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Welcome to Summer

Summer has arrived, and there's a renewed sense of energy and possibility here at the library. Summer is one of my favorite times of year – families stopping in together, kids eagerly signing up for Summer Wonder and neighbors reconnecting in a shared space that belongs to all of us.

At the same time, we know that summer can bring challenges for many in our community, particularly when it comes to food access. For some families, the absence of school meals during these months creates added stress and uncertainty. That's why the library is proud to play a role in helping address food insecurity.

Through partnerships with local organizations, we are working to make food more accessible to those who need it. From hosting meal distribution programs to providing information about local resources, our goal is to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels supported –

not just intellectually, but in their day-to-day well-being. For more information about food access and resources in your community, please visit page 10.

Libraries have always been about more than books. They are about people, connection and care. This summer, we are committed to continuing that mission in meaningful ways.

I invite you to stop by, take part in our summer offerings and see firsthand how your library is growing alongside the community it serves. As always, we're glad you're here.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lance Werner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lance Werner
Executive Director

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About the cover:

Veronica Kudina is our Summer Kaleidoscope cover artist. She is also a prior Summer Intern that worked with KDL's Marketing and Communication team in the summer of 2024. Check out her Artist's Spotlight at the link below.



KDL Updates



Calling All Teachers!

KDL is your biggest fan – and while we hope you’re enjoying a well-earned break, summer is the perfect time to explore resources for the year ahead. From Teacher Cards that help stock your classroom library to our School Partnership Menu packed with engaging visit options, we’re here to support you. Invite us in for read-alouds, reading challenges and database introductions to prepare students for career readiness. Stop by your favorite branch or visit kdl.org/teaching to learn more.



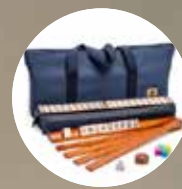
kdl.org/teaching

For the DIYers

Got a summer project list a mile long? Before you head to the hardware store, explore KDL’s Beyond Books Collection, packed with tools to help you get the job done. Borrow items like a Cross Line Laser Level for perfectly straight hangs, stud finders to locate the right spot and even borescopes to peek inside walls or pipes to spot issues... or check for hidden treasure. Start your next project smarter (and cheaper) at kdl.org/beyondbooks.



kdl.org/beyondbooks



The Latest on the Krause Memorial and Walker Branch Expansions

Exciting upgrades are underway at both the Krause Memorial and Walker branches! Construction is moving right along, with major progress at Walker and thoughtful design decisions shaping the future of Krause Memorial – including potentially expanded WonderKnook play spaces. These enhancements are all about creating inviting places to explore, learn and discover. We can't wait to welcome you into these refreshed spaces in late 2026.



kdl.org/walker-makeover



kdl.org/growingkrause



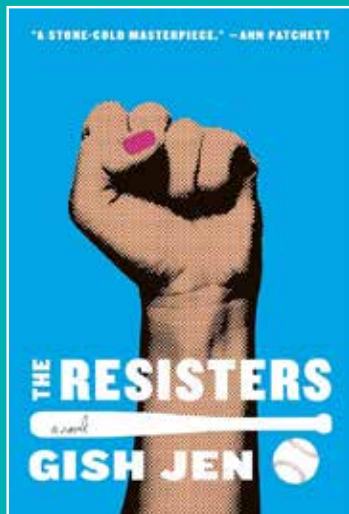


A Grandmother Begins the Story

by Michelle Porter

This book follows five generations of women and bison as they reach for the stories that could remake their worlds and rebuild their futures. These interwoven stories were a great example of how generations pull apart and how they come back together. This debut novel from Michelle Porter explores how our relationships with each other change how we love and how we show up for each other.

Katie | Englehardt Branch (Lowell)

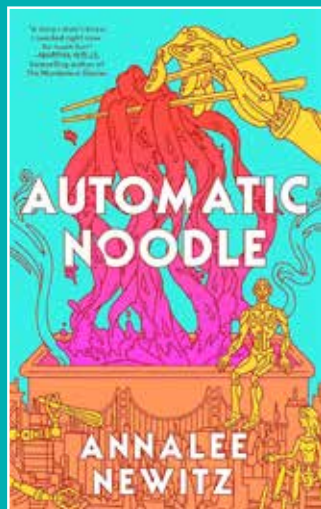


The Resisters

by Gish Jen

In a nod to the classic *1984*, Gish Jen delivers a Big Brother for a new generation, and her name is Aunt Nettie. This story centers around one family surviving the literal and figurative landscape of disastrous climate change, strict classism, racial divide and AI-driven surveillance. And yes, there is baseball. But don't worry, non-sporters! This certified non-sporting librarian was hooked from page one by Jen's ability to write a relatively quick read with morally complex characters in an all-too-familiar future.

Jacqueline | Service Center

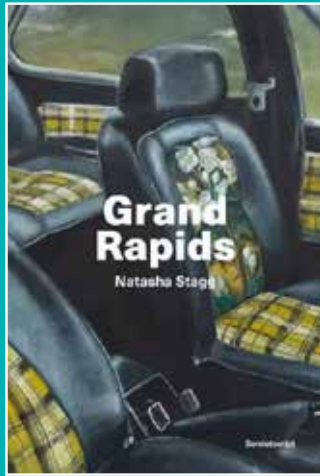


Automatic Noodle

by Annalee Newitz

In a world where robots have freedom but can't do anything with it, a group of ragtag robot friends start a noodle business. With everything stacked against them, they set out to make the tastiest hand-pulled noodles in the San Francisco area. I was honestly not anticipating having so many feelings over robots in such a short book! The emotions and sensations they were experiencing as they were trying to live their lives as "freed" robots left me wanting more.

Tabitha | Wyoming Branch

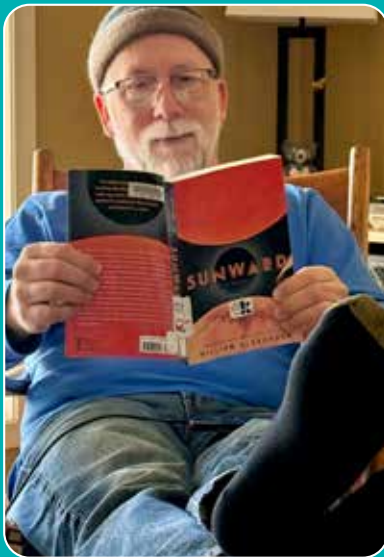


Grand Rapids

by Natasha Stagg

The summer of her mother's death, Tess is uprooted from her home in Ypsilanti to Grand Rapids. A decade later, through fragmented memory and the perspective of time, she revisits the grief, restlessness, experimentation and suburban dullness of the summer that came to shape her. This book is an engaging coming-of-age story with a local landscape.

Jennifer | Grandville Branch



Sunward

by William Alexander

What would you do if the robot you raised chose its own name and then chose to save your life? *Sunward* offers an intriguing look at humans who feel a deep sense of parenthood toward AI bots, even as those bots develop autonomy of their own. Tova Lir is content working as a courier until an unexpected encounter with an assassin is thwarted by her "baby bot." I loved the creative storytelling, the smooth narrative flow and the playful way the novel explores the ethics of artificial intelligence. This sci-fi story gets an A+.

Randy | Service Center



Vigil

by George Saunders

A new work from one of America's greatest living authors (in my opinion), *Vigil* takes on corporate greed, the cost of capitalism and the perils of environmental progress.

Caleb | Bookmobile

A Second Home for Summer: One Family's Story



By **Taylor LaBash** | Cascade Twp. Branch

The long, golden days of summer are finally here. As time stretches toward infinity and daily schedules slow down, the search begins for something meaningful to fill the hours. For one family of five, that “something” is found at the Cascade Twp. Branch of Kent District Library.

With three children under the age of 10, summer could easily feel overwhelming for the Westerhof-Peterson family. Endless energy, constant curiosity and the need for connection can test even the most patient routines. According to Dan Westerhof and Flannery Peterson, the library is more than a slot in their schedules. “It’s kind of like a second home in some ways,” Flannery shares with a smile. “I have an office at home, but I like to use the study rooms to get away.”

The library also creates a shared space for their three children: Wolfgang (8), Olympia (6) and Seneca (3). Each child experiences it a little differently, but together, their visits have become a defining part of the family’s summer rhythm.

Flannery and Dan have been bringing their family to the library since shortly after moving to Kent County. Wolfgang insists he’s been coming “forever!” and in many ways, he’s right. “We started bringing you here starting the May after you were born,” Dan reminds him. “You were just a baby!”

Over the years, visits have turned into tradition. “We would come here every Saturday morning for about seven years,” they share. “We would go to swim lessons and then come here. During the decent weather, we would walk over and sometimes stop at Sugar Mama’s [Bakery] for a treat.”

Another formative year was when Wolfgang broke his leg. “It was what helped him love reading a lot,” Dan recalls. In moments when options felt limited, the library became something more: a place of comfort, growth and excitement. “We were low on options for fun, so we tried to find anything he could do. He sat in his first storytime with his mouth completely open, totally taken away with the story.”



Now each visit begins a little differently, but always with excitement. The children scatter in different directions, pulled toward their favorite corners. Wolfgang heads straight for the graphic novels, proudly sharing his greatest literary achievements. “I finished the Wings of Fire series in one week,” he exclaims. Dan laughs, “I’ve found you asleep with a book on your face a couple nights.”

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Nearby, Olympia dashes past with a scavenger hunt, her favorite part of the library: “I’ve fallen asleep with a book on my face too!” Meanwhile, Seneca settles into his toys. “I like the marble run,” he says proudly. “I asked for one for Christmas!”

Over time, these small moments build something bigger. Confidence grows. Curiosity deepens. A love of learning takes root in ways that feel natural and joyful. That sense of comfort started early. “We told Wolfgang when he was not even three yet that librarians are friendly,” Dan shares. “At one point, we couldn’t find him, and he had taken himself up to the librarian’s desk to ask for a book. He knew he could get help from the librarians right away.”

As the season continues, this family knows exactly where they’ll be. The library serves as a space that captures everyone’s interests. For families looking to make the most of these fleeting summer days, their message is simple. When asked what keeps them coming back, Wolfgang exclaims without hesitation: “EVERYTHING.”



Access for All: Food Access Is Library Access



By **Jaci Cooper** | KDL Director of Projects and Planning

When communities face both literacy challenges and food access issues, supporting basic needs in trusted spaces like libraries helps remove barriers to learning.

Access has always been at the heart of libraries. That includes access to books, technology, programs and reliable information.

It also means recognizing that learning is much harder when someone is worried about their next meal.

Libraries cannot solve hunger alone. What we can do is partner with organizations doing this important work and help bring resources to the community.

At KDL, that looks like hosting food and produce distributions, summer meal sites and teen snack programs. When children and teens have their basic needs met, they can focus on reading, homework help, technology and enrichment programs.

When food access and library access come together, good things happen:

Teens use Teen Zones to study, create and connect.

Children stay for storytimes and programs because they are ready to learn.

Families who come for food discover books, Wi-Fi, programs and digital resources — and often build new community connections.

Meeting basic needs helps people focus, and focus is essential for reading and learning.



Did you know?

Michigan Ranks
44th
in reading proficiency.

Only
1 in 3
Michigan fourth graders
reads at a proficient level.

53.3%
of all U.S. children are in
households where school meals
are financially necessary.*

*from usafacts.org/articles/how-many-us-children-receive-a-free-or-reduced-price-school-lunch

Partner Spotlight

North Kent Connect

10075 Northland Dr. NE, Rockford, MI 49341 | nkconnect.org

North Kent Connect is a nonprofit serving residents across northern Kent County, supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity, housing instability and financial hardship. It offers a “one-stop” model with a healthy-choice food pantry, essential goods, financial assistance and personalized support to help people move toward stability.

Its newer food distribution truck extends this work as a mobile pantry, delivering fresh and shelf-stable food directly into communities – reducing transportation barriers and increasing access to healthy options – and will be visiting some of our northern KDL locations to further expand reach. Scan the code to learn more!



kdl.org/events/nkconnect



“26 of the 30 counties with the highest percentage of SNAP users in Michigan are rural. Fewer grocery stores. Higher transportation costs. Longer drives to get the basics.”*



*from nkconnect.org/no-one-should-choose-between-groceries-and-dignity

Partner Spotlight

YMCA

grymca.org/veggie-van



The YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids advances food access through strong community partnerships and participation in state-administered nutrition programs, including CACFP (Child and Adult Care Food Program). A key part of this work is the Veggie Van™, a mobile farmers market that brings locally grown fruits and vegetables directly to neighborhoods with limited access. Kent District Library is exploring partnerships to address teen rural food access in our branches.

“KDL exists to further all people through kindness, empathy and love. As a community partner in Kent City (and popular hangout spot for our afterschool crowd) we purposefully provide engaging activities and nutritional snacks to help fuel their minds and support their growth as individuals.”

– Joyanne | KDL Regional Manager



Over **30%** of food-insecure children live in families not eligible for food assistance programs.*

*from 2025 Urban Institute's Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey

Partner Spotlight

Feeding America West Michigan for Gather 2 Grow

3070 Shaffer Ave. SE, Kentwood, MI 49512 | feedwm.org

Feeding America West Michigan is the regional food bank serving 40 counties across West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula, including Kent County. They work with hundreds of local partners, such as food pantries, schools and community organizations, to collect and distribute millions of pounds of food each year. Through programs like Gather 2 Grow, mobile food distributions and youth meal sites, Feeding America West Michigan helps children and families access healthy, reliable meals close to home.

KDL & Feeding America have been partnering on Gather 2 Grow for four years. For locations and times for the summer, please visit kdl.org/lunch.



28,828

total meals and snack packs were distributed at KDL in 2025.

Partner Spotlight

Hand2Hand

h2hkids.org

At Hand2Hand, they believe no child should face the risk of hunger. Through their backpack program, Hand2Hand partners with schools, churches, individuals and businesses to deliver food and hope to up to 15,000 kids each weekend and during extended school breaks, helping students return to school nourished, loved and supported.



“Weekends are the hardest time for a child who relies on school meals. Did you know there are

68 hours

from school lunch on a Friday to school breakfast on a Monday morning?”

— h2hkids.org



kdl.org/events/hand2hand



hand2hand.org

Helpful Links

Want to find a food program or distribution at a KDL branch?



kdl.org/foodprograms

Need food today or this week?



feedwm.org/findfood

Want to partner with us on food access?



kdl.org/contact

Gather 2 Grow: Lunches at the Library



June 8 – September 4

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 & go" style on weekdays June 8 – September 4. Times vary by branch location. Learn more at kdl.org/lunch.

“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**

SUMMER FUN@KDL

Wild Wonders

Turn summer reading into a wild adventure with library animal programs offering live demonstrations and exciting opportunities to explore and learn about fascinating animals.

All of our summer programs are listed starting on page 26.



kdl.org/events/animals



Animal Magic

Meet some of the world's most amazing animals – including mammals, lizards and birds – in this entertaining and educational show.



Critter Barn

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

Dinosaurs and Reptiles

Explore the characteristics of dinosaurs, ancient amphibians and reptiles and then compare them to their modern descendants.



Outdoor Discovery Center Presents Dinosaurs of Today



Are there dinosaurs hiding right here in Michigan? You might be surprised! Step back in time and learn about what made dinosaurs so unique and exciting. Then, leap forward to today and meet Outdoor Discovery Center's animal ambassadors, including modern-day feathered raptors, dinosaurs' fellow reptiles and ancient bugs who lived long before even the dinosaurs!

Meet the Minis

Visit with miniature horses from the Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding.



Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary's LIVE Reptile Show!

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



Raptors LIVE!



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



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.

Abracadabra!

Experience the thrill of illusion and wonder – our spectacular magic shows are sure to amaze!



kdl.org/events/magic



Reading Is Magic!

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



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!

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.

Richard Paul's Family Fun Variety Show

Get ready to laugh, cheer and join the fun! Ventriloquist Richard Paul combines unforgettable puppets, mind-blowing magic, upbeat music and plenty of audience participation for a truly interactive family experience.



Jurassic Joel's Magic Show

Get ready for a magical time as dinosaur-themed books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts and lots of audience participation. Jurassic Joel's Magic Show is the perfect way to stomp, chomp and roar into reading!



Magic Man Rusty

Welcome to The Dimension of Illusion, where magician Rusty Ammerman will delight and entertain with magic, comedy and plenty of illusions.

Teens: Find Your Spark and Fuel the Adventure!

This summer, the library offers teens a vibrant mix of events to fuel creativity and uncover new passions.



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.



Intro to Visible Mending

Mending helps us take eco-steps toward sustainability by minimizing clothing waste, as well as unnecessary spending on new garments. This workshop will focus on mending clothing you already have using visible mending techniques. All notions and tools will be provided; however feel free to bring your own sewing kit and an item of clothing that could use some love!

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



Kandi Bracelets

Create colorful, handcrafted Kandi bracelets using pony beads and letter charms! Explore the creativity and community spirit behind this vibrant beading tradition while designing your own unique accessory to wear, trade or share. All materials will be provided.

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.



Zentangle: A Beginners Guide to Drawing for Fun

Let's learn Zentangle art, a creative, mindful, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns using simple pen, ink and shading techniques. If you can make stick figures, this class is for you!



For all of our teen programs, turn to page 38, scan this code or go to kdl.org/events/teens.

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.



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 for the above programs is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.


Themed Guided Painting

Paint a picturesque Northern Lights landscape in this guided canvas paint.



Weave Your Own Bowl

Join Miss Wendy for a fun, hands-on craft. Using a paper plate and colorful yarn, you'll weave your very own bowl – perfect for holding your favorite little treasures. Come create, learn and take home something special!




The Teen Graphic Novel Contest is back!

Entries will be accepted from July 1 – August 31 at kdl.org/teengraphicnovel.

Teens ages 11-17 at the time of submission residing in or attending school in Kent County are encouraged to enter.

Not only will teens be able to share their artwork and stories, but there are also some great prizes up for grabs. The first-place winner will receive a \$100 Meijer gift card, and four runners-up will receive a \$50 Meijer gift card. In addition, the top 10 graphic novels will be published in an anthology. Winners will get a copy of the anthology and copies will also be added to the library's collection.




Let's Draw Comics

Learn about and create your own four-panel comic with comic artist Vivian Glenn. You will be guided through creative prompts while exploring your own creative voice and style.

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).



The Superhero in "Reel"- Time

Jerry DeCaire, Marvel comics artist for Deadpool, Wolverine, Thor and other world-famous superheroes, presents his own signature Live Drawing Performance, showing how a comic book is made from beginning to end. Autographed demo-drawings and some color prints will be given away.

This program is for teens and adults.



Summer Is for Adults, Too

Whether you're looking to relax, learn something new or make something cool, KDL wants to make sure adults have a great summer, too. Don't forget to grab a branch calendar the next time you visit your local branch; they might have some cool programs in addition to the ones on this list.



Awesome Adults

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

Pressed Flower Paper Lanterns

Create a simple yet elegant decorative paper lantern using waxed paper and pressed botanicals.



Bingo Hour

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

Tiny Gardens Succulent Workshop

Create your own tiny garden succulent masterpiece while receiving step-by-step instructions and getting answers to all your care questions from an expert succulent gardener.



Space is limited for these programs, so registration is required at kdl.org/events and opens two weeks before the event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program; check in with library staff to claim your spot upon arrival. Unclaimed seats will be given to walk-ins five minutes before the program starts.

For all of our adult programs, turn to page 41, scan this code or go to kdl.org/events/adults.





Songs of the American Rail

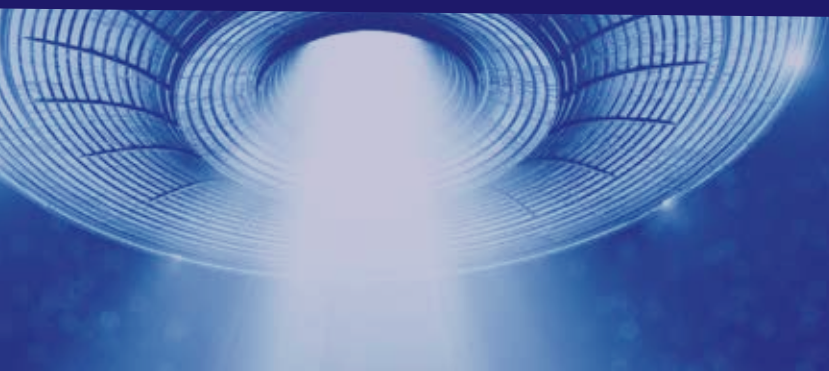
Railroads enabled people and ideas to travel across America at speeds previously unseen. The railroad became romanticized, developed its own mythology and left a massive mark on traditional American music. Enjoy an array of traditional songs centered around the railroad and sing along with Ben Traverse as he shares the history and music of the rails.

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UFOs Over Michigan

William Konkolesky, State Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, will share a historical overview of the state’s biggest UFO sightings, including the sighting on March 8, 1994, in the Grand Rapids area with more than 300 witnesses.



LinkedIn Learning

Learn from industry experts about relevant topics, like this one:



Investing in Human Skills in the Age of AI

Just log in with your KDL library card number and learn something new today.



kdl.org/resource/linkedin-learning

Summer Saturday Showcase

Can't leave town this summer but looking to have some Saturday fun? Never fear; the library is here! We have animals, foam parties, magic shows and more to keep the entire family learning and having fun this summer.

Critter Barn

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

Saturday, June 13, 11:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 20, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 27, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Saturday, July 11, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Saturday, July 25, 10:30 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Dinosaurs and Reptiles

Explore the characteristics of dinosaurs, ancient amphibians and reptiles and then compare them to their modern descendants. *For families with children.*

Saturday, June 20, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel (Ada) Library
Saturday, July 11, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Foam Party

Frolic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes, all while having a bubbly blast. Swimwear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended. *For families with children.*

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 27, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch



Jurassic Joel's Magic Show

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Saturday, June 27, 1:00 PM –
Englehardt (Lowell) 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.*

Saturday, June 27, 10:00 AM –
Plainfield Twp. Branch
Saturday, June 27, 1:00 PM –
Wyoming Branch





KDL Bookmobile + Kent County Parks



Join the Bookmobile at some of our favorite Kent County Parks this summer! Whether you're enjoying a storytime or playing at a foam party, the Bookmobile is available to provide you with summer fun, as well as books, movies and more that you can check out and take home with you.

- 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!

Foam Party @ the Bookmobile

Frolic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes while having a bubbly blast. Swimwear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended. *For families with children.*

Monday, June 8, 6:00 PM – Fallasburg Park (Lowell)
 Monday, June 22, 6:00 PM – Johnson Park (Walker)
 Monday, July 13, 6:00 PM – Townsend Park (Rockford)
 Monday, July 27, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Lakeside Park

Bookmobile Storytime

Enjoy favorite books, rhymes, music and all the fun of a library storytime in the great outdoors with the Bookmobile librarians. Afterwards, 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. *For young children.*

Thursdays, June 4 – August 6, 10:30 AM
Millennium Park



To see all the stops the KDL Bookmobile will be making this summer, check out kdl.org/bookmobile.



KDL is also partnering with Kent County Parks to Read for the Trees! See more at kdl.org/summer.



The History of the Baseball Cap



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

This year's adult Summer Wonder prize has been more than 150 years in the making.

While the origins of baseball itself are still debated by historians, it is generally agreed that the rules for the modern version of the game were codified in New York on September 23, 1845, by the Knickerbocker Baseball Club. It took players five more years to finally do something about the sun interfering with their ability to track the ball through the sky.

The earliest baseball caps, worn around 1850, were made of straw and made players look like they had just wandered out of a barbershop quartet convention. The version we would recognize today wasn't introduced until around 1860 by the Brooklyn Excelsiors. Over the following decades, variations in cap styles battled for space on diamonds across the country, but the Brooklyn-style cap, with its longer brim and button-topped crown, proved especially enduring.

A turning point came in 1901, when our own Detroit Tigers became the first Major League team to feature a mascot image on the front of their cap. With that stitch, the baseball cap began its transformation from simple sun protection into a powerful symbol of team identity and brand loyalty.

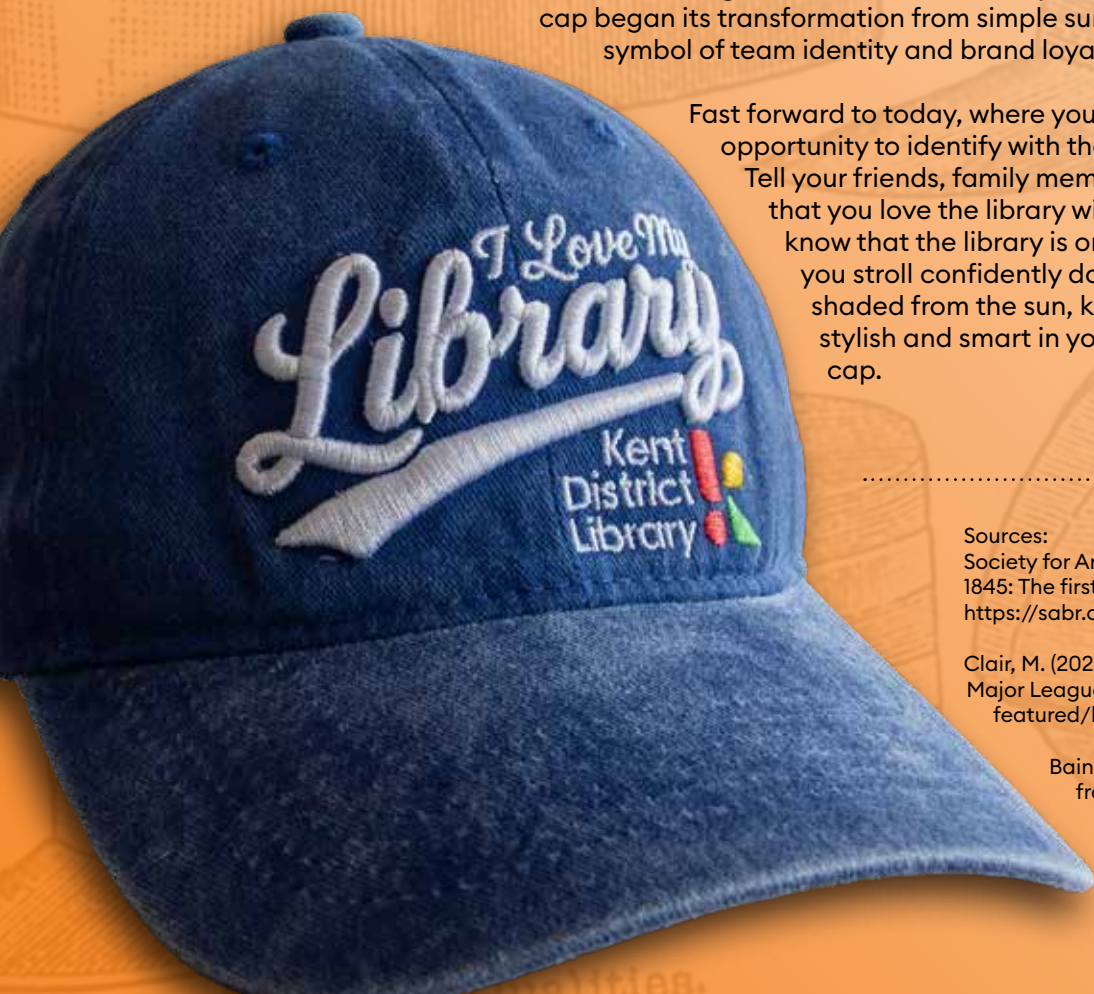
Fast forward to today, where you can now earn your own opportunity to identify with the Kent District Library brand. Tell your friends, family members and perfect strangers that you love the library without saying a word. Let them know that the library is on your mind – literally – as you stroll confidently down the street with your eyes shaded from the sun, knowing that you look both stylish and smart in your new library-loving baseball cap.

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1845 | First set of codified rules for American Baseball

1850 | Earliest baseball caps resembling barbershop quartet straw hats are used



1860 | The Brooklyn-style baseball cap featuring a longer brim and a button-top hits the scene



1901 | The Detroit Tigers become the first Major League baseball team to feature a mascot on their cap

1908 | Philadelphia-style hat with sturdier brim emerges and is embraced by Major League teams

1939 | The first Major League baseball game is televised (Reds vs. Dodgers)

2026 | Kent District Library makes "I Love My Library" caps available to adult completers of the Summer Wonder program

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– Laine, Kelloggsville Librarian



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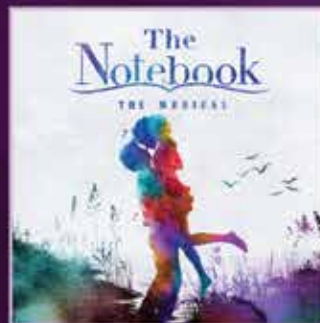
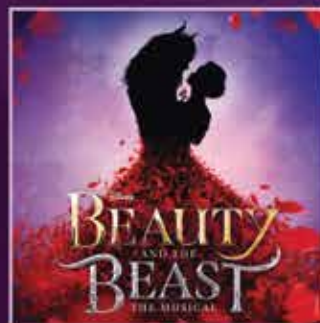
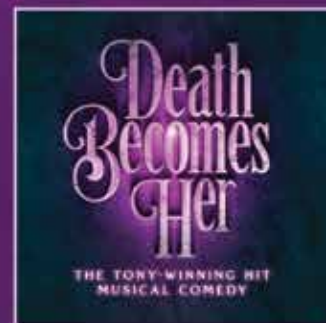


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If you have young children, sign up for our monthly Early Lit Bits email newsletter. You’ll receive book recommendations and early literacy tips that will help your little one fall in love with books and learning! Sign up at kdl.org/about/newsletters.

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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 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., June 9, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., June 9, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., June 10, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534.
Wed., June 10, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., June 10, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., June 11, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., June 11, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., July 13, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., July 13, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., July 14, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 14, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., July 15, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., July 15, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Critter Barn

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

Tue., June 9, 2:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
Wed., June 10, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Sat., June 13, 11:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Sat., June 20, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., June 24, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534.
Tue., June 27, 10:00 AM – Byron Township Branch
This event will be held at Bicentennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI 49315.
Mon., July 6, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 7, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 8, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., July 11, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., July 20, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., July 21, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 22, 6:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., July 25, 10:30 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Sat., Aug. 1, 10:00 AM – Grandville 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.

Wed., July 1, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., July 1, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Fri., July 3, 9:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., July 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., July 3, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Family Craft Time

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

Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., June 15, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., June 17, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., July 20, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Jurassic Joel's Magic Show

Get ready for a magical time as dinosaur-themed books of all sorts are brought to life with amazing magic, wacky stunts and lots of audience participation. Jurassic Joel's Magic Show is the perfect way to stomp, chomp and roar into reading!

Tue., June 9, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., June 10, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., June 16, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
Mon., June 22, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., June 22, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Sat., June 27, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., July 14, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., July 29, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., July 29, 1:00 PM – Alto 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., July 13, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Magic Man Rusty

Welcome to The Dimension of Illusion, where magician Rusty Ammerman will delight and entertain with magic, comedy and plenty of illusions.

Tue., June 23, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., June 24, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., June 25, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Thu., June 25, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

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

Movie Zone

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

Mon., June 1, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., June 2, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., June 2, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., June 3, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., June 4, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 8, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., June 9, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., June 30, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., July 6, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 7, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 14, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 21, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 28, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Aug. 3, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Aug. 4, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., Aug. 5, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 6, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Native American Dancers | Reg Pettibone & Family

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

Thu., July 16, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., July 20, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., July 21, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., July 22, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.
Mon., July 27, 10:00 AM – 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 15, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., June 16, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., June 16, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., June 17, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534
Fri., June 26, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
This event will be held at Byron Twp. Community Center, 2120 76th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.
Sat., June 27, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., June 27, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., July 21, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
Tue., July 21, 2:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
This event will be held at Rockford United Methodist Church, 159 Maple St. NE, Rockford, MI 49341.
Wed., July 22, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., July 22, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch

Reading Is Magic!

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

Mon., June 8, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., June 9, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 15, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., June 15, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., July 22, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., July 22, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., July 29, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Rock the Uke

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

Thu., June 11, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., July 9, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Thu., Aug. 13, 5:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



Summer Wonder Bash!

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

Sat., June 20, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Aug. 3, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Aug. 8, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) 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.

Thu., June 4, 4:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., June 4, 4:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
Thu., June 4, 5:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., June 5, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 8, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Mon., June 8, 4:30 PM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Community Park, 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534.
Tue., June 9, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., June 9, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., June 11, 5:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Fri., June 12, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Fri., June 12, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

ALL AGES CONTINUED

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.



Patriot v. Peasant

Mon., July 6, 5:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., July 21, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Samurai v. Redcoat

Thu., June 18, 5:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., July 16, 5:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Touch a Truck

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

Mon., June 8, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Mon., June 8, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., June 17, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., June 20, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Fri., June 26, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 7, 10:00 AM – Grattan Twp. Express Library
Tue., July 14, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
Wed., July 15, 2:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Fri., July 17, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
Sat., July 18, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Fri., July 24, 11:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Fri., July 31, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tue., Aug. 4, 10:30 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
This event will be held at Alpine Township Sports Park, 1850 Alpine Church Rd. NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

An Evening with Heather Avis

New York Times bestselling author Heather Avis will be here to read her children's book *I Like You So Much* and connect with attendees. Join us for an inclusive, heartfelt message and engage in a live Q&A. Don't miss this chance to be inspired together! *Sponsored by the Robert Nelson Foundation and the City of Grandville, and presented in partnership with Kent Intermediate School District.*

Tue., July 21, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Chicken Little and Friends

Join Aunt Betty, Chicken Little and all your favorite barnyard buddies for this classic story with a cool twist: you get to pick how it ends! This lively, interactive show combines puppets with original music and comedy. Inspired by the beloved folk tales Chicken Little and Henny Penny.

Wed., June 24, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., July 7, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., July 9, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

Dinosaurs and Reptiles

Explore the characteristics of dinosaurs, ancient amphibians and reptiles and then compare them to their modern descendants.

Mon., June 15, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Sat., June 20, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., June 24, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., July 8, 12:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Sat., July 11, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., July 21, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., July 23, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Foam Party

Frollic in foam bubbles and listen to child-friendly tunes, all while having a bubbly blast. *Swimwear and a towel for each child is helpful. Footwear that can get wet is also recommended.*

Mon., June 8, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., June 8, 6:00 PM – Bookmobile
This event will take place at Fallasburg Park Open Shelter, Covered Bridge Rd., Lowell, MI 49331.
Wed., June 10, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Sat., June 13, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 22, 6:00 PM – Bookmobile.
This event will take place at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.
Tue., June 23, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., June 27, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Mon., July 6, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., July 7, 2:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
Wed., July 8, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Thu., July 9, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Mon., July 13, 6:00 PM – Bookmobile
This event will take place at Townsend Park Picnic Area C, 8280 6 Mile Rd. NE, Rockford, MI 49341.
Mon., July 20, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., July 27, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
July 27, 6:00 PM – Bookmobile
This event will take place at Caledonia Lakeside Park Open Shelter, 370 N. Lake St. SE, Caledonia, MI 49316.
Tue., July 28, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

GR Lit Fest Presents: Kids' Story Hour

Join author Georgia Ann Moss as she reads her children's books at a special kids' story hour! This fun event is held in partnership with the Grand Rapids Literary Festival.

Mon., June 22, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Giant Games

Games are much more exciting when they're big! Enjoy some open play time with giant-size games and activities.

Tue., Aug. 4, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids 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 14, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., July 14, 2:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location

This event will be held at Rockford Garden Park Club, White Pine Trail State Park, Rockford, MI 49341.

Tue., July 28, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., July 28, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Mama Bear & Baby Cubs Support Group

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

Grandville Branch

Mondays, 10:00 AM

June 1	June 29	July 20
June 8	July 6	July 27
June 15	July 13	Aug. 3
June 22		

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tuesdays, 11:00 AM

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

Wyoming Branch

Thursdays, 10:30 AM

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		



Meet the Minis

Visit with miniature horses from the Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding.

Mon., June 15, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Wed., June 17, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Mon., June 22, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Wed., June 24, 1:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location

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

Wed., July 29, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library

This event will be held in the parking lot in front of the library near the car wash.

Fri., July 31, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

This event will be held at Bicentennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI 49315.

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. Closed captioning provided.

Fri., Aug. 28, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

This event will be held outside the Charter Township of Gaines Offices, 8555 Kalamazoo Ave. SE., Caledonia, MI 49316.

Operation: Top Secret

Enter stealth mode at the library and learn how to make cool spy tools and go undercover through crafts, games and activities. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library.*

Mon., July 6, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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 at the branch. Visit the library for details.

Tue., Aug. 4, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Puppetry, Poetry, Music and Movement!

Join Kevin Kammeraad and his puppet friends in an all-ages celebration of creativity, featuring a constant flow of interactive play!

Thu., June 11, 5:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

This event will be held at Bicentennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI 49315.

Wed., June 17, 1:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location

This event will be held at Rockford United Methodist Church, 159 Maple St. NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

Tue., June 23, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Mon., July 13, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CONTINUED

Richard Paul's Family Fun Variety Show

Get ready to laugh, cheer and join the fun! Ventriloquist Richard Paul combines unforgettable puppets, mind-blowing magic, upbeat music and plenty of audience participation for a truly interactive family experience.

Mon., June 8, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 8, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Splash Party!

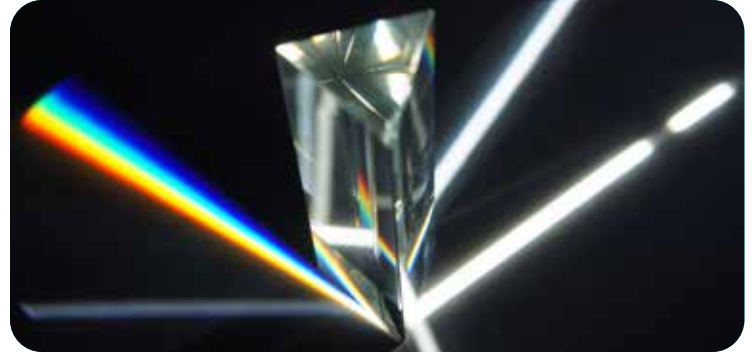
You're invited to an outdoor, wild water party with the fire department and the library. Wear your bathing suit or clothes that can get wet, and don't forget your towel and sunscreen.

Thu., July 2, 1:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Walker Ice & Fitness Center, 4151 Remembrance Rd. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.
 Thu., Aug. 6, 4:00 PM – Grandville Branch

The Color Lab

Experience color in art, technology and light while embarking on a visual and tactile learning adventure filled with fun activities and crafts. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library.*

Tue., June 30, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. 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 1 and end the week of August 3. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancellations due to branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

*Krause Memorial programs listed on this chart will take place at Parkside Early Childhood Center, 156 Lewis St., Rockford, MI 49341.



Turn to pg. 21 for details on our special summer Bookmobile Storytime series at Millenium Park.

Cookies with Cops Storytime

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

Tue., June 23, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Aug. 5, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
*This event will be held at Walker Community Park,
 700 Cummings Ave. NW, Walker, MI 49534.*



Dance with Me!

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

Mon., June 1, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 8, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 15, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 22, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 29, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 13, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 20, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 27, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Aug. 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Loose Parts Play

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

Thu., July 2, 10:00 AM – Grandville 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.*

Tue., June 30, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 30, 11:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Monster Truck Mayhem!

Supercharge your library visit with monster trucks. This program will provide preschoolers with monster truck-themed crafts and activities. Zoom over to our event for a Wheelie great time.



Thu., June 4, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 8, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
 Tue., June 16, 10:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 16, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 25, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Mon., June 29, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 30, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., July 1, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 10, 10:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., July 15, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 20, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 24, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., July 29, 10:30 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., July 29, 11:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 30, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Aug. 5, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Fri., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

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.

Mon., July 6, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 7, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 8, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., July 8, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 10, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

Outdoor Playtime

Drop in to play with our outdoor toys and activities.

Mon., June 1, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 2, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 8, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 9, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 15, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 16, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 22, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 23, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., June 29, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 30, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., July 7, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 13, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 14, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 20, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 21, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Mon., July 27, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5-10)



Animal Magic

Meet some of the world's most amazing animals – including mammals, lizards and birds – in this entertaining and educational show.

- Wed., June 17, 10:00 AM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., June 17, 12:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., June 17, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 17, 6:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 18, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., June 18, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., June 18, 3:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Art Attack!

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

- Tue., July 28, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch



Become a Junior Ranger

Meet National Park Service rangers with the North Country National Scenic Trail and become a Junior Ranger! During this indoor drop-in event, children will engage in interactive activities and learn about hiking on our nation's longest national scenic trail. Stop by and join the fun, ideal for ages 5-10. Children who participate will be given a Junior Ranger certificate and badge.

- Thu., July 16, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Bounce Back to School

Get ready for the new school year with games, crafts and more.

- Tue., Aug. 11, 10:00 AM – Cascade 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 8, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., June 15, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- This event will be held at Bicentennial Park, 8085 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, MI 49315.*
- Mon., July 13, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 13, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Tue., July 14, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Fri., July 24, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., July 24, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., July 28, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., July 28, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch



Deep Discoveries

Join the Air Zoo and take a deeper look at how paleontologists and archaeologists piece together clues to our past that lay under the surface. Dig up artifacts and fossils and discover what they can teach us about dinosaurs, ancient creatures and humans that have come before us. What will you discover when you dig deeper?

- Wed., June 10, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 11, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Wed., June 17, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Mon., June 22, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Mon., July 13, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 27, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



Dino Academy: A Dino Discovery Adventure

Join Dr. Sarah Tops in this nature-style dinosaur show with realistic dinosaur puppets for a fun adventure in prehistoric learning.

- Fri., June 12, 10:30 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Fri., June 12, 1:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Fri., June 12, 4:00 PM – Grandville Branch



Dinosaur Drawing

Using basic shapes, learn to create your favorite dinosaurs! No prior drawing experience is needed. Bring your own pencils, paper and erasers if desired; the library will also provide these supplies.

- Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 24, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., July 22, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Tue., July 28, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 30, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

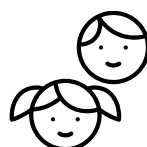
Foam Dart Party

Have fun joining us for a variety of physical games involving Nerf Blasters. You will run, duck and blast your heart away.

Dart blasters that fire Nerf Elite or Mega-style darts will be provided by the library for this event. Patrons can bring their own dart blasters if they wish, but their use will be subject to librarian discretion. Patrons will need to have a signed participation waiver from an adult before participating; participation waivers will be available at the program.

- Wed., June 17, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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KDL Lab Experience

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

- Thu., July 2, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., July 9, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Aug. 6, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Aug. 13, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Aug. 20, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Aug. 27, 1:00 PM – 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.

- Thu., June 11, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 2, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 16, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Build It

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

- Thu., June 4, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Mon., June 15, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 9, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., Aug. 4, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Cardboard Construction

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

- Mon., June 8, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 25, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – Alpine 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 11, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Inventing America

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

- Fri., June 5, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Thu., June 25, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 2, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., July 9, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., July 23, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: STEAM and Stems

Go on a hands-on adventure to uncover the secret life of plants. Young botanists will investigate how things grow from the roots up. Come dig into science!

- Wed., June 17, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
- Fri., June 26, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., June 29, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 1, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
- Tue., July 7, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., July 15, 10:00 AM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.
- Thu., July 23, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., July 25, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Wed., Aug. 5, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., Aug. 7, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Wed., Aug. 12, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids 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.

- Thu., July 30, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Totally Tubular

Make connections as you create and design with our tube-shaped builders. We've got pipes, tubes and straws for you to explore.

- Tue., June 9, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., July 1, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Thu., Aug. 6, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch



KDL Lab Experience: Trial of the Tales

Explore classic tales in a whole new way! Take a journey through hands-on STEAM activities to trial, test and tinker ideas from beloved storybook adventures.

- Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., June 11, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., June 17, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
- Mon., June 22, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 25, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 2, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Tue., July 14, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Thu., July 16, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., July 16, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
- Mon., Aug. 3, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., Aug. 4, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Tricks of the Mind

We've got a few tricks up our sleeves, and we are excited to reveal them to you! Explore the science behind the magic, see how illusions are more than meet the eye and learn some tricks of your own to wow your friends. Remember: a magician never shares their secrets, so let's keep this between us.

- Wed., June 3, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 6, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 16, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Wed., Aug. 5, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Whirlygigs, Gadgets & Gizmos

Spin it, build it, make it move! Join us for a build-and-tinker STEAM adventure where kids invent, experiment and create amazing contraptions that whirl, twist and spin.

- Thu., June 4, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Sat., June 20, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Tue., June 30, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Wed., July 1, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., July 17, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 20, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 23, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., Aug. 6, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



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

Cascade Twp. Branch

- Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM
- Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM
- Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

- Thu., June 4, 1:30 PM
- Thu., June 18, 1:30 PM
- Thu., July 2, 1:30 PM
- Thu., July 16, 1:30 PM
- Thu., July 30, 1:30 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

- Mon., June 1, 4:30 PM
- Mon., June 8, 4:30 PM
- Mon., June 15, 4:30 PM
- Mon., June 22, 4:30 PM
- Mon., June 29, 4:30 PM
- Mon., July 6, 4:30 PM
- Mon., July 13, 4:30 PM
- Mon., July 20, 4:30 PM
- Mon., July 27, 4:30 PM
- Mon., Aug. 3, 4:30 PM
- Mon., Aug. 10, 4:30 PM
- Mon., Aug. 17, 4:30 PM
- Mon., Aug. 24, 4:30 PM
- Mon., Aug. 31, 4:30 PM



Library Camp

Welcome to Library Camp! Take a behind-the-scenes tour of the library and discover what goes into keeping a branch running smoothly. For students entering grades 2 through 5. *Pre-registration is required. Stop by the library to register for this event. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library.*

- Mon., June 15, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., June 22, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., June 29, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 13, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 20, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 27, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Miss Rainbow's Bubble Lab

Miss Rainbow's Bubble Lab explores the fun and science of soap bubbles! Enjoy giant bubbles, energy, bubble magic tricks and lots of laughs.

- Fri., June 12, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 - Tue., June 23, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 - Wed., June 24, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 - Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 - Mon., July 13, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 - Fri., July 17, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 - Mon., July 20, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
- This event will be held at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.*
- Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 - Thu., July 23, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Outdoor Discovery Center Presents Dinosaurs of Today

Are there dinosaurs hiding right here in Michigan? You might be surprised! Step back in time and learn about what made dinosaurs so unique and exciting. Then, leap forward to today and meet Outdoor Discovery Center's animal ambassadors, including modern-day feathered raptors, dinosaurs' fellow reptiles and ancient bugs who lived long before even the dinosaurs!

- Fri., June 26, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 6, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., July 7, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Thu., July 9, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., July 9, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 15, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 15, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
- Fri., July 17, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., July 20, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Pocket Monster Club

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

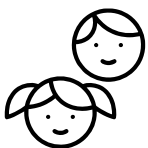
- Thu., June 4, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., July 2, 5:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



Raptors LIVE!

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

- Fri., June 12, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., June 12, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., June 22, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 6, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
- This event will be held at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.*
- Wed., July 8, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 8, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
- Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 15, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., July 17, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., July 21, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., July 21, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., July 22, 12:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., July 30, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



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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

Mondays, 3:00 PM

- June 1 June 15
- June 8 June 22

Gaines Twp. Branch

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

- July 7 July 21
- July 14 July 28

Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Mondays, 6:30 PM

- July 6 July 27
- July 13 Aug. 3
- July 20

Grandville Branch

Mondays, 6:30 PM

- June 1 June 15
- June 8 June 22

Byron Twp. Branch

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

- June 3 June 17
- June 10 June 24

Kelloggsville Branch

Thursdays, 5:00 PM

- July 9 July 30
- July 16 Aug. 6
- July 23

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

- June 3 June 17
- June 10 June 24

Plainfield Twp. Branch

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

- July 8 July 29
- July 15 Aug. 5
- July 22



Science Heroes: Digging It!

Join Science Heroes to unearth your love for science in this interactive S.T.E.M. show. Volunteers help us conduct exciting experiments while we celebrate scientists who work with dirt.

- Thu., June 25, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., June 25, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
- Mon., July 6, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., July 23, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Fri., July 31, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. 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 5 minutes before the program begins, and program begins promptly at the scheduled time.*

- Thu., June 11, 5:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 17, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., June 17, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 25, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Fri., July 10, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., July 10, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., July 20, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., July 29, 5:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

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. Register online at kdl.org/craft-sale.

Tue., June 9, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., June 17, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., July 21, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 24, 4:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
This event will be held at Whistlestop Park, 2120 76th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315.
 Tue., July 28, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Fri., Aug. 7, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

TEENS (AGES 11-17)

Code on Wheels Club

Get coding through this weekly interactive program where you will learn coding and technology through fun, hands-on experiences – no prior knowledge or experience required.

Tue., June 9, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., June 16, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., June 23, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., June 30, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., July 7, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., July 14, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., July 21, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., July 28, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., Aug. 4, 12:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Reeds Lake Rogues

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

Tue., June 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Wed., June 3, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., June 4, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Zone

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

Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Tue., June 16, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Bead by Bead

Create colorful, pixel-style art with Perler beads! Arrange your design on a pegboard, then watch it fuse together with heat. Perfect for making keychains, magnets and more – bring your creativity and leave with a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Mon., July 6, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Mon., Aug. 3, 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.

Fri., July 3, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 17, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Fri., July 31, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Mythic Mashup Artist Edition

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!

Thu., June 4, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 18, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 29, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 29, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Teen Zone | Pop-Tart Pillows

Craft your own adorable, personalized mini-Pop-Tart pillows with colorful felt rectangles. Sweet creativity, cozy vibes and unique designs await!

Mon., June 29, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 2, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Aug. 6, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Put a Pin in It!

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

Thu., July 2, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Aug. 5, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen Zone | Sketch & Shrink

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

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



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!

Wed., June 17, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., July 1, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Mon., July 13, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 30, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., Aug. 6, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Teen Zone | Switch It Up!

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

Thu., June 11, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., June 18, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., June 25, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 2, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 9, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 16, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., July 22, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., July 23, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., July 30, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Aug. 6, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen | 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.*

Thu., June 11, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., June 15, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 18, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., July 9, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., July 9, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 14, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Teen | 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.

Thu., June 11, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Wed., June 17, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., June 18, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., June 22, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Tue., July 7, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 21, 2:00 PM – Walker Temporary Library
This event will be held at Johnson Park Enclosed Shelter, 2600 Wilson Ave., Walker, MI 49534.
 Thu., July 23, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch

Teen | Intro to Visible Mending

Mending helps us take eco-steps toward sustainability by minimizing clothing waste, as well as unnecessary spending on new garments. This workshop will focus on mending clothing you already have using visible mending techniques. All notions and tools will be provided, however feel free to bring your own sewing kit and an item of clothing that could use some love! *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., June 11, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
 Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., June 24, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., June 25, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., July 7, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., July 16, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 20, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., July 23, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Mon., July 27, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 28, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 30, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Teen | Kandi Bracelets

Create colorful, handcrafted Kandi bracelets using pony beads and letter charms! Explore the creativity and community spirit behind this vibrant beading tradition while designing your own unique accessory to wear, trade, or share. All materials will be provided.

Mon., June 15, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Fri., July 10, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Mon., July 27, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch



Teen | Let's Draw Comics

Learn about and create your own four-panel comic with comic artist Vivian Glenn. You will be guided through creative prompts while exploring your own creative voice and style. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Mon., June 8, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., June 18, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Thu., June 25, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., July 9, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., July 9, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Tue., July 21, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., July 29, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch



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.

TEEN (AGES 11-17) CONTINUED

Teen | Polymer Clay Jewelry*

Try out our clay tips and tricks to create your own, hand-made clay piece to take home and bake with ease, provided instructions.

Wed., June 10, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., June 11, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., June 11, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., June 18, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., July 23, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Teen | Super Smash Bros. Tournament*

It's esports time for teens! Bring your friends to compete at Super Smash Bros. using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion!

Wed., June 10, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., July 13, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., July 16, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., July 16, 5:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., July 23, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., July 30, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Teen | Themed Guided Painting*

Paint a picturesque Northern Lights landscape in this guided canvas paint.

Thu., June 11, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., June 17, 2:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Wed., June 24, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., June 25, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., July 7, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., July 9, 1:00 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., July 20, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., July 22, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Thu., July 23, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., July 30, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Teen | Weave Your Own Bowl*

Join Miss Wendy for a fun, hands-on craft. Using a paper plate and colorful yarn, you'll weave your very own bowl – perfect for holding your favorite little treasures. Come create, learn and take home something special!

Tue., June 9, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., June 18, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Mon., June 22, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Wed., June 24, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., June 25, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., July 6, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., July 8, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., July 8, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., July 9, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., July 14, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen | Zentangle: A Beginners Guide to Drawing for Fun*

Let's learn Zentangle art, a creative, mindful, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns using simple pen, ink and shading techniques. If you can make stick figures, this class is for you!

Mon., June 8, 1:00 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 3:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Wed., July 8, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., July 16, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
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Mon., July 27, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Wed., July 29, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

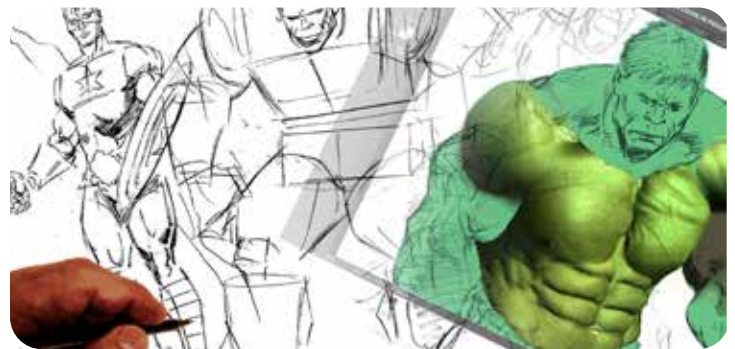


Teen | Zine Crafting

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).

Wed., June 10, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., June 18, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., June 25, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., July 9, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., July 16, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Thu., July 30, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., July 30, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Teens & Adults



The Superhero in "Reel"-Time

Jerry DeCaire, Marvel comics artist for Deadpool, Wolverine, Thor and other world-famous superheroes, presents his own signature Live Drawing Performance, showing how a comic book is made from beginning to end. Autographed demo-drawings and some color prints will be given away.

Wed., July 22, 6:00 PM – Grandville Branch

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

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.**



Your Ticket to the Best State Fair Crafts with Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig



A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration

Wednesday, June 3, 2:00 PM

Apocalyptic Mayhem, Lava-Spitting Llamas, and One Very Sassy Cat: Surviving the Universe's Most Twisted RPG with Matt Dinniman



New York Times Bestselling Author and Literary Dungeon Master

Thursday, June 11 7:00 PM

Nurturing Future Generations: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood with Ted Page



Author, Creative Entrepreneur and Grandpa

Thursday, June 18, 2:00 PM

Simple, Sustainable, and Powerfully Delicious Meals with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy



Kadri, CEO & Founder of Diaspora Spice Co. and Loupy, Renowned Food and Recipe Writer

Tuesday, June 23 2:00 PM

Small Towns and Big Secrets: In Conversation with Bestselling Author Karin Slaughter



International and *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *Pretty Girls*, the Will Trent series, and *The Good Daughter*

Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 PM

Migrant Heart: The Hidden Cost of the American Dream and Healing Through Storytelling with Reyna Grande



Award-Winning and Bestselling Author of *The Distance Between Us* and *A Dream Called Home*

Thursday, July 16, 2:00 PM

The Power of Connection: Creating Lasting Friendships in an Increasingly Lonely World with Dr. Marisa Franco



Psychologist, Professor, and *New York Times* Bestselling Author

Tuesday, July 28, 2:00 PM

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

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



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Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

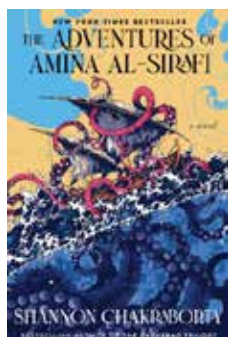
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



June 3,
The Buffalo Hunter Hunter
by Stephen Graham Jones



July 1,
Hang the Moon
by Jeanette Walls

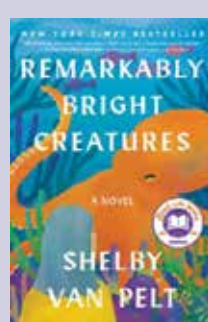


Aug. 5,
The Adventures of Amina Al-Sirafi
by S.A. Chakraborty

Byron Twp. Branch

Byron Twp. Book Discussion

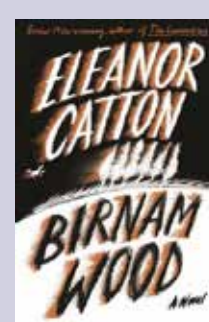
Mondays at 6:30 PM



June 22,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt



July 20,
The Wedding People
by Alison Espach



Aug. 24,
Birnam Wood
by Eleanor Catton

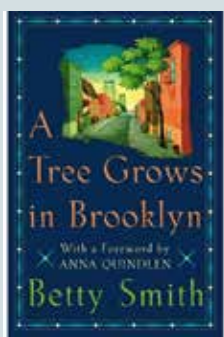
Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

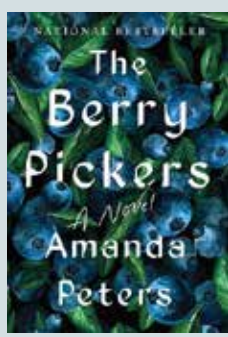
Thursdays at 1:30 PM



June 18,
The Briar Club
by Kate Quinn



July 16,
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
by Betty Smith



Aug. 20,
The Berry Pickers
by Amanda Peters

Comstock Park Branch

Lit Wits Book Club

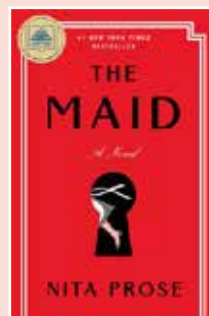
Thursdays at 6:30 PM



June 25,
Her Hidden Genius
by Marie Benedict



July 23,
The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau
by Kristin Harmel



Aug. 27,
The Maid
by Nita Prose

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East Grand Rapids Branch

Lakeside Lit Book Club

Mondays at 1:00 PM



June 8,
The Summer of Songbirds
by Kristy Woodson Harvey

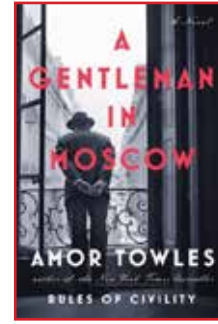
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Cozy Readers Book Club

Mondays at 10:00 AM



June 8,
The Page Turner
by Viola Shipman



July 13,
A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

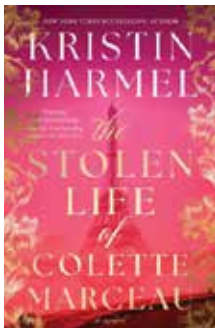


Aug. 10,
The Book Club for Troublesome Women
by Marie Bostwick

Eaglehardt (Lowell) Branch

Night Owls Book Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



June 3,
The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau
by Kristin Harmel



July 1,
Homestead
by Melinda Moustakis



Aug. 5,
The Last Thing He Told Me
by Laura Dave

Krause Branch Temporary Location

Krause Afternoon Book Club*

Fridays at 1:30 PM



June 12,
The Gungle
by Steven Rowley



July 17,
Evicted
by Matthew Desmond



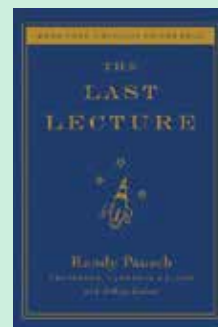
Aug. 21,
Home Fire
by Kamila Shamsie

Krause Evening Book Club*

Mondays at 6:30 PM



June 15,
We'll host an author study of Ken Follett. Bring any title to share.



July 20,
The Last Lecture
by Randy Pausch



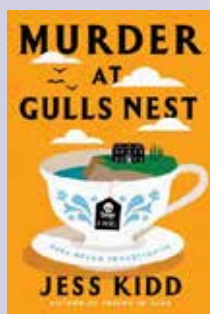
Aug. 17,
Tin Camp Road
by Ellen Airgood

*These events will take place at City of Rockford - City Hall in the Chamber Room, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341.

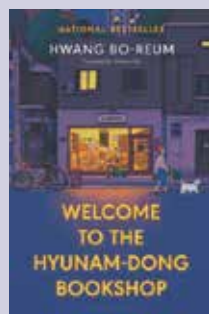
Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



June 16,
Murder at Gulls Nest
by Jess Kidd



July 21,
Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop
by Po-rüm Hwang



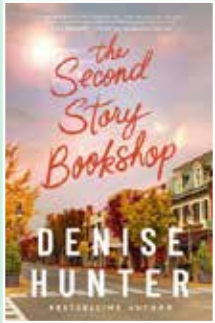
Aug. 18,
The Summer of Yes
by Courtney Walsh

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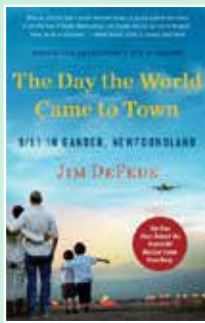
Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

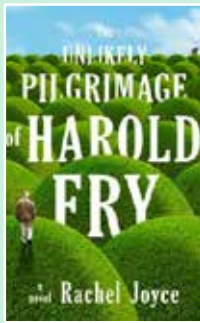
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



June 16,
The Second Story Bookshop
by Denise Hunter



July 21,
The Day the World Came to Town
by Jim DeFede



Aug. 18,
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce

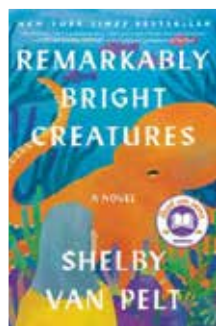
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Branch Book Discussion

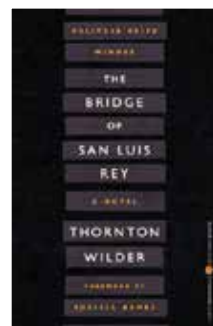
Thursdays at 1:00 PM



June 11,
Bless Me, Ultima
by Rudolfo A. Anaya



July 9,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt



Aug. 6,
The Bridge of San Luis Rey
by Thornton Wilder

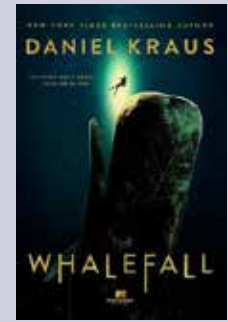
Walker Temporary Library

Walker Book Discussion*

Thursdays at 11:00 AM



June 11,
Murder & Mayhem in Grand Rapids
by Tobin T. Buhk



July 9,
Whalefall
by Daniel Kraus

*These events will be held at Panera Bread at Standale Crossings, 4400 Lake Michigan Dr. NW, Walker, MI 49534

Wyoming Branch

Silent Book Club

Thursdays, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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



June 11



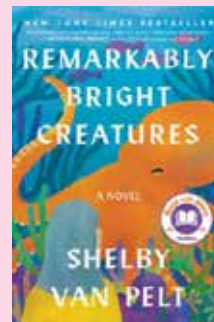
July 9



Aug. 13

The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



July 14,
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

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Awesome Adults

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

- Mon., June 8, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., June 10, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., June 18, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Mon., June 22, 1:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Wed., July 8, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 13, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., July 16, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., July 17, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Mon., July 27, 1:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Mon., Aug. 10, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., Aug. 12, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Thu., Aug. 20, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., Aug. 21, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Mon., Aug. 24, 1:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



Beeswax Wrap Workshop

Join us for a hands-on workshop where you will learn how to make your own eco-friendly, reusable alternative to plastic wrap. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event at kdl.org/events. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

- Tue., July 14, 6:00 PM – Grandville Branch

Bingo Hour

Relax and make new friends while playing Bingo.

- Tue., June 2, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., June 9, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., June 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Tue., June 16, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., June 16, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Mon., June 22, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Wed., June 24, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., July 7, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Tue., July 7, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., July 14, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., July 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., July 21, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., July 22, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., July 27, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., Aug. 4, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., Aug. 11, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Tue., Aug. 11, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Tue., Aug. 18, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Mon., Aug. 24, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Wed., Aug. 26, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. 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.



Classic Movies of the Silver Screen

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

- Fri., June 5, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., July 10, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., Aug. 21, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Coffee: Roasts, Types and Flavors

Explore with education specialist Braydon Booher with Stovetop Coffee Roasters how a small seed travels across the globe to become a delicious beverage in your cup! We will discuss every step along the way – from coffee agriculture to processing, roasting and brewing – and how these steps influence flavor. Coffee will be provided for you to try out the complexity in flavor for yourself.

- Sat., June 6, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

Concerts in Cascade

Discover your next favorite artist at the Cascade Twp. Branch! Join us for an engaging live music experience featuring talented performers across a variety of genres right in your community.

Thu., June 25, 7:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., July 23, 7:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 20, 7:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Craft & Create

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

Wed., June 3, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., June 8, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., June 11, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Thu., June 18, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., June 23, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., July 1, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., July 16, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., July 16, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Aug. 5, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Aug. 13, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Tue., Aug. 25, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Home Buyer 101

Learn the steps to become a confident homeowner in this financial literacy program designed to empower participants with the education, tools and confidence to make homeownership an achievable goal.

Tue., June 16, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

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

Tue., June 23, 6:00 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
This event will be held at City of Rockford - City Hall in the Chamber Room, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341.

KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For Adults!

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

Tue., June 2, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., June 30, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Aug. 4, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

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. *This Sustainable Neighbors series is presented in partnership with E-Green and sponsored by the Friends of the EGR Library.*

Tue., June 9, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids 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 1, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., June 17, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., July 6, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., July 15, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., Aug. 3, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Wed., Aug. 19, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



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Paint & Pop

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

Thu., July 2, 1:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
Tue., July 14, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Pressed Flower Paper Lanterns

Create a simple yet elegant decorative paper lantern using waxed paper and pressed botanicals. *Space is limited, so registration is required at kdl.org/events and opens two weeks before the event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program; check in with library staff to claim your spot upon arrival. Unclaimed seats will be given to walk-ins five minutes before the program starts.*

Tue., June 2, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Mon., June 8, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Tue., June 16, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., June 18, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Tue., June 23, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., June 29, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Sat., July 11, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., July 13, 3:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., July 28, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Wed., Aug. 12, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Songs of the American Rail

Railroads enabled people and ideas to travel across America at speeds previously unseen. The railroad became romanticized, developed its own mythology and left a massive mark on traditional American music. Enjoy an array of traditional songs centered around the railroad and sing along with Ben Traverse as he shares the history and music of the rails.

Mon., June 8, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Tue., June 9, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Mon., July 20, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., July 21, 6:30 PM – Krause Branch Temporary Location
This event will be held at City of Rockford - City Hall, 7 South Monroe St., Rockford, MI 49341.



Tiny Gardens Succulent Workshop

Create your own tiny garden succulent masterpiece while receiving step-by-step instructions and getting answers to all your care questions from an expert succulent gardener. *Space is limited, so registration is required at kdl.org/events and opens two weeks before the event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program; check in with library staff to claim your spot upon arrival. Unclaimed seats will be given to walk-ins five minutes before the program starts.*

Mon., June 15, 3:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Thu., June 18, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., June 25, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Mon., July 6, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Thu., July 16, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., July 22, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Tue., July 28, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., Aug. 4, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 6, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch



True Crime Analysis

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

Thu., June 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Aug. 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

UFOs Over Michigan

William Konkolesky, State Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, will share a historical overview of the state's biggest UFO sightings, including the sighting on March 8, 1994, in the Grand Rapids area with more than 300 witnesses.



Wed., June 24, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Wed., July 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Thu., July 9, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., July 21, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Thu., Aug. 6, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch



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