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Hello.

One of my favorite things about the library is that it means different things to different people. We literally offer something for everyone.

For some of you, the library provides entertainment. You check out an endless supply of books and watch movies through our Kanopy service. You love trying out all the cool things in our Beyond Books collection. PerkPass is your favorite KDL offering, and your calendar is filled with KDL programs to attend.

For others of you, the library is a place to better yourself. You use our computers to create a résumé and our free printing service to make copies. You get work done in our branches. Maybe you graduated from our Career Online High School program.

For others of you, the library isn't really a place, it's a website. You may never step foot inside our buildings, but love using our online offerings. You read ebooks and listen to audiobooks. You utilize our online databases.

Maybe the library is a gift you give your children. You visit our play spaces and attend Storytime every week.

We see some of you daily, others weekly, and some of you we only see a couple times a year.

No matter what you are looking for within our walls or on our website, we hope you find it. We want every single one of you to feel respected and accepted. No matter who you are, you are welcome here.



Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Werner".

Lance Werner
Executive Director

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KDL updates

Exciting New Looks Are On the Way!

In the next year, look out for a new and improved look and feel to some of your favorite Early Literacy programs here at KDL, including all-new Preschool Booster Packs and our popular 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Preschool Booster Packs will support the Kent County Success Basics initiative and help to develop important skills and concepts needed for kindergarten readiness. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten will include a Michigan woodland animal theme and a digital tracking option for parents and caregivers.



A few example titles

KDL CORE

Introducing Picture Book CORE Collection

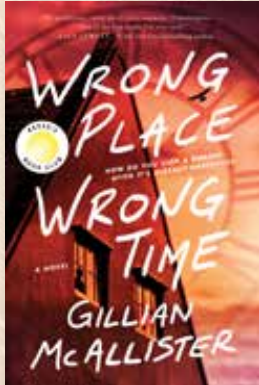
If you have been enjoying our KDL CORE Collections for adults, teens and youth, good news! You can expect to see a curated list of 100 Picture Book CORE titles based on circulation and local interest. New books are due to arrive at a branch near you later this spring and will be a great way for families to find some old and new favorites. As with all our CORE offerings, the collection will be maintained and updated on a semi-annual basis.



WONDER NOOK is Wonderful

By now, you may have seen or read about some of the buzz surrounding KDL's new WonderNook play space renovations. Inspired by Montessori learning methods, these new spaces are sure to spark your child's imagination and sense of wonder, all while growing a fundamental love for their local library. (We love you too!) Be sure to check out your branch's new space, and don't forget about other nearby branches! Your child can earn a prize for visiting multiple locations with their WonderNook map. Ask a librarian for one today!

Staff Picks



Wrong Place Wrong Time

by Gillian McAllister

"If you liked *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave, you're in for a treat. This title starts with a woman witnessing her son murdering someone right outside their home. The entire story plays backward to uncover what she may have missed along the way. If we could go back and savor the moment just a little more, what would we discover? It's a truly gripping psychological thriller that had me curious the entire way through! I highly recommend [this title]."

Ashten, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Klara and the Sun

by Kazuo Ishiguro

"This story's vision of a future where people are so socially distanced that it is common for parents to purchase AFs (artificial friends) for their children seems plausible. The main character, an AF named Klara, sits in the store hoping for a family. As she waits, she learns about the world via her narrow view through the store window. Eventually, she is purchased to be a companion for a sickly child, Josie. As Klara acclimates to life in Josie's home, she strives to be a good companion while she learns more of the world beyond the store window. When Josie's health eventually declines, Klara decides to make a sacrifice to help her, leading to a bittersweet end to this tale."

Rebecca, Plainfield Twp. Branch

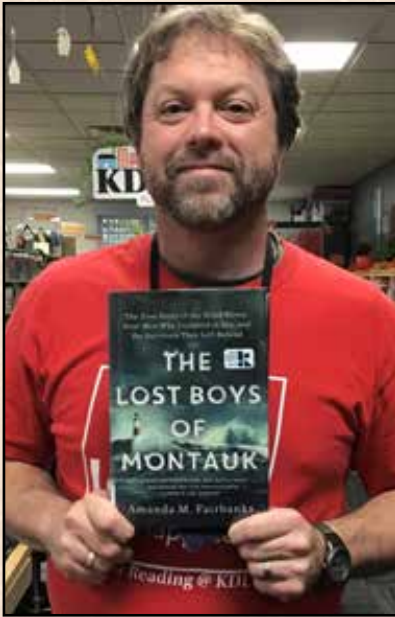


Foul Lady Fortune

by Chloe Gong

"A must-read for fans of Gong's *These Violent Delights* duology, this story follows well-known characters from the original *Romeo and Juliet* retelling. It utilizes historical aspects of 1930s Shanghai to weave a tale of warring political parties and mysterious monsters. All of this provides a captivating backdrop to the story of a spy and an assassin pretending to be a married couple in order to uncover international plots against their city."

Sarah, Collection Services

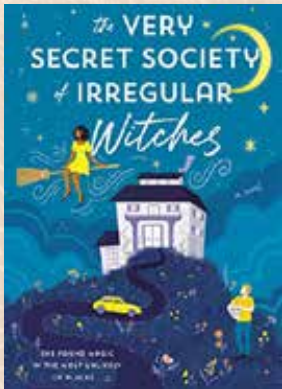


The Lost Boys of Montauk

by Amanda M. Fairbanks

"This book takes an interesting look into what happens to the loved ones left behind when lives are lost at sea. Combining history and mystery, it explores how the northeast coastal towns and the survivors changed before, during and after the loss of the Wind Blown and her crew."

Clyde, Spencer Twp. Branch



The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches

by Sangu Mandanna

"This is such a sweet, cozy story about found families. I fell in love with all the characters and can't wait to read it again. I have heard it described as *Practical Magic* meets *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, and that is the perfect description! I just adored this book."

Shelby, Caledonia Twp. Branch



The Biggest Bluff: How I Learned to Pay Attention, Master Myself, and Win

by Maria Konnikova

"Even if you're not into poker, this is an excellent book because of the mini stories about the author and the people she encountered while on the road to winning a world poker title. I was blown away by the statistic that the best hand wins an average of 12% of the time in poker. There is so much more to how we present ourselves, read others' intent and choose how to respond. This book goes way beyond cards, and it's a great read."

Randy, Marketing Communications



Staff DATABASE Picks

A book isn't necessarily the only tool for the job when it comes to learning. For everything from languages to interactive courses to in-depth research, KDL offers online resource subscriptions to better fit our communities' information needs. Often referred to as "databases" by library staff, these resources are selected based on community needs to help users with specific tasks, and can range from auto repair and maintenance to genealogy research to career prep.

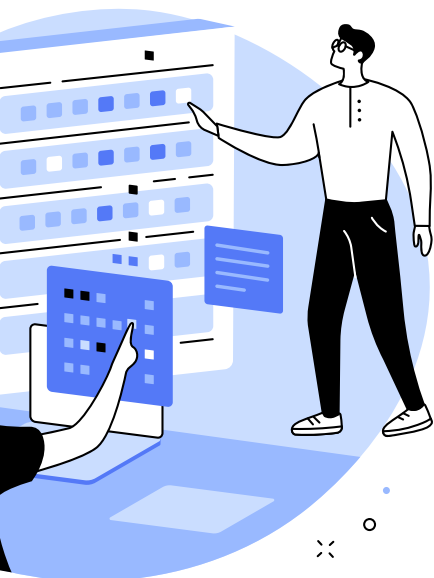
Easily accessible from home using your computer or smart device, a complete list of our resources can be found at kdl.org/online-resources. You'll need to have your library card number and PIN ready to log in.



SCHOLASTIC Resource: **Teachables**

What it's for: Scholastic Teachables is a resource for parents and teachers that provides lesson plans, activity sheets and printables in a variety of subjects for students in grades K-6.

Why KDL staff love it: "For the past year and a bit, I've been participating as a mentor with Affinity Mentoring at one of the local elementary schools. I hang out with my mentee for about an hour each week during lunch. Although we read lots of books and do art projects, their teacher also wanted us to work on some math problems. I've been using Scholastic Teachables to print out suitable word problem sheets for us to work on together (because it's been a while since I was in elementary school). Scholastic Teachables makes it easy to search by subject and grade level, and the printables usually include some sort of illustration so they look more fun for the learner." – Johanna, Collection Development Librarian



Resource: **LinkedIn Learning**

What it's for: LinkedIn Learning provides thousands of online courses dedicated to enhancing business and workplace skills, ranging from programming to project management to video editing. You can also earn certificates in specific areas. ¡También disponible en español!

Why KDL staff love it: "I've found LinkedIn Learning to be very helpful for familiarizing myself with new software and expanding on the skills that I use in my job. I've bookmarked several 'Learning Paths' to help guide my professional development, as well as some personal growth goals as well. I especially appreciate that I can adjust the speed of the video courses, speeding them up when they are reviewing skills that I already know, and then slowing down and pausing as necessary while I follow along to learn brand-new functions. Professional development courses don't have to cost a thing when you have a KDL card!" – Sheri, Data Coordinator



reference
solutions

Resource:

What it's for: Data Axle Reference Solutions (formerly ReferenceUSA) provides extensive corporate and residential contact information, which can be used for job hunting, identifying business opportunities, researching market trends and creating mailing lists. Search by name, location, product, phone number and more.

Why KDL staff love it: "Data Axle is a researcher's dream! I use Data Axle to research the business ecosystem for West Michigan. It allows users to dive deep into types of businesses, owner type and population maps. Data Axle is great for users who need a variety of ways to access and use data. Everyone from real estate professionals to childcare providers will find value with data and visual guides to get to know a community better. I hosted a demonstration of Data Axle to the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. They were excited to use the resource to get to know the West Michigan business climate better."
– Hannah, Outreach Specialist

Resource: Rosetta Stone 

What it's for: Learning a second (or third, or fourth) language! Get ready for a trip abroad, get extra practice for school or learn some helpful phrases for work. Rosetta Stone uses an interactive approach that doesn't focus on translation from English, but incorporates speaking, writing and listening skills.

Why KDL staff love it: "I have been using Rosetta Stone to learn both Dutch and Spanish. I chose Spanish because it is widely spoken in our community, so I thought it would be helpful to learn. (Also, my wife speaks it, so I have a built-in practice buddy.) And I am learning Dutch because my ancestors immigrated from the Netherlands, so Rosetta Stone provides me an opportunity to connect to those roots through language! Though I've had good experiences using both the web-based platform and the app, I prefer the app because it allows me to do a few minutes at a time from wherever I happen to be – my couch, waiting in line at the pharmacy or even on a break at work! There is so much I love about Rosetta Stone. The lessons are short, which makes them easy to complete and provides a sense of accomplishment! I've appreciated that Rosetta Stone teaches me to write, read, speak and understand spoken phrases all at once. The program provides lots of pictures to help provide context clues, and everything is written out on the screen and spoken, so it supports lots of learning styles and provides a really holistic learning experience. I feel that this allows me to learn the language quicker and better. And, of course, I love that I can work on the lessons at my own pace!" – Christine, Branch Librarian

FINDING THE COURAGE TO SPEAK

Illustration by Paige Norman | @pabnormalcreations

At its core, **Community Reads** is a true celebration of reading. The whole community reads the same book. They immerse themselves in the study of that book, hear from the author and reflect thoughtfully on issues relating to that book.

Community Reads programs are popular throughout the country, and they have been part of the literary landscape in Grandville and Wyoming for many years. This program is unique in that Kent District Library works closely with area high schools to help them integrate the reading of the main book into their curriculum.

The Grandville-Wyoming Community Reads program involves the whole community. Staff choose a featured book that can be read by both adults and high school students. Participants are encouraged to dive deep into the book and use it as a springboard for more learning. Even preschoolers can participate with a special book and art project all of their own.

Kris Vogelar, recently retired Branch Outreach & Programming Specialist at the Grandville Branch of KDL, feels the most significant impact of Community Reads involves kids and teens.

“When young people are able to read the same book and hear from the author, that experience connects them to the process of writing a book and inspires them to explore their own creative side,” said Vogelar. “Being part of this community reading experience helps them think critically about literature and delve deeper into certain ideas and themes central to the book. It teaches them that books can be very meaningful tools for living a full and happy life.”

This is the sixth year that the Grandville and Wyoming Branches have joined forces to host a joint Community Reads event. They knew they could be stronger together by combining their resources to offer up something really amazing to Grandville and Wyoming. The Community Reads project has grown from a collaboration between a single branch library and a single teacher to a true coordinated effort to engage multiple communities served by KDL and students from four different school districts.



In 2022, KDL hosted Angeline Bouley, author of *Firekeeper's Daughter*.

As a school Media Specialist and former English teacher, Melissa Schneider is a strong believer in building partnerships with the local library. She says the Community Reads program has allowed local schools to bring in authors, something they otherwise couldn't afford.

“When our students read a text, they engage on one level, but when they can meet the author, they are able to hear his or her personal story, ask questions and get real answers, and see them as a real person rather than just a name printed on a book. Many of these authors help our reluctant readers see that reading can be cool,” Schneider said.

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According to Melissa Schneider, one of the biggest impacts of the Community Reads initiative is that students are reading more and seeing books as a part of their world. When students, staff and community members all read the same book, it creates many opportunities for dialogue about the book, characters, events and themes.

“It’s amazing to see this happen in spaces beyond the four walls of the classroom,” Schneider said. “When students ask for other books by the featured author or read-alike books, we know we’ve made a connection that is lasting.”

Vicki Blubaugh, a Grandville Branch patron, has participated in Community Reads for several years by reading the book and attending the author visit. She appreciates that KDL selects books for different reading levels and that the featured authors have a social purpose behind their writing that promotes dialogue.

“I find the books to be engaging and enlightening about relevant issues that encourage thoughtful discussions regarding our perceptions and interactions with each other,” said Blubaugh. “Allowing children, teens and adults to engage with authors is an exciting avenue to encourage discussion, writing skills and reading.”

Everyone is invited to participate in Community Reads and join us as we celebrate reading, connection and growth.



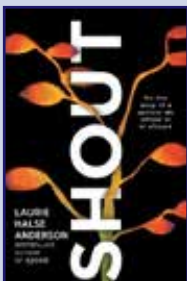
Each year, the Grandville and Wyoming Branches team up for a **Community Reads** program that explores the power of books to teach and inspire.



Book Discussion
Wednesday, March 29,
6:30 PM
Grandville Branch
4055 Maple St. SW
 Join this discussion of *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson in anticipation of her visit.



Author Talk and Book Signing:
Laurie Halse Anderson
Thursday, April 27,
6:30 PM
Wyoming Branch
3350 Michael Ave. SW



Book Discussion
Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 PM
Wyoming Branch
3350 Michael Ave. SW
 Join this discussion of *Shout* by Laurie Halse Anderson in anticipation of her visit.

Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times bestselling author whose writing resonates with young readers, teens and adults. Laurie will be speaking about our featured title *Speak* and her book *Shout*, a searing poetic memoir and call to action. Book sale and signing to follow.

Please note that Laurie's talk may include the discussion of rape, sexual assault, mental illness, depression and other sensitive topics.

Laurie will also be visiting Wyoming, Kelloggsville and Grandville High Schools on April 27 and 28. YWCA advocates will be available to provide support at these events.

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Get to Know Laurie Halse Anderson

What is your best advice for aspiring writers?

Learn to live frugally and avoid debt as best you can. Write what you want, not according to trends or market reports. Make writing time a daily habit and make it your priority. A degree in Creative Writing (undergrad or Master's) is a very expensive piece of paper that does not guarantee you will be published. Do a lot of research before you sign up for it. Read every night before you fall asleep. William Faulkner said, "Don't be 'a writer.' Be writing." Pay attention to Mr. Faulkner.

If you had a day all to yourself, how would you like to spend your time?

Get up before dawn and write in my journal. Go for a run when it's light enough outside. After a shower, write for five or six hours. End the work day by answering email and other business-required things. Spend the evening with family and friends. Read for an hour before I fall asleep.



What is the best advice you have ever received?

Learn to become comfortable with the discomfort inherent in writing. It does not go away.

If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would you choose?

George Washington.

What talent do you wish you had?

Drawing.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Raising compassionate children.

What is something people would be surprised to find out about you?

I'm really good at milking cows and splitting firewood.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Alive.





**Women at Risk,
International Boutique**
Thursday, April 27, 5:30 PM
Wyoming Branch
3350 Michael Ave. SW



WAR CHEST BOUTIQUE
WOMEN AT RISK INTERNATIONAL

Support Women at Risk, International, who bring healing and empowerment to trafficking survivors, by shopping their boutique of handcrafted items made by rescued men and women from around the world.

The shop will be open before and after Laurie Halse Anderson's author talk and book signing.



It Happened, What's Next Panel

Recording available at
kdl.org/communityreads
beginning Wednesday, March 1

Meet the professionals at the YWCA West Central Michigan located in downtown Grand Rapids. A nurse examiner, legal advocate, and crisis advocate speak on how they assist survivors of abuse and sexual assault, offer support groups and counseling services, aid in finding emergency shelter and housing services, and much more.

KDL GIVES BACK

The YWCA West Central Michigan transforms lives with leadership programs for girls, prevention classes and our community's most comprehensive services to address domestic and dating abuse, sexual assault, child sexual abuse, and stalking against all people. During the month of April, donate a new item from YWCA's wish list at any KDL location. Visit kdl.org/ywca for more information.





Spring Programming at a Glance

Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime | Wyoming Branch

Mondays, March 6 – April 24, 10:30 AM

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

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



ASL Storytime

Cascade Twp. Branch

Fridays, March 3 – April 28, 10:00 AM

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



Edge Evans Hyde Introduces *Alabama Story*

Grandville Branch

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 PM

Join Edge Evans Hyde and friends for an introduction to the play *Alabama Story*, which tells the true story of a librarian who was persecuted for protecting a children's book. Enjoy a reading from the play and discuss its relevance today.



Motown: A Supreme Insight

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wednesday, May 10, 6:30 PM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 PM

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



Presenter Michael Curtis



Visit kdl.org/events for dates, times and locations.
 Old school? Grab a calendar from your home branch!



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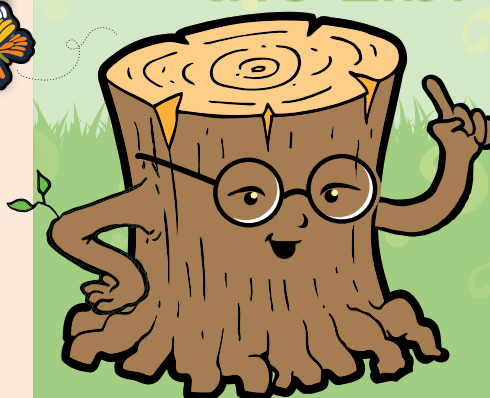
Grandville
 Branch
 Thursday, April 6,
 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab Experience Expo! KDL Lab will be showcasing a variety of STEAM experiences and partnering with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun. For all KDL LAB events this spring, scan this code!



Got a question?

STUMP the Librarian



Your hosts



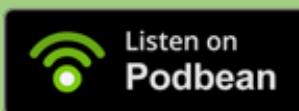
Jill

Join our librarians as they try to answer your inquisitive questions and see if it's possible to stump a librarian! You can submit a question via kdl.org/stump. They would love to hear what questions are on your mind.



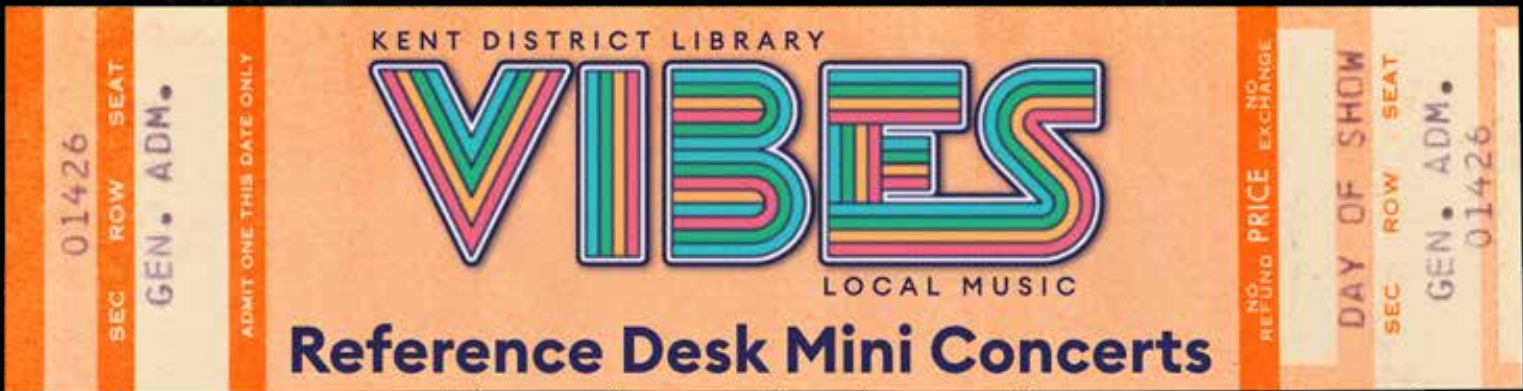
Liz

Don't forget to subscribe to the podcast via stumpthelibrarian.podbean.com or wherever you prefer to listen.



Times and dates shown are subject to change. Please scan the QR codes on this page or visit kdl.org/events for the latest information.





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

Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Locations below; will also be LIVE on kdl.org/livestream.



March 9 | Grandville Branch

Hannah Laine



March 23 | Plainfield Twp. Branch

Rin Tarsy



April 6 | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Mell Duney



April 20 | Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Jason of Singing Lungs

May 4 | Cascade Twp. Branch

**Jack Droppers
& The Best Intentions**



Listen Local | vibes.kdl.org



Teen Poetry Contest & Slam

Submission Deadline:

Monday, April 3 at Midnight

**Write Michigan
Teen Poetry Slams:**

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Grades 6-8

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Grades 9-12

THESE ARE LIVE AND UNCENSORED EVENTS.



Submit up to two poems for a chance to win a **Meijer gift card**. Then, read a poem at our Write Michigan Teen Poetry Slam for another chance to win! You must submit a written work to be eligible for the teen poetry slam. Visit kdl.org/teenpoetry for more information and to submit your entries.

Free Professional Development Classes for Childcare Providers

By **Hannah Lewis**, Outreach Specialist



KDL is pleased to offer online Early Childhood Essentials classes for childcare providers in collaboration with Great Start to Quality. These online courses, available for KDL patrons who provide childcare, are essential in keeping childcare providers up-to-date in their skills and training in order to provide quality service to the community.

Great Start to Quality works to create early learning experiences to build foundations for future success, and offers low- to no-cost childcare for qualifying families.



Childcare providers are in high demand. KDL and the Great Start to Quality Kent Resource Center are ready to meet this demand by offering free courses. The courses are focused on a variety of early learning topics from mindfully feeding infants to toilet training. For more details, visit kdl.org/events.



Spring Schedule

These classes take place online. Learn more and register at kdl.org/events. **Times and topics are subject to change.**

Routines that Support Toilet Learning

Thursday, March 2, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

The Importance of Play in Today's Environment

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

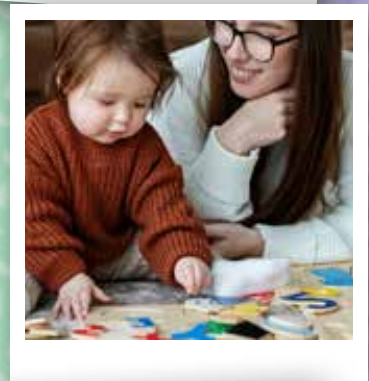
RELAX: Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Loose Parts Play for Babies

Wednesday, April 12, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Monday, April 24, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



Impossible Task:

A Satirical Guide to Keeping Track of Your Kids in the Library



By **Josh Mosey**, Digital Marketing Strategist



Visiting the library, for children of all ages, is a delightful experience, but parents are sometimes stymied by their children's penchant for disappearing into the stacks as soon as their kids enter our bookish wonderland. For this reason, we've assembled a list of tips to keep track of your kids in the library.

Be proactive. Upon arriving in the library's parking lot, preferably before your vehicle comes to a halt, tell your kids, "This isn't going to be like last time. I need you to stay with me. We are just going to pick up our holds and head out."

Chance of success: 1/10 – Very few people can just pick up their holds and head out.

Stick together. Before you leave home, throw some rope, duct tape or bungee cords into your library bag with your returns. Upon arriving at the library, literally tie/tape your children to yourself.

Chance of success 3/10 – Movement may be difficult and there's no guarantee you'll make it inside the library, but you'll know where your kids are at all times... at least until they wriggle out.

Bookmark-o Polo. As soon as you lose track of your kids in the library (aka immediately after turning around to look at some interesting book on the new release table), shout, "Bookmark-o" and listen for your children to yell "Polo." Follow the voices until your children have been found.

Chance of success 3/10 – The problem here is that other patrons might think you are playing with them, thus they might yell "Polo" as well. Conversely, other patrons—and staff—might not take kindly to all the yelling in the library.



Up, up and away. Stop by the dollar store and grab some helium balloons before heading to the library. Attach the balloons to your child's waist via a belt loop or similar method. Make sure the balloon string is long enough so the balloon is visible above the book stacks.

Chance of success 5/10 – Some dangers to be aware of: ceiling fans, other children who want a balloon for themselves, your unhappy kiddo when their balloon pops for no reason. Because that's what balloons do.

Look in the 'Knook. When all else fails, head to the library's new WonderKnook play space.

Chance of success 9/10 – These exciting, new, wooden play structures are part imaginative-freedom-zones, part child-interest magnets.

Stay tuned for the next Impossible Task: How to Get Your Child Out of the Library Without Tears.

Take. Grow. Enjoy...

Seed libraries aren't just a great source of free seeds for your garden — they protect plants, feed people and sustain our environment.

Find out more at kdl.org/seedlibrary. Available at all KDL branches and on the Bookmobile.

Wild Mushroom Identification

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



Alpine Twp.
Alto
Amy Van Anandel Library (Ada)
East Grand Rapids

Englehardt (Lowell)
Grandville
Spencer Twp.



Visit kdl.org/events for dates, times and details.





Growing and Harvesting Herbs

Learn how to grow herbs in pots or the garden from seeds, cuttings and transplants. Develop skills in drying and preserving your herbs.

Alpine
Alto
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Byron Twp.
Caledonia Twp.
Comstock Park
Gaines Twp.
Grandville
Kelloggsville

Krause Memorial (Rockford)
Rockford
Nelson Twp.
Spencer Twp.
Tyrone Twp.
Walker
Wyoming



Visit kdl.org/events for dates, times and details.



Grand Rapids Community Seed Exchange

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Saturday, March 18, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Seeds and people come together! If you are looking for some new seeds or have a surplus to share, come to our seed swap. Presented by the Grand Rapids Community Seed Exchange.



Creating Your Own Life in Bloom

Grandville Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 PM

Join the host of "J Schwanke's Life in Bloom" for this flower-filled program that will teach you how to create your own Life in Bloom. Experience firsthand the health and wellness benefits of flowers! J will share his favorite tips for arranging flowers. You might even leave with a flower creation!

A photograph of a woman and a young girl looking at a tablet together. The woman is on the left, wearing a dark blue tank top, and the girl is on the right, wearing a white shirt and denim overalls. They are both smiling and looking down at the tablet. The background is dark with some warm lighting.

Be Entertained.
Be Enriched.

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The films that truly resonate with us do more than just entertain. They inspire us, enrich us and challenge our perspectives.

Anyone with a Kent District Library card can enjoy thousands of free videos from Kanopy, a streaming collection of high-quality films. Kanopy's unique selection offers something for everyone, from award-winning indie films, to important and timely documentaries, to foreign films, popular cinema, children's shows and more. All of this can be streamed on TV and a wide range of other devices.

The Kanopy app is available on iOS and Android along with all major streaming devices, including Roku, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV and Samsung Smart TV.



kdl.kanopy.com



That's the Ticket

by Mark Dunham | Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Kanopy, available through KDL, is a platform that allows you to bring the movie theater into your home and stream movies for free with your library card. Growing up in rural Michigan, the movie theater at the

nearest town would have a new feature film every week, and it was such a big deal to go to the movies. At the time, no one ever could have anticipated the wonder of being able to stream a movie to a tablet or some other device, including a television. Yet here we are, in the twenty-first century, with technology that brings those movies directly to us.

Unlike that small-town movie theater, where we were obligated to watch whatever came along, Kanopy provides unparalleled access to the wider world through service that connects anyone with a library card to festival films, indie films and world cinema from award-winning filmmakers, as well as thousands of classic and popular television shows and movies. Also, unlike those other streaming services, the miracle of streaming through Kanopy isn't limited by your ability to pay. Your library card is your movie ticket. Through Kent District Library, this miracle is freely available to all.



Storytime

Anytime with KDL



If you can't come to Storytime, Storytime can come to you!

Maybe your child is sick and needs to stay home. Maybe your KDL branch is taking a short break from offering Storytime. Maybe visiting the library is a bit overwhelming for your child. Whatever the reason, we don't want you to miss out on all the fun, engagement and learning that Storytime has to offer. Watch and enjoy anytime, anywhere!



kdl.org/storytime-anytime

KDL Locations

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

ALTO
6071 Linfield Ave. SE
Alto, MI 49302

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

BOOKMOBILE
kdl.org/bookmobile

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

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

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

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

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

ENGLEHARDT
200 N. Monroe St.
Lowell, MI 49331

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

GRANDVILLE
4055 Maple St. SW
Grandville, MI 49418

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

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

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

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

NELSON TOWNSHIP
88 Eighth St.
Sand Lake, MI 49343

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

SPENCER TOWNSHIP
14960 Meddler Ave.
Gowen, MI 49326

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

WALKER
4293 Remembrance Rd. NW
Walker, MI 49534

WYOMING
3350 Michael Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

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



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Assistant Branch Librarian
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Shannon Cameron
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Caledonia Twp.



Mike Ensing
Shelver, Gaines Twp.

Cameron Holmes
Branch Librarian, Kelloggsville
Book Recommendation:
The Witch Hunt by Sasha Peyton Smith

Rachel Kaphing
Assistant Branch Librarian
East Grand Rapids



Daniel Morris
Shelver, Cascade



Jordan Perkins
Branch Librarian
Krause Memorial (Rockford)
Book Recommendation:
Same, Same, but Different
by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

Victor Puhly
Shelver, Gaines Twp.
Book Recommendation:
The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger



Neil Rajala
Assistant Branch Librarian, Cascade Twp.

Liz Rethman
Shelver, Amy Van Andel (Ada)
Book Recommendation:
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Ruth VanWalsum
Assistant Branch Librarian, Walker

Loraine Worden
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Did You Know?

Most KDL branches have private study rooms and meeting rooms. Some can be reserved online, and the rest are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Learn more at kdl.org/private-rooms.

Take. Grow. Enjoy.

One of our three pillars in the KDL Strategic Plan is Sustainability.

The Seed Library not only helps to ensure the library adds value beyond books to our community, it also protects plants, feeds people and works to sustain our environment. Find out more at kdl.org/seedlibrary and discover some related programs on pages 18 and 19.



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