

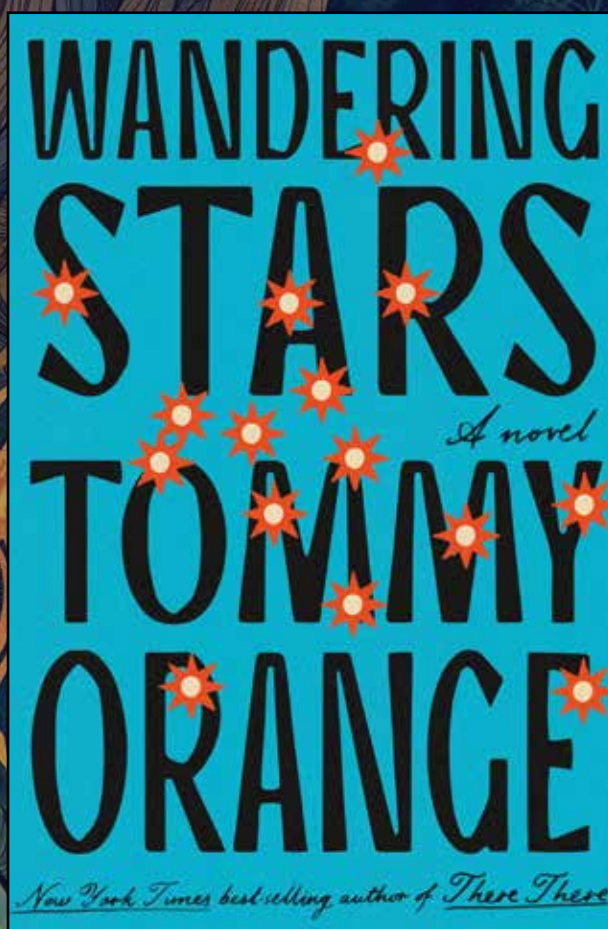
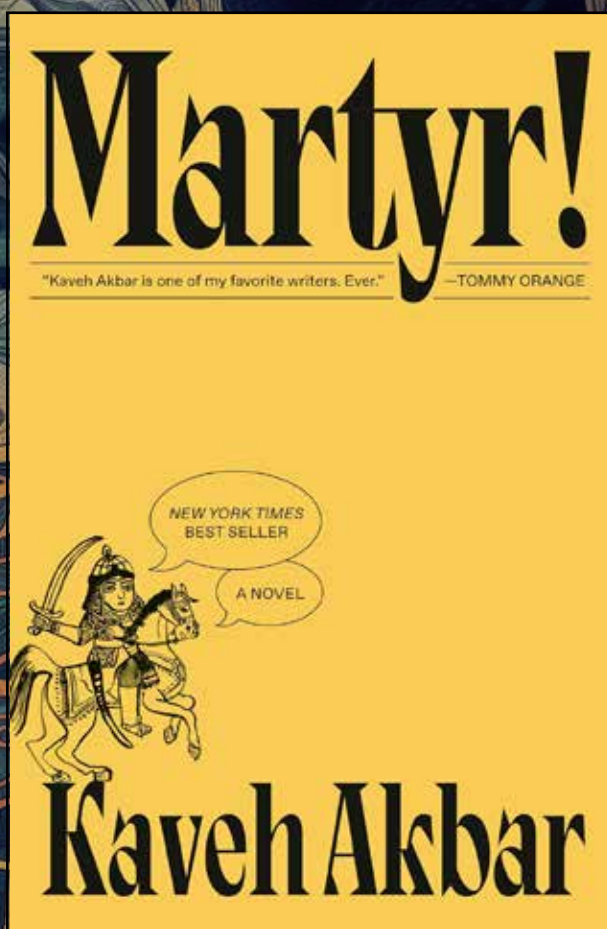
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At Kent District Library, everyone belongs. Our doors are open to all, with no expectation of payment. Almost every resource, program and service we offer is entirely free for everyone to attend and use. This is what makes libraries so unique – they're one of the last places where people can come together without cost or obligation.

Whether you're here to borrow books, use a computer, attend a program or simply find a quiet place to think, you are welcome. There are no membership fees, no tickets to buy and no strings attached.

In today's world, where access often depends on ability to pay, KDL stands as a reminder that knowledge, connection and opportunity should be available to all. Everyone deserves the chance to learn, grow and thrive.

So, come on in. Explore. Connect. KDL is here for you.



Warm regards,

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

Lance Werner
Executive Director



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KDL UPDATES

Attention Teen Artists and Graphic Novel Fans

If you're a teen and a graphic novel enthusiast or an aspiring artist, we've got something big in the works for you this summer. Think workshops, inspiration and opportunities to showcase your talent. Stay tuned for more information, and in the meantime, start honing your drawing skills and diving into your favorite graphic novels!



Grilled Cheese? YES, PLEASE!

WRITTEN & ILLUSTRATED BY
TIM KLEYN



Celebrating Local Talent

Did you know the artist behind the cover of our Summer 2024 Kaleidoscope is also a local children's author? Tim Kleyn's community-centered and delicious book *Grilled Cheese? Yes, Please!* was recently selected for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an organization that mails free books to children. Stop by one of our branches to check it out and celebrate this exciting achievement with us!

For more information, visit imaginationlibrary.com and earlybirdbooks.org.



May Is High Blood Pressure Awareness Month

High blood pressure doesn't always come with symptoms, but it can impact anyone, even if you feel healthy. Stress, busy schedules or family history could put you at risk. Knowing your numbers is the first step to protecting your heart health. Check out a blood pressure kit today – it's free, easy to use and could make a big difference for your heart!

Visit kdl.org/bloodpressure for more information.



Staff Picks

You, Me, We: Why We All Need a Friend at Work (and How to Show Up as One!)

by Morag Barrett, Eric Spencer and Ruby Vesely

This book shows how meaningful workplace friendships can boost collaboration, engagement and success while making work more fulfilling. With practical tips and relatable stories, this book is perfect for anyone looking to strengthen team dynamics and thrive in today's often isolating work environments.

– Ashten, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



I Feel Awful, Thanks

by Lara Pickle

As a millennial, this book hit really close to home. This feels like *Inside Out* but for adults. This graphic novel beautifully depicts the different primary emotions that people experience, and it demystifies and normalizes seeking help when things feel a bit too overwhelming. It encourages the reader to realize that it is okay to not be happy all the time, and it's okay to admit that things aren't going the way you want them to.

– Tabitha, Wyoming Branch

Bye Forever, I Guess

by Jodi Meadows

Ingrid Ant hates being cold. She finds IRL friends flummoxing. School is rough; she'd rather be reading or gaming online. Sound relatable yet? Here's the twist: Ingrid anonymously manages a popular online account. Only three people know her secret – one being her now ex-best friend, who's already using it against her. I loved seeing other characters advocate for Ingrid and show her what sincere friendship and respecting boundaries look like. I loved the seamless inclusion of cyber safety. And I super loved the cheeky rom-com nod to *You've Got Mail!*

– Amber, Grandville Branch



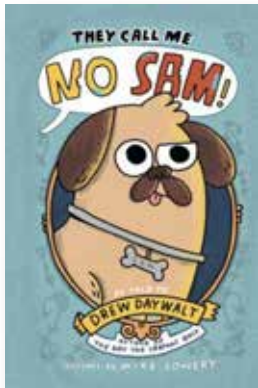


How to Read a Book

by Monica Wood

When three loosely connected people get jumbled together at a bookstore, you get an honest and hopeful story about letting go of guilt, seizing second chances and the power of books to change lives. I love when stories intertwine and you get to see the characters evolve!

– **Katie, Gaines Twp. Branch**



They Call Me No Sam!

by Drew Daywalt

I don't often actually laugh out loud when reading juvenile fiction, but this book is so wild and funny, I couldn't help myself. This series could be the next Bad Guys!

The Daywalt/Lowery combo is a dream come true. I read it in one sitting in about 30 minutes.

– **Michael, Cascade Twp. Branch**



This Must Be the Place

by Jesse Rifkin

This is the best music history book I've read in a while. Author Jesse Rifkin lays out the growth of music in New York City chronologically, genre by genre and location by location. He explains how and why various musical styles morphed into others in an engaging way (make sure you read the footnotes). I thought I knew the stories, but this book is so meticulously researched that I learned much more.

– **Rebecca, Plainfield Twp. Branch**



Never Lie

by Freida McFadden

A newlywed couple gets stranded during a winter storm at an abandoned old house in the middle of nowhere. Strange things begin to happen almost immediately. The chapters alternate between the present-day couple and the past with the original owner, a psychiatrist who was murdered.

– **Amber, Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch**

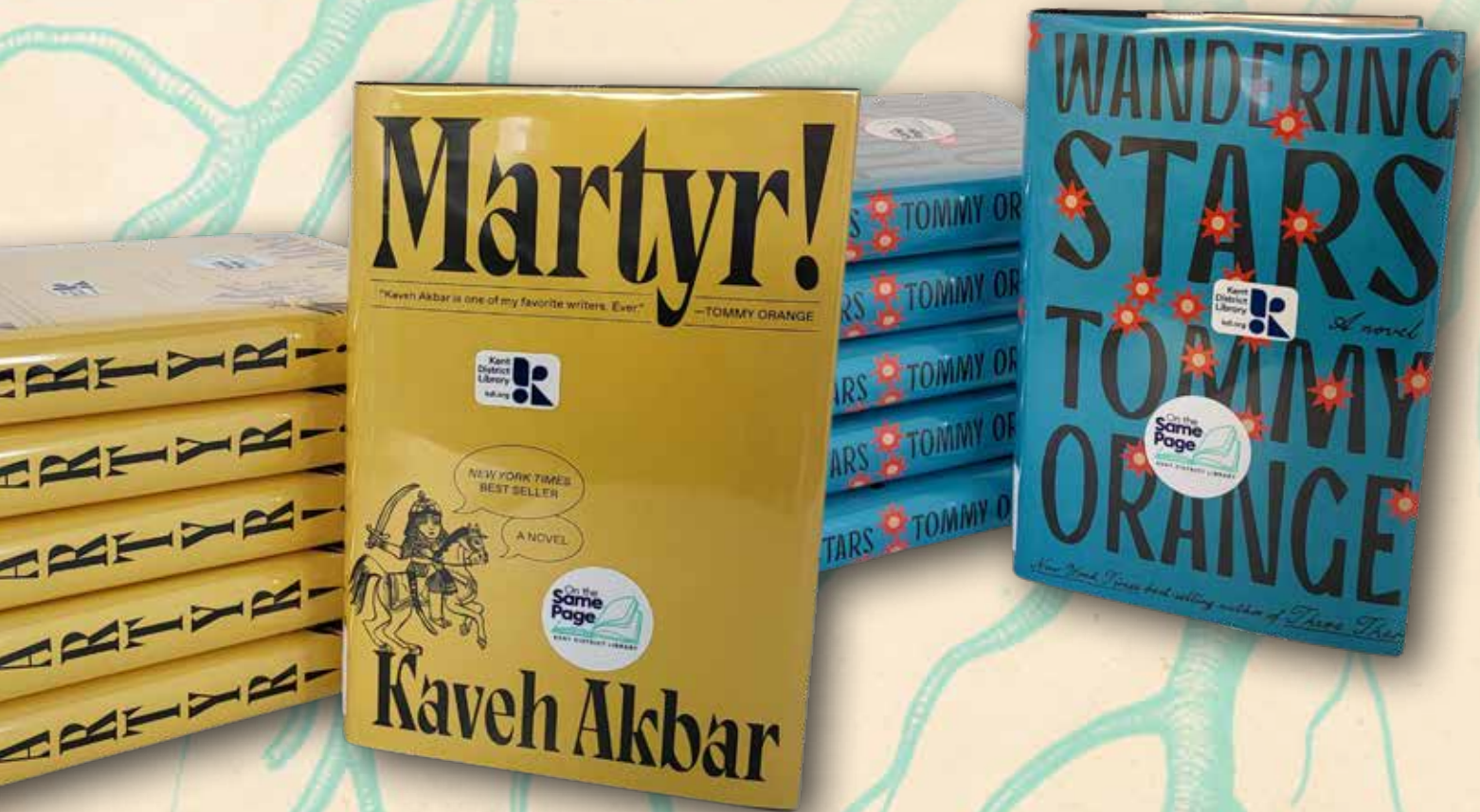
Read the Books, Attend the Programs!

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With **Kaveh Akbar & Tommy Orange**

Whether or not you've read *Martyr!* or *Wandering Stars*, these events offer a great opportunity to learn something new and connect with neighbors and friends. And for those who have read the books, we hope you'll enjoy experiencing them in fresh ways through these programs. **For dates, times and locations, visit kdl.org/events or the Programming Guide in the back of this magazine.**



kdl.org/events



Brief Practices in Mindfulness*

Learn about mindfulness and experience several mindful practices to cultivate your own personal practice. *Pg. 41*



Carly Sandoval

Helping a Loved One with Addiction

What are the criteria for considering whether someone has a substance use disorder? What is the impact of this disorder on their families and loved ones? Steff Condin, ACSW, will share this information as well as what may be helpful and unhelpful if you or someone you know has a relationship with someone struggling with a substance use disorder. *Pg. 42*

The History and Impact of American Indian Boarding Schools

Hundreds of thousands of Native American children were removed from their homes and forced into American Indian boarding schools beginning in 1869. Hear from Jonathan Rinehart, a boarding school survivor, as well as Western Michigan University NASO students as they share the impact boarding schools have had on their lives and communities. The goal of these schools was to destroy Native culture and communities, but Native Americans today are fighting the legacy of these schools and creating a hope-filled future by revitalizing their cultures and communities. *Pg. 44*



Jonathan Rinehart

The Work and Value of Death Doulas

No one likes to think about end-of-life issues, and that's where death doulas come in. Learn about the work of death doulas and how they can help individuals, families and communities prepare for loss through advocacy, education and companionship. *Pg. 44*



Laura Hoekstra

Tiny Death Terrariums*

Use bits of greenery as well as fake bones to bring a bit of *memento mori* into your home or office as you create your own tiny death terrarium. *Pg. 45*

* *Space is limited so **registration is required at kdl.org/events**. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; check in with staff upon arrival to claim your registration. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to interested patrons.*





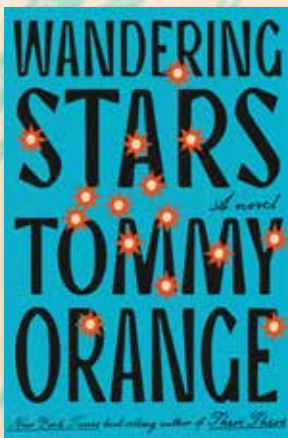
Read the Books, Meet the Authors!

With Kaveh Akbar & Tommy Orange



“Approaches big questions about personal and civilizational death with a glorious sense of whimsy.”

– *The Washington Post*



“A lyrical, multi-generational exploration of Native American oppression.”

– *Kirkus Reviews*



Kaveh Akbar

Tommy Orange

Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 PM

**Godwin Heights High School Auditorium
50 35th St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49548**

Free registration will begin on Monday, March 17 at 9:00 AM. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit:

kdl.org/samepage



Offered in partnership with Calvin University's January Series.

Eight Reasons Why KDL Is the Perfect Spring Break Destination



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

Panama City Beach, Florida. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Kent District Library, Michigan. That's right, we're joining the ranks of the nation's top Spring Break Destinations.

Here's why you should come to the library for your Spring Break:



1

No Sunburns – Enjoy your break without the risk of turning into a lobster. Each of our twenty branches is climate-controlled and perfect for all skin tones.

2

Budget Friendly – Save your money for important things like library swag (visit ShopKDL.org for the coolest gear for library lovers). Your library card gives you access to SO MANY THINGS for FREE.

3

No Packing Required – Forget about overstuffed suitcases and baggage fees. Just bring your library card (and maybe an empty bag to over-stuff with library materials you want to bring home).

4

Endless Adventures – Travel to far-off lands, solve mysteries and meet fascinating characters – all from the comfort of our cozy armchairs.

5

No Sand – If you've ever been to the beach, you know what we're talking about. Library visits traditionally carry a super low chance of sand finding its way into places sand has no right to be.

6

Make Friends Who Live Nearby – With other Spring Break destinations, there's no guarantee that you'll ever see the people you had a great time with again. But the library is a community hub where lifelong connections happen every day.

7

Free Wi-Fi – Stop in. Get connected. Don't worry about using up your data. Ever.

8

All-Ages Fun – We've got something for everyone. Twenty-somethings? Yup. Toddlers? Check. Nonagenarians? You bet. If you exist, we've got you covered.

Need even more reasons why Spring Breaks are better at the library? Turn the page to see all the special programs happening at a KDL location near you!



Book your ticket to the Spring Break...

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If Spring Break means staying at home this year for you and your family, the library is here to help make your time at home fun and special. With programs for adults, families, school-age kids (ages 5-10) and teens, KDL has everything you need to make your Spring Break staycation feel like a real vacation.



Launch from Your Library

Embark on an exhilarating choose-your-own-adventure in space with Air Zoo! Channel your inner astronaut and discover the real-life essentials supplied to the space station today, then let your creativity soar as you prepare a mission to the planet of your dreams. Blend science smarts with boundless imagination on a voyage that begins right at KDL! *For school-age children.*

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 AM, Nelson Twp. Branch
Tuesday, April 8, 2:00 PM, Walker Branch

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

Tuesday, April 8, 5:30 PM, Wyoming Branch
Wednesday, April 9, 2:00 PM, Gaines Twp. Branch



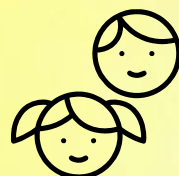
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Like No Place Else On Earth!



Magical Comedy Show

Join Magician Joel Tacey as he performs his show filled with amazing magic, dazzling juggling and wacky stunts with lots of audience participation that all ages will enjoy. Get ready for BIG laughs and BIG fun for everyone! *For all ages.*

Monday, April 7, 2:00 PM, Plainfield Twp. Branch



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Please note that programs marked with this symbol are designed for patrons ages 5 to 10. Patrons outside this age range are welcome to attend; however, the content might be too fast-paced or too simplistic, depending upon their age.

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... at KDL!

Here's a link to everything happening over spring break:



kdl.org/springbreak



Michigan Snakes

Join Nature Discovery as they present their most popular program on Michigan Snakes. They will explain common fears and misconceptions about snakes while providing information on their biology, ecology and individual species. Participants will be encouraged to inspect live specimens. *For school-age children.*

Wednesday, April 9, 2:00 PM, Alpine Twp. Branch
Wednesday, April 9, 4:30 PM, Grandville 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.*

Thursday, April 10, 1:00 PM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 AM,
Amy Van Anel Library (Ada)



Bubble Science

Bubbles are amazing! Why are they round? Why are they iridescent? Come learn all about the science of bubbles. *For families with children.*

Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 AM, Byron Twp. Branch
Tuesday, April 8, 2:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thursday, April 10, 2:00 PM, Comstock Park Branch
Thursday, April 10, 6:00 PM, Tyrone Twp. Branch
Friday, April 11, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



For Teens' Eyes Only

Hey teens, this one is for you!

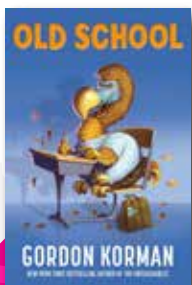


By **Clare O'Tsuji** | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) and Gaines Twp. Branches

Dearest friends, creators and magnificent enigmas, prepare for an epic spring season at KDL. It is filled with good vibes, creativity and just the right amount of chaos. Intrigued? You should be. This is YOUR season.

Do you dream of crafting tales of adventure, betrayal, chilling secrets, that hilarious thing that happened to you in 2nd grade or just an astonishing amount of sarcasm? Then let me introduce you to our NEW Graphic Novel Contest. We want your story, so immortalize your tale in panels. And who knows? You could win fame, glory and awesome prizes. Stay tuned for more information, and in the meantime, start honing your drawing skills and diving into your favorite graphic novels!

Speaking of stories, you won't want to miss what's lurking on our shelves. Maybe you'll lose yourself in the absurd hilarity of *Old School* by Gordon Korman or plunge headfirst into a sci-fi Power Ranger-esque showdown like *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao. For those brave souls who want to experience the pure rapture of the horrific sort, check out *The White Guy Dies First: 13 Scary Stories of Fear and Power*. Whatever you're into, we've got you. Seek them out... if you dare.



Need to get out of the house? Our teen programs are here to keep things interesting, from KDL Gaming events that might just crown you a legend to a chill craft session called "Touch Grass" that will make your Pinterest board WEEP with envy. Whatever your vibe, we've got something for you. Check out the teen programming section starting on page 33.



Do you want fame, glory and prizes, but drawing isn't your thing? Don't forget about our Annual Poetry Competition and Slam! Spit your rhymes or craft beautiful verses and enter your poetry by April 1 (not a prank, I promise) at kdl.org/teenpoetry.

For those wondering, *Why this hype? Why this letter?* Let me explain: KDL is your space to create, explore and just exist in. As the wildly awesome and sometimes delightfully chaotic teen that you are, you bring joy, creativity and fun to the library. Let us pay you back in kind this season.

So, what are you waiting for? Stop on by and be your excellent self, have fun or discover your next obsession.

See you soon! (Unless, of course, your arch-nemesis intercepts this message. In which case, good luck. You're going to need it.)



Teen Poetry Contest & Slam

Calling All Teen Poets!

Kent District Library is accepting entries to the annual Write Michigan Teen Poetry Contest until April 1. The contest is open to teens in grades 6-12 living in or attending school in Kent County. Teens are encouraged to submit up to two poems to be eligible to win a \$50 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, May 1 at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.

Enter at kdl.org/teenpoetry now!

A Winning Teen Poetry Contest & Slam Entry from 2024

Arrhythmia

wasted so much damn time
on shackling sentimentality
breathing in pollutants and irritants
paying attention to the oblivious,
which never pays any to me
a lottery ticket scratched off too late
tangled up in fate, so tempting
attempting not to revert to hate
for myself... am I still worthy of love?
I am still worthy of love
at least I can use that as a consolation
when the darkness closes in
and I must begin to remend
to fend, to fight for every waking breath
shaky yet still exhaling
my dreams have not been deserted yet
something solid is prevailing
the "gift" to forgive mom for the meth
I don't want her death on the doorstep
but if I go down there it's teeth and nails
god it's so hard learning how to live,
after your heart fails

-Willow Harvey

TEEN

GRAPHIC NOVEL

CONTEST

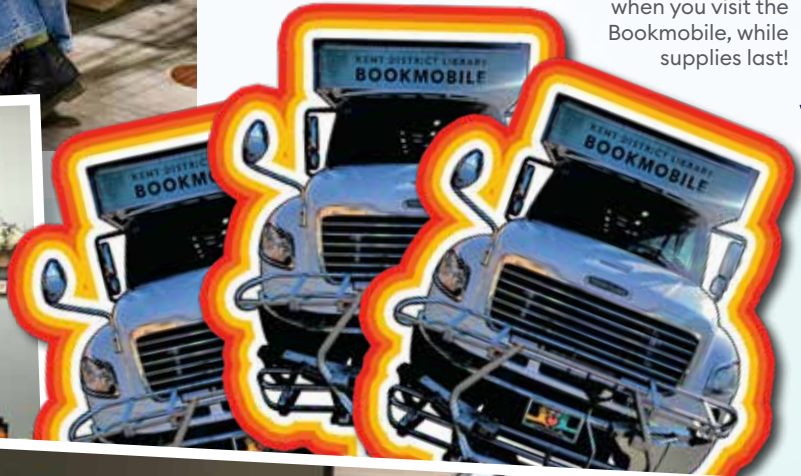
STAY TUNED...



Rolling into the Community

The Kent District Library Community Engagement team is dedicated to fostering stronger relationships between KDL and the communities we serve. We believe in bringing the library experience out into communities where people have difficulty reaching our branches and connecting them with KDL resources. We focus on serving people who face barriers due to poverty, violence and trauma, discrimination, health conditions and lack of accessibility. The Community Engagement team operates the Bookmobile, hosts tables at large festival events and presents at community organizations.

Ask for a sticker when you visit the Bookmobile, while supplies last!



The KDL Bookmobile Lobby Stops allow staff to bring a custom collection to the community! Pictured here is Caleb at Grandville Senior Neighbors Center and Hannah M. at Wyoming Senior Center.



Meet the Community Engagement Librarians

Check out our recurring visits for spring on pages 46-47!



Craig Buno is passionate about expanding KDL resources out into the community, creating fun, engaging events and building upon connections. In his free time, he likes to watch soccer and read about history.



Hannah Lewis loves to bring library services to community members facing barriers to access. She specializes in workforce development, Little Free Libraries and county-wide project initiatives. When she's not at the library, you can find Hannah fishing, exploring coffee shops, reading manga and running a community-based book club.



Emily Moss is passionate about meeting community members where they are, particularly through communicating in their native language of Spanish. Emily loves being outside all year round, and you can find her skiing, kayaking and rock climbing in her spare time.



Hannah Moulds is dedicated to using the Bookmobile to bring the joy of the library to communities that face challenges accessing traditional library spaces. As a true extrovert, she loves to ask questions and connect with people where they are at. When she is not on the Bookmobile, Hannah loves to hike, drink coffee, do sudokus and escape to the beach as often as possible.



Caleb Perkins delights in bringing storytime fun to the community. Caleb loves playing ukulele, knitting, crocheting and playing video games in his free time.

FUN FACTS

- **The Bookmobile was custom built for KDL in 2018.**
- **At 36 feet long, the Bookmobile needs five parking spots.**
- **The Bookmobile can play music while it drives. It can even play the ice cream truck song!**
- **The original Bookmobile, used decades ago, was named Moby.**

Follow the KDL Bookmobile on Facebook to see where it is and what it is up to. We encourage you to reach out to the Community Engagement Team with your ideas, concerns and feedback. Together, we can build a stronger and more vibrant community.



Are you hosting a community event or festival you would like KDL to attend? Submit a request at kdl.org/bookmobile.



kdl.org/bookmobile



Getting a Head Start in Literacy

By **Kris Locker** | Education / Special Needs Program Coordinator

At Head Start for Kent County, we know how important early literacy is in shaping a child's future, especially for kids from low-income families or with special needs. That's why we're dedicated to building a strong foundation in language and literacy throughout our twelve Head Start locations and within our Early Head Start program. Our programs don't just focus on kids; we work with entire families to support lasting educational success.

From the start, we prioritize developing language and literacy skills in young children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. We create rich language environments and use fun, age-appropriate activities like storytelling, music and interactive games to build vocabulary, phonics, writing and print awareness. This early exposure helps set the stage for academic success.



We also believe literacy is a family effort. That's why we provide workshops for parents, tips for reading at home and resources to create learning-friendly environments. By working together, we help families support their children's growth and connect them with community resources.



Our *HighScope* curriculum weaves literacy into every area of learning. Through research-based strategies like reading, music and dramatic play, we inspire a love of books and build essential skills such as communication and critical thinking. Our educators are highly trained and receive ongoing professional development to stay updated on the best teaching practices.

Every child is unique, and we offer extra support for those who need it, including dual-language learners and children with developmental challenges. We create a nurturing and inclusive space where all children can thrive.

In addition to the work we do within our centers, Head Start for Kent County believes in building strong community connections. We are proud to partner with KDL, which plays a pivotal role in supporting literacy throughout our community. Through this partnership, we offer families access to a wealth of resources, including books, literacy programs and educational events. The library's dedicated staff work closely with our Head Start educators to provide children with enriching reading experiences and to foster a love of books that will last a lifetime. We also encourage families to take part in KDL's various literacy initiatives, ensuring that learning extends beyond the classroom and into the community.

Discover more at hs4kc.org.



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1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY



Come make some
NEW FRIENDS!



kdl.org/1kb4k

BIG Changes Ahead!

Three KDL Branches Are Renovating or Expanding



Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

For over 20 years, patrons have asked for an expansion of the Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch, which was last updated in 1989. With the area's population nearly doubling since then, the wait is finally over! The planned expansion will more than double the library's size, triple the community room size, add six study rooms, improve accessibility and include a drive-up book return. The City of Rockford has secured \$5 million in public and private funds toward the total project costs, estimated to be \$11.7 million. On November 5, City of Rockford voters overwhelmingly approved a millage proposal of 1 mill that will provide critical funding for the project. Fundraising efforts are ongoing to cover remaining costs. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2025, with completion by late 2026.

kdl.org/growingkrause



Cascade Twp. Branch

The Cascade Twp. Branch has been providing library service for more than 25 years! As the library celebrates this quarter-century milestone, we recognize that updates are needed to ensure it can continue to serve the community's needs today and well into the future. A 2018 needs inventory showed:

- Inadequate and outdated lighting
- Damage to external doors
- Worn carpeting, paint and wall coverings
- Roof damage
- Outdated and worn furnishings

The branch is getting a refresh! Funding for this project has been set aside from the expired Cascade Township building and grounds millage. The Cascade Township millage renewal was approved in the November 2024 election to ensure there are operational funds to move forward with these improvements and maintain building upkeep. The Cascade Twp. Branch will operate out of the Wisner Center, located at the branch, through the beginning of June. Updates to the building will continue to occur for three to five years and include a new roof, improving accessibility for patrons and Wisner Center upgrades.



kdl.org/cascade-refresh



Walker Branch

The Walker Branch is currently operating out of a temporary location at 445 Standale Plaza NW in Walker.

The Walker Branch, built in 1991, has served the community well, but the City of Walker and the surrounding area have grown incredibly. The population of Walker has increased 43%, from 17,626 to 25,289, and the rate of growth is rapidly increasing. The library serves as a connecting place, a modern-day town square where everyone gathers to learn and connect. The extreme makeover of the Walker Branch will include:

- 24,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art library and community space (increased from 8,898 sq. ft.)
- Large multi-purpose room, hosting up to 250 guests
- eSports facility
- Bright, open space throughout

The renovated Walker Branch is expected to open in late 2026.

kdl.org/walker-makeover



Plant. Garden. Grow. Sustain. . .



KDL's Seed Library offers patrons a variety of sample packets of vegetables, fruits, herbs, grains and flowers to promote sustainability, healthy habits and environmental awareness. This year's One Seed, One State selection, Little Finger Carrot, was donated by the Michigan Seed Library Network. Seeds will be available at all KDL branches and on the Bookmobile starting in early March, while supplies last.



Creating Native Habitats

Native plants serve a crucial role in attracting local birds and beneficial pollinator insects to your yard. Learn about their role and what to plant to create a sustainable wildlife habitat in your own backyard. *Presented in partnership with the Michigan Audubon Society.*

Saturday, March 8, 1:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Garden Basics

Are you curious about where to get started with gardening? Lisa Rupert and Grace Smith will present general gardening concepts such as soil preparation; water, sun and site requirements; what to look for when you buy plants; the basics of weeding, deadheading and controlling spreaders; and what garden tools will be most helpful as you begin your gardening journey. *Presented by the Rockford Garden Club.*

Saturday, April 19, 1:00 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Healthy Lawns, Healthy Community

Are you interested in natural lawns and native gardens in our neighborhoods? Join Good Sweet Earth 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.*

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 PM, East Grand Rapids Branch





Insects: To Swat or Not?



Learn about the best methods and practices for coexisting with the insects that live all around us from Ernest Delfosse, Professor Emeritus at MSU. *Presented by the Rockford Sustainability Commission.*

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 PM,
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Planting and Caring for Young Trees

Celebrate Arbor Day weekend with us and learn how to plant a tree! We will discuss best practices for selecting healthy nursery trees, caring for young trees and exploring Michigan's best native trees for your region, ensuring long-term beauty, shade, and ecosystem benefits for years to come. *Offered in partnership with the MSU Kent Extension. Limited saplings will be available and are offered on a first come, first served basis.*

Saturday, April 26, 1:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

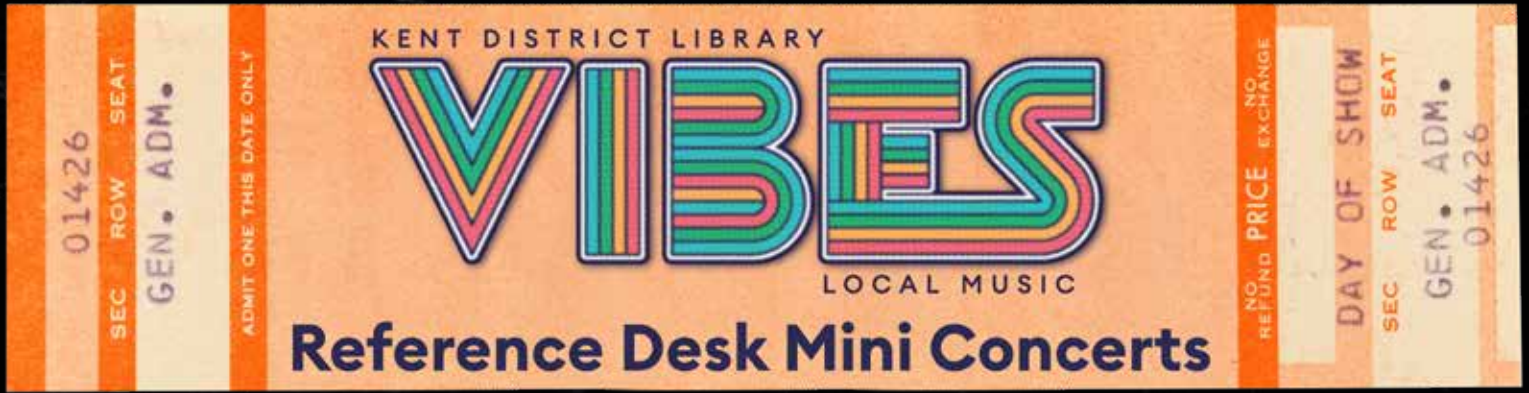
The Wild World of Foraging

Explore the wild world of foraging with instructors Katie and Luke Venechuk from In Your Element Wellness. Katie and Luke will help you see the world in a new way and share how foraging for wild foods can enhance lives. Learn about the bounty of edible plants and mushrooms that are all around us, how to identify some key wild foods of the season, safe and ethical harvesting practices, and more. *Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; check in with staff upon arrival to claim your registration. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to interested patrons.*

Taking place at multiple KDL branches. Please see page 44 for dates, times and locations.



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



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:



Cover art by Logan Zillmer

March 6 | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Molly



March 13 | Gaines Twp. Branch

Brian Oberlin



March 20 | Plainfield Twp. Branch

Folias Duo



March 27 | Wyoming Branch

Max Lockwood

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Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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This Is How You Lose the Time War

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ALL AGES

Cameron Zvara

Join us for FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music and TONS of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

Mon., April 7, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

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 4, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., April 1, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., May 6, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Family Craft Time

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

Mon., March 3, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Mon., April 7, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

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



KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For All Ages!

Fun games for all. Try a variety of traditional table-top games or bring your own! *Space is limited; first come, first served.* *Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., April 3, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. 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.

Thu., March 6, 7:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Molly

Thu., March 13, 7:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Brian Oberlin

Thu., March 20, 7:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Folias Duo

Thu., March 27, 7:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Max Lockwood



Magical Comedy Show

Join Magician Joel Tacey as he performs his show filled with amazing magic, dazzling juggling and wacky stunts with lots of audience participation that all ages will enjoy. Get ready for BIG laughs and BIG fun for everyone!

Mon., April 7, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mini Golf

Putt-putt your way through the KDL greens. *Check in with staff to claim a tee time. First come, first served.*

Tue., April 8, 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Movie Zone

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

Sat., March 1, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., March 8, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., March 15, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., March 15, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Sat., March 22, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., March 29, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Fri., April 4, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Sat., April 5, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Fri., April 11, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Sat., April 12, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Sat., April 19, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., April 26, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., May 3, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., May 10, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., May 17, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., May 24, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Sat., May 31, 1:30 PM – Wyoming 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 12, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., April 9, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., May 14, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

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 Township Library.**

Sat., April 12, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch



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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Bubble Science

Bubbles are amazing! Why are they round? Why are they iridescent? Come learn all about the science of bubbles. *This program is designed for patrons ages 5 to 10. Patrons outside this age range are welcome to attend; however, the content might be too fast-paced or too simplistic, depending upon their age.*

Tue., April 8, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., April 8, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., April 10, 6:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Fri., April 11, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

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!

Sat., March 8, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 2, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., May 7, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Campsite Crafts

Still too cold to camp outside? No problem! Join us for fun crafts and games that will help you experience the great outdoors... indoors!

Tue., March 4, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., March 5, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., March 8, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., March 14, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Fri., March 21, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., April 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., April 7, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., April 11, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 29, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., May 1, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., May 2, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., May 5, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., May 10, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Sat., May 10, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., May 17, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 20, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., May 24, 10:00 AM – Alto 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 19, 10:00 AM –
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Dance, Giggle and Wiggle

Join us for a fun-filled session where families can sing, dance, and explore a variety of instruments and songs. It's a lively, interactive experience designed to get everyone moving and having fun together!

Fri., April 11, 10:00 AM – Plainfield 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.

Thu., April 10, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., April 12, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)



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

Grandville Branch

Mon., March 3, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 10, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 17, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 24, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 31, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 7, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 14, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 21, 10:00 AM
Mon., May 5, 10:00 AM
Mon., May 12, 10:00 AM
Mon., May 19, 10:00 AM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., March 4, 11:00 AM
Tue., March 11, 11:00 AM
Tue., March 18, 11:00 AM
Tue., March 25, 11:00 AM
Tue., April 1, 11:00 AM
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Tue., April 29, 11:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., March 6, 10:30 AM
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Thu., May 15, 10:30 AM
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Thu., May 29, 10:30 AM

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CONTINUED

Outer Space Adventures

Shooting stars, distant planets and maybe even aliens?! Celebrate the vastness of space with out-of-this-world crafts and activities.

- Mon., March 3, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., March 5, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., March 11, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., March 12, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Sat., March 15, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Tue., March 18, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Fri., March 21, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Anandel Library (Ada)
- Sat., March 29, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Wed., April 9, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., April 19, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., April 30, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., May 2, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., May 6, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., May 9, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Reading Rocks in Rockford

Join us for the 16th annual Reading Rocks in Rockford Festival! Celebrate Rockin' Reader Awards for local students. Meet the author of the *Pout Pout Fish* series and many other great reads, Deborah Diesen. Visit with local authors and purchase copies of their books. Games, crafts and activities offered by the library, Rockford Public Schools, Rockford Chamber of Commerce and Rotary International. Friends of the Library Book Sale from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM inside the library. Bag special from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Sat., May 31, 9:45 AM – 1:00 PM
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0 – 5)

Storytimes

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



Most storytimes begin the week of March 3 and end the week of April 28. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

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.

Fri., April 4, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Loose Parts Play

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

Tue., March 11, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Fri., March 14, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Tue., April 1, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., May 6, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Fri., May 9, 10:00 AM – Grandville 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.

Thu., April 10, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Outdoor Playtime

Drop in to play with our outdoor toys and activities.

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

Wed., April 16, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Sense-ational Storytime

See, hear, touch, taste and smell the world around you through stories, songs and activities.

Mon., March 3, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Wed., March 5, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., March 6, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Mon., March 10, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Thu., March 13, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch

Tue., March 25, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library

Thu., March 27, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., March 31, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., April 10, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., April 14, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Fri., April 18, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Wed., April 23, 11:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Fri., April 25, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fri., May 2, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

YOUNG CHILDREN AND SCHOOL-AGE

Spring Craft Extravaganza

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Sat., March 15, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., March 24, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Fri., March 28, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Fri., April 4, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Fri., April 4, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Mon., April 7, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., April 9, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Wed., April 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., April 10, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

Fri., April 11, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fri., April 11, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Sat., April 12, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Fri., April 18, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., April 22, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Fri., April 25, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Sat., April 26, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch

Wed., April 30, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

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

SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5 – 10)

Book Explorers

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

Sat., March 1, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., March 4, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., March 25, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 1, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., April 5, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., April 22, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 29, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 30, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Craft & Create for Kids

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

Wed., March 26, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 16, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show!

Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will be presenting live reptiles to entertain and educate the audience.

Wed., April 9, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



KDL Gaming | Game On Console For School Age!

Pick up a controller and compete or casually play on classic or modern video game consoles. All skill levels welcome. All equipment provided. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., March 13, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 10, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 23, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For School Age!

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

Wed., March 12, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 30, 6:30 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 regularly, so there are always new opportunities to learn and explore together!

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Tue., March 4, 1:00 PM
Tue., March 11, 1:00 PM
Tue., March 18, 1:00 PM
Tue., March 25, 1:00 PM
Tue., April 1, 1:00 PM
Tue., April 15, 1:00 PM
Tue., April 22, 1:00 PM
Tue., April 29, 1:00 PM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Mon., March 10, 10:00 AM
Mon., March 24, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 7, 10:00 AM
Mon., April 21, 10:00 AM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., March 24, 1:00 PM
Mon., March 31, 1:00 PM
Mon., April 14, 1:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., March 6, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 13, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 20, 1:00 PM
Thu., March 27, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 3, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 10, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 17, 1:00 PM
Thu., April 24, 1:00 PM
Thu., May 1, 1:00 PM
Thu., May 8, 1:00 PM
Thu., May 15, 1:00 PM
Thu., May 22, 1:00 PM
Thu., May 29, 1:00 PM



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KDL LAB EXPERIENCE™

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

East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., March 4, 3:00 PM
Tue., March 11, 3:00 PM
Fri., March 14, 2:00 PM
Tue., March 25, 3:00 PM
Tue., April 15, 3:00 PM
Tue., May 6, 3:00 PM
Tue., May 20, 3:00 PM
Tue., May 27, 3:00 PM

KDL Lab Experience: A STEAM Sports Spectacular

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

Sat., March 22, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., May 12, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

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

Sat., March 1, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., March 1, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., March 6, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., March 29, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., April 7, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 17, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., April 26, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., April 29, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Sat., May 10, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

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

Mon., March 3, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., March 6, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., March 10, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., March 10, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., March 13, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., March 17, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., March 20, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., March 24, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
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Mon., March 31, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 14, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 17, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 21, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., April 24, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., May 1, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Birds of Wonder

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

Thu., April 3, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

! This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544
Sat., May 31, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) 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.

Sat., March 8, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Inventing Illusions

Explore the science behind the magic, see how illusions are more than meet the eye and learn some tricks of your own to wow your friends. Remember: a magician never shares their secrets, so let's keep this between us.

Sat., March 8, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., April 3, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., April 7, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., April 7, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., April 8, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., April 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., April 8, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 8, 3:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 9, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 9, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., April 9, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch

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

Fri., April 11, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., April 25, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., April 26, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., May 1, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., May 14, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

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

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

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

SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5 – 10) CONTINUED

KDL Lab Experience: Tectropolis

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

Tue., March 4, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Tue., March 18, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., March 20, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., March 22, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 1, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Sat., April 5, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., April 12, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., April 19, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., April 22, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., May 1, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., May 3, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 6, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Tue., May 13, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Under the Sea

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

Wed., March 5, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., April 3, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., April 14, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., May 6, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., May 24, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



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

Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., April 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tue., April 8, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thu., April 10, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., March 3, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 10, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 17, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 24, 4:30 PM
Mon., March 31, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 7, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 14, 4:30 PM
Mon., April 21, 4:30 PM
Mon., May 5, 4:30 PM
Mon., May 12, 4:30 PM
Mon., May 19, 4:30 PM

Gaines Twp. Branch


Thu., April 10, 3:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., March 6, 4:00 PM
Thu., March 13, 4:00 PM
Thu., March 20, 4:00 PM
Thu., March 27, 4:00 PM
Thu., April 3, 4:00 PM
Thu., April 17, 4:00 PM
Thu., April 24, 4:00 PM
Thu., May 1, 4:00 PM

Launch From Your Library

Embark on an exhilarating choose-your-own-adventure in space with Air Zoo! Channel your inner astronaut and discover the real-life essentials supplied to the space station today, then let your creativity soar as you prepare a mission to the planet of your dreams. Blend science smarts with boundless imagination on a voyage that begins right at KDL!

Sat., April 5, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., April 8, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
 *This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544*
Tue., April 8, 5:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., April 9, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Language Explorers

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

Wed., March 19, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Michigan Snakes

Join Nature Discovery as they present their most popular program on Michigan Snakes. They will explain common fears and misconceptions about snakes, while providing information on their biology, ecology and individual species. Participants will be encouraged to inspect live specimens.

Wed., April 9, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., April 9, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Mini Brick Derby

Build your dream race car out of LEGO® bricks and see if it has what it takes to win!

Tue., April 1, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., May 23, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Fri., May 30, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Pocket Monster Club

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

Wed., March 5, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 20, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 2, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 17, 4:30 PM – Caledonia 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 29, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Stump the Librarian Podcast

Join our librarians 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. New episodes drop every other Wednesday, and you can subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. *Online.*

Wed., March 5, 8:00 AM
 Wed., March 19, 8:00 AM
 Wed., April 2, 8:00 AM
 Wed., April 16, 8:00 AM

Wed., April 30, 8:00 AM
 Wed., May 14, 8:00 AM
 Wed., May 28, 8:00 AM

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

Battle of the Books Tournament



Watch the excitement as BOB teams face off, matching wit and memory in this book-related trivia contest. This event will be at the Cascade Twp. Branch. To register, please visit the Cascade Twp. Branch for the team application.

Sat., May 3, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

TEENS (AGES 11 – 17)

Escape the Library

Bring a group to the library – or form a group at the library – and work together to solve a series of puzzles to escape the room before time runs out. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

Thu., April 10, 11:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., April 10, 12:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., April 10, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., April 10, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., April 10, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., April 10, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Homeschool Hangout | Art Club

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

Wed., March 12, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., March 26, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 9, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 23, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On Console For Teens!

Pick up a controller and compete or casually play on classic or modern video game consoles. All skill levels welcome. All equipment provided. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., April 24, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On RPG For Teens!

Explore RPG systems with other adventurers! You might join an all-raccoon racing team, take on a quest as a reanimated skeleton or plan a fool-proof heist as a group of bears. New and experienced players are welcome for these easy-to-learn adventures. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Mon., March 17, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., April 21, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., May 19, 6:30 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 26, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., April 30, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., May 28, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Summer Wonder Teen Crew Orientation

Enthusiastic and energetic teen volunteers are wanted to help with Summer Wonder at KDL. Fun times are guaranteed, with the added benefit of service experience. **Registration is required via a paper application available at your branch. Spaces are limited; contact your branch for more information.**

Sat., May 31, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
More branches will host this event in June, and information will be available on kdl.org/events.

TEENS (AGES 11 – 17) CONTINUED

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 13, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 17, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., May 15, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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.

Thu., March 6, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., March 27, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., May 8, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

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. With that in mind, the event might go past the scheduled end time of 8:00 PM.*

Thu., May 1, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Touch Grass: A Cozy Break for Spring

Step into spring with chill vibes and nature-themed crafts like chia pets, rock painting, ink printing, nature mandalas and more! Whether you're crafting a masterpiece or just looking to relax, stop by to unwind, unplug and let your creativity bloom.

Thu., March 20, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., April 3, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., April 4, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 7, 3:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., April 8, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., April 8, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., April 9, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 10, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., April 10, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., May 3, 10:00 AM – Nelson 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 19, 3:30 PM
Wed., April 16, 3:30 PM
Wed., May 21, 3:30 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., March 6, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 13, 3:00 PM
Thu., March 20, 3:00 PM
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Thu., April 17, 3:00 PM
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Thu., May 1, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 8, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 15, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 22, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 29, 3:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

Wed., March 5, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 12, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 19, 3:00 PM
Wed., March 26, 3:00 PM
Wed., April 2, 3:00 PM

Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., March 17, 3:00 PM

Grandville Branch

Thu., March 13, 3:30 PM
Thu., March 27, 3:30 PM
Thu., April 10, 3:30 PM

Kelloggsville Branch

Tue., March 4, 4:00 PM
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Tue., March 25, 4:00 PM
Tue., April 8, 4:00 PM
Tue., April 15, 4:00 PM
Tue., April 22, 4:00 PM
Tue., April 29, 4:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wed., April 9, 3:00 PM
Thu., April 10, 3:00 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., March 12, 1:30 PM
Wed., March 26, 1:30 PM
Wed., April 23, 1:30 PM

Plainfield Twp. Branch Teen Zone | D&D

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

Thu., March 13, 6:00 PM
Thu., April 10, 6:00 PM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., April 17, 6:30 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., March 4, 3:00 PM
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Wed., April 30, 3:00 PM
Thu., May 1, 3:00 PM
Fri., May 2, 3:00 PM



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



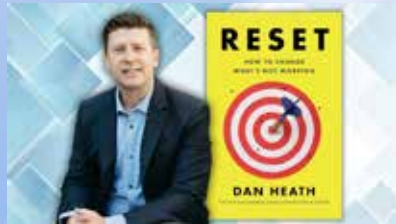
ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

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/authortalks.**



Dan Heath
Wed., March 12,
2:00 PM – Online



Clara Bingham
Thu., March 20,
2:00 PM – Online



Jennifer Weiner
Wed., March 26,
7:00 PM – Online



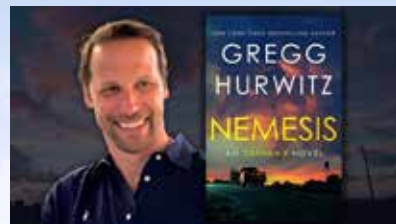
Jodi Picoult
Wed., April 2,
7:00 PM – Online



Matthew Fleming
Tue., April 8,
2:00 PM – Online



Gregg Hurwitz
Thu., April 24,
7:00 PM – Online



Author Visit



Kaveh Akbar

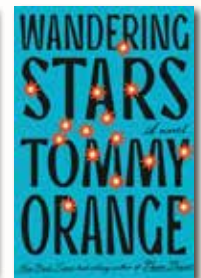
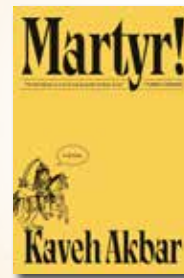


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Meet the Authors Wed., April 30, 6:30 PM

Godwin Heights High School
Auditorium

50 35th St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49548



Free registration will begin on Monday, March 17 at 9:00 AM. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.



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ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

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Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

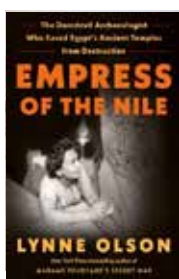
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 5,
The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
by Jonas Jonasson



April 2,
The Dry
by Jane Harper

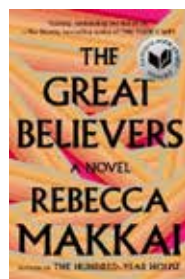


May 7,
Empress of the Nile
by Lynne Olson

Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Ada Z Book Club

Wednesdays at 12:00 PM



March 26,
The Great Believers
by Rebecca Makkai



April 30,
The Rose Code
by Kate Quinn



May 28,
The Dry
by Jane Harper

Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

Thursdays at 1:30 PM



March 20,
The Signature of All Things
by Elizabeth Gilbert



April 17,
Frankenstein
by Mary Shelley



May 15,
Martyr!
by Kaveh Akbar



March 24,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



May 19,
The Women
by Kristin Hannah

Byron Twp. Branch

Byron Twp. Book Discussion

Mondays at 6:30 PM

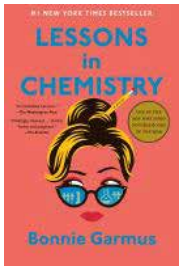


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Caledonia Twp. Branch

Novel Characters Book Club

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



March 5,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus



April 2,
The Starless Sea
by Erin Morgenstern



May 7,
Yellowface
by R. F. Kuang

Comstock Park Branch

Never Too Old Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



March 11,
Martyr!
by Kaveh Akbar



April 8,
Sunrise Nights
by Jeff Zentner



May 13,
What the River Knows
by Isabel Ibañez

Cascade Twp. Branch

Silent Book Club

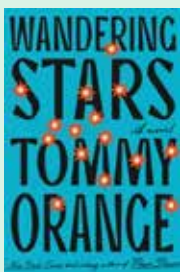
Saturdays, March 15 and April 12, 10:00 AM

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



Friends of the Cascade Library Book Discussion

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



March 19,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



April 16,
The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger



May 21,
Warrior Girl Unearthed
by Angeline Boulley

Lit Wits Book Discussion

Thursdays at 6:30 PM



March 27,
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
by Jesse Q. Sutanto



April 24,
The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon



May 22,
The House in the Cerulean Sea
by TJ Klune

East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



March 10,
Homestead
by Melinda Moustakis



April 14,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



May 12,
Lady Tan's Circle of Women
by Lisa See

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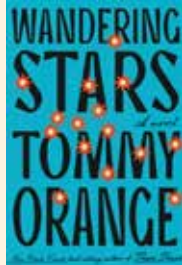
Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Bookworms Book Club

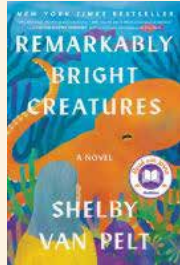
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM



March 11,
The Women
by Kristin Hannah



April 8,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



May 13,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Grandville Branch

Maple St. Book Club

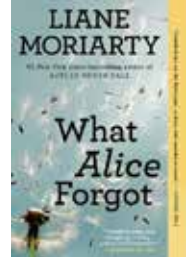
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 12,
The Love Story of Missy Carmichael
by Beth Morrey



April 9,
Long Bright River
by Liz Moore



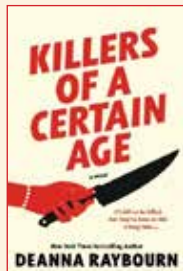
May 14,
What Alice Forgot
by Liane Moriarty

Night Owls Book Club

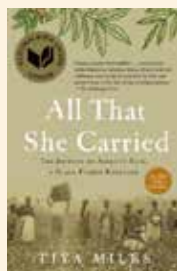
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 5,
The Ways We Hide
by Kristina McMorris



April 2,
Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn



May 7,
All That She Carried
by Tiya Miles

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Hearts and Pages Book Club

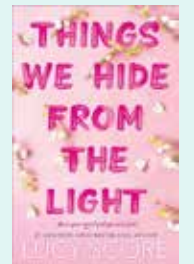
Mondays at 6:30 PM



March 10,
Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yarros



April 14,
Romantic Comedy by Curtis Sittenfeld



May 12,
Things We Hide From the Light
by Lucy Score

Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Club

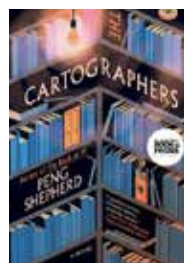
Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



March 18,
Carrie Soto Is Back
by Taylor Jenkins Reid



April 15,
The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict



May 20,
The Cartographers
by Peng Shepherd

Pop-Up Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00 PM



Martyr! by Kaveh Akbar



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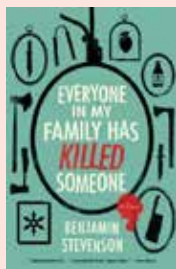
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Afternoon Book Club

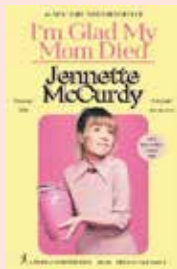
Fridays at 1:30 PM



March 21,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



April 18,
Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone
by Benjamin Stevenson



May 16,
I'm Glad My Mom Died
by Jennette McCurdy

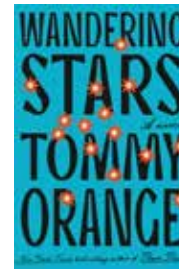
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Book Discussion

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



March 13,
Perish
by LaToya Watkins



April 10,
Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



May 8,
Sandwich
by Catherine Newman

Krause Evening Book Club

Mondays at 6:30 PM



March 10,
The Wind Knows My Name
by Isabel Allende



April 14,
Things I Learned From Falling
by Claire Nelson

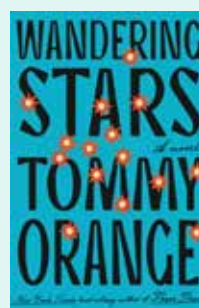


May 12,
This month, we'll discuss titles by Kristin Hannah. Share your favorite.

Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tyrone Township Book Discussion

Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 PM



Wandering Stars
by Tommy Orange



Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



March 18,
Lone Women
by Victor LaValle



April 15,
Nightbloom
by Peace Adzo Medie

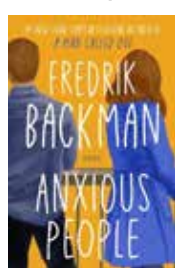


May 20,
No Two Persons
by Erica Bauermeister

Walker Branch

Walker Book Discussion

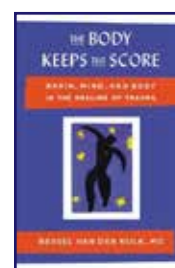
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



March 11,
Anxious People
by Fredrik Backman



April 8,
Martyr!
by Kaveh Akbar



May 13,
The Body Keeps the Score
by Bessel Van der Kolk

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

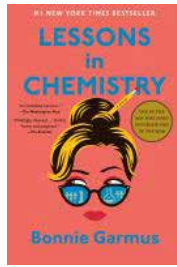
Wyoming Branch

The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



March 11,
Martyr!
by Kaveh Akbar



May 13,
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

AARP Learn a Latte: Fraud, AI and Protecting Your Identity

Join us for “Learn a Latte” – an enlightening event featuring an FBI expert who will delve into the critical topics of fraud, artificial intelligence and identity protection. Gain valuable insights on how to safeguard your personal information in an increasingly digital world. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from a leading authority in the field and enhance your knowledge on staying secure in the age of AI.

Wed., April 16, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch



American Mahjong: Learn the Basics

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

Mon., May 5, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 13, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., May 21, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., May 28, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Awesome Adults

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

- Tue., March 4, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., March 5, 10:30 AM – Walker Branch
- Tue., March 11, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., March 11, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., March 17, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., March 18, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., March 20, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., March 21, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., March 25, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., April 1, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., April 2, 10:30 AM – Walker Branch
- Tue., April 8, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 14, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., April 17, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., April 18, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., April 22, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., April 29, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., May 7, 10:30 AM – Walker Branch
- Tue., May 13, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., May 15, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., May 16, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

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

Berry Good Bookmarks

Let local Art Prize artist Lain Leo spark your creativity as they share methods and inspiration from nature to imagine and paint your own berry-inspired wooden bookmark. *Sponsored by Friends of the Nelson Township Library. Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

Wed., April 23, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Bingo Hour

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

- Tue., March 4, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., March 11, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., March 11, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Mon., March 17, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., March 18, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., March 20, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., April 1, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Tue., April 1, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., April 8, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., April 15, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., April 17, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 21, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., May 6, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Tue., May 6, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., May 13, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., May 19, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., May 20, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Board Game Strategy

Join us for an unforgettable evening of strategy, fun and friendly competition hosted by former National Board Game Champion Steve Zaagman! Whether you're a seasoned board gamer or a curious beginner, this program will give you the strategic tools to master a variety of board games.

Mon., May 19, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., May 28, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

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

Brief Practices in Mindfulness

Learn about mindfulness and experience several mindful practices to cultivate your own personal practice. *Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

Tue., March 18, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., March 25, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., April 2, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Classic Movies of the Silver Screen

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

Fri., March 7, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., March 25, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., April 4, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., April 29, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., May 2, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., May 29, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., March 5, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., March 6, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., March 10, 1:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., March 12, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., March 18, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., March 20, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., April 2, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 3, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., April 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 15, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., April 17, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., April 22, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., May 5, 1:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., May 7, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., May 14, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., May 27, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Creating Native Habitats

Native plants serve a crucial role in attracting local birds and beneficial pollinator insects to your yard. Learn about their role and what to plant to create a sustainable wildlife habitat in your own backyard. *Presented in partnership with the Michigan Audubon Society.*

Sat., March 8, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Early Childhood Essentials: Introducing Literacy to Infants

Reflect on different ways to introduce literacy to infants through discussion and examples of how you currently engage young infants with literacy and how you could approach those who interact with infants. Resources to a number of libraries with different ways to participate with literacy and young children will be offered as a resource as well as a photograph gallery for discussion on the topic. **Register online at kdl.org/events.** Those not seeking credit may attend without registering.

Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Online
Thu., April 17, 6:30 PM – Online
Wed., May 14, 6:30 PM – Online



Tambra Craven

Early Childhood Essentials: Mindfully Feeding Infants and Toddlers

Mealtime routines not only build strong relationships with people but also a healthy relationship with food. During this workshop, explore research on parenting styles, mindfulness and temperament, and learn how those factors can lead to responsive feeding of infants and toddlers. **Register online at kdl.org/events.** Those not seeking credit may attend without registering.

Thu., March 13, 6:00 PM – Online
Wed., April 9, 6:00 PM – Online
Tue., May 13, 6:00 PM – Online



Georgina Guzman

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Garden Basics

Are you curious about where to get started with gardening? Lisa Rupert and Grace Smith will present general gardening concepts such as soil preparation; water, sun and site requirements; what to look for when you buy plants; the basics of weeding, deadheading and controlling spreaders; and what garden tools will be most helpful as you begin your gardening journey. *Presented by the Rockford Garden Club.*

Sat., April 19, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Healthy Lawns, Healthy Community

Are you interested in natural lawns and native gardens in our neighborhoods? Join Good Sweet Earth 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 18, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Helping a Loved One with Addiction

What are the criteria for considering whether someone has a substance use disorder? What is the impact of this disorder on their families and loved ones? Steff Condin, ACSW, will share this information as well as what may be helpful and unhelpful if you or someone you know has a relationship with someone struggling with a substance use disorder.

Tue., March 18, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., March 27, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., April 15, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Mon., April 21, 5:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Hora de Intercambio / Spanish Conversation Hour

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

Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Wed., April 16, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Wed., May 21, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

How WWII Japan Bombed Michigan and No One Knew

Did you know that Imperial Japan bombed the continental US hundreds of times? Imperial Japan's Project Fu Go resulted in a fascinating series of events, mistakes and media gags culminating in the death of a pregnant woman and hundreds of bomb-related fires across the US as far east as Dorr and Detroit, Michigan. You read that right . . . Japan bombed Michigan. Come learn how it happened and why we don't know more about it. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Krause Memorial Rockford in collaboration with the Rockford Historical Society. Presented at the Rockford Community Cabin, 200 N. Monroe St, Rockford, MI 49341.*

Wed., April 2, 7:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Insects: To Swat or Not?

Learn about the best methods and practices for coexisting with the insects that live all around us from Ernest Delfosse, Professor Emeritus at MSU. *Presented by the Rockford Sustainability Commission.*

Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For Adults!

Try a variety of traditional table-top games or bring your own! *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., March 27, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., April 24, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



Lead-Free Living

If you have vintage dishes or cookware in your home, there's a chance those dishes might have lead in them. Learn more about the types of dishes likely to contain lead from an expert with the Kent County Health Department. Bring in an item to be tested with their x-ray fluorescence scanner to ensure safe serving in your home. *Brought to you by the Kent County Health Department.*

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

Thu., April 17, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Thu., May 15, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

More Joyful Living Without Carbon

Discover the benefits of decarbonizing your life with practical tips on air sealing, insulation, heat pumps for heating and cooling, e-bikes, electric lawn tools, and more to reduce your carbon footprint and promote sustainability. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of EGR Library.*

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



Nutrition Myths Debunked

Do you feel confused about all the conflicting nutrition information out there? Tired of feeling guilty about what to eat? Kristi Veltkamp, a Registered Dietitian, will sift through misconceptions on healthy eating and empower you to make healthy choices for you and your family.

Tue., March 11, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., March 25, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., April 22, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Thu., May 1, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Open Craft Lab

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

Mon., March 3, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., March 6, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., March 19, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., March 20, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., March 26, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., April 3, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., April 14, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 16, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
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 Thu., May 8, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., May 21, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., May 22, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., May 28, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Organizing 101

Learn why organizing is important, the difference between organizing and decluttering, the steps for organizing and tips and tricks for staying organized for the long term while getting hands-on examples in this interactive and engaging workshop.

Wed., March 5, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Mon., March 31, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., April 24, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., May 20, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., May 21, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Paint & Pop

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

Tue., May 6, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Planting and Caring for Young Trees

Celebrate Arbor Day weekend with us and learn how to plant a tree! We will discuss best practices for selecting healthy nursery trees, caring for young trees and exploring Michigan's best native trees for your region, ensuring long-term beauty, shade, and ecosystem benefits for years to come. *Offered in partnership with the MSU Kent Extension. Limited saplings will be available and are offered on a first come, first served basis.*

Sat., April 26, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Podcast Discussion Group: Eavesdrop with Meena

Join us for an interactive discussion based around the “Eavesdrop with Meena” podcast. Listen at home and then come with your questions about the episode to continue the conversation in person with Meena!

Mike Goorhouse | “Leading With Generosity”

(published on Spotify July 11, 2024).

Wed., March 5, 12:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Lance Werner | “Libraryhouse Rock!”

(Published on Spotify May 2, 2024).

Wed., March 19, 12:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

JohnPaul Morris | “Quicksand” Film

(published on Spotify May 16, 2024).

Wed., March 12, 12:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Spring Garden Felting

Bring spring to life with wool felting! Create a textured spring garden “painting” using wool fiber and wet felting techniques. *Space is limited so **registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.***

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 Mon., April 14, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., April 15, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., May 7, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., May 8, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Mon., May 12, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., May 15, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., May 20, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., May 21, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Tue., May 27, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., May 29, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

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The Art of Chocolate

Discover the art of chocolate making with Mokaya's master chocolatier! From bean to bonbon, learn the secrets behind this exquisite craft. Sample a variety of chocolate flavors and leave with your own artisan truffle. *Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation.*

Wed., March 26, 7:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 30, 7:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

The Hidden Creek: The History of Coldbrook Creek

Explore the history of Coldbrook Creek, an urban stream in Grand Rapids, MI, flowing northwest from Reeds Lake to the Grand River. Discover its unique past and the vital role it played in our community. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of EGR Library.*

Tue., May 20, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

The History and Impact of American Indian Boarding Schools

Hundreds of thousands of Native American children were removed from their homes and forced into American Indian boarding schools beginning in 1869. Hear from Jonathan Rinehart, a boarding school survivor, as well as Western Michigan University NASO students as they share the impact boarding schools have had on their lives and communities. The goal of these schools was to destroy Native culture and communities, but Native Americans today are fighting the legacy of these schools and creating a hope-filled future by revitalizing their cultures and communities.

Thu., March 6, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., March 26, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

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

Tue., April 8, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., April 24, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

The Wild World of Foraging

Explore the wild world of foraging with instructors Katie and Luke Venechuk from In Your Element Wellness. Katie and Luke will help you see the world in a new way and share how foraging for wild foods can enhance lives. Learn about the bounty of edible plants and mushrooms that are all around us, how to identify some key wild foods of the season, safe and ethical harvesting practices, and more. *Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

Thu., March 27, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., April 15, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

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Wed., April 23, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

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Mon., May 12, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., May 13, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., May 20, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., May 22, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

The Work and Value of Death Doulas

No one likes to think about end-of-life issues, and that's where death doulas come in. Learn about the work of death doulas and how they can help individuals, families and communities prepare for loss through advocacy, education and companionship.

Tue., March 11, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Mon., March 17, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Mon., March 31, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., April 3, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., April 15, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Tue., April 22, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., April 23, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch





Tiny Death Terrariums

Use bits of greenery as well as fake bones to bring a bit of *memento mori* into your home or office as you create your own tiny death terrarium. *Space is limited so registration is required at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

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- Thu., March 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., March 25, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
- Sat., March 29, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Mon., April 7, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., April 9, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Mon., April 14, 1:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Thu., April 17, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
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- Thu., May 29, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)



Trivia Night @ KDL

Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games created by Matt of Here's Your Host! Each show features questions covering general knowledge and pop culture topics with fun audio and visual clues. The game will be played in teams (up to four members), so come with friends or join a team on the spot.

- Wed., March 19, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 21, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Thu., May 15, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

True Crime Analysis

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

- Thu., March 27, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., April 24, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., May 22, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Women in the Military

Hear from Carey Wagen, an Army Colonel who spent 26 years piloting helicopters, as she shares stories from her time serving and experiences as a woman in a male-dominated field.

- Thu., March 13, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Thu., March 20, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., May 13, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Check out where the **KDL Bookmobile** is heading to this spring!



RECURRING BOOKMOBILE VISITS



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

FOR ALL AGES

Brookside Village 3130 Slater Ave. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

Wednesdays from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

March 12
April 9
May 14



Godfrey Lee ECC Community Visit Location: Godfrey Lee Early Childhood Center 961 Joosten St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

March 4	April 1	May 6
March 11	April 15	May 13
March 18	April 22	May 20
March 25	April 29	May 27



Grattan Twp. Express Library Location: Grattan Twp. Office 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809

Tuesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

March 4	April 8	May 6
March 11	April 15	May 13
March 18	April 22	May 20
March 25	April 29	May 27
April 1		



Hero's and SHero's Corner 4809 Eastern Ave. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

Wednesdays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

March 5
April 2
May 7



Kingsbury Place Community Visit Location: Kingsbury Place Apartments 730 North Center Ct. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Mondays from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

March 10
April 14
May 12



North Kent Connect 10075 Northland Dr. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Mondays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

March 3
April 7
May 5



Tamarisk Apartments 4520 Bowen Blvd. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

March 19
April 16
May 21



UCOM 1311 Chicago Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

March 25
April 22
May 27



Woodfield Apartments

6111 Woodfield Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Wednesdays from
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

March 5
April 2
May 7



York Creek Community Visit

Location: York Creek Apartments

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

Mondays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

March 3
March 17
April 7
April 21



FOR SENIORS (55+)

Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Grandville Senior Neighbors Center

3380 Division Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Mondays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

March 10
April 14
May 12



Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Wyoming Senior Center

2380 De Hoop Ave., Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

March 4 April 15
March 18 May 6
April 1 May 20



Apps for Your Smart Phone



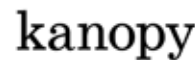
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Learn practical conversation skills for real communication. ESL tailored for 20 languages.



Track your reading challenge progress.

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BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

..... kdl.org/locations

ALPINE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49321

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

ALTO BRANCH

6071 Linfield Ave., Alto 49302

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 1:30	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY (ADA)

7215 Headley St. SE, Ada 49301

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

BYRON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

8191 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center 49315

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP BRANCH

6260 92nd St. SE, Caledonia 49316

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

CASCADE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 49546

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

COMSTOCK PARK BRANCH

3943 W. River Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:00

EAST GRAND RAPIDS BRANCH

746 Lakeside Dr. SE, East Grand Rapids 49506

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL) BRANCH

200 N. Monroe St., Lowell 49331

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

GAINES TOWNSHIP BRANCH

421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

GRANDVILLE BRANCH

4055 Maple St. SW, Grandville 49418

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP EXPRESS LIBRARY

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding 48809

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:00 to 4:00	9:00 to 4:00	9:00 to 4:00	9:00 to 4:00	—	—

KDL TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

814 West River Center Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	8:00 to 5:00	8:00 to 5:00	8:00 to 5:00	8:00 to 5:00	8:00 to 5:00	—

KELLOGGSVILLE BRANCH

4787 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids 49548

SCHOOL YEAR HOURS:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	—	—

SUMMER HOURS:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	12:00 to 6:30	12:00 to 6:30	12:00 to 6:30	12:00 to 6:30	—	—

KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT) BRANCH

4950 Breton SE, Kentwood 49508

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

KRAUSE MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD) BRANCH

140 E. Bridge St., Rockford 49341

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

NELSON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

88 Eighth St., Sand Lake 49343

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	—	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2650 5-Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids 49525

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

SPENCER TOWNSHIP BRANCH

14960 Meddler Ave., Gowen 49326

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

TYRONE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

43 S. Main St., Kent City 49330

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 1:30	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

WALKER BRANCH TEMPORARY LOCATION

445 Standale Plaza NW, Walker 49534

For details, visit kdl.org/walker-makeover

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00

WYOMING BRANCH

3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509

SUN*	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1:00 to 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 5:00

*Closed Sundays in summer (Memorial Day to Labor Day).

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