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There's something truly magical about summers at the library. Summer at Kent District Library is a time for children to dive into new adventures, teens to explore their talents and families to enjoy fun, free activities together.

Whether it's through our Summer Wonder challenge, craft programs or exciting presenters, KDL offers a place for everyone to grow and learn while having fun. Summer is a time when the pages of books come to life, sparking curiosity and inspiring new interests. We see friendships formed, stories shared and dreams realized, all within the walls of our branches.

We are so proud to be a part of your summer plans and to offer a welcoming space for everyone. Thank you for making our library your destination for summer discovery – we can't wait to see where the adventure takes you!

Wishing you a summer full of learning and wonder,



Lance Werner

Lance Werner,
Executive Director

Share your feedback on the Kaleidoscope!

Help us make the Kaleidoscope even more awesome! Answer a few questions and be entered to win two movie passes to Celebration Cinema.



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KDL UPDATES



Tech for Everyone

Exciting news for our patrons! The Kent District Library Service Center now features a state-of-the-art Adaptive Tech Lab, equipped with the latest in adaptive technology. This includes an accessible computer workstation with magnification, screen reader, Braille translation and tactile graphic software, large print keyboard and trackball mouse. Additionally, the lab boasts a new 40-cell refreshable Braille display, Braille embosser, OCR camera and a one-handed keyboard. Patrons are welcome to use the lab by reserving the room online at kdl.org/tbbc or by calling **616.784.2007**.



Money Made Fun!

Get ready to turn financial learning into a family game night adventure! Our new Financial Literacy GO! Packs transform money conversations from boring to brilliant, offering interactive experiences that make financial education both fun and accessible. From counting coins with the Exact Change game for younger learners to navigating entrepreneurial challenges in Up Start and The Entrepreneur Game for teens and adults, these packs invite families to play, learn and discuss money in exciting new ways. Each pack is designed to break down various financial concepts into enjoyable, bite-sized lessons that spark curiosity and conversation. Visit our website to learn more and place a hold today! Thank you to Centennial Securities for sponsoring the Financial Literacy GO! Packs.



Legendary Readers Starts Soon — With a New Cryptid

Kids in grades K-5, Legendary Readers returns this fall with a brand-new cryptid to discover! Could it be Mokele-Mbembe, a mysterious dinosaur-like creature from Africa? Or perhaps the Chupacabra, known for its eerie legends in Latin America? Or even a creature you've never heard of before? This year's cryptid is sure to surprise you! Be sure to sign up after you turn in your Summer Wonder completion logs and get ready for another year of reading, fun and new prizes.



Staff Picks



The Last One at the Wedding

by Jason Rekulak

If you enjoy books with twists and turns, this one will leave you on the edge of your seat! So many complex relationships unfold in this story. Wonderfully written with intense details that leave you completely enveloped in the story.

Audrey | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



What Time Is Noon?

by Chip Leighton

I was introduced to this author through his Instagram posts and decided to check out his book. He's really funny, and if you have teens of your own, you can easily relate to his humor and anecdotes! He has a great, dry sense of humor and shares input from other parents along with his own.

Jill | Service Center



Becoming Duchess Goldblatt

by Anonymous Author

Are you in need of something heartwarming to remind you about all of the good things in the world? This short memoir about a writer going through a difficult season of life and creating an online alter-ego is just the ticket. I am sure it is lovely in print, but the emotions that come through in the audio and the surprise celebrity reader really make this book shine.

Emily | Cascade Twp. Branch

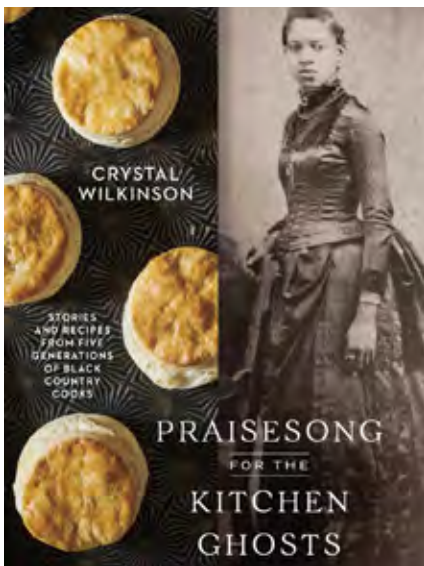


The Fury

by Alex Michaelides

This is a tale of murder on a remote Greek island...or is it? Michaelides provides plenty of twists and turns in this story of desire, betrayal and revenge.

Caleb | Bookmobile



Praisesong for the Kitchen Ghosts

by Crystal Wilkinson

Food has an amazing ability to unite us or create a feeling of belonging to a group. This is a beautifully written cookbook that shares Wilkinson's family history and recipes from the Kentucky foothills. Her ancestors came to their corner of the Appalachian Mountains in the early 1800s. The former poet laureate of Kentucky evokes her ancestors, traditions and their collective history in these recipes. This lyrical book delves into the Basket Meetings custom at Southern Black churches, which featured a full day of worship and feasting. The recipes are born from an abundance of garden crops and a scarcity of money. If you are moved by history or traditional dishes like chicken and dumplings, jam cake and biscuits, this book is for you.

Phillip | Alto Branch

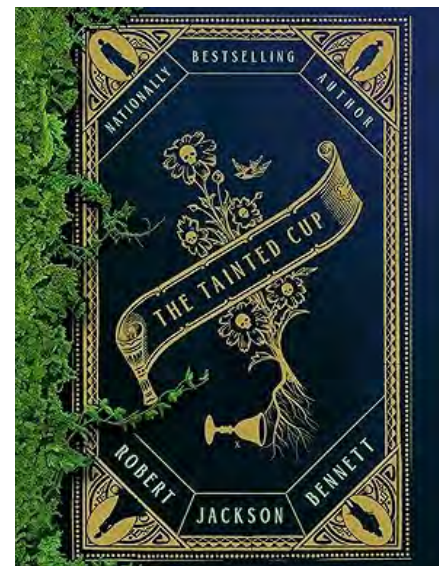


All About U.S.

by Matt LaMothe

Travel our country and learn about 50 real kids in each of the 50 states. From Hannah, who collects clams on the shore in front of her house, to Jade, who won the 4-H livestock show with his steer named Bryce, to Leeon, who kayaks with his dad and brother on the weekends, readers will learn about a vast variety of kids and families. Even though every kid is different, I loved seeing how I always had something in common with each family!

Laura | Plainfield Twp. Branch



The Tainted Cup

by Robert Jackson Bennett

As a fantasy novel with a murder mystery central to the plot, this book has everything. The world-building? Impeccable. The magic system? Innovative and totally immersive. The political systems? Intricate and thought-provoking. Highly recommended for fans of *Knives Out* and Sherlock Holmes, as well as anyone who wants an entertaining and engrossing read!

Kali | East Grand Rapids Branch



SUMMER FUN @ KDL



By **Audrey Barker** | Branch Librarian



Welcome to summer! We love the warm breezes, the blooming flowers and no more scraping ice off the car windshield. It's glorious! School's out, and the freedom from strict schedules feels like a breath of fresh air after nine months of busyness. The start of summer is filled with sleeping in, sandy toes and the heartwarming sound of kids giggling and swings creaking back and forth.

But then...the dog days of summer arrive. The swings are too hot to sit on. The sprinkler water is either too hot or too cold. And somehow, that sand is everywhere – in the car, the house, the bed. The kids are starting to get restless. They, and you, need something new to do.

Here's the thing: boredom can be good, but even too much of a good thing becomes "bad news." Luckily, you've got your local library that's both literally and figuratively cool. Whether you're flipping through this Kaleidoscope magazine or browsing **kdl.org**, you'll discover a treasure trove of free, fun options. Animals! Magicians! Arts and crafts! Book clubs! STEAM activities! Music! You'll be filling your calendar with exciting programs before you know it. Plus, you can win prizes through our Summer Wonder challenge just for enjoying these awesome resources.



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We can't wait to see you at one of our great programs.

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Now, while it might feel like you've hit the summer jackpot, let me remind you – it's okay to enjoy some laid-back, unstructured time at home (or at the beach!). And guess what? The library's got your back for that, too. We've got books, movies, video games, board games, metal detectors and all kinds of fun gadgets to spark your imagination right from the comfort of home. My personal favorites? The birdwatching kit... or maybe the stargazing kit... or could it be the escape room games? I just can't decide!

So whether you're visiting us at the library or relaxing at home, we're here for all your curiosity-driven summer fun. And of course, it's all free. We can't wait to see you at one of our great programs – or to help you find something cool to do when you want to kick back at home or hit the beach. Just be careful with that sand – it really does get everywhere!

**Summer
WONDER**



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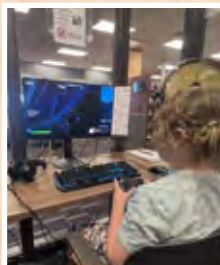
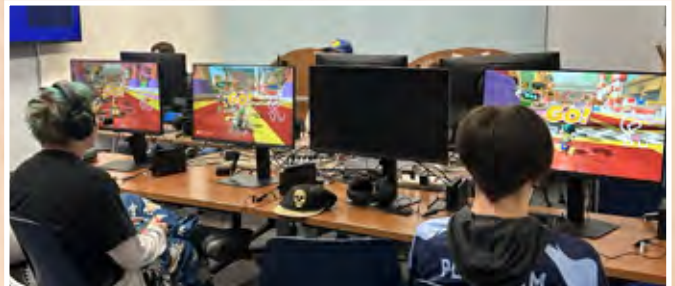
Did You Know?

Kent District Library has dedicated spaces for gamers to come together and play their favorite games! Gaming is a great way to practice teamwork, improve problem-solving skills and build community. KDL has six gaming labs available to patrons, so be sure to visit them all. Whether you're playing solo or with your friends, our gaming labs are a great place to escape the heat and have a blast.

Esports Gaming Lab locations:

- Kelloggsville Branch
- Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Nelson Twp. Branch
- Plainfield Twp. Branch
- KDL Service & Meeting Center*
- Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tyrone Twp. Branch's gaming lab and laptops are for Teen Zones only. Visit kdl.org/teenzones for dates and times.



- ★ Are you part of an esports team? The KDL Service & Meeting Center has a gaming lab available for use by high school esports teams by appointment. Reach out via email to gaming@kdl.org to find out more.

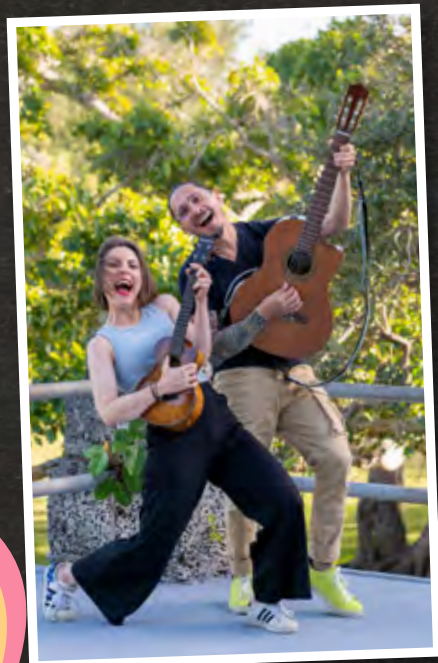


Tune In to the Family Concert Series!

We're bringing in some of our favorite family musicians this summer so you can get your groove on, practice your Spanish and even enjoy some silly yet educational songs. And adults, don't worry – we've also sprinkled throughout the summer a music program just for you.

Being Bilingual Rocks!

Come sing, dance and play musical games in a joyful blend of cultures, sounds and languages! Enjoy an eclectic blend of original and traditional songs from Latin America. *For families with children. Pg. 27*



Eric Litwin | Pete the Cat Family Concert

Join Eric Litwin – the original author of the Pete the Cat series as well as the author of *The Nuts*, *Groovy Joe* and *The Poop Song* – for a groovy time of song singing, guitar strumming and picture taking! *For families with children. Pg. 27*



Joe Reilly's Children's Concert

Come out for a fun, educational and interactive musical performance by singer-songwriter Joe Reilly. Family-friendly and appropriate for all ages, Joe sings original songs about nature, community and kindness. *For families with children. Pg. 27*



Music with Miss Katie Sings

Join Miss Katie Sings for a fun time of music and movement! Experience fingerplays, singalongs, shakers, scarves and more as you enjoy new and familiar songs rooted in creative play, kindness and community. *For young children. Pg. 30*



For dates, times and locations, please scan below or check out the programming guide in the back of this magazine.



kdl.org/events/family-music



Sea Shanty Singalong

Learn a general history of the sea shanty and the lake ballad, a shipwreck and maritime music tradition of the High Seas and Great Lakes, including its oft-forgotten American roots. Enjoy a sing-along in this unique, communal form of music. *For adults and seniors. Pg. 45*

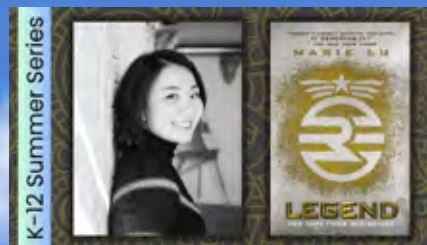
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KDL Author Talks Summer K-12 Series

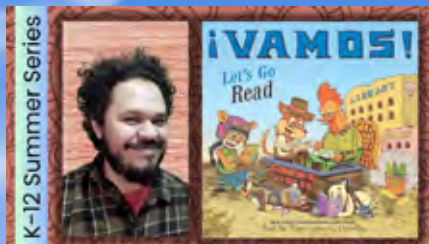
KDL Author Talks are a great way to hear from your favorite authors from the comfort of your own home. For summer, these virtual events will give you and your family a chance to hear from some awesome picture book, middle grade and YA authors. When you register to attend, you can even ask some questions that might become part of the talk! Turn to page 39 for more details. Check out the complete schedule and register to attend events at kdl.org/authortalks.



Katherine Applegate, *Odder*
Tuesday, June 24, 4:00 PM
3rd-6th Grade



Marie Lu, *Legend* Trilogy
Thursday, July 17, 4:00 PM
9th-12th Grade



Raúl the Third, *¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!*
(en Español)
Martes, Julio 8, 2:00 PM
Preescolar a 2º grado



Rex Ogle, *Free Lunch*
Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 PM
5th-8th Grade

Raúl the Third, *¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!*
(in English)
Tuesday, July 8, 4:00 PM
PreK-2nd Grade



kdl.org/authortalks



kdl.org/events/animals

Critters and Creatures

Get ready for a world of wonder at the library! These are just a few of the awesome animal programs this summer at KDL; visit kdl.org/events/animals to see more.



Crittter Barn

Crittter Barn's Traveling Farm will feature hands-on fun, entertainment and education. Pg. 24



Raptors LIVE!

Learn all about birds of prey and meet some of the birds from North Sky Raptor Sanctuary in this amazing, live presentation. Pg. 34



The Art of Nature

Are animals artistic? Do they use colors and patterns for beauty? Protection? Camouflage? Join our visit with the Outdoor Discovery Center animal ambassadors while we explore art in nature. Pg. 35



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

Saturday Programs

Saturday is the best day for planning your summer escapades, and one thing that can make your adventures even better is to have them with the library. With jugglers, animals and even some foam parties, you can enjoy some of the summer's most exciting events all from the comfort of your local library branch.

Critter Barn

Critter Barn's Traveling Farm will feature hands-on fun, entertainment and education. *For all ages. Pg. 24*

Saturday, June 14, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Nelson Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 21, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Tyrone Twp. Branch
Saturday, July 12, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Comstock Park Branch
Saturday, August 2, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Byron Twp. Branch



Exotic Zoo

Meet a variety of mammals, reptiles and birds from around the world for a hands-on learning experience. *For school-age (ages 5-10). Pg. 31*

Saturday, June 14, 10:00 AM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Saturday, June 14, 2:00 PM,
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Meet the Minis

Visit with miniature horses from the Equestrian Center for Therapeutic Riding. Learn about the many ways therapy horses help people. *For all ages. Pg. 27*

Saturday, June 14, 10:30 AM, Grandville Branch
Saturday, June 21, 10:30 AM, Gaines Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 28, 10:30 AM, Alpine Twp. Branch



Stormy's Foam Party

Guests will play with beach balls, frolic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes, all while having the time of their lives. *Swimwear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended. For families with children. Pg. 28, 46*

Saturday, July 12, 10:30 AM, Wyoming Branch



Laugh, Catch, Repeat

Get ready to laugh at this high-energy comedy juggling show starring Will Juggle, world champion juggler with a beard as impressive as his skills. Will's jaw-dropping juggling feats, impeccable comedic timing and signature charm will leave you in stitches. *For all ages. Pg. 25*

Saturday, June 21, 10:30 AM, Cascade Twp. Branch
Saturday, July 26, 11:00 AM, Spencer Twp. Branch

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. *For all ages. Pg. 26*

Saturday, June 21, 10:30 AM, East Grand Rapids Branch
Saturday, June 21, 2:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Teens: Dive Into Your Next Big Adventure!

This summer, the library is the place to be for teens, with a packed schedule of activities to fuel your passions and spark new interests! Check out the Teen program section on pages 36-38 for dates, times and locations.

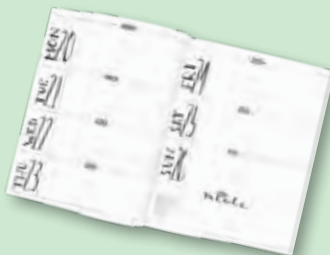
Bandanna Bracelets

Make a bracelet out of bandanna strips to take home and wear. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*



Bullet Journal Basics

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.*



Curious Color

Dive into the science of color with the Air Zoo and play with how light and motion influence what we see. Discover the spectrum of visible color with creative hands-on activities and explore scientific and artistic methods for mixing color.



SCIENCE HEROES



Science Heroes Experiment Lab

Join Science Heroes for an informal and interactive workshop featuring experiments about air pressure, changing states of matter, kinetics, chemical reactions and more.

Intro to Macrame

Master two essential knots and create your own small wall hanging. Learn the basic techniques in a hands-on session and leave with a unique piece of art that reflects your newfound knot-tying skills.



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. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*



For dates, times and locations, please scan below or check out the programming guide in the back of this magazine.



kdl.org/events/teens



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 five minutes before the program begins.*

Character Design

Learn to draw various characters, create unique backstories and develop a passion for storytelling through art in this fun, creative workshop.

Panel Cartoon Palooza

Nothing makes people laugh like a perfectly drawn single panel cartoon. We'll dive headfirst into thinking about, laying out and drawing these classics of the newspaper era. When you're done, you'll be able to create one entirely on your own.



Zine Crafting

A zine is a small self-published booklet of art, writing or anything in between. Learn all about zines – how they are made and their fascinating history – and craft your own zine(s).



Space is limited for these programs; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. These programs support the Write Michigan Teen Graphic Novel Contest. For more information about the contest, see kdl.org/teengraphicnovel.



Programs at the Park with the Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will be at Kent County Parks this summer with some of our fantastic Summer Wonder presenters. Enjoy a KDL program after a day of hanging out at the park! Before you leave, stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest books, movies, music and more to enjoy at home. **Turn to page 46 for more details.**



KENT COUNTY
Parks



Please note: Bookmobile events may be canceled due to weather conditions. Check kdl.org/events or call 616.784.2007 for the latest updates before attending. Your safety is our priority!

Bookmobile Storytime | Millennium Park

Enjoy favorite books, rhymes, music and all the fun of a library storytime in the great outdoors with the Bookmobile librarians. Afterward, play in the park and stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest library materials.

Thursdays at 10:00 AM,

June 5 July 10
June 12 July 17
June 26 July 24
July 3 July 31

**Millennium Park,
Parking Lot A**



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show! @ the Bookmobile

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.*

Monday, June 9, 6:00 PM, Palmer Park, Shelter A

Cirque Amongus @ the Bookmobile

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

**Monday, June 23, 6:00 PM,
Brewer Park, Open Shelter**





Circus Dancing @ the Bookmobile

Experience an interactive, high-energy performance blending dance, movement and circus arts with props like hula hoops, poi, levitation wands and juggling hats. Enjoy exciting demos and hands-on audience participation while learning fun circus skills.

Monday, July 14, 6:00 PM, Millennium Park, Shelter B

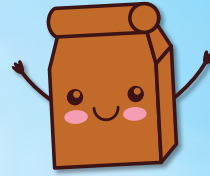


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**Monday, July 28, 6:00 PM,
Caledonia Lakeside Park, Open Shelter**

Gather 2 Grow: Lunches at the Library



June 2 – August 29

School's out for the summer, but it doesn't have to be a bummer... because Gather 2 Grow's summertime student lunches are back and better than ever! Several KDL branches and the Bookmobile are partnering with Feeding America West Michigan to provide no cost lunches for youth ages 0-18 and adults with disabilities through age 26. The meals will be available "grab n' go" style on weekdays June 2 – August 29. Times vary by branch location. Learn more at kdl.org/lunch.

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"Gather 2 Grow is a critical program serving the community because it targets a vulnerable population – kids. During the summer, they can access food support and other resources, such as literacy opportunities and computer services, in a safe and welcoming space. This is ultimately why Gather 2 Grow is successful."



Shay Kovacs (She/her)
Programs Manager,
Feeding America West Michigan



**GATHER
2 GROW**

Hold All the Cards This Summer

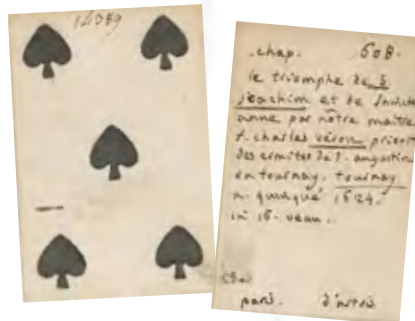


By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

You have a library card, but do you have library cards? We'll lay ours on the table and tell you that we're pretty excited about our new KDL playing cards.

Playing cards have a rich and varied history, tracing their origins back to 9th century China. Initially known as the "leaf game," these cards spread to India, Persia and eventually Egypt, where the four-suit Mamluk deck was developed with suits of coins, cups, swords and polo sticks. By the late 14th century, playing cards had made their way to Europe, where they evolved into the familiar suits of hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades.

Did you know that playing cards also played a pivotal role in the development of library cataloging systems? During the French Revolution in 1791, the Revolutionary Government faced the challenge of organizing vast amounts of bibliographic information. Librarians ingeniously repurposed playing cards, which were blank on one side, to create the first library card catalogs. This innovative solution allowed them to efficiently manage and access their collections, laying the groundwork for modern cataloging methods.



Five of clubs on one side, library catalog card for a 1524 book about Sts. Joachim and Anne on the other side.



To celebrate that connection (and because we thought it would make an awesome adult prize for Summer Wonder program completers), we are excited to announce our custom KDL playing cards. Each attractive box comes with two decks that feature original art by our Summer Wonder artist extraordinaire, Anthony Carpenter. These decks are perfect for playing Euchre, Rummy and other family games.

Play your cards right this summer and we'll be dealing you in on this fantastic piece of KDL history!

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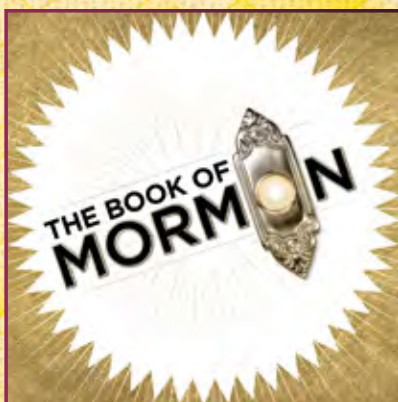


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KDL patrons ages 18 and above can use their library card to reserve free passes to attractions and experiences around the county. Cardholders can reserve passes online, print their passes at any branch and visit their attraction on the date they reserved.



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Welcome to KDL!



Michaela Belcher

Assistant Branch Librarian | Comstock Park Branch

Book Recommendation:

Small Miracles by Olivia Atwater



Amanda Raklovits

Branch Librarian | Grandville Branch

Book Recommendation:

The Aurelian Cycle by Rosaria Munda



Stephanie Peterson

Assistant Branch Librarian | Walker Branch

Book Recommendation:

Human Acts by Han Kang



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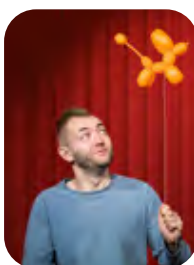
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The program events listed in this document are subject to change and were current at the time of printing. Please confirm details at kdl.org/events.

ALL AGES

Cameron Zvara

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



Mon., June 9, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 10, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., June 10, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Thu., June 12, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., June 12, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 16, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., July 8, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 8, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 9, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., July 9, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., July 14, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 16, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Wed., July 16, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 31, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., July 31, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

! This event will take place at Byron Twp. Community Center, 2120 76th St., Byron Center, MI 49315

Chess Anyone?

Drop in and play chess at the library! All skill levels welcome. An adult is usually on hand to help with your game or match you with a worthy opponent.

Tue., June 3, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., July 1, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., Aug. 5, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Circus Dancing

Experience an interactive, high-energy performance blending dance, movement and circus arts with props like hula hoops, poi, levitation wands and juggling hats. Enjoy exciting demos and hands-on audience participation while learning fun circus skills.

Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Thu., July 17, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 21, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 23, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Mon., July 28, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch

Cirque Amongus

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

Thu., June 12, 5:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 17, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Wed., June 18, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library

! This event will take place at the Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534

Mon., July 7, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 9, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., July 21, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., July 22, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Thu., July 31, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Color Your World with Reading

Witness amazing feats of magic and puppetry as magician Brad Lancaster shares how reading can lead you into your own awesome adventures.

Tue., June 10, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 8, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., July 15, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
 Wed., July 16, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., July 16, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., July 16, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Mon., July 28, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 29, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Critter Barn

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

Tue., June 10, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 11, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Sat., June 14, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 17, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Wed., June 18, 5:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 23, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., June 25, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
 ! This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.

Thu., June 26, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 7, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Sat., July 12, 10:00 AM – Comstock Park Branch
 Mon., July 14, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 15, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., July 15, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 28, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 30, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., July 30, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Sat., Aug. 2, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Decorate Your Bike

Bring your bike and decorate it for summer! We will have many decorations on hand to help you festoon your ride.



Mon., June 30, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 2, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Decorate Your Bike and Celebrate the Fourth of July

Bring your bike and decorate it for the Fourth of July! We will have many patriotic decorations on hand to help you festoon your ride.

Sat., June 28, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
 Tue., July 1, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., July 2, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Thu., July 3, 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Sat., July 5, 9:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Family Craft Time

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

Wed., June 4, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., July 2, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., July 9, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Wed., Aug. 6, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., Aug. 6, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Family Movie Night

Enjoy a movie with your family and friends. The library will post the movie titles in the branch.

Tue., June 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., July 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., Aug. 21, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Family Trivia @ KDL

Enjoy themed trivia and brain-teasing games for all ages—whether you're 5 or 95! Hosted by Matt from Here's Your Host, this interactive show features exciting rounds of family-friendly questions with engaging audio and visual clues. Teams can have up to four players, so bring friends or family or join a team on the spot.

Wed., June 11, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

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

Thu., June 26, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., July 17, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., July 23, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Friends of the Library Used Book Sales

There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sale.

For the most current information on used book sales visit our website at:



kdl.org/booksales

Fresh Air Fitness

Elevate your well-being through the benefits of nature, sound and movement. Enjoy fresh air and the energy of Friendship park as you engage in dynamic movements designed to refresh both body and mind in a vibrant community atmosphere.

Mon., June 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., July 7, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Kalimba Music

Enjoy educational songs, jazz, pop, and blues played on twelve kalimbas, or African thumb pianos. Learn about this traditional instrument and get a chance to play the kalimba yourself!

Wed., June 25, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., July 2, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Mon., July 14, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



KDL Vibes Reference Desk Mini Concerts

A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring an artist from our KDL Vibes collection. Check kdl.org/events for specific musical guests.

Thu., June 12, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., July 17, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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

Laugh, Catch, Repeat



Get ready to laugh at this high-energy comedy juggling show starring Will Juggle, world champion juggler with a beard as impressive as his skills. Will's jaw-dropping juggling feats, impeccable comedic timing and signature charm will leave you in stitches.

Sat., June 21, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Thu., June 26, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Thu., July 10, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Fri., July 18, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Sat., July 26, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. 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.

Fri., June 13, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 20, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 20, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 27, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 3, 3:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., July 11, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 18, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 25, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 25, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., Aug. 1, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., Aug. 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



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.

Mon., June 16, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 16, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 18, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Sat., June 21, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Sat., June 21, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., July 7, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 7, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 23, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
 ⓘ *This event will take place at the Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534*
 Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Thu., July 24, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., July 24, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 29, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 29, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch

Rock the Uke

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

Wed., June 11, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Wed., July 9, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Wed., Aug. 13, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Summer Wonder Bash!

Celebrate a summer of reading and learning with presenters, craft ideas, music and more.

Mon., June 16, 4:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ⓘ *This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534.*

Mon., Aug. 4, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Fri., Aug. 8, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Aug. 8, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Summer Wonder Kickoff Celebration

Get excited as we kick off our summer programming with crafts, games and more. Get started on your Summer Wonder Challenge to earn some great prizes.

Tue., June 3, 5:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 5, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., June 5, 5:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., June 6, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 6, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 6, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Sat., June 7, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 10, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch



Touch a Truck

Check out big trucks and the amazing operators that keep our community working. Learn and explore together!

Mon., June 9, 9:30 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 9, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
 Fri., June 13, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 18, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Sat., June 21, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 15, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., July 16, 2:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Fri., July 18, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Sat., July 19, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Fri., Aug. 1, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Tue., Aug. 5, 10:30 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch



Being Bilingual Rocks!

Come sing, dance and play musical games in a joyful blend of cultures, sounds and languages! Enjoy an eclectic blend of original and traditional songs from Latin America.

Tue., June 24, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch



Dr. Dolittle

Have fun hanging out with Dottie, Dr. Dolittle's bumbling new assistant, as she shares stories with magical, talking animals. This interactive show inspired by classic literature combines puppets with music and comedy to create a fun time for all.

Wed., July 9, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library

! This event will take place at Walker Fire Dept. Stat. 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., July 22, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Eric Litwin | Pete the Cat Family Concert

Join Eric Litwin – the original author of the Pete the Cat series as well as the author of *The Nuts*, *Groovy Joe*, and *The Poop Song* – for a groovy time of song singing, guitar strumming and picture taking!

Mon., July 14, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., July 14, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., July 14, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., July 15, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., July 15, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Joe Reilly's Children's Concert

Come out for a fun, educational and interactive musical performance by singer-songwriter Joe Reilly. Family-friendly and appropriate for all ages, Joe sings original songs about nature, community and kindness.



Tue., July 22, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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

Wed., July 23, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Lids at the Library with the Grand Rapids Griffins

The Grand Rapids Griffins' "Put A Lid On It!" program and the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Program will distribute 100 free bike helmets to kids ages 1-12 (subject to availability). A parent or guardian must be present to receive a helmet. For more information, call

616-391-SAFE or visit griffinshockey.com/putalidonit.



Mon., June 23, 11:00 AM – Wyoming Branch



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

Grandville Branch

Mon., June 2, 10:00 AM

Mon., June 9, 10:00 AM

Mon., June 16, 10:00 AM

Mon., June 23, 10:00 AM

Mon., June 30, 10:00 AM

Mon., July 7, 10:00 AM

Mon., July 14, 10:00 AM

Mon., July 21, 10:00 AM

Mon., July 28, 10:00 AM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., June 3, 11:00 AM

Tue., June 10, 11:00 AM

Tue., June 17, 11:00 AM

Tue., June 24, 11:00 AM

Tue., July 1, 11:00 AM

Tue., July 8, 11:00 AM

Tue., July 15, 11:00 AM

Tue., July 22, 11:00 AM

Tue., July 29, 11:00 AM

Tue., Aug. 5, 11:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

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Thu., June 26, 10:30 AM

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Thu., July 10, 10:30 AM

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Thu., July 24, 10:30 AM

Thu., July 31, 10:30 AM

Thu., Aug. 7, 10:30 AM

Thu., Aug. 14, 10:30 AM

Thu., Aug. 21, 10:30 AM

Thu., Aug. 28, 10:30 AM

Meet the Minis

Visit with miniature horses from the Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding. Learn about the many ways therapy horses help people.

Sat., June 14, 10:30 AM – Grandville Branch

Sat., June 21, 10:30 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Sat., June 28, 10:30 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., July 7, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., July 8, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., July 10, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., July 16, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library

! This event will take place at the parking lot in front of the library near the car wash.

Wed., July 30, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CONTINUED



Mermaid Molly

Hear a story, dance and sing with Mermaid Molly.

Wed., June 11, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Mon., June 23, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Movie in the Park

Join us on the lawn for an evening of family-friendly crafts, outdoor activities and a movie. The library will post the movie title in the branch. **All movies will be rated G or PG.**

Fri., Aug. 22, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 ! This event will take place outside the Gaines Charter Twp. Offices, 8555 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.

Music Makers

Come and learn about making music with instruments through songs, activities and rhymes.

Tue., June 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Splash Party!

You're invited to an outdoor, wild water party with the fire department and the library. Wear your bathing suit or clothes that can get wet, and don't forget your towel and sunscreen.

Thu., July 10, 1:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ! This event will be held at Walker Ice & Fitness Center, 4151 Remembrance Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.
 Fri., Aug. 8, 4:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Stormy's Foam Party

Guests will play with beach balls, frolic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes, all while having the time of their lives. *Swim wear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended.*

Mon., June 9, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Fri., June 13, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Mon., June 16, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 17, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
 Wed., June 25, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Sat., July 12, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., July 15, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 15, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Mon., July 21, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 21, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 23, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Fri., Aug. 1, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch



Understanding Michigan Mammals

Experience hands-on exploration of Michigan mammal bio facts with local educator Penny Folsom. *Taxidermy and artifacts will be used during the presentation.*

Wed., June 11, 1:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Sponsored by the Friends of the Spencer Twp. Library.
 Wed., Aug. 6, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wimee and Friends

Join us for an interactive family show filled with puppetry, music, word play, technology and more.

Tue., June 17, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 24, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 24, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Fri., July 25, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 30, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



Storytimes

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● Babytime

● Storytime

● Bilingual Storytime / Hora de Cuentos Bilingües

○ Toddler Time

○ Preschool Storytime

○ Rhyme Time



Most storytimes begin the week of June 2 and end the week of August 4.
For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.



Turn to pg. 46 for details on our special summer Bookmobile Storytime series at Millenium Park.

Loose Parts Play

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

Mon., June 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., June 6, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., June 13, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., June 20, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., June 27, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., July 7, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., July 11, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., July 18, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., July 19, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Fri., July 25, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., Aug. 1, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., Aug. 4, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Sat., Aug. 16, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Magical Creatures Party

Celebrate all things magical with unicorns, dragons and more! This fantastically fun program geared toward preschoolers will have you prancing for joy with your little ones as you enjoy games, crafts and activities.

Tue., July 1, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Make Music Together®

Come dance and play with Joyful Sounds Music Studio! Have fun and make music with your kids using research-based activities that incorporate early literacy skills. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.*

Fri., June 27, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., June 27, 11:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5) CONTINUED

Meet Your Community Helpers

Meet community helpers – like a snowplow driver, a firefighter or a mail carrier – and learn more about what they do. Enjoy a story and fun activities with our special guest! To learn who the helper is for this event, please ask branch staff.

Mon., June 30, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Music with Miss Katie Sings

Join Miss Katie Sings for a fun time of music and movement! Experience finger plays, singalongs, shakers, scarves and more as you enjoy new and familiar songs rooted in creative play, kindness and community.



Wed., June 11, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., June 11, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., June 11, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 13, 10:30 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Ocean Adventure

Jumping jellyfish! This ocean adventure geared towards preschoolers includes crafts and activities celebrating life under the sea. You might even get to shake hands (or fins) with a shark. “Sea” you there!

Tue., June 3, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 6, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 12, 1:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ! *This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.*
 Tue., June 17, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., June 25, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 27, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Mon., June 30, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 2, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., July 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 8, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 11, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 14, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 22, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Fri., July 25, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Aug. 4, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 6, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Thu., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch



Outdoor Playtime

Drop in to play with our outdoor toys and activities.

Mon., June 2, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 2, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 3, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 9, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 10, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 16, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 17, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 23, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 23, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 24, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 30, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 1, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 7, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 8, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., July 15, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 21, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 22, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 28, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Aug. 4, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Stuffed Toy Sleepover

Bring your plush friend to storytime and leave it for a sleepover. Pick up your special friend the next day to see what fun it had while the library was closed.

Thu., July 10, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



YOUNG CHILDREN & SCHOOL AGE

Cookies with Cops Storytime

Family storytime will feature an officer from the police department as a special guest reader. There will be cookies, cops, badges and books!

Tue., June 24, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., Aug. 4, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
 ! *This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.*

Pet Show

Your pet is a star! Every critter's a winner in this unique show designed to put the spotlight on your furry, scaly or feathered friend. **All acts must pre-register. Visit the library for details.**

Tue., Aug. 5, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Art Attack!

Exercise your creativity! Create a variety of art projects to take home with you.

Tue., June 24, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Bubble Glow Palooza

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

Tue., Aug. 5, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Bubble Science and Fun

Get in on the fun and learning with a Bubbleologist. Learn the basics of bubbles, including special bubbles like Fog Bubbles, Helium Bubbles and Fire Bubbles. A few participants will get to go into a giant bubble!

Tue., June 10, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., June 11, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., June 11, 3:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., June 16, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., June 24, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., July 10, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., July 11, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., July 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., July 28, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 30, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., July 30, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., July 31, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Craft & Create for Kids

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

Fri., June 13, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., July 18, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Fri., Aug. 1, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show!

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

Mon., June 9, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., June 18, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., June 25, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 3:00 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., July 14, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library



This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.

Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., July 24, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., July 24, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., July 30, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Aug. 1, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Aug. 1, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Dino Dig

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



Wed., July 2, 9:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Exotic Zoo

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

Sat., June 14, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., June 14, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., June 25, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Girls Who Code


Have fun learning to code in Scratch using games and crafts. This club will empower you to take risks and solve problems. One-time preregistration is required for this 6-week program. *Basic typing, math, computer and internet skills are required. Participants are asked to attend each session since the material builds on the previous session.* **For kids grades 3-6.**

Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 30, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

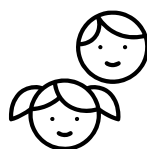


John Ball Zoo's Travel Zoo

John Ball will bring the zoo to KDL! Students will learn about wildlife conservation through interacting with live zoo animals in the comfort of the library.

Tue., June 10, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., June 20, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 23, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., July 15, 4:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., July 28, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 *This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.*
Wed., July 30, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

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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., June 23, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 7, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 21, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

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

Tue., June 10, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., June 14, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 2, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 3, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., July 5, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., July 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 10, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Sat., July 12, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., July 23, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 24, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., July 26, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 31, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Aug. 2, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Aug. 14, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Aug. 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

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

Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 26, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 7, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 17, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 24, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 31, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Brain Gains

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

Wed., June 4, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Cardboard Creations

Our Makedo construction toolkit will help you create, experiment and learn as you build your very own cardboard masterpieces – the possibilities are endless!

Tue., July 8, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 6, 2:00 PM – Alpine 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., June 12, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., June 20, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 25, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Wed., July 2, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Thu., July 3, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Sat., July 12, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., July 17, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ! This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.
 Mon., July 28, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Culinary Creations

Join us for a deliciously delightful kitchen-themed experience where you can create art with culinary chemistry, spice up your day with foodie-themed games and take a crack at some edible experiments. Come see what we are cooking up!

Thu., June 12, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., June 16, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 26, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Mon., June 30, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 10, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 28, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Tue., Aug. 5, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Knights of the Lab Table

Hear ye, hear ye! Join us as we journey to the Middle Ages and explore the wonders to be found. Don your armor and prepare!

Thu., June 12, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Light Up Your World

Are you ready to light up your world? Light is all around us, but what is it? How does it work? Come spark your curiosity and explore the ways light illuminates and shapes the world around us.

Wed., June 4, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 10, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 12, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Tue., July 1, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., July 1, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 23, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Techtropolis

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

Thu., June 5, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., June 7, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., June 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., June 28, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 1, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 2, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 17, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., July 19, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., July 26, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 29, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 6, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Aug. 9, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Aug. 21, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Aug. 23, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Aug. 28, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Aug. 30, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) 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.



Tue., June 10, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
 ⓘ *This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.*
 Mon., June 30, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 10, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 18, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 21, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 24, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Aug. 6, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Wilderness Explorers

Do you feel out of your element while braving the elements? Wilderness Explorers is just the program for you! Complete our non-strenuous training regimen, and you'll feel a new appreciation for the great outdoors. Happy exploring!

Thu., June 26, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., June 28, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., Aug. 2, 10:00 AM – Nelson 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

Mon., June 9, 2:00 PM
 Thu., June 12, 5:30 PM
 Mon., June 16, 2:00 PM
 Mon., June 23, 2:00 PM
 Thu., June 26, 5:30 PM
 Mon., June 30, 2:00 PM
 Mon., July 7, 2:00 PM
 Thu., July 10, 5:30 PM
 Mon., July 14, 2:00 PM
 Thu., July 17, 5:30 PM
 Mon., July 21, 2:00 PM
 Thu., July 24, 5:30 PM
 Mon., July 28, 2:00 PM
 Thu., July 31, 5:30 PM
 Mon., Aug. 4, 2:00 PM
 Thu., Aug. 7, 5:30 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., June 25, 4:30 PM
 Wed., July 9, 4:30 PM
 Wed., July 23, 4:30 PM
 Wed., July 30, 4:30 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., June 2, 4:30 PM
 Mon., June 9, 4:30 PM
 Mon., June 16, 4:30 PM
 Mon., June 23, 4:30 PM
 Mon., June 30, 4:30 PM
 Mon., July 7, 4:30 PM
 Mon., July 14, 4:30 PM
 Mon., July 21, 4:30 PM
 Mon., July 28, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Aug. 4, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Aug. 11, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Aug. 18, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Aug. 25, 4:30 PM

Wyoming Branch

Thu., June 5, 1:00 PM
 Thu., Aug. 7, 1:00 PM
 Thu., July 3, 1:00 PM
 Thu., July 17, 1:00 PM
 Thu., July 31, 1:00 PM



Library Camp Day 1: Welcome to the Library!*

Welcome to Library Camp! Today, you'll take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library and discover what goes into keeping a branch running smoothly.

Fri., June 13, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., July 21, 11:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Library Camp Day 2: Materials 101*

Welcome to Library Camp! Today, you'll practice your book-hunting skills by learning how to understand our call number system and how to use our catalog.

Fri., June 20, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., July 22, 11:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Library Camp Day 3: Reading Is Rad*

Welcome to Library Camp! Today, you'll explore what it takes to create a great book display, help curate one for the library, and even make some bookmarks for patrons.

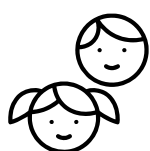
Fri., June 27, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., July 17, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 23, 11:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Library Camp Day 4: Programming Crash Course*

Welcome to Library Camp! Today, you'll learn exactly what it takes to put on a storytime (get ready to rhyme!) and help us develop future programs for patrons.

Fri., July 11, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., July 18, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., July 24, 11:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch

*For students entering grades 2 through 5. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 10 minutes before the program begins.



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



Mad Science Presents Color Your World

Watch and learn as our mad scientists teach about color science, featuring colorful chemical reactions, a rainbow maker that uses heat and ice, fun with colors using the pH scale and so much more.

Thu., June 26, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., July 29, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM – Tyrone 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.*

Tue., July 22, 2:00 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.

Wed., June 18, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Raptors LIVE!

Learn all about birds of prey and meet some of the birds from North Sky Raptor Sanctuary in this amazing, live presentation.

Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Fri., June 13, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., June 17, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., July 7, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
ⓘ *This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.*
Wed., July 9, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., July 23, 3:00 PM – Alto Branch
Thu., July 24, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Fri., July 25, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
ⓘ *This event will take place at Bicentennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.*
Fri., Aug. 1, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

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.**

Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., June 2, 4:00 PM
Mon., June 9, 4:00 PM
Mon., June 16, 4:00 PM
Mon., June 23, 4:00 PM

Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., June 4, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 11, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 18, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 25, 6:30 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., June 5, 2:00 PM
Thu., June 12, 2:00 PM
Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Wed., July 9, 6:30 PM
Wed., July 16, 6:30 PM
Wed., July 23, 6:30 PM
Wed., July 30, 6:30 PM

Grandville Branch

Mon., July 7, 6:30 PM
Mon., July 14, 6:30 PM
Mon., July 21, 6:30 PM
Mon., July 28, 6:30 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., July 8, 6:30 PM
Tue., July 15, 6:30 PM
Tue., July 22, 6:30 PM
Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM
Tue., Aug. 5, 6:30 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Mon., July 7, 6:30 PM
Mon., July 21, 6:30 PM
Mon., July 28, 6:30 PM
Mon., Aug. 4, 6:30 PM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., June 4, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 11, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 18, 6:30 PM
Wed., June 25, 6:30 PM



Space Adventures Drawing Program

Use basic shapes to create imaginative space scenes, aliens, astronauts and ships. No prior drawing experience is needed for this follow-along program. Bring your own pencils, paper and erasers if desired; the library will also provide these supplies.

Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., June 18, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., June 27, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., July 10, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., July 14, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 23, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



The Art of Nature

Are animals artistic? Do they use colors and patterns for beauty? Protection? Camouflage? Join our visit with the Outdoor Discovery Center animal ambassadors while we explore art in nature. Live animals, taxidermy and artifacts will be used during the presentation. Depending on audience size, animals may be shared during the presentation or at its conclusion for an open format exploration time.

Wed., June 18, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., June 18, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Fri., June 27, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., July 7, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Wed., July 9, 3:00 PM – Alto Branch
Fri., July 11, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., July 17, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., July 17, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., July 18, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 22, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



Youth Mario Kart Tournament

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

Tue., June 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., June 13, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., June 24, 5:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tue., July 8, 5:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., July 9, 5:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 30, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



SCHOOL-AGE & TEEN

Kids and Teens Craft Sale

Arts and crafts for sale by local kids and teens. Join us as a seller or come to shop. Celebrate creativity and support young artists. **Pre-registration for sellers is required.** Stop by the library to register or online at kdl.org/craft-sale.

Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., July 25, 4:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Fri., Aug. 8, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

TEEN (AGES 11-17)

Bandanna Bracelets

Make a bracelet out of bandanna strips to take home and wear. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Wed., June 11, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., June 25, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., July 10, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., July 14, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
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Thu., July 31, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Bullet Journal Basics

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.*



Mon., July 7, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., July 9, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., July 10, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., July 24, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., July 31, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Character Design

Learn to draw various characters, create unique backstories and develop a passion for storytelling through art in this fun, creative workshop. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Mon., June 9, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., June 18, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., June 26, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., July 8, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., July 10, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., July 17, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., July 31, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Curious Color

Dive into the science of color with the Air Zoo and play with how light and motion influence what we see. Discover the spectrum of visible color with creative hands-on activities and explore scientific and artistic methods for mixing color.

Thu., June 12, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., June 26, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., July 9, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., July 14, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., July 23, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



Intro to Macramé

Master two essential knots and create your own small wall hanging. Learn the basic techniques in a hands-on session and leave with a unique piece of art that reflects your newfound knot-tying skills.

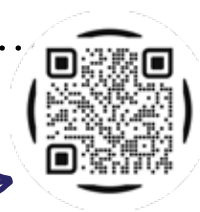
Tue., June 10, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., June 12, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., June 16, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
! *This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, MI 49534.*
Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 8, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., July 10, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., July 16, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., July 23, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., July 30, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

KDL Gaming | Game On RPG For Teens!

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

Mon., June 16, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., July 21, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Aug. 18, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., June 21, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., July 25, 4:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., July 29, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Fri., Aug. 8, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

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Please note that programs marked with this symbol support the Write Michigan Teen Graphic Novel Contest. For more information about the contest, visit kdl.org/teengraphicnovel.





Panel Cartoon Palooza

Nothing makes people laugh like a perfectly drawn single panel cartoon. We'll dive headfirst into thinking about, laying out and drawing these classics of the newspaper era. When you're done, you'll be able to create one entirely on your own. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Mon., June 9, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., June 12, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., June 24, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Mon., July 21, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., July 29, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

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. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., June 12, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., June 17, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., July 9, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., July 10, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., July 23, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., July 30, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., July 31, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Reeds Lake Rogues

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons with us! Character sheets will be provided. If possible, please bring a notebook and pencil. *Space is limited; first come, first served! Sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.*

Mon., June 30, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

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

Wed., July 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Science Heroes Experiment Lab

Join Science Heroes for an informal and interactive workshop featuring experiments about air pressure, changing states of matter, kinetics, chemical reactions and more.

Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., July 8, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., July 17, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Thu., July 17, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., July 22, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library

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Thu., July 24, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Mon., July 28, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., July 31, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

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 five minutes before the program begins.*



Wed., June 11, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Mon., June 16, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Wed., June 25, 5:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., June 26, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wed., July 9, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Thu., July 10, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., July 15, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., July 16, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., July 17, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Thu., July 24, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., July 31, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Swordfest: Who Would Win?

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

Pirate vs. Viking

Thu., June 12, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Scottish Highlander vs. Polish Hussar

Wed., June 18, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., July 24, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Zine Crafting

A zine is a small self-published booklet of art, writing or anything in between. Learn all about zines – how they are made and their fascinating history – and craft your own zine(s). *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., June 12, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., June 18, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., July 17, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Wed., July 30, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



TEEN (AGES 11-17) CONTINUED

Teen Zone



For Teens (ages 11-17)

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

Wed., July 2, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., July 3, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., July 3, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., June 5, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 16, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., July 30, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., Aug. 6, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Beastly Blends

Craft a creature using fine art materials; come and create some wild and wacky mashups. Give your creation limbs, fins and heads of different animals to make your vision come alive!

Mon., June 23, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch



Teen Zone | D&D

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

Thu., June 12, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., June 26, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., July 10, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., July 24, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Nintendo Switch

Thu., June 12, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., June 26, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 3, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 10, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 17, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 24, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 31, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 3:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Zone | Perler Beads

Thu., July 3, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., July 28, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Summer Drip

Join us for a creative and colorful program designed to engage teens in a hands-on activity that celebrates the bright and vibrant spirit of summer. Participants will design and create tie-dye accessories such as drawstring bags, bandannas and more!

Mon., June 23, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., July 2, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., July 3, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., July 21, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Trivia

Thu., July 24, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen Zone | Unhinged Fashion Doll DIY

Come and create, using a doll as your canvas! Teens will use various craft supplies to make a unique one-of-a-kind-doll.

Thu., June 5, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., June 30, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., July 7, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., Aug. 6, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Teen Zone | UNO

Mon., June 30, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Zone | 90s Craft

Thu., June 12, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



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.



Author Talks, Online

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



Explore Unexpected Twists and Turns with Bestselling Author Lisa Jewell



#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *None of This Is True* and *Then She Was Gone*

Tuesday, June 10, 2:00 PM

On the Strangeness and Wonder of Our Brains with Priya Anand



Neurologist, Author, and Professor of Medicine

Thursday, July 31, 2:00 PM

Summer KDL Author Talks aren't just for adults. We have programs for preschoolers through high schoolers, so register for the kids in your life (or have them register themselves if they're old enough) and enjoy hearing from authors writing for and talking to them.

Drawing Your World with Raúl The Third – in English (PK-2nd Grade)



New York Times Bestselling and Three-Time Pura Belpre Award-Winning Illustrator, Author, and Artist

Tuesday, July, 4:00 PM

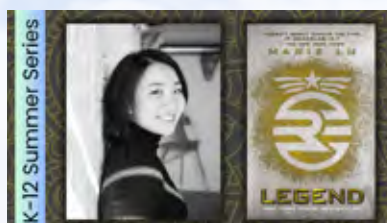
Living the Odder Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-6th Grade)



Newbery Medalist and New York Times Bestselling Author

Tuesday, June 24, 4:00 PM

Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu (9th-12th Grade)



#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of the *Legend* trilogy and *The Young Elites* trilogy

Thursday, July 17, 4:00 PM

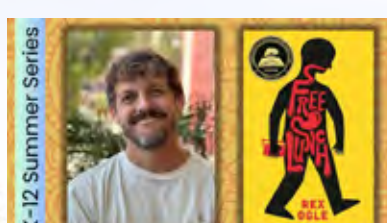
Dibuja tu mundo con Raúl the Third – en Español (Preescolar a 2.º grado)



Ilustrador, autor y artista, bestseller del New York Times y tres veces ganador del premio Pura Belpre

Tuesday, July 8, 2:00 PM

Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship with Rex Ogle (5th-8th Grade)



Author of *Free Lunch*, winner of the YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults Award

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00 PM

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

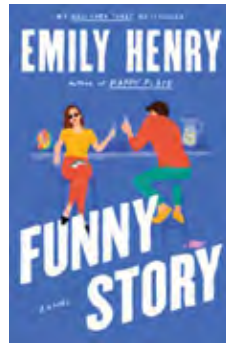
Thursdays at 1:30 PM



June 26,
*Everyone in
My Family Has
Killed Someone*
by Benjamin
Stevenson



July 17,
*Demon
Copperhead*
by Barbara
Kingsolver



Aug. 21,
Funny Story
by Emily Henry

Cascade Twp. Branch

Silent Book Club

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.

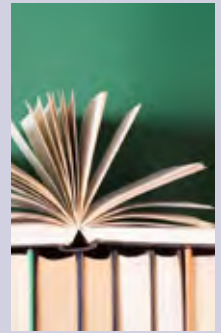
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June 7



July 5



Aug. 2

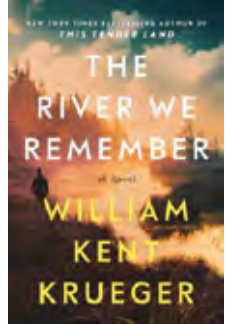
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Byron Twp. Book Discussion

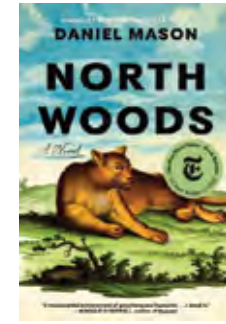
Mondays at 6:30 PM



June 23,
The Measure
by Nikki Erlick



July 21,
*The River We
Remember*
by William Kent
Krueger



Aug. 25,
North Woods
by Daniel Mason

Comstock Park Branch

Never Too Old Book Club

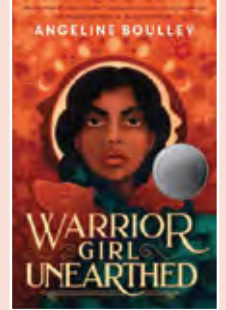
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



June 10,
In Limbo
by Deb J. J. Lee



July 8,
*The Darkness
Outside Us*
by Eliot Schrefer



Aug. 12,
*Warrior Girl
Unearthed*
by Angeline
Boulley

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.

Comstock Park Branch

Lit Wits Book Club

Thursdays at 6:30 PM



June 26,
This Summer Will Be Different
by Carley Fortune



July 24,
One Italian Summer
by Rebecca Serle

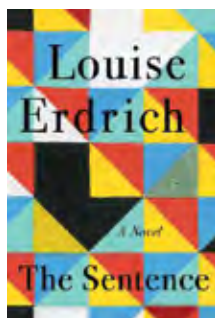


Aug. 28,
Last Days of Summer
by Steve Kluger

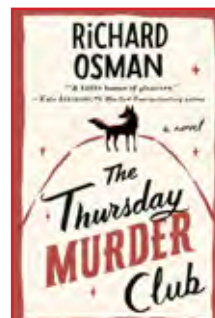
Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



June 17,
The Sentence
by Louise Erdrich



July 15,
by Richard Osman

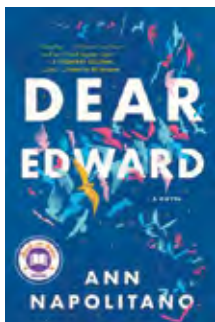


Aug. 15,
Unsinkable
by Jenni L. Walsh

East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



June 9,
Dear Edward
by Ann Napolitano

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Kentwood Cozy Readers Book Club

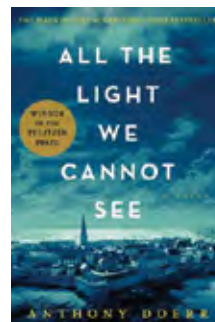
Mondays at 10:00 AM



June 9,
The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah



July 14,
By Any Other Name
by Jodi Picoult

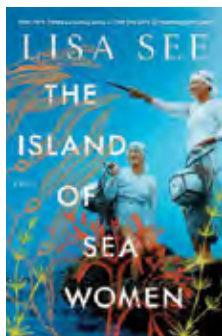


Aug. 11,
All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

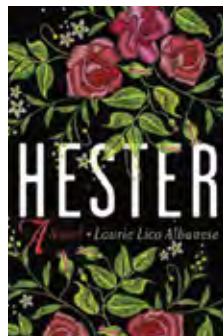
Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Night Owls Book Club

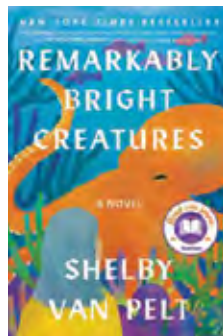
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



June 4,
The Island of Sea Women
by Lisa See



July 2,
Hester
by Laurie R. King

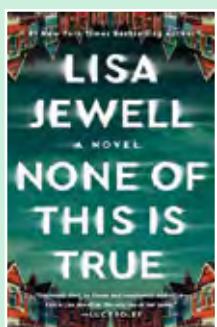


Aug. 6,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Evening Book Club

Mondays at 6:30 PM



June 9,
*None of This
Is True*
by Lisa Jewell



July 14,
The Outsiders
by S. E. Hinton



Aug. 15,
*The Secret Life
of Sunflowers*
by Márta Molnár

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Afternoon Book Club

Fridays at 1:30 PM



June 20,
Less
by Andrew Sean
Greer



July 18,
West With Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge



Aug. 15,
*The Sweetness
of Water*
by Nathan Harris

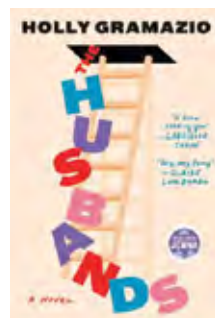
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Branch Book Discussion

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



June 17,
*A Tale of Two
Cities* by Charles
Dickens



July 15,
The Husbands
by Holly Gramazio



Aug. 15,
A Mercy
by Toni Morrison

Walker Temporary Library

Walker Book Discussion

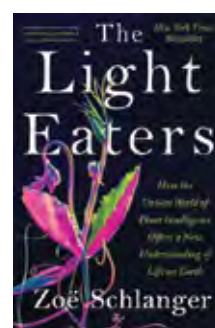
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



June 17,
Book Lovers
by Emily Henry



July 15,
*The Personal
Librarian*
by Marie Benedict

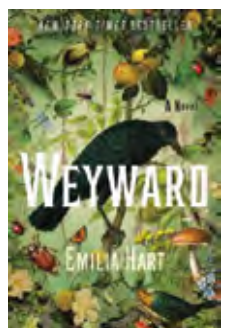


Aug. 15,
The Light Eaters
by Zoë Schlanger

Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

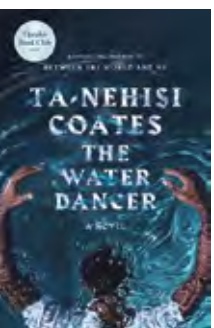
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



June 17,
Weyward
by Emilia Hart



July 15,
*The Pull of the
Stars* by Emma
Donoghue



Aug. 15,
The Water Dancer
by Ta-Nehisi
Coates

Wyoming Branch

The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



July 9,
*Daisy Jones
& the Six* by Taylor
Jenkins Reid

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

AARP Learn a Latte: Travel on a Shoestring

Whether you're a seasoned traveler or planning your first trip, get practical advice to save money while still enjoying unforgettable experiences. Learn how to find the best savings for traveling, become a savvy traveler and make your journey hassle-free.

Wed., Aug. 20, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Registration required at kdl.org/events.



Awesome Adults

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

- ❗ Wed., June 4, 10:30 AM – Walker Temporary Library
- Mon., June 9, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., June 10, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Fri., June 20, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., June 26, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
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- ❗ This event will be held at Walker Fire Dept. Station 2, 4101 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544.



Bingo Hour

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

Tue., June 3, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., June 3, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., June 10, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., June 11, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
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Tue., July 15, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., July 16, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Mon., July 28, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Aug. 5, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Wed., Aug. 6, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Aug. 12, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., Aug. 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Aug. 19, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Aug. 25, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Blood Drives

Donate blood and save lives. Versiti Blood Center of Michigan will be at Kent District Library; appointments are preferred but not required. You can view dates and locations and schedule your appointment at versiti.org/KDL.



Chasing the Aurora Below the 45th Parallel: What It Takes to Catch the Northern Lights

Join Melissa Kaelin, founder of Michigan Aurora Chasers and author of *Beyond the 45th Parallel*, to discover how to view the Northern Lights. Learn how an Aurora is created and the best methods for predicting an Aurora display.

Thu., June 5, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., June 16, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., June 25, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., July 1, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
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Tue., July 22, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., July 31, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Classic Movies of the Silver Screen

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

Fri., June 20, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Sat., July 19, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fri., July 25, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Sat., Aug. 16, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fri., Aug. 22, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., June 4, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

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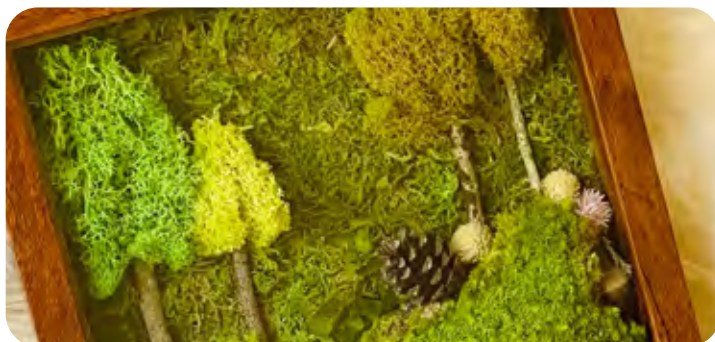
Tue., Aug. 26, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Evergreen Art: Moss Shadowboxes

Use natural moss to create beautiful, textured displays that last for years. Whether you're a crafting pro or a beginner, you'll learn how to arrange moss, flowers and other elements to make a unique piece of nature-inspired art. Relax, engage your creativity and discover a deeper appreciation for the beauty of preserved plants.

Sat., July 26, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Registration required at kdl.org/events.



Gnome Sweet Gnome: A Painting Workshop

Unleash your creativity in this fun, hands-on workshop where you'll get to paint and personalize your very own concrete garden gnome! Let your imagination and sense of humor, along with expert guidance, transform a simple concrete figure into a whimsical masterpiece perfect for your garden, porch or home.

Sat., June 28, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Registration required at kdl.org/events.



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. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation.*

Sat., June 21, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Registration required at kdl.org/events.



Maturing with Your Garden

Learn how to make gardening fun and accessible at any age while saving time and money. We will discuss easy to perform gardening methods, tricks to reduce upkeep on perennials and how to use low-maintenance and native plants wisely and effectively. Discover new ways to help you work smarter, not harder. *Presented by the Rockford Garden Club.*

Sat., Aug. 16, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) 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., June 2, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 18, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., July 7, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 16, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., Aug. 4, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 20, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Paint & Pop

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

Tue., July 29, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Registration required at kdl.org/events.

Sea Shanty Singalong

Learn a general history of the sea shanty and the lake ballad, a shipwreck and maritime music tradition of the High Seas and Great Lakes, including its oft-forgotten American roots. Enjoy a sing-along in this unique, communal form of music.

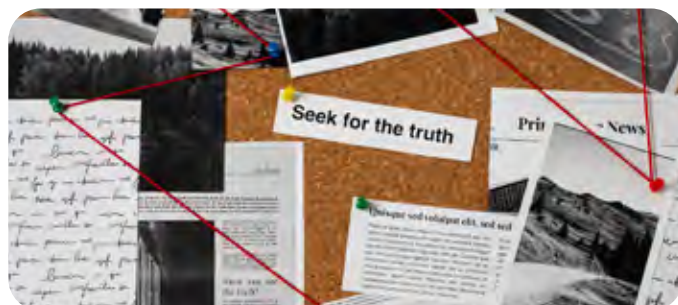
Mon., June 9, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Tue., June 10, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Mon., July 14, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 16, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



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. *Register online at kdl.org/events to receive an optional "case file" to prepare for the discussion or drop in and get all the facts you need to join the discussion.*

Thu., July 24, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Aug. 21, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Wonderful Watercolor

Explore the basics of watercolor painting in this beginner-friendly tutorial. Learn brush techniques, water control and color mixing skills to create a lovely landscape using only three paints. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. 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.*

Tue., July 8, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Registration required at kdl.org/events.

Check out where the
KDL Bookmobile is heading
 to this summer!



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BOOKMOBILE VISITS



Please note: Bookmobile events may be canceled due to weather conditions. Check kdl.org/events or call **616.784.2007** for the latest updates before attending. Your safety is our priority!

Bookmobile Storytime | Millennium Park Parking Lot A, 1415 Maynard Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Enjoy favorite books, rhymes, music and all the fun of a library storytime in the great outdoors with the Bookmobile librarians. Afterward, play in the park and stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest library materials. Bookmobile will be parked near the playground and RV parking. *For young children (Ages 0-5).*

Thursdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

June 5	July 10
June 12	July 17
June 26	July 24
July 3	July 31



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show! @ the Bookmobile

Palmer Park, Shelter A
1275 52nd St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

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., June 9, 6:00 PM

Cirque Amongus @ the Bookmobile

Brewer Park, Open Shelter
399 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315



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

Mon., June 23, 6:00 PM

Circus Dancing @ the Bookmobile

Millennium Park, Shelter B
1415 Maynard Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Experience an interactive, high-energy performance blending dance, movement and circus arts with props like hula hoops, poi, levitation wands and juggling hats. Enjoy exciting demos and hands-on audience participation while learning fun circus skills. *For all ages.*



Mon., July 14, 6:00 PM

Stormy's Foam Party @ the Bookmobile

Caledonia Lakeside Park, Open Shelter
370 North Lake St. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Guests will play with beach balls, frolic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes, all while having the time of their lives. Before or after the event, stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest books, movies, music and more to enjoy at home. *Swim wear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended. For families with children.*



Mon., July 28, 6:00 PM

RECURRING VISITS • • • • •

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

Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Grandville

Senior Neighbors Center
3380 Division Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418

Mondays, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

June 9
July 14
Aug. 11

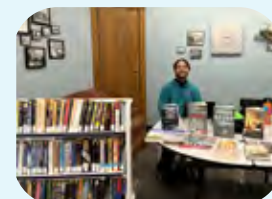


Bookmobile Lobby Stop | Wyoming Senior Center

2380 De Hoop Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

June 3	July 15
June 17	Aug. 5
July 1	Aug. 19



Bookmobile Visit | Brookhaven Mobile Home Park

4747 West River Dr. NE, Comstock Park, MI 49321

Bookmobile will be parked in the loop by the main office.

Thursdays, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

June 5	July 10	Aug. 7
June 12	July 17	Aug. 14
June 26	July 24	Aug. 21
July 3	July 31	Aug. 28



Bookmobile Visit | Brookside Village

3130 Slater Ave. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

Bookmobile will be parked at the main office.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

June 11
July 9
Aug. 13



Bookmobile Visit | Grattan Twp. Express Library

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

June 10
July 8
Aug. 12



Bookmobile Visit | Kingsbury Place Apartments

730 North Center Ct. NW, Walker, MI 49544

Bookmobile will be parked by the playground and Community Center.

Mondays, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

June 9
July 14
Aug. 11



Bookmobile Visit | North Kent Connect

10075 Northland Dr. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

Bookmobile will be parked by the Food Pantry entrance.

Mondays, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

June 2
July 7
Aug. 4



Bookmobile Visit | UCOM

1311 Chicago Dr. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

June 24
July 22
Aug. 26



Bookmobile Visit | Tamarisk Apartments

4520 Bowen Blvd. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

Bookmobile will be parked at the front office.

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

June 18
July 16
Aug. 20



Bookmobile Visit | Woodfield Apartments

6111 Woodfield Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548

Bookmobile will be parked near the Woodfield Community Center.

Wednesdays, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

June 4	July 9	Aug. 6
June 11	July 16	Aug. 13
June 18	July 23	Aug. 20
June 25	July 30	Aug. 27
July 2		



Bookmobile Visit | York Creek Community Visit

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

Bookmobile will be parked at the York Creek playground.

Mondays, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

June 2	July 7	Aug. 11
June 9	July 14	Aug. 18
June 16	July 21	Aug. 25
June 23	July 28	
June 30	Aug. 4	



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BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

..... kdl.org/locations

ALPINE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49321

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

ALTO BRANCH

6071 Linfield Ave., Alto 49302

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

AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY (ADA)

7215 Headley St. SE, Ada 49301

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

BYRON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

8191 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center 49315

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

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP BRANCH

6260 92nd St. SE, Caledonia 49316

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

CASCADE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 49546

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

COMSTOCK PARK BRANCH

3943 W. River Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

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

EAST GRAND RAPIDS BRANCH

746 Lakeside Dr. SE, East Grand Rapids 49506

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

ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL) BRANCH

200 N. Monroe St., Lowell 49331

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

GAINES TOWNSHIP BRANCH

421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

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

GRANDVILLE BRANCH

4055 Maple St. SW, Grandville 49418

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

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP EXPRESS LIBRARY

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding 48809

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

KDL TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

814 West River Center Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	8:30 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 MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD) BRANCH

140 E. Bridge St., Rockford 49341

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

NELSON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

88 Eighth St., Sand Lake 49343

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

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2650 5-Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids 49525

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

SPENCER TOWNSHIP BRANCH

14960 Meddler Ave., Gowen 49326

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

TYRONE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

43 S. Main St., Kent City 49330

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

WALKER BRANCH TEMPORARY LOCATION

445 Standale Plaza NW, Walker 49534

For details, visit kdl.org/walker-makeover

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

WYOMING BRANCH

3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509

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

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

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