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We made it to summer, and that means Summer Wonder is back! We invite you to read, learn and explore with us. Don't miss out on all the fun and prizes!

We all know that summer reading is especially important for children. It builds on academic progress and can prevent kids from losing educational ground, slowing the summer slide.

But let's not forget that reading is supposed to be fun! Sometimes all it takes to help a child (or adult) fall in love with reading is putting the right book in their hands. We are experts at that! Come visit us soon so we can help you make the perfect selections.

We look forward to seeing you!



Warmly,

Lance Werner  
Executive Director



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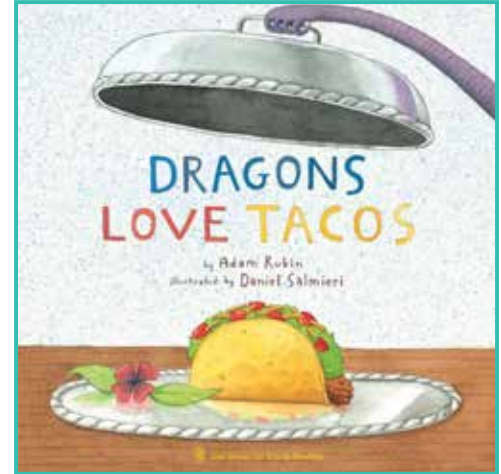


# KDL Updates

## KDL CORE

### PICTURE BOOK COLLECTION

At last, a collection of popular children's book favorites will be coming to your local branch to stay! Our team of dedicated Youth Librarians chose each of these titles with you in mind, based on circulation and local popularity, ensuring that your favorite titles will always be there for you to take home. Just look for picture books with the CORE sticker on the spine. Learn more on page 14.



### The Talking Book and Braille Center

**(TBBC) turns 50 this year!** Accessibility and inclusivity are at the heart of everything we do here at KDL. As part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, TBBC serves any patron who may be unable to read traditional print sizes due to a visual, physical or reading disability and provides books, magazines and DVDs in alternative formats directly to your home. Interested? Check out [kdl.org/tbbc](http://kdl.org/tbbc).

Feeding the body is an important part of feeding the mind. That's why KDL is proud to again be teaming up with Feeding America of West Michigan to provide lunches at the library for all kids ages 2 to 18 (or up to age 26 with different mental or physical abilities). Nutritious lunches will be available Monday through Friday from June 5 through August 11 at many KDL branches and the Bookmobile. Check out [kdl.org/lunch](http://kdl.org/lunch) for more information.



## GATHER 2 GROW



# Staff Picks .....



## From This Moment

by Elizabeth Camden

"This is a unique historical fiction story that mixes romance and mystery. The two main characters, Stella and Romulus, are striving to accomplish their life-long goals when a tragic event brings their lives together for better and worse. Stella West, a famous artist in London, is drawn back to Boston when she receives news of her sister's death. Convinced it was not an accident, she seeks help from Romulus, publisher of the nation's top scientific magazine, to break through the tight-knit web of city officials who aren't telling her anything. Throw in romance and several twists and turns, and you've got a compelling story."

Jill | Service Center

## Set Boundaries, Find Peace

by Nedra Glover Tawwab

"This is a fantastic nonfiction book about how and when to set boundaries. This includes boundaries with yourself, family, friends and work. There are many real-life exercises and great advice. I highly recommend reading this book and also following the author on social media."

Kathy | Plainfield Twp. Branch



## Lost Lad London

by Shima Shinya

"This is a fast-paced mystery about conspiracy, murder and long-held family secrets, with a delightful film-noir vibe. The text and action were easy to follow – perfect for readers new to manga, like me!"

Christine | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

## Adrift: The Curious Tale of the Lego Lost at Sea

by Tracey Williams

"In 1997, 62 containers fell off a cargo ship off the coast of Cornwall. One of the containers was filled with nearly five million LEGO pieces, many of them sea-themed. By following the journey of these LEGO pieces over the last couple of decades – yes, they are still washing ashore! – Williams shares an exploration that is equal parts fascinating and horrifying."

Julie | Byron Twp. Branch







## Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting

by Roseanne A. Brown

"Serwa has always lived life on the move, joining her parents on their vampire-hunting missions. When an attack on their home sends her parents deep undercover, Serwa must learn to live in the human world and face MIDDLE SCHOOL! With a storyline rich in Ghanaian folklore, this adventure is both funny and action-packed."

Liz | Amy Van Andel Library

## The House of Eve

by Sadeqa Johnson

"This is the story of two young Black women in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. in the 1950s. One woman, Ruby, is fifteen when the novel opens and in an elite group of marginalized kids selected for a potential scholarship to college. The other woman, Eleanor, is off to her first year at Howard University. This book highlights the stresses of growing up Black in pre-Civil Rights America through Ruby, who works hard to nourish her hope of being a doctor, and Eleanor, who struggles to be the woman that her wealthy and educated in-laws expect. A forbidden love alters the course of both of their lives. Will the ultimate show of love and sacrifice be enough to help these women fulfill their aspirations?"

Nanette | Cascade Twp. Branch



## Doctors and Distillers: The Remarkable Medicinal History of Beer, Wine, Spirits, and Cocktails

by Camper English

"Frequent bouts of scurvy on the high seas necessitated the vodka gimlet, original Coca-Cola® recipes really did call for cocaine, children's cough syrup was once jam-packed with morphine and, to this day, prohibition remains one of the biggest failures of United States legislation. Whether you partake or abstain, learn about it all by reading this book on the fascinating and inextricable relationship between alcohol and medicine. You'll never view your bar cart or your medicine cabinet the same way. (This is also a great way to participate in KDDe!)"

Katie | Service Center





# SUMMER FUN @ KDL

**JIM Gill's**  
SING-A-THON OF  
**Celebrated**  
SONGS

MUSIC PLAY  
for FAMILIES to  
sing, clap & dance  
together!

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## Jim Gill's Sing-a-Thon of Celebrated Songs!

Get ready to sing, clap, dance  
and spin along during this visit  
by award-winning musician  
and author Jim Gill. Sing and  
play together!



## Find Your Knook!

Audrey has visited all 20  
WonderKnook play spaces.  
Have you? Read about her  
family's adventure on our blog!







# SATURDAY PROGRAMS

You asked, we answered! We know that not all families can attend our weekday programs due to work schedules or other conflicts. These programs are for you... and anyone else who wants to enjoy some weekend fun.

## Critter Barn Wyoming Branch

Saturday, June 10, 10:00 to 1:00 PM

Critter Barn's Traveling Farm will feature hands-on fun, entertainment and education.



## Cirque Amongus Grandville Branch

Saturday, July 8, 10:00 AM

Cirque Amongus brings a variety of circus skills, comedy and audience participation, guaranteed to amaze and delight all ages.



## Cameron Zvara Plainfield Township Branch

Saturday, June 17, 11:00 AM

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

## Llamas at Your Library

Meet real-life llamas like the ones in the *Llama Llama* books.

**Nelson Township Branch**  
Saturday, July 15, 11:00 AM

**Byron Township Branch**  
Saturday, July 22, 11:00 AM

This event will take place at the Bicentennial Park pavilion, 8085 Byron Center Ave. SW.

**Comstock Park Branch**  
Saturday, July 29, 11:00 AM

## Exotic Zoo Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 AM

Meet a variety of mammals, reptiles and birds from around the world for a hands-on learning experience.



## Programs at the Park

Programs at Fallasburg Park with the Engelhardt Branch



Get outside and enjoy some fresh air. We have partnered with Kent County Parks to bring some awesome events to the great outdoors. These programs will take place at Fallasburg Park open shelter in Lowell.



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### Critter Barn

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### Alex Thomas and Friends Puppetry

Enjoy jokes, prizes, stories, silliness and all-around fun through the art of puppetry. These zany, Muppet-style puppets are sure to bring your imagination to life.



### Cirque Amongus

Cirque Amongus brings a variety of circus skills, comedy and audience participation, guaranteed to amaze and delight all ages.

### Nick Thomas Entertainment

Get ready to laugh at this family-friendly comedy, juggling and magic show. The show includes audience participation, world-class juggling routines and a light-up LED juggling finale.



### Mermaid Molly

Hear a story, dance and sing with Mermaid Molly.



Free fun for all ages | [kdl.org/events](https://kdl.org/events)





## Native American Dancers

Reg Pettibone, champion powwow dancer, and his family provide the audience with a true understanding of Native American culture through traditional dance, song and stories.



## Tom Plunkard's Amazing Adventures

Brace yourself for a truly amazing and hilarious magic show. This fantastic 45-minute, high-energy presentation will appear to last only as long as it takes you to say, "Abracadabra!"



## Exotic Zoo

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# How to Leave the Library Without Tears: A Satirical Library Guide



By **Josh Mosey**, Digital Marketing Strategist

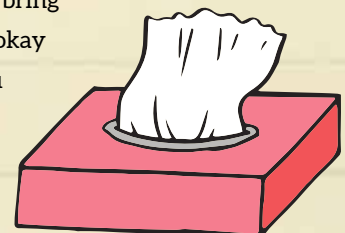
It is a truth universally acknowledged that a child in attendance at a good storytime must be in want of a tissue when told it is time to leave the library. Here are some ideas that might help:

**Bigger & Better** – Make your next destination better than the library. This is difficult because so few places are better than a library. Maybe you could just visit another branch of KDL and see what they have to offer, thereby temporarily postponing the tears.

**Naptime Teleportation** – Wait them out. Find a comfortable place to relax near the new WonderKnook play space and let your kids wear themselves out. When you see the first yawn, invite them to sit near you while you read them some books. As soon as they nod off, scoop them up and mosey out of the library.

**"The Hansel & Gretel"** – Give your child a bag, maybe one they earned by participating in the library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1KB4K) program. Check out a large pile of books. Leave them on the ground like breadcrumbs. Your child will follow the trail all the way to the exit.

**Pass the Tissues** – There's a high likelihood your child won't want to leave the library. Let's face it. There's a high likelihood YOU won't want to leave the library. There will be tears. The best thing you can do is bring some tissues and show your kids it's okay to show your emotions. Maybe if you cry even louder than they do, they'll be ready to leave before you are.





### Honeybees

Learn the three types of bees and their roles in a hive, see how bees gather nectar and turn it into honey, make a hand-rolled beeswax candle to take home and much more! Presented by Thornapple Woodlands Beekeeper Don Snoeyink.



### Animals Need Animals

Do wild animals have timeshares? Who makes the burrows and the tree cavities for the animals that can't dig? Who shares their winter homes? Join us as we visit with the Outdoor Discovery Center animals that depend on other animals to survive. Live animals, taxidermy and artifacts will be used during the presentation.

### 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.



### Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show!

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







## Doctor Slime's Science Show

Doctor Slime is not a Mad Scientist, but a scientist who is mad about science and loves to share his exciting demonstrations with children (and adults!) of all ages.



### New THIS SUMMER at a library near you...



#### It's-A Me, Mario!

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



#### Making Sense (of Your Senses)



Taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing: humans have five basic senses that help them perceive the world around them. Join us for a sense-sational time investigating the five senses!

#### Under the Sea

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



#### Birds of Wonder

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

What is the



The KDL Lab Experience is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) at the library. KDL Lab programs give school-aged kids a chance to explore, collaborate and create while having fun!

#### KDL Lab Programs Include:

- Architecture Adventure
- Cardboard Creations
- Theme Park Frenzy
- Marble Runs
- Art Party
- Build It! ...and *MANY* more!

#### Branch KDL Lab Tables

In addition to programs, KDL branches have a Lab space with rotating activities that include STEAM toys and games. Visit all twenty branches to explore and play.

For all KDL LAB programs, scan this code!



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Hey kiddos, want your own book? Attending programs like the ones in this magazine counts towards your Summer Wonder Challenge goals when you sign up for Summer Wonder! Learn more at [kdl.org/summer](http://kdl.org/summer).





### Make Your Own Stuffed Octopus

Come and make your own stuffed octopus friend! All materials will be provided. No sewing required. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.

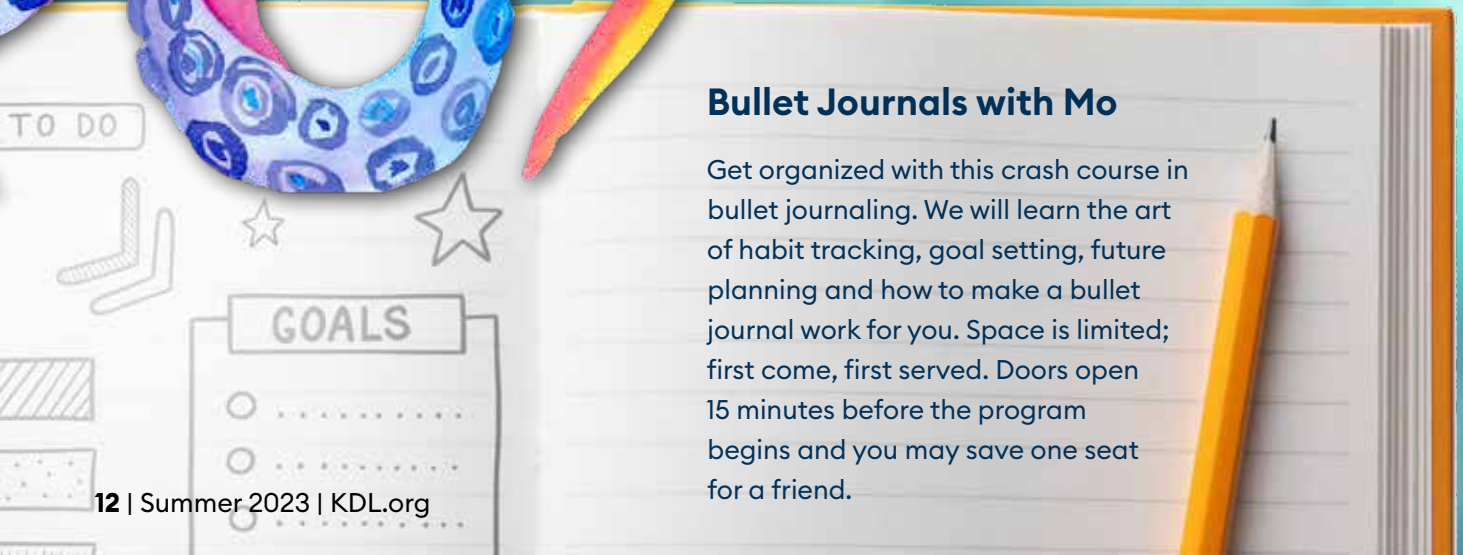


### Polymer Clay Jewelry

Try out our clay tips and tricks to create your own hand-made clay piece to take home and bake with easy, provided instructions. Join us and make your own earrings, necklace, pendant or hair barrette! Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.

### Bullet Journals with Mo

Get organized with this crash course in bullet journaling. We will learn the art of habit tracking, goal setting, future planning and how to make a bullet journal work for you. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.

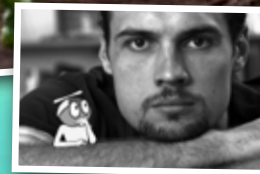






## Attack of the Mutant Zombie Vegetables

There are lots of things to think about when drawing a graphic novel page. How do you make action flow, create the mood and keep the reader turning pages? Join us as we build our own page of post-apocalyptic garden grossness and horror! Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.



Your host, artist  
**Wade Gugino**

## Teen Super Smash Bros. Tournament

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

## Swordsmanship

Instructors from the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy will teach the fundamentals of historical swordsmanship, using either a pirate cutlass or a Japanese katana. Space is limited; first come, first serve. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.



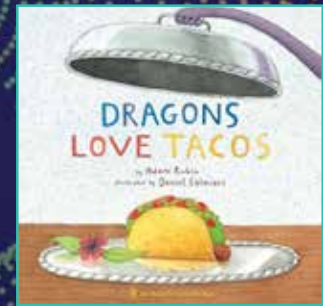
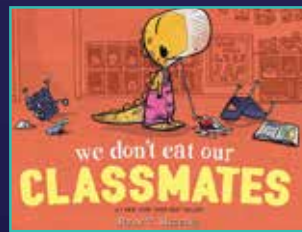
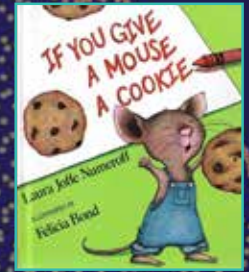
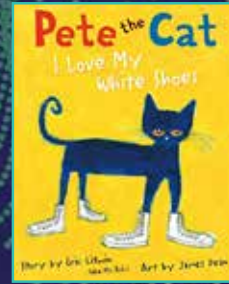


NEW COLLECTION!

# KDL CORE

## PICTURE BOOK COLLECTION

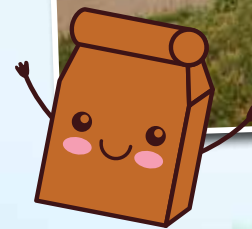
Can you have too much of a good thing? Not when it comes to great books! By popular demand, we are expanding our CORE Collection to include picture books. The Picture Book CORE Collection, available at all KDL branches, will consist of 100 of the top circulating, perennially popular titles KDL has to offer. No holds are allowed on these copies, so our patrons are practically guaranteed to find a good read. These titles were hand-picked by our staff, and we think you'll love them, too! Here are a few from the collection.



[kdl.org/core-collection](http://kdl.org/core-collection)



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Submit your music **between June 5 and July 31** to be considered for our local music streaming service. All selected entries receive a one-time payment!

Open to all West Michigan musicians | [vibes.kdl.org](http://vibes.kdl.org)



# Welcome to KDL



**Christine Alspaugh**  
Shelver, Cascade Twp.

**Aimee Boruta**  
Shelver, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

**Jonah Chickering**  
Shelver, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)



**Katherine Glardon**  
Branch Librarian, Plainfield Twp.  
Book Recommendation:  
*An Absolutely Remarkable Thing*  
by Hank Green



**Taylor LaBash**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Cascade Twp.  
Book Recommendation: *Extremely  
Loud and Incredibly Close*  
by Jonathan Safran Foer



**Holly Mathews**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
East Grand Rapids  
Book Recommendation:  
*Ella Enchanted*  
by Gail Carson Levine

**Alicia Oliver**  
Shelver, Wyoming

**Jennifer Poling**  
Shelver, Cascade Twp.  
Book Recommendation:  
*Ramona Forever* by Beverly Cleary

**Amber Stein**  
Shelver, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)



**Shalee Szendre**  
Assistant Branch Librarian, Grandville  
Book Recommendation:  
*The Girl with the Louding Voice*  
by Abi Daré



**Duncan Watson**  
Collection Services Assistant,  
Service Center  
Book Recommendation: *Treasure  
Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

**Kara Wiggert**  
Assistant Branch Librarian, Comstock Park  
Book Recommendation: *Braiding Sweetgrass*  
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

## Did You Know?



**KDL offers excellent language learning tools, including Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages. Learn more at [kdl.org/language-resources](http://kdl.org/language-resources).**



# Branch Locations

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

**ALTO**  
6071 Linfield Ave. SE  
Alto, MI 49302

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

**BOOKMOBILE**  
kdl.org/bookmobile

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

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

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

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

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

**ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL)**  
200 N. Monroe St.  
Lowell, MI 49331

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

**GRANDVILLE**  
4055 Maple St. SW  
Grandville, MI 49418

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

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

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

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

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

**NELSON TOWNSHIP**  
88 Eighth St.  
Sand Lake, MI 49343

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

**SPENCER TOWNSHIP**  
14960 Meddler Ave.  
Gowen, MI 49326

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

**WALKER**  
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Walker, MI 49534

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