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1,600

Fall Programs Inside!



Hello again,

Have you heard the news? On November 7, 2023, residents in the Kent District Library service area will vote on a reduced operating millage. The proposed millage of 1.1 mills is a 10.9% reduction from the current millage rate and is estimated to:

- **Save residents \$3.1 million dollars annually.**
- **Save residents a total of \$46.5 million over the 15-year span of the millage.**
- **Support continued growth of library resources and services.**

Learn more on page 24.

During a time when the cost of living is on the rise, I'm extra thankful the library is still one of the few places you can go where there's no expectation to spend money. We offer amazing programs – many of them listed in this magazine – and they are all free. We offer life-changing services and resources, and they are all free.

In 2022, KDL patrons saved more than \$85 million by checking out materials rather than purchasing them. This is an average of \$1,348 saved per patron.

So, leave your wallet at home and come pay us a visit. Stock up on books, attend a program (or 10), check out an item from our Beyond Books collection and celebrate all the money you are saving! You could even win some money and get published in our Write Michigan Short Story Contest, taking place this fall. How cool is that?



All the best,

Lance Werner

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance Werner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director



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KDL updates

On the Same Page

KDL is thrilled to present a shared reading experience the entire community can enjoy! Keep your eyes peeled in the next few months for clues regarding “On the Same Page” coming your way this winter. This community-wide event will feature special events and programming surrounding the work of a well-known author, all leading up to one big celebratory event you won’t want to miss!



Get Involved at KDL

Love the library as much as we do? Volunteer! KDL has numerous opportunities available for those who want to get more involved in helping the library provide services that enrich and enliven our community. Call **616-784-2007** or email **volunteer@kdl.org** for more information. Ask about becoming an official Library Ambassador while you’re at it!



Preschool Booster Packs

Booster Packs are collections of fun-filled reading games, activities and books that are created for kids to help with literacy skills. New preschool booster packs are being developed around the concepts of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, opposites, patterns and sequencing and will be coming to a branch near you this winter.

Welcoming Library Lovers in Grattan Township

Stop by the Grattan Township Office to check out the new KDL Express Library. It’s easy to use and stocked with great books, movies and video games! Grattan Township office hours are **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mondays through Thursdays**. The office is located at **12050 Old Belding Road in Belding**.



Did You Know?

- Are you in a book club or looking to start one? Kent District Library makes things easy with our **Book Club in a Bag** program. We have over 300 popular fiction and nonfiction titles to choose from, and we add new titles every year. Most kits come with 12 regular print copies of a book, two large print copies and a discussion guide. A kit can be checked out for six weeks and can be picked up at the KDL branch location of your choice. Learn more at kdl.org/book-club-bag.

Staff Picks

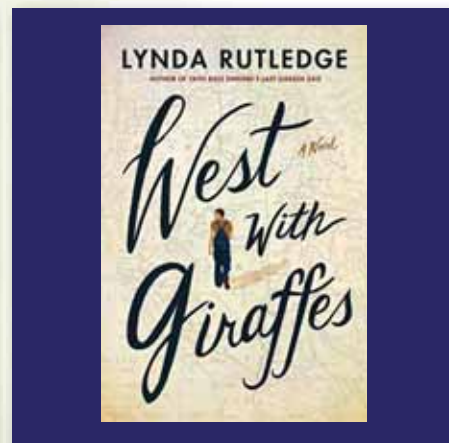


Daughters of Oduma

by Moses Ose Utomi

“This is a beautiful story of sisterhood, courage and strength. It has interesting and complex characters, martial arts details (inspired by West African martial arts – particularly Senegalese wrestling), and a compelling, dialect-filled writing style. This is the type of book that will stay with you long after reading it. I would highly recommend it to tweens, teens and adults.”

– **Christine, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**



West with Giraffes

by Lynda Rutledge

“Part adventure story and part coming-of-age story, *West with Giraffes* portrays the value of the relationship between animals and humans. A Dust Bowl orphan running from deep secrets and the law risks everything to assist a man transporting two giraffes. The giraffes, having just landed in the East after a devastating hurricane, are destined for the San Diego Zoo. If you enjoyed *The Lincoln Highway* and *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, you will enjoy the themes in this book as well.”

– **Nanette, Cascade Twp. Branch**

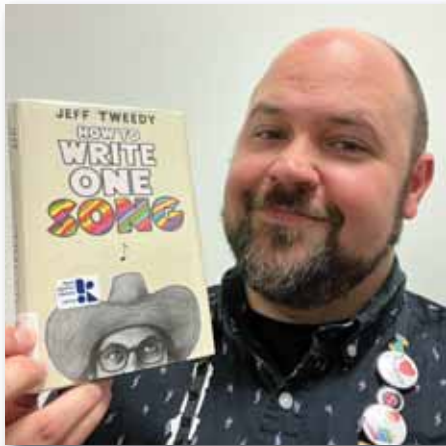


Unearthed: On Race and Roots, and How the Soil Taught Me I Belong

by Claire Ratinon

“This memoir is a really lovely exploration of the tension around identity, belonging and cultivating. Ratinon is of Mauritian descent but was raised in the U.K., and describes her journey to stake her own claim in a land, country and culture that often rejects or dismisses her. Her love of plants, her island of origin and her family are fierce. Her pain and quiet rage are also vivid when she talks about the impact of colonialism and slavery on Mauritius, its people and its habitats. Her story is raw and vulnerable, and also tender and gentle.”

– **Anna, East Grand Rapids Branch**



How to Write One Song

by Jeff Tweedy

“Wilco's Jeff Tweedy shares his philosophy on songwriting with humor, wit and charm, convincing readers that anyone can write a song with no previous experience or musical ability. This short book also includes exercises for living a more creative life.”

– Jason, Wyoming Branch

When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left

by Peter H. Reynolds and Marc Colagiovanni

“Such an empowering picture book for all ages! We each have choices we make that determine our mindset. Frustrations, fears and worry can take over and be overwhelming OR we can choose to set all that aside and focus on positives. Cleverly written with great illustrations, this book will make your mantra 'go left,' working to see life's challenges from a more positive perspective.”

– Jessie, Service Center



Manor for Sale, Baron Included

by Esther Hatch

“This book was such a hoot! I absolutely adored the (sometimes flirty) interactions between Sally and Jonathan, and with each chapter I got more and more excited to see how the ending would play out.”

– Taylor, Spencer Twp. Branch



WriteMichigan.org

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

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Horizon Lines

By Kevin Kammeraad, Service Center

Reality: On January 5, 2023, I found my 18-year-old son, Carlos Alberto John Kammeraad, dead from an accidental drug overdose.

Today, as I think about this optional invitation to write something for this issue, I wonder what on earth to write. I could write about his traumas. I could write about his deep depression and anxiety. I could summarize his mental health and chronic pain journey. The list goes on. Better yet, I could write about how truly remarkable he was.



At this moment, this is what I have. A simple observation:

In our living room, on the north wall, there are two paintings that Carlos created. They both feature horizon lines. One is mostly dark, but with a bright, white horizon. The other features a lake, surrounded by four trees. The horizon line has a soft, calm, reflective glow. It was Carlos' first official oil painting. It's very peaceful.

On the east wall of our living room there is a painting done by my grandfather's brother, painted many years ago. I never met him, yet he has always been a part of my life in an abstract way. This painting too, features a horizon. There's barely any color, mostly shades of gray. Maybe there was more color when it was painted, but it feels faded and muted.



On the west wall (where I currently face as I write this) is a photograph of the four of us (me, Carlos, my wife Stephanie and our youngest, Maria). It was taken at Lake Michigan. It was taken the day of my aunt's "living" wake. She was there, alive, but broken, dying. After this visit, many of us went to walk by the water. In the photo, Carlos' forehead is lined up with the horizon. He smiles. My face, however, was caught in awkwardness.

The south wall has no paintings. Instead, there are windows. Three windows, built as one. A horizon line is not seen, but of course, there is one. It's simply hidden by trees. Currently hidden by flowers that aren't always there.

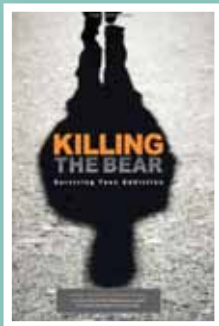
Lately, I find myself looking around the room, wondering, simply breathing. I look at the walls. I look at the paintings. I look at the photographs. I look out the windows.

I look at the horizon lines,
and I imagine Carlos,
meeting me there to talk.

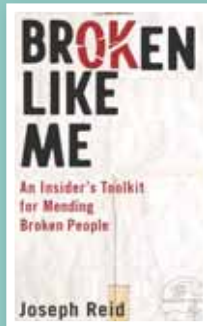


I'm fortunate that I'm surrounded by our family, friends, church, and community. I'm part of support groups (AA and two grief groups). I have a therapist and a psychiatrist. I have found books and music that heal and provide insights. However, this is not the case for everyone. If you or someone you know needs help in their mental health journey, in their struggle with addiction, or as they work through grief, please reach out to someone. Here are some resources my family and I have found helpful:

- al-anon.org
- arborcircle.org
- broken-people.org
- familiesagainstnarcotics.org/grandrapids
- gralanoclub.org
- pinterest.org
- resiliencerecoveryresources.com



Killing The Bear: Surviving Teen Addiction by M. Andrew Tennison



Broken Like Me: An Insider's Toolkit for Mending Broken People by Joseph Reid



It's Ok That You're Not Ok: Meeting Grief and Loss in a Culture that Doesn't Understand by Megan Devine



Love First: A Family's Guide to Intervention by Jeff Jay and Debra Jay

Mental Health Awareness

As we move into a season of longer nights and colder days, caring for the mental health of yourself and your loved ones is more important than ever. Learn from mental health professionals how best to mitigate mental health concerns as well as how to respond in a crisis.

Mental Health Expo

Kentwood (Richard L. Root), Saturday, September 23, 10:00 AM – Noon

Join local service providers and experts to learn more about mental health and the organizations available within our community. Ask questions, connect with providers and learn how best to support yourself and loved ones through this mental health first aid kit. *For adults.*



Reducing Your Child's Stress and Anxiety

East Grand Rapids, Monday, September 25, 6:00 PM

Amy Van Andel (Ada), Thursday, September 28, 6:00 PM

How do you help your child manage stress, anxiety and worry? Parents will learn practical strategies for helping their children build confidence and reduce anxiety from **Dr. Janelle Youngdahl**. *For adults.*



Ellen Hopkins

Community Conversation: Author Talk with Ellen Hopkins

Rockford High School Auditorium, Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 PM

Ellen Hopkins, author of *What About Will*, will share how she began her writing career, her desire to inform and support those whose loved ones are experiencing addiction, and how she develops stories for teen and middle grade readers. **In partnership with Rockford Public Schools, Friends of the Krause Memorial Library, Epilogue Books and more.** A book signing will follow the program. *For teens and adults.*

Just This 24: Mental Health Support for Family and Friends

Nelson Twp., Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Seeing loved ones struggle can be hard. Learn how to raise awareness, provide support and be a friend. "Just This 24" is a motto developed from the Facebook group Greater Grand Rapids Scanner Calls. *For adults.*

Wedgwood MENTAL HEALTH Series

Featuring experts from Wedgwood Christian Services.



Paul Breithaupt

Suicide Prevention

East Grand Rapids, Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Everyone can help prevent suicide by learning the warning signs, promoting prevention and resilience, and committing to social change. Join **Paul Breithaupt, LMSC, CAADC**, to learn tools for discussing suicide, identifying warning signs and risk factors, and approaching someone who may be in danger. *For adults.*



Cathy Racalla



Taylor Alvesteffer

Positive Youth Development

Cascade Twp., Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join **Cathy Racalla, MA, SRAS, CHES**, and **Taylor Alvesteffer, BSW, SRAS**, to learn what pressures today's youth are facing, behaviors that put them at risk and skills that will help you as an advocate have important conversations about healthy choices and behaviors. *For adults.*

Overcoming Addiction

Cascade Twp., Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Experience an honest conversation about addiction: how to identify it, have conversations with loved ones about it, provide healthy support and overcome it. Learn practical ways to support anyone in recovery. *For adults.* **This session is presented in partnership with the Cascade Community Foundation.**



Asha Upakrwoth



Emily Monsma

Mental Health Practices

East Grand Rapids, Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join **Asha Upakrwoth, LLMSW**, and **Emily Monsma, LLMSW**, for an important discussion on how to identify if your loved ones are facing mental health challenges, how to talk about it, self-care practices and how you can get help for yourself or loved ones. *For adults.*

Trauma-Informed Parenting

Cascade Twp., Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Join Trauma-Informed Therapist **Jacklyn Eding, LLMSW**, to learn how to identify trauma and ways that caregivers can support children who have experienced it. This class will cover what trauma is, the effects of trauma, the feelings and behaviors that occur due to trauma and how to build a safe place to discuss the topic of trauma. *For adults.*



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Attend any of these programs for writing tips and tricks and to get your creative juices flowing.



Days

Saturday, Sept. 9 – Krause Memorial Branch (Rockford)



The Art and Science of a Fiction Proposal

11:00 AM – Noon

A proposal is key to winning a publisher, but how does an author capitalize on the opportunity? In this workshop, you'll learn the secrets to developing a fiction proposal from **Janyre Tromp**, who has intimate knowledge of three of the four sides of the publishing world – author, marketing manager and editorial representative. *For adults.*



Creating Compelling Characters

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Characters can either make or break a piece of writing, whether it be fiction or nonfiction. Award-winning author **Susie Finkbeiner** breaks down what makes a good character, how writers can write characters that ring true and how to craft characters so that readers will love (or love to hate) them. *For adults.*



Freelance Writing 101: How to Start and Grow a Freelance Writing Business

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

In an increasingly digital world, the demand for well-written content has never been higher. If you would like to be paid to write or want to find a way to work from home, freelance writing could be a great career for you. Professional freelance writer **Jessie Steffes** will discuss what freelance writing is and how to choose a "niche," create a portfolio, find clients, set rates and more. *For adults.*



The Write Stuff

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. **Taking place at the Cascade Twp. Branch every Tuesday from Sept. 5 to Nov. 14.** *For children ages 5-10.*

of Learning

Saturday, Oct. 7 – Grandville Branch



Self-Editing: Becoming Your Own Most Helpful Critic

11:00 AM – Noon

“Always get a second pair of eyes on your writing” is an excellent rule of thumb, but how do you edit your own work before sharing it with others? In this session, author and editor **Janyre Tromp** will teach you how to see your writing with fresh eyes, evaluate your structure and approach with your readers’ needs in mind, and “kill your darlings” when your pet anecdotes, talking points or weasel words are getting in the way of clear, concise writing. *For adults.*



It's the Little Things: Creating a Big Story from Small Moments

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Learn to create fresh, relatable, riveting tales by infusing your plots with small moments full of tension, suspense, humor and emotion without resorting to high-octane plot twists. Bestselling author **Tracy Brogan** will show how writing about ordinary people living ordinary lives can lead to dynamic, engaging, EXTRA-ordinary stories that keep readers coming back for more. *For adults.*



Developing Your Nonfiction Book Concept

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Why do some nonfiction books get recommended and discussed while others go unread? How can you give your book the best shot at commercial success? Join this hands-on workshop led by author and editor **Andy Rogers** to learn what publishers are looking for in nonfiction book concepts. We’ll discuss different ways to take the topic you are passionate about and present it to the world. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to write on or type with. *For adults.*



All Write Michigan winners get their story featured in a professional-quality anthology. If you want your chance to become a published author, submit a story! Turn the page to learn more.

What's Your Story?

WRITE

MICHIGAN

SHORT STORY CONTEST®

Categories:

Youth, Teen, Adult

Deadline: Nov. 30

Prizes in each category:

Judges' Choice (\$500)

Readers' Choice (\$250)

Judges' Choice Runner-Up (\$250)

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

Enter online at writemichigan.org

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KDL Teen Photo Challenge

kdl.org/teenphoto



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

- Water and Rain
- Animals and Critters
- Exploration of Color



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

Sun., Oct. 1, Start taking pictures

Mon., Oct. 9, Contest opens

Mon., Oct. 16, Contest closes

Mon., Oct. 23, Public vote opens (1:00 PM)

Wed., Oct. 25, Public vote closes (1:00 PM)

Fri., Oct. 27, Winners announced

Photos may not contain human subjects. Judges reserve the right to re-categorize any submission if deemed necessary. **All photos must be taken on or after Oct. 1, 2023. For more information, visit kdl.org/teenphoto.**



"I submitted one of my stories to Write Michigan and was delighted when my story was selected as a finalist. How exciting! One of my story children grew up and moved out! I will miss it, but destiny rules. And so does the Write Michigan Short Story Contest. I recommend it to all my writer friends, all one of them. But seriously, many writing contests are mere fundraisers, but this one is different and authentic and I'm deeply grateful to the organizers for putting on a contest that inspires the unknowns, like myself, to sneak out of the woodwork and put our best words forward."

- Malachi King | 2022 Adult Published Finalist

One Community: Native American Connection



Native American Storytelling

Plainfield Twp., Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6:30 PM
Grandville, Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6:30 PM
Alpine Twp., Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 PM
Nelson Twp., Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 PM

Skyler Wolverton, citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and President of the Native American Student Organization at Western Michigan University, will lead a celebration of traditional storytelling. An introductory drum ceremony by Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will welcome all to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community. *For school-age children and their families.*



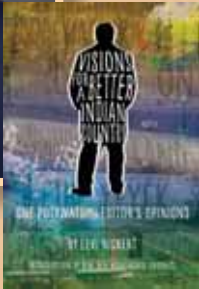
Great Michigan Read Author: Angeline Bouley Kentwood (Richard L. Root), Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:00 PM

Hear from Angeline Bouley, award-winning author and an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as she discusses *Firekeeper's Daughter*, her electric debut novel that is drawing all of Michigan together as the 2023-24 Great Michigan Read. *For teens and adults.*

The 2023-24 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Image Creative Group, Library of Michigan and BiblioBoard. For more information on the Great Michigan Read, visit michiganhumanities.org.

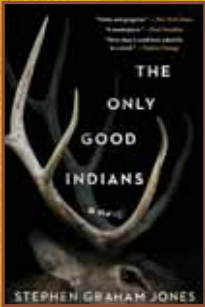


Notable Titles by Native American Authors

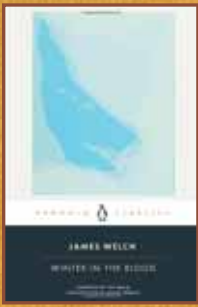


Author Talk with Levi Rickert Wyoming, Thursday, Nov. 2, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Levi Rickert, founder and publisher of Native News Online, author of *Visions of a Better Indian Country* and graduate of Wyoming Rogers High School, shares his personal journey as a Potawatomi man, including the realities he's faced in modern America as an Indigenous person. An introductory drum ceremony by Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will welcome all to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community. *For adults.*



The Only Good Indians
by Stephen Graham Jones



Winter in the Blood
by James Welch



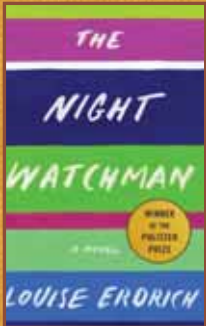
The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee
by David Treuer



An American Sunrise
by Joy Harjo



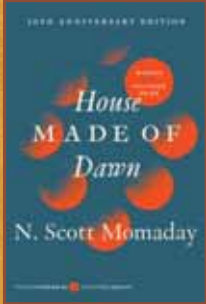
A History of Kindness
by Linda Hogan



The Night Watchman
by Louise Erdrich



The Inconvenient Indian
by Thomas King



House Made of Dawn
by N. Scott Momaday

Fall Fun

Whether you're excited to get outside and jump into a pile of leaves or you're ready to curl up inside with a spooky story, the library has fall fun for everyone.

Fall Planning for the Best Spring Planting

Learn tips and tricks from Master Gardener Patti Visner to prepare your garden now for a great start to your spring growing season. *For adults.*



kdl.org/planting

Taking place at six KDL branches.

Mushrooms at the Library

Interested in cultivating your own mushrooms? What about identifying mushrooms in the wild, knowing which ones are safe to eat and which ones you need to avoid? Programs on both these topics are available this fall at your library and are led by a state-certified Wild Mushroom Expert. To learn more about the Mushroom Cultivation and Wild Mushroom Identification programs, visit kdl.org/mushrooms. *For adults.*



kdl.org/mushrooms

Taking place at 10 KDL branches.



Ghost Hunting 101

Ghost Hunter Wayne Thomas's grandfather described the first ghost he ever saw as looking like "the light of a lantern." Join Thomas and fellow local Ghost Hunter Brandon Hoezee to learn basic ghost hunting terms, tools and techniques so that you too can learn to experience these lanterns. You'll also get to hear about historic haunted locations in and around Grand Rapids and southwest Michigan, and you may even get a chance to share some of your own ghost stories. *For adults.*

Krause Memorial (Rockford), Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 PM
Plainfield Twp., Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 PM
Wyoming, Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 PM
Grandville, Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 PM
East Grand Rapids, Monday, October 30, 6:30 PM

Not-So-Scary Storytime

Bring the whole family to enjoy some not-too-scary stories. Costumes welcome!

Taking place nine times at five KDL branches.



kdl.org/spooky



Cider Making 101

Vander Mill's staff share the cider making process, best practices and a taste of fresh-pressed apples (depending on pressed apple availability).

For adults 21 years of age and older.

Plainfield Twp., Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 PM

Englehardt (Lowell), Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 PM

Spencer Twp., Thursday, November 2, 6:30 PM

Comstock Park, Thursday, November 9, 6:30 PM

Wyoming, Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 PM



Walker Pumpkin Bash

Saturday, September 30, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join us outside the Walker City Complex for an afternoon of fall family fun. There will be free pumpkins for the first 1,000 kids ages 12 and under, trick or treating, pumpkin decorating, live animals, a magic show and more. **Presented by the City of Walker, Walker Ice & Fitness Center and the Walker Branch of Kent District Library.**



Fall Family Spectacular

Grandville, Friday, October 27, 1:00 PM

Cascade Twp., Saturday, October 28, 10:00 AM

Join the community for a spectacular fall-themed event for families, including activities, entertainment and crafts perfect for all members of your family.



Fall Fest

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and art activities that are perfect for the whole family.

Taking place at 16 KDL branches.



kdl.org/fallfest

New look
launching
Sept. 30!

1KB4K Has New Look, Same Beneficial Outcomes

By Dawn Heerspink | Byron Twp. Branch Librarian

In a press release in February of 2015, my mentor, friend and predecessor Barb DeYoung talked about KDL's launch of 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K), a reading program for young children, and the hope of its impact on our community's little ones. She emphasized the numerous studies that showed that children who are read to from infancy typically become proficient readers by the time they reach third grade.

"During my 39 years as a children's librarian I have had the privilege of seeing this first-hand," Barb said. "It has been a joy for me to witness young children's excitement as they develop a love of reading and become independent readers."

Since that initial launch in 2015, over 1,400 children have completed 1KB4K.

I'm privileged to continue the work on 1KB4K with a wonderful team. Last year, we committed to creating a new look for this popular reading program to ensure that it would remain a fun, relevant and engaging way to encourage early literacy for this generation.

Completing the program is still simple: Start or continue reading at least one book a day with the child in your life and see how

one book multiplies into many books, all helping that child learn the early literacy skills they need to grow into a reader who enjoys books.

The new 1KB4K look, launching this fall, features a poster where children can collect different Michigan woodland animal stickers for every 100 books read, plus a tracking and activity booklet. There's also a digital participation option through KDL's online system, Beanstack. Already on your way to 1,000 books with our current version of 1KB4K? No problem! We can help you switch over when you stop at your local KDL branch.



You may notice that our team chose the robin for the highest level of the program, 1,000 books. It's a familiar animal that families can recognize all over Michigan, but it also represents our continued hope that the young children in our communities will thrive and be able to take flight through reading, discovering new worlds and gaining the skills they need to navigate school and their environments.



I personally appreciate the robin imagery because robins are so abundant around Michigan; in fact, a group of robins can be called a round, suggesting a circle. So why not start or continue the 1KB4K challenge in a community? Ask a friend or neighbor and their child to do the program with you or take it up together with your child's grandparents, aunts, uncles or nanny. And don't forget about your local youth librarian as a wonderful resource for book suggestions, or KDL's Picture Book CORE collection for a curated list of books sure to inspire you and your child to reach 1,000 books and create some memories along the way.



If you're participating in 1KB4K and it seems like there are too many reading slots to fill to earn a prize, come to storytime! Attending storytimes counts toward your goal and gives you an opportunity to meet new friends and hear new books.

Storytime Specials

For a full list of our storytime line-up, check out page 32 or visit kdl.org/events.

Cuentos en Espanol / Spanish Storytime Comstock Park, Wednesdays, Sept. 6 – Nov. 15, 10:00 AM

Fomente en su hijo el amor por los libros y desarrolle sus habilidades de alfabetización temprana a través de historias, rimas, música y movimiento.

Nurture your child's love of books and build early literacy skills through stories, rhymes, music and movement.

ASL Storytime Cascade Twp., Fridays, Sept. 8 – Nov. 17, 10:00 AM (no program Oct. 13 or Nov. 10)

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 and caregivers.

Raising Money-\$mart Kids



By Jeff Wierenga

Senior Vice President, Centennial Securities

My wife and I spend a lot of time trying to instill good habits in our kids – habits like brushing their teeth twice a day or reading frequently – as these learned behaviors usually continue into adulthood.

In the same way, we try to encourage positive habits with money. Financial literacy – knowing how to make smart financial decisions – is crucial for kids and teens to learn as they grow into adults.

I am often asked for tips on how parents can help their kids learn how to make wise financial decisions. I usually boil it down to three main ideas:

Talk them through your money decisions. Are you preparing to make a big purchase – one where you are weighing a few options? What kind of budget have you set for this purchase? Are you willing to pay more for specific features? Explaining your thought process to kids can be enlightening. While this seems easy enough, money conversations can be uncomfortable. This is doubly true if you bring up a mistake you made in the past – which I highly recommend. I have found that being open and vulnerable can be a powerful way to teach. As Warren Buffet said, “It’s good to learn from your mistakes. It’s better to learn from other people’s mistakes.”

Help them discover the value of a dollar. There are three basic ways to use money: save it, spend it or donate it. Whether you give your children an allowance or pay them for chores, give them practice at handling small amounts of money. By planning for a purchase like video games, a pack of baseball cards or popcorn at the movies, kids learn basic budgeting and goal-setting skills. Funding a savings account can be a great introduction to the miracle of compound interest. Donating to a charity or worthy cause is a great way to have not only a financial literacy conversation, but one about helping others as well.



Make it fun. Much like cookbooks that offer recipes to hide veggies in delicious meals, there are a variety of games that are cleverly hidden financial literacy lessons. Back in the day, Monopoly was about the only option, but nowadays online and board games can be found for nearly all ages, covering several topics.

Financial literacy is for everyone – it’s important no matter your age, race, gender, socioeconomic status, religion, etc. Encouraging good habits at an early age pays lifelong dividends.

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YMF

This past summer, Centennial Securities sponsored a successful Young Money Managers Day Camp at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.



"They (other teens) should definitely take this class because it teaches you stuff that you will use for the rest of your life." – Braxtyn



Check out these nonfiction books all about dollars and common "cents" for kids and teens. Here are just "sum" of them!



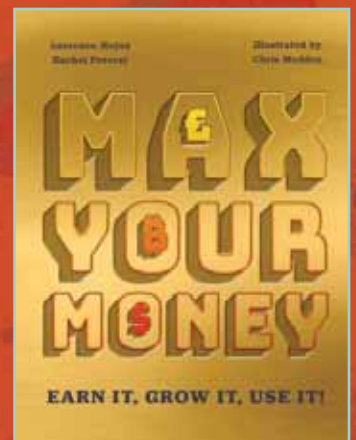
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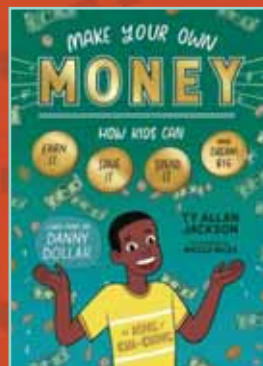
How Do Kids Make Money? A Book for Young Entrepreneurs by Kate Hayes



Get to Know Money: A Fun Visual Guide to How Money Works and How to Manage It by Kalpana Fitzpatrick



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Neighborly Advice:

A Guide to Talking to Your Neighbors About the Library

By Josh Mosey | Digital Marketing Strategist



You have your library card. Of course, you do!

In fact, everyone in your household has their own library card. But why stop there? What about the households next to yours? Make it a beautiful day in your neighborhood by inviting your neighbors to share in your joy of library card ownership. Bond over library events. Maybe even start a neighborhood book club. But first, you'll need to talk to them. Try these simple conversation starters:

If your neighbor just moved in:

"Hey there, I live next door. Could you use some help unboxing your books? You know who else has lots of books? The library. Do you have your card yet?"

"Welcome to the neighborhood! You'll like it here. The people are nice enough, but the local library is amazing."

If it's embarrassing that you don't know your neighbor because you've lived next to each other for forever:

"Hi. I feel bad that we haven't talked much before now, but I'd feel worse if I thought you weren't aware of how great our local library is. I was about to head over there. Would you like to join me?"

"I know we wave to each other all the time, but I thought I'd finally ask you your name. Also, and more importantly, I wanted to ask if you had your library card."



If your neighbor has a cute puppy:

"Who's a good puppy? Who's a good little puppy? It's you! You're a good little puppy!"

It's okay if you forget to talk about the library in the presence of a cute puppy. We understand.

If your neighbor is that person who always plays their music too loud:

"GREAT TUNES! DID YOU KNOW THAT WITH A LIBRARY CARD, YOU CAN STREAM AND DOWNLOAD MUSIC FOR FREE THROUGH KDL VIBES AND FREEGAL?"

It's that simple!

Once you mention the library, you'll have plenty to talk about. Be sure to point out KDL's free printing (50 pages per week), reservable meeting rooms, online resources (Kanopy, Libby, Hoopla, LinkedIn Learning and Rosetta Stone are just a few), amazing events, helpful librarians and rewarding reading challenges.

Soon you won't just be neighbors.
You'll be friends.

Have a neighbor who needs to "get carded"? Send them to kdl.org/ecard.



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programs & services.



KDL works to foster a lifelong love
of reading, learning and critical
thinking, while providing resources
that are open and welcoming to
all in our community.”

Lance Werner,
KDL Executive Director



Kent District Library
is ranked as a 5 star
library by *Library
Journal*, which is the
top national ranking for
public libraries based on
cost to taxpayers and
utilization of services.

Millage Fast Facts

- » Voters will be asked approve the renewal of the KDL millage on Nov. 7.
- » The 1.1 mills rate is a 10.9% reduction.
- » The typical household will pay \$145.75 annually for KDL services — or \$2.80/week.
- » If approved, KDL will maintain the same level of service and collection access.



On Nov. 7, residents in the KDL service area will be asked to consider a new millage rate of 1.1 mills, reflecting a reduction of 10.9% off our current millage rate. If the millage is approved, taxpayers will see immediate savings as our Board has committed to lowering the rate effective Jan. 1, 2024, even though the current millage doesn't expire until Dec. 31, 2024.

If approved, the lower millage will save taxpayers \$3.1 million annually or \$46.5 million over its lifetime.

We serve residents through 20 branches, an express library, a bookmobile, our main service center, 5,600-plus annual programs and a host of patron-focused services.

"KDL is able to lower its millage because we are part of a thriving and growing community where new taxable real estate has produced more revenue," said KDL Board Chair Andy Erlewein. "As good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we want to lock in savings for residents now.

"The reduced millage will allow KDL to continue offering our current slate of programs and services – and to add new materials, programs, events and services at our historic rates. We

remain committed to providing vital access to information, programs and services for more than 440,000 residents in our service area in Kent County."

KDL exists to further all people and is an open and welcoming hub for everyone. Last year, we logged more than 2.1 million interactions with patrons, including branch visits, event participation and virtual program attendance. KDL has over 140,000 patrons, adding 20,395 new cardholders last year.

Known for our family-friendly programs, KDL offers more than 5,600 programs and outreach events each year, from our popular storytimes, learning labs and craft classes to book clubs, concerts and special activity and interest groups. Program and outreach attendance grew more than 61% in 2022.

"Our branches provide a critical 'third place,' distinct from home and work, that allows residents to build important connections with their neighbors," said KDL Executive Director Lance Werner.

"This millage will support the programs and services we offer. As an organization, we very much reflect the needs and wishes of each community we serve. From young learners to senior scholars,

we offer age-appropriate materials, programs and services that reflect the diverse interests and points of view of our entire community."

KDL employs 346 people and receives more than 4,000 hours annually from more than 500 volunteers. We are governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

"If voters approve the millage, they will continue to enjoy the collections, digital access, programs, services and events they have come to know and love," Werner said. "We would, however, be forced to close our doors without a voter-approved operating millage, since nearly 90% of our funding comes from the millage."

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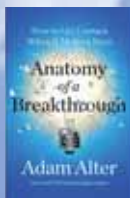
Author Talks

Enjoy engaging online conversations with best-selling authors.



Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 PM

Lidia Matticchio Bastianich



Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2:00 PM

Adam Alter



Wednesday, Sept. 27, 8:00 PM

Amor Towles



Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 PM

John Irving

Register at kdl.org/authortalks. Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.

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Comstock Park, MI 49321

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AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY
7215 Headley St. SE
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Byron Center, MI 49315

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6260 92nd St. SE
Caledonia, MI 49316

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2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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

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746 Lakeside Dr. SE
East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

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Lowell, MI 49331

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421 68th St. SE
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140 E. Bridge St.
Rockford, MI 49341

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Gowen, MI 49326

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Kent City, MI 49330

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Assistant Branch Librarian,
Gaines Twp.

Holli Land
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Byron Twp.
Book Recommendation:
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah



Katie Muszkiewicz
Shelver, Gaines Twp.
Book Recommendation:
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

Emily Napier
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Comstock Park

Bernice Oliver
Shelver, Kentwood
Book Recommendation:
We Don't Eat Our Classmates
by Ryan T. Higgins

Becca Organek
Shelver, Plainfield Twp.



Jessie Salo
Administrative Assistant,
Service Center
Book Recommendation:
The Vanishing at Castle Moreau
by Jaime Jo Wright

Starla Webster
Shelver, Krause Memorial (Rockford)



Summer Wonder Success!

Over 15,000 people have completed Summer Wonder as of the printing of this magazine! It was a summer of reading, exploring, learning and a host of amazing programs. 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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ALL AGES/FAMILIES

Chess Anyone?

Drop-in and play chess at the library! All skill levels welcome. An adult is usually on hand to help with your game or match you with a worthy opponent.

Tue., Sept. 5, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, **1.5 hrs.**
Sat., Sept. 9, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Sept. 30, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch, **1 hrs.**
Tue., Oct. 3, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, **1.5 hrs.**
Sat., Oct. 21, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch, **1 hrs.**
Tue., Nov. 7, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, **1.5 hrs.**
Sat., Nov. 11, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch, **1 hrs.**

An Evening with Jason Chin

Children's Author and Illustrator Jason Chin, winner of the 2022 Caldecott Medal for *Watercress*, will speak about his work. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. *Sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library with generous support from the East Grand Rapids Schools Foundation.*
1 hour.

Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30 PM - East Grand Rapids Branch

Fall Family Spectacular

Join your library community for a spectacular fall-themed event for families, including activities, entertainment and crafts perfect for all members of your family. **1 hour.**

Fri., Oct. 27, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fall Fest

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and art activities. **1 hour.**

Sat., Sept. 16, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., Sept. 23, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 29, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 30, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 6, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Oct. 13, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., Oct. 23, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 24, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., Oct. 25, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 27, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 3, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 4, 11:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., Nov. 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Nov. 20, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Family Movie Night

Enjoy a movie and popcorn with your family and friends. Visit the library or check our Facebook page to see the titles being shown. **2 hours & 15 minutes.**

Thu., Oct. 26, 5:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales



For the most current information on used book sales visit our website at:
kdl.org/booksales.



Glow-In-The-Dark Party

Family fun featuring glow-in-the-dark activities and crafts.

Sat., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch, **1hr.**
Thu., Sept. 28, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, **1 hr.**
Mon., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Fri., Oct. 6, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Oct. 19, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch, **1.5 hr.**
Fri., Oct. 20, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **1 hr.**
Tue., Oct. 24, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, **1hr.**
Tue., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Oct. 26, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch, **1hr.**
Tue., Oct. 31, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Tue., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch, **1hr.**
Thu., Nov. 16, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Mon., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch, **1hr.**
Mon., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **1hr.**

Grandparents Celebration

Celebrate the special relationship between grandparents and grandchildren. Young and old alike will enjoy marvelous books and fun hands-on activities. If grandparents can't come, parents can bring their children to enjoy these activities and create gifts for grandparents (or in honor of them). **1 hour.**

Fri., Sept. 8, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 8, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

K9 Demonstration

K9 Handler Deputy Krystal Stuart of the Kent County Sheriff's Department will bring her explosives dog and give a demonstration and presentation on K9 work. **1 hour.**

Mon., Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mama Bear & Baby Cubs Support Group

All moms and children welcome! Join this maternal support group for play time, bonding with other mothers, and free coffee and tea. **For adults with young children. 1 hour.**

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 7, 1:00 PM
Thu., Sept. 14, 1:00 PM
Thu., Sept. 21, 1:00 PM
Thu., Sept. 28, 1:00 PM
Thu., Oct. 5, 1:00 PM
Thu., Oct. 12, 1:00 PM
Thu., Oct. 19, 1:00 PM
Thu., Oct. 26, 1:00 PM
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Thu., Nov. 9, 1:00 PM
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East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., Sept. 13, 11:00 AM
Wed., Oct. 11, 11:00 AM
Wed., Nov. 8, 11:00 AM

Grandville Branch

Mon., Oct. 2, 10:00 AM
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Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue, Sept. 12, 11:00 AM
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Tue, Nov. 14, 11:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., Sept. 7, 10:30 AM
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Thu., Nov. 30, 10:30 AM



Movie Zone

Enjoy a movie at the library! All you need to do is show up and we'll have a family movie ready to roll. The library will post the movie titles on our Facebook page and in the branch. **All movies will be rated G or PG. 2 hours.**

Thu., Oct. 26, 2:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Native American Storytelling

Skyler Wolverton, citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and President of the Native American Student Organization at Western Michigan University, will lead a celebration of traditional storytelling. An introductory drum ceremony by Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will welcome all to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 4, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 11, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 25, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Rock the Uke

Play ukulele at the library! Beginners and newcomers welcome. Learn with ukulele enthusiasts followed by a group strum along. Limited ukuleles available. **2 hours.**

Wed., Sept. 13, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Oct. 11, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Nov. 8, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Sensory Friendly Movie Zone

Join us for a sensory friendly movie event! We turn the lights up, turn the sound down and provide accommodations like fidgets and headphones. **2 hours.**

Fridays, Sept. 8 - Nov. 17, 3:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
No program Nov. 10.

Walker Pumpkin Bash

Join us outside the Walker City Complex for an afternoon of fall family fun. Free pumpkins for the first 1,000 kids ages 12 and under, trick or treating, pumpkin decorating, live animals, a magic show and more. Presented by the City of Walker, Walker Ice & Fitness Center and Kent District Library Walker Branch. **2 hours.**

Sat., Sept. 30, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch

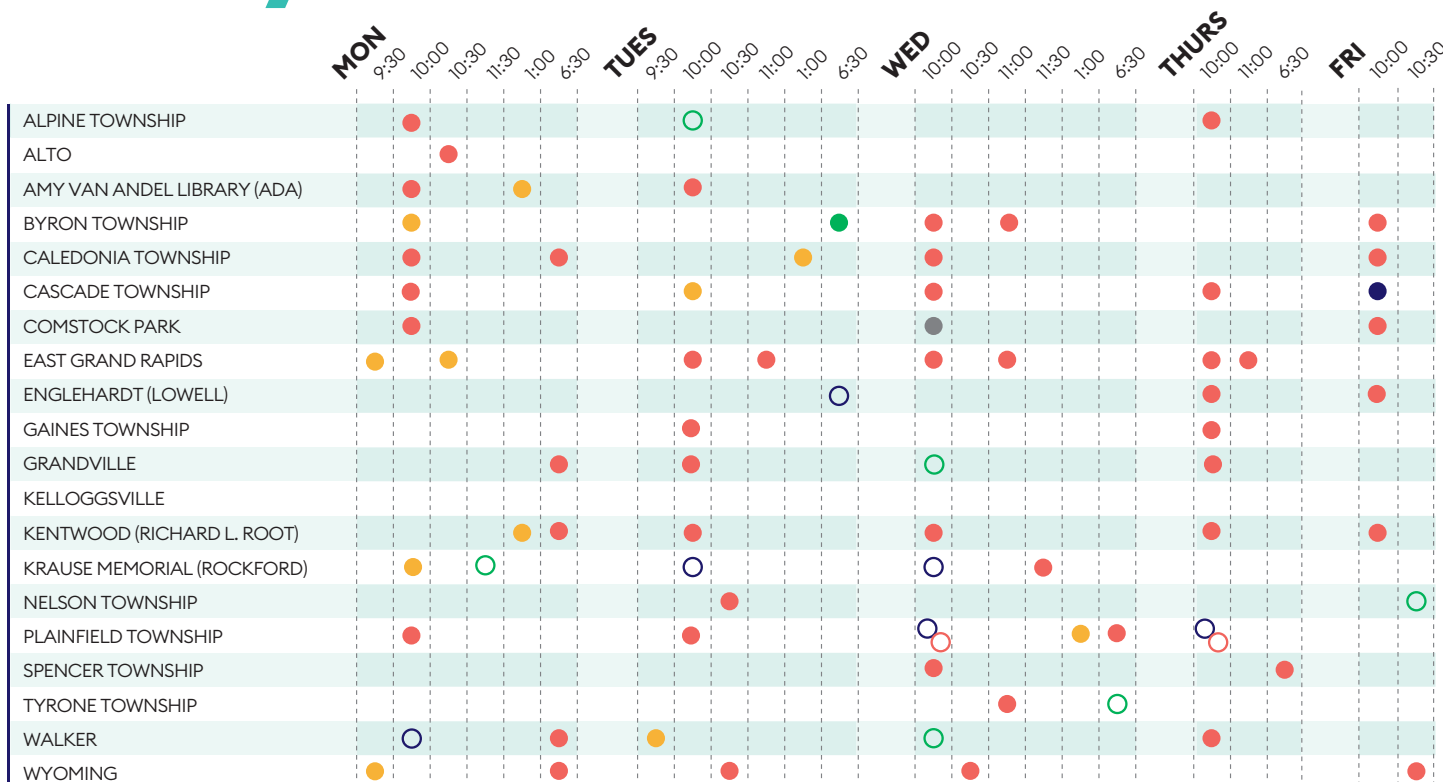
Walker WinterFest

Join KDL at the Walker Ice & Fitness Center to enjoy pictures with Santa, hot cocoa and cookies, live reindeer, holiday crafts and free ice skating for the first 300 guests! In partnership with the City of Walker and Walker Ice & Fitness Center. **1.5 hours.**

Thu., Nov. 30, 5:30 PM – Walker Branch

YOUTH (10 AND UNDER)

Storytimes



- Babytime
- Storytime
- Yoga Storytime
- ASL Storytime
- Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime
- Toddler Time
- Rhyme Time
- Preschool Storytime



Most storytimes begin the week of September 5 and end the week of November 13. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancelations due to scheduled branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Young Children (ages 0 – 5)

Elephant and Piggie Party

Join the fun as we “Pig Out” while connecting with Elephant and Piggie books like *I Really Like Slop*, *Waiting Is Not Easy* and *I Will Take a Nap!* through fun activities. **1 hour.**

- Wed., Oct. 18, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., Nov. 17, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Fire Safety Storytime

In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the Walker Fire Department is coming to the library to talk about fire safety. Join us for a special storytime to meet a firefighter, learn about the special equipment they wear and hear fire safety tips. **1 hour.**

- Thu., Oct. 19, 10:00 AM – Walker Branch

Loose Parts Play

Give your young child’s imagination room to grow through open-ended play with a variety of manipulative materials. **1 hour.**

- Tue., Sept. 5, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Sept. 7, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Sept. 14, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Sept. 19, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Sept. 21, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Sept. 28, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Oct. 3, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Oct. 5, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Oct. 12, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Oct. 17, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Oct. 19, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Oct. 26, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Nov. 2, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Nov. 9, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Nov. 16, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Nov. 21, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

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School Age (5 – 10)

Art Party

Everyone knows there ain't no party like an Art Party, 'cause an Art Party don't stop! Come explore and let your creative side run wild! Try a variety of art styles and create your next masterpiece to take home and display proudly. **1 hour.**

Thu., Sept. 7 - Nov. 16, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Book Explorers

Explore children's literature and do an activity inspired by the book. **1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 13, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 20, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Sat., Sept. 23, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 11, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 11, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Sat., Oct. 14, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Sat., Nov. 4, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 8, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 8, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Cozy Crafts and Critters: A Night of Ecological Exploration

The John Ball Zoo will bring animals to Caledonia as they host meet and greet stations that allow visitors to learn about live zoo animals and wildlife conservation. Craft stations focused on ecology and nature exploration will be featured throughout the library, encouraging families to explore their local environment. **1.5 hours.**

Mon., Sept. 25, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Craft & Create

Create together! Features a new craft each time for you to make and take home. **1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 6, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Sept. 27, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 25, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 15, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Homeschool Hangout

Welcome to our hangout, where homeschoolers can connect with other kids and learn through engaging activities including STEAM, writing, crafts and games. The theme changes every week, so there are always new opportunities to learn and explore together! **1 hour.**

Mondays, Sept. 11 - Nov. 13, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Not-So-Scary Storytime

Bring the whole family, enjoy some not-too-scary stories. Costumes welcome!

Wed., Oct. 25, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **45 min.**
 Wed., Oct. 25, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **45 min.**
 Thu., Oct. 26, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **45 min.**
 Thu., Oct. 26, 6:30 PM – Krause Mem. (Rockford) Branch, **1 hr.**
 Thu., Oct. 26, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Mon., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **45 min.**
 Mon., Oct. 30, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch, **1 hr.**
 Mon., Oct. 30, 7:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **30 min.**
 Tue., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch, **45 min.**



Teddy Bear Check-Up

Bring your favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal to a check-up visit where you're the doctor! With eye charts, stethoscopes and even band-aids for boo boos, your stuffie will be healthy and happy by the time they leave.

Fri., Sept. 8, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Wed., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Wed., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Thu., Sept. 21, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Sept. 21, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch, **1.5 hr.**
 Fri., Sept. 22, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch, **1 hr.**
 Fri., Sept. 29, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada), **1 hr.**
 Fri., Sept. 29, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **1 hr.**
 Fri., Oct. 6, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch, **1 hr.**
 Tue., Oct. 17, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch, **1 hr.**
 Tue., Nov. 7, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Tue., Nov. 14, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Tue., Nov. 14, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Wed., Nov. 15 – Alpine Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Fri., Nov. 17, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
 Sat., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch, **1 hr.**



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KDL Lab Experience

Drop in and allow children to think creatively, tinker, explore and collaborate while engaging in a variety of hands-on activities based on STEM concepts.

Wed, Sep. 6, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed, Sep. 13, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon, Sep. 18, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed, Sep. 27, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed, Oct. 4, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon, Oct. 9, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed, Oct. 11, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon, Oct. 23, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon, Oct. 30, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed, Nov. 1, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon, Nov. 6, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed, Nov. 8, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon, Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed, Nov. 22, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

Don't miss your chance to have your own architecture adventure and build the tallest tower or coolest castle with all sorts of different materials. The only limit at this program is your imagination – and the amount of supplies available.

Sat., Sept. 9, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 11, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., Sept. 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 14, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 3, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 9, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 1, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Nov. 2, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Thu., Nov. 9, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 11, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Nov. 11, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 15, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Nov. 16, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Birds of Wonder

Discover the wonder of birds through hands-on activities and crafting. Learn about our feathered friends and how they are unique to our world.

Sat., Sept. 16, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 28 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Build It!

Drop-in with your friends and make all kinds of creations using the library's building sets.

Mon., Sept. 11, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 5, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

KDL Lab Experience: It's A Me, Mario!

It's Mario time - oh yeah! Create, explore and have fun while engaging in STEAM learning in this event filled with everyone's favorite video game brothers. Let's-a go!

Sat., Sept. 30, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Oct. 19, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 21, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Making Sense (Of Your Senses)

Taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing: Humans have five basic senses that help them perceive the world around them. Join us for a sense-ational time investigating the five senses!

Thu., Sept. 14, 4:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., Sept. 27, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., Oct. 2, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 14, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 25, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Nov. 2, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

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KDL Lab Experience: Pocket Monster Palooza

Here's your chance to become a Pokémon® master. Grab your Poké Balls®, select your favorite starter and hone your skills. Get ready to catch 'em all!

Thu., Sept. 7, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 13, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., Oct. 9, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 20, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Superhero Training Camp

Create your own superhero costume, design a superhero vehicle, Hulk Smash® villains, race heroes down a zipline, create superhero code and more to help save the day!

Tue., Sept. 5, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 13, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Oct. 5, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 18, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Oct. 25, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., Nov. 27, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Techtropolis

Come get some hands-on experience with different types of technology. It's a great time to nerd out and explore!

Thu., Sept. 7, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Sept. 21, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 11, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., Oct. 16, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Nov. 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Under the Sea

Calling all merfolk, seafolk and mariners! Take a dive with some ocean-themed STEAM activities.

Wed., Sept. 20, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Oct. 4, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Oct. 12, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 30, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Nov. 8, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch

Kids Zone

It's a special time for fun, interactive programs just for school kids! Join our KDL Kids Zone programs for crafts, storytime, games and other activities.

Wed., Sept. 6, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Sept. 13, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Sept. 20, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Fri., Sept. 22, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch, **2 hrs.**
Sat., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Sept. 27, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Sept. 28, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Oct. 4, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Oct. 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Oct. 18, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Oct. 25, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Tue., Oct. 31, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch, **2 hrs.**
Wed., Nov. 1, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Nov. 4, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Nov. 8, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Nov. 15, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Sat., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**



The Write Stuff

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. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 5 - Nov. 14, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

TEENS (AGES 11 - 17)

Curtain Call: Teen Movie Nights at Kentwood

Join us for a teen-only movie musical night where you may sing along to your heart's content! Bring whatever you need to be comfy (blanket, pillow, bean bag, etc.). Pizza and pop are provided (first come first served), though you may also bring in your own food and covered drinks as needed.

For teens in grades 6-12. 2 hours.

Thu., Sept. 28, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Oct. 19, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Nov. 9, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Homeschool Hangout | Art Club

Welcome to our hangout, where homeschool teens get a chance to connect with each other and learn through engaging art projects. Themes change regularly, so there are always new opportunities to create and explore together! **1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 13, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 27, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 11, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 25, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 8, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

One Shot RPGs

Explore new RPG systems during our monthly one-shot adventures! Join an all-raccoon racing team, take on a quest as a reanimated skeleton or plan a fool-proof heist as a group of bears. New and experienced players are welcome for these easy-to-learn adventures. **2 hours.**

Thu., Sept. 14, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 25, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Oct. 12, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., Oct. 23, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Nov. 2, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., Nov. 27, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Teens ages 11-17 are invited to meet with a teen librarian to develop teen programs, discuss teen books and make sure that our teen space is as fun and functional as possible. Meetings can count as volunteer hours for things like the National Honor Society. Students ages 14+ can apply for additional volunteer opportunities. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 5, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 7, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Sept. 21, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 3, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 5, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Oct. 19, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Oct. 23, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 2, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Nov. 16, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Nov. 30, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Teen Movie Nights at Grandville

Join us for a teen-only movie night of YA book-to-movie adaptations where you may comment/jeer along to your heart's content! Bring whatever you need to be comfy (blanket, pillow, bean bag, etc.)! Snacks are provided (first come, first served), though you may also bring in your own food and covered drinks as needed. **For teens in grades 6-12. 2 hours.**

Fri., Sept. 15, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Fri., Oct. 13, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Fri., Nov. 17, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch



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TEEN ZONE

Teen-only fun for you and your friends at the library! Stop by for activities that may include board games, food and more.

Caledonia Township Branch

Mon., Sept. 11, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Sept. 18, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Oct. 2, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Oct. 9, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Oct. 16, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Oct. 30, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Nov. 6, 4:00 PM
 Mon., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM

Cascade Township Branch

Tue., Oct. 31, 6:30 PM

Comstock Park Branch

Thu., Sept. 14, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 4, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 15, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Sept. 7, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 14, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 21, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 28, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 5, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 12, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 19, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 26, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 2, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 9, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 16, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 30, 3:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Oct. 30, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Gaines Township Branch

Tue., Sept. 5, 4:00 PM
 Tue., Oct. 3, 4:00 PM
 Tue., Nov. 14, 4:00 PM

Grandville Branch

Thu., Sept. 21, 4:30 PM
 Thu., Oct. 19, 4:30 PM
 Thu., Nov. 16, 4:30 PM

Kelloggsville Branch

Wed., Sept. 6, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 20, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 4, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 18, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 1, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 15, 3:00 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., Sept. 13, 1:30 PM
 Wed., Oct. 11, 1:30 PM
 Wed., Nov. 15, 1:30 PM

Spencer Township Branch

Thu., Sept. 14, 6:30 PM
 Thu., Oct. 12, 6:30 PM

Tyrone Township Branch

Tue., Wed., Thur. and Fri.,
 Tue., Sept. 5 - Friday, Nov. 17
 (No Teen Zone Fri., Nov. 11)
 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

Wed., Sept. 6, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 13, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 20, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 27, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 4, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 11, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 18, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 25, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 1, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 8, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 15, 3:00 PM



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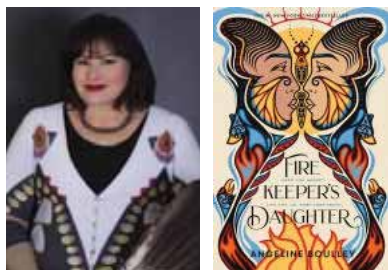
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TEENS & ADULTS

Great Michigan Read Author: Angeline Boulley

Hear from Angeline Boulley, award-winning author and an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, as she discusses *Firekeeper's Daughter*, her electric debut novel that is drawing all of Michigan together as the 2023-24 Great Michigan Read. The 2023-24 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Image Creative Group, Library of Michigan, and biblioboard. For more information on the Great Michigan Read please visit www.michiganhumanities.org. **1 hour.**

Thu., Oct. 12, 6:00 PM – Kentwood Branch



Next Chapter Book Club Orientation

Join us for a fun afternoon planning for Next Chapter Book Club, a program for teens and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Come build community and friendships. At this orientation, members will choose what book to read together and determine meeting times and locations for a 10-week book club. **Registration is required. 1 hour.**

Mon., Sept. 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Community Conversation: Author Talk with Ellen Hopkins

Ellen Hopkins, author of *What About Will* and a dozen other *New York Times* bestselling novels-in-verse, shares how she began her writing career, her desire to inform and support those whose loved ones are experiencing addiction, and how she develops stories for teen and middle grade readers. In partnership with Rockford Public Schools, Friends of the Krause Memorial Library, Epilogue Books and more. A book signing will follow the program. **For school aged and older. 1 hour.**

Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30 PM – Rockford High School Auditorium

ADULTS PROGRAMS (18 AND OLDER)

Author Talks, Online

All online author talks are one hour, unless noted otherwise. Register at kdl.org/authortalks



Lidia Bastianich

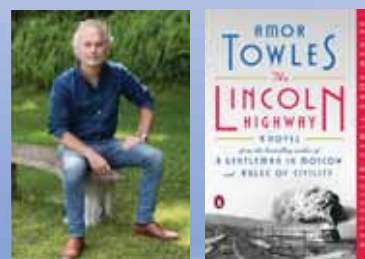
Enjoy an engaging online conversation with award-winning TV host bestselling author Lidia Bastianich as she discusses her memoir, *My American Dream*, as well as her upcoming cookbook, *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours*. **1 hour.**



Thu., Sept. 7, 7:00 PM – Online

Amor Towles

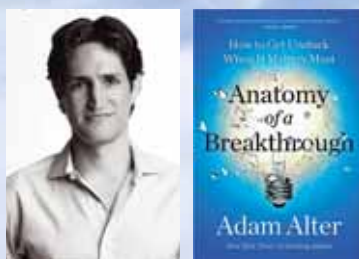
Enjoy an engaging online conversation with bestselling author Amor Towles as he discusses his books, including *Rules of Civility*, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and *The Lincoln Highway*. **1 hour.**



Wed., Sept. 27, 8:00 PM – Online

Adam Alter

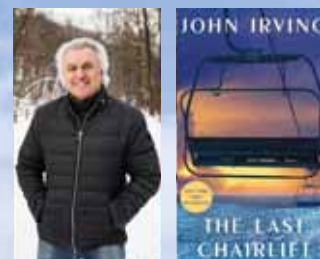
Enjoy an engaging online conversation with New York Times bestselling author Adam Alter as he discusses his new book, *Anatomy of a Breakthrough*. **1 hour.**



Wed., Sept. 20, 2:00 PM – Online

John Irving

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with three-time National Book Award nominee, Oscar winner, and bestselling author John Irving as he talks about his most recent novel, *The Last Chairlift*, as well as his other popular novels.



Thu., Oct. 26, 7:00 PM – Online

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Author Talks, In Person

Levi Rickert

Levi Rickert, founder and publisher of *Native News Online* and author of *Visions of a Better Indian Country* and graduate of Wyoming Rogers High School, shares his personal journey as a Potawatomi man, including the realities he's faced in modern America as an Indigenous person. An introductory drum ceremony by Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will welcome all to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community.
1.5 hours.



Thu., Nov. 2, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Book Discussions, Online

Real Grown-ups Read YA | Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Calling all grown-ups who'd rather read books "for young adults." There's no shame in checking out teen reads in this group. Our theme this month is romantic comedy. Read a YA book with the theme and come prepared to talk books.
Register at kdl.org/events to join the discussion. 1 hour.

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14

Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. Books are selected in advance by participants. All book discussions are **one hour** unless noted otherwise.

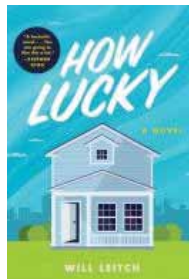
Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

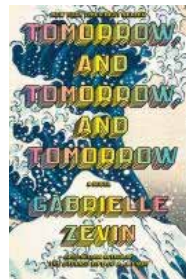
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 6,
The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles



Oct. 4,
How Lucky by Will Leitch



Nov. 1,
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

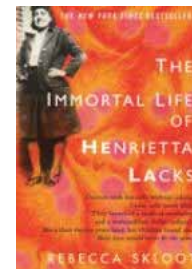
Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

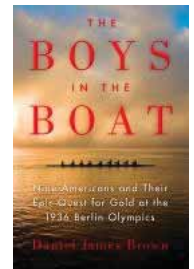
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Sept. 21,
Bootstrapper by Mardi Jo Link



Oct. 19,
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot



Nov. 16,
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown

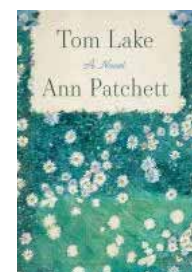
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Ada Z Book Club

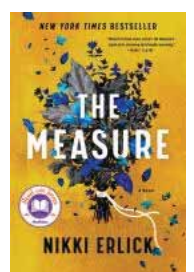
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Sept. 27,
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson



Oct. 25,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

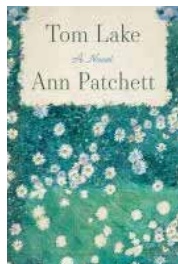


Nov. 29,
The Measure by Nikki Erlick

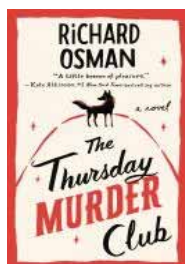
Byron Twp. Branch
Byron Twp. Book Discussion
 Mondays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 25,
My Family and Other Animals
 by Gerald Durrell

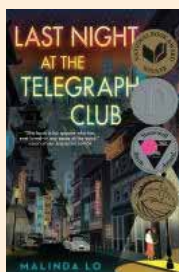


Oct. 23,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Nov. 20,
The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Comstock Park Branch
Never Too Old Book Club
 Tuesdays at 7:00 PM



Sept. 12,
Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo

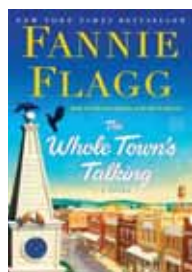


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The Weight of Blood by Tiffany D. Jackson

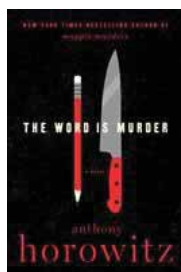


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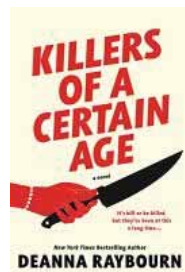
Caledonia Twp. Branch
Novel Character Book Club
 Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 6,
The Whole Town's Talking
 by Fannie Flagg

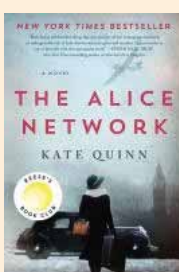


Oct. 4,
The Word Is Murder
 by Anthony Horowitz



Nov. 1,
Killers of a Certain Age
 by Deanna Raybourn

Lit Wits Book Discussion
 Thursdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 28,
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

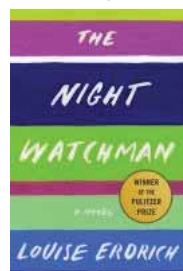


Oct. 26,
The Burning Blue by Kevin Cook

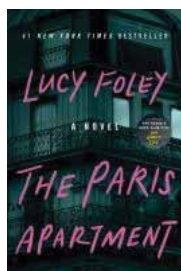


Nov. 30,
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Cascade Twp. Branch
Friends of the Cascade Library Book Discussion
 Mondays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 18,
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

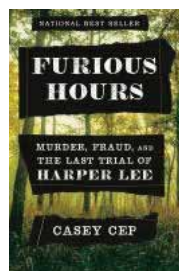


Oct. 16,
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley

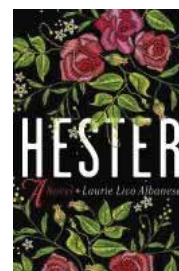


Nov. 20,
Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

East Grand Rapids Branch
Lakeside Lit Book Club
 Mondays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 11,
Furious Hours by Casey Cep



Oct. 9,
Hester by Laurie Lico Albanese



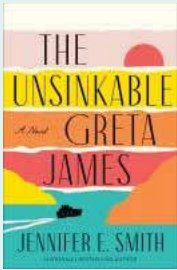
Nov. 13,
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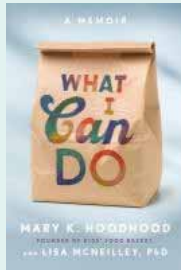
Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Book Worms Book Club

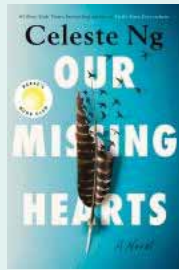
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 12,
The Unsinkable Greta James by Jennifer Smith



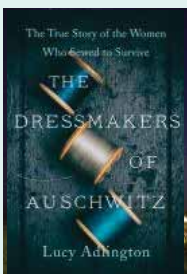
Oct. 10,
What I Can Do by Mary Hoodhood



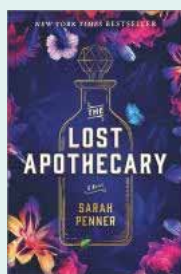
Nov. 14,
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

Night Owls Book Club

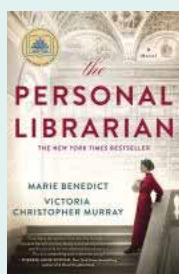
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 6,
The Dressmakers of Auschwitz by Lucy Adlington



Oct. 4,
The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner

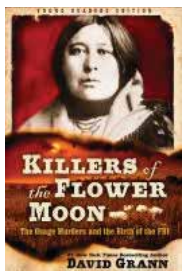


Nov. 1,
The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

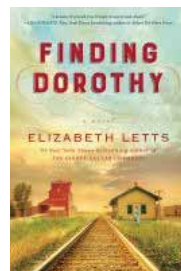
Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Club

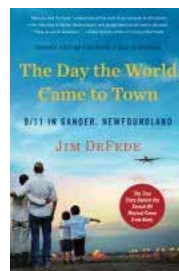
Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 19,
Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann



Oct. 17,
Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts



Nov. 21,
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

Grandville Branch

Maple St. Book Club

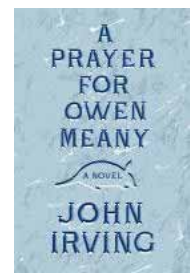
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 13,
Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger



Oct. 11,
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

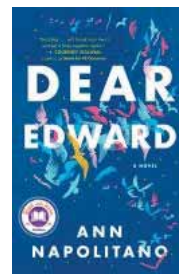


Nov. 8,
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Page After Page Book Discussion

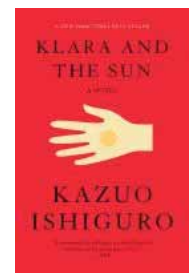
Fridays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 15,
Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano



Oct. 20,
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid



Nov. 17,
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

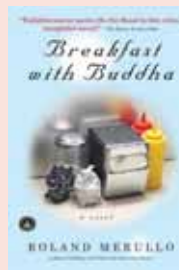
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Afternoon Book Club

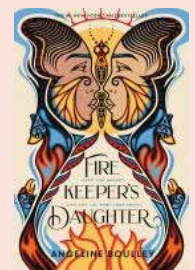
Fridays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 15,
Orientalism by Edward W. Said



Oct. 20,
Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo

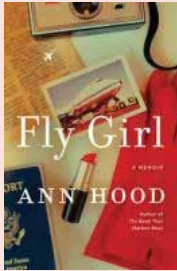


Nov. 17,
Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Evening Book Club

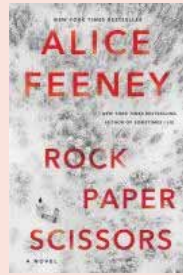
Mondays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 11,
Fly Girl by Ann Hood



Oct. 9,
Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris by Paul Gallico



Nov. 13,
Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney

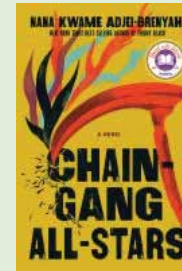
Plainfield Twp. Branch

TBR, The Book Club

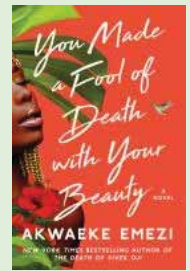
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 19,
Poverty, by America by Matthew Desmond



Oct. 17,
Chain-gang All-stars by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

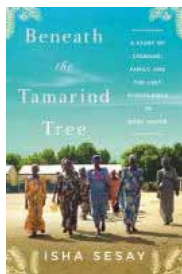


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You Made A Fool of Death With your Beauty by Akwaeke Emezi

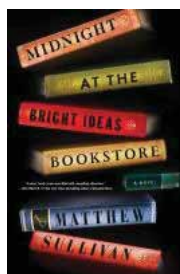
Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

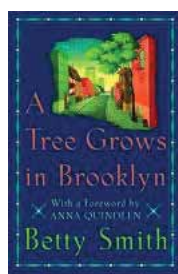
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 19,
Beneath the Tamarind Tree by Isha Sesay



Oct. 17,
Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan

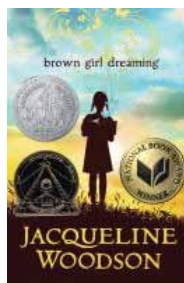


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A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

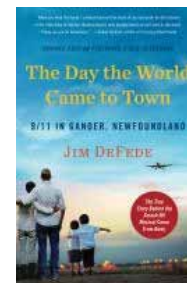
Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tyrone Township Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 12,
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson



Oct. 10,
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

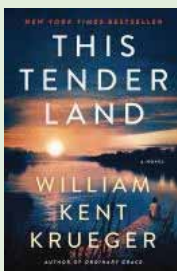


Nov. 14,
The Dry by Jane Harper

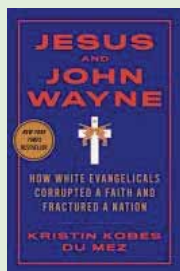
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Book Discussion

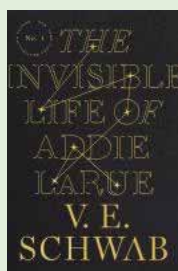
Thursdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 14,
This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger



Oct. 12,
Jesus and John Wayne by Kristin Kobes Du Mez

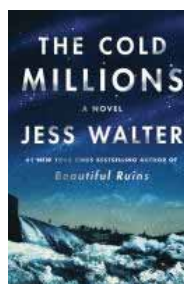


Nov. 9,
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab

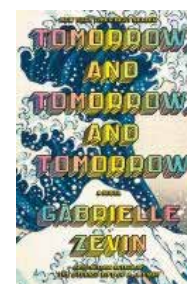
Walker Branch

Walker Book Discussion

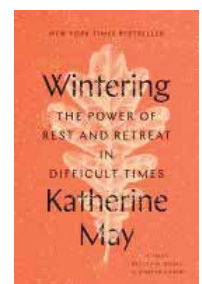
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



Sept. 12,
The Cold Millions by Jess Walter



Oct. 10,
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin



Nov. 14,
Wintering by Katherine May

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MORE ADULT PROGRAMS

Awesome Adults

A time for fun activities with friends. This program is designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their care partners. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 5, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Sept. 5, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 12, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 19, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 26, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 3, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Oct. 3, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 10, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 17, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 24, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 31, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 7, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Nov. 7, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 14, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Bingo Hour

Relax and make new friends while playing exciting rounds of Bingo.

Wed., Sept. 13, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Sept. 14, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Mon., Sept. 18, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, **2 hrs.**
Tue., Sept. 19, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Oct. 11, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Oct. 12, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Mon., Oct. 16, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, **2 hrs.**
Tue., Oct. 17, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **1 hr.**
Wed., Nov. 8, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Thu., Nov. 9, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch, **1 hr.**
Mon., Nov. 20, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, **2 hrs.**
Tue., Nov. 21, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch, **1 hr.**

Caring for Family Collections

Are you the family archivist, or do you have family collections? Whether you are an individual collector or work for a small historical society, join us to learn about preserving and organizing archival materials. **1 hour.**

Wed., Oct. 11, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Coffee, Crafts & Conversations

We have craft supplies; you have ideas! Join us for an hour of open crafting, a cup of coffee and chats with other crafters. Don't have a craft idea? No worries. We'll provide supplies and ideas to inspire your creativity. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Oct. 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Nov. 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Craft & Create

Create together! Features a new craft each time for you to make and take home. **1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 6, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Sept. 12, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 26, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Oct. 4, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Oct. 17, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 24, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Nov. 1, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Nov. 28, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

DIY Painted Wood Signs

Paint and decorate your own mantel sign for fall—no painting skills required! All materials will be provided. **1 hour.**

Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Early Childhood Essentials

Early Childhood Essentials programs are free professional development classes for childcare providers, presented in collaboration with Great Start to Quality Kent Resource Center.



Active Learning: More Mess, Less Stress

This workshop is designed to introduce the many components and benefits of active learning and messy play during the infant and toddler years. Participants will leave with fun and affordable activity ideas for young children to engage in. Pre-register online to receive professional development credit. **1.5 hours.**

Wed., Sept. 13, 6:00 PM – Online
Wed., Oct. 4, 6:00 PM – Online
Wed., Oct. 18, 6:00 PM – Online
Wed., Nov. 1, 6:00 PM – Online

Activities to Promote Development Ages 0-1

This training will go through each developmental domain (Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Language / Literacy, Cognitive, and Personal Social) and provide activity ideas for infants 0-1 year of age. Pre-register online to receive professional development credit. **1.5 hours.**

Thu., Sept. 21, 6:30 PM - Online
Thu., Oct. 5, 6:30 PM – Online
Thu., Nov. 2, 6:30 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials Continued

Mindfulness for Children

Techniques of mindful awareness can help children learn to pay closer attention to their thoughts, feelings and emotions. Come and learn ways to help children reduce stress and anxiety to enhance their well-being. Explore what the research says, get ideas for mindfulness activities and explore children's literacy that supports mindfulness practices. Pre-register online to receive professional development credit. **1.5 hours.**

Tue., Sept. 19, 6:00 PM – Online
Tue., Oct. 24, 6:00 PM – Online

Teaching Kids Mindful Eating

Adults are models for how children learn to eat. Mealtime and snack time are important nutritional and social experiences for everyone. By learning more about mindful eating, adults will be able to support a healthy mindful eating environment for the children in their care. Pre-register online to receive professional development credit. **1.5 hours.**

Wed., Sept. 6, 6:00 PM – Online
Thu., Oct. 12, 6:00 PM – Online

Fall Planning for the Best Spring Planting

Learn tips and tricks from Master Gardener Patti Visner to prepare your garden now for a great start to your spring growing season. **1 hour.**

Thu., Sept. 14, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 5, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 12, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 8, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Ghost Hunting 101

Ghost Hunter Wayne Thomas's grandfather described the first ghost he ever saw as looking like "the light of a lantern." Join Thomas and fellow local Ghost Hunter Brandon Hoezee to learn basic ghost hunting terms, tools and techniques so that you too can learn to experience these lanterns. You'll also get to hear about historic haunted locations in and around Grand Rapids and southwest Michigan, and you may even get a chance to share some of your own ghost stories. **1 hour.**

Thu., Oct. 5, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., Oct. 30, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Guided Acrylic Painting with Pour-d

Join Tree Anderson, Creative Director at Pour-d, to paint a special seasonal scene. Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Library. **1 hour.**

Thu., Nov. 30, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Just This 24: Mental Health Support for Family and Friends

Seeing loved ones struggle can be hard. Learn how to raise awareness, provide support and be a friend. "Just This 24" is a motto developed from the Facebook group Greater Grand Rapids Scanner Calls. **1 hour.**

Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch



KDL Vibes Fest

There's no better way to embrace fall than with a music festival featuring your favorite West Michigan artists from the KDL Vibes collection. Chat with other music fans, hear some of your favorite local musicians and get introduced to your next favorite band—all while hanging out at the library. Featured artists include Lazy Genius, Avocasquad, Low Phase, RTNR, Hannah Rose Band, Ralston Bowles, Rabbit Fur, Alex Perez, J Oscar Bittinger, and others. **Cascade Twp. Branch, 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.**

Sat., Sept. 23, Noon – 8:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 24, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM



Tue., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Learn Beginning Skills for Hand Sewing

Complete a Friendship Star quilt block while learning hand sewing skills that transfer to mending and other endeavors in this fun and easy sewing introduction. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. 1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 11, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Thu., Oct. 12, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 26, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 9, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Nov. 16, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Wed., Nov. 29, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Live & Learn Lecture | Edmund Fitzgerald - The Stories, The Song

Build community while you learn something new and expand your mind! Hear stories of a doomed ship in one of the worst storms in Great Lakes history. Learn how the hit song “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” came to be and hear it performed live by Mike Fornes. In partnership with Comstock Park Golden Panthers. **1.5 hours.**

**This program is taking place at the Henze Center, 1100 Henze Dr., Comstock Park, MI 49321.*

Fri., Oct. 6, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch*

Mental Health Expo

Join local service providers and experts to learn more about mental health and the organizations available within our community. Ask questions, connect with providers and learn how best to support yourself and loved ones through this “mental health first aid kit.” In partnership with The Red Project, Veterans Affairs, YWCA, MSU Extension Office, Arbor Circle, Pine Rest, Wedgwood Christian Services and Families Against Narcotics. **2 hours.**

Sat., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Mental Health Practices

The nation is facing an unprecedented mental health crisis, particularly among children and teens. Join Asha Upakrwoth, LLMSW, and Emily Monsma, LLMSW, From Wedgwood Christian Services for an important discussion on how to identify if your loved ones are facing mental health challenges, how to talk about it, self-care practices and how you can get help for yourself or loved ones. **1 hour.**

Part of the Wedgwood Mental Health series.

Motown: A Supreme Insight

Enjoy a unique peek behind the curtains of Motown. Learn how it came to be a giant in the music industry and hear rare stories about founder Berry Gordy and many of the major Motown artists, musicians and songwriters. **1 hour.**

Thu., Sept. 21, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Mushroom Cultivation

A wide variety of edible mushrooms can be grown in basements, garages, spare bedrooms and shady areas in your yard. This class will focus on growing edible mushrooms at home on a hobby scale, using simple and accessible methods, and provide you with the best resources for continuing to learn on your own. **1 hour.**

Mon., Oct. 9, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Mon., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 28, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Open Craft Lab

Stop in and try something new or bring in your own project! New projects will be introduced monthly. All previous projects will be available while supplies last. **2 hours.**

Thu., Sept. 7, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 28, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 5, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 19, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 2, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 16, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Overcoming Addiction

Join Wedgwood Christian Services for an honest conversation about addiction: how to identify it, have conversations with loved ones about it, provide healthy support and overcome it. Whether you or someone you love is dealing addiction, this will be a great discussion about practical ways to support anyone in recovery.

Part of the Wedgwood Mental Health series.

Session presented in partnership with the Cascade Community Foundation. **1 hour.**

Tue., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Paint & Pop

An instructional beginner paint program for adults. Get your creativity flowing! **1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 13, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Painted Birds

Create whimsical, boldly colored birds with thick media paper and beaded wire embellishments. Perfect for wall hangings! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. 1 hour.**

Thu., Sept. 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., Sept. 12, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Thu., Sept. 14, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 21, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wed., Oct. 18, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Tue., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Tue., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 9, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 15, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Positive Youth Development

Join Wedgwood Christian Service's highly trained and certified professionals Cathy Racalla, MA, SRAS, CHES, and Taylor Alvesteffer, BSW, SRAS, to learn what pressures today's youth are facing, behaviors that put them at risk and skills that will help you as an advocate have important conversations about healthy choices and behaviors. **1 hour.**

Part of the Wedgwood Mental Health series.

Tue., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Reducing Your Child's Stress and Anxiety

What is the defining line between normal worries and an anxiety disorder in kids? How do you help your child manage stress, anxiety and worry? Parents will learn practical strategies for helping their children build confidence and reduce anxiety from Dr. Janelle Youngdahl. **1 hour.**

Mon., Sept. 25, 6:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Sept. 28, 6:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Suicide Prevention

Everyone can help prevent suicide by learning the warning signs, promoting prevention and resilience, and committing to social change. Join Paul Breithaupt, LMSC, CAADC, of Wedgwood Christian Services for an important discussion on this topic. Learn tools for discussing suicide, identifying warning signs and risk factors, and approaching someone who may be in danger. Resources will be offered if you are struggling with suicidal thoughts. **1 hour.**

Part of the Wedgwood Mental Health series.

Tue., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Trauma Informed Parenting

Join Wedgwood Christian Service's Trauma-Informed Therapist Jacklyn Eding, LLMSW, to learn how to identify trauma and ways that caregivers can support children who have experienced it. This class will cover what trauma is, the effects of trauma, the feelings and behaviors that occur due to trauma, and how to build a safe place to discuss the topic of trauma. **1 hour.**

Part of the Wedgwood Mental Health series.

Tue., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

War Aims North and South

We will discuss some of the initial war aims of the combatants in the American Civil War and how these objectives changed during the conflict. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Library and in partnership with the Rockford Area Historical Society. 1 hour.**

Wed., Sept. 6, 7:00 PM – Rockford Community Cabin

Wild Mushroom Identification

A state-certified Wild Mushroom Expert will share a brief overview of the terminology, skills and resources needed to accurately identify many of the 2,500 mushroom species in Michigan. The class will focus on the more easily identifiable and choice edible species as well as resources for identifying toxic species in Michigan. **1 hour.**

Tue., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Tue., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Write Michigan Days of Learning

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., Sept. 9

The Art and Science of a Fiction Proposal

A proposal is key to winning a publisher, but how does an author capitalize on the opportunity? In this workshop, you'll learn the secrets to developing a fiction proposal from Janyre Tromp, who has intimate knowledge of three of the four sides of the publishing world – author, marketing manager and editorial representative. **1 hour.**

Sat., Sept. 9, 11:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Creating Compelling Characters

Characters can either make or break a piece of writing, whether it be fiction or nonfiction. Award-winning author Susie Finkbeiner breaks down what makes for a good character, how writers can write characters that ring true and how to craft characters so that readers will love (or love to hate) them. **1 hour.**

Sat., Sept. 9, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Freelance Writing 101: How to Start and Grow a Freelance Writing Business

In an increasingly digital world, the demand for well-written content has never been higher. If you would like to be paid to write or want to find a way to work from home, freelance writing could be a great career for you. Professional freelance writer Jessie Steffes will discuss what freelance writing is and how to choose a “niche,” create a portfolio, find clients, set rates and more. **1 hour.**

Sat., Oct. 7, 2:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Sat., Sept. 9, 2:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Grandville Branch Sat., Oct. 7

Self-Editing: Becoming Your Own Most Helpful Critic

“Always get a second pair of eyes on your writing” is an excellent rule of thumb, but how do you edit your own work before sharing it with others? In this session, author and editor Janyre Tromp will teach you how to see your writing with fresh eyes; evaluate your structure and approach with your readers’ needs in mind; and “kill your darlings” when your pet anecdotes, talking points or weasel words are getting in the way of clear, concise writing. **1 hour.**

Sat., Oct. 7, 11:00 AM – Grandville Branch

It’s the Little Things: Creating a Big Story from Small Moments

Learn to create fresh, relatable, riveting tales by infusing your plots with small moments full of tension, suspense, humor and emotion without resorting to high-octane plot twists. Bestselling author Tracy Brogan will show how writing about ordinary people living ordinary lives can lead up to dynamic, engaging, EXTRA-ordinary stories that keep readers coming back for more. **1 hour.**

Sat., Oct. 7, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Developing Your Nonfiction Book Concept

Why do some nonfiction books get recommended and discussed while others go unread? How can you give your book the best shot at commercial success? Join this hands-on workshop led by author and editor Andy Rogers to learn what publishers are looking for in nonfiction book concepts. We'll discuss different ways to take the topic you are passionate about and present it to the world. Attendees are encouraged to bring something to write on or type with. **1 hour.**

ADULTS 21+

Cider Making 101

Vander Mill’s staff share the cider making process, best practices and a taste of fresh-pressed apples (depending on pressed apple availability). **1 hour.**



Tue., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 20, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Nov. 2, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 9, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

KDaLe Tap Takeover | Horrocks Market

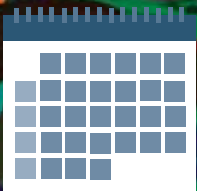
Area breweries from the Beer City Brewers Guild, as well as our KDaLe homebrew contest winners, have risen to the challenge to create their own book-inspired beers. Join us at Horrocks Market to sample these literary brew debuts, eat delicious food truck fare and meet some of the brewers. **3 hours.**

Fri., Sept. 29, 4:00 PM



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