *The Shallows* (PG-13) starring Blake Lively

Thursday, April 20, 6:30pm, Free

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