

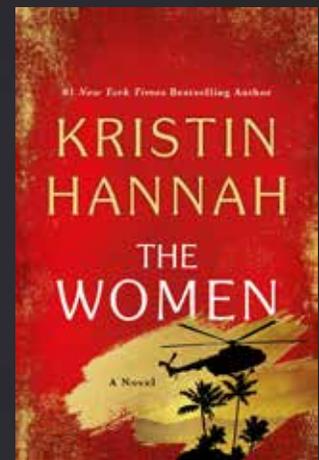
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Spring 2026



Featuring **Kristin Hannah**



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1,350
Programs Inside!

Welcome to Spring

At Kent District Library, we take great pride in making your library experience as easy, welcoming and inspiring as possible. While you may see our smiling faces at the branches or browse our shelves and digital collections, there's an incredible amount of teamwork happening behind the scenes to make it all run smoothly.

In this edition of our magazine, we're excited to give you a peek behind the curtain. Ever wondered what happens when you place a hold on a book? We've got a story that takes you step by step through the journey your item makes before it lands in your hands. You'll also get to know our Patron Services Department – the dedicated team that answers your questions and supports our system in so many ways.

We hope this edition gives you a greater appreciation for the care, coordination and passion that bring your library experience to life every day. Thank you for being part of the KDL community!



Sincerely,

Lance Werner
Executive Director

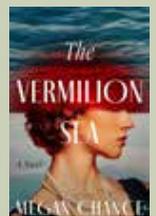
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KDL Updates

Another Reason to Love Your Library Card: Dollars & Sense

Looking to build more confidence with investing? KDL's digital resources just got even better with the addition of Morningstar Investing Center and Weiss Financial Ratings. Together, these easy-to-use tools offer clear, reliable information on stocks, funds, retirement plans and more, whether you're just getting started or ready to dig deeper. Providing educational guides and powerful research tools, these resources make it



easier than ever to explore financial topics and make informed decisions. Find these new resources anytime at kdl.org/resources/business-finance-legal.

Want to get the whole family on board with digital literacy? Check out our Financial Literacy Go-Packs. They come with games and tools that build financial literacy skills - everything you need to make finance fun!



Legendary Readers

Calling all readers in grades K-5! If you've been reading, writing or visiting the library for 100 days, it's time to celebrate you. Bring your completed reading log to any KDL branch to redeem your Legendary Reader prize and get entered to win a \$100 gift card to Schuler Books. Just hearing about Legendary Readers for the first time? No problem! Pick up a log and jump in - you can even count days you've already read. Prizes can be redeemed anytime between now and June 11. Parents, we have something for your littlest readers, too: sign them up for 1KB4K so the whole family can be rewarded for reading together.

kdl.org/legendaryreaders

Get to Know KDL's Strategic Plan & 2026 Initiatives

KDL exists to further all people, and our strategic plan guides our organization's path while keeping us agile and responsive year after year. In 2026, we have some exciting directions to take, all guided by our three strategic pillars: Strengthening Community, Technology and Core Programming. Some initiatives we're especially excited about:



Community Memory Project: Stories are at the heart of community, and we want to hear yours! In 2026, we're exploring ways to curate and collect memories of Kent County residents. We invite you to share photos, stories and experiences that reflect the heart and history of our community. Look for more information in the coming year in branches and on kdl.org.

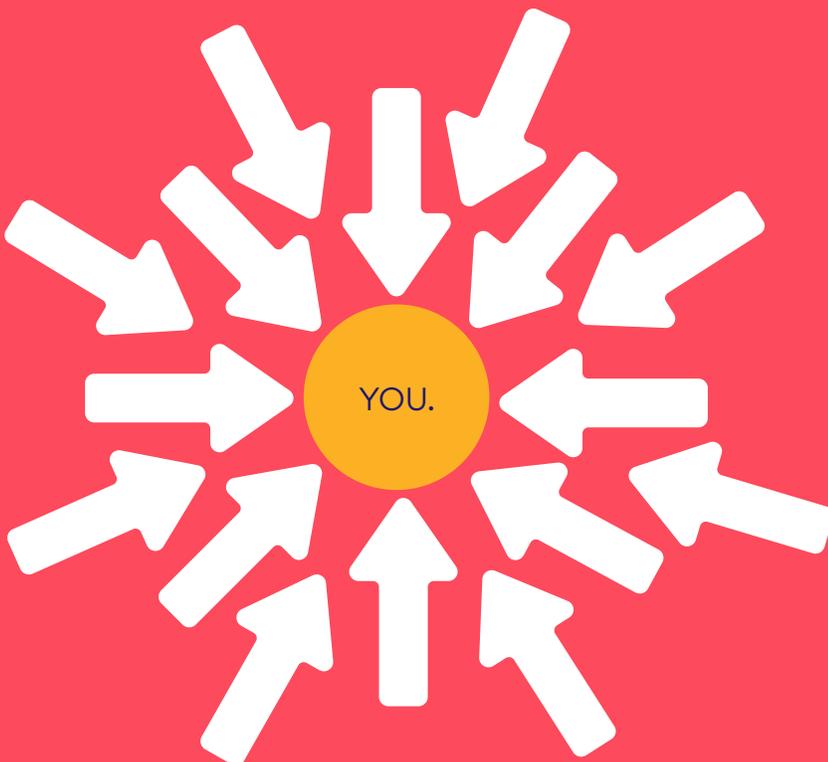


Technology and Hardware: We want to keep printing, payments and public computers reliable and efficient. This initiative will continue to improve staff and patron experiences, ensuring every visit helps you get exactly what you need – fast and hassle-free!



Re-imagining Spaces: Library spaces have changed so much over the years, and we want to ensure that our branches continue to spark wonder and curiosity! We're excited to collaborate with local educators, museum experts and innovators to imagine creative ways to trigger excitement and exploration every time you visit. We'll pilot new designs and ideas, and what we learn will help shape library spaces system-wide.

This plan is all about you – your stories, your community, your needs and ways we can grow and connect together. Stay tuned throughout the year at kdl.org/policies-reports as these initiatives unfold in your community.



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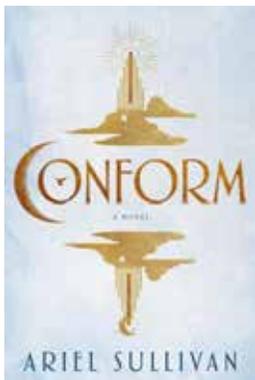
Staff Picks



Brume: The Dragon Awakens by Jérôme Pélissier

This is a cute, fun and gorgeously illustrated start to a new fantastical adventure series for young readers. Brume is a confident and whimsical protagonist, and I can't wait to see what she and her problem-solving pig get up to next.

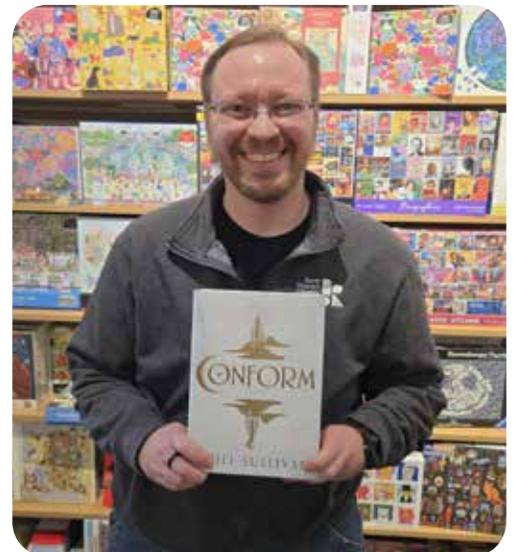
Nathan | Wyoming Branch



Conform by Ariel Sullivan

An interesting story of a future civilization that has developed a totalitarian caste system based on physical attributes and supposed deformities. A rebellious incursion fights for humanity and to be seen as humans rather than Defects while the powers that be do all they can to maintain their control on the populace at large.

Benjamin | Service Center

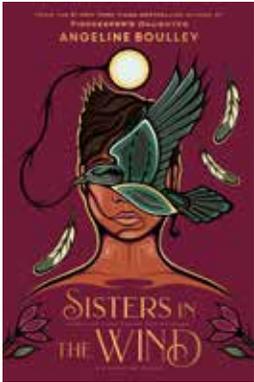


Strange Pictures by Uketsu

This is a collection of short stories that includes innocent enough looking drawings, letters, interviews and blog posts that all hold something a bit more sinister under the surface. Each story connects to the next and tells an overarching tale of murder and deception. Throughout I had an underlying sense of dread and foreboding. It is a quick, psychologically thrilling read.

Brittany | Walker Branch



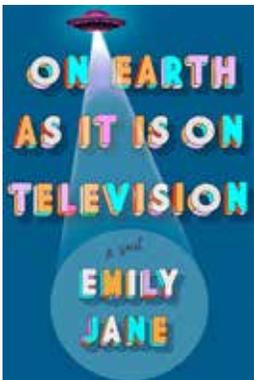


Sisters in the Wind

by Angeline Boulley

Angeline Boulley has done it again with her third novel. She does a fantastic job of writing a great story and also bringing awareness to difficulties and discriminations facing the Native American community. I had been looking forward to another book from her and was not disappointed.

Molly | Tyrone Twp. Branch

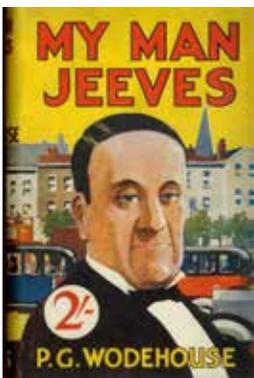


On Earth as It Is on Television

by Emily Jane

Aliens come in huge ships. They hover over the worlds' largest cities. They then leave without ever making contact. Humans are left to wonder about their new place in the universe. The world changes a bit, but goes on. This story focuses on three families and how their lives are affected and are eventually intertwined in the aftermath. Sounds like it could be profound, doesn't it? Well, it does have some things to say, but this is actually a light read. The characters are likeable and one can't help but to root for them (and for the cats) in this silly page-turner.

Rebecca | Plainfield Twp. Branch

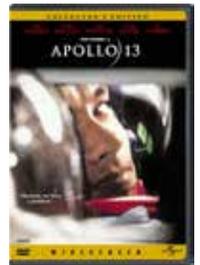


My Man Jeeves

by P. G. Wodehouse

Somehow, I missed the magic of *My Man Jeeves* for the last 26 years. I cannot allow that to happen to anyone else! The tales of Wooster, a ridiculous English gentleman, and Jeeves, his brilliant butler, are hysterical and feel like a warm hug. Wooster is always getting into comedic situations in which he is in over his head and has to rely on Jeeves to find a solution. Filled with quips, talk of hideous sweaters and socks Jeeves would rather burn, and a whole cast of characters, you are bound to fall in love with and laugh out loud at the silliness of Wooster and Jeeves.

Sophia | Cascade Twp. Branch



Apollo 13

This is an oldie but a goodie that I first watched when it was released in 1995. I decided to watch it again in honor of its 30th anniversary and was pleased that it is just as good as I remember it to be. Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Gary Sinise are fantastic in this retelling of the story of the almost disastrous Apollo 13 space mission. If you have somehow never seen it, I highly recommend it, and if you have but it's been a while, then I also recommend giving it another watch. Worth it!

Melody | Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Split Fiction

This video game is incredible. Play as one of two amazing female author protagonists as they journey through 90 action-packed levels. You will take the form of everything from a dragon-slaying heroine to a pig with rainbow-colored flatulence (and just about everything in between).

This is a co-op only game that you can play with a friend online or on the couch. For those playing online, there is cross-platform compatibility and only one gamer needs the physical game. The other will need to download an *EA Friends Pass* to their console or PC. Fortunately, KDL has this game for both Xbox Series X and PS5 in our collection, and it can be played with anyone on one of those platforms, Switch 2 or PC.

Bradley | Service Center



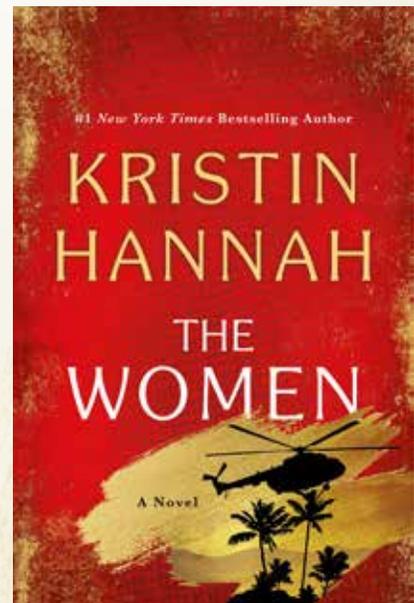
Featuring **Kristin Hannah**



Join our community-wide read, launching this March!

For our third annual On the Same Page event, we'll be reading a book that shines a light on an often-overlooked role that women have played in armed conflict and the beautiful power of female friendships. This year's book is *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

We're excited for all of Kent District Library to read *The Women* together, enjoy programs in March and April that connect to the themes of the book and then come together to experience an author visit with Kristin Hannah and special guest Megan Chance on June 9.



In this beautiful and moving novel about war, nursing and friendship, Kristin Hannah once again proves herself as one of America's favorite writers.

"Hannah is in top form here ... She gathers women into the Vietnam experience with moving conviction."

– *The New York Times*

"Hannah again shines her light on overlooked women in history."

– *People*

"A dramatic, vividly detailed reconstruction of a little-known aspect of the Vietnam War."

– *Kirkus Reviews*



Kristin Hannah



Megan Chance



Author Visit

Featuring Kristin Hannah and special guest Megan Chance, author of *The Vermilion Sea*

Tuesday, June 9, 6:30 PM

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

Free registration will begin on Monday, April 27 at 9:00 AM. For information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.

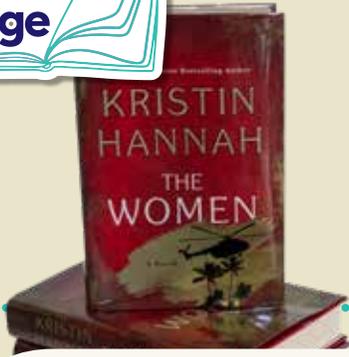


See pages 38-40 for book clubs discussing *The Women* and other Kristin Hannah novels or Megan Chance novels this spring.

Join the Conversation

Spring book discussions
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Read the Book! Attend the Programs!

Whatever sparked your interest as you read Kristin Hannah's *The Women*, Kent District Library is offering a variety of programs to help you dig deeper into the book. We look forward to seeing you at these programs and at our On the Same Page event in June!



An Army Nurse During the Vietnam War

Around 7,000 women served as nurses during the Vietnam War, experiencing many of the same dangers and situations as the soldiers they cared for. Join former Army nurse and Agent Orange Committee Chair for the Vietnam Veterans of America Sandie Wilson as she shares her experiences, duties and memories of her time during the war.

Tue., May 12, 6:30 PM, Cascade Twp. Branch



From War to Peace, from Vietnam to Today

Before becoming a priest in West Michigan, Father Peter Vu grew up in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Join us as he shares his moving journey of resilience and hope that travels from life during the war to the challenges of its aftermath to his courageous escape from Vietnam that led to a new beginning.

Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM, Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., May 11, 6:30 PM, Byron Twp. Branch



Boho Peace Wreath

Create a fun and funky miniature peace sign wall display using beads, ribbon and grapevine. *Space is limited, so registration is required and opens two weeks before the event. Visit kdl.org/events or page 42 for dates, times and locations.*



Casting Light: The Vietnam War in Photos

The Vietnam War ended in 1975, and to recognize the 50-year anniversary, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum created a photo exhibit reflecting on the war. Join Dr. Mirelle Luecke, curator and developer of the exhibit, as she shares what we can learn about the war and American's shifting attitude toward it through the images captured during this time.

Thu., March 19, 6:30 PM, Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., April 21, 6:30 PM, Alto Branch



Women's Diaries: Unexpected Windows to the Past

Learn about the role of women's diaries and scrapbooks as important sources of women's history and consider how your family records might contribute to the history of Grand Rapids-area women. Led by local researcher and writer Christine Byron, this program draws on Byron's book *Perfect Omena Day!*, which provides a vivid view of summer life in early 20th-century Leelanau County through diary selections from Rebecca L. Richmond of Grand Rapids. This program is sponsored by Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.

Tue., March 24, 6:30 PM, Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., May 20, 6:30 PM, Alpine Twp. Branch

The Art of Calligraphy

Learn the art of calligraphy, from basics like how to hold the pen and control the flow of ink onto the page to more advanced techniques, such as how to form upper and lowercase letters in a modern style and how to join letters to create beautiful words and phrases. *Space is limited, so registration is required and opens two weeks before the event. Visit kdl.org/events or page 45 for dates, times and locations.*



From Saigon to Grand Rapids

After the end of the Vietnam War, many Vietnamese refugee families resettled in Michigan. One individual who resettled was Le Tran, who will share her story of immigration from Saigon to Grand Rapids, providing context for the immigrant experience she and thousands like her experienced. *Visit kdl.org/events or page 43 for dates, times and locations.*



The Michigan Home Front in the Vietnam Era

It's no secret that the 1960s was a tumultuous decade. Not only was war raging in Southeast Asia and society changing across the United States, Michiganders experienced seismic shifts in industry, culture and family life. Local author Susie Finkbeiner will discuss what she discovered about the Michigan home front while researching her novel *All Manner of Things*, a Michigan Notable Book. Visit kdl.org/events or page 46 for dates, times and locations.



Maternal Mental Health

Many people know about postpartum depression, but it's less known that there are a variety of mental health disorders that can happen during pregnancy or while parenting a baby. Learn from Lindsay Wieland Capel, LMSW, and Katie Kunnen, associate professor of nursing at Calvin University, about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, risk factors, red flags, signs, symptoms and treatment. You'll leave knowing about helpful community resources, ways to reduce risk and how you can support the families around you. *Visit kdl.org/events or page 43 for dates, times and locations.*



For all of our adult programs, turn to page 37, scan this code or go to kdl.org/events/adults.

100+ Tools for Growth

Sharpen your business plan, investment resources, job skills and more



By **Shandra Martinez** | Rapid Growth Media

With over 100 free databases, Kent District Library (KDL) gives patrons powerful tools for business research, skill building and personal finance.

Looking for market data to launch a side business? Planning your retirement? Need a last-minute legal form at 10:00 PM?

All of this information is at your fingertips and free with your Kent District Library card.

KDL provides access to more than 100 digital databases designed to solve everyday problems, whether researching business competition or discovering family histories.

KDL is on a mission to help more patrons use these tools through expanded access, hands-on training and partnerships with other organizations.

“Many patrons are not yet aware of these tools,” explains Hannah Lewis, KDL Community Engagement Librarian. “Getting the word out is the best way to help entrepreneurs understand what the library has to offer.”

“Folks think libraries are just for children,” she says. “We have great programs for kids, but there are also robust tools for adults, entrepreneurs and organizations. Public libraries provide databases, materials, programs and online services for everyone.”

Impact through partner institutions

One of KDL’s longest-running resources is the Institute Card, which gives partner organizations access to materials and equipment. Lewis says it has become an important resource for nonprofits working with multilingual communities.

“The Hispanic Center of West Michigan uses its institute card to check out interpretation equipment, giving clients language access during town halls and other large community meetings,” Lewis says.

Bethany Christian Services is another nonprofit that employs KDL resources to help its underserved clients.

“They use an institute card so clients can check out books and access the Bookmobile when it visits their residences,” she says.

Lewis notes that institutions frequently replace paid subscriptions with KDL’s free versions.



Photos courtesy of Tommy Allen

Hannah Lewis, a KDL Community Engagement Librarian, demonstrates how to use the Freesources site.

“I tell organizations already using LinkedIn Learning or Data Axle that they can use the library edition instead and save on costs,” she says.

She adds that Gale Legal Forms is a frequent last-minute problem solver.

“It’s often used for business-related legal forms that need to be found quickly. It’s a great time-saver for institutions.”

Supporting entrepreneurs

KDL also offers practical tools for individuals launching or expanding a business who don’t have access to business consultants, training programs or market research services. Lewis says two online resources stand out: Data Axle Reference Solutions and LinkedIn Learning.

Data Axle allows users to research markets and competitors by using detailed filters.

“I worked with a contractor who used it to identify gaps in contracting services in Kent County. They were able to pinpoint an area with limited competition.”

KDL has more than 100 digital databases to solve everyday problems, from researching business competition to exploring local family history.

LinkedIn Learning offers professional development and credentialed training.

“It’s a great way to train staff or build skills yourself,” Lewis says. “There are up-to-date courses on everything from Microsoft products to leadership, plus accredited certifications in Adobe, Docker and ServiceNow.”

The library offers several online databases to support business research, legal needs and financial planning. Data Axle Reference Solutions and AtoZdatabases provide access to business and residential listings, making them useful for job searches, market research and locating contacts.

For investment research, KDL offers access to Weiss Financial Ratings and Morningstar Investing Center, databases that provide data and analysis on more than 3,500 publicly traded companies. Users can review industry trends, compare stock performance and track market activity.

Patrons with legal questions can find state-specific templates through Gale Legal Forms – Michigan, including forms for wills, real estate, name changes, and other common needs. Legal Information Source and Legal Source offer additional legal reference materials, as well as access to scholarly research and articles.

Other online tools include Business Book Summaries, eBook Business Collection, Entrepreneurial Studies Source and Small Business Source. These resources cover topics such as management, finance, leadership, entrepreneurship and business planning.

LinkedIn Learning is another tool for small business owners to brush up on their professional development skills and learn to use hundreds of software and investment tools, as well as complete instructional modules on interpersonal and professional skills.

Training available

KDL also offers hands-on learning to help patrons make the most of these resources.

“Most branches offer one-on-one tutoring,” Lewis says. “Librarians can teach patrons how to navigate databases or help them brush up on computer skills. Think of it like a tutor for digital library services.”

KDL also brings training to workplaces.

“Librarians can visit institutions to teach staff how to use Data Axle or LinkedIn Learning,” she says.

She notes one limitation with legal resources: “We can help you find a form, but we cannot fill it out for you.”

“We also offer training to local chambers of commerce,” Lewis says. “Then the chamber can share with members about the power of a library card.”

KDL has an ongoing partnership with the Grand Rapids Chamber.

“There is a small library within the Chamber’s downtown office,” she says.



Guided by patron needs

KDL currently offers 104 databases and digital resources. Patrons can browse them by visiting kdl.org, selecting “Discover the Library” and then “Learning and Research,” or going directly to kdl.org/freesources.

The library’s collection is primarily driven by patron needs and responding to requests.

Community Engagement Librarian Hannah Lewis says people are often surprised to learn how much the library can offer.

“Many determining factors go into the decision, but patron requests guide what we add,” she says. “Businesses and entrepreneurs asked for more tools, so we expanded business databases. Caregivers, educators and lifelong learners helped shape offerings in other areas. We want a balanced collection for all, and the community shapes what the library provides.”

While the tools, training, and partnerships have measurable impact, Lewis says the biggest barrier remains simple: people don’t know what the library can do for them.

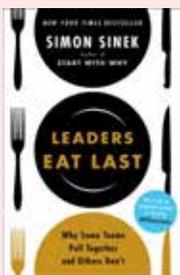
“People are surprised when they learn how much the library can offer,” she says. “Once they discover these resources, it can change the trajectory of their work, their organizations, or their future.”

All of this information is at your fingertips and free with your Kent District Library card.

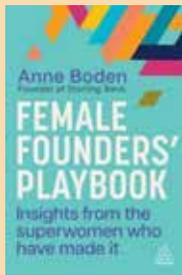


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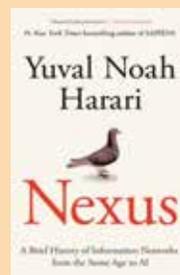
Business Books We Recommend



Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't
By Simon Sinek



Female Founders' Playbook: Insights From the Superwomen Who Have Made It
By Anne Boden



Nexus: A Brief History of Information Networks From the Stone Age to AI
By Yuval Noah Harari

SPRING BREAK

Staycation

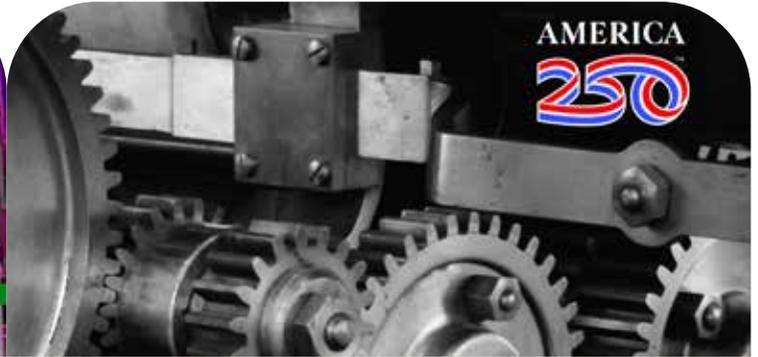
Spring Break plans keeping you close to home? Turn your staycation into something spectacular with the library!



Spring Break Family Showdown

Spice up your spring break with the family mini-game showdown hosted by Matt of Here's Your Host! Each round, strategically select the perfect members of your team to tackle a quick-fire challenge testing a variety of skills, from brainpower to dexterity. The games are designed for adults and kids to play together, so bring the whole crew and make some memories filled with fun, laughter and spring break silliness!

Thu., April 9, 6:30 PM, Wyoming Branch
Fri., April 10, 10:00 AM, Grandville Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Inventing America

Celebrate 250 years of American inventions and ingenuity through hands-on STEAM fun at the library.

Mon., April 6, 4:00 PM, East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., April 10, 2:00 PM, Alpine Twp. Branch



The Balloon Guy

Enjoy a fun-filled show featuring balloon twisting, magic, juggling and audience participation.

Sat., April 4, 10:00 AM, Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 6:30 PM, Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 3:00 PM, Tyrone Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 1:00 PM, Plainfield Twp. Branch



Comedy Magic Show

Hold onto your hats and don't blink an eye! Join magician Gordon Russ, along with his trusty sidekick George the Raccoon, as they bring a unique brand of illusion to the library.

Tue., April 7, 10:00 AM, Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 10:00 AM, Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



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!

Mon., April 6, 10:00 AM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM, Caledonia Twp. Branch



Mermaid Molly

Hear a story, dance and sing with Mermaid Molly.

Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM,
Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., April 7, 10:30 AM,
Nelson Twp. Branch

Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM,
Comstock Park Branch

Wed., April 8, 1:00 PM,
Alto Branch



Spring Craft Extravaganza

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Visit kdl.org/events or page 31 for dates, times and locations.



Teen Zone | K-Pop Fan Fest

Step into the spotlight and celebrate all things K-pop. Create tributes to your favorite groups, derpy mascots and flavors of ramen while jamming and dancing along to your favorite songs. It's going to be golden!

Visit kdl.org/events or page 36 for dates, times and locations.



For all of our programs, turn to page 29, scan this code or go to kdl.org/events.

A New Act for Opera: AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander) Voices and the Future of the Art Form

Explore the history of opera and the ways racism has been historically embedded – and often permitted – within the genre. Opera Grand Rapids is responding to this history by dedicating an entire season to AAPI artists and stories. Hear about the Guest Artistic Director’s approach to addressing and re-imagining these long-standing traditions, and enjoy a live performance by a cast member from Opera Grand Rapids’ upcoming production at DeVos Hall, *Madama Butterfly*.

Tuesday, May 5
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Cascade Township Branch



MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Giacomo Puccini



Great Michigan Read Author: Curtis Chin

Saturday, April 11, 3:00 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Hear from Curtis Chin, award-winning author and social justice documentary filmmaker, as he discusses *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant*, his memoir that is drawing all of Michigan together as the 2025-26 Great Michigan Read. This event will be moderated by Meena Ariagno, Host of **Eavesdrop With Meena**® Podcast, WMAAA Conversation Partner. A book signing with the author will take place after the event.



This event is made possible in part by a grant from Michigan Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is also brought to the library in partnership with the West Michigan Asian American Association. For more information on the Great Michigan Read, visit michiganhumanities.org.



Calling All Teen Poets!



Teen Poetry Contest & Slam

Kent District Library will be accepting entries to the annual Write Michigan Teen Poetry Contest from now through 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 a chance to win a \$100 gift card. **The Slam will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 30 at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.**

Enter at kdl.org/teenpoetry



Next Nexus: Health & Business



Do More Good
by Bill McKendry



DO MORE GOOD® Workshop

Thursday, April 30 | 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

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

A Day in the *Life* of



By **Julita Fenneuff** | Administrative Assistant



We start our day loading the Bookmobile – lovingly nicknamed “The Rig” by its operators – with the appropriate cart of books for our scheduled visits. Today, we have a Bright Beginnings playgroup, followed by a lobby stop at the Wyoming Senior Center and we’ll finish the day at Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Center. The Bookmobile stays stocked with books for all ages, but since we’re going inside at the Senior Center, we use the lift on the back of the vehicle to load a cart of large print adult books onto the rig.

Caleb drives us to Kent City Elementary, where we park outside and get the Bookmobile ready for action. This includes setting up our laptops so that we can check out books to patrons, turning on the heater and straightening the shelves. Before we’re open for business, we head inside to join the little ones and their parents for the last segment of playtime. Playgroup leader Marlene gathers us all into a circle, where we get to do everyone’s



favorite part of the morning: our song! Caleb, Emily and Marlene lead the group in “Apples and Bananas,” a classic that helps our kiddos practice their vowels. Caleb plays his ukulele while Emily and Marlene get the kids going. After the song, it’s book and snack time. The young ones chomp on their goldfish while Marlene reads *Alphabuddies: G Is First!* We all chuckle over the last page when the number three asks to be included in the alphabet song.

Once storytime is over, we encourage everyone to visit us out in the Bookmobile, and they do! Emily and Caleb help patrons find the exact books they’re looking for. The shelves on the Bookmobile are organized by height and age, so the little ones check out the bottom shelves while their adults browse the top shelves. A cool new book drop has just been brought on board, and it’s a hit – so is the new rug with a road pattern on it! One little boy walks in circles, following the road, and we have a flash of inspiration: miniature Bookmobiles that the kids can drive down the roads. That will get added to the list of things we can’t wait to try out for the kids to have fun with.

We listen to the sounds of the bingo game going on in the other room. It sounds serious.

After Bright Beginnings, it’s time to head over to the Wyoming Senior Center. This visit is a lobby stop, so we get to take a break from being out in the cold. We use the lift to get the cart of large print books down, then haul it into the building and set up a folding table with a quick little book display and copies of *BookPage* and KDL’s *Kaleidoscope*. It’s nice and relaxing in here, and we sit back as the seniors stop by to check out what we’ve got. One woman exclaims, “I love this author!” and exchanges her recently finished book for a new one. We listen to the sounds of the bingo game going on in the other room. It sounds serious. The smells of lunch from the cafeteria waft over to us and we start to get hungry, which only means one thing on Tuesdays on the Bookmobile... It’s tamales time!



We scoot on down the road and get our tamales meal (well, Emily gets tacos, but they look delicious so we let it slide). Lunch is spent devouring our meals and agonizing over the day’s *New York Times* Connections puzzle. Don’t bring up the blue category from the Connections of January 6... It’s still a sore subject. Once our egos are sufficiently bruised (and several grievances over the cursed blue category are aired), we hop back onto the rig for the last visit of the day.

the Bookmobile

Emily drives us over to Godfrey-Lee ECC, and we do our song and dance again. Laptops: on. Heater: blasting. Doors: open. We're ready for patrons! They flood in once school lets out, excited to see what new books we have to offer. Caleb and Emily catch up with the kids, who don't have much to report about their winter break, other than the fact that they didn't sleep much. Winter break is prized playing time, and they have to make the most of every minute.



We get to see the new shelving in action once again, patting ourselves on the back as we watch the students and their adults checking out the books for their respective ages – at their respective heights, of course. Emily points out the new *Dog Man* books more than once. This is our busiest time of the day, and the Bookmobile is just bustling with readers who are eager to find their new favorite book.



Once everyone clears out of the Bookmobile, it's time for us to head back to the Service Center. We manage to merge onto the highway in the midst of bumper-to-bumper traffic and make it back safe and sound. Hannah M. and Hannah L. are there to greet us when we return, eager to hear about today's turnout and how our regulars are doing. Hannah M. already has her ukulele out, ready to show us the new English and Spanish storytime songs she's been practicing.

Already, the team (below) is discussing their next visits and improvements they can make for upcoming stops.

Bookmobile Team:



Craig B.



Hannah L.



Emily M.



Hannah M.



Caleb P.



Follow a Hold



By **Jenny Furner** | Collection Services Assistant

Have you ever wondered how a book you put on hold gets to your home branch? Follow the odyssey of a copy of Kristin Hannah's *The Women* from all the way across the county to your backyard.

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Step one: You locate the book in KDL's catalog and hit the "Place Hold" button.



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Step two: A copy of *The Women* at the Alpine Twp. Branch gets assigned to you.

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Step three: Ryllie, the Assistant Branch Librarian at Alpine, finds your copy of *The Women* on the shelf and pulls it just for you.

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Step four: Ryllie checks the book into our system, which generates a printed receipt with your name and home branch. She places that receipt inside the book for later reference.

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Step five: Your copy of *The Women* gets put in a tote bin that will get picked up by our delivery driver, James. He loads the bin in his van and drives it to the KDL Service Center.



Step six: Megan, a Collection Services Assistant at the Service Center, unpacks the bin James brought her and places each book, including your copy of *The Women*, on our automatic sorter. It takes a short ride on a conveyor belt and drops into a bin destined for the Gaines Twp. Branch.

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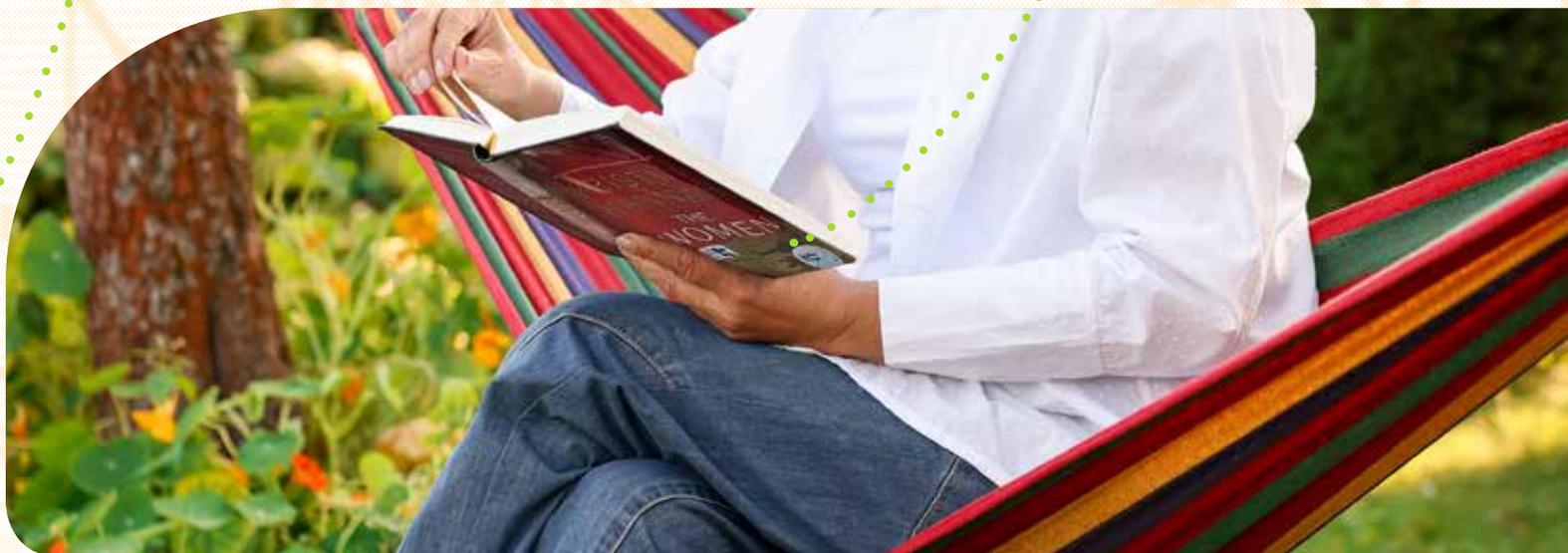


Step seven: When the bin is full, Ben, another Collection Services Assistant, will close it up and put it on a flatbed to go back out in delivery. When James gets back to the Service Center next, he'll load the bin going to Gaines in his van and drive it away.

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Step eight: Alex, an Assistant Branch Librarian at Gaines, will unload the bin with your hold in it and scan it into our software. An email or text notification will be sent to you, letting you know your hold is available. Alex will put your book on the hold shelf, where it will wait for you to come get it and check it out at our self-checkout stations.



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, Pacific Beauty Calendula, was donated by the Michigan Seed Library Network. Other seed packets were donated by Flowerland on Alpine Ave. and Sage Garden Sales. Seeds will be available at all KDL branches and on the Bookmobile starting in mid-March, while supplies last.



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

Building *Better* Libraries

Construction projects are underway at three KDL branches, bringing improvements that will enhance spaces, services and the overall library experience for our community.

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Construction on the Krause Memorial Branch expansion is officially taking shape! The roof is in place and interior work is underway. Steady progress has ensured the project remains on track as staff settle into the temporary space at the Rockford Community Cabin. While the temporary location is cozier than the future expanded branch, it still provides access to all of the library essentials: printing, public computers and, of course, the best librarians this side of the Rogue River. Visit kdl.org/growingkrause for more information.



The Rockford Community Cabin



Tyrone Twp. Branch

Momentum continues in Tyrone! The future library site is already being enjoyed by the community, with a newly installed park and picnic space welcoming visitors. Behind the scenes, the new library fund continues to grow, bolstered by community support and KDL's investment through the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. While fundraising and grant exploration continues, the groundwork is being laid for a library space that will one day serve as a true community hub.

Walker Branch

Walkthroughs are underway as the new Walker Branch takes shape. KDL's Leadership Team and representatives from the Board of Trustees toured the building and got to see firsthand how incredible the finished product is going to be. Construction remains on track, bringing Walker one step closer to a bright, welcoming new library space in late 2026. In the meantime, you can stop by the Walker Temporary Location in Standale and enjoy free printing, public computers and storytime for your little ones. Learn more at kdl.org/walker-makeover.



The Walker Branch is taking shape during a visit by the KDL Leadership Team.



Introducing... The Patron Services Team

During this time with so much going on at our branch locations, you may have questions. If you reach out to Kent District Library via phone, email or chat, you will most likely connect with one of these amazing people. They are so smart, so friendly and so helpful! No matter the question, they will either have an answer or do their best to get one.



Abby



Brynn



Jackie



Joel



Kate



Katie



Mary



Morgan



Quinn



Sarah



Shelley



Stacey



Yuliya



Ivy | Quasi-official Patron Services Staff Member seen here in *The Bingpot Bus*.

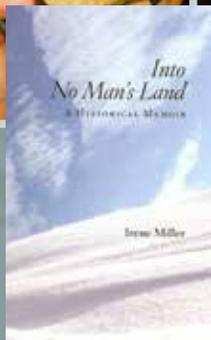
They are the front-line knowers-of-all-things: the hub where patrons and staff turn when they need information, support or a steady hand in the swirl of library activity.

The team averages around 7,300 calls and 2,100 Ask KDL questions per month!

They help keep track of interlibrary loans with over 400 Michigan libraries!

If you want a book that isn't in our collection, they can probably borrow it for you from a buddy library.





Irene Miller: Author Talk from a Holocaust Survivor

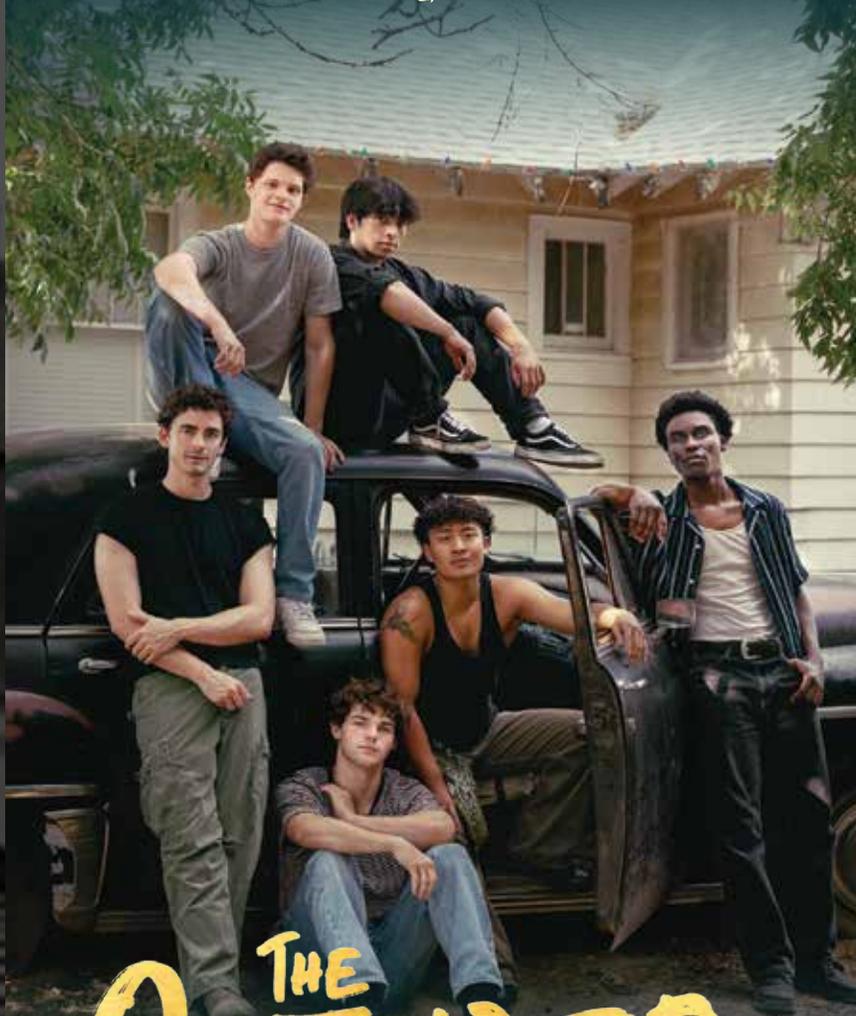
Join Irene Miller – Holocaust survivor, author, speaker and educator – as she shares the powerful, courageous story of her and her family’s experiences during the Holocaust.

Admission is free, but we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item. Proceeds for the food drive will benefit local families. Copies of Miller’s book will be for sale for \$20 each.

Monday, April 27, 7:00PM
Kenowa Hills High School Auditorium
3825 Hendershot Ave. NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

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Assistant Branch Librarian
Wyoming Branch

Book Recommendation:
The Great Believers
by Rebecca Makkai



Brianne Black
Assistant Branch Librarian
East Grand Rapids Branch

Beth Mayville
Assistant Branch Librarian
Amy Van Andel Library



Kait Boers
Assistant Branch Librarian
East Grand Rapids Branch

Book Recommendation:
The Fire Never Goes Out
by N. D. Stevenson



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ALL AGES

Celebrate Earth Day

Enjoy a plant swap, activities and ideas for helping our world stay healthy and green.

Sat., April 18, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., April 25, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Comedy Magic Show

Hold onto your hats and don't blink an eye! Join magician Gordon Russ, along with his trusty sidekick George the Raccoon, as they bring a unique brand of illusion to the library.

Tue., April 7, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Family Craft Time

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

Wed., March 11, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., April 8, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., May 13, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) 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., March 19, 5:30 PM – Caledonia 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.*

Wed., April 8, 9:30 AM – 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. Closed captioning provided.

Sat., March 14, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., March 21, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., March 21, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., March 28, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., April 4, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Fri., April 10, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., April 18, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., April 18, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., April 25, 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.*

Thu., March 12, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., April 9, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., May 14, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park 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., March 28, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch

The Balloon Guy

Enjoy a fun-filled show featuring balloon twisting, magic, juggling and audience participation.

Sat., April 4, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Write Michigan Award Ceremony

Celebrate the published authors from the 2025-2026 Write Michigan Short Story Contest, featuring a keynote address from author Kenneth Kraegel. *Please note that photos and videos will be taken at this event. By attending, you agree to potentially being photographed or filmed.*

Sat., March 21, 1:00 PM – KDL Service and Meeting Center

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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Generations in the Making: Bricks at the Library

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

Thu., March 26, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., March 28, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Sat., April 25, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Sat., May 23, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Mama Bear & Baby Cubs Support Group

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

Byron Twp. Branch

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM

March 3	March 24	April 14
March 10	March 31	April 21
March 17	April 7	April 28

Grandville Branch

Mondays, 10:00 AM

March 2	March 30	April 27
March 9	April 6	May 4
March 16	April 13	May 11
March 23	April 20	May 18

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

March 3	March 24	April 14
March 10	March 31	April 21
March 17	April 7	April 28

Wyoming Branch

Thursdays, 10:30 AM

March 5	April 9	May 7
March 12	April 16	May 14
March 19	April 23	May 21
March 26	April 30	May 28
April 2		

Mermaid Molly

Hear a story, dance and sing with Mermaid Molly.

Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Tue., April 7, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., April 8, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch

Prank You Very Much

Learn the art of small pranks at the library with crafts, laughs and more!

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

Spring Break Family Showdown

Spice up your spring break with the family mini-game showdown hosted by Matt of Here's Your Host! Each round, strategically select the perfect members of your team to tackle a quick-fire challenge testing a variety of skills, from brainpower to dexterity. The games are designed for adults and kids to play together, so bring the whole crew and make some memories filled with fun, laughter and spring break silliness!

Thu., April 9, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Fri., April 10, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Stuffie Tea Party

Bring your favorite plush animal friend from home to a special library tea party with fun crafts and delicious (pretend) drinks.

Thu., March 5, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Fri., March 6, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., March 10, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., March 11, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., March 24, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Mon., March 30, 4:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Fri., April 3, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., April 7, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., April 24, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Sat., May 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., May 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch

Storytimes

Most storytimes begin the week of March 2 and end the week of April 27. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.



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KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT)																						
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*Krause Memorial Branch (Rockford) has temporarily moved to the Rockford Community Cabin. Programs listed on this chart will take place at the Parkside Early Childhood Center, 156 Lewis St., Rockford, MI 49341.

Bluey™ Bonanza

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

- Wed., March 4, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 - Sat., March 7, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 - Sat., March 7, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 - Sat., March 14, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 - Sat., March 21, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 - Fri., March 27, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 - Sat., March 28, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
 - Tue., March 31, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
 - Thu., April 9, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 - Thu., April 16, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 - Fri., April 24, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 - Tue., April 28, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 - Wed., May 6, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 - Wed., May 6, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 - Fri., May 8, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 - Wed., May 13, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 - Tue., May 19, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 - Fri., May 22, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
- This event will be held at Walker Ice and Fitness Center, Room A, 4154 Remembrance Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534*

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.

- Wed., April 8, 10:00 AM – Cascade 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 3, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., April 7, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., May 8, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch



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Storytime Prom Party

Dress to impress for a special prom-themed storytime filled with music, movement and fancy fun.

Mon., March 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Wed., March 25, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 6, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., April 15, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Thu., April 23, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., April 27, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., April 28, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Fri., May 1, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., May 1, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., May 6, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., May 7, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Young Children and School-Age

Spring Craft Extravaganza

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Thu., March 19, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., March 28, 12:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., April 3, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 3, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., April 7, 10:00 AM – Ezast Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Ice and Fitness Center, Room A 4154 Remembrance Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534
Fri., April 10, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Fri., April 10, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Sat., April 11, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., April 11, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch

SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5 - 10)

Book Explorers

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

Tue., March 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Bubble Science and Fun

Get in on the fun and learning with a Bubbleologist. *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.*

Mon., April 6, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Craft & Create for Kids

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

Wed., March 4, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., April 1, 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. *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.*

Mon., April 6, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



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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 Tuesdays, 1:00 PM

March 3 March 24 April 21
March 10 March 31 April 28
March 17 April 14

Cascade Twp. Branch Mondays, 1:00 PM

March 2
April 13

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch Thursdays, 1:00 PM

March 5 April 2 May 7
March 12 April 16 May 14
March 19 April 23 May 21
March 26 April 30 May 28

Spencer Twp. Branch Mondays, 10:00 AM

March 2
March 16
March 30

Tyrone Twp. Branch Tuesdays, 1:00 PM

March 3 April 7
March 10 April 14
March 17 April 21
March 24 April 28
March 31



KDL LAB EXPERIENCE

KDL Lab Experience

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

Mon., March 9, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., March 14, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., March 19, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., March 23, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 16, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

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

Mon., March 2, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., March 5, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., March 9, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., March 16, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., March 23, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., March 30, 4:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., March 30, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 1, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., April 13, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., April 20, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 24, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., April 27, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., May 6, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville 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.

Fri., March 27, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., April 1, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Thu., April 2, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., April 7, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Thu., April 9, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., April 15, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., April 24, 1:00 PM – Tyrone 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.*

Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Build It

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

Wed., March 4, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Mon., March 9, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., March 16, 4:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., March 18, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., April 16, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., April 29, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Creature Power

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

Thu., March 5, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., March 14, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., May 5, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Cubelets, Robots in Disguise

Stack and build with pre-programmed robots in a variety of unique ways to create countless robot constructions. Make your robot move, groove and light up. Every design is a new robot.

Mon., March 2, 4:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., March 2, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., March 13, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., April 22, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Inventing America

Celebrate 250 years of American inventions and ingenuity through hands-on STEAM fun at the library.

Wed., March 4, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., March 27, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Mon., April 6, 4:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., April 10, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Mon., May 11, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Sat., May 16, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch



KDL Lab Experience: LittleBits

Snap, code and create! Using LittleBits electronic building blocks, kids will design inventions that buzz, light up and move. It's hands-on STEM fun that sparks creativity and curiosity.

Mon., March 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 27, 4:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Magnetic Mayhem

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

Tue., March 3, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., March 11, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., April 9, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Roll With It

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

Tue., March 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., March 18, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., March 30, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 30, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

KDL Lab Experience: The Science of Yuck

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

Mon., April 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

KIDS ZONE

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

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thurs., April 23, 5:30 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mondays, 4:30 PM

March 2	March 30	April 27
March 9	April 6	May 4
March 16	April 13	May 11
March 23	April 20	May 18

Grandville Branch

Mondays, 4:30 PM

April 15
April 29

Wyoming Branch

Thursdays, 4:00 PM

March 12
March 26
April 23



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!

Mon., April 6, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Mini Brick Derby

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

Mon., May 4, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Pocket Monster Club

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

Thu., March 12, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., March 25, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., April 2, 5:30 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.*

Wed., March 25, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Mon., April 20, 6:30 PM – Plainfield 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.

March 4 April 29
March 18 May 13
April 1 May 27
April 15

School-Age and Teens

Battle of the Books Tournament

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

Wed., March 4, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., March 5, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

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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.**

Tue., April 7, 12:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 7, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 7, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 7, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., April 7, 5:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 9, 12:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 9, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 9, 3:00 PM – Wyoming 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 4, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., March 18, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., April 1, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., April 15, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., May 6, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., May 20, 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 16, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Sat., May 23, 11:30 AM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., May 26, 5:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., May 26, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., May 28, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., May 30, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen Advisory Board

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

Wed., March 18, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., March 19, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., April 15, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., May 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. 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 read their poems and be judged. With that in mind, the event might go past the scheduled end time.*

Thu., April 30, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

TEEN ZONE

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



Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tuesdays, 3:00 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch
Thursdays, 3:00 PM

March 3 March 24 April 14
March 10 March 31 April 21
March 17 April 7 April 28

March 5 April 2 May 7
March 12 April 16 May 14
March 19 April 23 May 21
March 26 April 30

Wednesdays, 3:00 PM

Kelloggsville Branch
Tuesdays, 4:00 PM

March 4 March 25 April 15
March 11 April 1 April 22
March 18 April 8 April 29

March 3 April 7 May 5
March 10 April 14 May 12
March 17 April 21 May 19
March 24 April 28 May 26
March 31

Thursdays, 3:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM

March 5 March 26 April 16
March 12 April 2 April 23
March 19 April 9 April 30

Fridays, 3:00 PM

March 6 April 3
March 13 April 17
March 20 May 1

Wyoming Branch
Wednesdays, 3:00 PM

March 11
April 1
May 6



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

TEENS (AGES 11 – 17) Cont.

Teen Zone | Bingo!

Experience Bingo turned up a notch with speed rounds, challenge rounds and the thrill of competition using a full kit stocked with a bingo cage, calling board, 75 balls, loads of cards, chips and cups. High energy, zero bad vibes!

Wed., March 4, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., May 5, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Teen Zone | D&D

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

Thu., March 12, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., March 16, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., March 26, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., April 20, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., April 23, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., May 18, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Zone | Jewelry Maker's Studio

Make vibrant friendship bracelets, cute gummy bear charms and bold custom jewelry with loads of beads, hardware and other cool materials. Hang out, get creative and design pieces that show off your style or make perfect gifts for friends.

Wed., March 18, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Teen Zone | K-Pop Fan Fest

Step into the spotlight and celebrate all things K-pop. Create tributes to your favorite groups, derpy mascots and flavors of ramen while jamming and dancing along to your favorite songs. It's going to be golden!

Tue., March 31, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Fri., April 3, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., April 6, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., April 6, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., April 6, 3:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., April 7, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., April 8, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., April 8, 3:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., April 8, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., April 8, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., April 9, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., April 10, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Laser Tag

Gear up for an epic laser tag showdown. Dive into action-packed fun, strategize with friends and show off your skills in a thrilling game of laser tag. Ready, aim, tag!

Wed., April 29, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Teen Zone | Let the Games Begin

From quick card battles to intense board game marathons, this program has everything you need for a legendary library hangout.

Mon., March 16, 3:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., March 25, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., March 26, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen Zone | Protect the Pollinators

Discover why pollinators matter and how you can make a difference! Join us for hands-on activities, nature-inspired crafts and fun ways to help bees and butterflies thrive in your community.

Wed., April 15, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., April 23, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., April 28, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Teen Zone | Put a Pin in It!

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

Thu., March 12, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen Zone | Sketch & Shrink

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

Wed., March 11, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Sat., March 21, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., April 14, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Thu., May 7, 3:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen Zone | Switch It Up!

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

Tue., March 3, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., April 7, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., April 18, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., April 22, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Teens and Adults

Retro Arcade

This is a free play day of your favorite arcade games along with pinball.

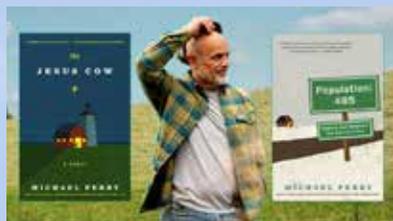
Fri., April 3, 12:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Sat., April 4, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., April 9, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., April 10, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Author Talks, Online

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



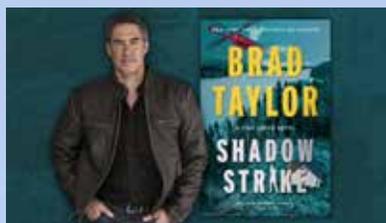
Humor, Heart, and Reflective Rural Stories with Michael Perry



New York Times Bestselling Author of *Population: 485* and *The Jesus Cow*

Wed., March 4
2:00 PM

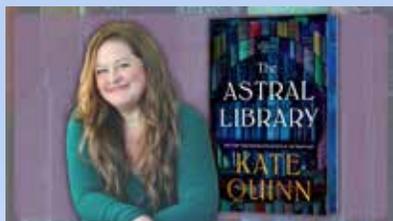
On Writing Action-Packed and Suspenseful Spycraft with Brad Taylor



Former Special Forces and *New York Times* Bestselling Author of the *Pike Logan Series*

Tue., April 14
7:00 PM

Book Portals and Journeys of Literary Magic with Kate Quinn



New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Alice Network* and *The Rose Code*

Thu., March 12
7:00 PM

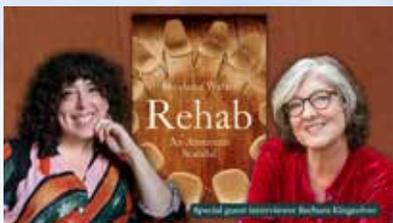
Lush Lyricism and Intimate Confessions with Miranda Cowley Heller



New York Times Bestselling Author of *The Paper Palace*

Wed., April 22
2:00 PM

America's Failed Response to the Opioid Crisis with Author Shoshana Walter



With Special Guest Host Barbara Kingsolver

Tue., March 24
2:00 PM

On Writing Beloved Characters and Powerful Portrayals of Resilience with Jason Reynolds



Award-Winning and *New York Times* Bestselling Author

Thu., April 30
7:00 PM

SCHOOL AGE
Ages 5-10

TEENS
Ages 11-17

On a Mission: The History of US Women Astronauts with Smithsonian Curator Emerita Valerie Neal



A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

Thu., April 2
2:00 PM

Do you want to revisit some of our past author talks, including from authors like Laura Dave, Madeline Miller, Rick Steves and John Irving?

Explore the complete archive of KDL Author Talks at library.org/kdl/archive.



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 4,
Banyan Moon by Thao Thai

April 1,
The Celebrants by Steven Rowley

May 6,
Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan Henry

Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Ada Z Book Club
Wednesdays at 12:00 PM



March 25,
Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

April 29,
Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club by J. Ryan Stradal

May 27,
The Wedding People by Alison Espach

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Novel Characters Book Club
Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



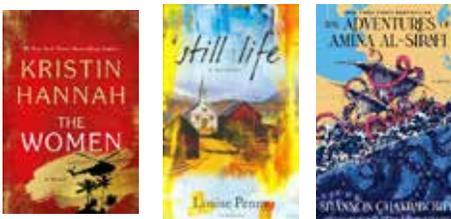
March 4,
The Women by Kristin Hannah

April 1,
The Maid by Nita Prose

May 6,
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club
Thursdays at 1:30 PM



March 19,
The Women by Kristin Hannah

April 16,
Still Life by Louise Penny

May 21,
The Adventures of Amina Al-Sirafi by S. A. Chakraborty

Byron Twp. Branch

Byron Twp. Book Discussion
Mondays at 6:30 PM



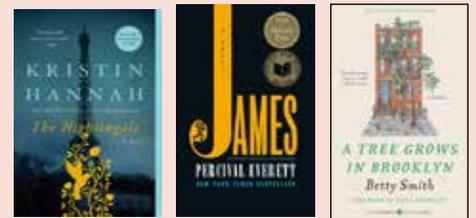
March 23,
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

April 27,
No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister

May 18,
The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

Cascade Twp. Branch

Better Off Read Book Club*
Mondays at 7:00 PM



March 16,
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

April 20,
James by Percival Everett

May 18,
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

*These events will take place at
YMCA Mary Free Bed
5500 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Comstock Park Branch

Never Too Old Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



March 10,
Lore by
Alexandra
Bracken



April 14,
*The Black
Kids* by
Christina
Hammonds
Reed



May 12,
*How Girls
Are Made*
by Mindy
McGinnis

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Night Owls Book Club

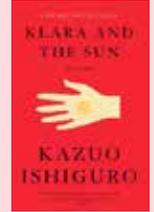
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 4,
Yellowface
by R. F.
Kuang



April 1,
The Women
by Kristin
Hannah



May 6,
*Klara and
the Sun*
by Kazuo
Ishiguro

Cascade Twp. Branch (Cont.)

Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library Book Club

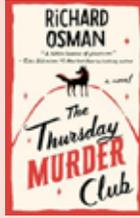
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



March 18,
Any title
by Kristin
Hannah



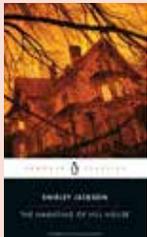
April 15,
The Waters
by Bonnie Jo
Campbell



May 20,
*The
Thursday
Murder
Club* by
Richard
Osman

There Will Be Blood Book Club

Thursday, May 21, 6:30 PM



The Haunting of Hill House
by Shirley Jackson

Lit Wits Book Club

Thursdays at 6:30 PM



March 19,
*The Sum of
Us*
by Heather
McGhee



April 16,
*Glamorous
Notions*
by Megan
Chance



May 21,
*The
Cartographers*
by Peng
Shepherd

Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



March 17,
*The Secret
Book of
Flora Lea*
by Patti
Callahan
Henry



April 21,
The Women
by Kristin
Hannah



May 19,
*All That She
Carried* by
Tiya Miles

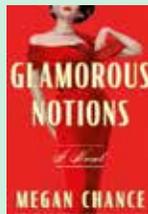
East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



March 9,
*The House
Is on Fire*
by Rachel
Beanland



April 13,
*Glamorous
Notions*
by Megan
Chance

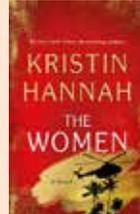


May 11,
*The Briar
Club* by
Kate Quinn

Grandville Branch

Maple St. Book Discussion

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



March 11,
The Women
by Kristin
Hannah



April 8,
*Warrior Girl
Unearthed*
by Angeline
Boulley



May 13,
*Margo's
Got Money
Troubles* by
Ruffi Thorpe

Grandville Branch

A Nightmare on Maple Street Book Club

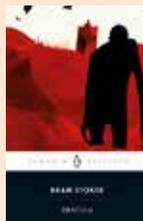
Thursdays at 6:30 PM



March 19,
Lone Women
by Victor LaValle



April 16,
The Eyes Are the Best Part
by Monika Kim



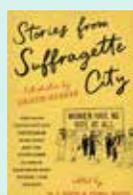
May 21,
Dracula by Bram Stoker

Krause Branch Temporary Location* Krause Afternoon Book Club

Fridays at 1:30 PM



March 20,
The Women
by Kristin Hannah



April 17,
Stories From Suffragette City
by M. J. Rose and Fiona Davis

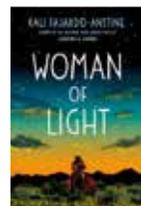


May 15,
The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter
by Carson McCullers

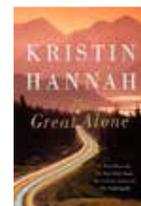
Walker Temporary Library*

Walker Book Discussion

Thursdays at 11:00 AM



March 12,
Woman of Light
by Kali Fajardo-Anstine



April 9,
The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah



May 14,
Finding the Mother Tree
by Suzanne Simard

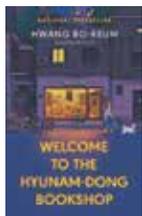
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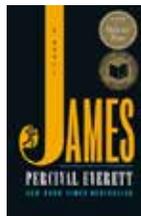
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Cozy Readers Book Club

Mondays at 10:00 AM



March 9,
Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop
by Po-rim Hwang



April 13,
James
by Percival Everett



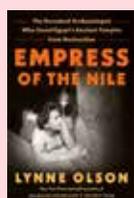
May 11,
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers
by Jesse Q. Sutanto

Nelson Twp. Branch Nelson Twp. Book Club

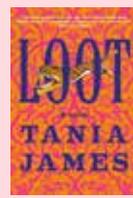
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



March 17,
Whalefall
by Daniel Kraus



April 21,
Empress of the Nile
by Lynne Olson



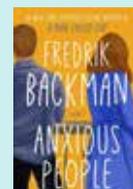
May 19,
Loot
by Tania James

Wyoming Branch The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM



March 10,
Elevation
by Stephen King



May 12,
Anxious People
by Fredrik Backman

Krause Branch Temporary Location* Krause Evening Book Club

Mondays at 6:30 PM



March 6,
This month, we'll discuss the theme of "Hope" in books.



April 20,
The True Story of Hansel and Gretel
by Louise Murphy



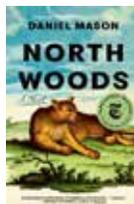
May 18,
The Maid
by Nita Prose

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Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Branch Book Discussion

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



March 12,
North Woods
by Daniel Mason



April 9,
The Library Book
by Susan Orlean



May 14,
Nomadland
by Jessica Bruder

Silent Book Club

Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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.



March 12



April 9



May 14

A New Act for Opera: AAPI Voices and the Future of the Art Form

Explore the history of opera and the ways racism has been historically embedded – and often permitted – within the genre. Opera Grand Rapids is responding to this history by dedicating an entire season to AAPI artists and stories. Hear about the Guest Artistic Director's approach to addressing and re-imagining these long-standing traditions, and enjoy a live performance by a cast member from Opera Grand Rapids' upcoming production at DeVos Hall, *Madama Butterfly*.

Tue., May 5, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

An Army Nurse During the Vietnam War

Around 7,000 women served as nurses during the Vietnam War, experiencing many of the same dangers and situations as the soldiers they cared for. Join former Army nurse and Agent Orange Committee Chair for the Vietnam Veterans of America Sandie Wilson as she shares her experiences, duties and memories of her time during the war.

Tue., May 12, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Awesome Adults

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

Alpine Twp. Branch

Thursdays, 1:00 PM

March 26
April 23
May 21

Cascade Twp. Branch

Tuesdays, 10:30 AM

March 10
April 14
May 12

Comstock Park Branch

Mondays, 1:30 PM

March 23
April 27
May 18

Gaines Twp. Branch

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM

March 11
April 8
May 13

Grandville Branch

Mondays, 1:30 PM

March 9 April 13 May 11

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Fridays, 1:00 PM

March 20 April 17 May 15

Krause Branch Temporary Location

Thursdays, 3:30 PM

These events will be held at City of Rockford - City Hall, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341

March 12 April 9 May 14

Walker Temporary Library

Thursdays, 12:00 PM

These events will be held at Walker Ice and Fitness Center Room A, 4154 Remembrance Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

March 4 April 1 May 6

Bingo Hour

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

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

Tue., March 10, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., March 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., March 17, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., March 19, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., March 23, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wed., March 25, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., April 7, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., April 14, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., April 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., April 16, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., April 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., April 22, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., April 27, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., May 5, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., May 12, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., May 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., May 19, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., May 21, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., May 27, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Birds and Birdwatching

Greg Bodker combines photography, video and personal stories to bring birdwatching to life. You'll learn how to attract more birds to your yard; then how to enjoy their behavior. Exciting stories from Greg's experiences will get you inspired to get outside and experience different habitats and bird species.

Thu., March 5, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., March 24, 6:30 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
This event will take place at City of Rockford - City Hall in the Chamber Room, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341.

Tue., May 26, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., May 27, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Thu., May 28, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Birds of Your Backyard

Celebrate the biodiversity of your own backyard with the Grand Rapids Audubon Club. Participants will also learn ways to get involved with local birding and conservation groups in West Michigan. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.*

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



ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.

Blood Drives

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



Boho Peace Wreath*

Create a fun and funky miniature peace sign wall display using beads, ribbon and grapevine. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

Thu., March 12, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., March 17, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., March 18, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Tue., March 24, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., March 31, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., April 13, 1:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Mon., April 13, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., April 21, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 29, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., May 19, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., May 21, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Brick by Brick: Adult Build Night

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

Tue., March 31, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., April 28, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., May 26, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Casting Light: The Vietnam War in Photos

The Vietnam War ended in 1975, and to recognize the 50-year anniversary, the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum created a photo exhibit reflecting on the war. Join Dr. Mirelle Luecke, curator and developer of the exhibit, as she shares what we can learn about the war and American's shifting attitude toward it through the images captured during this time.

Thu., March 19, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., April 21, 6:30 PM – Alto 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. Closed captioning provided.*

Fri., March 6, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., March 24, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Fri., April 3, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., April 30, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Fri., May 1, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., May 28, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Considering Home Ownership

Learn what financial preparation is required prior to purchasing a home and receive guidance on the factors that can affect eligibility for a loan, the different mortgage options available and how to estimate what you can afford to pay for a home.

Wed., April 22, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., March 4, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., March 19, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., March 21, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., March 23, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 1, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., April 9, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., April 15, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., April 16, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., April 28, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Wed., May 6, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., May 14, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., May 26, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

DO MORE GOOD® Workshop

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

Next Nexus: Health and Business
 Learn from experts in the health and business fields how to incorporate health awareness into your business practices in order to improve workflow, increase talent retention and create a stronger work culture. Each session includes interactive panels and professional networking. *Light refreshments will be provided, and it is recommended that you bring a laptop or other electronic device for this event.*

Thu., April 30, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

**Space is limited so registration is required for this event 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.*

The program events listed in this document are subject to change and were current at the time of printing. Please confirm details at kdl.org/events.

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.

Wed., March 4, 6:00 PM – Online

Wed., April 1, 6:00 PM – Online

Wed., May 6, 6:00 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Using Sign Language with Infants and Toddlers

Baby sign is an important part of any infant curriculum or for communicating with babies about meals, play and more. Learn when to start using it, how to use it, what signs to use and in what order for the best results from an early childhood educator.

Thu., March 26, 6:30 PM – Online

Thu., April 16, 6:30 PM – Online

Thu., April 23, 6:30 PM – Online

Early Childhood Essentials | Working Together to Develop Early Literacy Skills

While infants and toddlers aren't ready to read just yet, parents and caregivers can learn and practice ways to help children develop a strong foundation for important literacy skills. Learn the importance of reading on grade level by 3rd grade, learn and understand the components of early literacy such as experiential writing, communicating, vocabulary, and reading and rhyme with infants and toddlers, learn to detect the signs of early literacy difficulties and receive resources to support early literacy development.

Tue., March 3, 6:00 PM – Online

Tue., April 7, 6:00 PM – Online

Tue., May 5, 6:00 PM – Online

For these programs, please register online at kdl.org/events. Those not seeking credit may attend without registering.

First-Time Homebuyers in Cascade Township

Thinking of buying a house in the Cascade area? Learn from a local real estate expert about the Cascade community as well as tips and tricks for purchasing a home here.

Tue., April 21, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fraud Prevention

Scammers can target people through phone calls, emails, websites spoofing reputable shopping sites and more. Learn how to protect yourself from different levels of fraud from a Kent County Sheriff's Deputy.

Mon., March 9, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., April 22, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Mon., May 11, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

From Saigon to Grand Rapids

After the end of the Vietnam War, many Vietnamese refugee families resettled in Michigan. One individual who resettled was Le Tran, who will share her story of immigration from Saigon to Grand Rapids, providing context for the immigrant experience she and thousands like her experienced.

Tue., March 3, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., March 17, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., April 21, 6:30 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location

This event will be held at City of Rockford - City Hall in the Chamber Room, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341

From War to Peace, from Vietnam to Today

Before becoming a priest in West Michigan, Father Peter Vu grew up in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Join us as he shares his moving journey of resilience and hope that travels from life during the war to the challenges of its aftermath to his courageous escape from Vietnam that led to a new beginning.

Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., May 11, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Guided Acrylic Painting*

Learn the basic techniques of acrylic painting, exploring color, composition and perspective. Whether you've never held a paintbrush or you're a professional artist, you'll have a great time and leave with a finished painting. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

Thu., March 5, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., March 16, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., April 29, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., May 7, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Thu., May 14, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Thu., May 21, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.

Introduction to Geocaching

A worldwide scavenger hunt is happening all around you, and you may not even know it. Learn the basics of geocaching from experienced geocacher Shawn Gerbers and begin your geocaching adventure.

Wed., March 18, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament*

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

Sat., March 21, 1:00 PM – Grandville 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.*

Tue., March 3, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., April 7, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., May 5, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Language Exchange / Intercambio

Practice your Spanish or English with librarian-facilitated conversations.

Practicar su español o inglés con conversación facilitado por un bibliotecario.

Tue., March 24, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

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

Tue., May 26, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Let's Talk about Tomatoes: America's Favorite Fruit

Everybody loves tomatoes, but how much do you know about this tasty fruit's fascinating history? Author and seed saver Bevin Cohen will share exciting tales of how this South American fruit traveled around the world and back, influencing the cuisines and cultures of the many countries it encountered along its journey. Discover tips and tricks to maximize your tomato harvest.

Mon., March 30, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

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

Tue., April 28, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Level Up Your Career with AI

Learn how to use AI tools to tailor your resume, write a compelling cover letter and get guidance for a career pivot. AI can help you find the right opportunities with smarter keyword searches, prepare for interviews and research companies; join us and begin your next job hunt with confidence.

Tue., March 10, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Maternal Mental Health

Many people know about postpartum depression, but it's less known that there are a variety of mental health disorders that can happen during pregnancy or while parenting a baby. Learn from Lindsay Wieland Capel, LMSW, and Katie Kunnen, associate professor of nursing at Calvin University, about perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, risk factors, red flags, signs, symptoms and treatment. You'll leave knowing about helpful community resources, ways to reduce risk and how you can support the families around you.

Thu., March 26, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., May 20, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Native Plants and Why They Matter

Explore the basics of native plants, including how they affect the ecosystem and native animals. Discover how to incorporate native plants into any landscape and receive tips on identifying the best plants for your soil and conditions.

Tue., March 31, 6:30 PM – Plainfield 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 2, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., March 18, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., March 26, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 13, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., April 15, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., April 30, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., May 4, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., May 20, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., May 28, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



P.E.A.C.E. of Mine: Listening for Change

Join neighbors for restorative community dialogue moderated by Regenail Thomas from Seeds of Promise about how the history of violent crime – and its ties to racism and discrimination – continues to affect us today. Together, we'll use deep listening and trauma-informed conflict-resolution tools to better understand the root causes of violence and explore ways to make our city safer.

P.E.A.C.E. (Public Education for Adults and Children Everywhere) of Mine programs are presented in partnership with Seeds of Promise.

- Fri., May 8, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., May 12, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Paint & Pop

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

- Thu., April 2, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., May 12, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

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Sashiko Mending*

Sashiko is a traditional form of Japanese embroidery that uses the basics of hand sewing to create intricate designs that are used for mending or beautifying everyday cloth items. Get a brief overview of what Sashiko is, learn how to sew two foundational Sashiko stitches, and then practice what you've learned on a tote bag. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

- Tue., March 17, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
- Thu., March 19, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., April 7, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Wed., April 15, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., April 22, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., April 28, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., May 19, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Tue., May 26, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Saving Money with Home Energy Rebates

Join local experts for a home energy session to learn how to boost comfort, improve health, reduce utility bills and access financial incentives. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.*

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

Spot the Scam: Online Safety Workshop

AI is changing the way things are made online, making it harder than ever to spot fake or changed information. Learn easy ways to identify AI-generated pictures, videos and text, as well as common tricks scammers use.

- Thu., March 12, 6:30 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
This event will be held at City of Rockford - City Hall in the Chamber Room, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341
- Thu., May 7, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



The Art of Calligraphy*

Learn the art of calligraphy, from basics like how to hold the pen and control the flow of ink onto the page to more advanced techniques, such as how to form upper and lowercase letters in a modern style and how to join letters to create beautiful words and phrases. **Registration required at kdl.org/events.**

- Thu., March 12, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Mon., April 13, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Thu., May 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Thu., May 21, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) Cont.

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 19, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



The Michigan Home Front in the Vietnam Era

It's no secret that the 1960s was a tumultuous decade. Not only was war raging in Southeast Asia and society changing across the United States, Michiganders experienced seismic shifts in industry, culture and family life. Local author Susie Finkbeiner will discuss what she discovered about the Michigan home front while researching her novel *All Manner of Things*, a Michigan Notable Book.

Wed., March 18, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Thu., April 16, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., May 4, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Themed Herb Gardens

Herb gardens are as varied as the personalities and interests of their gardeners. This program will give you some tips, tricks and ideas on creating an herb garden that fits you and your needs.

Wed., March 18, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Tue., March 31, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

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

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

Tue., May 12, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., May 14, 6:30 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location

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Tue., May 19, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Trivia Night @ KDL

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

Mon., March 9, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., April 30, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Thu., May 7, 6:30 PM – Cascade 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 26, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., April 30, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Watch Your Waste

Join us for a presentation on Kent County's waste disposal system, including a virtual tour of the Recycling Center and accepted materials, the SafeChem hazardous waste program and the basics of composting and food waste.

Tue., April 14, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

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



Women's Diaries: Unexpected Windows to the Past

Learn about the role of women's diaries and scrapbooks as important sources of women's history and consider how your family records might contribute to the history of Grand Rapids-area women. Led by local researcher and writer Christine Byron, this program draws on Byron's book *Perfect Omena Day!*, which provides a vivid view of summer life in early 20th century Leelanau County through diary selections from Rebecca L. Richmond of Grand Rapids. *This program is sponsored with Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council.*

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

Wed., May 20, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

The program events listed in this document are subject to change and were current at the time of printing. Please confirm details at kdl.org/events.

THE KDL BOOKMOBILE:

All Over Kent County

The KDL Bookmobile brings library services to patrons in far away or underserved communities. Just like a KDL branch, the Bookmobile has library materials for all ages and supports access to a wide variety of community resources. You can sign up for a library card, request materials and return items checked out from any KDL location when you visit. The Bookmobile goes all over Kent County, primarily visiting apartment complexes, mobile home communities, senior centers and food pantry sites.

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At most of our regular stops, we visit once a month on the same designated day and time. We also partner with Kent ISD to bring the Bookmobile to many of their free educator-led Bright Beginnings Playgroups for young children throughout the county.

Interested in learning more about where we are heading next? Visit our website at [kdl.org/bookmobile!](http://kdl.org/bookmobile)





BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

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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
—	8:30 to 5:00	8:30 to 5:00	8:30 to 5:00	8:30 to 5:00	8:30 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 BRANCH TEMPORARY LOCATION

Rockford Community Cabin
220 N Monroe St., Rockford, Michigan 49341
For details, visit kdl.org/growingkrause

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	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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