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CDL Introduces SportPort, a New Collection of Sporting Equipment!

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is partnering with the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation as part of the Project Play: Southeast Michigan SportPort equipment sharing program to bring free youth sports equipment to the community!

Beginning October 4, 2021, Chelsea residents have the opportunity to borrow various youth and teen sports equipment to use for practice or recreation. Looking for some outdoor fun? There are large and small fishing poles for a day on the water. Need some quiet time? Kids and teens can relax and meditate using a yoga mat for some at-home yoga. Is your child looking to try out a new sport? CDL has child-size golf clubs, baseballs, basketballs, soccer balls, and more.

“The Chelsea District Library is thrilled to partner with 5 Health Towns to help bring SportPort to our community,” says Head of Information Services, Shannon Powers. “SportPort provides kids and teens in our area the opportunity for fun and safe outdoor activities. We can’t wait to see kids enjoying the sports balls and other items out on the Library lawn and in our town’s beautiful parks.”

Starting October 4 sports balls, tennis rackets, and other simple sports equipment will be available. Fishing poles, lacrosse kits, soccer goals, golf clubs, and other items will gradually be added to the collection. Weather permitting, CDL will offer a day of play on the library lawn during CDL Song Fest on October 23 from 1–3pm. Come try out a selection of equipment from the SportPort collection!

The borrowing process is simple. Head to the first floor of the library to browse a collection of cards showcasing each piece of sports equipment. Find the card you would like and then take it up to the Check Out Desk and exchange it for the actual item! Parents or guardians should be present the first time a child borrows a SportPort item in order to sign the required waiver. Once the waiver is signed, children may come to the library anytime during open hours to borrow an item. SportPort items can be borrowed for up to three weeks at a time, with a maximum of three items borrowed at one time. Items should be returned at the Check Out Desk during library open hours.

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.

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