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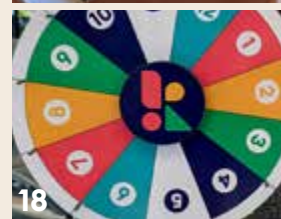
At KDL we do our best to spread the word about all the library programs and offerings we provide to the community, but there are still people who don't know much about us. We think if they check out KDL, they will be hooked! If you have a friend, family member or neighbor who isn't familiar with KDL, we encourage you to invite them to join you on your next visit. Peruse the collection together to find something that catches your eye. Let your kids play together in our new WonderKnook play spaces. Attend a free program to learn something new. Or check out a couple of ukuleles so you can have a jam session together!

Thank you for your help in encouraging people to fall in love with the library. We strive to further all people, including those who don't know about us yet. We look forward to welcoming new people to the KDL family.



Sincerely,

Lance Werner
Executive Director



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KDL updates

KDL Online Store

With everyone's favorite gift-giving season just around the corner, KDL is proud to debut the first-ever online store for library and literary-themed novelties. All proceeds will go toward supporting programming and operations at Kent District Library. Stock up for yourself or for the library lover in your life. Visit shopkdl.org and start shopping!



... KDL Pet Calendar

Stay on top of library events...but make it cute! Coming to a branch near you, the library is proud to present a 2023 KDL Pet Calendar featuring photos of library-loving pets in literary situations submitted by patrons like you! Receive one at any KDL branch or in the new online store (shopkdl.org) for a \$20 donation to the library.

Books for Babies

KDL is proud to partner with local health organizations and early learning service providers in reaching families with newborns. As part of the program, participating new parents within Kent County will receive a carefully chosen board book and information about relevant library resources. The library offers Storytime schedules, Mama Bear and Baby Cub Support Groups, and many other services and materials for families with little ones. No patron is too young, and everyone is welcome in their local library.



CELEBRATING

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Staff Picks

In celebration of Black History Month in February, we are recommending some of our favorite books by Black authors.



Grown

by Tiffany D. Jackson

"Can one really recommend a book that will utterly destroy the soul of the one who reads it? Yes, the answer is yes. This book will rob you of your innocence and completely devastate you as you race to the end. This story possesses it all: riveting characters, nail-biting plot, real life depictions of racism and misogyny, not to mention a twist that no one can see coming. All wrapped together in a neon yellow cover of despair. It is an unfortunate fairy tale set in real life, where no one walks away with their happily ever after. You will be traumatized, but in an extremely riveting way!"

Clare | Kentwood Branch/Gaines Twp. Branch



Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

"In this graphic novel, Bree must face a new home, a new school and new experiences like learning how to swim. She often feels self-doubt and anxiety, especially in regards to swimming since she never learned how. I loved reading about how Bree shows courage and resilience while mastering a new skill."

Laura | Plainfield Twp. Branch

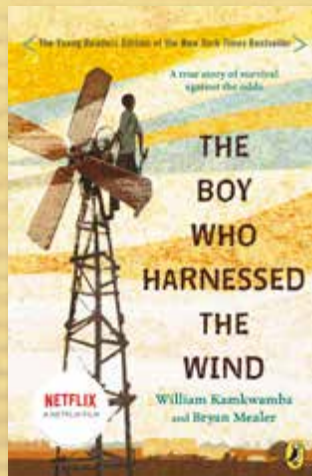


Last Gate of the Emperor

by Kwame Mbalia
and Prince Joel Makonnen

"This is a fast-paced and exciting debut novel in a fabulous, Afrofuturist middle grade sci-fi series. Co-authored by literary powerhouse Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen (great-grandson of Emperor Haile Selassie I), this story masterfully weaves Ethiopian history and culture into an entirely new and vivid universe with an irresistibly smart and funny twelve-year-old protagonist at its heart."

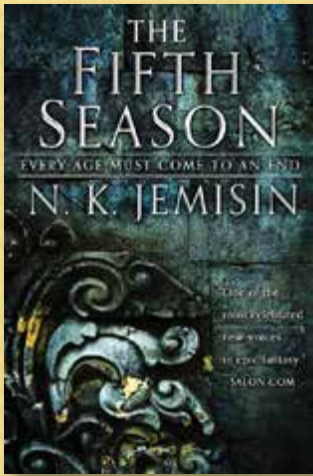
Melissa | Krause Memorial Branch



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

"This is an incredible and inspiring story of how perseverance and the quest and value of knowledge can get you through extreme adversity. This true story tells how a young boy named William used science to help his village grow food in a famine-prone area of Africa, where every day is a fight for life."

Clyde | Spencer Twp. Branch



The Fifth Season

by N. K. Jemisin

"This book blends science fiction, fantasy and dystopia into a fiercely unique and compelling story about a world plagued by apocalyptic seasons. Jemisin boasts amazing world-building, memorable characters and a dry humor that guides you through it all. Plus, it's the first of a trilogy, so it'll keep you busy!"

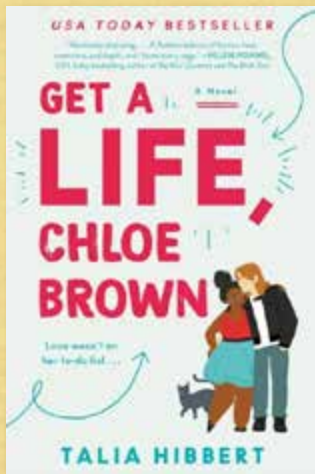
Sidra | Walker Branch



The Trees by Percival Everett

"The Trees is a fast-paced mystery with tongue-in-cheek dark humor. I loved it and couldn't put it down while trying to figure out what was happening! Everett did a fantastic job of setting the atmosphere and creating a haunting story with beautiful prose."

Leigh | Comstock Park Branch



Get a Life, Chloe Brown

by Talia Hibbert

"This is an extremely sweet and lovable book, with a protagonist who has a background and disability that you don't typically see represented in romance novels. Perfect for anyone who enjoys romance but is looking for a refreshingly heartwarming comfort read."

Chloe | Wyoming Branch

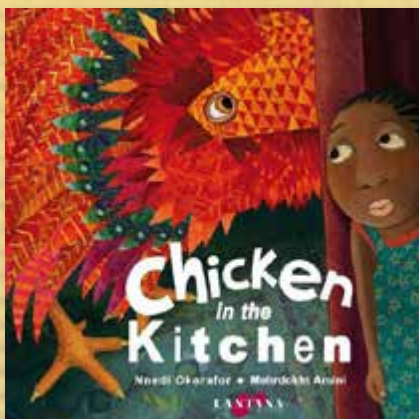


Willie Horton: 23: Detroit's Own Willie the Wonder, the Tigers' First Black Great

by Willie Horton

"Horton's life is an amazing series of stories about a great, selfless person who is always helping others. I met him in 1969 at Sears in Jackson, Michigan, signing autographs with Bill Freehan and Jim Northrup. His autobiography recounts being in the middle of the 1967 riots in Detroit and the joy of winning the World Series in 1968. His career finished just seven hits short of 2,000 career hits because he wanted to make room for starting players. This book is a joy to read on many levels, not just for baseball fans."

Randy | Service Center



Chicken in the Kitchen

by Nnedi Okorafor

"What would you do if you had a giant chicken in your kitchen? This award-winning 'Children's Africana Best Book' shows how to deal with life's unexpected moments."

Phillip | Alto Branch

The Making of...

WONDER NOOK

by **Dawn Heerspink** and the KDL WonderKnook Team

If you've ever stepped inside a KDL branch after Storytime or during a cold and blustery day, you may have been greeted by the sounds of young children talking, laughing and interacting with each other and their caregivers in spaces filled with structures, toys and materials to explore. One of the best qualities of KDL is the priority our libraries place on encouraging healthy development and learning through play. Regular, long-term visitors will remember KDLville, our concentrated effort in 2010-2012 to intentionally provide free spaces at all our branches for children to have an area where they could grow while having fun. KDLville was built around the five Every Child Ready to Read® practices created by the American Library Association: Reading, Talking, Singing, Playing and Writing. All stations and activities were built around encouraging children to develop the reading, writing and listening skills needed for them to enter school.

Fast forward ten years, and the world has changed. While we still believed that libraries could play a role in helping children succeed in school, we also realized that young children needed new spaces that would help them develop into confident and creative thinkers and explorers, able to navigate many different environments. This belief was reinforced by the introduction of the Kent County Success Basics to our library system, a set of practices and tips that included asking children and caregivers to Talk, Sing and Point together (similar to Every Child Ready to Read®) but added in the more expansive practice of Maximizing Love and Minimizing Stress to encourage caregivers and children to be able to respond to different environments with courage and grace.



In 2018, we went looking for places that were demonstrating more approaches to play that focused on open-ended and imaginative thinking and offered children the opportunity to bring their unique selves and their community cultures to their play. We found those spaces at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, the Goddard School, Grand Rapids Community College's Phyllis Fratzke Early Childhood Learning Laboratory and the Grand Rapids Early Discovery Center. What these places had in common was their dedication to child-centered play and learning. As we toured each place and asked questions, we discovered shifts from all-plastic toys to more natural materials, from structured objects like puzzles to objects that could be used in multiple ways, and from a focus on the product or a certain response from a child to the process of learning as individuals and as members of a community.



One of the **best** qualities of KDL is the priority our libraries place on encouraging healthy development and learning through play.

With resolute passion, we started to dream about the spaces we might have in our libraries. Then COVID-19 hit. We truly learned the meaning of patience and process during that time. Our play spaces remained closed even as our libraries reopened. But we remained committed to seeing and hearing the wonder of play again. We met the challenge of testing out various structures and play materials through small family focus groups and observations, continued meeting virtually and eventually contracted with The Makers Creative (TMC) to design our spaces. The result was a beautiful unfolding of something we could not have predicted when we started this journey: a renewed emphasis on grounding our play spaces in the communities in which they would live. This resulted in custom-designed play pieces that TMC built with the collective input of staff about the features, history and characteristics of the areas surrounding their libraries.

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The Making of WonderKnook *(Continued)*

One such custom piece is the Rockford Dam. Krause Memorial Branch Librarian Melissa English was excited to see the result of the WonderKnook project, saying "It has truly been a joy to see this project move from idea to reality! Our custom play structure is the perfect tribute to both our community and one of the most valuable resources we have here - the Rogue River. The response from our patrons has been overwhelmingly positive, and our staff has been impressed by how well constructed it is. This will be a marvelous addition to our library for many years to come!"

As you step into our new WonderKnook spaces with your child, a niece, nephew or grandchild, or the child of a friend or neighbor, we hope you find that curiosity and wonder live there, that every new discovery sparks imagination and that every visit encourages a lifetime of learning and exploration. 🌲



What People are Saying

"I like how accessible it is, safety-wise. My new walker confidently walked right through the bridge!"

Denise | Caregiver

"The kids' area at Ada is great for imaginative play! Kids make up their own stories, both playing together and independently. Also, the new play piece is exciting!"

Michelle | Parent and Former Teacher

"It's exciting to see the new bridge, and I like that it's unique to our library!"

Audrey | Parent

"The play area is great for multi-age families. All kids love forts and structures to play in. I also love the open design!"

Terri | Parent

"My kids adored the new Ada Bridge playspace! The design is eye-catching and whimsical, yet simple enough for a child to imagine it as many different things. During our short visit, it was a bridge, a house, a unicorn stable and puppet studio. I'm sure it will be put to countless uses by many creative young minds for years to come."

Becca | Parent

"I've seen marvelous storytelling through play, especially with puppets and loose parts. Blocks and balls become food for animals, building materials for habitats and more! Fishing off the covered bridge began immediately in our new play space. And not only for fish! I soon heard the phrase, "Mom, catch me one more time!"

Liz | Librarian at the Amy Van Andel Library



Playing Well Together: Grand Rapids Children's Museum and KDL

By **Maggie Lancaster** | Grand Rapids Children's Museum

I recently attended the Cambridge Science Festival, where tents for children's activities were staffed by several Cambridge Library employees. I don't know about you, but the second someone tells me they work in a library, my heart is warmed, my anxiety about any topic decreases and kindness fills the air around me. It's almost like they were created as part facilitator, part teacher, part scientist, part grandparent and part three-year-old child wondering right along with you about everything.

Libraries also do an excellent job of incorporating play. Why? Because they know the power of PLAY. Here are a few facts you should know about play:

- There is a direct link between play and stress; high amounts of play are associated with low levels of cortisol (when play increases, stress decreases).
- Play encourages curiosity, which facilitates memory and learning (think about the first time you saw baking soda and vinegar combined).
- Young children who were anxious about beginning preschool showed a twofold decrease in anxiety when they were randomly assigned to play with toys or peers for 15 minutes (as compared to a group assigned to listening to a teacher read a story).
- Play creates conversations that strengthen connections in the brain. Kids who engaged in more conversational turn-taking with adults during play had stronger connections in the Wernicke's area and Broca's area, the regions of the brain responsible for the comprehension and production of speech.
- Executive function and self-regulation are increased through play (skills that enable us to plan, focus attention, remember instructions and juggle multiple tasks successfully).
- Recess, recess, recess. Recess was created for a reason (and is tragically being decreased with notable implications).
- Playing isn't just good for the kids; it can help caregivers who are stressed by everyday burdens as they struggle to switch off and try to stay on top of work at home while schooling and keeping children healthy.

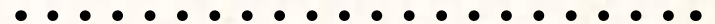
Museums and libraries have always been wonderful play partners, but now more than ever, I find myself encouraging families to recognize the collaborations that exist between the two. Families can get a free pass to the Grand Rapids Children's Museum through KDL's PerkPass program. When visiting the GRCM, look for books scattered around the museum where you can stop and just sit for a moment to read *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* or *We Are Water Protectors*.

Next time you are at KDL, please look for these authors and books about the importance of PLAY:

Becoming Brilliant by Roberta Golinkoff and Kathy Hirsh-Pasek

Visual Thinking by Temple Grandin

Brick by Brick, How LEGO Rewrote the Rules of Innovation and Conquered the Global Toy Industry by David C. Robertson



Maggie Lancaster has been playing in some fashion with youngsters since she was just one herself. A life-long Michigander, Maggie graduated from Alma College where she played two sports, held two jobs, double majored and double minored. She went on to become a teacher and coach.

Prior to accepting the CEO position at the Grand Rapids Children's Museum in June of 2016, she spent 14 years volunteering on committees, hosting and chairing events and was a two-term president of the Board. Maggie is married to Scott, mother to Aidan and Grant, and servant to several cat rescues. She enjoys all sports, hunting, fishing, long walks and spending time with family and friends.



Talking Book & Braille Center Celebrates 50 Years at KDL

By **Shelley Roossien** | Accessibility & Inclusion Specialist

The KDL Talking Book and Braille Center (TBBC) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023! I have been a part of the program since I started with KDL in 2004, and I can't help but think about all the changes and history of our service as we approach this milestone year.

In 1973, what was then the Kent County Library System signed a contract with the Library of Michigan to join the Consortium of User Libraries, a group of libraries across several states that would provide audio and Braille materials to patrons that could not read standard print due to a visual or physical disability. This was part of a nationwide program funded through the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind, which began in 1931. The program, known as the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH), quickly became a lifeline to reading for people with print disabilities across the service area of Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties.

In the 1970s, hard copy Braille and audiobooks on records were provided free of charge through the mail to patrons eligible for the service from the main KCLS building on Ball St. By the end of the decade, audiobooks transitioned from records to cassette tapes, a format that persisted for the next 30 years. When KCLS transitioned to Kent District Library, the LBPH program moved to the Grandville Branch. Each morning, staff would pull the corresponding materials from the collection and mail them out, while afternoons were spent checking in returned items, which included rewinding cassettes on a special rewinder.



Digital Talking Book player with digital cartridge

As the LBPH collection grew, the decision was made to move the operation from the Grandville Branch to the new Wyoming Branch building when it opened in 2002. This provided more space for the books and specialized playback machines needed for the program. However, the Grandville Branch continued to house a small group of volunteers that would repair LBPH equipment in the basement of the building. Gerry Garvelink, who still repairs machines for the program today, joined the group in the spring of 2003. "We would gather on Mondays and re-condition the tape playing machines. They were often a challenge to restore to good operating condition. We would then mail the re-conditioned machines back to Lansing," Gerry recalls.



Over the years, I have received countless notes and calls from our TBBC users, expressing how thankful they are that KDL provides materials to those that experience print disabilities.

I took over as the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Specialist in the summer of 2007. I was eager to start learning this niche section of the KDL system and provide outreach to patrons and organizations in the area to spread awareness of the program.

By this time, the bulk of our audiobook users received materials on cassette. In 2010, the National Library Service in Washington, D.C. launched the newest format: digital cartridges. This was a much more efficient method of production and came with an entirely new machine for patrons, one that was less expensive to manufacture and easier to operate and repair. Gerry says, "These machines were a huge step forward in the area of talking book players. I, personally, have re-conditioned thousands of these [digital players] over the years, and at least 99% of them required only a fully charged battery to bring them back to full performance. They are a pleasure to work with, especially after our experiences with the tape-playing version." A few years later, circulation of books was centralized at the Library of Michigan's Braille & Talking Book Library, eliminating the need for a physical collection at the Wyoming Branch.

On the outreach front, I started a Braille Awareness program in 2014 targeted at sighted school-age children to help educate them about blindness and Braille literacy. The program was highly successful, and I spoke to over 800 students over the course of a few months. This program, along with continued efforts to increase our LBPH user base and circulation, led to KDL receiving the National Library Service Library of the Year Award in 2015. This is a high honor, and to this day, I am extremely proud of the work we have done to achieve it.



Shelley Roossien and Lori Holland receiving the 2015 NLS Library of the Year Award from NLS Director, Karen Keninger

In 2019, KDL changed the name of the program from the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped to the Talking Book & Braille Center. With a rebranding in place, the system moved to a new service model by providing customized, multi-title digital cartridges to patrons, and the staff at KDL's Patron Services Department took over handling TBBC patrons' needs in February of 2020. Because of this new service model, our patrons were able to continue to receive audiobooks and Braille materials through the mail throughout the entirety of the COVID shutdown. And now on the horizon, we are set to launch new services in the coming years, like smart speaker technology and digital Braille eReaders, allowing more people than ever to participate in the program.

Over the years, I have received countless notes and calls from our TBBC users, expressing how thankful they are that KDL provides materials to those that experience print disabilities. My role at KDL has changed a bit, as I am now the Accessibility & Inclusion Specialist, which includes services for people with all types of disabilities throughout the organization, but I still maintain oversight of the Talking Book & Braille Center. It has truly been a rewarding experience and I can't wait to see how the program continues to evolve at KDL. Congratulations KDL and TBBC!



Person reading a Braille book



BARD Mobile app on a smartphone



Print/Braille book with tactile graphics

Winter Programming at a Glance



Stories of the Underground Railroad Told through Quilting

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 PM
Comstock Park Branch

Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Learn the history of the Underground Railroad told through quilts. Learn about the people, places and codes used while escaping on the Underground Railroad. There will be a display of quilts by Erica Millbrooks. FOR ADULTS.



Ready for Reindeer!

Traveling all the way from the North Pole (via Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farms), live reindeer will be visiting the library. Dress warmly and don't forget the camera! **Programs in December only and taking place at 13 locations! The program will take place outside so dress accordingly.**



Meet the Sled Dogs

Come meet the sled dogs from Tun-Dra Kennels and their owners. Ask questions about mushing, the Iditarod and more. **The program will take place outside at 11 branch locations, so dress accordingly.**



Countdown to Happy Noon Year!

We're giving kids an exciting way to ring in the new year with a countdown, noisemakers, crafts and fun – at an hour that won't keep them up way past their bedtimes. **There are 13 KDL locations to choose from that are hosting this event!**

FOR ALL AGES.



Visit kdl.org/events for dates, times and locations.
Old school? Grab a calendar from your home branch!

Gingerbread Lane

Stroll down Gingerbread Lane and enjoy gingerbread house decorating. Each child will make a simple gingerbread house. Gingerbread house materials are not for consumption. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend. Seventeen locations are participating!**



KDL VIBES Reference Desk Mini Concerts

Pop-up style mini concerts right in the library featuring artists from our KDL VIBES collection. See page 15 for details.

ONLINE

Early Childhood Essentials

KDL is offering free professional development courses to childcare providers in partnership with Great Start to Quality. All of the courses are online and can be found at kdl.org/events. **Registration is required.**

The Power of Play

Thursday, Dec. 1, 6:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:00 PM

Is it Misbehavior or Mistaken Behavior?

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:00 PM
Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:00 PM
Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:00 PM

Mindfully Feeding Infants and Toddlers

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:00 PM
Monday, Feb. 6, 6:00 PM

Retro Arcade & Mini Golf

Friday, Jan. 13, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

A special after-hours event with retro arcade games, mini golf and silent disco. **Minors must be accompanied by an adult.**



Retro Arcade

Saturday, Jan. 14,
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

This is a free play day of your favorite arcade games like Donkey Kong and Frogger, along with pinball and various other games.

FOR TEENS AND ADULTS



Times and dates shown are subject to change. Please scan the QR codes on this page or visit kdl.org/events for the latest information.



Winter Programming at a Glance (Continued)

SnowFest Craft Time!

Celebrate the snowy season with winter-themed craft-making fun for the family. **Sixteen locations are participating!**



Organizing Outside the Box

Moxie Life Organizing knows there's more than one way to "get organized." Get tips and tricks of the trade to help with the hardest part – getting started. **FOR ADULTS.**



- Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:30 PM** Englehardt (Lowell)
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 PM** Byron Twp.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 PM** Krause Memorial (Rockford)
- Thursday, Jan. 26, 6:30 PM** Gaines Twp.
- Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:30 PM** Spencer Twp.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:00 PM** Walker
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 PM** Grandville
- Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30 PM** Amy Van Andel (Ada)
- Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:00 PM** Tyrone Twp.

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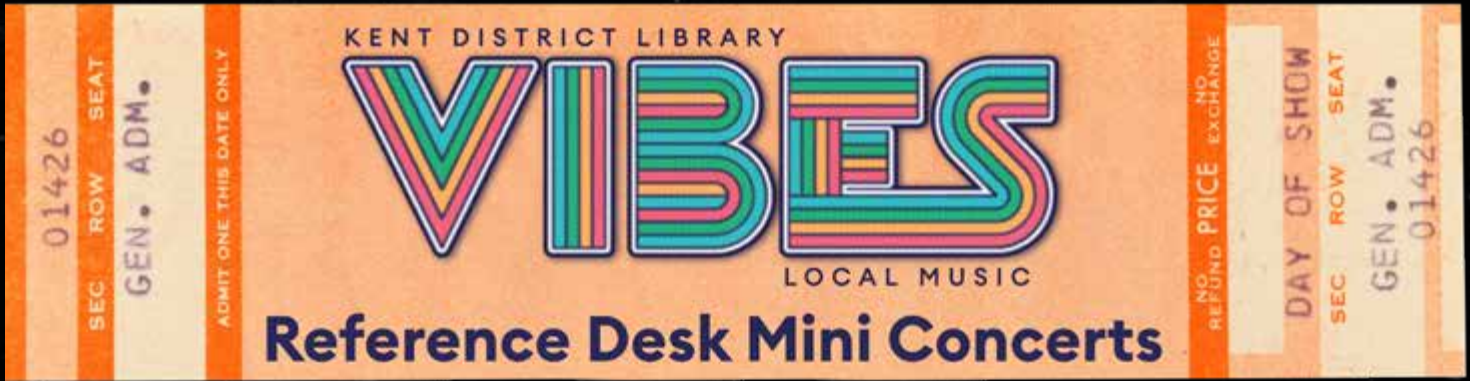
TEEN
FILM
FESTIVAL

**Saturday,
Feb. 25
10:30 AM**



Lights, Camera, Action!

Enjoy a screening of teen-created and produced films live at Celebration! Cinema South. Prizes will be awarded by industry judges for the best films in various categories. The Kent County Teen Film Festival is free and open to the public. For information about submissions for Kent County teens in grades 6-12, visit kdl.org/teenfilmfestival.



A pop-up style mini concert right in the library featuring artists from our KDL VIBES collection.

Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Locations below and also will be LIVE on kdl.org/livestream.

Dec. 8 | Grandville Branch

Hollywood Makeout



Jan. 12 | Plainfield Twp. Branch

Chris Cranick



Jan. 26 | Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Myra Maimoh



Feb. 9 | Wyoming Branch

Adrian Wright



Feb. 23 | Caledonia Twp. Branch

James Spalink

Listen Local | vibes.kdl.org



KDaLe Returns With News You Can Use About Brews!

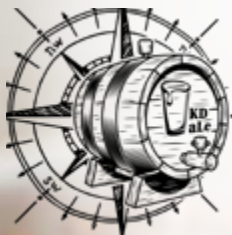
KDaLe Brewery Tours

Tour the inner workings of your favorite local breweries. Go to kdl.org/kdale for dates, times and locations.

KDaLe Home Brewing Competition

Register by Jan. 27 at kdl.org/kdale

If you think your homebrew has what it takes to be crowned champion, here's your chance! Enter our 7th annual "Book Inspired Brewing" competition to see how your beer stacks up. **Beer submissions must be delivered by Tuesday, Feb. 28. Complete rules are at kdl.org/kdale.**



KDaLe Quest

January 3 - August 31

We're moving our KDaLe Quest online with a scavenger hunt designed by **Here's Your Host Trivia**. Get started by enrolling in KDaLe Quest in our KDL Beanstack app. Visit local breweries, solve the clues online and win prizes. Drawings for local brewery gift cards and merchandise will be done monthly. Show your KDL Beanstack app at select breweries for additional dine-in specials.



kdl.org/kdale

My KDaLe Experience



"I have been a big fan of KDaLe from the start. At first, I enjoyed touring breweries I had never been to before with KDaLe. Then KDL added a Homebrew Competition, and I became even more interested. I have entered the last three years.

In 2021, I bought a new brewing system and really tried to hone my craft ales by entering all the competitions I could find in Kent County. What makes the KDaLe Homebrew Competition unique is that you are allowed to create a label for your beer and you have to tie your homebrew creation to a literary theme, which allows for more creativity.

Last year my KDaLe entry was inspired by Bernard Cornwell's character Richard Sharpe, the rogue rifleman from the Sharpe Series. I decided to brew a beer that might have been popular during the time of Richard Sharpe – a best bitter for the common man. Sharpe has no qualms about being a common man.



I was thrilled to be selected as one of the winners. On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, I was able to brew my creation at Gravel Bottom Brewery in Ada for all to try. It was such a fun experience to brew my beer on such a large scale with Head Brewer Nick. I'm really excited that people will be able to try one of my creations on a commercial scale.

Cheers to the KDL staff, breweries and partners that make KDaLe happen!"

- Craig | KDaLe Homebrew Winner

LET IT: SNOW

We are pleased to present Let It Snow for adults and teens. Our winter reading program returns with a collectible mug for completers. Read a minimum of six books between January 3 and March 31 to receive the 2023 Let It Snow 12 oz. artisan mug.

Participants who finish an additional four titles are entered into a drawing to win a 16 GB Kindle Scribe with stylus pen for writing. Participate online at kdl.org/snow or pick up a printed form at any KDL branch when the program begins.



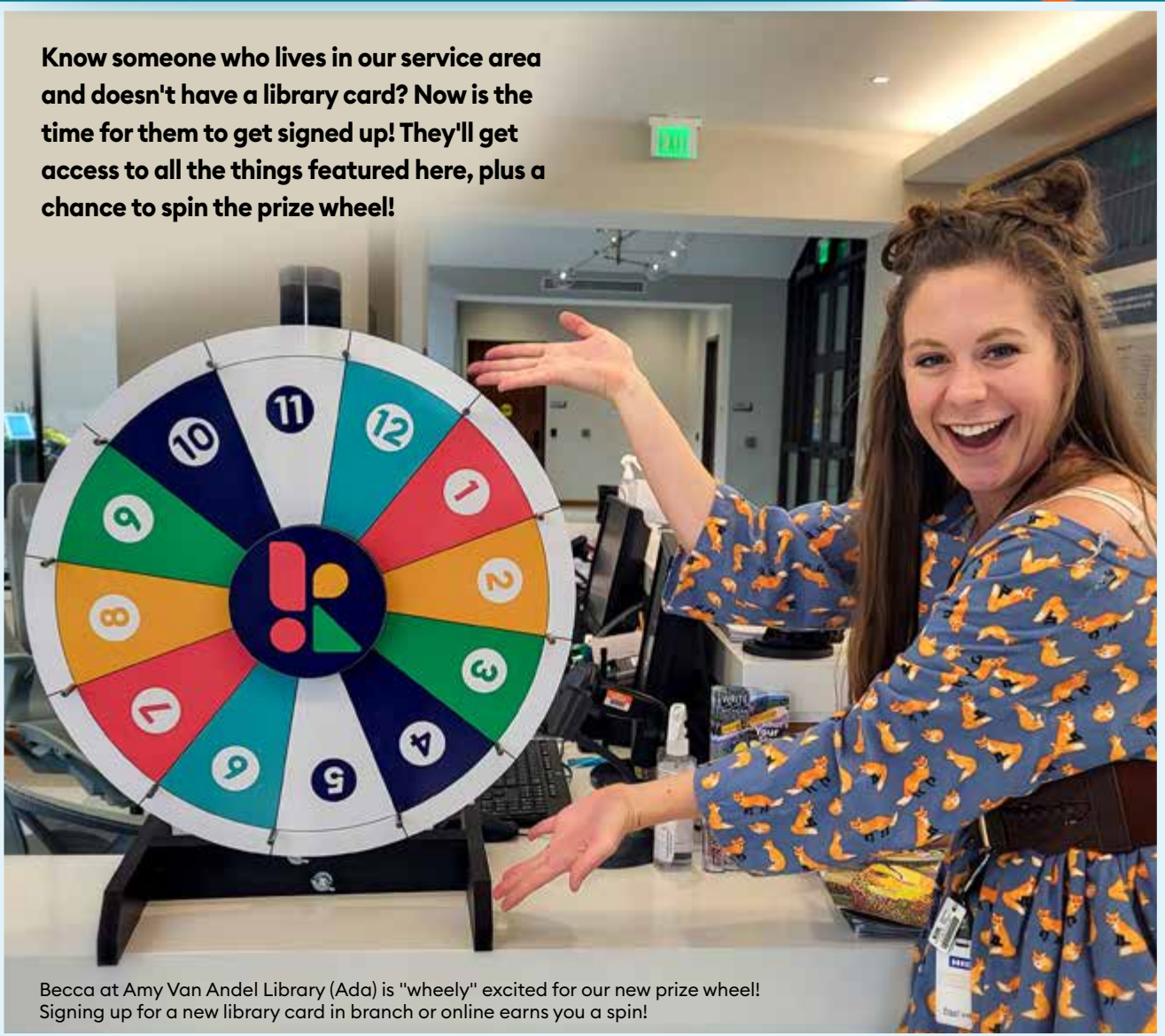
"As the days start to shorten and the winter winds begin to howl, now is the perfect time to dive into a great book. At least that's what I tell myself as I sit inside thinking 'why do I live in a place where the wind hurts my face?' I may not have an answer for that, but I do know that there is nothing better than a favorite hot beverage in a Let It Snow mug after braving Michigan winters. Read or listen to books, get a mug and prep your snow shovels."

- **Hannah Lewis** | Outreach Specialist

Something for *Everyone*

No matter your age or interests, we offer something we think you are going to love!

Know someone who lives in our service area and doesn't have a library card? Now is the time for them to get signed up! They'll get access to all the things featured here, plus a chance to spin the prize wheel!



Becca at Amy Van Andel Library (Ada) is "wheely" excited for our new prize wheel! Signing up for a new library card in branch or online earns you a spin!

Preparing to Read



Helping you raise your young reader through music, motion, stories and games.

Music



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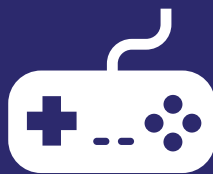
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Ashlee has been an arts educator for over 11 years working at both Grand Valley State University and Kendall College of Art & Design. She recently took a position on the marketing team at John Ball Zoo where she combines her knowledge of design, marketing experience and passion for visual storytelling. You can learn more about her work and career by visiting ashleelambartphotography.com.





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