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Hello,

I wanted to take a minute to say thank you! The KDL millage passed with a 76.9% acceptance rate and we are so grateful for your support.

You will get to enjoy a 10.9% reduction in your millage rate, and we are committed to providing the same great service and offerings you have come to know and love. We even have some exciting new things planned for 2024.

During the dark, cold days of winter, the library is a great place to warm up and relax. You are welcome here. We hope to see you soon.



Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance Werner".

Lance Werner
Executive Director

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Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize Winner

KDL is honored to receive the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize. Nationally awarded by *Library Journal*, the honor recognizes a public library as a vital community asset. KDL's application, which was featured in the November issue of *Library Journal*, highlights the Library's engagement with local municipalities, sustainable operations, and robust array of library programs and services.



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

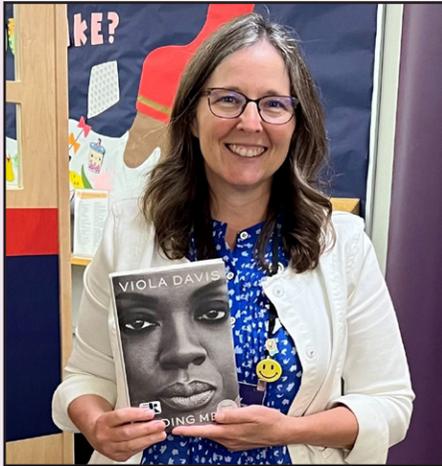
Our virtual storefront shopkdl.org is open year-round for all your library needs, but there's no better time to shop and stock up than during the holiday gift-giving season. There's bound to be something for everyone on your list, from the littlest library lovers to your most seasoned bookworms – or their pet. Be sure to stop by – you can shop anytime.



Coming Soon: Preschool Booster Packs!

KDL Booster Packs are a fun and engaging way to further develop and encourage important reading comprehension skills, as well as foster a lifelong love of learning. Already available for grades K-3, KDL is over the moon to now provide them for preschool learners as well. Beginning in early spring, ask a librarian for a Pre-K Booster Pack to take home and enjoy. If none are available, place a hold to get in line.

Staff Picks



Finding Me

by Viola Davis

"I listened to the audiobook version of this memoir on Hoopla. Viola Davis is captivating and I loved every minute of her story. Her life was gritty and hard, yet she not only survived, she succeeded in her chosen career and in life. I felt so much empathy for her, her childhood and her ability to see the positive in even some of the most awful situations. I highly recommend this book, and if you have an opportunity, listen to Viola read her own story. It is worth it."

– Kathy, Plainfield Twp. Branch

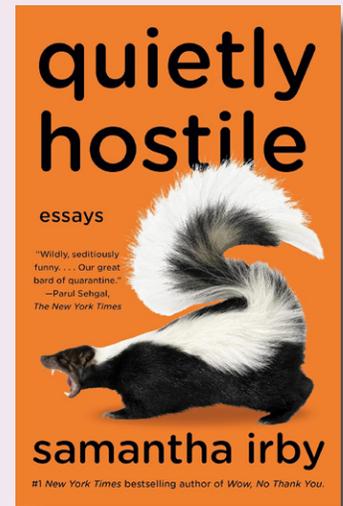


Chain-Gang All-Stars

by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

"This was my greatest catch of the season. I had read Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah's short story collection, *Friday Black*, and was eagerly awaiting his debut novel. I thought I knew what to expect but received something altogether different. *Chain-Gang All-Stars* is a captivating speculative fiction that builds its dystopic future on current laws and past court rulings. It has rich character development, an engaging plot and one of the best endings that I have read in years."

– Joel, Service Center

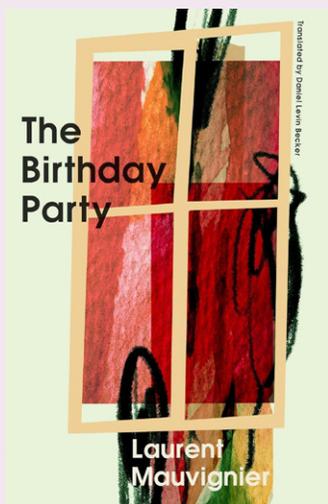


Quietly Hostile

by Samantha Irby

"Somehow both brilliant and brutal in its honesty, *Quietly Hostile* is a memoir told through essays that cover the gamut of dealing with a chronically ill body, the weirdness of the early days of COVID-19, how the author would rewrite *Sex and the City* episodes if she could, sex versus sexiness versus going to bed at a decent time, growing up in poverty, losing both parents by 18 and turning a memoir into a TV show that ultimately never sold. This book is reflective, raunchy and at times, an absolute revelation."

– Amber, Service Center



The Birthday Party
by Laurent Mauvignier

“This is a dense, propulsive literary thriller. A family in rural France prepares for a birthday party, but plans for the seemingly benign event are soon wrought with tension as the author sharply examines each character in turn. Family secrets, sudden violence and unexpected guests split the night wide open.”

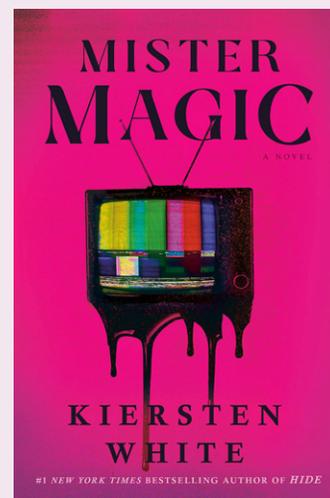
– Amber, Grandville Branch



My Flawless Life
by Yvonne Woon

“A twisty mystery and an unreliable narrator had me saying, “just one more chapter!” over and over. If you liked *The Cousins* or *The Headmaster's List*, this private school thriller is for you!”

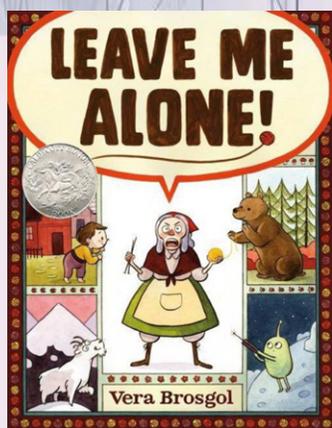
– Liz, Amy Van Andel Library



Mister Magic
by Kiersten White

“Psychological horror at its finest. White combines '90s nostalgia with 'creepypasta' internet culture to provide a sharp and insightful look at memory and religious trauma.”

– Dave, Comstock Park Branch



Leave Me Alone
by Vera Brosgol

“For all the adults that just want to knit but instead are put upon by their littles to read a book, this is for you! Winter is coming and Grandmother cannot get her knitting done with her giant family in the way, so she journeys to a quiet place just for her.”

– Holly, East Grand Rapids Branch

On the Same Page



Featuring **Ann Patchett**

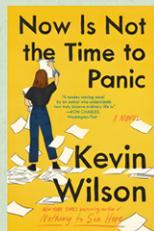
Join our new community-wide read, launching this December! For our inaugural event, we'll be reading a book described as both "quiet and reassuring" (*New York Times*) and "poignant and reflective" (*Kirkus Reviews*): *Tom Lake* by internationally bestselling author Ann Patchett.

We're excited for all of Kent District Library to read *Tom Lake* together, enjoy programs in March and April that are connected to the themes of the book, and then come together to enjoy an author talk.

Meet the Author Wednesday, April 24 6:30 PM

**Covenant Fine Arts Center at
Calvin University**

Free registration will begin on March 15. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit kdl.org/samepage.



Featuring special guest Kevin Wilson, author of *Now Is Not the Time to Panic*.



Offered in partnership with Calvin University's January Series.

It's the Book Everyone Is Reading!



The demand is high, so we bought lots of copies!



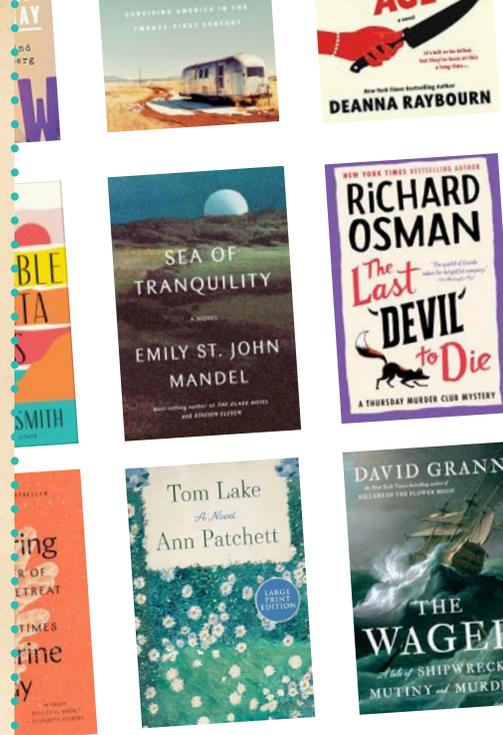
In this beautiful and moving novel about family, love and growing up, Ann Patchett once again proves herself one of America's finest writers.

“A fascinating story beautifully told.”
– *New York Journal of Books*

“A masterly family drama.” – *Publishers Weekly*

“A gorgeously told and quietly devastating story of family, love, and identity.” – *Bookmarks*

Community-wide conversations about books are the heart of On the Same Page. See pages 32-35 for book clubs discussing *Tom Lake* and *Now Is Not the Time to Panic* this winter, and look for more book club discussions this spring. Everyone is welcome!



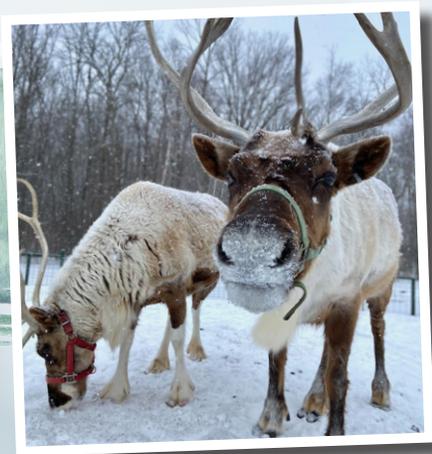
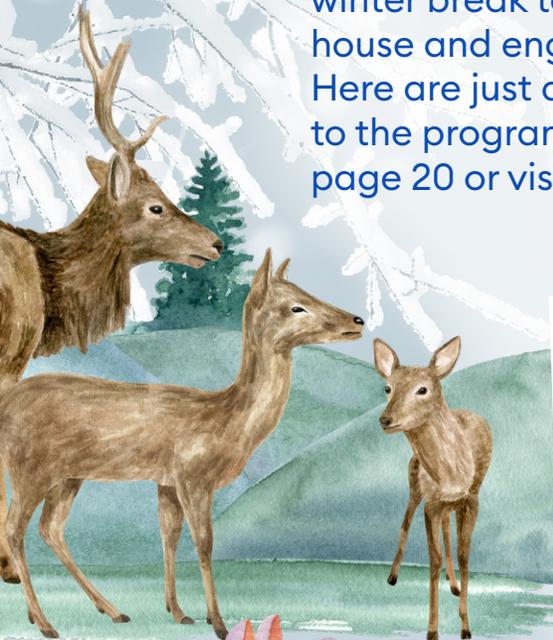
Join the Discussion

Winter book talks @ KDL
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Winter Break Programming

There are more than 50 events happening during winter break to get you and your family out of the house and engaged and learning at the library. Here are just a few! For the full list of events, turn to the programming guide section beginning on page 20 or visit kdl.org/events/winterbreak.



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 for this outdoor program, and don't forget the camera! Pg. 25

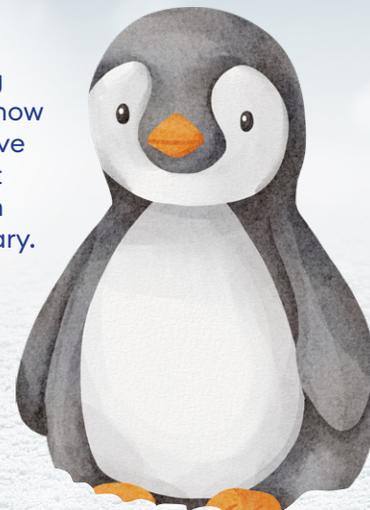


Llamas at Your Library

Meet real-life llamas like the ones in the *Llama Llama* books. Pg. 24

John Ball Zoo's Winter Animals

John Ball Zoo will bring the zoo to KDL! Learn how animals adapt to survive the winter and interact with live zoo animals in the comfort of the library. Pg. 27





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! *Pg. 31*

Youth Mario Kart Tournament

It's eSports time for kids ages 5-10! Race your way through the competition on *Mario Kart* for Nintendo Switch. Bring your friends or make new ones at the event as you work to see whose kart is the fastest. *Pg. 29*



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. *Pg. 24*



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, so dress accordingly. *Pg. 25*

Celebrating Black History Month

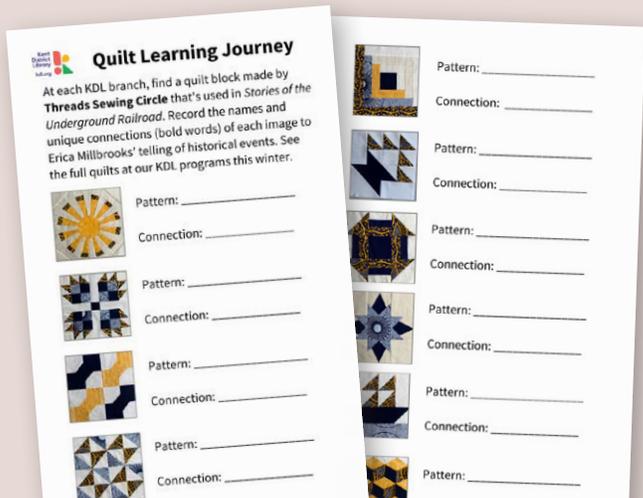
Stories of the Underground Railroad Told Through Quilting

Discover the history of the Underground Railroad told through quilts. Learn about the people, places and codes used while escaping. See quilts by Erica Millbrooks. *Pg. 39*



Quilt Learning Journey

During the months of January and February at each KDL branch, find a quilt block made by Threads Sewing Circle that's used in Stories of the Underground Railroad. Record the names and learn the connection of each image to Erica Millbrook's explanation of historical events. Starting in January, ask for a bookmark to track your journey.



The 102nd United States Colored Troops: A Unique Story in Michigan's Civil War History

Join local historian Maurice Imhoff as he shares his research into Michigan's Colored Regiment during the Civil War. From being enslaved to becoming soldiers for the Union army, this regiment has one of the most distinct stories in our state's history. *Pg. 39*



Idlewild: Heirlooms of the Past

Using original songs, a pop-up museum and lecture, CJ Kingdom-Grier will share Idlewild's story – a community model of hope, resilience, entrepreneurship, restoration and Black excellence in the heart of Michigan juxtaposed over a nationwide landscape of Jim Crow and segregation. *Pg. 39*



Decorate a Dream: Celebrate Dr. King through Art

Create your own vision of service to others while celebrating the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy. Help create a beautiful visual exhibit of Dr. King's words. Craft stations hosted in each branch in January.



Black Americans have shaped our country and community in a myriad of ways. This winter, join us to learn more about Michigan's Black history and how history ranging from the Civil War to the Civil Rights Movement shapes our present and can influence our future.



Honoring the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Weeklong Celebration

Please join Kent District Library January 15-19 for a week of powerful reflections and action that support the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an inspiring way. *Pg 37*

Meditations on Democracy in Black America

Monday, Jan. 15, Noon,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



Join award-winning author, documentary film producer and University of Kansas professor Dr. Randal Jelks as he provides a moving narrative on the highlights from his book *Letters to Martin*. This event will include a book signing, relevant topic discussion and a proclamation by Michigan State Representative Kristian Grant.

King's Six Principles for Non-Violent Direct Action: Are They Doable?

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:30 PM,
Grandville Branch



Presented by author, podcaster and retired Calvin professor Dr. Michelle Lloyd-Paige, this call to action compels us to promote positive change and have a deeper understanding of society today.

Selma

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 5:30 PM, Wyoming Branch

Together with your library community, view *Selma*, a historical drama that features the troubling times of voting rights, equality and action in Alabama that will bring forth anger, grief and hope.

Fear Must Not Be Our Future

Thursday, Jan. 18, 1:00 PM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

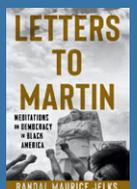


Join Pastor Joe Jones, former city commissioner and current Assistant Pastor of Brown Hutcherson Ministries, for a presentation on how our nation can improve and move forward with faithful action, not fearful guidance.

Letters to Martin Book Discussion

Friday, Jan. 19, 2:00 PM,
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Participate in this small group opportunity to discuss the relevance of action in the reflections of Dr. Randal Jelks's *Letters to Martin*.



Empower U *Empowers* Young Adults

KISD and KDL partner to host classes that foster life, job and community skills By Jaci Cooper | Director of Projects and Planning

EmpowerU is a special needs transition program overseen by the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD) for adults ages 18-26 who have already gone through high school. Their mission statement is: **“In partnership with our community, [EmpowerU] provides specialized instruction and opportunities specific to employment and independent living skills necessary for young adults to live a purposeful and productive life.”** With 350+ students throughout Kent County, this is the second largest transitional program in the state.



This focus on experiential learning and functional life, job and community skills gives adults with special needs necessary pre-employment and job training skills to eventually get a job. In need of a classroom, EmpowerU’s administration contacted Kent District Library. KDL’s Service and Meeting Center, which houses the library’s operational and administrative functions, has a meeting room which is conducive to such a need. This classroom, not situated in a school environment, provides a great opportunity for students to get fully accustomed to professional environments among working adults.





Steve Ramsay, a teacher at the KDL classroom site, has been teaching for 35 years; this year marks his 8th year in this program. He shares more about the program and partnership with KDL:

Why is EmpowerU so valuable to the community?

It is important to have diversity within a community – our students add so much to the community. People can learn from them and better appreciate a wide range of differences. Businesses definitely benefit from our working relationships. Not only do they help to provide work opportunities, but they learn and build valuable relationships as well.

What partners does EmpowerU work with?

Nursing homes are a key partner – those relationships are so appreciated. The residents get enrichment and interaction with our students while they perform different job duties.

The students have done a wide variety of things: volunteering at Kids Food Basket, participating in Special Olympics, ACT (Artists Creating Together), choir and more. Current job partners include Meijer, Tru Hotel, Goodwill and the Store House. Past job partners include Family Fare, StoryPoint and Extremis. Job sites are arranged with businesses in close proximity to the classrooms.

What do you like best about your job?

I like that there is so much variety involved with this job. I get to work with the students in a more hands-on environment. I also get to work with businesses and manage those partnerships as well.

Steve couldn't do the essential and impactful work he does without the help from his teaching assistants, Sheryl Mankel and Tiffany Hein. Sheryl adds, "It is very gratifying to see the changes in students. You might not see their progress day to day, but by the end of the year, you can see how much they've improved! If we have done our job correctly, they are more independent, more reliable, better citizens, and contributors to our community."

KDL is eager to further develop this partnership with future volunteer and employment opportunities for the students.

To learn more, visit kentisd.org/center-programs/empower-u.





- a. "Pure Bliss"
by Ashley Larsen
- b. "A Cunning Morning
In God's Glory"
by Justyce Autumn
- c. "Orb Weaver Spider"
by Charlotte VanWingen
- d. "Night Lights"
by Sophia Feldpausch
- e. "Stepping into Fall"
by Erin B
- f. "Waves" by Claire Gross

PUBLIC VOTE WINNERS



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g. "Dark Party" by Pyper Gordon h. "My Pet Gecko, Frodo" by Gavin Sperling



Special Guest Judge
Paige Young



I am a full time art and photo professor at Grand Valley State University, and a full time cat-mom (I have three kitties I adore). I have taught at many colleges including: Kendall Art and Design, GRCC, MSU and GVSU. I have run my own photography company, *APaige Photography*, since I was 16, and have been focusing on Weddings and Engagement as I have niched down. I photograph and create many fine art works that revolve around identity, grief and mental illness – which I have shown in galleries around the world. I am currently taking on select wedding clients while making my main focus Academia and fine art work with purpose!

To learn more about the contest and view these submissions and comments from our judge, visit kdl.org/teenphotowinners.



Teen Poetry Contest & Slam



Calling All Teen Poets!

Kent District Library will be accepting entries to the annual Write Michigan Teen Poetry Contest from February 1 – April 1. The contest is open to teens in grades 6-12 living or going to school in Kent County. Teens are encouraged to submit up to two poems to be eligible to win a Meijer gift card.

There's more! Teens who enter the Poetry Contest are invited to read one of their poems at the Teen Poetry Slam for another chance to win. **The Slam will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25 at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.**

Enter at kdl.org/teenpoetry starting Feb. 1.

An Evening with the Poet Laureates

Tuesday, December 5,
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Kentwood
(Richard L. Root)
Branch



See pg. 31 for more information.

Top Five Reasons KDL Book Clubs Are So Awesome

By **Angela Deckard** | Branch Librarian

There are many benefits to joining a book club. Did you know that nearly every KDL branch offers at least one book club? Not sure if a book club is right for you? Keep reading to find out why you should consider joining one of KDL's awesome book clubs.

They are a wonderful way to meet new people and make friends. Joining a book club at your local KDL branch is a great and low-stress way to get to know the people in your community who share a common interest with you: books!

Expand your literary horizons. KDL book club selections are specially curated by librarians. This is a fantastic opportunity to read outside your usual genres and to read books you might not have otherwise chosen yourself.

Get to know and understand diverse perspectives. Joining a KDL book club is a wonderful way to read outside your lived experience in a friendly and informal setting. Not only will you get to read books that cover a wide range of topics, but you will also get to hear the perspectives of other book club members.

Joining a book club provides accountability. Having a deadline to finish a book helps you to prioritize reading in your life and encourages you to reach your reading goals. Joining a book club that meets once a month can help you to read at least 12 books a year!

Get more out of reading. When you are reading for a book club, you are likely to read more thoughtfully. You will find yourself hunting out themes and interesting character arcs. This provides you with a more meaningful reading experience and helps you become a more thoughtful, intentional reader.

But the main reason KDL book clubs are so awesome? They are fun! Interested in joining one of KDL's many book clubs? Check out the program listings at the back of this magazine, ask a librarian at your local branch or visit kdl.org/bookclubs to find a KDL book club near you.



Twelve New Uses for Your Let It Snow Mug

By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

For those of you who have been participating in Let It Snow for a while, you might be thinking to yourself, “Do I really need another mug?” Or maybe you want the mug, but your significant other has helpfully pointed out that the mug cupboard is full.

Fear not, reader. Here are 12 ways to use your Let It Snow mug that have nothing to do with drinking coffee, tea, cocoa or hot apple cider:

1. **Use it as a soup bowl. The handle makes it perfect for hot soup!**
2. **Place office supplies in it and let your officemates know you like tidy desks AND reading.**
3. **Use it to catch bugs and spiders until someone less bug/spider-averse can deal with them.**
4. **Draw a perfect circle by tracing the outline of your upturned mug.**
5. **Lean your phone against it. Instant phone stand!**
6. **Scoop your pet’s food from the bag into their bowl with book-fueled love.**
7. **Use it as an imprecise measuring cup.**
8. **Spread salt on your driveway this winter with it.**
9. **Use it as a planter for a happy, little plant.**
10. **Learn to juggle with it (multiple mugs, broom and dustpan recommended).**
11. **Keep your toothbrushes in it. Oral hygiene and reading are both important.**
12. **Wear it as an unlikely hat. This could also help develop poise!**

No matter how you use your Let It Snow mug, you’ll know the feeling of accomplishment that comes with having finished the reading challenge. Happy reading!



Cozy up with a good book a little earlier this winter with new dates for Let It Snow.

Dec. 1 - Feb. 29

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LET IT Snow
2024 WINTER READING CLUB

1KB4K
1,000 Books
Before Kindergarten

WHOoo is
ready to become
a reader?



NEW LOG BOOK!

See a staff member to get started, or sign up online at kdl.org/1KB4K.



Welcome to **KDL**



Sarah Krishef
Shelver, Plainfield Twp.
Book recommendation:
A Dog's Purpose
by W. Bruce Cameron



Heather Grit
Assistant Branch Librarian, Alto
Book recommendation:
The Things We Cannot Say
by Kelly Rimmer



Sophia Bailey
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Caledonia Twp.
Book recommendation:
Her Body and Other Parties
by Carmen Maria Machado



Brooke Koster
Assistant Branch Librarian,
Amy Van An del Library
Book recommendation:
This Is How You Lose the Time War
by Amal El-Mohtar and
Max Gladstone



Mistry Lawrence
Shelver, Alpine Twp.
Book recommendation:
Brave New World
by Aldous Huxley

Mike Golczynski
Branch Librarian, Cascade Twp.
Book recommendation:
House of Leaves
by Mark. Z. Danielewski

Mads Terpstra
Assistant Branch Librarian, Kentwood
(Richard L. Root)

Did You Know?

Kent District Library offers live phone interpreting services in more than 200 languages, ensuring greater access to its collections, programs and services. Through the over-the-phone service, patrons who speak languages other than English are now able to connect with KDL staff members. Call 616-784-2007 and name your language. A staff member will connect with an interpreter to provide service in your native language.

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Used Book Sales

There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Library's used book sales this fall.

Visit kdl.org/booksales for dates, times and locations.

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ALL AGES

Byron Twp. Branch's 9th Annual Gingerbread House Contest



Show off your creative gingerbread masterpiece! Contest entries will be accepted in four categories: kids age 11 and under, teens age 12-17, adults and families or groups. Entries must be registered with the branch using a registration form before gingerbread houses are dropped off at the branch. Prizes will be awarded by popular vote and by judges' choice. Showcase entries should be on a sturdy base no larger than 15x15". Entries in the teen, adult and families/group categories must be made of gingerbread; entries in the kids' category may be made of graham crackers. Kits are welcome to be used in all categories. Decorations must be edible.



Friday, December 1 through Saturday, December 16:
Gingerbread houses can be dropped off at branch.

Monday, December 18 through Wednesday, January 3:
Popular vote takes place at branch.

Thursday, January 4: Winners are announced.

Chess Anyone?

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

- Sat., Dec. 2, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Sat., Dec. 23, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., Jan. 2, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Sat., Jan. 13, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 3, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., Feb. 6, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 24, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Friends of the Library Used Book Sales



For the most current information on used book sales visit our website at: kdl.org/booksales.



Game Zone

Fun games for all. Try a variety of traditional and table-top games or bring your own!

- Wed., Jan. 3, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 7, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Gift Quality Book Sale

Just in time for your holiday gift-shopping! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. During open hours.

- December 1 – 31 – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Movie Zone

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

- Sat., Dec. 9, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Dec. 16, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Fri., Dec. 22, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Sat., Dec. 23, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Dec. 30, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Thu., Jan. 4, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Sat., Jan. 6, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Jan. 13, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Jan. 20, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Jan. 27, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Feb. 3, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Feb. 10, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Feb. 17, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Feb. 24, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch



Retro Arcade & Mini Golf

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

- Fri., Jan. 19, 6:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., Jan. 26, 6:30 PM – Cascade 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. All ages welcome.**

Wed., Dec. 13, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Jan. 10, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Wed., Feb. 14, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Swordfest: Who Would Win?

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

Pirate vs. Viking

Sat., Jan. 27, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

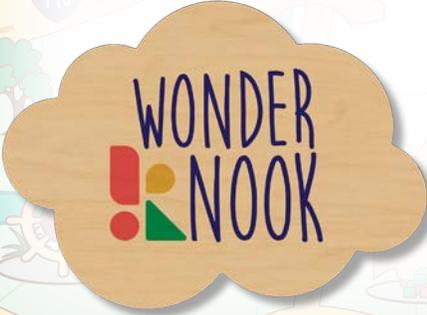
Scottish Highlander vs. Polish Hussar

Sat., Feb. 17, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch



ALL AGES

Play inside this winter!
Inside a covered bridge, or a tree house, or a barn, or a trading post, or a sawmill, or a mechanic’s shop, or...




kdl.org/wondernook




FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

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.

- Fri., Dec. 29, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 11:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 11:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 11:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 11:30 AM – Alto Branch
- Sat., Dec. 30, 11:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Sat., Dec. 30, 11:30 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Dec. 30, 11:30 AM – Walker Branch



Heart to Heart Craft Party

Roses are red, violets are blue, join our Valentine event, just for you! Celebrate Valentine's Day with crafts.

- Sat., Feb. 3, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 3, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 5, 4:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 6, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 6, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Fri., Feb. 9, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Fri., Feb. 9, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Fri., Feb. 9, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Fri., Feb. 9, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
- Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 10, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 12, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Mon., Feb. 12, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 13, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Feb. 14, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 14, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 14, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
- Wed., Feb. 14, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Llamas at Your Library

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

- Sat., Dec. 2, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Dec. 28, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. 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. **For adults with young children.**

East Grand Rapids Branch

- Wed., Dec. 13, 11:00 AM
- Wed., Jan. 10, 11:00 AM
- Wed., Feb. 14, 11:00 AM

Grandville Branch

- Mon., Jan. 8, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Jan. 15, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Jan. 22, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Jan. 29, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 5, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 12, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 19, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 26, 10:00 AM

Plainfield Twp. Branch

- Tue., Jan. 9, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Jan. 16, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Jan. 23, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Jan. 30, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Feb. 6, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Feb. 13, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Feb. 20, 11:00 AM
- Tue., Feb. 27, 11:00 AM

Wyoming Branch

- Thu., Dec. 7, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Dec. 14, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Dec. 21, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Dec. 28, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Jan. 4, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Jan. 11, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Jan. 18, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Jan. 25, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Feb. 1, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Feb. 8, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Feb. 15, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Feb. 22, 10:30 AM
- Thu., Feb. 29, 10:30 AM



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, so dress accordingly.

- Fri., Dec. 1, 6:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Wed., Dec. 6, 4:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Sat., Dec. 16, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 20, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 27, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Dec. 28, 10:00 AM – Walker Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Sat., Dec. 30, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 4, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
- Fri., Jan. 5, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Mon., Jan. 8, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM – Wyoming Branch
- Sat., Jan. 13, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Sat., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

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 for this outdoor program, and don't forget the camera!



- Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Mon., Dec. 4, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 5, 4:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Sat., Dec. 9, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Mon., Dec. 11, 6:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Wed., Dec. 13, 4:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Thu., Dec. 14, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Sat., Dec. 16, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Mon., Dec. 18, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 19, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., Dec. 19, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Dec. 20, 4:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
- Fri., Dec. 22, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Sat., Dec. 23, 10:00 AM – Walker Branch

SnowFest Craft Time!

Celebrate the snowy season with winter-themed craft-making fun for the family.

- Tue., Dec. 12, 4:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 13, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 15, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Wed., Dec. 27, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Dec. 29, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., Jan. 4, 2:00 PM – Walker Branch
- Sat., Jan. 6, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 12, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Mon., Jan. 15, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 15, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 20, 11:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Mon., Jan. 22, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 26, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 27, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 27, 11:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Winter Fun

After visiting the reindeer, step inside to make a couple of wintry crafts and listen to the award-winning Northview Jazz Band.

- Mon., Dec. 18, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5)



Winter Wonder Stories

Get cozy while listening to seasonal stories; then create fun, winter-themed crafts.

- Fri., Dec. 1, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 6, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 6, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Dec. 6, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 6, 11:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Dec. 7, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 13, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 13, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Dec. 20, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Dec. 28, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Storytimes

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CASCADE TOWNSHIP																								
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ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL)																								
GAINES TWP.																								
GRANDVILLE																								
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KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT)																								
KRAUSE MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD)																								
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- Babytime
- Storytime
- Yoga Storytime
- Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime
- Toddler Time
- Rhyme Time
- Preschool Storytime



With the exception of our special Winter Wonder Stories (Pg. 25) in December, most winter storytimes begin the first week of January and run through the end of February. For the most up-to-date information on storytimes – including cancelations due to scheduled branch closures – please visit kdl.org/storytime.

Loose Parts Play

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

- Fri., Dec. 1, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Tue., Dec. 5, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Dec. 8, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Dec. 15, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Dec. 22, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Tue., Jan. 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Jan. 5, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Jan. 5, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 12, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Jan. 12, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 15, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Tue., Jan. 16, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 19, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Jan. 19, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 26, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Jan. 26, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Feb. 2, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Feb. 2, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 6, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

- Fri., Feb. 9, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Feb. 9, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 12, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Fri., Feb. 16, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Feb. 16, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 20, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Fri., Feb. 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Feb. 23, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Meet Your Community Helpers

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

- Fri., Feb. 16, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

YOUTH (AGES 10 AND UNDER)

YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 0-5) AND SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

CARE Ballet

Watch CARE Ballet dancers perform excerpts from their current show.

Sun., Jan. 28, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Sun., Jan. 28, 3:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10)

Book Explorers

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

Wed., Dec. 13, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Dec. 16, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Sat., Jan. 6, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Jan. 10, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Wed., Jan. 24, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Sat., Jan. 27, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Feb. 7, 4:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Feb. 17, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
Wed., Feb. 21, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Homeschool Hangout

Welcome to our hangout, where homeschoolers can connect with other kids and learn through engaging activities including STEAM, writing, crafts and games. The theme changes every week, so there are always new opportunities to learn and explore together!

Thu., Dec. 7, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Dec. 14, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Dec. 21, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Dec. 28, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Jan. 4, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Jan. 8, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Jan. 8, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 11, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 11, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Jan. 15, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 18, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 18, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Jan. 22, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 25, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 25, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Jan. 29, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 1, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 1, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Feb. 5, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Mon., Feb. 5, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 8, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 8, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Feb. 12, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 15, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 15, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Mon., Feb. 19, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 22, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 22, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Thu., Feb. 29, 1:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Thu., Feb. 29, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

John Ball Zoo's Winter Animals

John Ball Zoo will bring the zoo to KDL! Learn how animals adapt to survive the winter and interact with live zoo animals in the comfort of the library.

Sat., Dec. 16, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., Dec. 23, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
Wed., Dec. 27, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Wed., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Dec. 28, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Thu., Dec. 28, 1:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
Tue., Jan. 2, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Wed., Jan. 3, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 4, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Jan. 4, 4:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., Jan. 5, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Sat., Jan. 6, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Sat., Jan. 6, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
Sat., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch



KDL Labs last 1 - 2 hours.

For specific durations and the most current schedule – including any additions to this schedule or unexpected cancellations – visit kdl.org/KDL-Lab.



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., Dec. 7, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Tue., Jan. 2, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Jan. 9, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Jan. 15, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 16, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Jan. 23, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Jan. 24, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Mon., Jan. 29, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 30, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Feb. 6, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Mon., Feb. 12, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 13, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Feb. 20, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Wed., Feb. 21, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 27, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Ahoy! A Pirate's Adventure

Ahoy Mateys! Do you have what it takes to be a true buccaneer? Try yer hand at "pirate skills" like using a compass and tying sailing knots. Build and "fire" yer own catapult, try not to sink yer ship and create yer very own pirate name.

Mon., Dec. 11, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 3, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Fri., Jan. 12, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Sat., Jan. 20, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Jan. 29, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Feb. 20, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

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

Sat., Dec. 16, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Dec. 23, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Sat., Dec. 23, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Sat., Jan. 6, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Jan. 15, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Jan. 17, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Sat., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Jan. 31, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., Feb. 3, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Feb. 7, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Sat., Feb. 17, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Sat., Feb. 17, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Mon., Feb. 19, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

There's no party like an art party, because an art party has so many fun activities you'll never want it to end. Let your creativity flow! And when the fun does have to stop, you can keep creating at home.

Sat., Dec. 9, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Sat., Dec. 9, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Wed., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Walker Branch
 Thu., Jan. 4, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Jan. 8, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 18, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Jan. 22, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 25, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 1, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 8, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Feb. 12, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Thu., Feb. 15, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Feb. 21, 3:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., Feb. 22, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Brain Gains

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

Wed., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Jan. 10, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Mon., Jan. 22, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 31, 4:00 PM – Walker Branch
 Mon., Feb. 12, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Mon., Feb. 19, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Sat., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Cardboard Creations

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

Thu., Dec. 7, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., Dec. 27, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 17, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Jan. 24, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Pocket Monster Palooza

Here's your chance to become a Pokémon® master. Grab your Poké Balls®, select your favorite starter and hone your skills. Get ready to catch 'em all!

Mon., Jan. 8, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Sat., Jan. 13, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 1, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Wed., Feb. 7, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., Feb. 20, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Feb. 28, 3:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Superhero Training Camp

Create your own superhero costume, design a superhero vehicle, Hulk Smash® villains, race heroes down a zipline, create superhero code and more to help save the day!

Thu., Jan. 4, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., Jan. 30, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch

KDL Lab Experience: Techtropolis

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

Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
 Mon., Feb. 5, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Feb. 16, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Sat., Feb. 24, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Mon., Feb. 26, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

KIDS ZONE

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

Alto Branch

Wed., Dec. 13, 4:00 PM
 Wed., Dec. 27, 4:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 10, 4:00 PM
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Caledonia Twp. Branch

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Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM
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 Wed., Jan. 10, 4:00 PM
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 Tue., Feb. 13, 4:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 14, 4:00 PM
 Tue., Feb. 20, 4:00 PM

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Dec. 4, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Dec. 11, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Dec. 18, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Jan. 8, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Jan. 15, 4:30 PM
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 Mon., Jan. 29, 4:30 PM
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 Mon., Feb. 12, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Feb. 19, 4:30 PM
 Mon., Feb. 26, 4:30 PM

Nelson Twp. Branch

Sat., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM
 Sat., Jan. 20, 10:00 AM
 Sat., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM
 Sat., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM

Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., Jan. 11, 6:30 PM

Pocket Monster Club

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

Wed., Feb. 21, 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Ruff Readers

This unique read-aloud program in partnership with West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc. pairs kids with a trained therapy dog and their handler. Kids read their favorite book and the pooches curl up, listen and enjoy. **Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and secure a time slot. First come, first served.**



West Michigan Therapy Dogs, Inc.



Wed., Jan. 17, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Fri., Feb. 23, 10:00 AM – Grandville 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 15 minutes before the program begins, and program begins promptly at the scheduled time.*

Thu., Dec. 28, 1:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

SCHOOL AGE (AGES 5-10) AND TEENS (AGES 11-17)

Anishinaabe Art Workshop

Learn from Monica Rickert-Bolter, a mixed Afro-Indigenous multimedia artist and illustrator of multiple children's books, including *Journey of the Freckled Indian*, as you create your own story using Anishinaabe-style stencils and layering techniques on dark-colored paper.

Mon., Feb. 19, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Battle of the Books Kick Off

Join us for the Battle of the Books Kick Off event. The 2023 titles will be revealed and important event information shared. This event will be both in-person and broadcast on Facebook Live.

Thu., Dec. 7, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Coding Class with Coders4Tomorrow

Coders4Tomorrow will teach the basics of coding through creating video games using the programming platform Scratch. Projects students can create include a Mario-themed platformer, Flappy Bird, Cookie Clicker, and more! Pizza will be served at 1PM. For grades 4-8. No prior coding experience is necessary. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Wed., Jan. 3, 12:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Kids and Teens Craft Show

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

Tue., Dec. 5, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

TEENS (AGES 11-17)

Curtain Call: Teen Movie Nights at Kentwood

Join us for a teen-only movie musical night where you may sing along to your heart's content! Bring whatever you need to be comfy (blanket, pillow, bean bag, etc.). Snacks are provided (first come first served), though you may also bring in your own food and covered drinks as needed. **For teens in grades 6-12.**

- Thu., Dec. 14, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., Jan. 11, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., Feb. 8, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Escape the Library

Bring a group to the library—or form a group at the library—and work together to solve a series of puzzles to escape the room before time runs out.

- Thu., Jan. 4, 11:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Homeschool Hangout | Art Club

Welcome to our hangout, where homeschool teens get a chance to connect with each other and learn through engaging art projects. Themes change regularly, so there are always new opportunities to create and explore together!

- Wed., Dec. 6, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 20, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 3, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 17, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 31, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 14, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 28, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Late and Loud at the Library

The library has been taken over with mini-golf, games, silent disco, laser tag and more! Come in early and enjoy this action-packed after-hours event. *Minors must be accompanied by an adult.*

- Fri., Feb. 16, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Novel Newts Book Club

Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

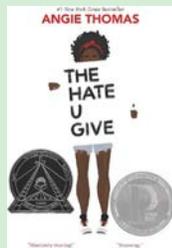
Wednesdays at 4:00 PM



Dec. 6,
Refugee
by Alan Gratz



Jan. 3,
Elatsoe
by Darcie
Little Badger



Feb. 7,
*The Hate U
Give* by Angie
Thomas



One Shot RPGs

Explore new RPG systems during our monthly one-shot adventures! Join an all-raccoon racing team, take on a quest as a reanimated skeleton or plan a fool-proof heist as a group of bears. New and experienced players are welcome for these easy-to-learn adventures.

- Thu., Dec. 14, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Mon., Dec. 18, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Jan. 11, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 22, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Feb. 15, 6:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 19, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Reeds Lake Rogues

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

- Wed., Dec. 13, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Jan. 31, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Wed., Feb. 28, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Teen Advisory Board

Teens ages 11-17 are invited to meet with a teen librarian to develop teen programs, discuss teen books and make sure that our teen space is as fun and functional as possible. Meetings can count as volunteer hours for things like the National Honor Society. Students ages 14+ can apply for additional volunteer opportunities.

- Thu., Dec. 14, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Dec. 28, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Jan. 11, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Jan. 25, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Feb. 8, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Thu., Feb. 22, 4:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Teen Cram Session

Finish that big project or prepare for a test in a teen-only study space with light snacks, focus aids and stress-reducing activities. Bring your assignments, your study partners and your brain.

- Sun., Dec. 17, 4:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Mon., Dec. 18, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., Dec. 19, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Wed., Dec. 20, 3:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Teen Movie Nights at Grandville

Join us for a teen-only movie night of YA book-to-movie adaptations where you may comment/jeer along to your heart's content! Bring whatever you need to be comfy (blanket, pillow, bean bag, etc.)! Snacks are provided (first come, first served), though you may also bring in your own food and covered drinks as needed. **For teens in grades 6-12.**

Thu., Dec. 14, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., Feb. 15, 4:30 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! **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Wed., Dec. 27, 3:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Jan. 2, 3:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 4, 1:00 PM – Grandville 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.

Byron Twp. Branch

Wed., Jan. 17, 3:30 PM
 Wed., Feb. 21, 3:30 PM

Caledonia Twp. Branch

Sat., Jan. 13, 2:00 PM
 Sat., Feb. 3, 2:00 PM
 Sat., Feb. 24, 2:00 PM

Cascade Twp. Branch

Sat., Feb. 24, 3:00 PM

Comstock Park Branch

Wed., Jan. 17, 3:30 PM
 Wed., Feb. 28, 3:30 PM

East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Dec. 7, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Dec. 14, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Jan. 11, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Jan. 18, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Jan. 25, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Feb. 1, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Feb. 8, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Feb. 15, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Feb. 22, 3:00 PM
 Thu., Feb. 29, 3:00 PM

Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM

Grandville Branch

Thu., Dec. 21, 4:30 PM
 Thu., Jan. 18, 4:30 PM
 Thu., Feb. 22, 12:30 PM

Kelloggsville Branch

Wed., Jan. 10, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 24, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 7, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 21, 3:00 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., Jan. 10, 1:30 PM
 Wed., Feb. 14, 1:30 PM

Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tues., Jan. 9 - Thurs., Feb. 29
No Teen Zone Fri., Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, and Feb. 16
 3:00 PM

Wyoming Branch

Wed., Jan. 10, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 17, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 24, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Jan. 31, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 7, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 14, 3:00 PM
 Wed., Feb. 21, 3:00 PM



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

TEENS (AGES 11 - 17) AND ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)



Retro Arcade

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

Sat., Jan. 20, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
 Sat., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

An Evening with the Poet Laureates



Join us for a compelling conversation on poetry, life, and how current issues impact their art as well as readings from their work from Michigan Poet Laureate Nandi Comer and Grand Rapids Poet Laureate Ericka "Kyd Kane" Thompson.

Tue., Dec. 5, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

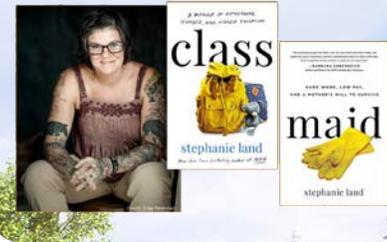
Author Talks, Online

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.**



Stephanie Land

Tuesday, Dec. 12,
2:00 PM - Online



Victoria Aveyard

Tuesday, Dec. 5,
7:00 PM - Online



Book Discussions, Online

Real Grown-ups Read YA | Book Discussion

Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Calling all grown-ups who'd rather read books "for young adults." There's no shame in checking out teen reads in this group. Our theme this month is romantic comedy. Read a YA book with the theme and come prepared to talk books. **Register at kdl.org/events to join the discussion. 1 hour.**

Dec. 12, Jan. 10, Feb. 14

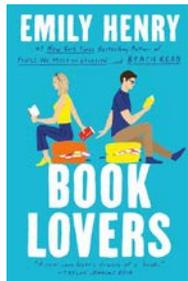
Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books. Books are selected in advance by participants.

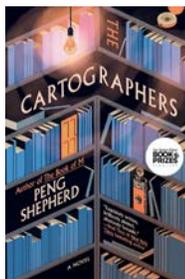
Alpine Twp. Branch

Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

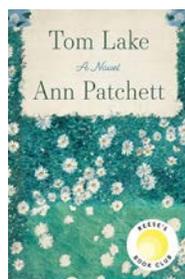
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Dec. 6,
Book Lovers by
Emily Henry



Jan. 3,
The Cartographers
by Peng Shepherd

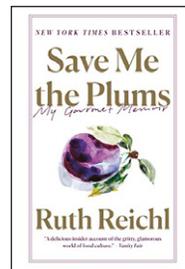


Feb. 7,
Tom Lake by
Ann Patchett

Alto Branch

All Aboard! Book Club

Thursdays at 10:30 AM



Dec. 21,
*Save Me the
Plums* by Ruth
Reichl



Jan. 18,
Tom Lake
by Ann Patchett

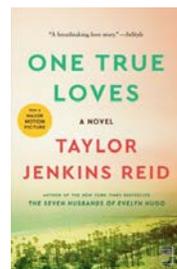


Feb. 15,
*The Midnight
Library* by Matt
Haig

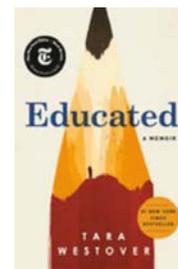
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Ada Z Book Club

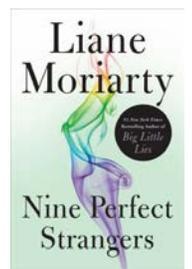
Wednesdays at 12:00 PM



Dec. 27,
*One True
Loves* by Taylor
Jenkins Reid



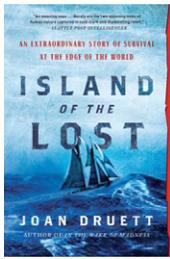
Jan. 31,
Educated
by Tara Westover



Feb. 28,
*Nine Perfect
Strangers* by
Liane Moriarty



Byron Twp. Branch
Byron Twp. Book Discussion
 Mondays at 6:30 PM

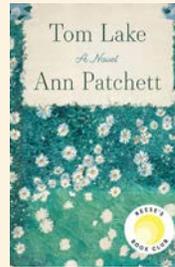


Jan. 22,
Island of the Lost by Joan Druett



Feb. 26,
The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline

Comstock Park Branch
Never Too Old Book Club
 Tuesdays at 7:00 PM



Dec. 12,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

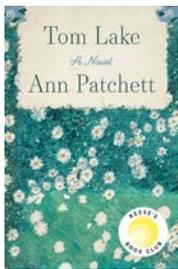


Jan. 9,
Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed



Feb. 13,
We Deserve Monuments by Jas Hammonds

Caledonia Twp. Branch
Novel Characters Book Club
 Wednesdays at 1:00 PM



Dec. 6,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Jan. 3,
The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue

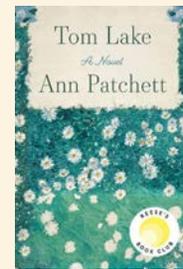


Feb. 7,
Before the Fall by Noah Hawley

Lit Wits Book Discussion
 Thursdays at 6:30 PM

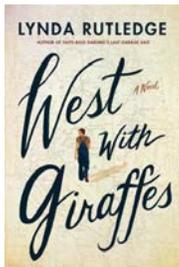


Jan. 25,
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

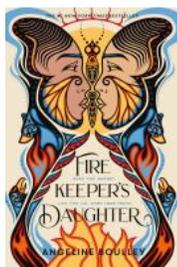


Feb. 22,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

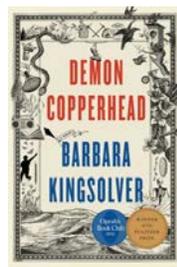
Cascade Twp. Branch
Friends of the Cascade Library Book Discussion
 Mondays at 10:00 AM



Dec. 18,
West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

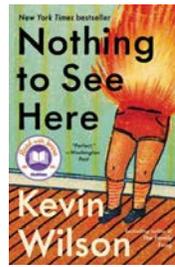


Jan. 22,
Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley



Feb. 19,
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

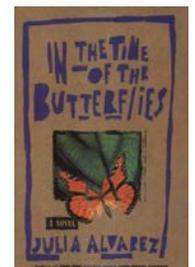
East Grand Rapids Branch
Lakeside Lit Book Club
 Mondays at 1:00 PM



Dec. 11,
Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson



Jan. 8,
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah

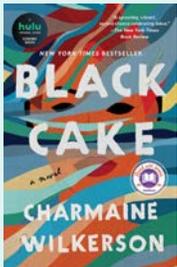


Feb. 12,
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

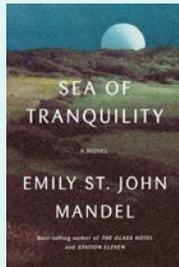
Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Bookworms Book Club

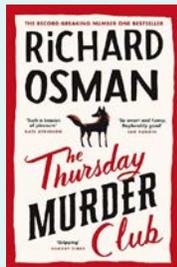
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM



Dec. 12,
Black Cake
by Charmaine Wilkerson



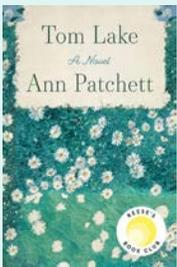
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Sea of Tranquility
by Emily St. John Mandel



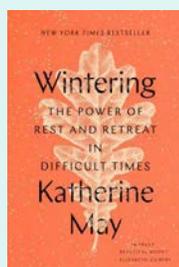
Feb. 13,
The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman

Night Owls Book Club

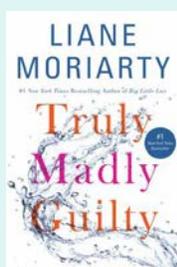
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Dec. 6,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Jan. 3,
Wintering by Katherine May

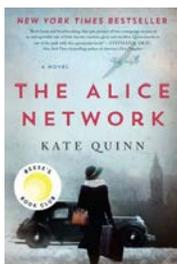


Feb. 7,
Truly Madly Guilty by Liane Moriarty

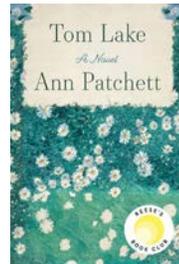
Gaines Twp. Branch

Common Reader Book Club

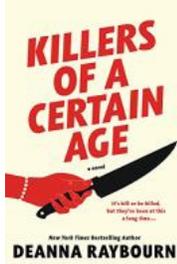
Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



Dec. 19,
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn



Jan. 16,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Feb. 20,
Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn

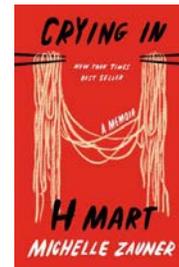
Grandville Branch

Maple St. Book Club

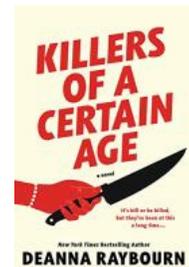
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Dec 13,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
Now Is Not the Time to Panic
by Kevin Wilson



Jan. 10,
Crying in H Mart
by Michelle Zauner

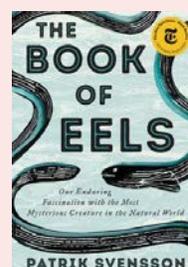


Feb. 16,
Killers of a Certain Age
by Deanna Raybourn

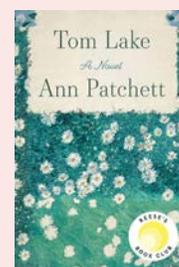
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Krause Afternoon Book Club

Fridays at 1:30 PM



Dec. 15, *The Book of Eels*
by Patrik Svensson



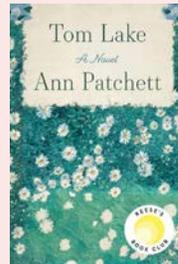
Jan. 19, *Tom Lake*
by Ann Patchett



Feb. 16, *Jane Crow: The Life of Pauli Murray*
by Rosalind Rosenberg

Krause Evening Book Club

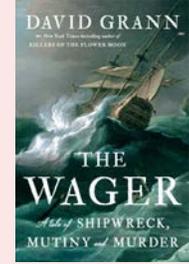
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Dec. 11,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett



Jan. 8,
Participants are invited to read any book by Marie Benedict.



Feb. 12,
The Wager by David Grann

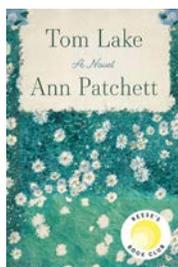
Nelson Twp. Branch

Nelson Twp. Book Club

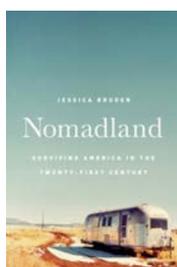
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



Dec. 19,
This month, we'll discuss great books we read in 2023 "potluck" style.



Jan. 16,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

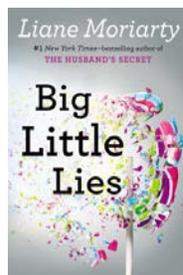


Feb. 20,
Nomadland by Jessica Bruder

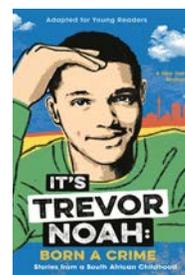
Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tyrone Township Book Discussion

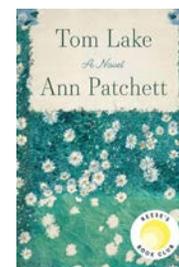
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



Dec. 12,
Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty



Jan. 9,
Born A Crime by Trevor Noah

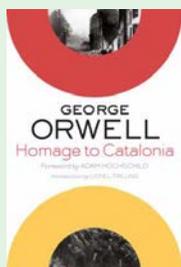


Feb. 13,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

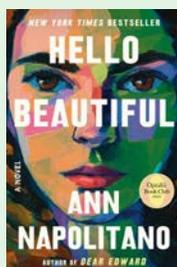
Plainfield Twp. Branch

Plainfield Book Discussion

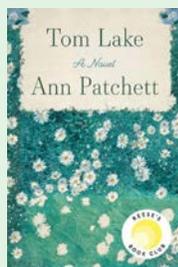
Thursdays at 1:00 PM



Dec. 14,
Homage to Catalonia by George Orwell



Jan. 11,
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

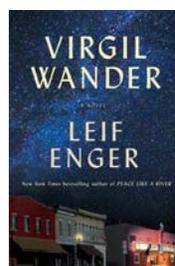


Feb. 8,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

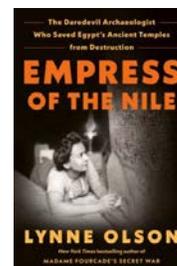
Walker Branch

Walker Book Discussion

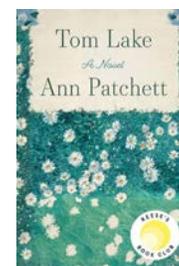
Tuesdays at 11:00 AM



Dec. 12,
Virgil Wander by Leif Enger



Jan. 9,
Empress of the Nile by Lynne Olson



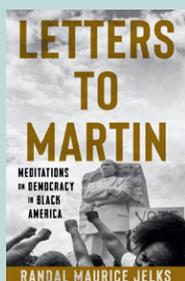
Feb. 13,
Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Letters to Martin Book Discussion

Fri., Jan. 19, 2:00 PM

Participate in this small group opportunity to discuss the relevance of action in the reflections of Dr. Randal Jelks's *Letters to Martin*. Part of the Honoring the Life and Legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. series.

Plainfield Twp. Branch



Antiques Appraisal at the Library

Bring your heirloom or treasured possession to the library, share its story and have it evaluated by Kellie Johnson of Blue Moon Estate Sales. Nothing to bring? Come watch your neighbors share their items at this fun event modeled after the popular Antique Roadshow program. **No weapons or very large items. Photos of your items are acceptable. Limit two items per person.**



Sat., Jan. 27, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Artemis, Return to the Moon

Learn from a NASA ambassador about the NASA Artemis program and its timeline for missions to the moon and establishing a base on the moon, all in preparation for journeying to Mars.



Tue., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Tue., Jan. 16, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
Thu., Jan. 25, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., Jan. 29, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Awesome Adults

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

Tue., Dec. 5, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Fri., Dec. 22, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Jan. 2, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 2, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Jan. 9, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 16, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 23, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Jan. 26, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Jan. 30, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 6, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 6, 11:00 AM – Walker Branch
Tue., Feb. 13, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 20, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Fri., Feb. 23, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Battle of the Books Coaches Meeting

All BOB coaches are required to attend this meeting. It will be recorded for future viewing. This event will be virtual via Zoom. The link will be shared with registered coaches prior to the event. For more information, see kdl.org/BOB or like us on Facebook - Grandville Battle of the Books.

Thu., Jan. 11, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Bingo Hour

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

Tue., Dec. 12, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Thu., Dec. 14, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Mon., Dec. 18, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Dec. 19, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Tue., Jan. 9, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., Jan. 10, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Thu., Jan. 11, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Mon., Jan. 15, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Jan. 16, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Feb. 8, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., Feb. 13, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Wed., Feb. 14, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Mon., Feb. 19, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Tue., Feb. 20, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Card Crafting

Explore the art of card making as we delve into various themes and designs, providing inspiration for your personalized creations. Discover a multitude of artistic techniques, with a focus on collaging materials and embellishments, in a supportive, inspiring environment. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**



Sat., Dec. 2, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
Sat., Dec. 2, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
Mon., Dec. 4, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
Tue., Dec. 5, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
Thu., Dec. 7, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
Sat., Dec. 9, 11:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
Mon., Dec. 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
Tue., Dec. 12, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
Thu., Dec. 14, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
Mon., Dec. 18, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
Tue., Dec. 19, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
Thu., Dec. 21, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
Tue., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

Classic Movies of the Silver Screen

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

Fri., Dec. 8, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Jan. 23, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Fri., Jan. 26, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Feb. 9, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Fri., Feb. 23, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch
Tue., Feb. 27, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Coffee, Crafts & Conversations

We have craft supplies; you have ideas! Join us for an hour of open crafting, a cup of coffee and chats with other crafters. Don't have a craft idea? No worries. We'll provide supplies and ideas to inspire your creativity.

Tue., Dec. 12, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Jan. 9, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch
Tue., Feb. 13, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Honoring the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Weeklong Celebration



Please join Kent District Library for a week of powerful reflections and action that support the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an inspiring way.

Meditations on Democracy in Black America

Join award-winning author, documentary film producer and University of Kansas professor Dr. Randal Jelks as he provides a moving narrative on the highlights from his book *Letters to Martin*. This event will include a book signing, relevant topic discussion and a proclamation by Michigan State Representative Kristian Grant.

Mon., Jan. 15, 12:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

King's Six Principles for Non-Violent Direct Action: Are They Doable?

Presented by author, podcaster, educator and retired Calvin professor Dr. Michelle Lloyd-Paige, this call to action compels us to promote positive change and have a deeper understanding of society today.

Tue., Jan. 16, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Selma

Together with your library community, view *Selma*, a historical drama that features the troubling times of voting rights, equality and action in Alabama that will bring forth anger, grief and hope.

Wed., Jan. 17, 5:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Fear Must Not Be Our Future

Join Pastor Joe Jones, former city commissioner and CEO of the Grand Rapids Urban League and current Assistant Pastor of Brown Hutcherson Ministries, for a presentation on how our nation can improve and move forward with faithful action, not fearful guidance.

Thu., Jan. 18, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Letters to Martin Book Discussion

Participate in this small group opportunity to discuss the relevance of action in the reflections of Dr. Randal Jelks's *Letters to Martin*.

Fri. Jan. 19, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Craft & Create

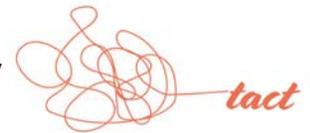
Create together! Features a new craft each time for you to make and take home.



Mon., Dec. 4, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Dec. 6, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Dec. 12, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 3, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Wed., Jan. 10, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., Jan. 16, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., Jan. 23, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Jan. 31, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Wed., Feb. 7, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Tue., Feb. 20, 6:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Tue., Feb. 27, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Feb. 28, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Ethical and Practical Market Practices for Small Businesses

Chelsie Wyse, owner of tact: Marketing Strategy & Visual Communications, will share how to market your small business using free resources.



Tue., Feb. 20, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Feb. 22, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Anandel Library (Ada)

Hora de Intercambio / Spanish Conversation Hour

Come and meet Spanish language learners to connect and practice with others in this librarian-facilitated discussion. **Open to all Spanish fluency levels.**

Wed., Dec. 27, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
 Wed., Jan. 24, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch
 Wed., Feb. 28, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch



Idlewild: Heirlooms of the Past

Using original songs, a pop-up museum and lecture, CJ Kingdom-Grier will share Idlewild's story—a community model of hope, resilience, entrepreneurship, restoration and Black excellence in the heart of Michigan juxtaposed over a nationwide landscape of Jim Crow and segregation.

Doors open at 6:00 PM for museum viewing; lecture begins promptly at 6:30 PM.

Tue., Jan. 23, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Tue., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Tue., Feb. 27, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



January Series | Byron Twp. Branch

Join the Byron Twp. Branch community to view a live stream of Calvin University's January Series. The January Series aims to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day.



Prof. Lerone Martin on "Soul Force: The Challenge of Martin Luther King"
Mon., Jan. 15, 12:30 PM



Dan Tepfer on "From Bach to Natural Machines: Algorithms as the Shapers of Music"
Tue., Jan. 16, 12:30 PM



Prof. Robby George on "Religious Liberty and the Human Good"
Wed., Jan. 17, 12:30 PM



Caroline Randall Williams on "Soul Food and the Collective Cultural Memory"
Thu., Jan. 18, 12:30 PM



Matthew Desmond on "Poverty, By America"
Fri., Jan. 19, 12:30 PM



Kendall Vanderslice on "Table Conversations: Building Community as We Eat"
Mon., Jan. 22, 12:30 PM



Lydia Dugdale on "The Lost Art of Dying: Ethical Considerations in Facing Our Mortality"
Tue., Jan. 23, 12:30 PM



Niala Boodhoo on "Lessons I've Learned from Listening"
Wed., Jan. 24, 12:30 PM



Tommy Caldwell on "Route Finding for Success"
Thu., Jan. 25, 12:30 PM



Felicia Wu Song on "Restless Devices: Christian Formation in a Digital World"
Fri., Jan. 26, 12:30 PM



Jacob Goldstein on "Technology, Luddites and the Future of Work"
Mon., Jan. 29, 12:30 PM



Daniel Bowman Jr. on "Neurodivergent Storytelling"
Tue., Jan. 30, 12:30 PM



Abram Van Engan, Joanne Diaz and Marilyn Nelson for a live recording of the podcast *Poetry for All*
Wed., Jan. 31, 12:30 PM



Tim Dalrymple on "What's Becoming of Us?: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of the Church"
Thu., Feb. 1, 12:30 PM



Pearl Shangkuan on "Tuning Our Minds, Ears and Hearts to Sing God's Grace: Reflections of a Conductor"
Fri., Feb. 2, 12:30 PM

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.

Sat., Feb. 17, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Night Out at the Library

Treat yourself and someone special to a night out at the library! Connect over new experiences for you and your partner, close friend or date to enjoy together. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Thu., Feb. 15, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch



Open Craft Lab

Stop in and try something new or bring in your own project! New projects will be introduced monthly. All previous projects will be available while supplies last.

Thu., Dec. 7, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 25, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 8, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 22, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Paint & Pop

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

Thu., Jan. 18, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Safe at Home: Storing Items for Children's Well-Being

Learn from a Kent County Sheriff's Department Community Officer how to safely store guns, alcohol, marijuana and medication in your home to keep your family safe. You will hear suggestions on how to talk to the parents of your child's friends about how they keep these items safely secured in their homes.

Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Seeing Your Garden with a Designer's Eye

Learn the basics of designing a perennial garden, including what style and level of maintenance would be best for you, what blooms when, how to plant for seasonal interest all year, what's easy to grow, and how texture, color and height enhance your design. Presented by the Rockford Garden Club as part of their 100 Year Anniversary series.

Sat., Feb. 10, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Stories of the Underground Railroad Told Through Quilting

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.



Thu., Jan. 18, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Jan. 25, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Thu., Feb. 8, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 15, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Sat., Feb. 24, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Tea Tasting with Pour-d

Join us as we unravel the stories and history inside the teapot. Taste the five categories of tea and learn how it's grown, processed and flavored. Explore its deep cultural influence from Royal British tea parties to a Japanese tea ceremony. **Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins and you may save one seat for a friend.**

Wed., Jan. 10, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Tue., Jan. 16, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Wed., Jan. 17, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
 Thu., Jan. 18, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
 Tue., Jan. 23, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 24, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch
 Thu., Jan. 25, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 1, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
 Tue., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
 Wed., Feb. 7, 5:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
 Tue., Feb. 13, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch
 Tue., Feb. 20, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch
 Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

The 102nd United States Colored Troops: A Unique Story in Michigan's Civil War History

Join local historian Maurice Imhoff as he shares his research into Michigan's Colored Regiment during the Civil War. From being enslaved in the south to becoming soldiers for the union army after taking the underground railroad to Michigan, this regiment has one of the most distinct stories in our state's history.

Tue., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
 Thu., Jan. 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 24, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Wed., Jan. 31, 6:30 PM – Walker Branch

Tips for Keeping the Cold Air Out

Come and learn energy-saving tips on how to keep your home warm in the winter by stopping the cold air from sneaking in.

Tue., Jan. 16, 5:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch

Trivia Night @ KDL

Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games covering general knowledge and pop culture topics with fun audio and visual clues. The game will be played in teams (up to four members), so come with friends or join a team on the spot.

Wed., Feb. 7, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
 Thu., Feb. 8, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
 Thu., Feb. 15, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
 Mon., Feb. 19, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
 Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
 Thu., Feb. 22, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch
 Tue., Feb. 27, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
 Wed., Feb. 28, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch



BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

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ALPINE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49321

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

ALTO BRANCH

6071 Linfield Ave., Alto 49302

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 to 1:30	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	12:00 to 6:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 1:30

AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY (ADA)

7215 Headley St. SE, Ada 49301

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

BYRON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

8191 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center 49315

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

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP BRANCH

6260 92nd St. SE, Caledonia 49316

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

CASCADE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 49546

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

COMSTOCK PARK BRANCH

3943 W. River Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

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

EAST GRAND RAPIDS BRANCH

746 Lakeside Dr. SE, East Grand Rapids 49506

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

ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL) BRANCH

200 N. Monroe St., Lowell 49331

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

GAINES TOWNSHIP BRANCH

421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

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

GRANDVILLE BRANCH

4055 Maple St. SW, Grandville 49418

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

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP EXPRESS LIBRARY

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding 48809

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

KDL TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

814 West River Center Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

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

KELLOGGSVILLE BRANCH

4787 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids 49548

SCHOOL YEAR HOURS:

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	3:00 to 6:30	—	—

SUMMER HOURS:

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

KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT) BRANCH

4950 Breton SE, Kentwood 49508

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

KRAUSE MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD) BRANCH

140 E. Bridge St., Rockford 49341

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

NELSON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

88 Eighth St., Sand Lake 49343

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

PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2650 5-Mile Rd. NE, Grand Rapids 49525

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

SPENCER TOWNSHIP BRANCH

14960 Meddler Ave., Gowen 49326

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

TYRONE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

43 S. Main St., Kent City 49330

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

WALKER BRANCH

4293 Remembrance Rd. NW, Walker 49534

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

WYOMING BRANCH

3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509

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

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

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