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1,500
fall programs inside!

On behalf of the entire library staff and board, I want to extend our gratitude for your overwhelming support in passing our gap millage election. Your commitment ensures that our library can continue to serve as a vital resource for education, inspiration and connection within our community.

At KDL, our mission is to further all people. We work hard to serve as a cornerstone for learning, connection and personal growth in many different ways.

Our new Legendary Readers program will help children fall in love with reading and set their minds on a path to lifelong learning.

People who attend our programs can learn new things, make new friends and create fun memories.

Our Write Michigan Short Story Contest, now in its 13th year, gives writers a chance to have their skills recognized and share their talent with the world.

No matter what your passion is, we almost certainly have a book or other resource that can help you foster it.

Thank you for being a part of our library community. Together, we can continue to build a place where knowledge is shared, lives are enriched and everyone has the opportunity to succeed.



Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Werner". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Lance Werner
Executive Director



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KDL Updates

Diaper Drive

During the month of September, all 20 KDL branches will be collecting packages of diapers in all sizes to support the Kent County Great Start Parent Coalition Diaper Drive. Programs such as WIC and food stamps do not cover the cost of diapers. This is a simple way to help struggling families meet this need. Thanks for helping us make a difference in the community!



..... Love Your Heart!

KDL is excited to offer blood pressure monitors for checkout! Monitoring your blood pressure at home is a simple way to be proactive about your well-being. These monitors come with easy-to-follow instructions and education materials.

Community Quilts

If you've visited the Comstock Park, Nelson Twp., Plainfield Twp. or Wyoming Branches lately, you may have seen their community quilts on display. Patrons worked to create something beautiful together and these quilts truly show community spirit. Stop by one of these branches and add your own square to the quilt.



Staff Picks

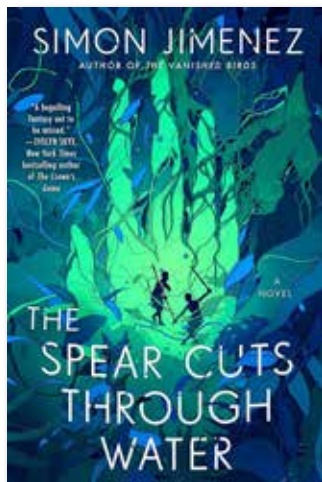


The Wild Robot Protects

by Peter Brown

This book is genius – elegant in its simplicity and environmentally conscious without being preachy. Any fan of Peter Brown's series about Roz will be delighted that the quality has not dropped at all. The writing is excellent and the illustrations are compelling.

Michael | Cascade Twp. Branch



The Spear Cuts Through Water

by Simon Jimenez

Immerse yourself in this lyrical story of two travelers as they attempt to free the moon goddess and reunite her with the sea. It is unlike anything else I've read, with a layered narrative that defies time, full of grim terrors, heartbreak, magic and even a little romance!

Kali | East Grand Rapids Branch



Irena's Vow

Directed by Louise Archimbault

Available on Hoopla and Kanopy, *Irena's Vow* is based on the true story of Irena Gut, a Polish nurse who saved the lives of eleven Jews during the Nazi occupation by hiding them in the cellar of the home of her employer, a Nazi officer. This movie left me wondering at her extraordinary heroism and inspired by her bravery.

Melody | Englehardt Branch

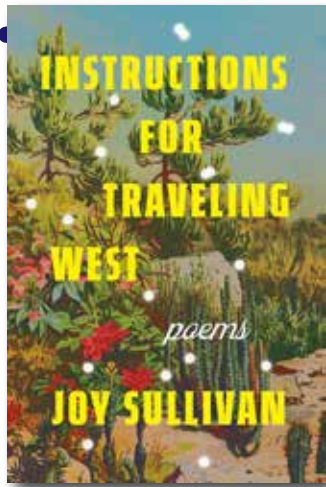


The Escape Artist

by Jonathan Freedland

As a history buff, I am always intrigued by events that changed the world. This story of escape from the Auschwitz concentration camp is one such event. Rudolph Vrba and Fred Wetzler escaped, evaded capture and told their story, but who would listen? Would it make a difference? How many could they save?

Clyde | Spencer Twp. Branch



Instructions for Traveling West

by Joy Sullivan

It's rare that I finish a poetry collection and want to immediately reread it, but that's what happened with Joy Sullivan's new book! I love the storytelling feel and rich language. It is profound yet accessible, perfect for both poetry beginners and buffs. The poems evoke a sense of memoir, eco-awe and biblical struggle, as well as a snarky humor that reminded me of Kate Baer's work. My recommendation is to read it outside among ambient nature sounds.

Amber | Grandville Branch

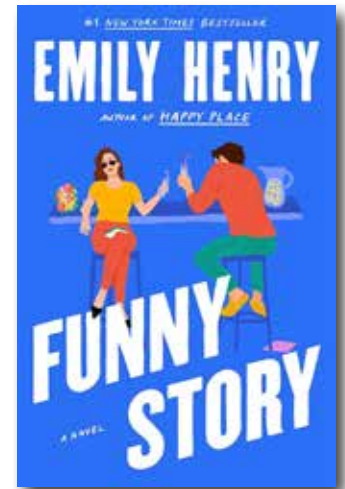


The Last List of Mabel Beaumont

by Laura Pearson

After 86-year-old Mabel Beaumont loses her husband of sixty years, she finds a cryptic note that says "Find D." This note sends her on a quest on which she comes to realize how much she still has to learn – about herself, about love and about friendship. It is only when she is deep into finding what was lost that she finally finds herself. This sweet story has lovely characters and a hopeful ending.

Nanette | Cascade Twp. Branch



Funny Story

by Emily Henry

If you love summer in Michigan and romance, this is the book for you! Emily Henry's voice in her newest novel brings to life a summer up north like only we Michiganders know. It's sad; it's sweet; it will make you want to spend time at a vineyard in August. Bonus: the main character is a librarian!

Mikki | Cascade Twp. Branch



Big Little Lies

by Liane Moriarty

If you're a parent, you know elementary school drama can be a real thing, as well as the friendships you develop with fellow parents. These aspects in *Big Little Lies* were relatable while the suspense and grim humor kept me wanting more. Each mother's story is unique and makes them feel like real people. This was a fun read, and now I have to watch the TV series.

Emily | Service Center

Introducing...

LEGENDARY READERS

Legendary Readers is a reading program for children in grades K-5 designed to help them fall in love with reading and put them on a path for a lifetime love of learning.

Participants are asked to read, write or visit the library for 100 days throughout the school year (outside of the classroom). Completers will win a fun prize and be entered to win a grand prize: 100 days of reading for a chance to win a \$100 gift card to Schuler Books! Visit your local KDL branch to get started.

 Cross off one NESSIE for each day you complete a challenge requirement. After 100 days, turn in this sheet at any KDL branch for a cool prize and an entry into our grand prize drawing.



Legendary Reader information:
 Name (first) _____ (last) _____
 Age _____ Caregiver phone _____ KDL branch _____
 Caregiver email _____
 School (if applicable) _____
 Grade (if applicable) _____






LEGENDARY READERS
 For kids in grades K - 5.


1. Write or visit the library 100 days between Sept. 3 & June 13 to be entered to win a \$100 gift card from Schuler Books!

All completers win a cool bookmark!

Enroll now through Jan. 31.

Keep reading and learning about weird and wild creatures! Visit the library and ask for directions to our "Tales and Creatures" section.

 Nessie the Loch Ness Monster is a legendary creature from Scottish folk stories. It is a dinosaur-like creature with a long neck and big humps on its back. It was photographed (allegedly) in 1933 by a man named Hugh Gray, who was walking his dog past the loch! What do you think? Could the Loch Ness Monster be real?

 kdl.org/legendaryreaders

Prizes can be picked up at any KDL branch Jan. 2 - June 13.

Illustrations by Anthony Carpenter



Pick up a log at any KDL branch starting Sept. 3 or print one from the website to start tracking your progress.

kdl.org/legendaryreaders

The Value of Reading



Bridget Rieth | Early Literacy Coach, Kent ISD

Reading matters – of course it does! I know it, you know it, schools certainly know it, kids even suspect it: reading is important to success in life. When and what kids read also matters. Elementary students interact with text throughout their school day. Teachers read to and with them, children read to themselves in developmentally guided ways, and sometimes read to each other or all together as a class. What your child might not know is that reading outside of school FOR FUN is also a critical component of academic development.

Yes, scholars need to complete their homework assignments, but they also need to enjoy time reading books and other texts they choose for themselves.

As a literacy scholar, former classroom teacher and current Kent ISD Literacy Coach, I have spent my career studying reading (and writing and listening and speaking) and its impact on students. As a parent, I worked to instill a love of and appreciation for the magic and power that reading bring to my now grown-up children's lives. As a child raised by two

voracious readers, I experienced the impact that picture books, novels, plays, magazines, recipes, notes and letters had on our family life. All of these have something in common: intentional cultivation of a life of reading. I am who I am today because I am a reader.

Countless studies over decades of research have shown that reading fuels development by promoting better oral language skills, decoding practices, spelling, reading comprehension and even general knowledge. Additionally, when kids

read for fun, the value they place on reading, their self-concept as readers, their overall reading motivation and the amount of time they actually spend reading all increase. As if that was not enough, reading for pleasure has also been shown to increase empathy and promote a more positive outlook toward others. And for reluctant readers, the importance of finding and engaging with texts they love is even more critical for success.

There is no better place than your public library to offer children a vast array of choices for their reading pleasure outside of school. Whether your household is a weekly visitor to local bookstores or reserves book purchases just for special occasions, giving your child library access opens up a world of fun and resources to support their reading lives. Your library staff is eager to help children find the books they love, share free and accessible materials, and help create positive learning experiences. Legendary Readers, KDL's new K-5 school year reading initiative, helps put scholars on a path for a lifetime love of learning through ongoing reading, writing and engaging with the library. It's a great way to support your young learners.

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Your Invitation to Storytime



By **Susan Erhardt** | Branch Outreach and Programming Specialist

When you think of storytime at the library, do you picture children sitting in perfect rows, hands folded in their laps, attentively listening to someone reading a sedate story? If so, you are in for a delightful surprise when you attend one of KDL's storytimes! We do have stories (great stories!) because research underscores the importance of reading to young children, but we also have much more.

Our librarians are well-versed in the behavior of young children and would never expect kids to sit patiently for a long stretch of time. To combat the wiggles, we have fun music breaks

between stories. We spin with scarves, wildly shake shaker eggs, wave ribbons gently to the music, tap rhythm sticks to the beat or just dance our hearts out. Add in some rhymes (kids who can rhyme find learning to read easier!), some activities to promote letter knowledge, and some art or craft time and you have the perfect recipe for an entertaining (and free!) time for both child and caregiver.

Join us for storytime at the library – a joyful and enriching experience that nurtures a lifelong love of books and learning.

KDL's Storytime Lineup:

Babytime

Toddler Time

Storytime

Rhyme Time Music and Movement

Yoga Storytime

Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime

Evening Storytime



Want to see what types of Storytimes are going on at all the branches? Turn to page 28 or scan the code below to keep the storytimes for all locations handy.



kdl.org/storytime-chart-fall2024

The Grownup's Guide to Making Friends at Library Storytime



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

Ah, storytime at KDL, where tots become BFFs faster than you can say “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” But for us adults? It’s like navigating a maze blindfolded. Here’s how to crack the code:



The “Oh, You Too?” Maneuver: Spot a fellow grownup with that “my-kid-just-ate-glitter” look? That’s your cue. Bond over the shared trials of parenthood with a knowing nod and a “Oh, your kid eats Play-Doh too? Let’s form a support group.”



Friend Request, Literally:

Suggest a social media link-up with a casual, “Let’s take this friendship online.” But ease off the ‘like’ button on their vintage pics unless you’re all in.



The Post-Storytime Plot: Propose a post-storytime espresso expedition. It’s like suggesting a playdate, but with more caffeine and less sandbox politics.



The Overenthusiastic Participant:

Clap louder, sing off-key and laugh at the book’s punchlines before they’re delivered. Other parents will either admire your spirit or fear it – either way, you’re getting noticed.



The Awkward Silence Filler: Kids don’t do awkward silences; they fill them with screams. We have to use words. Compliment another grownup’s tote bag, especially if they earned it during Summer Wonder.



The Long Game: Remember, Rome wasn’t built in a day, and neither is a friendship based on a mutual appreciation for Dr. Seuss. Keep showing up, keep being you and eventually, you’ll find your tribe.

So, there you have it. With a sprinkle of effort and a dash of not-so-quiet desperation, you’ll be in the inner circle of the storytime squad. Who knows, maybe we’ll get back to the simplicity of childhood friendships. Until then, keep networking – or as the kiddos say, “Wanna play?”



Fall Fun

We have fun fall programs for all ages, sure to entertain even the most Pumpkin Spice Latte-averse. So, whether you have the back to school blues or are excited to stock up on school supplies, come to the library, grab a stack of books and movies to cuddle up with on the cooler nights and join us at one of our fabulously fun fall programs.

Fall Fest

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and art activities. *For all ages.*

Taking place at 18 KDL branches. Pg 26

A Very Eric Carle Storytime

Celebrate Eric Carle's many beloved books, such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Quiet Cricket*, through stories, rhymes, crafts and more. *For young children.*

Taking place at 19 KDL branches. Pg 28



Not-So-Scary Storytime

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

Taking place at six KDL branches. Pg 29

Eerie Excitement at the Library

Creep into your library and enjoy some not-so-scary games, crafts and activities for all ages. *For families with children.*

Taking place at four KDL branches. Pg 27

Walker Pumpkin Bash

Join us around the Walker City Hall campus. Enjoy free mini pumpkins for the first 1,250 kids under 12 (while supplies last), donuts, cider, a petting zoo, a pumpkin decorating station, trick-or-treating, photos in a Walker police car and fire truck, and more! Costumes encouraged. *Presented by the City of Walker, Walker Ice & Fitness Center and Kent District Library Walker Branch. For all ages.*

Saturday, October 5, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, Walker Branch



I Love the '80s to Death Murder Mystery Party

It's the '80s again, and all the big names are here for a big concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill into the spotlight with tragic, murderous results. Work together to wade through the suspects and solve the crime by the end of the night. **Registration is required at kdl.org/events. For adults.**



'80s-themed outfits are encouraged but not required. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

**Thursday, October 3
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
East Grand Rapids Branch**



Trivia Night @ KDL

Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games covering general knowledge and pop culture topics with fun audio and visual clues. The game will be played in teams (up to four members), so come with friends or join a team on the spot. *For adults.*

**Taking place at three
KDL branches. Pg 46**



The Negro Leagues, the Detroit Stars and Minnie Forbes

From 1956 to 1958, Minnie Forbes owned the Negro League Baseball Team the Detroit Stars. Join George Bayard of the Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives to learn more about the Negro Leagues and their local and national impact, and enjoy his conversation with Minnie Forbes about her experiences owning the team. *For adults.*

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 PM - Wyoming Branch



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



Days

Saturday, Sept. 21 - Wyoming Branch



Effective Platform Building for Novelists

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Building a platform means finding your audience and talking to them. Nonfiction writers can leverage their expertise, but how does a novelist build a platform, especially if they don't have a book published yet? In this writer's chat, industry veteran and bestselling novelist **Janyre Tromp** will talk through some effective strategies you can employ to build a platform at any point in your career. *For adults.*



Maximizing Suspense in Fiction

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Whether a book promises a page-turning whodunit, a hate-to-love romance or a well-timed comedic gag, narrative suspense is a key element of meeting the reader's needs. Learn from speculative fiction writer **Joel Armstrong** how to define narrative suspense, identify different types and maximize tension through characterization, pacing and story structure. *For adults.*



What Does It Mean to Write Michigan?

2:30 - 3:30 PM

When we are attempting to describe or evoke memories of a certain place, learning to write with the senses – sight, sound, taste, smell and touch – helps writers of all forms create a strong sense of place. Learn from author **Maryann Lesert** as she offers examples of place-based writing and guides attendees through "writing with the senses" exercises. *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.

of Learning

Saturday, Oct. 12 – Cascade Twp. Branch



Immersive World Building: How to Craft a Real or Imaginary Setting that Sells 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The best plot set with the best characters will fall short if placed in a boring white box, or worse, a chaotic, meaningless plane. Whether writing historical, speculative or contemporary fiction, the setting brings depth, emotion and meaning to your story. Journey with bestselling historical novelist and award-winning editor **Janyre Tromp** to discover the hows and whys behind a setting that sells. *For adults.*



Writing Theatrical Dialogue 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Learn the nuts and bolts of writing dialogue from author and playwright **Susie Finkbeiner** in this interactive and fun workshop. Writers of all genres are welcome, as the fundamentals of dialogue transfer well to all narrative forms. *For adults.*



Publishing Short Fiction 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Hear from **Caitlin Horrocks**, fiction writer and literary magazine editor, about the nuts and bolts of submitting stories to magazines, anthologies or contests and practice reading short fiction through an editor's or judge's eyes. What is within the writer's control and what isn't? What can writers do to get themselves as close to "yes" as possible? *For adults.*



We look forward to celebrating all of our Write Michigan winners at an Awards Ceremony in March!



What's Your Story?

Categories:

Youth, Teen, Adult

Deadline:

Nov. 30 for your 3,000 words or fewer original story.

Prizes in each category:

Judges' Choice (\$500)

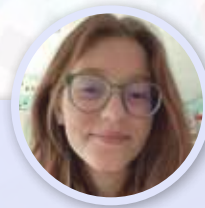
Readers' Choice (\$250)

Judges' Choice Runner-Up (\$250)

**\$10 entry fee for adults;
free for children and teens.**

writemichigan.org

Testimonials from previous Write Michigan winners



I first learned about Write Michigan through a friend who was participating. It sounded fun and I like writing, so I decided to submit. I never expected to be a Judge's Choice Winner! Overall, the experience has been so rewarding and just plain fun. I enjoyed writing my little short story and it was a cool challenge to keep it under the word count! I've realized I like writing short stories very much. I encourage anyone who is on the fence or thinks their work couldn't win, or people who've never even thought about entering a writing contest, to bite the bullet and submit their story! You never know where it could take you.

Sonja de Wilde | Teen Judges' Choice Winner



To be completely honest, at first I entered Write Michigan for the prize. But in the end, I was glad I did it for more reasons than just that. First of all, I knew I enjoyed writing, but entering my story into the contest made me feel like my talent had a purpose, like I was actually using it for more than just ELA class. Second, I enjoyed the feeling of accomplishment in the end. Actually winning second place felt so good! There was even a fun party and awards ceremony, too! Thirdly, the process of writing was so enjoyable. Other times I wrote a short story in class, I never tried so hard to put in so many details, or checked again and again that I had spelled everything right. Inventing the story was the best part. I had a wonderful experience with Write Michigan. It definitely doesn't hurt to try to enter, because you never know what it could do for you!

Nora Sportel | Youth Judges' Choice Runner-Up



I entered the Write Michigan Short Story Contest for the first time this year in order to hold myself accountable to finishing a story. I'm so glad I did! I love seeing my writing on the shelf at the library and at Schuler Books. (I'm also proud to be a Newbery Honor-adjacent author, published in the same volume as the illustrious Gary D. Schmidt.) This contest has given me a serious boost of energy and confidence as I move on to other writing projects. I enjoyed reading the other semifinalist and finalist entries – I was introduced to great stories from local writers of all ages, and I hope to see more! It's wonderful that KDL encourages local talent through programs like Write Michigan.

Joshua Boers | Adult Judges' Choice Winner



The Write Michigan Short Story Contest gave me the push I needed to sit down and polish up a story I had been working on. The public vote was a fun aspect and I enjoyed reading all the top ten stories from each age category. The awards ceremony was a great way to end the competition and I now have a short story published in a book that I can share with my friends and family.

Kelly Selby | Adult Judges' Choice Runner-Up

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:

Exploration of Texture: Textures are details that visually describe how something physically feels.

Household Objects: What do you have around your house? A toaster? An end table? A faucet? Make one of the items in your house the focus of your photo!

Beautiful Decay: Can you find the beauty in something dying and decomposing? Or an item breaking down? It might be a dried-out flower, a broken-down barn or even some roadkill near your house. Use your photo skills to celebrate this part of the circle of life.

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

Oct. 1

Start taking photos

Oct. 7-14

Contest submissions accepted

Oct. 21-23

Online public voting will take place

Oct. 25

Winners will be 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, 2024.



kdl.org/teenphoto



Talking About Tech

This fall, learn with the library about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and keeping yourself secure online. Have more specific questions about how to best use one of your devices? Book a tech tutoring appointment with a librarian at your preferred KDL branch and check out these programs.

Next Nexus Summit: AI for Business

Join leaders in the artificial intelligence and machine learning world for a half-day summit on the emergence and opportunities presented by AI. Each presenter will share actionable ideas to put AI to work for you now. This event is free and because space is limited, **registration is required at kdl.org/events**. *For adults.*



Joe Chrysler | Accelerator Manager and Software Consultant, Atomic Object



Amy L. Baddley | Data Privacy Attorney, Varnum LLP



Jessica Bratt | Instructional Designer, Casual Simulation



Morgan Hanks | User Experience Manager, Kent District Library

Choose from two date options with these experts:

- **Joe Chrysler from Atomic Object will discuss how you can leverage AI in marketing and business development.**
- **Amy Baddley from Varnum LLP will share implications for your intellectual property (creativity and innovation) and contracts.**
- **Jessica Bratt from Casual Simulation will provide a glimpse into where AI is going next and how you can stay ahead of the curve.**
- **A panel discussion will be moderated by Morgan Hanks from Kent District Library.**

Friday, October 4, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM
KDL Service and Meeting Center

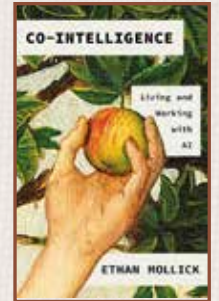
Saturday, October 5, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



AI Insights: Great Reads on Artificial Intelligence



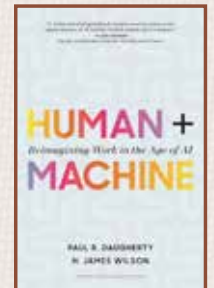
Atlas of AI: Power, Politics and the Planetary Costs of Artificial Intelligence by Kate Crawford



Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI by Ethan Mollick



AI 2041: Ten Visions for Our Future by Kai-Fu Lee and Chen Qiufan



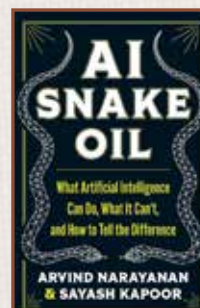
Human + Machine: Reimagining Work in the Age of AI by Paul R. Daugherty and H. James Wilson



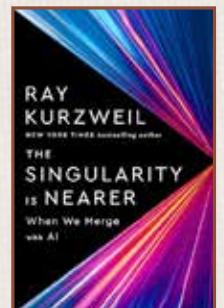
Unmasking AI: My Mission to Protect What Is Human in a World of Machines by Joy Buolamwini



Mastering AI: A Survival Guide to Our Superpowered Future by Jeremy Kahn



AI Snake Oil: What Artificial Intelligence Can Do, What It Can't, and How to Tell the Difference by Arvind Narayanan and Sayash Kapoor



The Singularity Is Nearer: When We Merge with AI by Ray Kurzweil

Cyber Security

Cyber security threats are very real and impact millions daily. Learn common scams, what to watch for and avoid, and how you can stay safe on the internet. Presented by a Microsoft MVP and cyber security professional, this program is accessible to both new and experienced users. *For adults.*

Tuesday, October 22, 6:30 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 PM
Cascade Twp. Branch

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM
Grandville Branch



Andy Syrewicz | Cyber Security Evangelist, Hornetsecurity, and Microsoft MVP

Understanding the Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is here to stay. But what is it and how does it work? What are the risks and benefits? Better understand where we are now with AI and learn where the future of AI is taking us. Presented by Joe Chrysler of Atomic Object. *For adults.*

Thursday, September 5, 6:30 PM
Amy Van Anandel Library (Ada)

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 PM
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Joe Chrysler | Accelerator Manager and Software Consultant, Atomic Object



Ink^{and} Inspiration

A collection of virtual and in-person author discussions

KDL Author Talks are a great way to hear from your favorite authors from the comfort of your own home. These **virtual** events allow authors to talk about their work and respond to thoughtful questions from the Library Speakers Consortium. More talks are always being added to our roster, so be sure to check them out regularly. **Turn to page 35 for additional dates. Check the latest schedule and register at kdl.org/authortalks.**

For adults.

Tuesday, September 10, 2:00 PM, online



Garrett Graff, *New York Times* bestselling author, will discuss his spellbinding oral histories.

Wednesday, September 18, 2:00 PM, online



Nate Klemp, *New York Times* bestselling author, and philosopher will discuss his book *Open* and how to live with an open mind.

Saturday, September 21, 7:00 PM, online



Liane Moriarty will discuss her newest novel, *Here One Moment*.

Virtual author talks are fantastic, but there's a different kind of magic when you're in the same room as an author while they talk about their book. This fall, we have two **in-person** author events taking place, and we're excited for you to join us at them! *For adults.*

An Evening with Shelby Van Pelt
Thursday, September 12, 6:00 PM
Cascade Twp. Branch



Shelby Van Pelt will speak about her work *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Township Library. Registration is required at kdl.org/events.

An Evening with Christina Soontornvat
Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 PM
East Grand Rapids Branch



Children's author Christina Soontornvat, winner of three Newbery Honor awards and author of more than twenty books including *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave*

Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team, will speak about her 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.

**Bridging Political Divides:
EXPLORING THE
RADICAL MIDDLE**

**October 1, 8 and 15 at 6:30 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**

Join us for this free three-part series, brought to you in partnership with the World Affairs Council of West Michigan.

A growing number of citizens are seeking to transcend political divides through solution-focused discourse and evidence-based policies. In this series, learn how the “Radical Middle” creates common ground to foster united, resilient societies. *For adults.*

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 PM

**The Radical Middle(s):
Reconnecting the
Frustrated Majority
and Reviving our
Democratic Republic**

Dr. Doug Koopman, Senior Research Fellow, Professor Emeritus, Calvin University

Nearly 85 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with government and politics today. Drawing on local examples from past and the present, Dr. Koopman suggests strategies to improve trust in and functioning of government and criteria by which to evaluate candidates and campaigns.

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 PM

**Digital Risks to
Democracy:
Countering
Misinformation Online**

Paul M. Barrett, Deputy Director and Senior Research Scholar, Center for Business and Human Rights, New York University's Stern School of Business

Digital risks in elections include amplifying of misinformation by generative artificial intelligence. Social media platforms neglect crucial election integrity protections, even regressing in efforts to safeguard democratic processes. What can we do to combat this misinformation?

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 PM

**Restoring Faith in
Democracy: Election
Integrity and Civic
Resilience**

Tonya Schuitmaker (Republican) and Christine Greig (Democrat), Senior Advisors, Michiganders for Civic Resilience

How might we restore civil discourse, mitigate political violence and assure more accountability from our government and elections? Join this discussion of practical strategies for political engagement in the lead-up to the 2024 U.S. elections and beyond.

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**World Affairs Council
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Honoring Heroes



A Weeklong Series of Service and Programs

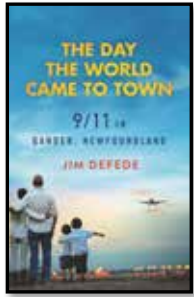
This fall, KDL looks to honor the heroes in our communities, inspired by the heroes who kept communities safe and together after the tragedy of 9/11. As a library staff, we look forward to giving back to our communities both through our work in branches and through our volunteer work with local communities. We also look forward to our patrons joining us at three events honoring the heroes of 9/11, including one book discussion and two movie events.

Honoring Heroes Movie Event

Join us to watch a film focused on community heroes. We'll watch *World Trade Center*. *For adults.*

Monday, September 9, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thursday, September 12, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM – Grandville Branch



Honoring Heroes Book Discussion

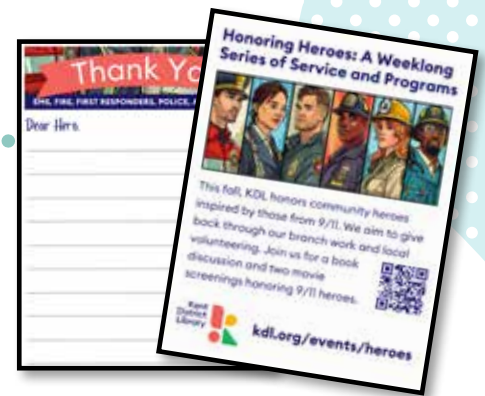
Join us for an informal discussion of great books focused on community heroes. This session, we'll discuss *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. *For adults.*

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Dear Hero Postcards

All KDL branches will have writing stations to create thank you messages for our local heroes. *For all ages.*

September 9 - 13 – All locations



The 442nd Infantry Regiment

The 442nd Infantry Regiment is the most decorated unit in US military history and, during WWII, was almost entirely composed of Japanese-American soldiers. Learn about this regiment and its ties to Grand Rapids from Jennifer Tompkins of the Grand Rapids Asian-Pacific Foundation. *For adults.*

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Thursday, November 14, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



VA Education and Engagement

Have you or a member of your family served in the US military? Do you know about recent changes and upgrades in benefits available to you? Meet with enrollment specialists and service experts for all your service-related questions. *For adults.*

Saturday, October 19, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Saturday, November 9, 2:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Congratulations to this year's recipients!



KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY Literacy Champion

Robin Trocinski

Duncan Lake Early Childhood Center

Kristy McPherson-Leitz

Kenowa Hills Public Schools

Life Change Book Club

The Literacy Champion Award celebrates individuals and organizations that go the extra step to promote literacy in our community.

If you would like to nominate an organization or individual for the 2025 Literacy Champion Award, please visit kdl.org/literacychampion.

KDL Locations

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

ALTO
6071 Linfield Ave. SE
Alto, MI 49302

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

BOOKMOBILE
kdl.org/bookmobile

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

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

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

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

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

ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL)
200 N. Monroe St.
Lowell, MI 49331

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

GRANDVILLE
4055 Maple St. SW
Grandville, MI 49418

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP EXPRESS LIBRARY
12050 Old Belding Rd.
Belding, MI 48809

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

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

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

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

NELSON TOWNSHIP
88 Eighth St.
Sand Lake, MI 49343

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

SPENCER TOWNSHIP
14960 Meddler Ave.
Gowen, MI 49326

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

WALKER
4293 Remembrance Rd. NW
Walker, MI 49534

WYOMING
3350 Michael Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

KDL SERVICE AND MEETING CENTER
814 West River Center Dr. NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321



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Laine Apsey
Assistant Branch Librarian, Wyoming



Lexi Chandler
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Caledonia Twp.
Book Recommendation:
***Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie**

Grace Cole
Assistant Branch Librarian,
East Grand Rapids



Joe Kulpa
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Gaines Twp.
Book Recommendation:
A Dog's Purpose
by W. Bruce Cameron



Kris Lach
Assistant Branch Librarian,
East Grand Rapids
Book Recommendation:
***Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman**



Holland Rietberg-Miller
Assistant Branch Librarian, Wyoming
Book Recommendation:
***Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall
Kimmerer**

Starla Webster
Shelver, Krause Memorial (Rockford)

Summer WONDER



Summer Wonder Success!

Over 20,000 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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There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sales this fall.

Visit kdl.org/booksales for dates and times.

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ALL AGES

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. 3, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Oct. 1, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Nov. 5, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Fall Fest

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

Sat., Sept. 14, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., Sept. 14, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 21, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., Sept. 24, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 27, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Sat., Oct. 5, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 12, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., Oct. 14, 6:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Oct. 18, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 19, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 24, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., Oct. 29, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 19, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., Nov. 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Family Craft Time

Bring the whole family for arts and crafts for all ages. We will be painting mini figurines.

Sat., Nov. 16, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Family Movie Night

Enjoy a movie with your family and friends. The library will post the movie title in the branch.

Thu., Nov. 7, 6:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Fresh Air Fitness

Elevate your well-being through the benefits of nature, sound and movement. Enjoy fresh air and the energy of the park as you engage in dynamic movements designed to refresh both body and mind in a vibrant community atmosphere. *Today's fitness focus will be Cardio Drumming.*

Mon., Oct. 14, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sales. For the most current information on used book sales visit our website at: kdl.org/booksales.



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 in the branch. *All movies will be rated G or PG.*

Fri., Sept. 13, 12:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 28, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 11, 12:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 26, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 31, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Fri., Nov. 1, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Nov. 23, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., Nov. 29, 1:00 PM – Grandville 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; first come, first served.*

Wed., Sept. 11, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Oct. 9, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Nov. 13, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Walker Pumpkin Bash

Join us around the Walker City Hall campus. Free mini pumpkins for the first 1,250 kids under 12 (while supplies last), donuts, cider, a petting zoo, a pumpkin decorating station, trick or treating, photos in a Walker police car and fire truck and more! Costumes encouraged! *Presented by the City of Walker, Walker Ice & Fitness Center and Kent District Library Walker Branch.*

Sat., Oct. 5, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Walker Branch



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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Eerie Excitement at the Library

Creep into your library and enjoy some not-so-scary games, crafts and activities.



Sat., Oct. 26, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Oct. 26, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 26, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Oct. 29, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Mama Bear and Baby Cubs Support Groups

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 small children.



East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., Sept. 11, 9:30 AM
Wed., Oct. 9, 9:30 AM
Wed., Nov. 13, 9:30 AM

Grandville Branch

Mon., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 16, 10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 30, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 14, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM
Mon., Nov. 4, 10:00 AM
Mon., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM
Mon., Nov. 25, 10:00 AM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 10, 11:00 AM
Tue., Sept. 17, 11:00 AM
Tue., Sept. 24, 11:00 AM
Tue., Oct. 1, 11:00 AM
Tue., Oct. 8, 11:00 AM
Tue., Oct. 15, 11:00 AM
Tue., Oct. 22, 11:00 AM
Tue., Oct. 29, 11:00 AM
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Tue., Nov. 19, 11:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., Sept. 5, 10:30 AM
Thu., Sept. 12, 10:30 AM
Thu., Sept. 19, 10:30 AM
Thu., Sept. 26, 10:30 AM
Thu., Oct. 3, 10:30 AM
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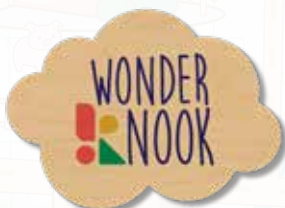
Music Makers

Come and learn about making music with instruments through songs, activities and rhymes.



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

Play inside this fall!
Inside a covered bridge,
or a tree house, or a barn,
or a trading post, or a sawmill,
or a mechanic's shop, or...



For locations and other information, visit kdl.org/wonderknook.

Storytimes

	MON					TUES					WED					THURS			FRI				
	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:30	1:00	6:30	9:30	10:00	10:30	1:00	6:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	1:00	6:30	10:00	11:00	6:00	10:00	10:30	
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WYOMING			●			●			●					●									●

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



Most storytimes begin the week of September 2 and end the week of November 18. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to scheduled branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

A Very Eric Carle Storytime

Celebrate Eric Carle’s many beloved books, such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Quiet Cricket*, through stories, rhymes, crafts and more.

- Wed., Sept. 4, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM – Walker Branch
- Fri., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Fri., Sept. 20, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., Sept. 25, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Thu., Sept. 26, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Thu., Oct. 3, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., Oct. 8, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Thu., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Thu., Oct. 17, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch



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- Tue., Oct. 22, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
- Tue., Oct. 22, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
- Thu., Nov. 7, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Nov. 13, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Wed., Nov. 13, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Tue., Nov. 19, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

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Loose Parts Play

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

Tue., Sept. 3, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Sept. 6, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Sept. 6, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 13, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 20, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 27, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 1, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Oct. 4, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 11, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 18, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 25, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 12, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Nov. 15, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Meet Your Community Helpers

Meet community helpers – like a snowplow driver, a firefighter or a mail carrier – and learn more about what they do. Enjoy a story and fun activities with our special guest! To learn who the helper is for this event, please ask branch staff.

Tue., Oct. 8, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 10, 10:00 AM – Walker Branch
Fri., Oct. 11, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Not-So-Scary Storytime

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

Thu., Oct. 24, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Mon., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 28, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Tue., Oct. 29, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 11:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Stuffed Toy Sleepover

Bring your plush friend to Storytime and leave it for a sleepover. Pick up your special friend the next day to see what fun it had while the library was closed.



Thu., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



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.

Mon., Sept. 9, 6:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 24, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Sept. 30, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
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Sat., Nov. 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., Nov. 26, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 26, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

Art Attack!

Exercise your creativity! Create a variety of art projects to take home with you.

Sat., Sept. 7, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Book Explorers

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

Sat., Sept. 7, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 25, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Oct. 5, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Nov. 2, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Craft & Create for Kids

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

Wed., Sept. 4, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 23, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Nov. 20, 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 regularly, so there are always new opportunities to learn and explore together!

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 3, 1:00 PM
Tue., Sept. 10, 1:00 PM
Tue., Sept. 17, 1:00 PM
Tue., Oct. 1, 1:00 PM
Tue., Oct. 8, 1:00 PM
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Cascade Twp. Branch

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Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

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Spencer Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM
Mon., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM
Mon., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM



KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop for School Age!

Try a variety of traditional and table-top games or bring your own!

Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On Console for School Age!

Pick up a controller and compete or casually play on classic or modern video game consoles. All skill levels welcome. All equipment provided.

Wed., Nov. 27, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch



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

Mon., Sept. 9, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 10, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Sept. 17, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Sept. 23, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 24, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Oct. 7, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 8, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Oct. 15, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Oct. 22, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Oct. 28, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 29, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Nov. 11, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 19, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Nov. 26, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: A STEAM Sports Spectacular

Join us for a blend of STEAM exploration and sports-themed excitement. Creativity meets competition as you explore hands-on challenges inspired by the world of sports.

Thu., Sept. 5, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Nov. 6, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Nov. 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch





KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

Have your own architecture adventure and build the tallest tower or coolest castle with all sorts of different materials. The only limit is your imagination.

Thu., Sept. 5, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Sept. 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 3, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., Oct. 5, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 12, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 14, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 21, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 7, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Thu., Nov. 14, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., Nov. 30, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

See how science and creativity go hand in hand as you let your artistic vision flow.

Thu., Sept. 5, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Sept. 19, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Sept. 26, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 10, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 17, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 24, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 14, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 21, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Dog Man's STEAM Adventures

Unleash the creative world of Dog Man with paws-on activities straight from your favorite Dog Man books.

Wed., Sept. 18, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Fri., Oct. 11, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 14, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch
 Fri., Nov. 22, 12:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

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!

Thu., Sept. 19, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Oct. 16, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Knights of the Lab Table

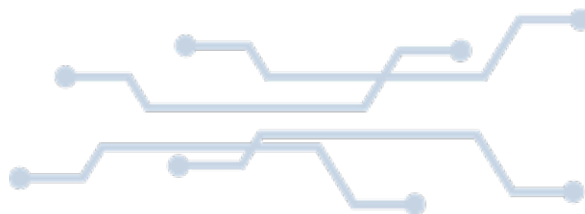
Hear ye, hear ye! Join us as we journey to the Middle Ages and explore the wonders to be found. Don your armor and prepare!

Wed., Sept. 18, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., Oct. 17, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., Nov. 2, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Nov. 7, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park 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!

Tue., Sept. 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Sat., Oct. 12, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Nov. 4, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. 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!

Mon., Sept. 30, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 3, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Mon., Nov. 18, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Sat., Nov. 23, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Wilderness Explorers

Do you feel out of your element while braving the elements? Wilderness Explorers is just the program for you! Complete our non-strenuous training regimen, and you'll feel a new appreciation for the great outdoors. Happy exploring!

Mon., Sept. 9, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 25, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., Oct. 14, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., Oct. 31, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



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SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

Language Explorers

Explore language through children's literature and do an activity inspired by the book.

Wed., Sept. 11, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Nov. 13, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Mini Brick Derby

Build your dream race car out of LEGO® bricks and see if it has what it takes to win! *Sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.*

Tue., Sept. 3, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Oct. 1, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Nov. 12, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids 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.

Alto Branch

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00 AM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Sept. 9, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 16, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 23, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 30, 4:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 7, 4:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 14, 4:30 PM
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Mon., Oct. 28, 4:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 4, 4:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 18, 4:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 25, 4:30 PM

Nelson Twp. Branch

Sat., Sept. 7, 10:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

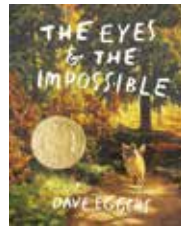
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Thu., Oct. 10, 3:30 PM
Thu., Nov. 7, 3:30 PM



Pizza, Pages and Party Games Book Club

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Sept. 18,
The Eyes & the Impossible
by Dave Eggers



Oct. 16,
Coraline
by Neil Gaiman



Nov. 20,
Yummy
by Victoria Grace Elliott

Pocket Monster Club

Bring your Pokémon® cards to trade or battle with friends. A few decks will be provided for players to learn how to play.

Wed., Sept. 4, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 21, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 2, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 19, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 16, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Robot Rally

Beep, boop, beep! It's a robot party! Join us for crafts and activities that are sure to whirl your gears and spark your sense of creativity and adventure.

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 21, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 23, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 26, 3:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Oct. 9, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Oct. 9, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Oct. 10, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., Oct. 12, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Sat., Oct. 19, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., Oct. 22, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Nov. 15, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Nov. 16, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., Nov. 18, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Nov. 29, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

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Whodunit Mystery Play

There's been a crime, and it's up to you and your fellow acting sleuths to solve it. Register at the library for a character, put together a costume if you would like and then meet at the library to read the script with other sleuths. Figure out which of you committed the crime as you read! *Participants must have a 3rd grade reading level in order to comfortably participate in this program. Registration required. Upon registration, visit the library to choose your character so you can prepare for the event. This program requires at least six actors to participate for it to be a success; if at the start time there are not enough participants, the library will offer an alternative school-age program. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Sat., Oct. 19, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch



TEENS (AGES 11-17)

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!

Wed., Sept. 11 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 25, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 9, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 23, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 6, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 20, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On RPG for Teens!

Explore RPG systems with other adventurers! You might 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.

Wed., Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 16, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Oct. 9, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 21, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 18, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Gaming | Introduction to Game Building

Dive into the world of Unreal Engine with our comprehensive program designed to help you get started and unleash your creativity!

Wed., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center
 Wed., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Reeds Lake Rogues

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons with us! Character sheets will be provided. If possible, please bring a notebook and pencil. *Sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.*

Wed., Sept. 25, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Oct. 30, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Nov. 20, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



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.

Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 18, 3:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 16, 3:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 20, 3:30 PM

Comstock Park Branch

Tue., Oct. 1, 6:00 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

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Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

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Sat., Nov. 30, 3:00 PM

Gaines Twp. Branch

Fri., Oct. 11, 3:30 PM
Mon., Nov. 11, 3:30 PM

Grandville Branch

Thu., Sept. 5, 3:30 PM
Thu., Sept. 19, 3:30 PM
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Kelloggsville Branch

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Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., Sept. 11, 1:30 PM
Wed., Sept. 25, 1:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 9, 1:30 PM
Wed., Oct. 23, 1:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 13, 1:30 PM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM
Thu., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM
Thu., Nov. 21, 6:30 PM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM
Thu., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch

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Tyrone Twp. Branch Cont.

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Wyoming Branch

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Wed., Nov. 6, 3:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 13, 3:00 PM
Wed., Nov. 20, 3:00 PM



Teen Zones last 1 - 2 hours. For specific durations and the most current schedule – including any additions to this schedule or unexpected cancellations – visit kdl.org/teenzones.

TEENS (AGES 11-17)

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.

Thu., Sept. 19, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Oct. 17, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Nov. 21, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen Zone | D&D

Join a group of adventurers on a Dungeons and Dragons quest! New and experienced players are welcome.

Thu., Sept. 12, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 10, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 14, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

For Teens and Adults



KDL Gaming | Game on PC!

Come hang out, challenge your friends, solo game and use our state-of-the-art gaming computers. Available games include Fortnite, Rocket League, League of Legends and more!

Thu., Oct. 10, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Oct. 10, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center
Thu., Nov. 21, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Nov. 21, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Author Talks, Online

All online author talks are one hour, unless noted otherwise, and new author talks are being added regularly. **Check the latest schedule and register online at kdl.org/authortalks.**



Garrett Graff

Tues., Sept. 10, 2:00 PM – Online

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Garrett Graff as he discusses his spellbinding oral histories.



Dr. Rachel A. Page, Dr. Dina K. N. Dechmann and Dr. M. Teague O'Mara

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2:00 PM – Online

Join Smithsonian-affiliated scientists Dr. Rachel A. Page, Dr. Dina K. N. Dechmann and Dr. M. Teague O'Mara as they discuss their work with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute that led to the book *Bat Island*.



Nate Klemp

Wed., Sept. 18, 2:00 PM – Online

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author and philosopher Nate Klemp as he discusses his book *Open* and considers with us how to live with an open mind.



Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 PM – Online

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author Silvia Moreno-Garcia as she discusses her most recent novel, *The Seventh Veil of Salome*.



Liane Moriarty

Sat., Sept. 21, 7:00 PM – Online

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with bestselling author Liane Moriarty as she discusses her newest novel, *Here One Moment*.



Lori Gottlieb

Tues., Oct. 22, 2:00 PM – Online

Enjoy an engaging online conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Lori Gottlieb as she explores the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and how those connect with her book, *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*.

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

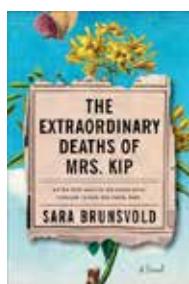
Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

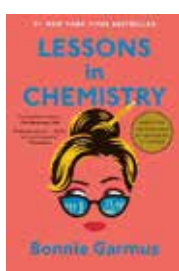
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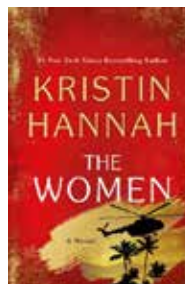
Sept. 4,
All That She Carried
by Tiya Miles



Oct. 2,
The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip
by Sara Brunsvold



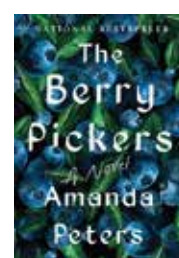
Nov. 6,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



Sept. 25,
The Women by Kristin Hannah



Oct. 30,
We Are Not Like Them by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza

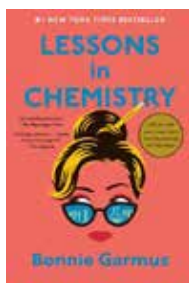


Nov. 27,
The Berry Pickers
by Amanda Peters

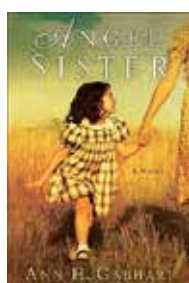
Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

Thursdays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 19,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



Oct. 17,
Angel Sister by Ann H. Gabhart



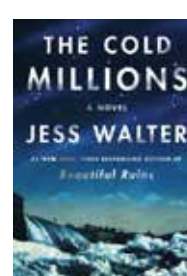
Nov. 21,
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood



Sept. 23,
Maame by Jessica George



Oct. 28,
Save Me the Plums
by Ruth Reichl



Nov. 25,
The Cold Millions
by Jess Walter

Byron Twp. Branch

Byron Twp. Book Discussion

Mondays at 6:30 PM



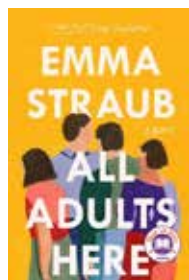
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Caledonia Twp. Branch Novel Characters Book Club

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 4,
*Remarkably
Bright Creatures*
by Shelby Van Pelt



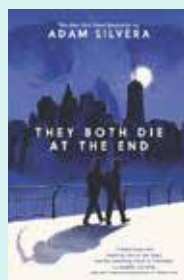
Oct. 2,
All Adults Here
by Emma Straub



Nov. 6,
*Leave the
World Behind*
by Rumaan Alam

Comstock Park Branch Never Too Old Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 10,
*They Both Die
at the End*
by Adam Silvera



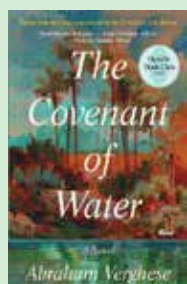
Oct. 8,
Together We Rot
by Skyla Arndt



Nov. 12,
*As Long as the
Lemon Trees Grow*
by Zoulfa Katouh

Cascade Twp. Branch Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library Book Club

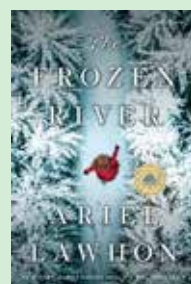
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 18,
*The Covenant of
Water*
by Abraham Verghese



Oct. 23,
Table for Two
by Amor Towles



Nov. 20,
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon

Lit Wits Book Discussion

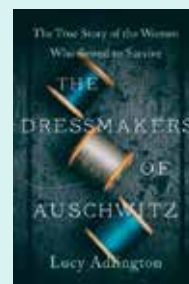
Thursdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 26,
*The Book of Two
Ways* by Jodi
Picoult



Oct. 24,
*The Lost
Apothecary* by
Sarah Penner



Nov. 21,
*The Dressmakers
of Auschwitz* by
Lucy Adlington

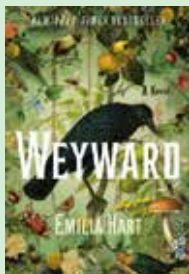
Better Off Read Book Club

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Held in the board room at the Mary Free Bed YMCA,
5500 Burton St. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546



Sept. 16,
*Demon
Copperhead* by
Barbara Kingsolver



Oct. 21,
Weyward
by Emilia Hart



Nov. 18,
The Women
by Kristin Hannah

East Grand Rapids Branch Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 9,
The Guest Book
by Sarah Blake



Oct. 14,
Banyan Moon
by Thao Thai

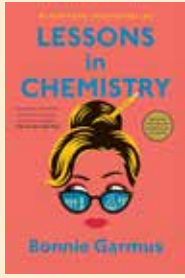


Nov. 11,
The All-American
by Susie
Finkbeiner

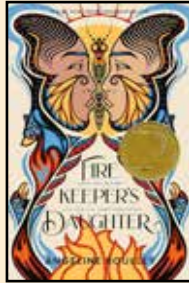
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Englehardt (Lowell) Branch Night Owls Book Club

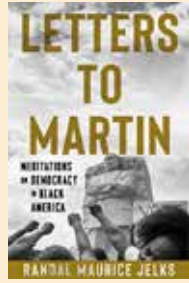
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 4,
Lessons in Chemistry by
Bonnie Garmus



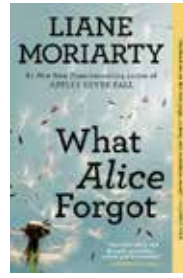
Oct. 2,
Firekeeper's Daughter by
Angeline Boulley



Nov. 6,
Letters to Martin
by Randal
Maurice Jelks

Grandville Branch Maple St. Book Club

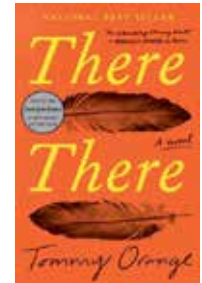
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 11,
What Alice Forgot
by Liane Moriarty



Oct. 9,
The Island of Sea Women
by Lisa See



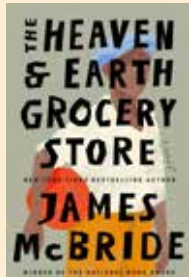
Nov. 13,
There There
by Tommy Orange

Bookworms Book Club

Tuesdays at 12:00 PM



Sept. 10,
Yellowface
by R. F. Kuang



Oct. 8,
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
by James McBride



Nov. 12,
Happiness Falls
by Angie Kim

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch Hearts and Pages Book Club

Mondays at 6:00 PM



Sept. 9,
Love and Ruin by
Paula McLain



Oct. 14,
Happy Place by
Emily Henry



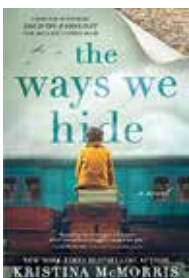
Nov. 11,
One True Loves
by Taylor
Jenkins Reid

Gaines Twp. Branch Common Reader Book Club

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 17,
The Exiles by
Christina Baker
Kline



Oct. 15,
The Ways We Hide by Kristina
McMorris



Nov. 19,
Book Lovers
by Emily Henry

Say No to the Single Story: A Book Discussion for Our Global Community

Saturday, Oct 26, 10:00 AM



Nightbloom by Peace Adzo Medie

Reading, learning and listening is one of the best ways we can support each other in times of need and understand the complexity of other people's countries, cultures and experiences. Engage in discussion that honors the refugee experience.

This book discussion is presented in partnership with Treetops Collective.

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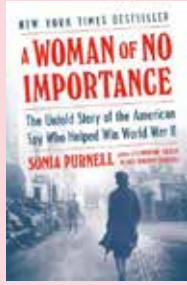
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Evening Book Club

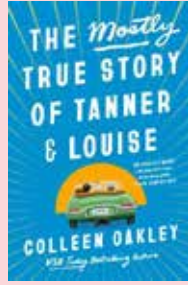
Mondays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 9,
The Hush
by Sara Foster



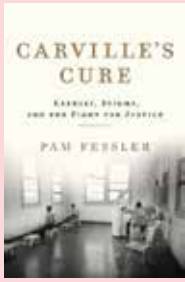
Oct. 14,
A Woman of No Importance
by Sonia Purnell



Nov. 4,
The Mostly True Story of Tanner & Louise
by Colleen Oakley

Krause Afternoon Book Club

Fridays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 20,
Carville's Cure
by Pam Fessler



Oct. 18,
Elatsoe
by Darcie Little Badger

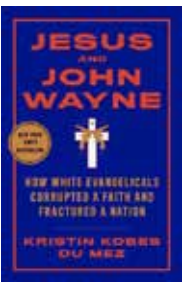


Nov. 15,
Agatha of Little Neon
by Claire Luchette

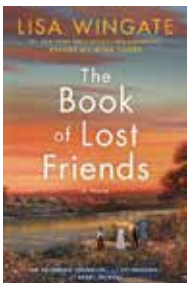
Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 17,
Jesus and John Wayne
by Kristin Kobes Du Mez



Oct. 15,
The Book of Lost Friends
by Lisa Wingate

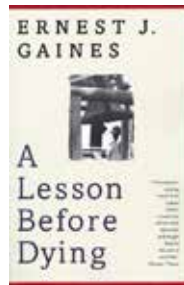


Nov. 19,
The Guest Book
by Sarah Blake

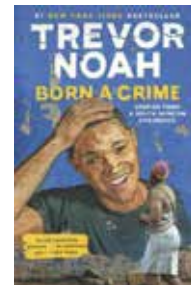
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Book Discussion

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 12,
A Lesson Before Dying
by Ernest J. Gaines



Oct. 10,
Born a Crime
by Trevor Noah



Nov. 14,
The Power and the Glory
by Graham Greene

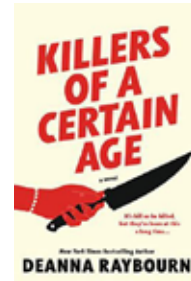
Walker Branch

Walker Book Discussion

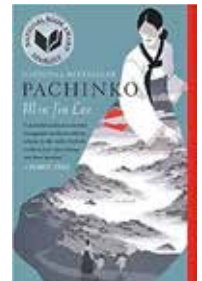
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



Sept. 10,
I'm Glad My Mom Died
by Jennette McCurdy



Oct. 8,
Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn

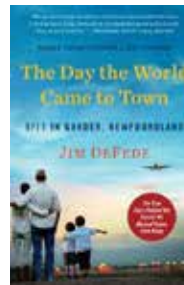


Nov. 12,
Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee

Wyoming Branch

The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



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



Nov. 12,
Nine Perfect Strangers
by Liane Moriarty

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

AARP Learn a Latte: Better Understand Your Medications

Discover hidden secrets about medications and surprising information you never thought to ask about that pharmacists might not have shared. Learn how to avoid drug interactions and side effects, and tips to save money on your prescription medications.

Wed., Nov. 20, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)



An Evening with Christina Soontornvat

Children's author Christina Soontornvat, winner of three Newbery Honor awards, and author of more than twenty books including *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*, will speak about her 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.*

Wed., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



An Evening with Shelby Van Pelt

Shelby Van Pelt will speak about her work *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Township Library. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Thu., Sept. 12, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Awesome Adults

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

Tue., Sept. 3, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Sept. 10, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 10, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 16, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Sept. 17, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 19, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 20, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Sept. 24, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 1, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 1, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Oct. 8, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 8, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 15, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 17, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 18, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., Oct. 21, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Oct. 22, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 5, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Nov. 12, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 12, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 14, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., Nov. 15, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., Nov. 18, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Nov. 19, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Backyard Birding

Vickie Finkler, a Howard Christensen Nature Center interpretive teacher, will teach you the basics of backyard birding, including how to create a bird-friendly habitat, the types of birds you may attract, bird feed choices and types of bird feeders.

Tue., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 18, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch



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Beaded Bookmarks

Let your creative juices flow! Learn how to make beaded bookmarks or other beaded creations. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Wed., Sept. 18, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
 Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Tue., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Become a Dementia Friend

Dementia Friends is a global movement to help communities support those with dementia. Become a Dementia Friend in one session where you will learn how to recognize the signs of dementia, how to effectively communicate with people living with the disease and simple actions you can take to make your community more supportive.

Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Beeswax Wrap Workshop

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you will learn how to make your own eco-friendly, reusable alternative to plastic wrap. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Thu., Oct. 17, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Bingo Hour

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

Tue., Sept. 10, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Sept. 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Sept. 11, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 16, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Sept. 17, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Sept. 19, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 8, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Oct. 8, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Oct. 9, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 15, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Oct. 17, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 21, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Nov. 12, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Nov. 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 18, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Nov. 19, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Nov. 21, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Free Passes to Area Attractions

Kent District Library has partnered with area attractions to provide our patrons with access to complimentary guest passes to area museums and botanical gardens.

KDL patrons ages 18 and above can use their library card to reserve free passes to attractions and experiences around the county. Cardholders can reserve passes online, print their passes at any branch and visit their attraction on the date they reserved.



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ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Bridging Political Divides:
EXPLORING THE

RADICAL MIDDLE

As our world faces rising political extremism, some citizens have focused on transcending left-right political divides. They advocate for evidence-based policies and solution-focused political discourse that seeks common ground. Through this lens of the "Radical Middle," we can understand the current challenges facing our community and world, paving the way for more united and resilient societies.

The Radical Middle(s): Reconnecting the Frustrated Majority and Reviving Our Democratic Republic

Hear from Dr. Doug Koopman, senior research fellow and Calvin University professor emeritus, as he presents and analyzes the variety within the nearly 85% of Americans who are dissatisfied with government and politics today. Drawing on local examples from past and present, he will suggest strategies to improve trust in and functioning of government and criteria by which to evaluate candidates and campaigns.

Tue., Oct. 1, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Digital Risks to Democracy: Countering Misinformation Online

Consider the digital risks confronting U.S. elections in 2024 with Paul M. Barrett, deputy director and senior research scholar at the Center for Business and Human Rights at New York University's Stern School of Business. While generative artificial intelligence can facilitate the spread of misinformation, the main risk is social media, as platforms fail to take steps to protect election integrity.

Tue., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Restoring Faith in Democracy: Election Integrity and Civic Resilience

In this time of extreme political polarization, how might we restore civil discourse, mitigate political violence and assure more accountability from our government and elections? Join the Michiganders for Civic Resilience with Republican Tonya Schuitmaker and Democrat Christine Greig as they discuss practical strategies for political engagement in the lead-up to the 2024 U.S. elections and beyond.

Tue., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



World Affairs Council
OF WESTERN MICHIGAN



Classic Movies of the Silver Screen

Join other classic movie lovers to watch films from the golden age of the silver screen. Refreshments provided. The library will post the movie titles in the branch.

Fri., Sept. 6, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Sept. 12, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., Oct. 11, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Oct. 31, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., Nov. 15, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Nov. 19, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Climate Refugees

Join Rev. Dan Beirne, director for mobilization and faith relations at Global Refuge, to discuss how our changing climate is affecting people around the globe and impacting the displacement of refugees. Learn how our communities in Michigan can prepare and respond with the resources we have. Brought to you by the Rockford Sustainability Commission.

Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Composting for Beginners

Curious about composting? Building nutrient-rich soil with organic waste from your home is easier than you might have thought. Explore how to compost at home or through a vendor to learn which is best for you.

Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 7, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Tue., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



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Craft & Create

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

Wed., Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Sept. 12, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Mon., Sept. 30, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 2, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Oct. 9, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Oct. 10, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Oct. 22, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Thu., Oct. 24, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Nov. 6, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Nov. 7, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 21, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Nov. 26, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Cyber Security

Cyber security threats are very real and impact millions daily. Learn common scams, what to watch for and avoid, and how you can stay safe on the internet. Presented by a Microsoft MVP and cyber security professional, this program is accessible to both new and experienced users.

Tue., Oct. 22, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Dark Corners of Michigan History: Historic Prisons and Jails

Visit some of Michigan's creepiest locations in this photographic expedition of historic prisons and county jails. Take a trip back in time and venture inside the old Detroit House of Corrections, the State Penitentiary at Jackson and several county jails. Learn about late-19th century prison life and the infamous residents whose crimes led them to populate these locations.

Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Nov. 21, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Disability Awareness Expo

Celebrate disability awareness and learn about opportunities available to people with disabilities and their families at this drop-in event featuring vendor tables from community agencies, refreshments, door prizes/giveaways and a visit from author Katie Herrygers. Sponsored by the Robert Nelson Foundation.

Sat., Oct. 12, 9:30 AM – Grandville Branch

Early Childhood Essentials | How Children Develop

Knowing about child development gives caregivers the skills to best nurture children and identify potential developmental delays. In this workshop participants will explore active learning, child developmental domains, characteristics of typical development and resources to support overcoming developmental delays. This workshop will also explore techniques for observing children and the unique characteristics of multi-age care settings. **Register online at kdl.org/events.** Those not seeking professional development may attend without registering.

Tue., Oct. 15, 6:00 PM – Online
 Thu., Oct. 24, 6:00 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Learning to Talk

One of the most important milestones for young children is the development of speech and language. Parents and care providers can support the development of these language skills through meaningful interactions and engagement with children. This workshop will help participants learn about communication behaviors and how to recognize communication milestones, explore ways to facilitate the development of speech and language skills, and discuss speech-language development concerns. **Register online at kdl.org/events.** Those not seeking professional development may attend without registering.

Tue., Sept. 17, 6:00 PM – Online
 Thu., Oct. 3, 6:00 PM – Online



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

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Felt Succulents

Indulge your green thumb without the hassle of watering and sunlight. Create realistic faux succulents that are perfect if you're seeking a touch of nature in your home or office. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Wed., Sept. 4, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 23, 1:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 2, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Frost & Ice: Texture in Your Winter Garden

Join us as we learn how to create interest with texture and color while designing your garden for winter. Find the beauty in the frost and ice of our Michigan winters by learning how to keep your garden interesting and relevant during this fourth season. *Brought to you by the Rockford Garden Club.*

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

Green Burials

No one likes to talk about dying, but it's something we need to discuss to prepare for our own deaths. Traditional burials are not sustainable, so come learn some other ways to tread lightly on the earth, even after you're gone. Presenter Peter Quakenbush is on a mission to start a West Michigan Burial Forest and will introduce this and other green burial options.

Tue., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Growing Green: Healthy Lawns, Healthy Community

Are you interested in natural lawns and native gardens in our neighborhoods? Join Growing Green Grand Rapids and learn how to go chemical-free.

Tue., Sept. 3, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



Honoring Heroes Movie Event

Join us to watch a film focused on community heroes. This session, we'll watch *World Trade Center*. *This program is presented as part of our Honoring Heroes Week, in acknowledgment of the loss caused by 9/11 and the heroes past and present who help safeguard our communities.*

Mon., Sept. 9, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 12, 5:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Hora de Intercambio / Spanish Conversation Hour

Come and meet Spanish language learners to connect and practice with others in this librarian-facilitated discussion. Open to all Spanish fluency levels.

Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., Oct. 30, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., Nov. 27, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

I Love the '80s to Death Murder Mystery Party

It's the '80s again, and all the big names are here for a big concert. Tensions run rampant as backstage secrets spill into the spotlight with tragic, murderous results. Work together to wade through the suspects and solve the crime by the end of the night. *'80s-themed outfits are encouraged but not required. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Registration required at kdl.org/events.*

Thu., Oct. 3, 5:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Gaming | Game on PC!

Come hang out, challenge your friends, solo game and use our state-of-the-art gaming computers. Available games include Fortnite, Rocket League, League of Legends and more!

Thu., Oct. 10, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Oct. 10, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Thu., Nov. 21, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Nov. 21, 4:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Learn to Quilt

Have you ever wanted to quilt but weren't sure where to start? Learn the basics of quilting – including sewing basics, picking fabric and batting, piecing and binding – in this six-week program and create your own 12' by 12' table-topper family heirloom. **Registration is required at kdl.org/events for all six programs; verify you can attend all programs before registering. Some sewing machines will be available to borrow. If you own a machine, please bring it to each program.**

Thu., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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

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

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

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

Thu., Oct. 31, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mocktail Mixology

Alcohol-free cocktails can be just as delicious as regular cocktails. Taste for yourself as you learn tips and tricks for making a great mocktail with Ashleigh from InBooze.

Fri., Sept. 20, 7:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Native Plant Seed Saving

Learn about the role of common Michigan wildflowers and grasses in our ecosystem and how you can save seeds responsibly and effectively.

Tue., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Tue., Oct. 22, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Next Nexus Summit: AI for Business

Learn from leaders in the artificial intelligence and machine learning world during this half-day summit. This summit includes engaging sessions, interactive panels and professional networking for entrepreneurs and business leaders to understand and implement AI in their fields immediately. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

Fri., Oct. 4, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30 – 1:30 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.

Thu., Sept. 12, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 12, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 18, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Sept. 26, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 26, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 10, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 10, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 16, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Oct. 24, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 24, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 7, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

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

Wed., Nov. 20, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Nov. 21, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 21, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Our Path to Zero: A Description of the Kent County Integrated Waste Management System

Join representatives from the Kent County Department of Public Works for a fascinating look at how they work to reduce the amount of garbage that winds up in our landfills. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of EGR Library.*

Tue., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Paint & Pop

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

Tue., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Protecting Wildlife Habitat through Effective Invasive Species Control

Learn about priority invasive plant species threatening West Michigan, how to ID them and tips for mitigation. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of EGR Library.*

Tue., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Reference Solutions for Business Success

Learn how to use the U.S. Business and Consumer Modules to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who may be interested in your products or services. Also learn how to identify the ideal geography of potential new customers and learn key contacts, research competitors and more.

Tue., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Thu., Sept. 26, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Seeing Your Garden with a Designer's Eye

Learn the basics of designing a perennial garden, including what style and level of maintenance would be best for you, what blooms when, how to plant for seasonal interest all year, what's easy to grow, and how texture, color and height enhance your design.

Thu., Sept. 5, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Sept. 9, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., Oct. 14, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch



The 442nd Infantry Regiment

The 442nd Infantry Regiment is the most decorated unit in US military history and, during WWII, was almost entirely composed of Japanese-American soldiers. Learn about this regiment and its ties to Grand Rapids from Jennifer Tompkins of the Grand Rapids Asian-Pacific Foundation.

Tue., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Nov. 14, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

The Kennedy Assassination: Was Oswald the Only Assassin?

Delve deeper into the history surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Join Dr. Michael J. Deeb, historian and author, as he presents his research on this topic. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Library in partnership with Rockford Historical Society at the Rockford Community Cabin, 200 N. Monroe, Rockford.*

Wed., Sept. 4, 7:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

The Negro Leagues, the Detroit Stars and Minnie Forbes

From 1956 to 1958, Minnie Forbes owned the Negro League Baseball Team the Detroit Stars. Join George Bayard of the Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives to learn more about the Negro Leagues and their local and national impact and enjoy his conversation with Minnie Forbes about her experiences owning the team.

Tue., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Trivia Night @ KDL

Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games covering general knowledge and pop culture topics with fun audio and visual clues. The game will be played in teams (up to four members) so come with friends or join a team on the spot.

Fri., Sept. 20, 7:45 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Nov. 21, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



True Crime Analysis

Dig beneath the headlines and join us to discuss a historic true crime case from around the world. We'll examine unanswered questions, challenge assumptions and explore the impact of these cases.

Thu., Sept. 19, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Understanding the Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is here to stay. But what is it and how does it work? What are the risks and benefits? Better understand where we are now with AI and learn where the future of AI is taking us.

Thu., Sept. 5, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., Oct. 29, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

VA Education and Engagement

Have you or a member of your family served in the US military? Do you know about recent changes and upgrades in benefits available to you? Meet with enrollment specialists and service experts for all your service-related questions.

Sat., Oct. 19, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., Nov. 9, 2:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

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Wonderful Watercolor

Explore the basics of watercolor painting in this beginner-friendly tutorial. Learn brush techniques, water control and color mixing skills to create a lovely landscape using only three paints.

Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at kdl.org/events.

Tue., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 3, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 10, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Oct. 22, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Nov. 11, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Mon., Nov. 18, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



Write Michigan Days of Learning

Effective Platform Building for Novelists

Building a platform means finding your audience and talking to them. Nonfiction writers can leverage their expertise, but how does a novelist build a platform, especially if they don't have a book published yet? In this writer's chat, industry veteran and bestselling novelist Janyre Tromp will talk through some effective strategies you can employ to build a platform at any point in your career.

Sat., Sept. 21, 11:00 AM – Wyoming Branch

Maximizing Suspense in Fiction

Whether a book promises a page-turning whodunit, a hate-to-love romance, or a well-timed comedic gag, narrative suspense is a key element of meeting the reader's needs. Learn from speculative fiction writer Joel Armstrong how to define narrative suspense, identify different types and maximize tension through characterization, pacing and story structure.

Sat., Sept. 21, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

What Does It Mean to Write Michigan?

When we are attempting to describe or evoke memories of a certain place, learning to write with the senses – sight, sound, taste, smell and touch – helps writers of all forms create a strong sense of place. Learn from author Maryann Lesert as she offers examples of place-based writing and guides attendees through "writing with the senses" exercises.

Sat., Sept. 21, 2:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Write Michigan Reviewer Prep Time

Discover what it takes to be involved as a Write Michigan Short Story Contest reviewer. Learn from Write Michigan team members as they discuss rubrics, explain Submittable and VolunteerHub, and consider what qualifies as a top submission.

Thu., Oct. 24, 1:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

Publishing Short Fiction

Hear from Caitlin Horrocks, fiction writer and literary magazine editor, about the nuts and bolts of submitting stories to magazines, anthologies or contests and practice reading short fiction through an editor's or judge's eyes. What is within the writer's control and what isn't? What can writers do to get themselves as close to "yes" as possible?

Sat., Oct. 12, 2:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Immersive World Building: How to Craft a Real or Imaginary Setting that Sells

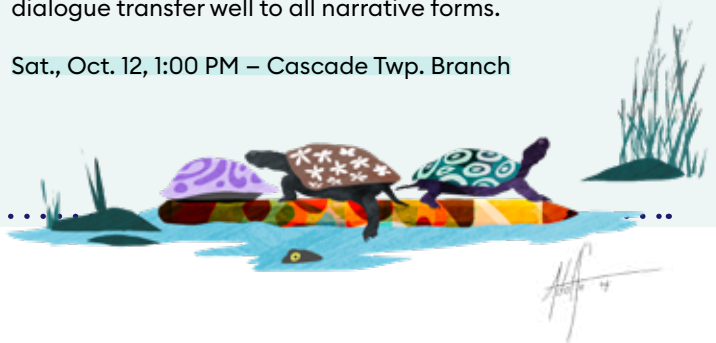
The best plot set with the best characters will fall short if placed in a boring white box, or worse, a chaotic, meaningless plane. Whether writing historical, speculative or contemporary fiction, the setting brings depth, emotion and meaning to your story. Journey with bestselling historical novelist and award-winning editor Janyre Tromp to discover the hows and whys behind a setting that sells.

Sat., Oct. 12, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Writing Theatrical Dialogue

Learn the nuts and bolts of writing dialogue from author and playwright Susie Finkbeiner in this interactive, fun workshop. Writers of all genres are welcome, as the fundamentals of dialogue transfer well to all narrative forms.

Sat., Oct. 12, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



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