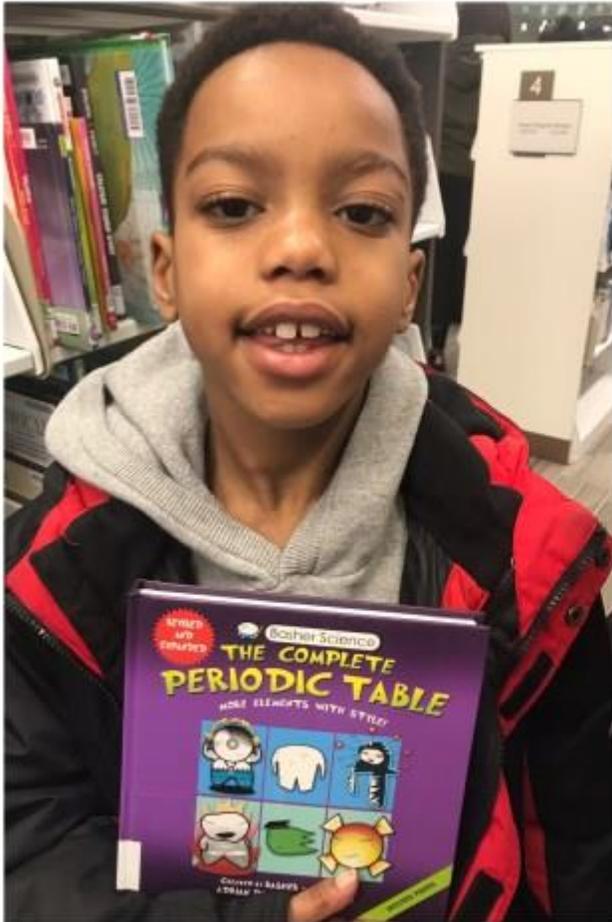


Winter Break 2018: Michigan Road Library Branch

By Shawnta S. Barnes – December 23, 2018

December 15 was the grand opening of the Michigan Road Branch library. Of course, my boys and I were there. We are avid readers, and we were excited this library would be the closest library to our home. Last year and this year, I have written about different options for families during winter break. The best part about visiting this library, besides the new books, is there is no admission fee!

Your children can browse through the books and begin reading them at the library. When we attended the ribbon cutting, each time a person stepped to the podium, one of my boys would ask, "Is this person going to cut the ribbon?" Once the ribbon was finally cut, they declared, "We can finally get some books!" We even stayed for a while because they wanted to read right away. According to my twin boys, who are seven, the seats were, "comfy and just right."



What I noticed was the teen section. Teenagers can sometimes become annoyed or irritated by younger children. There was a room just for teens to read or to work on the computer. Parents could see into the room because of the transparent walls.

Even I found a book, but I only checked out one. The library has identified me as one of those patrons that will need to return books that I have renewed more than ten times. Starting January 1, 2019, patrons will only be able to renew books ten times before being required to return them. I know I should not have kept library materials for so long. All I can say is this is my bibliophile confession, and I promise to do better.

Most people know I have taught English for nine years, was a literacy coach for three, and this is my first year as an elementary library/media specialist. I always encourage parents to make sure their children read a little during winter break. What better place is there to read than at a brand new library?