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Fall 2022

## What's Your Story?

**WRITE**  
MICHIGAN  
SHORT STORY CONTEST®

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## Welcome to fall!

At KDL, we are big fans of the written word. It's because we know that words are powerful; they matter.

**Words heal.**

**Words entertain.**

**Words educate.**

**Words transform.**

**Words transport.**

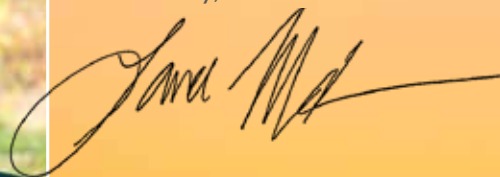
**Words change lives.**

I want to encourage you to share your words with us and others by entering the Write Michigan Short Story Contest. You could be the next published author in the KDL collection. Learn more at [writemichigan.org](http://writemichigan.org).

May your words and mine be kind.



Sincerely,



Lance Werner  
Executive Director

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# KDL updates

## WonderNook .....

New and improved library playspaces are on their way this winter! Explore a tree house at Caledonia Twp., barter for goods at the trading post at Englehardt (Lowell) and slide like a fish at Krause Memorial (Rockford). There's so much to explore with these exciting Montessori-inspired play pieces, and every branch will be unique. As part of the revamp, KDL is proud to offer a game-style map of all the WonderNook spaces for curious minds and for those who wish to visit more than just their local branch. Children who visit at least five will receive a special prize.



## Books for Newborns

KDL is partnering with select local health organizations to provide board books and information about KDL to babies and new parents to promote early literacy. KDL hopes to connect more children and families with crucial resources earlier in life and more than ever before. To learn more, check out [kdl.org/babies](http://kdl.org/babies).

## KDL Online Store

Be on the lookout for a brand-new online store featuring KDL merchandise launching later this fall! Now, you can declare your true love for the library from the rooftops – or at least from an array of attractive mugs, socks, tote bags, pens and more. Though exact merchandise is still in the works, there is sure to be something for everyone... just in time for the gift-giving season.



## Did You Know?

The KDL Grooves vinyl collection, with over 700 album titles, includes everything from classic rock to classical, jazz to hip-hop. The collection also includes high-end headphones and portable turntables.

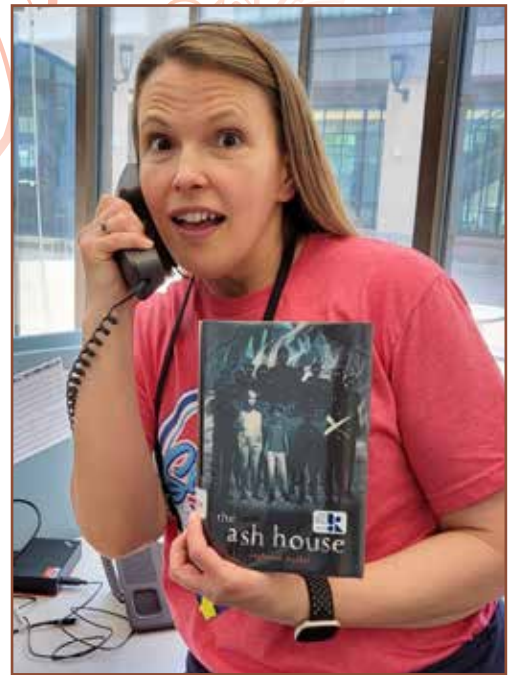
Learn more at [kdl.org/grooves](http://kdl.org/grooves).

# Staff Picks

## **The Ash House** by Angharad Walker

"Although this is a youth chapter book, as an adult I found the story suspenseful and chilling. A group of children are living unsupervised in a Gothic mansion, waiting three years for a phone call from the Headmaster and desperately trying to avoid a house call from the Doctor. A page-turner with a fantastic final scene!"

**Liz** | Amy Van Andel Library



## **The Power of the Dog** by Thomas Savage

"I'm not typically drawn to westerns, but this story doesn't have the usual shootouts and stagecoach robberies. As tension grows between characters, the book becomes a psychological drama disguised as a western. It does still explore the hyper-masculine identities of the 1920s American West. Savage finds a way to unforgivingly expose the weaknesses and flaws of his characters while still leaving room for breaths of empathy and understanding. Perfect for fans of Kazuo Ishiguro, Truman Capote or Cormac McCarthy."

**Anna** | East Grand Rapids Branch

## **The Library Fish**

by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

"This is a delightful book about a fish that lives in a library. One day, the library is closed for a snowstorm. The fish has a wonderful day of adventures in the closed library. The Plainfield Twp. Branch has a fish tank, and this story would be so relatable to our patrons, who can easily imagine our building being closed in a snowstorm."

**Jaime** | Plainfield Twp. Branch



## **The Flatshare** by Beth O'Leary

"Leon and Tiffy share a flat but have never met because Leon works nights and Tiffy works days. They communicate through Post-it Notes scattered around the flat, and their strange living situation works for them. But soon they find themselves falling for each other, and everything becomes more complicated."

**Samantha** | Caledonia Twp. Branch



### **Beautifully Me** by Nabela Noor

"This is a beautiful book that shows the effect that adults have on children when they are wrapped up in diet culture. It features a young Bangladeshi-American girl, and not only are the illustrations breathtaking, they include a diverse bunch of people, including children with disabilities. I wish that I had books like this to read 40 years ago!"

**Shannon** | Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



### **Touching Spirit Bear** by Ben Mikaelson

"I read this book because my mentee through Affinity Mentoring was reading it for school, and it was an interesting read. Instead of serving his time in jail, a young boy is banished to an island to face the wrongs he committed as well as his anger. This book is about self-reflection and how returning to nature can help with that."

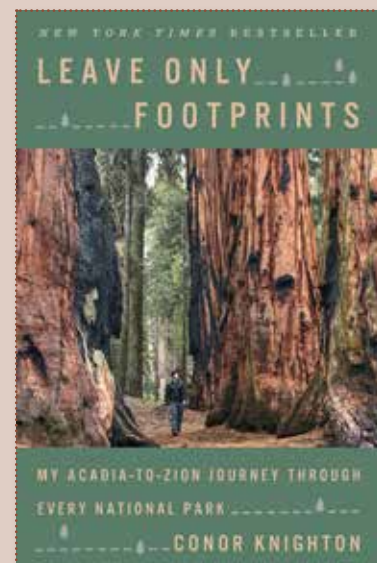
**Anne** | Wyoming Branch



### **The Ogress and the Orphans** by Kelly Barnhill

"Simply put, this is the best book I've read in the last year. Barnhill's story of what it means to be a neighbor and the power of love transcends traditional children's literature. Everyone, regardless of age or interest, would be happier, wiser and more loving if they read this amazing book."

**Josh** | Service Center



### **Leave Only Footprints** by Conor Knighton

"This is a great book covering all of our National Parks without spending the high cost of gasoline to get there. The travelogue, by a member of 'CBS Sunday Morning,' takes readers on the journey made over the course of a calendar year as a way to heal the author's broken heart. Much of Conor's inner dialogue and encounters with other park visitors are very funny and honest while including the historical facts and personalities of each park. It's not something I'd normally pick up (because I generally find travelogues to be dry and kind of self-important), but I think this one is worth the time."

**Laura** | Plainfield Twp. Branch

# Why My Family LOVES Storytime (And Yours Should Too)

By **Katie Blakeslee**, Service Center



Katie with her little ones, Noam and Sylvia

**Your local storytime offers a range of activities geared toward helping your child and you fall more in love with reading and learning — together!**

## ***Storytime Engages Learning through Movement and Play.***

Children learn best when they can use their brain and their body at the same time. After all, the brain is a muscle too! My 18-month-old son and 4-year-old daughter love storytime because they associate it with dancing, singing and other sensory activities. Some storytimes even have a bubble machine dance session at the very end. Our favorite!

Storytime also gives children a safe place to explore how to socialize with other children. From sharing toys and books to following directions, storytime is one of the first places my children began to see themselves as part of a larger group. I have seen both of my children become more self-aware – and more aware of others – through cooperative play at storytime.

## ***Storytime Encourages a Lifetime Love of Reading.***

Storytime forms positive foundational memories with reading and the library, memories that may foster a lifelong love of reading. Why is this important to me? Because more and more studies show that reading is one of the better coping mechanisms for regulating emotion, reducing stress, improving cognitive performance and building empathy. A love of reading is one of the most important gifts I can give to my children. The good news is, it's never too late to start giving it.

## ***Storytime Won't Send You Home Empty-Handed (Literally).***

Most library storytimes end with a special craft based on the stories read that day. In my home right now, we are especially attached to a paper plate version of the hungry fish from Lo Cole's *Ten in a Hurry*. My daughter loves to use the plate to reenact how the big fish gulped all but one of the little fishes down and then burped them back up! In doing so, she is demonstrating important thinking skills like comprehension and retention. When she brings the "fish" into her play and has it eat (and burp up) her other toys, she is demonstrating application. These are skills she will build upon throughout her schooling and use for the rest of her life!



## ***Storytime Is for Everyone.***

Yes, everyone! It's OK if your kids are a little wiggly (or a lot). It's OK if you're a few minutes late or if you don't have a library card yet (get one!) or if your child woke up on the wrong side of the bed that morning. New this fall, KDL will also begin to offer select storytimes in American Sign Language. For more sensitive participants, KDL offers Sensory Storytime content, available online. That's the beauty of the library: it accepts everyone where they are and as they are. The library says, "You belong." And where we find belonging, we find joy. Storytime is joy.

**Check out [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events) to see when and where there is a storytime near you!**

## ***Storytime Is Economical.***

My local library is one of the few places I can go with my family and not be expected to spend money. Storytime is and will always be free and fun! Not to mention, it gives this tired mama a small break while my children are fully engaged in something other than a screen.

Storytime also expands our literary horizons by introducing us to new subjects, stories and authors we may never have discovered otherwise – and we don't have to break the bank to indulge these discoveries, either. Thanks to the library, we have been able to check out books en masse and read them over and over again and return them when we're finished. Whenever my child moves on to something new, I feel good knowing these books are being read and enjoyed by other children in Kent County, rather than sitting idly on a shelf in my home.



**ASL Storytime**  
**Cascade Township Branch,**  
**Mondays, Sept. 12 – Nov. 14**  
(No Storytime on Oct. 3 and Nov. 7)  
**10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

We're excited to host storytime in American Sign Language and English. Enjoy rhymes, stories and activities as we learn and play together. Everyone is welcome – deaf children, hearing children and their families.

### **Sensory Storytimes**

Designed for children that may need extra sensory support, Sensory Storytime combines traditional storytime components with sensory elements to enhance the experience... all from the comfort of your own home. Visit [kdl.org/sensorystorytime](http://kdl.org/sensorystorytime) to learn more.



# Enjoy the Process

By **Ty Papke**, Branch Outreach and Programming Specialist



As temperatures drop outside, many of us begin our endless pursuit of indoor activities to keep our children entertained and engaged without plopping them in front of a screen all day. While they may not be as physically active as during the summer months, we can strive to at least keep their minds active by exercising their creativity with arts and crafts.

Fortunately, the internet provides us with infinite craft ideas. Unfortunately, many of these seemingly-simple crafts turn out to be more frustrating for kids than fun. I can't tell you how many times I've been excited to discover the perfect craft – whether for my kids at home or for a library program – only to find out the kids can't manage to execute the craft as well as the adult who demonstrated it so gracefully in the video. This becomes even more problematic with a group of children in different stages of development. It will come as no surprise

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that a 5-year-old can wield a pair of scissors with far greater skill than a 3-year-old.



It's natural for children to get frustrated when their hard work doesn't yield the same result as the example craft, or even the kid next to them. To overcome these challenges, it can help to focus more on the process rather than the product. For this reason, process art has been growing in popularity in recent years.

Process art can take many forms, but always emphasizes the process of creating instead of the final result. While it may end with a unique piece your child is proud to display, it's just as likely to end with a sloppy mess that gets tossed in the garbage (an added bonus for those of us who have long since run out of space to display our children's artwork).





Process art allows children to create in a relaxed setting, without the pressure of making something that's expected to look a certain way. A variety of mixed media can offer endless possibilities for creation. Your kids can paint with feathers, create a forest out of sticks and play dough, gather all the scrap paper in the junk drawer to make into a sculpture, paint with water on the sidewalk or try making letters in shaving cream on a cookie sheet. Embrace the mess and embrace the process.

However, process art can also be done with something as simple as a pen and paper. A fun and simple activity I do with my youngest daughter requires just two pieces of paper, two writing utensils and a timer (I use my phone). We each begin with a pen and paper. Setting a timer, we each draw for one minute.

When the timer sounds, we swap papers and reset the timer and add on to the other person's drawing. We continue drawing in one-minute sessions, rotating papers each time, resulting in two silly drawings that combine our creative efforts. To add a literacy element, I ask her to tell a story about each drawing. While this activity has never resulted in a product worth framing, it has produced joy in the process of creating together.

I encourage all who are interested in exploring process art to search for ideas online. You will be amazed by the hours of entertainment available to your kids with items already in your home or classroom.

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These programs can help to sharpen your writing pencils and your creativity. Check these out and get writing!

## The Write Stuff

**Cascade Township Branch,  
Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

Play fun writing games like mad-libs and story telephone. Learn story structure so you can write and edit your own short story and submit it to the Write Michigan contest. **For children ages 5-10.**

## Write Michigan Short Story Workshop

with Dr. Lisa McNeilley

**Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Oct. 1 – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Oct. 8 – East Grand Rapids Branch  
Oct. 15 – Grandville Branch (Part of the Day of Learning)**

Writing good stories is an art that requires creativity and understanding of the craft of writing. This workshop will focus on developing strong characters and descriptions, using effective plot devices and a narrative arc, and the internal cohesiveness of the story. Lisa McNeilley is an educator, editor and writer. She has served as an editor for *Imagine This! An ArtPrize Anthology*, *The 3288 Review* and *The Lakeshore Review*. **For Adults.**



## Cascade's Write Michigan Series

Join us at the Cascade Township Branch as we host authors, illustrators and publishers, celebrating the art of writing and the Write Michigan Contest!

**Tuesdays at 6:30 PM**  
**Sept. 6 - Writing and Publishing in the 21st Century with Tom Dean**  
**Sept. 20 - Seven Strategies to Make Publishers Love You with Josh Mosey**  
**Sept. 27 - Drawing Children Into Reading with Wendy Anderson Halperin**  
**Oct. 4 - Author Khyiana Tate**  
**Oct. 11 - Author Ruth McNally Barshaw**  
**Oct. 18 - Author Terri DeBoer**  
**Oct. 25 - Author Gary Schmidt**  
**Nov. 29 - Author and Illustrator Wendy Halperin Anderson**

# Write Michigan Day of Learning

Grandville Branch | Saturday, Oct. 15

The Day of Learning includes multiple sessions; attend one, some or all.



## Short Story Workshop with Dr. Lisa McNeilley

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Writing good stories is an art that requires creativity and understanding of the craft of writing. This workshop will focus on developing strong characters and descriptions, using effective plot devices and a narrative arc, and the internal cohesiveness of the story.



## The Art of Description... and Not Going Overboard with Janyre Tromp

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Good narrative description is one of the keys to excellent writing, but navigating the path between too much and too little detail isn't always an easy task. In this workshop you'll walk alongside a veteran editor and author to explore keys to creating effective "Show Don't Tell" description.



## Ready to Seek Publication? with Maryann Lesert

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

This session will briefly tour publishing options for book-length works – agents and traditional publishing, medium and small "indie" presses, hybrid publishers and self-publishing. Participants will leave with a list of sites and tools to help them prepare to submit book-length works.

## College App Essay Workshop: A Three-Part Series

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Sundays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9,  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Writing college application essays can be daunting because so much rides on them. Students will learn what admissions advisors are looking for and how to craft an essay to stand out. We will use a step-by-step process with help and feedback to make the task manageable. Each session is different and will build on the previous; please plan to attend all three.  
**For High School Teens.**

## Songwriting Workshop

Plainfield Twp. Branch,  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Max Lockwood, a local musician, songwriter and winner of the 2015 ArtPrize jurors award, will discuss the basic elements of songwriting, inspiration and creation. You will learn the differences between songwriting and poetry and enjoy a fun, interactive exercise.

**Ages 16 & up. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.**



# What's Your Story?



Enter online at [writemichigan.org](http://writemichigan.org)

**A great  
opportunity to  
get your story  
published and  
win up to \$500!**

**Categories:**

Youth, Teen, Adult  
(Enter in English or Spanish)

**Deadline: Nov. 30**

**Prizes in each category:**

Judges' Choice (\$500)  
Spanish Language Winner (\$500)  
Readers' Choice (\$250)  
Judges' Choice Runner-Up (\$250)

**\$10 entry for adults and  
free for children and teens**

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# KDL Teen Photo Challenge

[kdl.org/teenphoto](http://kdl.org/teenphoto)

## What others are saying about Write Michigan:

"For the past two years, I've competed in the Write Michigan contest. This year, I also volunteered to review stories. I loved reading the work of young writers and being able to offer (hopefully) helpful feedback. As a writer, I appreciated getting the feedback and having the opportunity to compete with writers from across the state. Write Michigan gave me a goal to work toward and helped motivate me to make my work the best it can be."

**Kevena Clear**, *Teen Judges' Choice Winner*

"There's something about a competition that spurs creativity and productivity, even if you wouldn't consider yourself a competitive person. For me, the Write Michigan contest was the catalyst for diving much deeper into creative writing than I've previously gone. Writing literally opens up new worlds — worlds you can shape any way you like. It's very liberating. There is not enough public encouragement for creativity, and that is why I'm so thankful for Write Michigan."

**Will Miedema**, *Adult Readers' Choice Winner*

"The Write Michigan competition meant so much to Elijah and our whole family. He loves to write, and winning the Judges' Choice award was such an encouragement to him. The monetary award made it feel very official, and as a result, he opened his first bank account. He is a reserved and quiet student, and tends to blend into the background at school - I know that the extra attention from his teachers and classmates felt consequential to him. Listening to a published author give a keynote speech targeted to him and the other writers was such a wonderful bonus for him! Thank you to all who coordinated this effort and to the judges who volunteered so much time. What a wonderful program. His two younger brothers are excited to enter the contest next year."

**Becky, Mom of Elijah Kuiper**, *Judges' Choice Winner, Spanish Language (12 and under)*



**Grab your smartphones and cameras, and get ready! Compose your best snapshots of subjects that fall into three categories:**

- **Black and White**
- **Repetition of Objects**
- **Nature in Your Neighborhood**

Enter for a chance to win a \$25 Meijer gift card. You may enter any or all categories.

**October 1, Start taking pictures**  
**October 10, Contest opens**  
**October 17, Contest closes**  
**October 24, Public vote opens**  
**October 28, Winners announced**

Photos may not contain human subjects. Judges reserve the right to recategorize any submission if deemed necessary. **All photos must be taken on or after Oct. 1, 2022.**



A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring artists from our KDL VIBES collection.

Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

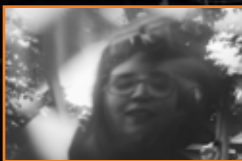
Locations below and also will be LIVE on [kdl.org/livestream](http://kdl.org/livestream).

Sept. 22 | Grandville Branch

**Max Lockwood**



*Photo by Bruce Doll*



Oct. 6 | Plainfield Twp. Branch

**Jes Kramer**

Oct. 20 | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

**Rabbit Fur**



Nov. 3 | Cascade Twp. Branch

**Deerfield Run Duo**



Nov. 17 | East Grand Rapids Branch

**Serita's Black Rose Duo**

Listen Local | [vibes.kdl.org](http://vibes.kdl.org)

# Mental Wellness Series



**Spectrum Health and Kent District Library Introduce Mental Wellness Series:** In-person discussion groups led by licensed social workers which will focus on life transitions for parents of adolescents, senior adults and caregivers of adults.

**Three different topics will be hosted at the library as a six-week series and led by licensed social workers. The topics include:**

## Parenting Adolescents

**Nelson Township Branch  
Mondays, Sept. 12 - Oct. 17,  
6:30 PM (No program Oct. 3)**

Raising pre-teens and teens can be hard. Join this conversation to learn tips and strategies to navigate the challenges for children and parents alike.

## Caregiver Support

**Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch,  
Tuesdays, Sept. 13 - Oct. 18,  
6:30 PM**

Providing support for aging adults requires that you also take care of yourself. This conversation will revolve around the ins and outs of caregiving for loved ones and yourself.

## Senior Life Transitions

**Wyoming Branch  
Thursdays, Sept. 15 - Oct. 20,  
6:30 PM**

Explore your future as a senior, including being tech-savvy, understanding younger generations, having conversations about end-of-life situations and more.

## Refugee and Foster Care Information Meeting

There is an ongoing and urgent need for diverse, inclusive, caring and engaged foster care homes for refugee and immigrant youth right here in Kent County. This informational meeting presented by Bethany Christian Services is for interested individuals residing in Kent County (or within a one-hour radius of Grand Rapids). Attend this free, no-commitment opportunity to learn more about refugee and immigrant youth, our programs and the next steps to becoming a licensed foster parent. All caring, open-hearted folks are welcome to learn more.

**Kelloggsville Branch, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

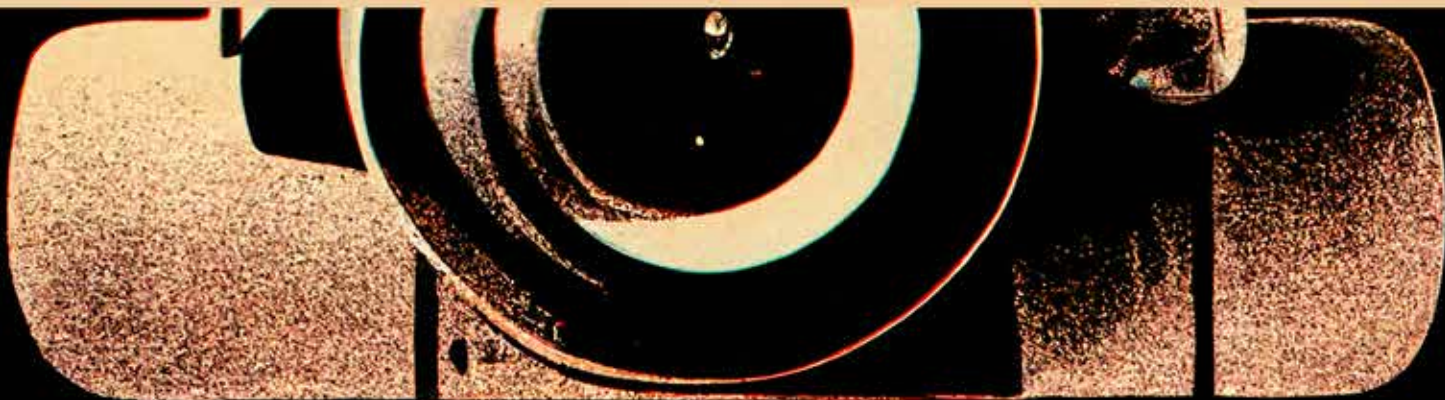
**Amy Van Andel Library (Ada), Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Grandville Branch, Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, Thursday, Nov. 17, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

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KENT COUNTY  
TEEN  
FILM  
FESTIVAL

Entry Period:

**Saturday, Oct. 1** through  
**Saturday, Jan. 21**

Notification from library staff about whether or not the film has been chosen: Saturday, Feb. 4

Festival:

**Saturday, Feb. 25**  
**10:30 AM**

**Celebration Cinema South**  
1506 Eastport Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49508

[kdl.org/teenfilmfestival](http://kdl.org/teenfilmfestival)





# My Experience with the Kent County Teen Film Festival

By **Ethan Gough**, KCTFF Winner

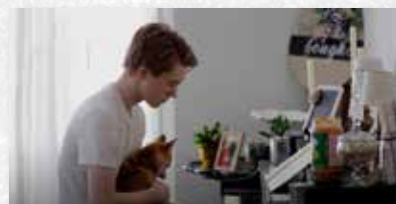
The Kent County Teen Film Festival has meant a lot to me over the years. I've gotten so much joy out of having my work included in the yearly lineup, and even more satisfaction out of watching all of the other entries. I feel that this generation has been blessed with such easy access to film making tools - we literally carry cameras in our pockets wherever we go - and thanks to KDL, people in my age group have a place where we can submit our films and have them be seen.

I am eternally grateful to everyone involved in putting the festival on. They've done so much for us young filmmakers, and I treasure the memories I've collected while submitting films over the past few years. Winning Best Live Action Short for the 2020 ceremony was a particular highlight. I had never received an accolade of that caliber in my life. I was never on the winning sports team, and I never excelled at anything that wasn't related to storytelling, so finally receiving recognition for something I was passionate about was a very formative experience for me. It caused me to see a bit more value in myself, and my confidence was given a much-needed boost.



I think every teen in Kent County should enter this festival. It's a great way to get your short film out there, and it is so much fun. I can guarantee that if you're truly passionate about filmmaking, you will love the Kent County Teen Film Festival!

## Some of Ethan's previous KCTFF entries



**"Alone"**



**"Lost"**



**"Bros. Night"**



All of the KCTFF entries can be viewed at [youtube.com/user/KCTeenFilmFestival](https://youtube.com/user/KCTeenFilmFestival).

# The Value of Reading

The staff at Centennial Securities loves doing good work in the community... and they love reading, too!



**Jeff Wierenga**  
Senior Vice President

I read often, and yet I still read the least in my family.

I prefer to read non-fiction, especially biographies and books about the financial world.

My favorite authors are James Andrew Miller (former Literary Libations guest), Adam Grant and Walter Isaacson.

My favorite books are *Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* by Daniel Okrent, *The Price You Pay for College* by Ron Lieber and *The Storyteller* by Dave Grohl.

**When our kids were younger, we used to attend storytimes and other library programs for younger kids. Now, I have kids who are teen volunteers and help with those same programs.**

One of our children looks forward to the first of every month when he can use his refreshed monthly allotment of Hoopla borrows. We have also used the library PerkPass and the Michigan Activity Pass in the past. I have family members who have checked out hotspots because internet access is unavailable where they live.

I'm a big believer in the saying, "Leaders are readers." If there's a leader you look up to, odds are they are a voracious reader.



**Ingrid Bergsma**  
Client Relations Coordinator

I like to read non-fiction, suspense, classics, chick-lit, memoirs and fiction. I love summer beach settings for my summer reading.

I have a wide variety of favorite titles, some of which include *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger and *Open* by Andre Agassi.

A close friend from college and I recently reconnected, and something we have adopted is choosing a book to both read and then chat about when we next speak – a mini-book club of sorts. It has been a sweet little addition to our rekindled friendship!

I listen to audiobooks all the time! Having access to audiobooks through the Libby app has really helped me keep my "reading" going during seasons when I just can't get some time to sit down with a book. I always have a book going when I am in the car. I also listen when I am cleaning or doing projects around the house.

**Reading makes a person more informed about the world, other points of view, other locales, etc. It can create common threads between you and a stranger you just met.**

I feel like a well-read person has much more to add to conversations and work projects. Reading also creates interest in things you might not naturally wonder about. It's fun to learn more about things that are going on outside of my own world.



**Kim Ross**  
Receptionist

I like to read historical fiction, Christian fiction, Christian non-fiction and romance.

A couple of my favorite authors are Terry Blackstock and Karen Kingsbury.

**Reading gives insight into places I would like to go. Reading self-help books gives knowledge into an area of life that I am working to improve.**

I like to check out movies from the library.

Reading is a great way to find answers or go on an adventure!

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# KDL Comes to You!

The next time you see the Bookmobile (an 11-ton-load-of-fun) coming down your street, look for the words **Information, Ideas and Excitement** printed in seven languages on the outside of the vehicle!



With over 13,000 patrons served in 2022 so far, our team works to ensure that all patrons have access to, are present at, and see themselves represented in our library services.

## How we do it:

### Bringing the Library Into Our Communities



#### BOOKMOBILE

- Close relationships with diverse communities help us design visits that respond to real needs and opportunities.  
[kdl.org/bookmobile](http://kdl.org/bookmobile)

### Innovating in the Virtual Space



#### VIRTUAL SERVICES

- We offer virtual programming where families can participate and contribute in real time.  
[wimee.tv](http://wimee.tv)

### Addressing Disparities that Impact Literacy and Overall Well-Being



#### HOUSEHOLD STABILIZATION

- Online High School Diploma for adults  
[kdl.org/COHS](http://kdl.org/COHS)
- Databases for Professional and Entrepreneurs  
[kdl.org/freesources](http://kdl.org/freesources)

## Why we do it:

- ✔ We are members of the communities we serve.
- ✔ Library resources belong to all our patrons.
- ✔ Everyone is welcome into their library.



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# Author Talks

Enjoy engaging online conversations with award-winning, best-selling authors.



**Thursday, Sept. 8, 2:00 PM**

**Dr. Michele Borba** discusses her book, *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Thrive*.



**Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2:00 PM**

Hear from prolific British-American writer, journalist and consummate adventurer **Simon Winchester** as he discusses his book, *The Professor and the Madman*.



**Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4:00 PM**

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with Pulitzer Prize finalist and PEN/Faulkner Award winner **Hernan Diaz** as he discusses his new novel, *Trust*.



**Thursday, Oct. 13, 4:00 PM**

Bestselling author **Dr. Aziz Gazipura**, one of the world's leading experts on social confidence, discusses how to stop being too nice and worrying about what others might think.



**Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7:00 PM**

Historical fiction writer **Kate Quinn** will discuss her newest release, *The Diamond Eye*, and her other works.

[kdl.org/authortalks](https://kdl.org/authortalks)



# Communities *by* Design

Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

## What is the role of civic design in creating more equitable, just and sustainable communities that we're proud to call home?

Our community is experiencing a renaissance of municipal development with long-range visions of vibrancy, growth and enrichment for all residents. But there is no cookie-cutter approach as needs and goals are varied. This interactive, in-person series features experts who will examine the topic of civic design, looking at models globally to challenge our ideas of what works locally. This series is presented in partnership with **World Affairs Council of West Michigan**.

## Who should attend?

Municipal leaders, planners, visionaries and residents who cherish a home community that is equitable, just and sustainable.



### Sept. 29 | Civic Ecology and the Laudato Si' Action Platform

**Sister Damien Marie Savino, F.S.E., Ph.D.**, and dean of Science and Sustainability at Aquinas College, will discuss the Laudato Si' Action Platform and how it relates to civic ecology and engagement.



### Oct. 6 | Commons, Collaboration and Civic Design

**Dr. Erik Nordman**, professor and author, will discuss shared resources, often called "commons," and Elinor Ostrom's groundbreaking ideas for sustaining a shared resource to create vibrant urban communities.



### Oct. 13 | At the Water's Edge: Reconnecting Cities to Their Waterfronts

**Dr. Ken Yocom**, professor and author, will give national and international examples of urban waterfront revitalization to offer insights and opportunities for understanding some of the successful strategies for enhancing waterfront conditions while prioritizing public access.



World Affairs Council  
of Western Michigan

# Forget Something?

## Take What You Need!



Check out our new hygiene lockers. Stocked with diapers, wipes, oral hygiene products and more. Help yourself if you have a need!



All 20 locations

# KDaLe Tap Takeover

Friday, Sept. 30  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Area breweries from the **Beer City Brewers Guild**, as well as our KDaLe homebrew contest winners, rose to the challenge and created their own book-inspired beers. Join us at **Horrocks Market** to sample these literary brew debuts, meet some of the brewers and enjoy some live music.

**Horrocks**  
MARKET

4455 Breton Rd. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

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**ALPINE TOWNSHIP**  
5255 Alpine Ave. NW  
Comstock Park, MI 49321

**ALTO**  
6071 Linfield Ave. SE  
Alto, MI 49302

**AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY**  
7215 Headley St. SE  
Ada, MI 49301

**BOOKMOBILE**  
kdl.org/bookmobile

**BYRON TOWNSHIP**  
8191 Byron Center Ave. SW  
Byron Center, MI 49315

**CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP**  
6260 92nd St. SE  
Caledonia, MI 49316

**CASCADE TOWNSHIP**  
2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**COMSTOCK PARK**  
3943 W. River Dr. NE  
Comstock Park, MI 49321

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS**  
746 Lakeside Dr. SE  
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**ENGLEHARDT**  
200 N. Monroe St.  
Lowell, MI 49331

**GAINES TOWNSHIP**  
421 68th St. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

**GRANDVILLE**  
4055 Maple St. SW  
Grandville, MI 49418

**KDL TALKING  
BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER**  
814 West River Center Dr. NE  
Comstock Park, MI 49321

**KELLOGGSVILLE**  
Kelloggsville High School  
4787 Division Ave. S.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548

**KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT)**  
4950 Breton SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508

**KRAUSE MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD)**  
140 E. Bridge St.  
Rockford, MI 49341

**NELSON TOWNSHIP**  
88 Eighth St.  
Sand Lake, MI 49343

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
2650 5-Mile Rd. NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

**SPENCER TOWNSHIP**  
14960 Meddler Ave.  
Gowen, MI 49326

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP**  
43 S. Main St.  
Kent City, MI 49330

**WALKER**  
4293 Remembrance Rd. NW  
Walker, MI 49534

**WYOMING**  
3350 Michael Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509

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Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Englehardt (Lowell)



**Katie Baumann**  
Shelver, Kentwood

**Broderick Bebout**  
Shelver, Cascade Twp.

**Rebecca Behrens**  
Shelver, Plainfield Twp.  
Book Recommendation:  
*The Murderbot Diaries (All Systems Red, Artificial Condition, Rogue Protocol)*  
by Martha Wells



**Annemarie Brenner**  
Shelver, Gaines Twp.

**Mary DeBoode**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Krause Memorial (Rockford)  
Book Recommendation:  
*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien



**Kryisia DeGraaf**  
Shelver, Grandville

**Mae Fletcher**  
Shelver, Wyoming  
Book Recommendation: *The Truly Devious* series by Maureen Johnson



**Sarah Foster**  
Collection Services Assistant,  
Service Center  
Book Recommendation: *House of Sky and Breath* by Sarah J. Maas



**Joshua Garvelink**  
Assistant Branch Librarian, Grandville  
Book Recommendation:  
*Just Kids* by Patti Smith

**Stephanie Groen**  
Shelver, Wyoming

**Oryan Hammond**  
Shelver, Krause Memorial (Rockford)



**Mikki Henry**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
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**Kiosha Jeltema**  
Regional Manager I,  
Kentwood/Gaines Twp.  
Book Recommendations: *Black and Red (The Circle series)* by Ted Dekker

**Hatka Kecalovic**  
Branch Librarian, Kentwood  
Book Recommendation: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini



**April Koehler**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Caledonia Twp.

**Meghan Martinez**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
East Grand Rapids



**Kiley Pawneshing**  
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**Caleb Perkins**  
Branch Librarian, Gaines Twp.

**Sarah Thorne**  
Shelver, Plainfield Twp.

**Cathy Vandermeer**  
Shelver, Plainfield Twp.  
Book Recommendation:  
*The Shining* by Stephen King



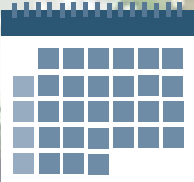
## Summer Wonder Success!

Over 15,000 people completed Summer Wonder! It was a summer of reading, exploring, learning and a host of amazing programs. Families had fun following clues and locating the "You Found Curi" signs in eight different parks. Thank you to Kent County Parks, all the program presenters and the participants for making Summer Wonder such a success. See you next summer!





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