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Fall 2025

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Welcome to Fall

This fall, I'm thrilled to share an exciting opportunity for writers of all ages – the **Write Michigan Short Story Contest** is back! Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or just beginning to develop your creative voice, this is your chance to be heard.

Writing stories helps us make sense of the world, preserve our experiences and imagine new possibilities. Telling stories sparks empathy, invites connection and gives voice to ideas that matter. Through storytelling, we learn about others – and often, about ourselves.

At KDL, we believe in the power of words and the strength of our community's imagination. That's why we're proud to offer this contest and encourage everyone to participate.

Submissions are open September 1–November 15, so sharpen your pencils – or dust off your keyboards – and let your creativity take flight. We can't wait to read what you write!



Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink.

Lance Werner
Executive Director



Submit your Write Michigan story at [writemichigan.org](https://www.writemichigan.org). Entries are accepted through Nov. 15.

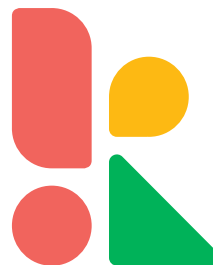


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About the cover:

Allow us to shine a light on the amazing artwork of Michigan's own Adolfo Valle (adolfovallestudios.com). This is the fifth consecutive year we've worked with Adolfo to bring our Write Michigan program to life. Thank you, Adolfo!



KDL Updates

Turning Pages, Planting Trees

This past summer, KDL partnered with Kent County Parks for *Read for the Trees*, a special edition of our All-Star Reader Challenge. Every person who completed the challenge by reading for an extra 15 days is helping, through their reading, to plant a tree in Kent County. Thanks to our readers, over 5,000 people completed the All-Star Reader Challenge, and 50 new trees will be planted this fall! Want to lend a hand with the tree planting? Visit the Kent County Parks website to learn how you can get involved.

kentcountymi.gov/1423/Parks



Lend a Paw This Fall

This September KDL is partnering with Fig and Friends Pet Rescue to help animals find loving homes. Drop by any branch to donate pet supplies, food or treats, and show some love to our furry friends. Every donation makes a difference for cats and dogs waiting for their forever families.

The Teen Photo Challenge Is BACK!

Calling all teen photographers! The KDL Teen Photo Challenge kicks off October 1. Submit your best shots in three categories for a chance to win a Meijer gift card. Whether you're snapping with a camera or a smartphone, we can't wait to see your creativity behind the lens. Check out page 22 or visit kdl.org/teenphoto to learn more.



2024 Judge's Choice Winner
"Toast Eruption, Breakfast
Explosion" by Mary Oak



Interior rendering of new Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch Library Hub – subject to change

Cascade, Walker & Rockford Project Updates

Renovations and expansions are underway at several KDL locations. The Cascade Twp. Branch celebrated its grand reopening in July, featuring a new youth program room, a family restroom and a nursing room, as well as updated carpet, lighting and furniture throughout the space. At the Walker Branch, construction is in full swing. This expansion will nearly triple the library's size and will include a multipurpose room for up to 250 people, an esports lab and more by fall 2026. Behind the scenes, our Krause Memorial Branch in Rockford is gearing up for its own expansion, which will double its size and add study rooms and a drive-up book return, with completion expected in late 2026.



New lobby area and "Living Room" at Cascade Twp. Branch



Exterior renderings of new Walker Branch – subject to change



New Youth Section at Cascade Twp. Branch

Staff Picks.



Every Monday Mabel

by Jashar Awan

Any caregiver whose child's week revolves around the thrill of garbage day will laugh and cheer with Mabel!

Liz | Amy Van Andel Library



Gilead

by Marilynne Robinson

This book is like a balm for the soul. An elderly father writes to his son in the most tenderly loving way, pondering his family history, community, friends and spiritual calling, wishing to impart wisdom and comfort after he is departed. His words are rich and contemplative and evoke the incandescent magnificence of life and love itself.

Amber | Grandville Branch



The Garden

by Nick Newman

Two elderly sisters are secluded in a walled garden, completely shut out from the world. One day a boy shows up and turns their secluded world upside down. I enjoyed this book because it reminded me of an old Grimm's fairy tale. The present and past of the sisters' lives are beautiful yet terrifying.

Rachel | Plainfield Twp. Branch



The Spellshop

by Sarah Beth Durst

Fleeing rebellion fires in the capital city, Librarian Kiela sails to her childhood home to regroup and decide what to do with the spell books she ... rescued? Liberated? Stole? *The Spellshop* is a lovely, cozy fantasy filled with books, magic, jam and found family (including a sentient spider plant).

Erica | Tyrone Twp. Branch



The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo

by Drew Weing

I picked up this book a few weeks ago and have not been able to stop thinking about it. It is a completely charming story of overcoming fear, friendship and finding the magic in the everyday. Not only is the story lovely, but the art style is truly something special. I highly recommend this title for anyone who is looking for a quick, heartfelt read.

Sophia | Cascade Twp. Branch

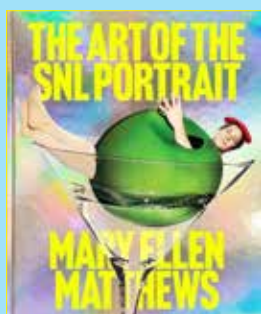


The Impossible Thing

by Belinda Bauer

A delightfully quirky and heartwarming mystery based on real events in the UK between the world wars. Nick and Patrick, friends and unorthodox sleuths in modern-day England, find themselves thrust into solving the case of the Metland Eggs, missing black market collectibles dating back to the early 1900s. The story follows two timelines, the original discovery of the eggs and the greed of their first owner, and their unexpected return to the public eye following an eBay-related robbery. Both timelines are splendid reading; the book's ending is uplifting and leaves a lingering feel-good afterglow. We all need more of those.

Neil | Cascade Twp. Branch



The Art of the SNL Portrait

by Mary Ellen Matthews

This coffee table book features a fantastic collection of Mary Ellen Matthews' "bumpers," those brightly colored portraits of *Saturday Night Live*'s weekly host and musical guest that flash onscreen before commercial breaks. Before reading this book, I didn't even know that the portraits had a name! The book details how Mary Ellen got her start at *SNL* and the process she has honed over her career to capture these stunning images. The index includes comments from the hosts and musical guests that are very entertaining as well.

Amy | Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Like this
podcast?



Check out
this book!



The House of My Mother: A Daughter's Quest for Freedom

by Shari Franke

I've got a morbid fascination with cults, and there's a podcast about Ruby Franke, a Mormon mom who had a family vlogging YouTube channel and later went to jail for abusing her kids. Her eldest daughter, Shari, wrote a book about her experiences growing up in that household. It's not the happiest of subjects, but Shari's side of the story is one of resilience, overcoming trauma and finding healing.

Holly | Service Center



Get Your STEAM On!



By **Brittany Zuehlke** | Branch Outreach & Programming Specialist

KDL Lab Experience was created in 2013 to support STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) education and has been a core part of KDL's school-age programming ever since.

Libraries are the perfect places to spark curiosity and explore STEAM topics. We are all about creating excitement and fun experiences. When a child walks into a branch's KDL Lab area or attends a KDL Lab program, they get to have tons of fun while also learning! It's like sneaking veggies into your cooking when you aren't sure your child would eat them otherwise. KDL Lab programs offer experiences that

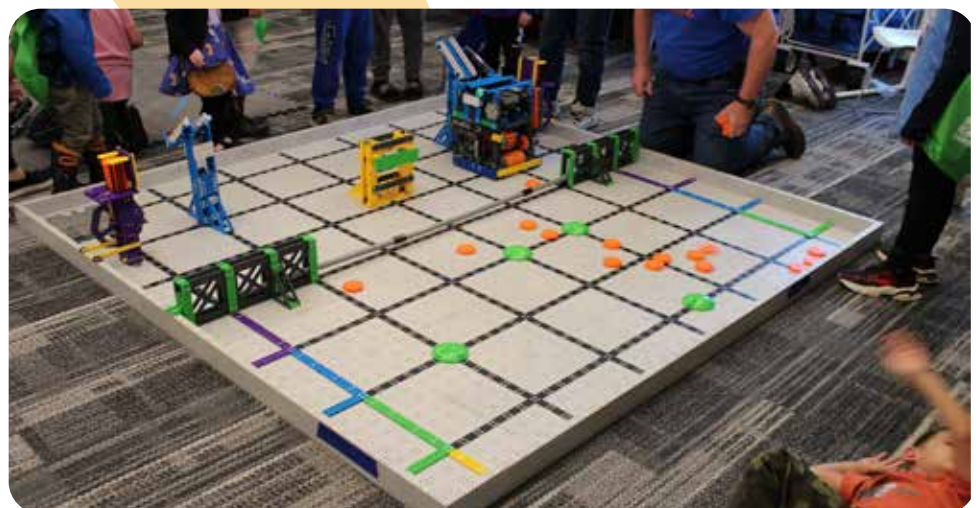
not everyone has regular access to, like child-safe table saws, robotic cubes or an unreasonable number of straws and connectors.

One of our favorite programs is coming up on September 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Plainfield Township Branch – the KDL Lab Expo! We invite local organizations and businesses to showcase how they use STEAM in their profession. They bring amazing activities like competition-level robots, derby racing, wind tunnels and more for attendees to experience. Not to mention all the other activities for attendees, like crafting, dissecting, building, button-making and experimenting!



We are always working to improve and grow our programs and spaces, and we hope you will visit soon to check out KDL Lab Experience.

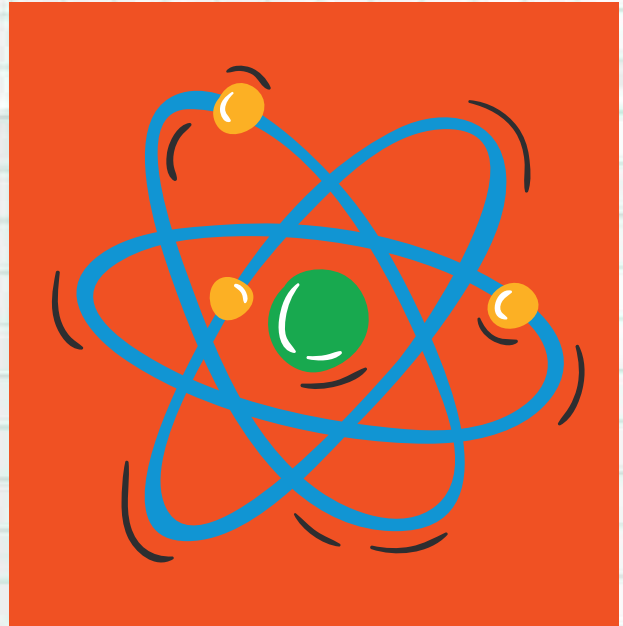
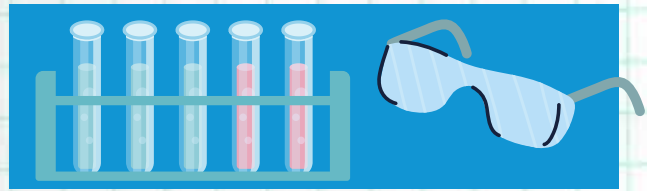
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KDL KDL LAB EXPO

**Saturday, Sept. 27,
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Plainfield Twp. Branch**

Get ready to tinker, build and explore at the KDL Lab Expo! KDL Lab will showcase a variety of STEAM experiences and partner with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun. Make sure to visit this year's featured vendors: Mad Science's Discovery Fun Station and Thornapple Woodlands.



Thornapple Woodlands



..... Fall Fun!

Pumpkins, pages and programs – oh my! Enjoy autumn adventures at the library with events for everyone in the family.



Eerie Excitement at the Library

Games, crafts and activities... creeping into the library near you! Enjoy not-so-scary fun for all ages. *For families with children.*

Saturday, October 25, 10:00 AM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Wednesday, October 29, 6:30 PM, Alto Branch

Thursday, October 30, 5:30 PM, Caledonia Township Branch

Friday, October 31, 10:00 AM, Cascade Township Branch

Día de los Muertos Dance Celebration

Enjoy a vibrant and dynamic bilingual celebration of Mexico's rich cultural heritage through a stunning fusion of contemporary dance and traditional Mexican folk dance presented by the Laura Armenta Dance Company. A hands-on workshop will take place after the performance, allowing you to delve deeper into the dances and customs of this vibrant tradition. *For adults (18+) and seniors (55+).*

Thursday, October 23, 6:30 PM, Grandville Branch

Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Plainfield Township Branch



Fall Craft Party

Crunchy leaves, orange pumpkins and plenty of squirrels – celebrate the season with all sorts of amazing fall-themed crafts. *For families with children.*

Visit kdl.org/events or page 27 for dates, times and locations.



Fall Foraging: Exploring Nature's Bounty

Discover the wild plants outside your doorstep. There are many plants you can forage for food, herbal remedies and artistic creations. Learn to identify, harvest and prepare them in this workshop. *For adults (18+) and seniors (55+).*

Visit kdl.org/events or page 42 for dates, times and locations.



Fall Garlands and Leaves

Bring a decorative touch into your home using paper and felt to create garlands and leaves to add some autumnal beauty to your space. *For adults (18+) and seniors (55+).*

Visit kdl.org/events or page 42 for dates, times and locations.



Nibwaakaawin: Anishinaabe Stories and Teachings

Learn about the history and culture of West Michigan's indigenous population from Katrina Furman, Anishinaabe Curator at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, as the Anishinaabek exhibit at the museum undergoes exciting changes. *For adults (18+) and seniors (55+).*

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tuesday, October 14, 6:30PM, Plainfield Township Branch
Monday, November 10, 6:30 PM, East Grand Rapids Branch
Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Magical Friends

Do you love magical, mythical creatures? Get ready to roar like a dragon, jump like a unicorn and make plenty of whimsical creations. *For families with children.*

Visit kdl.org/events or page 27 for dates, times and locations.



Coffee: Roasts, Types and Flavors

There's an art to roasting coffee, and Tess Dodd from The Last Mile Cafe in Grand Rapids is here to give an overview of the different types and how roasting affects the flavor. Coffee will be available to taste and determine for yourself. *For adults (18+) and seniors (55+).*

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What Makes a Writer a Writer?

(And Also, Why You Should Enter Write Michigan)

By Janyre Tromp

I was in kindergarten when I first published an award-winning story. Well, kind of.

I did write a story that my school published in a mimeographed affair, and I won an award for my grade. But the paper certificate was quickly lost, and no one remembered much about my story or my award. I hung up my pen and satiated my love of story by reading anything I could get my hands on. After all, I wasn't a real writer, was I? I hadn't won an Edgar, I wasn't a *New York Times* Bestseller, I was ... nothing.

Sound familiar?

A lot of years, multiple writing credits, awards and even best-selling author status later, I'm still uncomfortable wearing the title "writer."

Which leads me to probably the biggest hang-up writers often have as they contemplate entering the Write Michigan Contest: Am I good enough to be called a writer?

I've spent almost thirty years in the publishing industry, and I'm here to say:

My friend, if you put words on a page, you are a writer.

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Categories:
Youth, Teen, Adult

Deadline:
Nov. 15

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

Now that we've dealt with what is often a writer's biggest fear, let's move on to:

Why should you write a short story and enter the Write Michigan Short Story Contest?

Provides a low-risk way to sharpen craft.

Short stories give you a great way to practice your craft – tight prose, impactful character development and interesting plot arcs – all without the year-long commitment of writing a full-length book. Plus, getting feedback from reviewers and judges is absolutely priceless.

Helps find an audience.

Libraries are a haven for book lovers and word nerds. Winning or being featured can get your work in front of new readers and gives you a byline to build recognition throughout the state of Michigan.

Forces completion.

Can I be honest for a hot second? I often have all the good intentions in the world to write, edit, submit, whatever, but I am terrible at finishing anything. But give me a deadline, and I'm suddenly superhuman and incredibly professional. Having a hard turn-in date helps us writerly types to just press send.

Creates professional habits.

In addition to actually finishing stories, one of the hardest parts of writing and publishing is finding folks who will critique us honestly and then applying those critiques to our work so that we can become better writers. Write Michigan is one of the absolute best (and cheapest) ways to receive and learn to apply constructive criticism.

Changes who we are.

This is my absolute favorite reason to write in general. Yes, it's crazy, but it's also 100% backed up by brain scans. When I wake up in the morning, if I tell myself it's going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day ... it will be! My brain is programmed to look for the really awful things.

But if I decide I'm going to find good things, suddenly I see the golden light catching on the tips of the trees. I see the smile my son gives me. And can we talk about the glorious smell of Schuyl Coffee's Michigan Maple Syrup beans? It's why if you are researching to see if you want to buy a Toyota minivan, you start seeing them everywhere.

My friend, if you tell yourself you're a writer by turning in a story, you suddenly see yourself as a writer. And there's almost nothing more powerful than that.

So, grab your pencil, pen, laptop or dictation device, and start your story, one word at a time. I'll be cheering you on, waiting to read it on the other side.



Janyre Tromp is an award-winning book editor by day. By night, she spins deliciously suspenseful historical novels that, at their core, hunt for beauty, even when it isn't pretty. She's the best-selling author of *Darkness Calls the Tiger*, *Shadows in the Mind's Eye*, and *Lovely Life* and co-author of *O Little Town*. And that all happens from her unfinished

basement when she's not wrangling all the things – including her fantastic teens and crazy fur babies.

You can find her as @JanyreTromp across all social media platforms and her website, **www.JanyreTromp.com** (where you can grab a free copy of her novella *Wide Open*).

..... Turn to the next page for two opportunities to learn more about writing from Janyre Tromp this fall during our Write Michigan Days of Learning.



Days of Learning

Get inspired and grow as a writer – attend one (or all) of our upcoming writing programs. Write Michigan Days of Learning include sessions for professional learning and networking to further develop your writing skills and industry knowledge from industry experts.

Saturday, September 20 Grandville Branch

Writing History: Accessing the Five Levels of Research

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Before you can write true crime, historical fiction, biography or any other work rooted in history, you have to research your topic. But where should your research start, when should it end and how do you sift through all you learn? Join true crime author Tobin T. Buhk as he offers guidance on these issues and more and provides a starting point for your next work.



Three Things Editors Want in an Author

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

You have your proposal in order and your sample chapters polished – now what? What kind of author stands out in the crowd of proposals crossing an editor's desk? In this workshop, 20-year industry veteran Janyre Tromp will reveal three things every editor wants to see.



Saturday, October 18 Amy Van Andel (Ada) Branch

From Drawing Board to Text

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

If your notes for your next work look more like a crime board than a story outline, true crime author Tobin T. Buhk is here to help. Buhk will provide tips for planning your work, outlining your ideas and finally writing.



Finding Your Voice

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Finding and effectively using your unique writer voice is key to not only setting yourself apart but also signaling where you belong. In this workshop, best-selling author Janyre Tromp will walk you through how to find your voice through style, perspective and tone.



How NOT to Get Published:

Eight Tips to Save You Time and Effort



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist (and an actual, published author)

Writing is hard. Getting published is even harder.

While many people have a story living inside of them, it is commonly said that 99% of books submitted for traditional publication get rejected. This can be for a variety of legitimate reasons, but that's a pretty daunting statistic, nonetheless. Since getting published is sooooo difficult, we thought it may be a lot easier to provide a guide on how NOT to get published.

1. Plagiarize. There is nothing new under the sun. Why try to come up with something original when you could submit an already-successful book for publication under your own name? While publishers and law professionals tend to frown on stealing the work of others and passing it off as your own, they can't catch everyone who does it, right?

2. Spel evrything rong. Wen peeple hav 2 wurk harde too reed wot yoo hav ritten, thay whil feal lyk thay R gedding thair munnys wurth.

3. Forget to add the story part. Things happen in stories, but do they really need to? Hamlet, one of Shakespeare's most famous protagonists, dithers for the entire play and we somehow still love it.

4. Pack your writing full of clichés. Why reinvent the wheel when you can beat a dead horse? Make sure your story starts on a dark and stormy night and includes star-crossed lovers (a loose cannon and a helpless love interest). Just add as many tropes and clichés as possible until the cows come home. (Sure, Shakespeare did it, but they were original in his time.)

5. Give every character the same name. What it lacks in variety, it makes up for in confusing interactions.

6. Describe everything. You can't just have someone open a door. Show how their brain sent a message by nerve impulses to their hands, prompting them to grasp the handle which felt cold against their skin... and so on and on. Make Tolkien sound concise!

7. Never edit. Geniuses don't need editing! Corrections are things that happen to lesser mortals.

8. Take to social media and insult everyone in the publishing industry. This will definitely get some attention from publishers (especially if you tag them). Maybe they will even like your moxie and give you a shot. #publishersaredumdums

Here's the truth. Rejection is part of publication. Some of the greatest books of our time were rejected by countless publishers before finding the right home. It is a rite of passage and should be celebrated as such.

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Don't do the obviously wrong stuff listed here, but if you've done all the right things, don't let the haters get you down either. If you have a story inside you, let it out with the Write Michigan Short Story Contest.



LEGENDARY Readers



“Legendary Readers is not just about improving reading skills; it’s about inspiring children to explore new worlds, find books they are passionate about and build powerful habits that will benefit them throughout their lives. We want kids to know they are welcome and celebrated at the library.”



Monica | Branch Outreach and Programming Specialist at KDL

Cross off one BIGFOOT FOOTPRINT 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.

100 Bigfoot footprints arranged in a grid.

Reader Information:

Completor name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Grab a reading log at any KDL branch. For grades K-5.

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LEGENDARY Readers

For kids in grades K - 5.

Read, write or visit the library for 100 days between Sept. 3 and June 13 to be entered to win a \$100 gift card from Scholastic!

All completers receive a cool flashlight!

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

Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is a mythical, ape-like creature said to inhabit North American forests. Sightings date back centuries, but concrete evidence remains elusive, fueling ongoing debate.

Prizes can be collected Jan. 2 - June 13.

QR code linking to the program.

Legendary Readers in the Wild



"My boys will do anything if it's gamified! When they received their Legendary Readers tracking sheets, they immediately brought them home and taped them to the wall above their beds. They were so excited to fill them in each night, watching as they got closer and closer to their prize. I never had to tell them to do their reading – they just did it. As a mom, this is gold! Thanks, KDL, for making reading so fun for kids."

Sarah | Caledonia Twp. Branch

Learn more or get started at
kdl.org/legendaryreaders.



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**SATURDAY
SEPT. 13**

10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

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10:00 AM Coffee and Classic Cars

11:00 AM Bounce House Opens

IN THE LIBRARY

1:00 PM Mari Simone

2:00 PM Rabbit Fur

3:00 PM Caitlin Cusack

4:00 PM Rin Tarsy

FRIENDSHIP PARK PAVILION

1:00 PM Mark Lavengood

2:30 PM Tony Halchak

4:00 PM Overdrive Orchestra

5:30 PM Nicholas James Trio

7:00 PM Money Soup

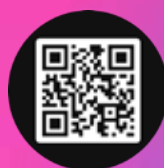
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Thunk Again: Introducing the Stampworthy Adult Reader Card

Special thanks to:



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist



If you've ever felt a wave of nostalgia at the sound of a library stamp hitting a due date card (*thunk!*), you're not alone. That satisfying sound is making a comeback September 1 through November 30 at Kent District Library with our Stampworthy Adult Reader Cards.

Designed for library patrons 18 and older, Stampworthy is a celebration of reading, community and a little old-school fun. Here's how it works: Each time you visit a KDL branch and check out five or more items, you'll receive a stamp on your Stampworthy card (available in-branch).

Once you've collected five stamps, turn in your completed card for a chance to win a \$50 **ShopKDL.org** gift card – plus other prizes donated by local businesses.

Grab a card, load up your library tote and get reading.

There's no limit to how many cards you can complete, so the more you read, the more chances you have to win. Whether you're checking

out novels, cookbooks, movies or something from our Beyond Books collection, every visit counts.

So, grab a card, load up your library tote and get reading. Whether you're a lifelong library lover or rediscovering the magic of your local branch, Stampworthy is your chance to make your mark... literally.

Stop by your nearest KDL branch to pick up your card and start stamping your way to great reads and great rewards.



Elect *Her*



Learn campaign strategy and leadership skills like public speaking and networking in this non-partisan training session designed to give women the confidence and skills needed to run for office. Hear from local politicians – one Republican and one Democrat – as they share their experiences getting started in politics, and gain practical knowledge and experience in the workshops offered throughout the session.

Saturday, September 27, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, Wyoming Branch

Sessions include:

What's Your Issue?

Consider the issues that you are passionate about and that inspire you to run for office, and discuss your issue with other attendees.

Building Your Network

Brainstorm a list of people and groups whom you could ask for help on your campaign.

Elevator Speech

Develop an elevator speech about yourself, the issue(s) you care about and why a potential voter should support you and your campaign.

Living Better in West Michigan: A Global Health Perspective

Health, longevity and quality of life vary depending on where you live, but do they have to? In this series, explore the factors that lead to people living longer lives here and in other parts of the world and how increased knowledge of healthcare systems can help us address the real health needs in our communities.

**Tuesdays, October 7, 14 & 21 at 6:30 PM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**



World Affairs Council
OF WESTERN MICHIGAN



**NPR Global Health
Correspondent Fatma Tanis
speaking Oct. 7**



**Van Andel Institute President
and Chief Scientific Officer
Dr. Peter Jones speaking Oct. 14**



College of Human Medicine
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**Doctor from MSU College of Human Medicine
speaking Oct. 21. Speaker to be announced.**

Next Nexus:

Health & Business

Learn from experts in the health and business fields how to incorporate health awareness into your business practices in order to improve workflow, increase talent retention and create a stronger work culture. Each session includes interactive panels and professional networking.



Business Accommodations for Disabilities

**Wednesday, September 24,
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Wyoming Branch**

Join Sharlene Organ and Monica Robbins, business relations consultants, as they share how to make your business more inclusive and accessible to individuals with disabilities so that your employees can thrive at your business and, in turn, help your business thrive.



DO MORE GOOD® Workshop

**Tuesday, October 14,
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Wyoming Branch**

Learn how your business or organization can improve your messaging to grow your success and impact from Bill McKendry, founder and co-owner of BrandHaven and author of *Do More Good*.



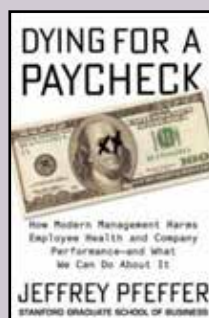
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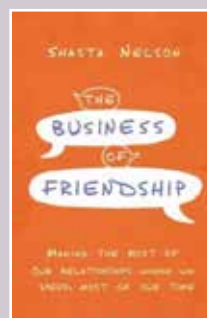
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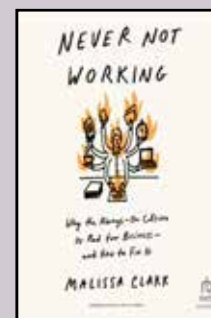
Mindful Work
by David Gelles



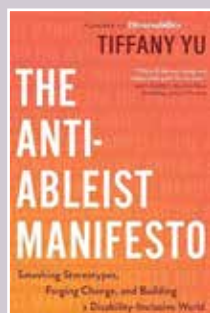
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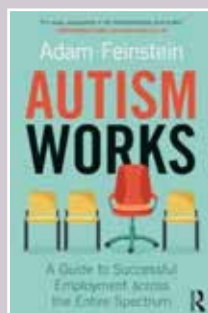
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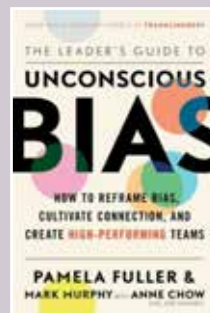
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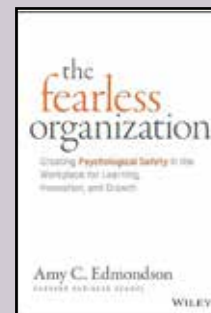
The Anti-Ableist Manifesto
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Autism Works
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The Leader's Guide to Unconscious Bias
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The Fearless Organization
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KDL Teen Photo Challenge

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

Tiny Made Big: Zoom in and supersize the small stuff!

Creepy-Cute Clicks: Get up close and personal with the wonders of the insect world!

Exploration of Symmetry: Show us the satisfying balance and beauty of symmetry in the world around you.

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

Oct. 1

Start taking photos

Oct. 6-13

Contest submissions accepted

Oct. 20-22

Online public voting will take place

Oct. 24

Winners will be announced



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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, 2025.

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Book Recommendation:

Funny Story by Emily Henry

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Assistant Branch Librarian, Grandville

Erica Huyser

Branch Librarian, Tyrone Twp.

Book Recommendation:

Alanna: The First Adventure by Tamora Pierce

Marlena Lalick

Assistant Branch Librarian, East Grand Rapids

Book Recommendation:

Any book by Freida McFadden

Reed Schmitz

Assistant Branch Librarian, Plainfield Twp.

Julian Sugameli

Assistant Branch Librarian, East Grand Rapids

Book Recommendation:

Redwall by Brian Jacques

Amorena Wojciakowski

Assistant Branch Librarian, Gaines Twp.

Jennifer Woollatt

Assistant Branch Librarian, Grandville

Book Recommendation:

These Precious Days by Ann Patchett



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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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. 2, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Oct. 7, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Family Craft Time

Bring the whole family for arts and crafts for all ages.

Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Nov. 15, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Grand Rapids School of Ballet

Watch the Grand Rapids School of Ballet as they perform segments of *The Nutcracker*.

Sun., Nov. 30, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop for All Ages!

Fun games for all. Try a variety of traditional table-top games or bring your own!

Thu., Sept. 11, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 9, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 6, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

KDL Vibes Fest

There's no better way to enjoy summer than with a music festival featuring your favorite West Michigan artists from the KDL Vibes collection. Chat with other music fans, hear some of your favorite local musicians and get introduced to your next favorite band – all while hanging out at the library.

Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Festival Lineup

10:00 AM Coffee and Classic Cars
11:00 AM Bounce house

Friendship Park Pavilion

1:00 PM Mark Lavengood
2:30 PM Tony Halchak
4:00 PM Overdrive Orchestra
5:30 PM Nicholas James Trio
7:00 PM Money Soup

Library

1:00 PM Mari Simone
2:00 PM Rabbit Fur
3:00 PM Rin Tarsey
4:00 PM Caitlin Cusack



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.

Sat., Sept. 6, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 13, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Sept. 20, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Oct. 4, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Oct. 4, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 11, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Oct. 25, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., Oct. 30, 3:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Nov. 1, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Nov. 1, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 8, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Nov. 15, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Nov. 22, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Nov. 29, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



Ready for Reindeer!

Traveling all the way from the North Pole (via Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farms), live reindeer will be visiting the library. Dress warmly for this outdoor program, bring some quarters to purchase treats to feed the reindeer if you wish, and don't forget the camera! Check out our winter Kaleidoscope or kdl.org/events for additional dates in December.

Sat., 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. 10, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Oct. 8, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., Nov. 13, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



Write Michigan Teen Graphic Novel Award Ceremony

Celebrate the published teen authors from the 2025 Write Michigan Teen Graphic Novel Contest, featuring a panel discussion with contest judges Vince Locke (*Deadworld*, *Sandman*), Kenny Porter (DC Comics *Superboy: The Man of Tomorrow*) and Mike Salisbury (*The Quarry*). This event is open to the public. Please note that photos and videos will be taken at this event. By attending, you agree to potentially being photographed or filmed.

Sat., Nov. 22, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Eerie Excitement at the Library

Games, crafts and activities... creeping into the library near you! Enjoy not-so-scary fun for all ages.

Sat., Oct. 25, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Thu., Oct. 30, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fall Craft Party

Crunchy leaves, orange pumpkins and plenty of squirrels – celebrate the season with all sorts of amazing fall-themed crafts.

Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 19, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 26, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Sept. 26, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 4, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., Oct. 14, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Oct. 17, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., Oct. 18, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 21, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., Oct. 29, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 8, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., Nov. 14, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Nov. 15, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Nov. 24, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library

! This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544
Tue., Nov. 25, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Generations in the Making: Bricks at the Library

KDL invites parents, grandparents and children to team up and build with bricks in a fun, collaborative environment. Our program encourages families to build with purpose and create something amazing together!

Sat., Sept. 13, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Sept. 17, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 18, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 11, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Oct. 15, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 16, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 8, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Nov. 13, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 19, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Mama Bear & Baby Cubs Support Group

All moms and children welcome! Join this maternal support group for play time, bonding with other mothers, and free coffee and tea.

Magical Friends

Do you love magical, mythical creatures? Get ready to roar like a dragon, jump like a unicorn and make plenty of whimsical creations.

Tue., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., Sept. 12, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Sept. 16, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 20, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Sept. 25, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., Sept. 26, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Fri., Sept. 26, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 9, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Fri., Oct. 17, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., Oct. 22, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., Nov. 4, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 8, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., Nov. 25, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
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Wed., Nov. 26, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Superhero Bash

Flex your Hulk muscles and stretch your Spidey Senses with crafts and activities for all young superheroes!

Tue., Sept. 9, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., Sept. 15, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., Sept. 20, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Sept. 29, 4:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
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Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., Nov. 1, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., Nov. 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Nov. 11, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Sat., Nov. 15, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 18, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Mon., Nov. 24, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Nov. 26, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Grandville Branch

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Plainfield Twp. Branch

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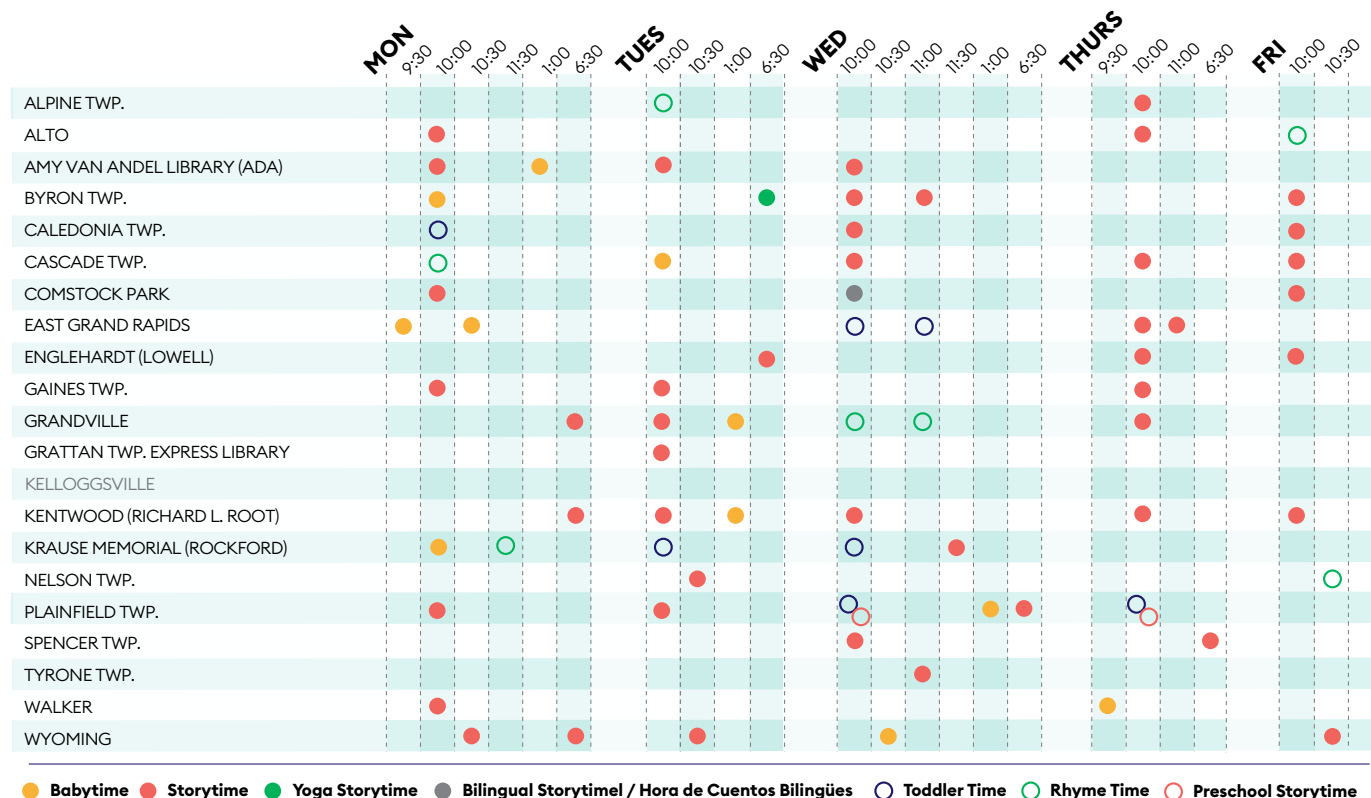
Wyoming Branch

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Thu., Oct. 23, 10:30 AM
Thu., Oct. 30, 10:30 AM
Thu., Nov. 13, 10:30 AM
Thu., Nov. 20, 10:30 AM

Storytimes



Most storytimes begin the week of Sept. 2 and end the week of Nov. 17. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.



Loose Parts Play

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

Tue., Sept. 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Fri., Sept. 5, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Sept. 12, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Sept. 19, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., Sept. 19, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Sept. 26, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 3, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 7, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Fri., Oct. 10, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 17, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 24, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Nov. 7, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Nov. 14, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., Nov. 14, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Fri., Nov. 21, 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.

Wed., Oct. 8, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library

This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Not-So-Scary Storytime

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

Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 10:00 AM – Comstock Park Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 28, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
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 Wed., Oct. 29, 11:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 30, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Comstock Park Branch
 Fri., Oct. 31, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
 Fri., Oct. 31, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch

Woodland Creatures Storytime

Join us for a special storytime featuring tales of forest friends, fun activities and cozy moments perfect for young nature lovers and families. *Designed for children 0-5 with their caregivers, but all ages are welcome.*

Wed., Sept. 3, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Fri., Sept. 5, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., Sept. 12, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 17, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Sat., Sept. 20, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Sept. 25, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Tue., Sept. 30, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
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 Mon., Nov. 17, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 18, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5-10)

Craft & Create for Kids

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

Wed., Sept. 10, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 15, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 12, 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. 2, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Sept. 9, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Sept. 23, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Sept. 30, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Oct. 7, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Oct. 14, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Oct. 21, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Oct. 28, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Nov. 11, 1:00 PM
 Tue., Nov. 18, 1:00 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 8, 1:00 PM
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Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Sept. 4, 1:00 PM
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Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 3, 1:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 17, 1:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 1, 1:00 PM
 Wed., Oct. 29, 1:00 PM
 Wed., Nov. 12, 1:00 PM
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Spencer Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 8, 10:00 AM
 Mon., Sept. 22, 10:00 AM
 Mon., Oct. 6, 10:00 AM
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 Mon., Nov. 10, 10:00 AM
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Tyrone Twp. Branch

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 Tue., Nov. 18, 1:00 PM

KDL LAB EXPERIENCE™

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

Mon., Sept. 8, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Sept. 15, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Mon., Sept. 15, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 22, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Oct. 6, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 20, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Oct. 20, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 3, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

See how science and creativity go hand in hand as you let your artistic vision flow through a multitude of mediums and projects.

Thu., Sept. 4, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 8, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Sept. 11, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 15, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
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 Thu., Sept. 25, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
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 Thu., Oct. 2, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 6, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 9, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 20, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 23, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 30, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 3, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 6, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 13, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 17, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 20, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Botley Bootcamp

Join in for a fun coding adventure with Botley the Coding Robot! Curious elementary students will discover basic programming concepts through hands-on play, helping Botley complete interactive challenges and mazes – all without a screen in sight!

Mon., Sept. 8, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Sat., Oct. 11, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Nov. 5, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Build It

It's time to put your engineering skills to the test! We provide the materials, and you bring your creativity. With a variety of challenges and plenty of manipulatives, there's no telling what you will build.

Fri., Sept. 5, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Thu., Sept. 25, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Sept. 29, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 6, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 10, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Sat., Nov. 8, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Nov. 17, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Creature Power

Calling all animal adventurers! Explore the amazing world of creatures big and small as we dive into fun animal activities. Every wild adventure will get you moving, thinking and acting like your favorite Wild Kratts. Come activate your Creature Power.

Sat., Oct. 4, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Sat., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 23, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., Nov. 1, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Nov. 5, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 26, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Culinary Creations

Join us for a deliciously delightful kitchen-themed experience where you can create art with culinary chemistry, spice up your day with foodie-themed games and take a crack at some edible experiments. Come see what we are cooking up!

Sat., Sept. 6, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Sept. 11, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Fri., Sept. 19, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., Sept. 24, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Sat., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 24, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Inventing Illusions

We've got a few tricks up our sleeves, and we are excited to reveal them to you! Explore the science behind the magic, see how illusions are more than meet the eye and learn some tricks of your own to wow your friends. Remember: a magician never shares their secrets, so let's keep this between us.

Wed., Sept. 3, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Sat., Sept. 27, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Fri., Oct. 24, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Mon., Nov. 17, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Light Up Your World

Are you ready to light up your world? Light is all around us, but what is it? How does it work? Come spark your curiosity and explore the ways light illuminates and shapes the world around us.

Thu., Sept. 11, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., Sept. 20, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 7, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., Oct. 14, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ⚠️ *This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544*
 Mon., Nov. 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Sat., Nov. 22, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Magnetic Mayhem

With a variety of magnetic building pieces, you will be sure to find something that attracts you. Explore magnetism with a variety of magnetic building pieces. There are engineering challenges for everyone.

Mon., Sept. 8, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Sept. 29, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Oct. 9, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Oct. 29, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Fri., Nov. 21, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

KDL Lab Experience: Ozobots

Meet the tiny robots with big personalities! Kids will draw, code and create as they guide Ozobots through colorful mazes and challenges. It's a hands-on intro to robotics and coding – no screens required.

Tue., Sept. 2, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Mon., Sept. 22, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 8, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., Nov. 14, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 20, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Roll With It

Get your marbles rolling with a variety of activities. Challenge your ramp skills with classic marble sets or branch out with KEVA planks.

Wed., Sept. 3, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 1, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Fri., Oct. 10, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Fri., Nov. 7, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

KDL Lab Experience: The Science of Yuck

You know what's gross? Science! Peek into a fascinating yet icky, stinky and disgusting world that will have you testing your gross-out factor.

Sat., Sept. 13, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Sept. 24, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Fri., Oct. 10, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Nov. 4, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Sat., Nov. 29, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Expo

Get ready to tinker, build and explore at the KDL Lab Expo! KDL Lab will showcase a variety of STEAM experiences and partner with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun. Make sure to visit this year's featured vendors: Mad Science's Discovery Fun Station and Thornapple Woodlands.

Sat., September 27, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
 Plainfield Twp. Branch



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.

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 23, 5:30 PM
 Thu., Nov. 20, 5:30 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 10, 4:30 PM
 Wed., Oct. 8, 4:30 PM
 Wed., Nov. 12, 4:30 PM

Grandville Branch

Wed., Oct. 29, 4:30 PM
 Wed., Nov. 19, 4:30 PM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., Sept. 4, 4:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 18, 4:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 2, 4:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 16, 4:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 30, 4:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Sept. 8, 4:30 PM	Mon., Oct. 20, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 15, 4:30 PM	Mon., Oct. 27, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 22, 4:30 PM	Mon., Nov. 3, 4:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 29, 4:30 PM	Mon., Nov. 10, 4:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 6, 4:30 PM	Mon., Nov. 17, 4:30 PM
Mon., Oct. 13, 4:30 PM	Mon., Nov. 24, 4:30 PM

Minecraft IRL

Leave the controllers at home, unplug at the library and join us for Minecraft IRL! Bring the fun of the gaming world into real life as we create, explore and craft with Minecraft-inspired activities.

Wed., Oct. 1, 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.*

Mon., Oct. 13, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

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. 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Sept. 4, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 17, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 1, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 2, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 22, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Nov. 5, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

TEEN (AGES 11-17)

Escape the Library

Bring a group to the library – or form a group at the library – and work together to solve a series of puzzles to escape the room before time runs out. **Space is limited so registration at kdl.org/events is required for this event.**

Sat., Oct. 25, 11:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 25, 12:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 25, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 25, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 25, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Oct. 25, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) 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. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.**

Mon., Sept. 15, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Oct. 20, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Nov. 17, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

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. 3, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Sept. 17, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Oct. 1, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Oct. 15, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Nov. 5, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Nov. 19, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Students ages 11-17 are invited to connect with other civic-minded teens to help our librarians make our public library even better! This program can count as volunteer hours for things like the National Honor Society.

Wed., Sept. 10, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., Sept. 18, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Oct. 8, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 12, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., Nov. 20, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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.

Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 24, 4:30 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Sept. 4, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 11, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Sept. 25, 3:00 PM
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 Thu., Oct. 9, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 16, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Oct. 30, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 6, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Nov. 20, 3:00 PM

Grandville Branch

Thu., Oct. 23, 3:30 PM

Kelloggsville Branch

Tue., Sept. 2, 4:00 PM
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 Tue., Nov. 25, 4:00 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 2, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Sept. 3, 3:00 PM
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 Fri., Sept. 12, 3:00 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch Cont.

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 Fri., Nov. 21, 3:00 PM

TEEN ZONE



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.**

Teen Zone | Beastly Blends

Craft a creature using fine art materials; come and create some wild and wacky mashups. Give your creation limbs, fins and heads of different animals to make your vision come alive!

Wed., Sept. 10, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., Oct. 20, 3:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Bookish Crafts

This is your chance to rip, tear and destroy library materials. Use our discarded books to create bookmarks, blackout poetry, book flowers, magnetic poetry and whatever other bookish crafts you can imagine. Show off your love of reading (or destruction)!

Thu., Sept. 18, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Sept. 25, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., Oct. 15, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 29, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Teen Zone | D&D

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

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

Teen Zone | Pop-Tart Pillows

Craft your own adorable, personalized mini-Pop-Tart pillows with colorful felt rectangles. Sweet creativity, cozy vibes and unique designs await!

Mon., Sept. 15, 3:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., Oct. 7, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., Nov. 5, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., Nov. 13, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Zone | Put a Pin in It!

Get creative and express yourself one pin at a time. Drop in to design your own pins using our button maker. Choose from templates, draw, collage or cut out something cool and turn it into wearable art.

Thu., Sept. 11, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., Nov. 17, 3:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Sketch & Shrink

Draw it. Shrink it. Wear it. Repeat. Turn your drawings or tracings into one-of-a-kind keychains, magnets, jewelry and more!

Tue., Sept. 23, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., Oct. 1, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., Oct. 9, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Oct. 23, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Zone | Switch It Up!

Ready for the ultimate gaming hangout? We've got controllers for eight players, a huge selection of your favorite games, plus a projector to blow it up large. Team up or face off – it's time to Switch it up!

Tue., Sept. 2, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., Sept. 24, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., Oct. 7, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., Nov. 19, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Nov. 26, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | UNO

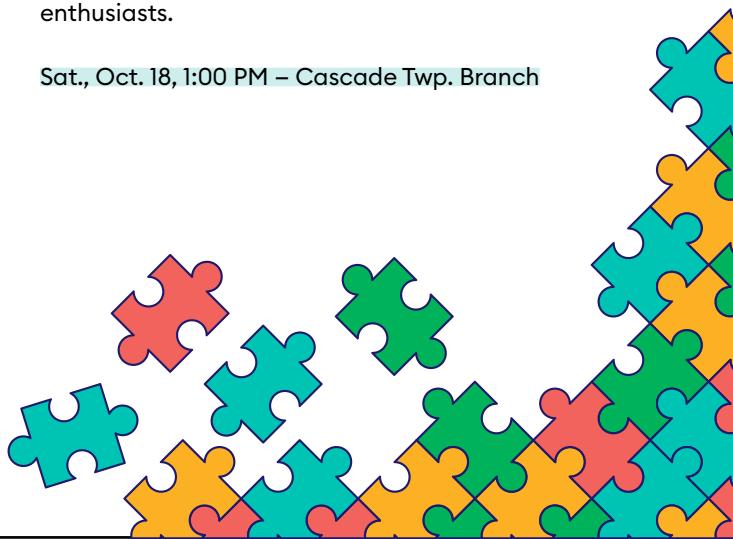
Avengers, Mario, UNO-corn and more! Hate plain Uno? Try a different flavor! Played 10,000 hands of UNO and are ready to play 10,000 more? This is YOUR program.

Wed., Sept. 17, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Oct. 8, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Oct. 22, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Nov. 13, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Nov. 18, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Teen Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Compete in teams of four people (teams can be formed either before or at the event) to solve identical jigsaw puzzles in the least amount of time. The speed event will begin 30 minutes after the beginning of the program. Refreshments will be provided, and you can bring puzzles with all pieces included to swap with other puzzle enthusiasts.

Sat., Oct. 18, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



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 at kdl.org/authortalks.**



On Writing Darkly Charming Villainous Love with Hannah Nicole Maehrer



New York Times Bestselling Author and TikTok Superstar

Wednesday, Sep. 3
7:00 PM

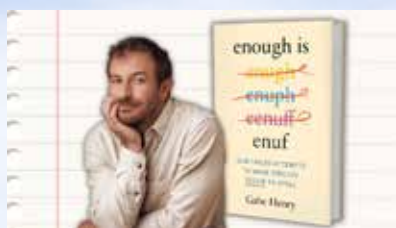
Argue Less and Talk More with Communication Expert Jefferson Fisher



New York Times Bestselling Author and Social Media Sensation

Wednesday, Sept. 10
2:00 PM

Our Failed Attempts to Make English Eazier to Spell with Author Gabe Henry



Simplified Spelling Historian and Author of *Enough is Enuf* and *Eating Salad Drunk*

Wednesday, Sept. 17
2:00 PM

Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States with Smithsonian Educators



A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

Thursday, Oct. 2
2:00 PM

10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo



#1 New York Times Bestselling and Award-Winning Author of *Six of Crows* and *Shadow and Bone* Series

Thursday, Oct. 9
7:00 PM

Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons with Historical Fiction Queen Philippa Gregory



Bestselling Author of *The Other Boleyn Girl* and Leading Voice in Historical Fiction

Wednesday, Oct. 29
2:00 PM

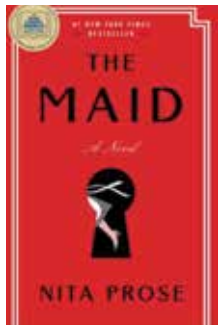
Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

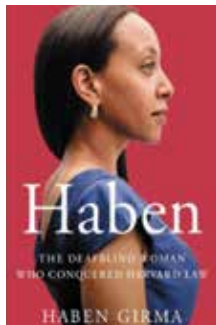
Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 3,
The Maid
by Nita Prose



Oct. 29,
Haben
by Haben Girma

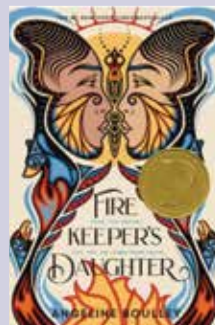


Nov., 26,
The Pull of the Stars
by Emma Donoghue

Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Ada Z Book Club

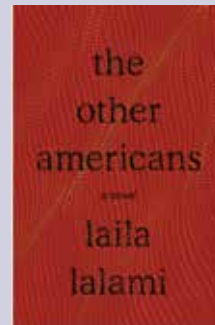
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Sept. 24,
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley



Oct. 29,
Banyan Moon
by Thao Thai

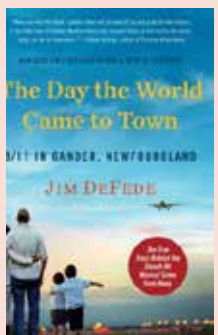


Nov. 26,
The Other Americans
by Laila Lalami

Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

Thursdays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 18,
The Day the World Came to Town
by Jim DeFede



Oct. 16,
Beyond That, the Sea
by Laura Spence-Ash

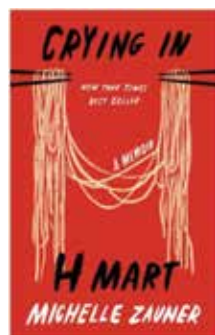


Nov. 20,
The Paper Palace
by Miranda Cowley Heller

Byron Twp. Branch

Byron Twp. Book Discussion

Mondays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 22,
Crying in H Mart
by Michelle Zauner



Oct. 27,
The Secret Book of Flora Lea
by Patti Callahan Henry

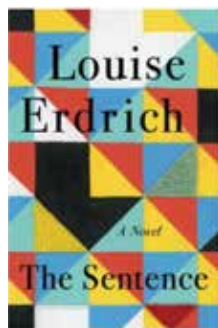


Nov. 27,
Life After Life
by Kate Atkinson

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.**Caledonia Twp. Branch****Novel Characters Book Club**

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 3,
The Sentence
by Louise Erdrich



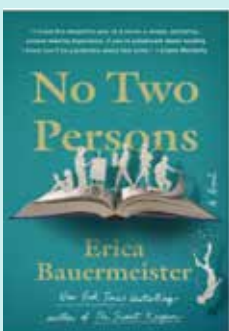
Oct. 1,
The Art Thief
by Michael Finkel



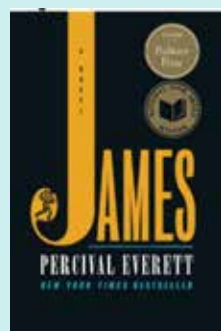
Nov. 5,
*Vera Wong's
Unsolicited Advice
for Murderers* by
Jesse Q. Sutanto

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

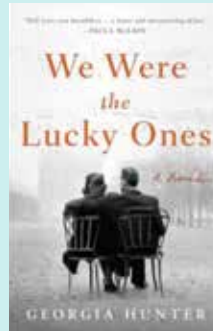
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 17,
No Two Persons by
Erica Bauermeister



Oct. 15,
James
by Percival Everett



Nov. 19,
*We Were the
Lucky Ones* by
Georgia Hunter

Cascade Twp. Branch**Mary Free Bed YMCA Book Discussion**

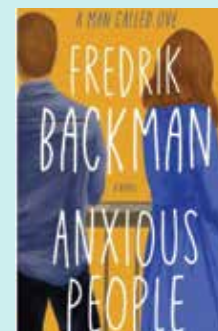
Held in the board room at the Mary Free Bed YMCA,
5500 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 | Mondays at 7:00 PM



Sept. 15,
The Lemon Tree
by Sandy Tolan



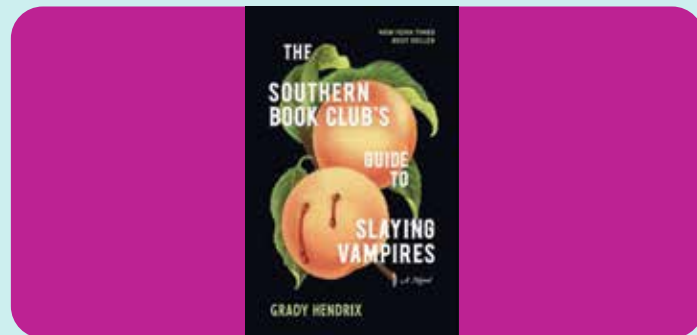
Oct. 20,
Sandwich
by Catherine
Newman



Nov. 17,
Anxious People by
Fredrik Backman

There Will Be Blood Book Club

Thursdays at 6:30 PM



Oct. 30,
*The Southern Book Club's
Guide to Slaying Vampires* by
Grady Hendrix

Silent Book Club

Put down your phone, pick up a book and spend quality time with fellow book lovers. This isn't your typical book club; there is no assigned reading or deadlines. Simply bring what you're reading and connect over a beverage.

Saturdays at 10:00 AM

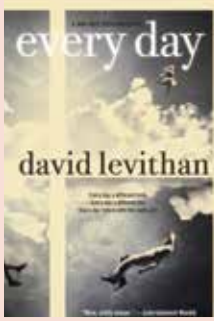
**Sept. 27****Oct. 25****Nov. 22**

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Comstock Park Branch

Never Too Old Book Club

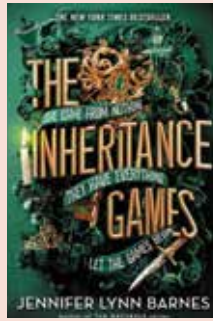
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 9,
Every Day
by David Levithan



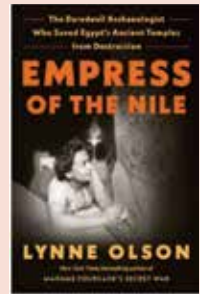
Oct. 14,
The Dark We Know
by Wen-Yi Lee



Nov. 11,
The Inheritance Games
by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Lit Wits Book Club

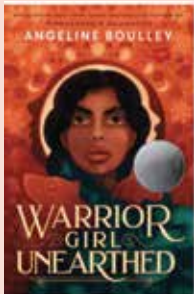
Thursdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 25,
Empress of the Nile
by Lynne Olson



Oct. 23,
The Last Thing He Told Me
by Laura Dave

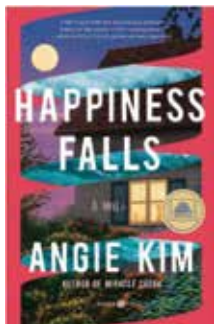


Nov. 20,
Warrior Girl Unearthed
by Angeline Boulley

East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

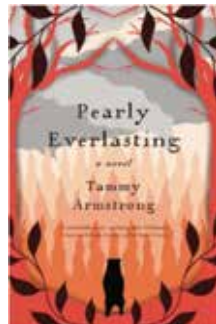
Mondays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 8,
Happiness Falls
by Angie Kim



Oct. 13,
Frankenstein, Or, The Modern Prometheus
by Mary Shelley



Nov. 10,
Pearly Everlasting
by Tammy Armstrong

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Night Owls Book Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 3,
The First Ladies
by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray



Oct. 1,
The House in the Cerulean Sea
by TJ Klune

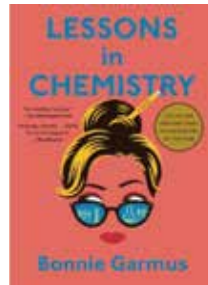


Nov. 5,
Lone Women
by Victor LaValle

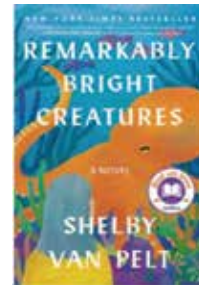
Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 16,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



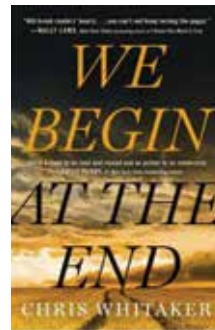
Oct. 21,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt



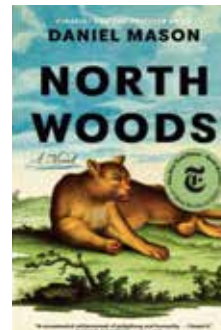
Nov. 18,
Hang the Moon
by Jeannette Walls

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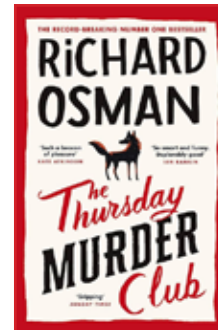
Mondays at 10:00 AM



Sept. 21,
We Begin at the End by Chris
Whitaker



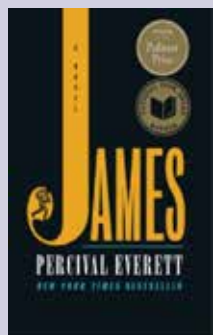
Oct. 13,
North Woods
by Daniel Mason



Nov. 10,
The Thursday Murder Club by
Richard Osman

Grandville Branch**Maple St. Book Discussion**

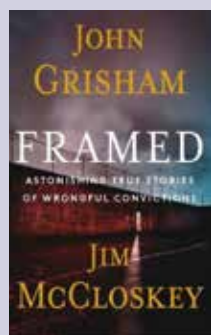
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 10,
James by
Percival Everett



Oct. 8,
Damnation Spring
by Ash Davidson



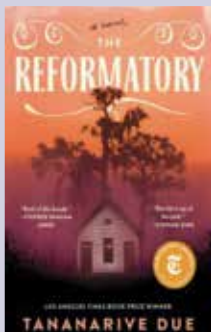
Nov. 12,
Framed
by John Grisham
and Jim
McCloskey

A Nightmare on Maple St. Book Club

Thursdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 18,
This Thing Between Us
by Gus Moreno



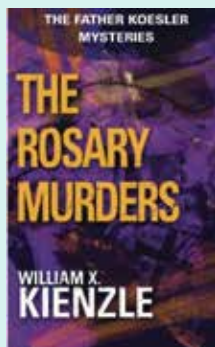
Oct. 16,
The Reformatory
by Tananarive Due



Nov. 20,
The Buffalo Hunter
by Stephen
Graham Jones

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch**Krause Evening Book Club**

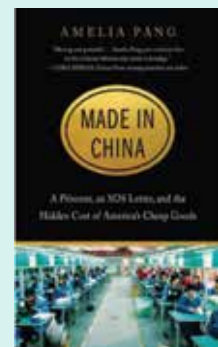
Mondays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 8,
The Rosary Murders
by William X. Kienzle



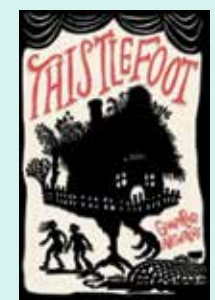
Oct. 13,
This month, we'll
discuss *Banned Books*. Bring any
banned title to share.



Nov. 10,
Made in China
by Amelia Pang

Krause Afternoon Book Club

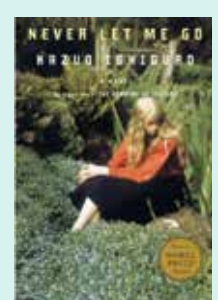
Fridays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 19,
Thistlefoot by
GennaRose
Nethercott



Oct. 17,
A Fine Balance by
Rohinton Mistry



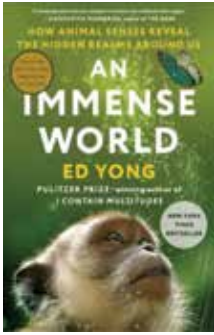
Nov. 21,
Never Let Me Go
by Kazuo Ishiguro

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Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



Sept. 16,
An Immense World
by Ed Yong



Oct. 21,
Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone
by Benjamin Stevenson



Nov. 18,
Hamnet by
Maggie O'Farrell

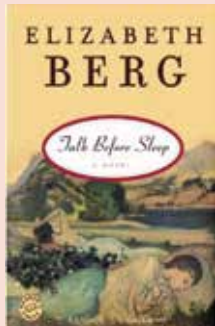
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Branch Book Discussion

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



Sept. 11,
Hamnet by
Maggie O'Farrell



Oct. 19,
Talk Before Sleep
by Elizabeth Berg



Nov. 13,
A Fine Balance
by Rohinton Mistry

Walker Temporary Library

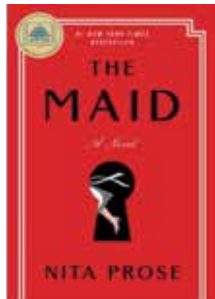
Walker Book Discussion



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Sept. 11,
Circe
by Madeline Miller



Oct. 9,
The Maid
by Nita Prose



Nov. 13,
All That She Carried
by Tiya Miles

Wyoming Branch

The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Sept. 9,
Shark Heart by
Emily Habeck



Nov. 11,
The Vanishing Half
by Brit Bennett

Silent Book Club

Put down your phone, pick up a book and spend quality time with fellow book lovers. This isn't your typical book club; there is no assigned reading or deadlines. Simply bring what you're reading and connect over a beverage.

Thursdays at 6:00 PM



Sept. 11



Oct. 9



Nov. 13

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.

A Bird in Hand: Stories from the Road

Terry Grabill shares the rare birds and stories that composed his wild Michigan Big Year, in which he traveled countless miles through 83 counties, all in a relentless chase to spot as many species of birds as possible in one year.

Thu., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Nov. 18, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch



AARP Learn a Latte: Honoring Life with Doulas and Alternative Burials

Participate in a heartfelt and informative conversation about honoring life through the compassionate guidance of end-of-life doulas and personalized, eco-friendly burial options. Discover how these services can bring peace, dignity and intention to your final journey. Whether you're planning ahead or simply curious, this discussion offers thoughtful insights into creating a legacy that reflects your values and spirit. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

Wed., Nov. 19, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

American Mahjong: Learn the Basics

Get an understanding of the rules, strategies and history of American Mahjong in this exciting introduction to the captivating game. Instructors from Mahj in the Mitten will walk you through the basics, share fascinating insights into its origins and provide you with opportunities to learn more.

Mon., Sept. 22, 6:30 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.

Wed., Sept. 3, 1:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Mon., Sept. 8, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Sept. 9, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 10, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 11, 3:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., Sept. 16, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 18, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 18, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Fri., Sept. 19, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Sept. 23, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 30, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 1, 1:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Tue., Oct. 7, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 8, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 9, 3:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Mon., Oct. 13, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Oct. 14, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 16, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Fri., Oct. 17, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Oct. 21, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 28, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 5, 1:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Mon., Nov. 10, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Nov. 11, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 12, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 13, 3:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., Nov. 18, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 20, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 20, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Fri., Nov. 21, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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 at kdl.org/events 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.

Thu., Sept. 4, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 9, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 15, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

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

Tue., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Thu., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

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Berry Good Bookmarks

Let local Art Prize artist Lain Leo spark your creativity as they share methods and inspiration from nature to imagine and paint your own berry-inspired wooden bookmark. **Space is limited so registration at kdl.org/events 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.

Tue., Oct. 14, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Bingo Hour

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

Tue., Sept. 2, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Sept. 9, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Sept. 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Sept. 10, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Sept. 16, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Sept. 22, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Sept. 24, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Oct. 8, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 14, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Oct. 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., Oct. 16, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., Oct. 22, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 27, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Nov. 11, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Nov. 11, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Nov. 12, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 18, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., Nov. 24, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Nov. 26, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Blood and Lipstick

Meet the women who covered the pages of Michigan history with blood spatter, including the infamous Michigan Borgia, who used strychnine to lop off an entire branch of her family tree; three sirens who lured a rich lawyer to his death; and an heiress whose obsession with a mechanic turned deadly. Angry wives, jilted lovers and sociopathic serial killers all gather in this presentation from true crime author Tobin T. Buhk.

Tue., Sept. 16, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Thu., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., Nov. 6, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Blood Drives

Donate blood and save lives. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan will be at Kent District Library; appointments are preferred but not required, and you can schedule your appointment at versiti.org/KDL.



Brick by Brick: Adult Build Night

LEGO® aren't just for kids: adults, come and build with us! Collaborate with friends on a LEGO® set, tackle a themed challenge, or freestyle with our brick stash – stay for 10 minutes or the whole evening.

Tue., Sept. 30, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Oct. 28, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Nov. 25, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Civil War Prisons

The unexpected length of the Civil War resulted in a prisoner crisis. Join a discussion with Dr. Michael Deeb on how each side approached the need to house, feed and care for tens of thousands of prisoners. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Library in partnership with the Rockford Historical Society. This event will take place at the Rockford Community Cabin, 200 N. Monroe St., Rockford MI 49341.*

Wed., Sept. 3, 7:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

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.*

Thu., Sept. 18, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Fri., Sept. 19, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Sept. 24, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Oct. 17, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Oct. 22, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 29, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Oct. 30, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Fri., Nov. 14, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., Nov. 25, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

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Coffee: Roasts, Types and Flavors

There's an art to roasting coffee, and Tess Dodd from The Last Mile Cafe in Grand Rapids is here to give an overview of the different types and how roasting affects the flavor. Coffee will be available to taste and determine for yourself.

Mon., Sept. 8, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., Oct. 1, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Thu., Oct. 16, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., Nov. 25, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., Sept. 3, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Sept. 4, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., Sept. 18, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

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

Thu., Oct. 9, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., Oct. 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 16, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., Oct. 22, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 28, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Wed., Nov. 5, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Nov. 6, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Sat., Nov. 15, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Sat., Nov. 15, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 20, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Dye-ing for Fast Fashion

With fast fashion everywhere, how much do you actually know about your clothes? Learn how the chemicals used in clothing production can affect your body, discover practical ways to reduce your exposure and bring your most-worn apparel item to discover what's inside. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-GRen and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.*

Tue., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Día de los Muertos Dance Celebration

Enjoy a vibrant and dynamic bilingual celebration of Mexico's rich cultural heritage through a stunning fusion of contemporary dance and traditional Mexican folk dance presented by the Laura Armenta Dance Company. A hands-on workshop will take place after the performance, allowing you to delve deeper into the dances and customs of this vibrant tradition.

Thu., Oct. 23, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Nov. 11, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Elect Her

Learn campaign strategy and leadership skills like public speaking and networking in this non-partisan training session designed to give women the confidence and skills needed to run for office. Hear from local politicians – one Republican and one Democrat – as they share their experiences getting started in politics, and gain practical knowledge and experience in the workshops offered throughout the session.

Sat., Sept. 27, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Early Childhood Essentials | Creating Care Partnerships

Tue., Sept. 9, 6:00 PM – Online event

Mon., Oct. 6, 6:00 PM – Online event

Sat., Nov. 1, 9:30 AM – Online event



As an early childhood professional, learn how to build meaningful, respectful and collaborative relationships with families of infants, starting from day one and evolving over time.

Pre-register online at kdl.org/events to receive professional development credit. Those not seeking credit may attend without registering.

Fall Foraging: Exploring Nature's Bounty

Discover the wild plants outside your doorstep. There are many plants you can forage for food, herbal remedies and artistic creations. Learn to identify, harvest and prepare them in this workshop.

Wed., Sept. 3, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Sept. 9, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 25, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

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

Wed., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., Oct. 20, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., Oct. 28, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 11, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Fall Garlands and Leaves

Bring a decorative touch into your home using paper and felt to create garlands and leaves to add some autumnal beauty to your space.

Tue., Sept. 2, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., Sept. 11, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Sept. 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., Sept. 22, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., Sept. 24, 6:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Wed., Oct. 1, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

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

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

Mon., Oct. 20, 2:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., Oct. 23, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., Oct. 29, 5:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Mon., Nov. 10, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 11, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 25, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

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Fall: The Other Planting Season

Learn which plants, bushes and bulbs are best to plant in the fall, how late you can plant and how to protect them. Discover how to put your garden to bed for the season. *Presented by the Rockford Garden Club.*

Sat., Oct. 11, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Food Safety in the Home

Learn from an environmental health expert from the Kent County Department of Health about food safety in the home, including safe storage and cooking temperatures for food and best practices for preventing food contamination.

Thu., Sept. 18, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., Nov. 3, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Get Started: Write Your Life Story

Have you ever thought about writing your life story or preserving your family's history to pass along to future generations? During this interactive workshop, Family Biographer Lauren Befus will introduce you to the life story writing process and share a variety of tools to begin preserving your story or the story of a loved one.

Tue., Nov. 18, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Impactful Songs from American History

Explore music throughout the decades! Join local educator Mike Martin for a playlist and discussion of songs from the 1930s to the 1990s. Excerpts of several songs and their backstories will be shared to assess their lasting cultural impact. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Library.*

Wed., Oct. 1, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Insects: To Swat or Not?

Learn about the best methods and practices for coexisting with the insects that live all around us from Ernest Delfosse, Professor Emeritus at MSU. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.*

Tue., Sept. 16, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Introduction to Breastfeeding

Learn the benefits of breastfeeding for both the parent and child, how to prepare to breastfeed and what community support is available from a Kent County Breastfeeding Peer Counselor.

Wed., Oct. 8, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Language Exchange / Intercambio

Practice your Spanish or English with librarian-facilitated conversations. *Practicar su español o inglés con conversación facilitado por un bibliotecario.*

Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., Oct. 28, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., Nov. 25, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Library Literacy: Making the Most of Public Library Resources in Your Classroom

Gather at the library with other secondary school educators from around Kent County for a day of connection and learning from library staff and each other. Discover the many free resources offered by Kent District Library and how you can use them in the classroom. **Registration is required at kdl.org/events for this event.**

Thurs., Nov. 13, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Living Better in West Michigan: A Global Health Perspective

Health, longevity and quality of life vary depending on where you live, but do they have to? In this series, explore the factors that lead to people living longer lives here and in other parts of the world and how increased knowledge of healthcare systems can help us address the real health needs in our communities. **Topics for each event to be announced.**

Tue., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Oct. 14, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Oct. 21, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



World Affairs Council
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Lost and Found Legendary Lake Michigan Shipwrecks

Join author and explorer Valerie van Heest on a journey back in time to experience the careers and tragic sinkings of Lake Michigan ships. The compelling sagas of these vessels didn't end when the waves of Lake Michigan washed over them and van Heest will take you beneath the lake to partake in the triumphant discovery and exciting exploration of their remains.

Thu., Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., Nov. 17, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.**Mahjong**

Join us for American Mahjong, a game of skill, strategy and calculation. All skill levels welcome.

Tue., Sept. 30, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 7, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 14, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 21, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 28, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 11, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Nov. 18, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Next Nexus: Health and Business

Learn from experts in the health and business fields how to incorporate health awareness into your business practices in order to improve workflow, increase talent retention and create a stronger work culture. Each session includes interactive panels and professional networking.

Business Accommodations for Disabilities

Join Sharlene Organ and Monica Robbins, business relations consultants, as they share how to make your business more inclusive and accessible to individuals with disabilities so that your employees can thrive at your business and, in turn, help your business thrive.

Wed., Sept. 24, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

DO MORE GOOD® Workshop

Learn how your business or organization can improve your messaging to grow your success and impact from Bill McKendry, founder and co-owner of BrandHaven and author of *Do More Good*.

Tue., Oct. 14, 9:00 – 11:30 AM – Wyoming Branch

Nibwaakaawin: Anishinaabe Stories and Teachings

Learn about the history and culture of West Michigan's indigenous population from Katrina Furman, Anishinaabe Curator at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, as the Anishinaabek exhibit at the museum undergoes exciting changes.

Thu., Oct. 9, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., Oct. 14, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., Nov. 11, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Open Craft Lab

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

Mon., Sept. 8, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Sept. 17, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Sept. 25, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Oct. 13, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Oct. 15, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Oct. 23, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., Nov. 10, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Nov. 19, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Nov. 20, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Our Path to Zero

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., Nov. 18, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Paint & Pop

An instructional beginner paint program for adults. Get your creativity flowing! **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

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

Reader to Leader: Book Club Facilitation Skills Workshop

Whether you lead a long-standing book club or are just starting out, ensure every meeting is enriching and enjoyable with fresh ideas and practical strategies from the experts at KDL for selecting books, crafting conversation-provoking questions and navigating differing opinions with confidence.

Tue., Sept. 23, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Oct. 7, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Saving Money with Home Energy Rebates

Join Brett Little from the Green Home Institute for a home energy session to learn how to boost comfort, improve health, reduce utility bills and access financial incentives. *Sponsored by the Rockford Sustainability Committee.*

Wed., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Soiree in the Stacks

Dance the night away amongst the stories of the stacks or the twinkling gardens. Enjoy bookish delights, crafts and a local author fair meet-and-greet.

Fri., Oct. 24, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

The Traveling Printing Press

Fall in love with the art of letterpress printing with The World's Smallest Letterpress Shop! Experience this art technique on a vintage printing press and create your own original letterpress print. **Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events 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.

Thu., Sept. 4, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Wed., Sept. 10, 6:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

! This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Thu., Sept. 18, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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

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

Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Thu., Nov. 13, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Nov. 18, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., Nov. 19, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Trivia Night @ KDL

Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games created by Matt of Here's Your Host! Each show features questions 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.

Wed., Sept. 17, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Wed., Oct. 15, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., Nov. 12, 6:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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

Thu., Nov. 20, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Write Michigan Days of Learning

Write Michigan Days of Learning offers sessions for professional learning and networking to further develop your writing skills and industry knowledge from industry experts.

Write Michigan Day of Learning | Writing History: Accessing the Five Levels of Research

Before you can write true crime, historical fiction, biography or any other work rooted in history, you have to research your topic. But where should your research start, when should it end and how do you sift through all you learn? Join true crime author Tobin T. Buhk as he offers guidance on these issues and more and provides a starting point for your next work.

Sat., Sept. 20, 1:00 PM – 2:15 PM – Grandville Branch

Write Michigan Day of Learning | Three Things Editors Want in an Author

You have your proposal in order and your sample chapters polished – now what? What kind of author stands out in the crowd of proposals crossing an editor's desk? In this workshop, twenty-year industry veteran Janyre Tromp will reveal three things every editor wants to see.

Sat., Sept. 20, 2:30 PM – 3:45 PM – Grandville Branch

Write Michigan Day of Learning | From Drawing Board to Text

If your notes for your next work look more like a crime board than a story outline, true crime author Tobin T. Buhk is here to help. Buhk will provide tips for planning your work, outlining your ideas and finally writing.

Sat., Oct. 18, 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Write Michigan Day of Learning | Finding Your Voice

Finding and effectively using your unique writer voice is key to not only setting yourself apart but also signaling where you belong. In this workshop, best-selling author Janyre Tromp will walk you through how to find your voice through style, perspective and tone.

Sat., Oct. 18, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

BOOKMOBILE VISITS



For All Ages

Please note: Bookmobile events may be canceled due to weather conditions. Check kdl.org/bookmobile or call 616.784.2007 for the latest updates before attending. Your safety is our priority!

RECURRING VISITS

Stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest books, movies, music and more to enjoy at home.

Bookmobile Visit | Godfrey Lee Early Childhood Center 961 Joosten St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Sept. 2	Sept. 30	Nov. 4
Sept. 9	Oct. 7	Nov. 11
Sept. 16	Oct. 14	Nov. 18
Sept. 23	Oct. 21	Nov. 25
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Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Grandville Senior Neighbors Center 3380 Division Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Mondays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sept. 8
Oct. 13
Nov. 10



Bookmobile Visit | Woodfield Apartments 860 Woodfield East Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 Bookmobile will be parked near the Community Center.

Wednesdays, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sept. 3
Oct. 1
Nov. 5



Bookmobile Visit | Kingsbury Place Apartments 730 North Center Ct. NW, Walker, MI 49544

Bookmobile will be parked by the playground and Community Center.

Mondays, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Sept. 8
Oct. 13
Nov. 10



Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Wyoming Senior Center 2380 De Hoop Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Sept. 3	Oct. 21
Sept. 16	Nov. 3
Oct. 7	Nov. 18



Bookmobile Visit | Brookside Village 3130 Slater Ave. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

Bookmobile will be parked at the main office.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Sept. 10
Oct. 8
Nov. 12



Bookmobile Visit | Cutler Estates

6471 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids, MI 49548 Bookmobile will be parked at the main office.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Sept. 11
Oct. 9
Nov. 13



Bookmobile Visit | UCOM

1311 Chicago Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Sept. 23
Oct. 28
Nov. 25



Bookmobile Visit | York Creek Community Visit

650 York Creek Dr. NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321

Bookmobile will be parked at the York Creek playground.

1st and 3rd Mondays, 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
*excluding Labor Day

Sept. 15 Nov. 3
Oct. 6 Nov. 17
Oct. 20



Bookmobile Visit | Grattan Twp. Express Library

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sept. 9
Oct. 14
Nov. 11



Bookmobile Visit | Tamarisk Apartments

4520 Bowen Blvd. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

Bookmobile will be parked at the front office.

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sept. 17
Oct. 15
Nov. 19



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Bookmobile Visit | Grand Village

6500 Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Bookmobile will be parked near the main office.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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