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### ***Kit Homes Historical Program at Brighton District Library***

Brighton, MI – April 24, 2023 – Starting in 1906, dreams of home ownership for thousands of Americans began on the pages of a mail order catalog. With an order from Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Aladdin and others, prospective homeowners embarked on the ultimate DIY project – a kit house! Upon the house's arrival, those can-do customers transformed a boxcar full of building material (up to 30,000 pieces) into a home using only a set of blueprints and a 75 page instruction manual.

Join kit house owners Andrew and Wendy Mutch at the Brighton District Library Monday, May 8 from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The Mutches will share the story of their 1926 Sears Hamilton Kit home and talk about the history of kit and catalog houses and the pivotal role that they played in the Michigan industry.

This lively presentation will show how to identify kit homes, have on display a variety of vintage catalogs and promotional materials, and take attendees on a photographic tour of kit houses of all sizes and styles found in Michigan and throughout the United States. For additional information about kit homes visit: [kithousehunters.com/](http://kithousehunters.com/)

Registration for this program begins Monday, April 24. Call 810-229-6571 or visit [bit.ly/BDLKitHomes](http://bit.ly/BDLKitHomes) to register. The Brighton District Library is located at 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116.