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Spring has sprung!

It's the season of growth, and we love helping children grow in their love of reading and learning. That is why we recently began offering Preschool Booster Packs. Booster Packs are collections of fun-filled games, activities and books that are created for kids to help with pre-literacy skills. Already available for grades K-3, KDL is thrilled to now provide them for preschool learners as well.

The new preschool booster packs focus on the concepts of letters, numbers, shapes, size, colors, opposites, patterns and sequencing. Ask a librarian for a Preschool Booster Pack to take home and enjoy. If none are available, place a hold to get in line. Your children will have fun while they learn!

As growth takes place in your garden beds and greenhouses (see page 16 for some programs you might be interested in), remember that it also takes place in your local library in a variety of ways. We even offer seeds in our Seed Library while supplies last.



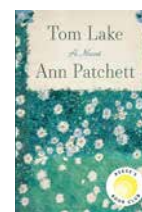
Warm regards,

Lance Werner
Executive Director

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The cover features Ann Patchett, bestselling author of *Tom Lake*.

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KDL UPDATES

Our CORE Collections have been updated with new titles! Each KDL CORE collection consists of titles at least one year old that are close to the hearts of KDL librarians and patrons alike. Each branch has four collections – adult, teen, youth and picture books. Stop by your branch to see what's new. These books will not disappoint!



The **Amy Van Andel Library & Community Center** in Ada celebrated its third birthday on February 5 with a special storytime with Miss Liz that featured Amy Van Andel as the guest reader.

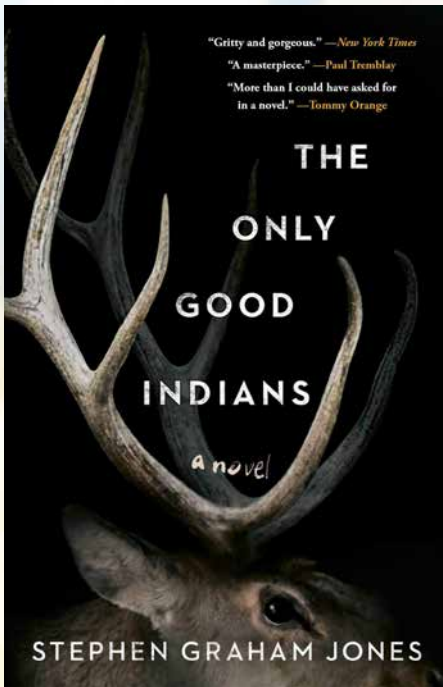


Write Michigan Success

We received 1,175 entries to our Write Michigan Short Story Contest from all over the state. Writers of all ages were inspired to share their stories, imagination and creativity. We can't wait to celebrate all our winners this spring.



Staff Picks

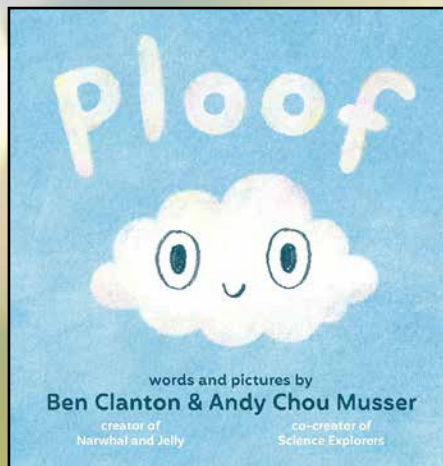


The Only Good Indians

by Stephen Graham Jones

“This story follows the lives of four indigenous men as they grapple with an entity they encountered in their youth. Unlike so many scary stories whose fear factor ends when you close the book, this tale seems to follow you almost as closely as the spirit within its pages.”

– Sophia, Caledonia Twp. Branch



Ploof

by Ben Clanton and
Andy Chou Musser

“In addition to being an extremely fun word to say, *Ploof* is a sweet, interactive board book with a lovable companion! Children are encouraged to smile, say hello, encourage Ploof, and play hide and seek when Ploof transforms. A delightful read-aloud book to share with little ones.”

– Michael, Cascade Twp. Branch



The Bee Tree

by Patricia Polacco

“I’m a big fan of Patricia Polacco’s work, and this has always been one of my favorites! An exciting story with a very ‘sweet’ ending.”

– Sarah, Plainfield Twp. Branch

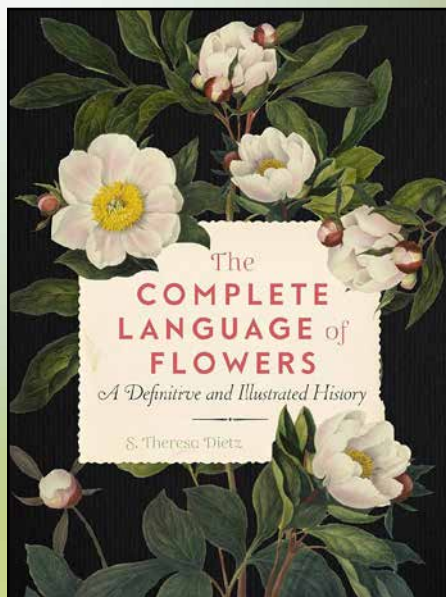


The Good Part

by Sophie Cousens

“If it were possible to magically skip the messiness of being a young adult and jump to the ‘good part’ of life, would you choose to do so? Twenty-six-year-old Lucy Young gets the chance when she discovers a wishing machine in a news agent’s stand in London. Tired of disastrous dates, a stumbling career and a lack of money, Lucy makes a wish and time travels 16 years into the future. This is a thought-provoking, humorous and joyful read perfect for fans of *Big* and *13 Going on 30*.”

– Amy, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



The Complete Language of Flowers

by Estee Shoesmyth

“An educational, thought-provoking and enjoyable read about the different symbolic, social and cultural meanings of flowers, alongside scientific information about the plants, complete with beautiful illustrations. It’s organized alphabetically and has a robust index so you can find the specific plants you’re looking for, but just flipping to random pages to learn about a flower you’ve never heard of is delightful!”

– Dustin, Kentwood
(Richard L. Root) Branch



The Great Transition

by Nick Fuller Googins

“Set in the near future, this Utopian/post-apocalyptic story explores rebuilding society 16 years after its collapse due to a climate crisis. Told through the eyes of a 15-year-old and her father, *The Great Transition* is equally political and entertaining with strong character voices. This action thriller, with a touch of family drama, is an engaging, thought-provoking read.”

– Jason, Wyoming Branch

Read the Book, Attend the Programs!



Featuring **Ann Patchett**

Regardless of whether you've read *Tom Lake*, you're sure to learn or try something new at these events while connecting with your neighbors and friends. And if you have read the book, we hope you enjoy experiencing it in new ways through these programs. For dates, times and locations, visit kdl.org/events or the Programming Guide in the back of this magazine.



Pressed Flower Prints

Bring a hint of spring flowers to your indoor décor. Create a pressed flower print with hand-selected dried flowers on craft paper. A 5" x 7" matte frame is provided. Pg. 38.

Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.



The Art of Life

Enjoy a laid-back, beginner level, step-by-step acrylic painting class in which you will create an 8" x 10" landscape to take home. Pg. 39.

Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.



Intro to Canning

Learn interesting recipes, from beets to jams, with different canning techniques. Take home a few recipes and a canned good. *Pg. 38.*

Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.



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. *Pg. 37.*

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LIFE HISTORIES MEMOIRS



Baking with Michigan Cherries



Chef Syndy Sweeney of T. Rex and the Rabbit shares the many ways to create delicious baked goods – including pastries and tarts, using both traditional and gluten-free flour – from Michigan's seasonal cherry bounty. Learn about favorite components, ingredients, baking pans and forms, as well as the common-sense approach to successful baking. *Pg. 36.*

Green Burials

No one likes to talk about dying, but it's something we need to discuss to prepare for our own deaths. Traditional burials are not sustainable, so come learn some other ways to tread lightly on the earth, even after you're gone. Presenter Peter Quakenbush is on a mission to start a West Michigan Burial Forest and will introduce this and other green burial options. *Pg. 37.*



Ann Patchett Author Visit

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Book your ticket to the Spring Break...



KDL Lab Experience: Total Eclipse of the Sun

In anticipation of the total Solar Eclipse on April 8, join us for STEAM-based activities exploring shadows, animal behavior and all things eclipses. See pg. 27 for dates, times and locations. **For school-age kids.**



kdl.org/events/eclipse



Mad Science Presents Fire and Ice

From a shivering spatula to a special bubbly shower, be thrilled and chilled with amazing dry ice experiments in a spectacular show. **For school-age kids.**

Saturday, March 30, 10:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Saturday, March 30, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Maciek the Magician

Brace yourself for a truly amazing and hilarious magic show. This fantastic presentation will captivate you and have you cheering for more. **For families with children.**

Monday, April 1, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Birds of a Feather

Blandford Nature Center will talk about what makes an animal a bird. They will also show some of the live birds of prey that call Blandford home. **For school-age kids.**

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen Super Smash Bros. Tournament

It's esports time for teens! Bring your friends to compete at *Super Smash Bros.* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. For teens.**

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thursday, April 4, 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



ACTIVATION

... at KDL!

Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe



PaleoJoe – paleontologist, children's book author, storyteller and dinosaur digger – shares his high-energy program that will excite, entertain and educate about dinosaurs. Hear stories about dinosaur dig site adventures and the relationships between dinosaurs that will keep you on the edge of your seat. **For school-age kids.**

Wednesday, April 3, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Hula Hoop Dancing

Enjoy a fun, beginner-level hoop dancing class! Be enthralled by performances from a professional hula hoop dancer and learn a few hoop dancing tricks of your own. Hula hoops are provided. **For families with children.**

Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thursday, April 4, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Youth Mario Kart Tournament

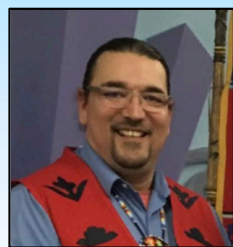
It's esports time for kids ages 5-10! Bring your friends to play *Mario Kart* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Wednesday, April 3, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

KDL VIBES Reference Desk Mini Concert: Brian Oberlin

A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring an artist from our KDL VIBES collection. This week's musical guest is Brian Oberlin. **For all ages.**

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 – 7:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

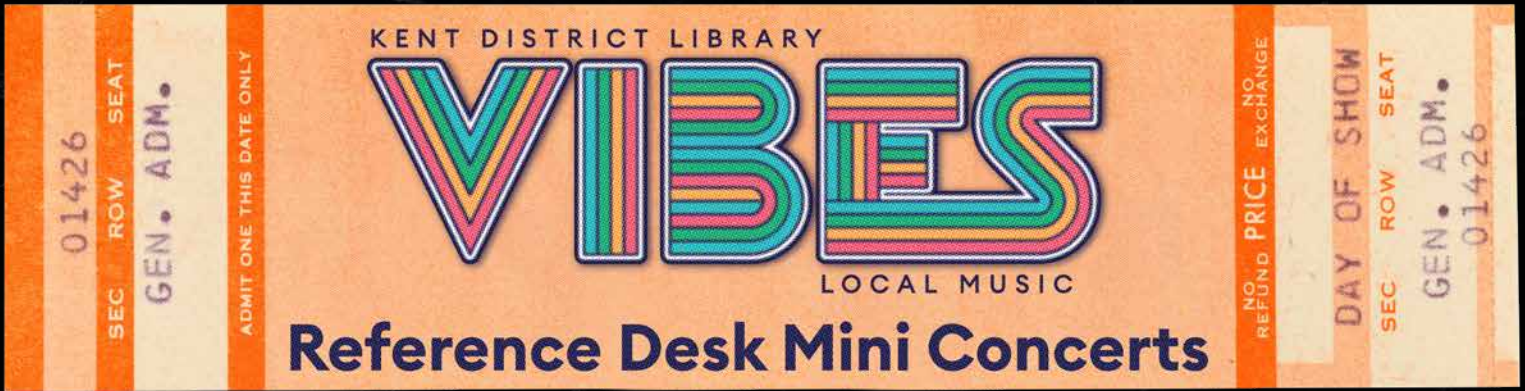


The History and Traditions of Powwows

Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will share the history and traditions of powwows with an intro drum ceremony. We welcome **all ages** to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community.

Saturday, April 6, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch





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

Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Featured artists and locations this season:



March 7 | Grandville Branch

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March 14 | Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Ditch Lily



March 21 | Cascade Twp. Branch

Audrey Pearson

March 28 | Plainfield Twp. Branch

Dante Cope



April 4 | Wyoming Branch

Brian Oberlin

April 11 | Gaines Twp. Branch

Mari Simone



April 18 | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Caitlin Cusack





Teen Poetry Contest & Slam



Calling All Teen Poets!

Kent District Library will be accepting entries to the annual Write Michigan Teen Poetry Contest through April 1. The contest is open to teens in grades 6-12 living or going to school in Kent County. Teens are encouraged to submit up to two poems to be eligible to win a Meijer gift card.

There's more! Teens who enter the Poetry Contest are invited to read one of their poems at the Teen Poetry Slam for another chance to win. **The Slam will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25 at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.**

Enter at kdl.org/teenpoetry.





KDL Bookmobile Operators (from left to right) Kevin Kammeraad, Hannah Moulds and Joyanne Huston-Swanson

Since 2018, the Bookmobile has been working with communities to find relevant and inclusive ways to bring library services to them. In the last five years of work, we have celebrated more than 1,300 visits, events and partnerships. We are so honored to be trusted with the privilege of driving this amazing vehicle and cannot overstate the joy it brings to get to know our patrons and partners.

Joyanne Huston-Swanson

With 250 visits provided in 2023 and welcoming more than 12,000 patrons to the Bookmobile, it is difficult to pinpoint a specific interaction or story to highlight – there are so many meaningful ones. But a conversation that continues to come to mind happened at our fall visit to Robinette's Apple Haus and Winery. A mom came into the Bookmobile with her nine-month-old daughter in a carrier and was excited to get a library card for our system since they had just moved into the area. She noticed a picture book called *Powwow Day* by Traci Sorell and Madelyn Goodnight and picked it up, exclaiming that she hadn't seen a book like that before. She is a member of one of the tribes out west and was touched that we had a book representing her culture. She ended up borrowing the book on her new card and left with a big smile on her face. This solidified to me how important diverse books and authors are for our community members.

BOOKMOBILE

Turns FIVE!



Hannah Moulds

Driving a library on wheels means that every day brings a new, exciting adventure! I could share some funny stories about getting stuck under trees, improvising puppet shows or books flying off the shelves when I took a turn too fast (hey, it was **one** time!). But what I really love about working on the Bookmobile is the accessibility and connection. This team and this vehicle reach overburdened communities in our county that may be unable to access our brick-and-mortar libraries. We get the privilege of connecting with patrons where they are at. Rain or shine, as soon as we park and open the doors, the Bookmobile transforms into a vibrant community gathering place. It's a beautiful thing to watch and participate in, and it's so much more than just books on wheels. Happy birthday to our amazing bookmobile!

Kevin Kammeraad

In the summer of 2019, there was a kiddo and mom who came every time we made a stop in their area. One visit, they came on board with beaming smiles. Kayla wanted to read to us the book she learned to read by herself (it may have even been the first book she read alone!). I sat down on the ground as she joyfully read us the book. So cool! A few years later, she was on the Bookmobile again, this time with a friend, and we pulled up the photo we had all taken that day. She fully remembered it and was excited to share the memory with her friend. I hope someday she comes on the Bookmobile as an adult and shares that memory with the team!

Bookmobile schedule and request form:
kdl.org/bookmobile



Meeting Famous Authors 101: Eight Tips for a Smooth Encounter



By Josh Mosey | Digital Marketing Strategist

When preparing to interact with literary greatness, you don't want to go in unprepared. Although there's a solid chance that a famous author is just as weird and nervous as you, there's no reason to make things awkward.

Bring a Sidekick – Share your nervousness with a friend to cut it in half. Bonus: they can pull you out if you start geeking out too much.

Disguise Yourself as a Normal Person – Dress like a regular person instead of the die-hard fan that you are. Sunglasses can't hurt. False mustache optional.

Wrong Place, Right Time – Act like you stumbled upon the literary event by chance. "Oh, fancy meeting you here! Mind signing my book?"

Write a Script – Plan your chat, get a friend to filter out the weird bits ("You'll never believe where I have your book cover tattooed on my body," etc.), and rehearse until it flows like casual banter.

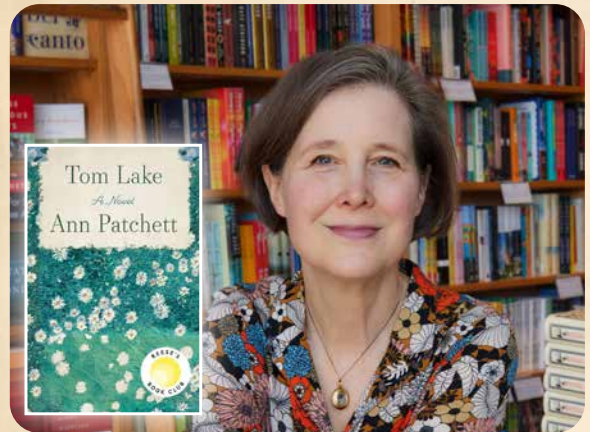
Practice the "I'm Not Starstruck" Nod – This is a quick lift of the chin that subtly says, "Yep, you're cool, but let's not make a spectacle." It's the ultimate VIP acknowledgment.

Give Them Space – Respect the author's personal bubble. Practice with a tape measure at home so you know how to stay at least forty-two inches away from them at all times.

Pick a Safe Compliment – Be bookish but not creepy. Compliment their writing, not their looks. "Your punctuation choices are on point!"

Don't Overstay the Welcome – Know when it is time to move on. There are folks behind you who are just as geeked to get their fifteen seconds of fame-related interaction.

Congrats! Remember this as the day you got close to literary greatness, not the one where security showed you the exit. Woo hoo!



Meet the Author Ann Patchett

Featuring Kevin Wilson

Wednesday, April 24

6:30 PM (Registration Required)

**Covenant Fine Arts Center
at Calvin University**

1795 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids

Free registration will begin on March 15. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.



Offered in partnership with Calvin University's January Series.



Las Bibliotecas en Norte América



Por Sara Proaño | Gerente de Enlaces Comunitarios

Cuando hablo con personas recién llegadas acerca de las bibliotecas públicas aquí en los Estados Unidos, con frecuencia me encuentro explicando el modelo de servicio y la forma de financiamiento de esta institución, porque resulta muy raro encontrar a alguien que haya tenido la experiencia de visitar un lugar así en Latinoamérica.

La biblioteca en Norte América es un espacio público accesible a todas las personas y usualmente financiada por fondos públicos, como impuestos o millajes a la propiedad. Las bibliotecas son operadas por bibliotecarios y para-profesionales a quienes se les considera servidores públicos.

En muchos países de Latinoamérica tenemos magníficas bibliotecas con colecciones impresionantes, pero el modelo de servicio que coloca al usuario como dueño de los recursos que está utilizado es muy inusual, como lo es el llevarse los libros a la casa.

La existencia de este tipo de biblioteca se debe en gran parte a Andrew Carnegie, un empresario y filántropo estadounidense quien soñaba con una institución que ofrecería "libros e información a todas las personas."

El día de hoy encontramos al menos una biblioteca en cada pueblo pequeño y múltiples en ciudades más grandes. La presencia o ausencia de una biblioteca es uno de los más importantes indicadores de la salud y el bienestar de una comunidad y uno de los factores a considerar al comprar una casa.

"Cada uno de los libros cuidadosamente ordenados en los estantes de una biblioteca representan a una persona, una forma de pensar, una forma de entender y explicar el mundo."

Pero las bibliotecas son más que un factor económico que impacta el precio de un inmueble. Esta institución está en el centro para la defensa de la democracia, proveyendo un lugar sano y seguro que invita al diálogo y al entendimiento.

Cada uno de los libros cuidadosamente ordenados en los estantes de una biblioteca representan a una persona, una forma de pensar, una forma de entender y explicar el mundo. Es un dialogo intergeneracional, intercultural, una exploración geográfica. De una forma u otra, la biblioteca es una invitación al conocimiento de nuestra propia comunidad, de nuestra propia humanidad.

De la misma forma en la que un supermercado ofrece más de una opción alimenticia, las bibliotecas públicas garantizan el acceso a información y a diversas opiniones. Esto demanda que el usuario aprenda a seleccionar sus preferencias cuidadosamente, pero también invita a explorar opiniones nunca antes conocidas. El punto es que es la persona la que elije, y esta libertad de elección es lo que caracteriza a una democracia.

El padre o la madre de familia puede y debe modelar para sus hijos la capacidad de elegir, de aprender y de formarse, no solo profesionalmente, sino también a nivel moral.

Por eso creo en las bibliotecas públicas, y las defiendo. Por eso invito a todos a visitarnos, a obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca y a asistir a uno de nuestros eventos. Porque no se trata solamente de entretenimiento, sino de identidad y libertad.

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que visitó su biblioteca pública? ¡Visite kdl.org/espanol hoy!



To read this article in English, scan this code or go to kdl.org/NA-Libraries.



Plant. Garden. Grow. Sustain. . .

KDL's Seed Library offers a variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs, grains and flowers in sample packets to patrons to promote sustainability, healthy habits and environmental awareness. The Seed Library also includes this year's One Seed, One State seed selection, Long Island Mammoth dill, which was chosen and donated by the Michigan Seed Library Network. Seeds should start to be available in all KDL branches and on the Bookmobile in early March, and seeds are available while supplies last.

For more information about the KDL Seed Library, see kdl.org/seedlibrary.

Garden Basics

Learn general gardening concepts such as soil preparation, water and sun requirements, site conditions, what to look for when you're buying plants, the basics of weeding and deadheading, controlling spreaders and what garden tools are most helpful. A panel of Rockford Garden Club member educators will present information and answer questions. **Presented by the Rockford Garden Club as part of their 100 Year Anniversary series.**

Saturday, March 9, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Grand Rapids Community Seed Exchange

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.**

Saturday, March 16, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Alternative Gardening

Grow your garden's success and learn unique, space-saving methods from master gardener Patti Visner like lasagna gardening, straw bale gardening and square foot gardening.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch





Growing Green: Healthy Lawns, Healthy Community

Are you interested in natural lawns and native gardens in our neighborhoods? Join Growing Green Grand Rapids and learn how to go chemical-free in EGR. **Presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.**

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Rethinking Urban Landscapes

Jules Corr, owner of Edible Perennials, and Rebecca Marquardt, a licensed landscape architect and owner of Revery, share land management techniques that will transform your yard into a flourishing ecosystem. They will share their experience in creating beautiful, self-sustaining gardens by maximizing what nature has provided and selecting the best plants for the space.



Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Veggie and Herb Backyard Gardening

Learn tips and tricks for backyard vegetable and herb gardening from Mike Edwardson of Plainsong Farms. Focus on using space efficiently (through vertical gardening, container gardening, square foot gardening and more) and learning what grows best in our area. **Presented by the Rockford Garden Club as part of their 100 Year Anniversary series.**

Saturday, April 13, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Invasive Plants in Michigan: Identification and Control Protocols

Join an interactive presentation on how to properly identify and effectively treat various non-native, invasive plants including bittersweet vines, buckthorn and many more. Learn how invasive species negatively impact our local ecosystem – and feel empowered to help!

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch





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Information
 Ideas
 Excitement!

Welcome to **KDL**



Ezra Awdey
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Wyoming Branch
Book recommendation:
Gathering Moss
by Robin Wall Kimmerer



Emily LaJoie
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Cascade Twp. Branch
Book recommendation:
Cutting for Stone
by Abraham Verghese



Colleen Comstock
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Tyrone Twp. Branch
Book recommendation:
*Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya
Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells



Camille Lewis
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Gaines Twp. Branch
Book recommendation:
The Priory of the Orange Tree
by Samantha Shannon



Mikki Cronkhite
Assistant Branch Librarian,
East Grand Rapids Branch
Book recommendation:
Nothing to See Here
by Kevin Wilson



Kelsey Malone
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Wyoming Branch
Book recommendation:
The Perks of Being a Wallflower
by Stephen Chbosky

Emmett Hein
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Comstock Park Branch

Did You Know?

- Kent District Library offers a program called PerkPass that provides you with free guest passes to local attractions.
- Participating organizations include Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids Children's Museum, Opera Grand Rapids and more. KDL patrons ages 18 and older can use their library card to reserve free passes online, print their passes and visit their attraction on the date they reserved. Learn more at kdl.org/perkpass.



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Used Book Sales

There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sales this spring.

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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., March 12, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., March 16, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 2, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., April 6, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., April 27, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 7, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., May 18, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

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



Game Zone

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

Tue., March 5, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., March 6, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 13, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., March 15, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., March 27, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., April 10, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 17, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., May 7, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

KDL VIBES Reference Desk Mini Concert

A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring an artist from our KDL VIBES collection. **Thursdays at 7:00 PM.**

March 7 – Grandville Branch – **Y-Not**
March 14 – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch – **Ditch Lily**
March 21 – Cascade Twp. Branch – **Audrey Pearson**
March 28 – Plainfield Twp. Branch – **Dante Cope**
April 4 – Wyoming Branch – **Brian Oberlin**
April 11 – Gaines Twp. Branch – **Mari Simone**
April 18 – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch – **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 on our Facebook page and in the branch. **All movies will be rated G or PG.**

Mon., April 1, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., April 2, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 4, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Reference Desk Mini Concert: West Michigan Bluegrass

A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring local West Michigan artist The West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association.

Tue., March 12, 5:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 9, 5:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., May 14, 5:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Rock the Uke

Play ukulele at the library! Beginners and newcomers welcome. Learn with ukulele enthusiasts followed by a group strum along. **Limited ukuleles available; first come, first served.**

Wed., March 6, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., April 4, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 10, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., May 8, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Come join us outside for a viewing of the Great North American Eclipse, or head indoors to watch NASA's livestream footage. **Weather permitting for outdoor viewing; solar eclipse glasses provided while supplies last.**

Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

Swordfest: Who Would Win? Pirate vs. Viking

Warriors from across the globe and human history will showcase their era, discuss their era's weaponry and fighting style, and provide combat demonstrations where warriors from across time compete against each other in an exciting battle.

Tue., April 2, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

The History and Traditions of Powwows

Wandering Nations' Jonathan Rinehart will share the history and traditions of powwows with an intro drum ceremony. We welcome all ages to this unique opportunity to learn with our Native American community.

Thu., March 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., March 16, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Sat., April 6, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Twenty Years of Turning Pages

Celebrate twenty years of the Byron Twp. Branch library building in this after-hours event with food, activities for kids and families, a silent auction, music, historical information displays and entertainment for all ages.

Sat., May 4, 5:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

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FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Building with Little Bricks

Design, build and construct. Bring the whole family together and create a towering structure using the library's building bricks. The best part? No big mess at home to clean up!

Wed., May 1, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Celebrate Earth Day

Honor our Earth with hands-on activities for all ages! Create earth-friendly crafts, share your abundance of plants at our plant swap and learn great ways to take action and celebrate our home planet.

Sat., April 20, 11:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Hula Hoop Dancing

Enjoy a fun, beginner-level hoop dancing class! Be enthralled by performances from a professional hula hoop dancer and learn a few hoop dancing tricks of your own. Hula hoops are provided.

Wed., April 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., April 4, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Maciek the Magician

Brace yourself for a truly amazing and hilarious magic show. This fantastic presentation will captivate you and have you cheering for more.

Mon., April 1, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

Tue., April 2, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Mama Bear & Baby Cubs Support Group

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

East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., March 13, 11:00 AM

Wed., April 10, 11:00 AM

Wed., May 8, 11:00 AM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., March 5, 11:00 AM

Tue., March 12, 11:00 AM

Tue., March 19, 11:00 AM

Tue., March 26, 11:00 AM

Tue., April 2, 11:00 AM

Tue., April 9, 11:00 AM

Tue., April 16, 11:00 AM

Tue., April 23, 11:00 AM

Grandville Branch

Mon., March 4, 10:00 AM

Mon., March 11, 10:00 AM

Mon., March 18, 10:00 AM

Mon., March 25, 10:00 AM

Mon., April 1, 10:00 AM

Mon., April 8, 10:00 AM

Mon., April 15, 10:00 AM

Mon., April 22, 10:00 AM

Mon., April 29, 10:00 AM

Mon., May 6, 10:00 AM

Mon., May 13, 10:00 AM

Mon., May 20, 10:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., March 7, 10:30 AM

Thu., March 14, 10:30 AM

Thu., March 21, 10:30 AM

Thu., March 28, 10:30 AM

Thu., April 4, 10:30 AM

Thu., April 11, 10:30 AM

Thu., April 18, 10:30 AM

Thu., April 25, 10:30 AM

Thu., May 2, 10:30 AM

Thu., May 9, 10:30 AM

Thu., May 16, 10:30 AM

Thu., May 23, 10:30 AM

Thu., May 30, 10:30 AM



Spring Festival and Egg Hunt

Celebrate the beginning of spring at the library. We will have an egg hunt for the children, along with games, activities and crafts for the rest of the family. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Spencer Twp. Library.**

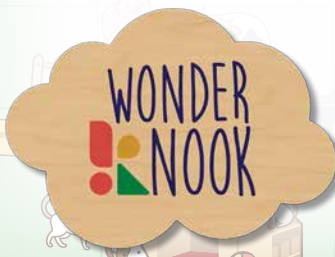
Sat., March 23, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Play inside this spring!

Inside a covered bridge, or tree house, or a barn, or a trading post, or a sawmill, or a mechanic's shop, or...



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



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Storytimes

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



Spring storytimes begin the first week of March and run through the end of April. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancelations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

Bluey™ Bonanza

It's time to celebrate your favorite blue heeler, Bluey™! Join us for crafts, games and plenty of ways to stretch your imagination with your favorite Aussie pups.



- Sat., March 9, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Sat., March 9, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., March 20, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., March 29, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Sat., March 30, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 1, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., April 4, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
- Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., April 5, 11:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Fri., April 5, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

- Sat., April 13, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Fri., April 19, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., April 23, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., April 26, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Sat., April 27, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Fri., May 3, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Tue., May 7, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., May 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Wed., May 8, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

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YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5) CONTINUED

Dance with Me!

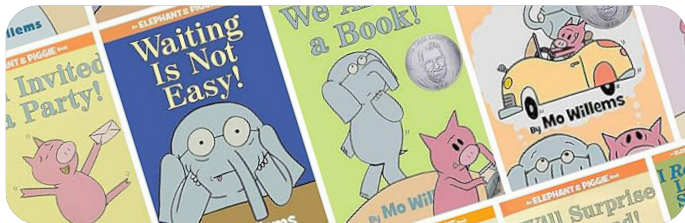
Even the littlest of kids can dance! Learn to dance together while babywearing in this beginner program for caregivers. Toddlers and older siblings are welcome to dance along.

Tue., March 5, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., March 19, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., March 26, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 9, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 16, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 23, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Elephant and Piggie Party

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

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



Loose Parts Play

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

Fri., March 1, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., March 5, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., March 8, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., March 11, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., March 15, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., March 19, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., March 22, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Fri., March 29, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., April 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., April 8, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., April 12, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., April 16, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., April 19, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Fri., April 26, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Tue., May 21, 10:00 AM – Byron 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., April 3, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5) AND SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

Spring Craft Extravaganza

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Wed., March 6, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., March 12, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Fri., March 29, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Tue., April 2, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., April 3, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 3, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch



Thu., April 4, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., April 4, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., April 6, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., April 20, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., April 20, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Sat., April 20, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., April 30, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., May 1, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., May 3, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
Mon., May 13, 6:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Sat., May 18, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



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SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

Birds of a Feather

Blandford Nature Center will talk about what makes an animal a bird. They will also show some of the live birds of prey that call Blandford home.

Tue., April 2, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Book Explorers

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

Tue., March 5, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 6, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., March 9, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 19, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 26, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 27, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 3, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
April 9, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 16, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., April 20, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., April 23, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 24, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., May 1, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., May 11, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Bubble Glow Palooza

Enjoy a whimsical experience of glow-in-the-dark art, bubbles and dancing.

Tue., April 2, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., March 20, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 17, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Crafts and Critters: A Time of Ecological Exploration

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

Mon., April 1, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 5, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Dino Dig

Take an adventure out to our dig site to find the "bones" of dinosaurs. Come enjoy and learn about dinos with crafts, STEAM activities and more.

Wed., April 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Dinosaur Day with PaleoJoe

PaleoJoe – paleontologist, children's book author, storyteller and dinosaur digger – shares his high-energy program that will excite, entertain and educate about dinosaurs. Hear stories about dinosaur dig site adventures and the relationships between dinosaurs that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Wed., April 3, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Foam Dart Party

Have fun joining us for a variety of physical games involving Nerf Blasters. You will run, duck and blast your heart away. **Dart blasters that fire Nerf Elite or Mega-style darts will be provided by the library for this event. Patrons can bring their own dart blasters if they wish, but their use will be subject to librarian discretion.**

Wed., April 3, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Homeschool Hangout

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

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., March 7, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 14, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 21, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 28, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 11, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 18, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 25, 1:00 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., March 4, 1:00 PM
Mon., March 11, 1:00 PM
Mon., March 18, 1:00 PM
Mon., March 25, 1:00 PM
Mon., April 8, 1:00 PM
Mon., April 15, 1:00 PM
Mon., April 22, 1:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., March 7, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 14, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 21, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 28, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 11, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 18, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 25, 1:00 PM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Mon., March 4, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 18, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 1, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 15, 10:00 AM

Hula Hoop Dancing

Enjoy a fun, beginner-level hoop dancing class! Be enthralled by performances from a professional hula hoop dancer and learn a few hoop dancing tricks of your own. Hula hoops are provided.

Wed., April 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 4, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



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



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., March 4, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., March 18, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 19, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., March 26, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., April 8, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 9, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 16, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., April 22, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 23, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 30, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Ahoy! A Pirate's Adventure

Ahoy Mateys! Do you have what it takes to be a true buccaneer? Try yer hand at “pirate skills” like using a compass and tying sailing knots. Build and “fire” yer own catapult, try not to sink yer ship and create yer very own pirate name.

Wed., March 6, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., March 19, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., April 27, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

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

Thu., March 7, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., March 9, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., March 16, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., March 21, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., March 21, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., March 23, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., March 25, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 28, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., March 30, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., March 30, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 18, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., April 20, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 25, 4:00 PM – Caledonia 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.

Sat., March 2, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., March 14, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 21, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 28, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 18, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 25, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Brain Gains

Put your brain to the test and see if you can solve a plethora of different logic puzzles. If you really want to put your brain and engineering skills to the test, you can create a Rube Goldberg Machine to ring the bell.

Thu., March 7, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

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

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

Thu., April 18, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., May 4, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., May 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Pocket Monster Padooza

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

Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Superhero Training Camp

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

Mon., March 11, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., March 15, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch
Thu., May 2, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Fri., May 10, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Techtropolis

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

Mon., March 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 14, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 11, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 15, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 25, 6:00 PM – Walker Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Total Eclipse of the Sun

In anticipation of the total Solar Eclipse on April 8, join us for STEAM-based activities exploring shadows, animal behavior and all things eclipses.

Mon., April 1, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., April 3, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., April 3, 3:00 PM – Walker Branch
Thu., April 4, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 4, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., April 5, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., April 6, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., April 6, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., April 8, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10) CONTINUED

KIDS ZONE

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

Alto Branch

Wed., March 6, 4:00 PM
Wed., March 20, 4:00 PM
Wed., April 10, 4:00 PM
Wed., April 24, 4:00 PM
Wed., May 8, 4:00 PM
Wed., May 22, 4:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., March 4, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 11, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 18, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 25, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 1, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 8, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 15, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 22, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 29, 4:30 PM

Nelson Twp. Branch

Sat., March 9, 10:00 AM
Sat., March 23, 10:00 AM
Sat., April 6, 10:00 AM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., April 25, 6:30 PM

Language Explorers

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

Wed., March 13, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 10, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Mad Science Presents Fire and Ice

From a shivering spatula to a special bubbly shower, be thrilled and chilled with amazing dry ice experiments in a spectacular show.

Sat., March 30, 10:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., March 30, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

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.

Fri., March 15, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., March 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., March 28, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
Thu., March 28, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., April 1, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., April 4, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 4, 3:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., April 5, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., April 13, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., April 24, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., May 1, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., May 4, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., May 6, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Mini Brick Derby

Build your dream race car out of LEGO® bricks and see if it has what it takes to win! There will be one hour before the race to design and build your car using library-provided bricks, and then the all-ages derby race will begin. **Sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.**

Tue., March 5, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 2, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., May 7, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Pizza, Pages and Party Games Book Club

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. Fridays at 3:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Mar. 15,
Knights Vs. Dinosaurs
by Matt Phelan



March 29,
Measuring Up
by Lily LaMotte



April 12,
The Skull
by Jon Klassen



April 26,
Mac Undercover
by Mac Barnett

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., March 20, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 24, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Ruff Readers

This unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc. pairs kids with a trained therapy dog and their handler. Kids read their favorite book and the pooches curl up, listen and enjoy. **Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and secure a time slot. First come, first served.**

Sat., March 2, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., April 1, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Stump the Librarian Podcast

Join our librarians every other Wednesday as they put their research skills to the test 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. Don't forget to subscribe to the podcast via stumpthelibrarian.podbean.com or wherever you prefer to listen.

Wed., March 6, 9:30 AM
Wed., March 20, 9:30 AM
Wed., April 3, 9:30 AM
Wed., April 17, 9:30 AM
Wed., May 1, 9:30 AM
Wed., May 15, 9:30 AM
Wed., May 29, 9:30 AM

Youth Mario Kart Tournament

It's esports time for kids ages 5-10! Bring your friends to play *Mario Kart* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins, and program begins promptly at the scheduled time.**

Wed., April 3, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

FOR SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10) & TEENS (AGES 11-17)



Battle of the Books Tournament

Watch the excitement at the Cascade Twp. Branch as BOB teams face off, matching wit and memory in this in-person book-related trivia contest. All teams must be preregistered. **Registration forms are available at the Cascade Twp. Branch.**

Sat., May 4, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

TEENS (AGES 11-17)

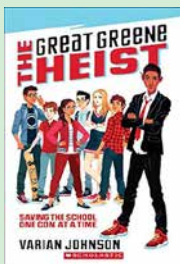
Homeschool Hangout | Art Club

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

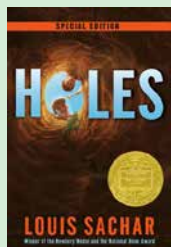
Wed., March 6, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., March 20, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., April 3, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., April 17, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., May 1, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., May 15, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Novel Newts Book Club

Wednesdays at 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Mar. 6,
*The Great
Greene Heist*
by Varian Johnson



Apr. 3,
Holes
by Louis Sachar



May 1,
*A Wrinkle
in Time*
by Madeleine
L'Engle

One Shot RPGs

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

Wed., March 6, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 13, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., March 18, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., March 20, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 27, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 10, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 15, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., April 17, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 24, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., May 20, 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., March 27, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., April 24, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., May 29, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Advisory Board

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

Thu., March 7, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., March 21, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 4, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 18, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., May 2, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., May 16, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., May 30, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Cram Session

Finish that big project or prepare for a test in a teen-only study space with light snacks, focus aids and stress-reducing activities. Bring your assignments, your study partners and your brain.

Wed., May 22, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., May 23, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., May 28, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., May 29, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen Movie Night

Join us for a teen-only movie night! Bring whatever you need to be comfy (blanket, pillow, bean bag, etc.). Snacks are provided (first come, first served), though you may also bring in your own food and covered drinks as needed. For teens in grades 6-12.

Thu., March 7, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., March 14, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 11, 3:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 11, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., May 2, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch



TEENS (AGES 11-17) CONTINUED



Teen Poetry Slam

Show up and speak out! KDL presents a live and uncensored spoken word competition. All teens who submitted a poem to our Poetry Contest are encouraged to participate for a chance to win amazing prizes.

The Teen Poetry Slam will continue until all participants have read their poems and been judged.

Thu., April 25, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen Super Smash Bros. Tournament

It's esports time for teens! Bring your friends to compete at *Super Smash Bros.* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Tue., April 2, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 4, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Teen Zone D&D

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

Thu., March 7, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., April 11, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., May 9, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

TEEN ZONE

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

Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., March 20, 3:30 PM
Wed., April 17, 3:30 PM
Wed., May 15, 3:30 PM

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Sat., March 16, 10:00 AM
Sat., April 6, 10:00 AM
Sat., April 27, 10:00 AM

Comstock Park Branch

Wed., March 20, 3:00 PM
Wed., April 17, 3:00 PM
Wed., May 15, 3:00 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., March 7, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 14, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 21, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 28, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 11, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 18, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 25, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 2, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 9, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 16, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 23, 3:00 PM

Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., April 2, 4:00 PM



Grandville Branch

Thu., March 28, 12:30 PM
Thu., April 4, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 25, 4:30 PM
Thu., May 9, 4:30 PM

Kelloggsville Branch

Tue., March 5, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 12, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 19, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 26, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 2, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 9, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 16, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 23, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 30, 3:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., April 2, 3:00 PM
Wed., April 3, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 4, 3:00 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., March 13, 1:30 PM
Wed., April 10, 1:30 PM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., March 7, 6:00 PM
Thu., April 11, 6:00 PM
Thu., May 9, 6:00 PM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., March 14, 6:30 PM
Thu., April 11, 6:30 PM

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

Tyrone Twp. Branch

Fri., March 1, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 5, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 6, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 7, 3:00 PM
Fri., March 8, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 12, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 13, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 14, 3:00 PM
Fri., March 15, 1:00 PM
Tue., March 19, 3:00 PM
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Fri., April 19, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 23, 3:00 PM
Wed., April 24, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 25, 3:00 PM
Fri., April 26, 1:00 PM

Walker Branch

Tue., April 2, 1:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

Wed., March 6, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 13, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 20, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 27, 3:00 PM
Wed., April 3, 3:00 PM
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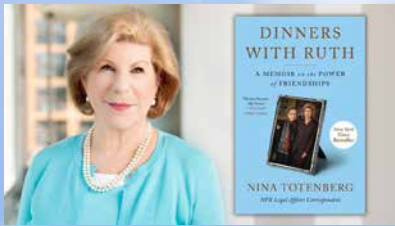
ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

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/autortalks.**

Nina Totenberg

Weds., March 6,
4:00 PM – Online



Christopher Paolini

Thurs., March 14,
4:00 PM – Online



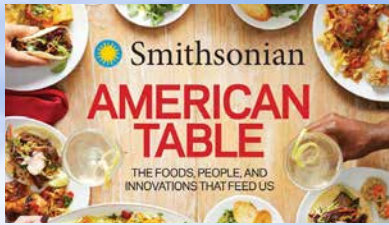
Madeline Miller

Thu., March 21,
7:00 PM – Online



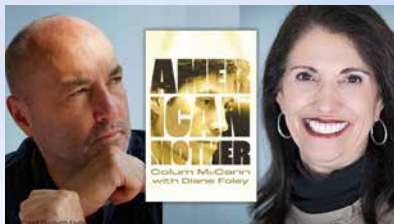
Paula J. Johnson

Tue., April 2,
2:00 PM – Online



Colum McCann & Diane Foley

Tue., April 9,
2:00 PM – Online



Xochitl Gonzalez

Wed., April 17,
8:00 PM – Online



Author Visit



Meet the Author Wednesday, April 24 6:30 PM

**Covenant Fine Arts Center
at Calvin University**

1795 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids



Featuring special guest Kevin Wilson, author of *Now Is Not the Time to Panic*.

Free registration will begin on March 15. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.



Offered in partnership with Calvin University's January Series.

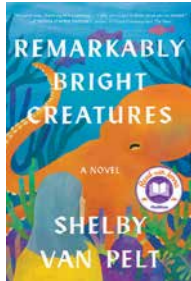
ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

Book Discussions, In Person

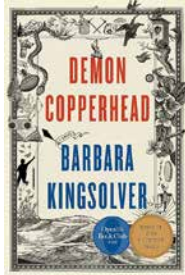
Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

Alpine Twp. Branch Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



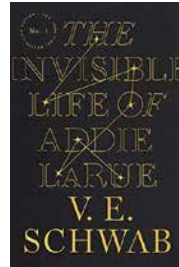
March 6,
Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt



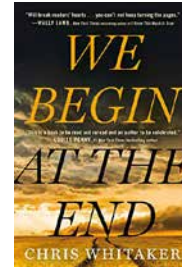
April 3,
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver



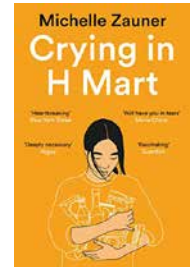
May 1,
The Guest Book by Sarah Blake



March 27,
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab



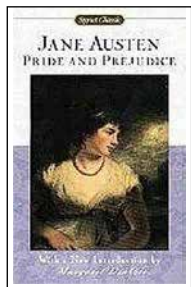
April 24,
We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker



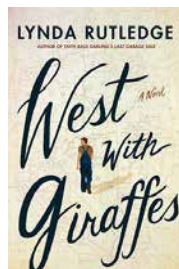
May 29,
Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner

Alto Branch All Aboard! Book Club

Thursdays at 1:30 PM



March 21,
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen



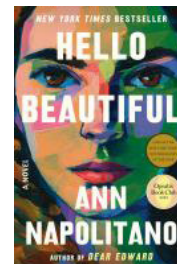
April 18,
West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge



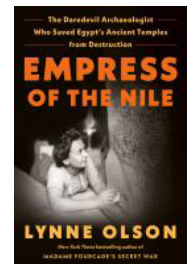
May 16,
Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid



March 25,
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson



April 22,
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano



May 20,
Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson



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Caledonia Twp. Branch Novel Characters Book Club

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



March 6,
Such a Fun Age
by Kiley Reid



April 3,
Killers of the Flower Moon
by David Grann



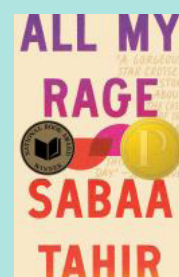
May 1,
One Italian Summer
by Rebecca Serle

Comstock Park Branch Never Too Old Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



March 12,
Iron Widow
by Xiran Jay Zhao



April 9,
All My Rage
by Sabaa Tahir

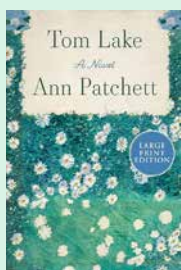


May 14,
My Mechanical Romance
by Alexene Farol Follmuth

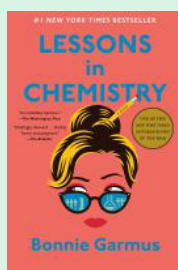
Cascade Twp. Branch

Friends of the Cascade Library Book Discussion

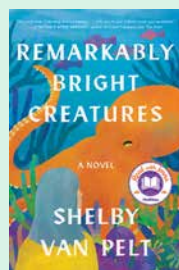
Mondays at 10:00 AM



March 18,
Tom Lake
by Anne Patchett



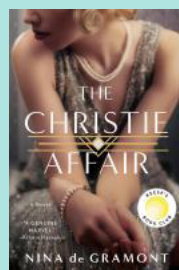
April 15,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



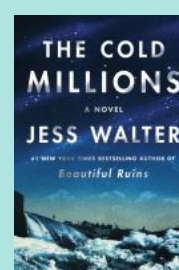
May 13,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Lit Wits Book Discussion

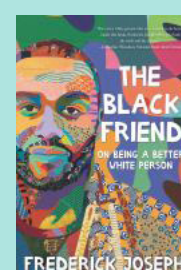
Thursdays at 6:30 PM



March 28,
The Christie Affair
by Nina de Gramont



April 25,
The Cold Millions
by Jess Walter

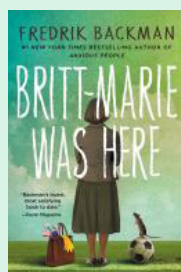


May 23,
The Black Friend
by Frederick Joseph

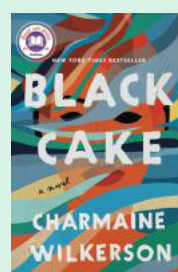
Better Off Read Book Club

Mondays at 7:00 PM

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



March 18,
Britt-Marie Was Here
by Fredrik Backman



April 15,
Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson

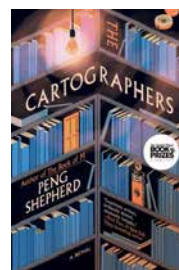


May 20,
The Book of Lost Names
by Kristin Harmel

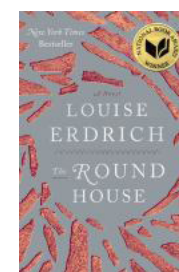
East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



March 11,
The Cartographers
by Peng Shepherd



April 8,
The Round House
by Louise Erdrich

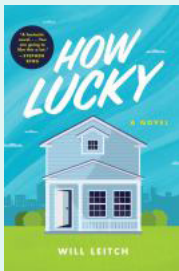


May 13,
The Exiles
by Christina Baker Kline

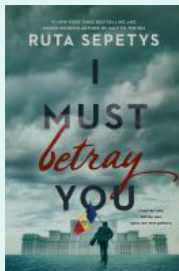
Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Bookworms Book Club

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM



March 12,
How Lucky
by Will Leitch



April 9,
I Must Betray You
by Ruta Sepetys



May 14,
The Lost Apothecary
by Sarah Penner

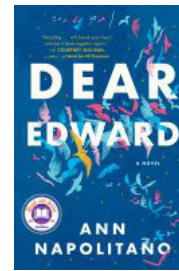
Grandville Branch

Maple St. Book Club

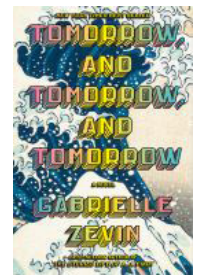
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 13,
The Pull of the Stars
by Emma Donoghue



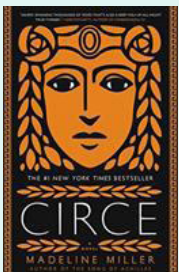
April 10,
Dear Edward
by Ann Napolitano



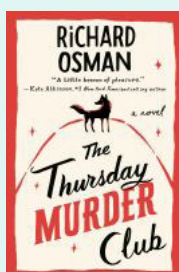
May 8,
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin

Night Owls Book Club

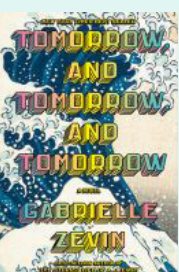
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 6,
Circe by Madeline Miller



April 3,
The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman

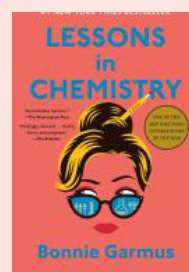


May 8,
Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
by Gabrielle Zevin

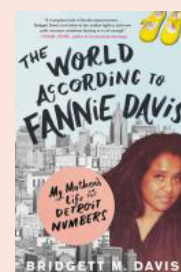
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Afternoon Book Club

Fridays at 1:30 PM



March 15,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



April 19,
The World According to Fannie Davis
by Bridgett M. Davis

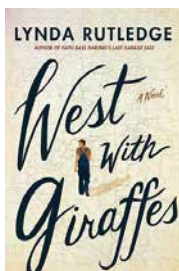


May 17,
Wide Sargasso Sea
by Jean Rhys

Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Club

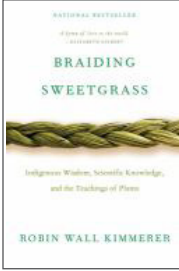
Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



March 19,
West With Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge



April 16,
Homestead
by Melinda Moustakis



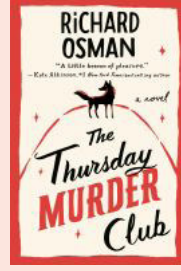
May 21,
Braiding Sweetgrass
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Krause Evening Book Club

Mondays at 6:30 PM



March 11,
Journey to the Centre of the Earth
by Jules Verne



April 8,
The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman

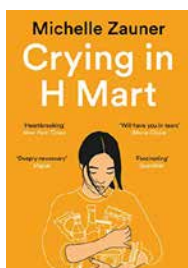


May 13,
Black Like Me
by John Howard Griffin

Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

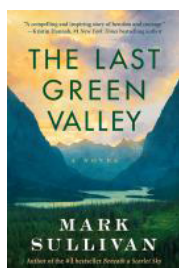
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



March 19,
Crying in H Mart
by Michelle Zauner



April 16,
The Paper Palace
by Miranda Cowley Heller

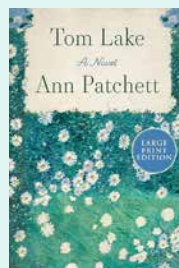


May 21,
The Last Green Valley
by Mark T. Sullivan

Wyoming Branch

Tom Lake Book Discussion

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 PM



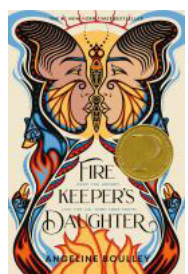
Apr. 13,
Tom Lake
by Ann Patchett



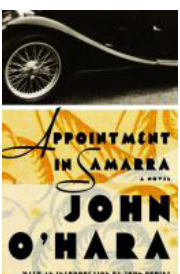
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Book Discussion

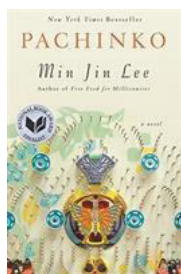
Thursdays at 1:00 PM



March 14,
Firekeeper's Daughter
by Angeline Boulley



April 11,
Appointment in Samarra
by John O'Hara

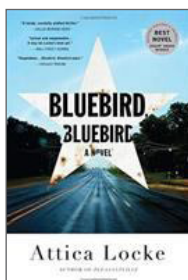


May 9,
Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee

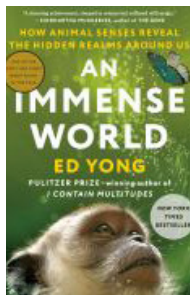
Walker Branch

Walker Book Discussion

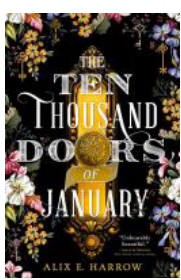
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



March 12,
Bluebird, Bluebird
by Attica Locke



April 9,
An Immense World
by Ed Yong



May 14,
The Ten Thousand Doors of January
by Alix E. Harrow

MORE ADULT PROGRAMS



AARP Learn a Latte: Understanding the Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is here to stay. But what is it and how does it work? What are the risks and benefits? This presentation will help you learn where the future of AI is taking us. Technology experts will answer all your questions. **Brought to you by AARP in collaboration with Kent District Library.**

Wed., May 15, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch



Alternative Gardening

Grow your garden's success and learn unique, space-saving methods from master gardener Patti Visner like lasagna gardening, straw bale gardening and square foot gardening.

Tue., March 19, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., May 2, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., May 14, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Awesome Adults

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

Tue., March 5, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 5, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Wed., March 6, 11:15 AM – Grandville Branch
Tue., March 12, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., March 19, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., March 20, 11:15 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., March 22, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., March 26, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., April 9, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 9, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., April 10, 11:15 AM – Grandville Branch
Tue., April 16, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 23, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 24, 11:15 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., April 26, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., May 7, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Wed., May 8, 11:15 AM – Grandville Branch
Fri., May 24, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Baking with Michigan Cherries

Chef Syndy Sweeney of T. Rex and the Rabbit shares the many ways to create delicious baked goods – including pastries and tarts, using both traditional and gluten-free flour – from Michigan’s seasonal cherry bounty. Learn about favorite components, ingredients, baking pans and forms, as well as the common-sense approach to successful baking.

Tue., March 26, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., March 28, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., April 2, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., April 9, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Thu., April 11, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Bingo Hour

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

Tue., March 12, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., March 18, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., March 19, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 9, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., April 15, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., April 16, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., May 14, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., May 20, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., May 21, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Birds of Reeds Lake

Learn about the surprising variety of birds that live right in our own back yard. **This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.**

Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids 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 on our Facebook page and in the branch.**

Fri., March 22, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., March 26, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., April 23, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., April 26, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., May 17, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., May 30, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



Coffee, Crafts & Conversations

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

Tue., March 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., April 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., May 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Composting for Beginners

Curious about composting? Building nutrient-rich soil with organic waste from your home is easier than you might have thought. Explore how to compost at home or through a vendor to learn which is best for you. **This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.**

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

Craft & Create

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

Tue., March 5, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., March 7, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., March 9, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., March 19, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., March 26, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., April 3, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., April 9, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., April 15, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., April 20, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 23, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Tue., April 23, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tue., April 30, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., May 1, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., May 11, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 21, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tue., May 28, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Early Childhood Essentials | Caregiving as Curriculum

This course is specifically for infant / toddler caregivers. It is designed to show caregivers all of the opportunities for curriculum to occur throughout any given day. Caregiving as Curriculum is designed to lower the stress of caregivers by showing that you do not have to do a lot of “extra” to have intentional curriculum within the classroom or home. **Pre-register online to receive professional development credit.**

Thu., March 21, 6:30 PM – Online

Thu., April 4, 6:30 PM – Online

Thu., May 2, 6:30 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Caring for the Whole Child: The First Year

This workshop is intended for infant care providers. The purpose of this workshop is to look at the many aspects of partnering to care for infants and creating a system to best support the whole child. Together we will look at the infant development, and the whole child approach of caring for infants. We will discuss why it is important to recognize and promote the teamwork involved when partnering to care for infants, and how we can work to create a system where we are supporting the whole child in this first stage of a life. **Pre-register online to receive professional development credit.**

Wed., March 13, 6:00 PM – Online

Tue., April 2, 6:00 PM – Online

Mon., April 29, 6:00 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Mathematics for Infants and Toddlers

Infants and toddlers aren't ready to add or subtract yet, but they can learn and practice important math skills. Mathematics for Infants and Toddlers helps parents and caregivers learn and practice ways to help children develop a strong foundation for important math skills. This workshop will help participants learn about the five math concepts that infants and toddlers should be exposed to in natural ways throughout their day, explore ways to support early math learning, learn about ways to develop an early appreciation for math and ways to bring math into the outdoor environment. **Pre-register online to receive professional development credit.**

Tue., March 5, 6:00 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Mindful Eating for Infants and Toddlers

This training is designed to encourage ways for caregivers to be responsive feeders to infants and toddlers. **Pre-register online to receive professional development credit.**

Tue., May 14, 6:00 PM – Online



Each above program counts toward professional development credits for early childhood care providers when you pre-register. Scan this code or go to kdl.org/events/ECE.

Garden Basics

Learn general gardening concepts such as soil preparation, water and sun requirements, site conditions, what to look for when you're buying plants, the basics of weeding and deadheading, controlling spreaders and what garden tools are most helpful. A panel of Rockford Garden Club member educators will present information and answer questions. **Presented by the Rockford Garden Club as part of their 100 Year Anniversary series.**

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

Thu., March 14, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

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



Grand Rapids Community Seed Exchange

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.**

Sat., March 16, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Green Burials

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

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

Tue., May 21, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Growing Green: Healthy Lawns, Healthy Community

Are you interested in natural lawns and native gardens in our neighborhoods? Join Growing Green Grand Rapids and learn how to go chemical-free in EGR. **This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.**

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

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Hora de Intercambio / Spanish Conversation Hour

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

Wed., March 27, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., April 24, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., May 22, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch



Intro to Canning

Learn interesting recipes, from beets to jams, with different canning techniques. Take home a few recipes and a canned good. **Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.**

Mon., March 11, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., March 12, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., March 20, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 18, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Invasive Plants in Michigan: Identification and Control Protocols

Join an interactive presentation on how to properly identify and effectively treat various non-native, invasive plants including bittersweet vines, buckthorn and many more. Learn how invasive species negatively impact our local ecosystem—and feel empowered to help!

Tue., May 14, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Night Out at the Library

Treat yourself and someone special to a night out at the library! Connect over new experiences for you and your partner, close friend or date to enjoy together. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Tue., March 19, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

On the Same Page Author Visit Registration opens March 15, 2024.

Enjoy an engaging conversation between bestselling authors Ann Patchett and Kevin Wilson as they discuss Patchett's *Tom Lake* (our On the Same Page novel) and Wilson's *Now Is Not the Time to Panic*. A Q&A and book signing with both authors will take place after the event.



Offered in partnership with Calvin University's January Series.

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 PM – Covenant Fine Arts Center at Calvin University

Open Craft Lab

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

Thu., March 7, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., March 21, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., April 4, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., April 18, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., May 9, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., May 23, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Pressed Flower Prints

Bring a hint of spring flowers to your indoor décor. Create a pressed flower print with hand-selected dried flowers on craft paper. A 5"x7" matte frame is provided. **Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.**

Wed., March 6, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., March 18, 1:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., March 19, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., March 27, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Sat., March 30, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., April 29, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., April 30, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., May 8, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., May 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., May 18, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Rethinking Urban Landscapes

Jules Corr, owner of Edible Perennials, and Rebecca Marquardt, a licensed landscape architect and owner of Revery, share land management techniques that will transform your yard into a flourishing ecosystem. They will share their experience in creating beautiful, self-sustaining gardens by maximizing what nature has provided and selecting the best plants for the space.

Wed., March 20, 7:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Stories of the Underground Railroad Told Through Quilting

Learn the history of the Underground Railroad told through quilts. Learn about the people, places and codes used while escaping on the Underground Railroad. There will be a display of quilts by Erica Millbrooks.

Thu., March 7, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., March 14, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tea Towel Block Printing

Stamping at its finest! This class will introduce the basics of wood carving for block printing, and you will leave with a tea towel that you designed. **Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.**

Thu., March 7, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., April 11, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Mon., April 15, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 25, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., May 1, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Wed., May 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., May 9, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., May 15, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., May 16, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., May 21, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., May 22, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch



The Art of Life

Enjoy a laid-back, beginner level, step-by-step acrylic painting class in which you will create an 8"x10" landscape to take home. **Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.**

Mon., March 4, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Mon., March 11, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., March 14, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., March 19, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., March 20, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Thu., March 21, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., March 26, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 4, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., April 10, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., April 15, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., May 16, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

The Great North American Eclipse

Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President Richard Bell will give a preview of the April 8 total solar eclipse. He'll explain why solar eclipses occur, show how to view them safely and share what to look for while it's happening. The next total solar eclipse visible from the continental United States will not occur until 2044, so join us and get ready to stand in the shadow of the moon!

Tue., March 5, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Mon., March 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 12, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., March 13, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., March 21, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., March 28, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

The Wild World of Foraging

Rediscover nature and reconnect to the food on your plate through the wild world of foraging. Discuss edible plants and mushrooms, identify key wild foods of the season and learn harvesting practices from In Your Element Wellness instructors Katie and Luke Venechuk.

Wed., May 15, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., May 9, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch



Tiny Gardens Succulent Workshop

Create your own tiny garden succulent masterpiece while receiving step-by-step instructions and getting answers to all your care questions from an expert succulent gardener. **Space is limited to 30; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins, and you can save one seat for a friend.**

Wed., March 13, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., April 10, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., April 16, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 17, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
Thu., April 18, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., May 6, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., May 7, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., May 13, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., May 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., May 16, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., May 21, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Veggie and Herb Backyard Gardening

Learn tips and tricks for backyard vegetable and herb gardening from Mike Edwardson of Plainsong Farms. Focus on using space efficiently (through vertical gardening, container gardening, square foot gardening and more) and learning what grows best in our area. **Presented by the Rockford Garden Club as part of their 100 Year Anniversary series.**

Sat., April 13, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Look for our On the Same Page displays at all KDL Branches. Pick up a copy of *Tom Lake* or put one on hold today!

Free registration for the April 24 Ann Patchett Author Visit will begin on March 15. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.



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