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As the days grow colder and winter settles in, I would like to warmly invite you to make the library your cozy retreat this season. Whether you're seeking a good book to curl up with, a quiet place to work or engaging programs for all ages, we have something for everyone. This winter, our shelves are stocked with new arrivals, timeless classics and heartwarming stories perfect for cold days. Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff is always here to help you find that next great read or introduce you to new interests.

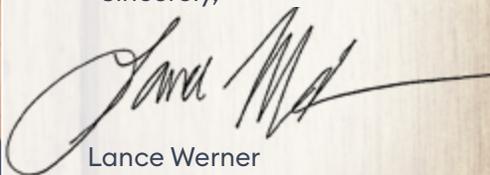
Don't forget to get signed up for our Let It Snow winter reading program. Earn a prize just for reading or listening to books! Learn more on page 13.

We hope you'll take advantage of all the library has to offer this winter, whether you're here to discover new worlds through books, meet neighbors in our welcoming space or simply enjoy a cozy corner away from the chill.

Come in, get comfortable and explore everything your Kent District Library has waiting for you. We hope to see you soon!



Sincerely,



Lance Werner  
Executive Director

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# KDL Updates

## Introducing the KDL Community Impact Scholarship!

We are proud to announce the KDL Community Impact Scholarship. We want to know how your connection with KDL has played a part in your story to bring about positive change. This \$5,000 scholarship is open to high school seniors and adults returning to school who are passionate about innovation, inclusivity and making a difference in their community. If you are a leader committed to driving positive change, we encourage you to apply! Applications may be submitted starting December 1. Check out [kdl.org/scholarship](https://kdl.org/scholarship) to learn more.



## Exciting News!

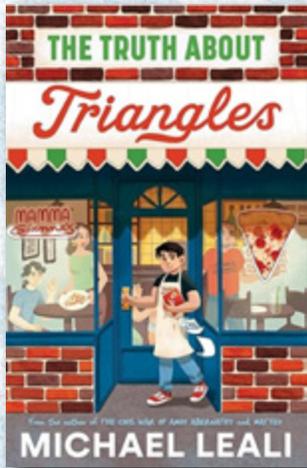
**The Walker Branch is expanding and undergoing a transformation!** Construction is starting soon, so we'll be temporarily relocating to a convenient space in Standale (445 Standale Plaza NW) to continue offering library services during expansion. This temporary space will offer a smaller collection for checkout, but all your favorite library services will be available, including holds pickup and printing. We're excited to begin this journey to a bigger and better Walker Branch. All the latest info can be found at [kdl.org/walker-makeover](https://kdl.org/walker-makeover).

## The Most Wonderful Time of Year

Our virtual storefront [shopkdl.org](https://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. We have some great new offerings, and there's bound to be something for everyone on your list, from the littlest library lovers to your most seasoned bookworms... or their pets. Be sure to check out our new Cozy Bundle. Happy shopping!



# Staff Picks



## The Truth About Triangles

by Michael Leali

This uplifting and profoundly emotional middle-grade book proves that even though your family isn't perfect, or even necessarily together, you are still surrounded by love.

**Nathan** | Grandville Branch

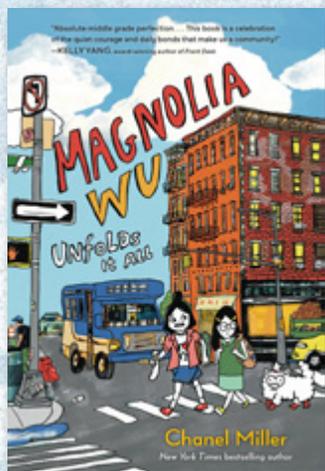


## Night Falls on Predicament Avenue

by Jaime Jo Wright

Two time periods. Two sets of characters. One house and many haunts. In 1910 small-town Iowa, a murder is witnessed at 322 Predicament Avenue, but no body can be found. Who was the murdered woman? Was she even actually killed? Then a British gentleman shows up looking for a woman whom no one has heard of. In the current day, a bed-and-breakfast owner is living with anxiety and dealing with grief. A podcaster stays at 322 Predicament Avenue to tell the 1910 story and someone else suddenly dies. Wright's writing is not scary as much as it is intriguing. She winds these two storylines together flawlessly. This story will keep you wanting more and turning the page to see what happens next.

**Jessie** | Service Center



## Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All

by Chanel Miller

This is a delightful chapter book featuring a girl whose parents own a laundry in NYC whose summer boredom is cured by a new friend and a quest to reunite lost socks with their owners.

**Susan** | Plainfield Twp. Branch



## The Glassmaker

by Tracy Chevalier

This is not your traditional family saga. Chevalier takes the “life passes slowly here” idea of small towns (in this case, the island of Murano off the coast of Venice in Italy) and makes it literal: the Rosso family and the townspeople age much slower than the rest of the world. This novel traverses hundreds of years while the family only ages 60 years. Added to this unusual setting is the exploration of the art of glass making and how the family adapts to survive the tide of plague, war and economic depression. I’m not typically a historical fiction reader, but this had me hooked! I loved and cried with the Rosso family.

**Emily** | Caledonia Twp. Branch



## The Midwife's Apprentice

by Karen Cushman

This fascinating story about a young girl trying to survive and find a place for herself in medieval England is a great story for young history buffs interested in this time period. The book is reasonably short and easy to read, making this an excellent choice for reluctant readers.

**Melody** | Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

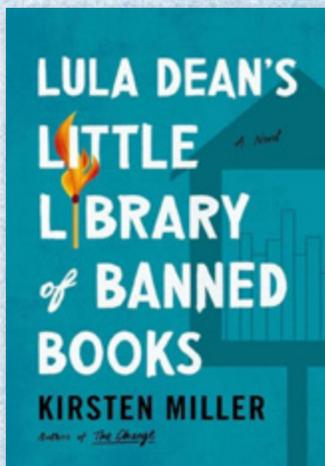


## A Gentleman in Moscow

by Amor Towles

This novel is sumptuous and rich in its settings and characters. It's well-written and engaging, and you'll definitely shed some tears from laughing, crying or likely a combination of both!

**Jacob** | Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



## Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books

by Kirsten Miller

A rather amusing collection of various townfolks' interactions with a little free library that – unbeknownst to the owner – contains banned books instead of the wholesome material she intended. What follows is a broadening of perspectives, assumptions and ideals as centuries-old prejudices are faced in this small southern town.

**Sarah** | Service Center

# On the Same Page



With Kaveh Akbar & Tommy Orange

Join us in exploring two profound works that delve into themes of identity, belonging and the search for family roots. These books offer rich perspectives on the ways we navigate our ties to the past and how they shape our present.



“Approaches big questions about personal and civilizational death with a glorious sense of whimsy.” – *The Washington Post*

“A lyrical, multigenerational exploration of Native American oppression.” – *Kirkus Reviews*

# Author Visit



Kaveh Akbar



Tommy Orange

**Wednesday, April 30, 6:30 PM**

**Godwin Heights High School Auditorium**

**50 35th St. SW**

**Wyoming, MI 49548**

Free registration will begin on Monday, March 17 at 9:00 AM. For more information and to sign up for updates, please visit:

**[kdl.org/samepage](http://kdl.org/samepage)** . . . . .



Community-wide conversations about books are the heart of On the Same Page. See pages 38-41 for book clubs discussing *Martyr!* and *Wandering Stars* this winter, and look for more book club discussions this spring. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about booking Tommy Orange, please visit [prhspeakers.com](http://prhspeakers.com). For more information about booking Kaveh Akbar, please visit [tuesdayagency.com/speakers](http://tuesdayagency.com/speakers).



## Join the Conversation

Winter book discussions  
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# WINTER BREAK

## PROGRAMMING



Step out of the house for fun-filled winter break programming at the library! Whether you enter a video game tournament, learn new facts about animals or hula hoop your heart out, there's plenty of fun to spark creativity and learning for the whole family. Don't miss out on a season of memories, learning and laughter!



### Animals Preparing for Winter

Discover the secrets of winter animal survival and learn how different animals prepare for life during the winter in Michigan. Live animals from Blandford Nature Center and natural artifacts will be part of this program.  
*For school-age children.*

See page 33 for dates, times and locations.

### Hula Hoop Dancing

Enjoy a fun, beginner-level hoop dancing class! Be enthralled by performances from a professional hula hoop dancer and learn a few hoop dancing tricks of your own. Hula hoops are provided. *For families with children.*

See page 30 for dates, times and locations.



Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab Experience Expo! KDL Lab will be showcasing a variety of STEAM experiences and partnering with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun. The Curiosity Dome, an inflatable HD planetarium, will be featured!  
*For school-age children.*

Monday, Dec. 30, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Cascade Twp. Branch



## 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.** *For all ages.*

See page 29 for dates, times and locations.

## 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, bring some quarters to purchase treats to feed the reindeer if you wish, and don't forget the camera!** *For all ages.*

See page 29 for dates, times and locations.

## Retro Arcade

This is a free play day of your favorite arcade games along with pinball. *For teens and adults.*

**Friday, Jan. 3,  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**For this after-hours event, minors must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Saturday, Jan. 4,  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

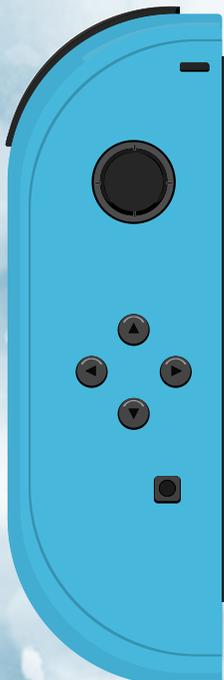
**Cascade Twp. Branch**



## 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. *For all ages.*

See page 30 for dates, times and locations.



## Teen Mario Kart Tournament

It's esports time for teens! Bring your friends to play *Mario Kart* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! *For ages 11-17.*

See page 36 for dates, times and locations.

## Youth Super Smash Bros. Tournament

It's esports time for kids ages 5-10! Bring your friends to compete at *Super Smash Bros.* using Nintendo Switch. Many will enter, but only one will be crowned champion! *For school-age children.*

**Thursday, Jan. 2, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM,  
Alpine Twp. Branch**

Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 5 minutes before the program begins, and program begins promptly at the scheduled time.



# Celebrating One Community

## Lunar New Year Storytime

Hear a story and learn from members of the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation about the traditional Lunar New Year clothing they are wearing and how their families celebrate the holiday. *For families with children.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:30 PM,  
Byron Twp. Branch**

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 PM,  
Plainfield Twp. Branch**



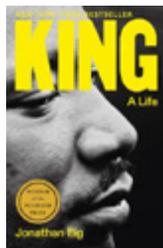
## Race, Riot and Reconciliation: The Uprising of 1967

Did the City of Grand Rapids accurately address the root causes of the unrest, or are the same mistakes still being made today? What have we learned in the last 57 years? Explore these questions and more through this thought-provoking exhibit, film and lecture. *For adults.*

**Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 PM,  
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**

## January Series | Jonathan Eig

Join the Byron Township 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. Today's speaker is Jonathan Eig on *King*, his 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Biography winning book on Martin Luther King, Jr. *For adults.*



**Monday, Jan. 20,  
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  
Byron Twp. Branch**

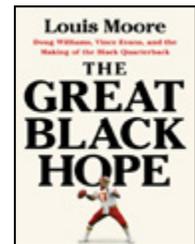
For additional January Series programs, visit pg. 45

## The History of Lunar New Year in Grand Rapids

In the early part of the twentieth century, Grand Rapids had a robust Asian community whose Lunar New Year celebrations were large enough to make front-page news. With Jen Tompkins of the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation, explore historical newspaper clippings that shed light on how members of Grand Rapids' first Asian community celebrated the Lunar New Year. *For adults.*

**Wednesday, Jan. 22, 6:30 PM,  
Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch**

**Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 PM,  
East Grand Rapids Branch**



## Doug Williams, Vince Evans and the Making of the Black Quarterback

Doug Williams and Vince Evans joined the NFL in the late 1970s, and as some of the first Black quarterbacks in the league, they faced death threats and racism that could have ended their careers almost before they began. Hear Williams' and Evans' stories and the influence their successes had on football and America from Dr. Louis Moore, author of *The Great Black Hope*. *For adults.*

**Thursday, Feb. 13,  
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Cascade Twp. Branch**

Kent County is home to people from a variety of cultures, backgrounds, heritages and experiences. This winter, learn alongside us the history of our community and about some of the cultures that have found a home in Grand Rapids.

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

Please join Kent District Library the week of Jan. 20 for a series of powerful reflections and action that support the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in an inspiring way.

### Just Mercy Movie Event

Together with your library community, view *Just Mercy*, a powerful drama based on the true story of a young lawyer and his history-making battle for justice for those in Alabama who were wrongfully condemned or weren't afforded proper representation. *For all ages.*

**Monday, Jan. 20, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM,  
Cascade Twp. Branch**

### Building Beloved Communities through Leadership

How can leaders foster Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a beloved community and build one after his vision? Hear from Julian Newman, author of *Beautiful Together: How to Become a Better Leader and Bridge Builder*, as he discusses the principles of leadership, civility and empathy that can build a strong, beloved community. *For adults.*

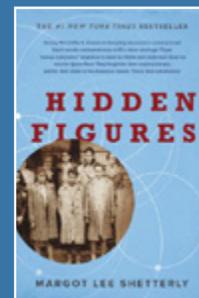


**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 PM,  
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**

### Hidden Figures Book Discussion

Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. *For adults.*

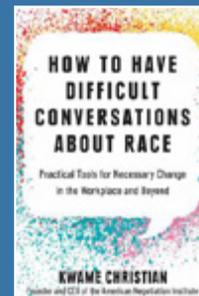
**Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2:00 PM,  
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)**



### How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race Book Discussion

Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race* by Kwame Christian. *For adults.*

**Thursday, Jan. 23, 6:30 PM,  
Byron Twp. Branch**



# Expand Your Mind: The Joy of Reading Across Genres



By **Josh Mosey** | Digital Marketing Strategist

Think about the books you read. Do they mostly fall into a single genre? Are there genres of books you've never tried before? Wander around the library and you'll see sections for Fiction, Nonfiction, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Mystery, Romance, Horror, Inspirational and more. Can you honestly say that you've read something from each section of the library?

Granted, not every book or genre may be your cup of tea. Even so, reading outside your comfort zone can strengthen your empathy muscles, both toward readers who enjoy those books or genres and toward the characters and situations discussed therein. You might even discover that you like the new genre and wonder why you have never read it before.

Studies show that reading different kinds of books is good for you. One study found that reading stories helps you understand what other people are thinking and feeling. This is called "theory of mind," and it's important for getting along with others. Another study found that reading different types of books can help you learn more about yourself and others.

Reading from various genres can also make your brain more flexible. This means you can think about things in new ways and solve problems better.

So, even if it's tempting to stick to the books and genres you know, trying new ones can be really rewarding. Whether it's understanding people better, thinking more creatively or just finding a new favorite book, reading widely is a great habit to have.



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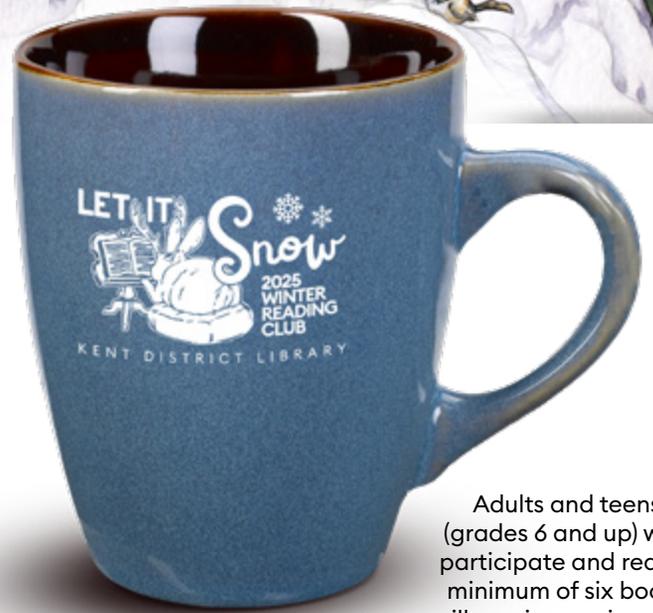
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**LET IT Snow**
  
 WINTER READING CLUB

**Dec. 1 - Feb. 28**
  
[kdl.org/snow](http://kdl.org/snow)



Adults and teens (grades 6 and up) who participate and read a minimum of six books will receive a prize mug!

Cozy up with some good books this winter with KDL's winter reading challenge for teens and adults, Let It Snow. Use this sheet, grab a log from any KDL branch or participate online at [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org). **Happy Reading!**

Read or listen to six titles from the categories on the reverse of this tear-out sheet between Sunday, December 1 and Friday, February 28, 2025 to complete the Let It Snow challenge.

Register and complete your participation online at [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org) OR complete the information on the back of this form, write the title of each book you read on the line above the correct category (one book per category please) and bring this sheet into your KDL branch after January 2 to collect your Let It Snow mug.

If you read four additional titles before February 28 and fill out the Optional Bonus Prize Drawing information on the back of this sheet or note your additional four titles on [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org), you will be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Scribe.

Complete the form on the next page or use [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org) to participate.

Tear here



Read or listen to six books. Write the title on the line above the correct category. One book per category please. You may return this filled-in form at any KDL branch. You may also complete your participation online at [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org).

Tommy Orange Title

\*Romance

Kaveh Akbar Title

\*Graphic Novel

\*Celebrity Book Club

\*Quick Reads

\*Historical Fiction

\*CORE Collection Title

\*One Community – Asian American and Pacific Islander

\*Crossover Reads - YA for Adults or Vice Versa

\*Learn Something New

\*True Crime / Thriller

\*Mystery

Out of My Comfort Zone or Different Format

\*Biography / Memoir

Reread a Favorite

\*Science Fiction or Fantasy

A Book You Want to Read

\*Read our recommendations or choose your own from the category! Visit [kdl.org/snow](http://kdl.org/snow) to view our online booklists or click a genre button to generate a list of titles that are currently available.

### Your Information

I have registered with [kdl.beanstack.org](http://kdl.beanstack.org) to participate in Let It Snow online.

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone Number

KDL Branch

Age (We'll make one up if left blank)

### Optional Bonus Prize Drawing

I read or listened to four additional titles before Friday, Feb. 28, 2025 (total of 10 books read) and want to be entered into a drawing to win a Kindle Scribe with stylus pen for writing.

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# Parenting Support for Adoptive, Kinship and Foster Families



By **Susan TeBos** | Adoptive mom, Michigan author, speaker  
[susantebos.com](http://susantebos.com)

Every adoptive and foster parent wants to nurture close relationships, create a welcoming home and be intentional in loving their children. This takes commitment and loads of learning. I know. I've been there. As an adoptive mom of three, I've parented through every age and stage and, quite frankly, I was surprised by how much I didn't know.

Maybe you're like me – hungry for new ways to relate to, listen to and understand your kids. It's important to learn how to be vulnerable throughout the parenting journey and how to regulate your own emotions well to help your children regulate theirs. Thankfully, there is wisdom and experience available that can really make a difference for you, your family life and the life of your kids. The pages are whispering, "Come and see."

In *The Power of Showing Up*, learn what it takes to help your kids feel seen, soothed, safe and secure.

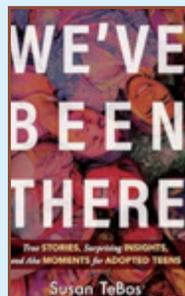
In *We've Been There*, teenagers and young adults find a range of stories that truly reflect how adoptees feel and process things in their teen years. Nothing's better than hearing from someone who gets it to remind them they are not alone. Parents and caregivers get a front-row seat to the questions, feelings and concerns of adoptees and the emotional support they long for.

In *Loving Adopted Children Well*, it is shown that our children have love languages just like adults do. I love this because when parents learn their kids' love languages, parents connect with them better.

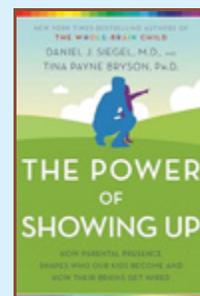
All this to say, kids with adoption or foster care in their story really want parents who are supportive and emotionally available. Becoming what our kids need takes time and intentionality, plus trusted resources.

Whether you are an adoptive or foster family parenting an infant, toddler, tween or teen, a grandparent raising a grandchild, or an uncle or sister stepping into kinship care... you'll find plenty of resources at KDL to refresh your parenting journey.

## Great Resources for Adoptive and Foster Families



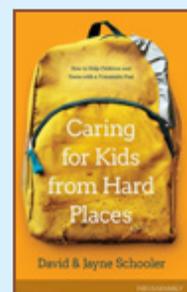
*We've Been There: True Stories, Surprising Insights, and Aha Moments for Adopted Teens* by Susan TeBos



*The Power of Showing Up* by Daniel J. Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson



*Loving Adopted Children Well* by Gary Chapman and Laurel Shaler



*Caring for Kids from Hard Places* by David & Jayne Schooler

**Join Author Susan TeBos for a series of meaningful book discussions focused on what teens need, designed specifically for adoptive and foster families. These four discussions feature the title *We've Been There* by Susan TeBos and offer an opportunity for parents and caregivers to explore the unique challenges and joys of raising teens within the context of adoption and foster care. Check out your copy at a branch prior to the first meeting. *Attend one, some or all.***

**Thursdays,  
Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30  
6:00 PM, Plainfield Twp. Branch**

# The KDL Bookmobile Revs Up Recurring Routes



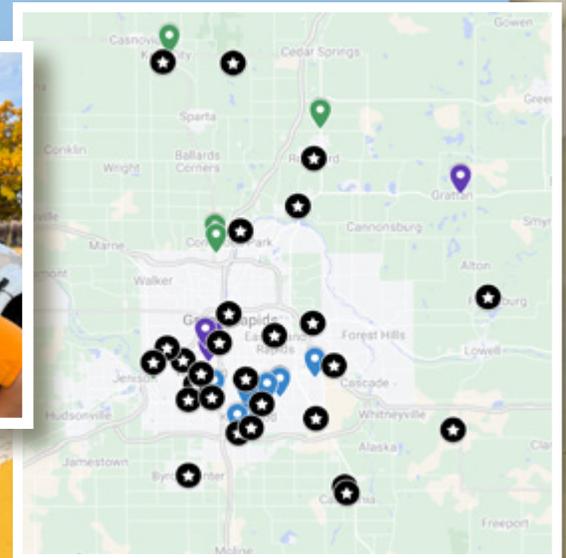
In order to bring more awesome library services to more awesome people, the Bookmobile has started a recurring weekly route all across Kent County. The team is making regular visits to senior centers, apartment complexes, early childhood centers and more with the goal of building community and making the library accessible and convenient for everyone. The schedule was designed to meet the needs of underserved communities who might have a hard time getting to one of KDL's 20 branches.

Whether you're an adult who doesn't like to drive and loves large print books or DVDs, a parent seeking children's books or simply someone looking for a good read, the Bookmobile has something for everyone. The 36-foot vehicle is full of books, movies and more for all ages and includes its own KDL Free Library.



@KDLBookmobile

Follow all the Bookmobile fun by liking the Facebook page at [facebook.com/KDLBookmobile](https://facebook.com/KDLBookmobile).



The 2024-2025 winter KDL Bookmobile visit locations for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Turn to page 28 for more information about our recurring routes for the winter.



A mother and her son were walking around the neighborhood and stumbled on the Bookmobile. The mom expressed that her son has nonverbal autism, and they just recently moved into the apartments behind the senior center after experiencing homelessness for a long time. She signed him up for a card, and he was thrilled to pick out books. We provided them with a bag, crayons, PerkPass info, access to online resources and plenty of books. She was very grateful that they found us!

— **Hannah**, Community Engagement Librarian

We would love to see you at one of our stops! If you would like the Bookmobile to visit your organization, event or neighborhood, please submit a request at [kdl.org/bookmobile](https://kdl.org/bookmobile).



[kdl.org/bookmobile](https://kdl.org/bookmobile)



# Gaming

# Game On!

KDL Gaming provides access to high-end esports computer labs at the KDL Service & Meeting Center, Kelloggsville Branch and Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.

## KDL Gaming | Introduction to Game Building

Dive into the world of Fortnite with our comprehensive program designed to help you get started and unleash your creativity! *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. For teens (ages 11-17).*

**Wed., Jan. 22, 4:00 PM — Kelloggsville Branch**

**Wed., Feb. 26, 4:30 PM — Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch**



## From the Professional:

### Why You Should Come

by **Andrew Vanden Heuvel**

KDL Gaming Program Guest Instructor



Playing video games offers endless fun, engaging puzzles and a way to connect with others, but creating your own game takes it to the next level, building valuable skills in programming, design and problem-solving that apply far beyond the screen.

Many are already familiar with game-creation tools such as Minecraft and Roblox, but the popular game Fortnite also provides a powerful set of tools for designing games with high-quality graphics and immersive gameplay. These custom islands can be published directly to Fortnite where your friends – and the whole world – can access and play your games.

During our Introduction to Game Building workshop, we provide a crash course in Fortnite's game-building mode which empowers players to design, build and publish their own custom islands. Your first challenge will be to create an escape room in Fortnite Creative. This experience will teach you how to use Fortnite's prefab assets, props and devices as you build your own custom game.

The workshop contains a combination of guided instruction and free building time using KDL's powerful gaming PCs. At the end of the two-hour workshop, participants will share their creations in a brief show and tell. This workshop is a hands-on, minds-on experience that offers an opportunity for both teens and families to dive into game development in an exciting and supportive environment.

Come join us and see just how fun and rewarding building your own game can be!

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Andrew Vanden Heuvel is a college professor and gamer dad who blends curiosity, technology and play to explore the future of learning. In 2023 he received a MegaGrant from Epic Games to pursue educational programs built in Fortnite.

## From Previous Attendees:

“Fortnite Creative is so cool because you're not just playing the game, you're actually designing it. I got to make my own rules and build a world just how I wanted it.” – Penny

“I had no idea you could do so much in Fortnite Creative! I made my own obstacle course with traps and secret doors.” – Leo

## Other KDL Gaming Programs

### KDL Gaming | Game On Console For Teens!

Pick up a controller and compete or casually play on classic or modern video game consoles. All skill levels welcome. All equipment provided. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. For teens (ages 11-17).*

**Thu., Jan. 16, 4:30 PM — Caledonia Twp. Branch**

**Thu., Feb. 13, 4:30 PM — Caledonia Twp. Branch**

### KDL Gaming | Game On RPG For Teens!

Explore RPG systems with other adventurers! You might join an all-raccoon racing team, take on a quest as a reanimated skeleton or plan a fool-proof heist as a group of bears. New and experienced players are welcome for these easy-to-learn adventures. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins. For teens (ages 11-17).*

**Mon., Dec. 16, 6:00 PM — Englehardt (Lowell) Branch**

**Mon., Jan. 20, 6:00 PM — Englehardt (Lowell) Branch**

**Sat., Jan. 25, 9:30 AM — Nelson Twp. Branch**

**Mon., Feb. 17, 6:00 PM — Englehardt (Lowell) Branch**

**Sat., Feb. 22, 9:30 AM — Nelson Twp. Branch**

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a. **"Toast Eruption, Breakfast Explosion!"** by Mary Ann Oak

b. **"Rib Cage"** by Maggie Mackenzie

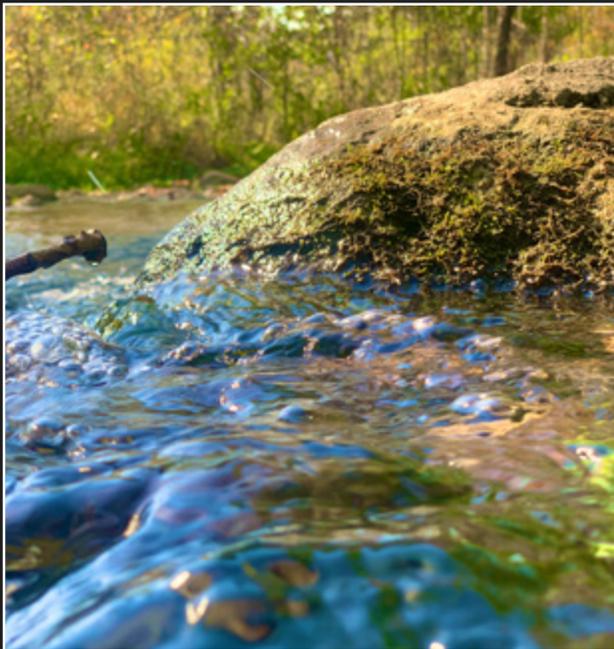
c. **"Besties"** by Clara Kitch

d. **"Corrosion"** by Lucio Pizzo

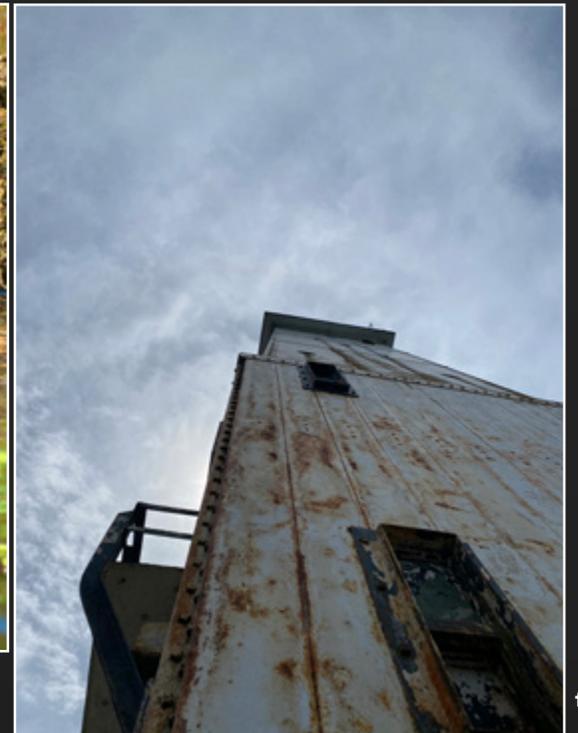
e. **"That of Glass"** by Vera Schneider

f. **"The Old Lighthouse Begins to Die"** by Jonathan Rasnake

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## PUBLIC VOTE WINNERS



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g. "Stages of Decay" by Kay Imperi    h. "Purple Morning Dew" by Luke Pierce

## 2024 Teen Photo Judges



### Ashlee McGreevy

Director of Communications,  
West Michigan Center for  
Arts + Technology (WMCAT)



### Josh Mosey

Digital Marketing Strategist | KDL



### Paige Young

Art and Photo Professor | GVSU

To learn more about the contest and view these submissions and comments from our judges, visit [kdl.org/teenphotowinners](https://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 in or attending school in Kent County. Teens are encouraged to submit up to two poems to be eligible to win a \$50 gift card.

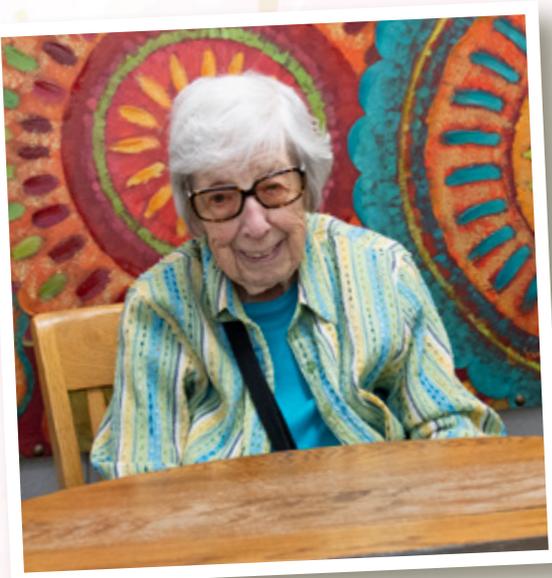
There's more! Teens who enter the Poetry Contest are invited to read one of their poems at the Teen Poetry Slam for another chance to win. The Slam will take place at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 1 at the Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch.

Enter at [kdl.org/teenpoetry](https://kdl.org/teenpoetry) starting Feb. 1.

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Golden Girl!



By **Katie Zuidema** | Marketing Communications Specialist



**Meet Golddyphyllis**, one of the most beloved patrons at the Walker Branch. She's also the oldest regular visitor. Golddyphyllis turned 100 on October 16, 2024. She said she still feels like she's 40!

Golddyphyllis visits the Walker Branch at least once a week with her longtime friend, Caroll. The two, nicknamed the Golden Girls, met more than four decades ago through a mutual work friend. With no living relatives, Golddyphyllis's friends have become her family. She doesn't get out too much these days, but she loves her regular library visits and coffee dates at McDonalds.

Golddyphyllis shows up at the library in her brightly colored tops, on the hunt for books in her favorite genre – mysteries. Her favorite authors are Michael Connelly and Robert Crais. She said reading sometimes makes her fall asleep, but she still manages to read about a book a week.

"I don't care how many books you have read, you can come to the library and find one that you haven't," Golddyphyllis said.

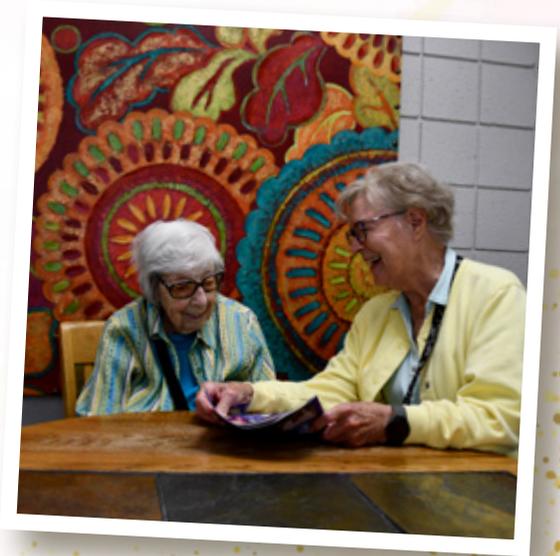
The thing she loves the most about the library are the friendly, warm librarians who make her feel special. They feel the same way about her!

Barb Schantz, an Assistant Branch Librarian at the Walker Branch, enjoys her conversations with Golddyphyllis and appreciates that she is a life-long learner.

"It is always a nice flow of conversation, information sharing and sometimes a nice amount of life wisdom with a good-natured sense of humor," said Barb. "Golddyphyllis really is a gem and has touched all of us over the years. She inspires us to stay current and relevant – she's a great role model and so, so sharp!"

When asked the secret to her longevity, Golddyphyllis responded, "I have no idea. I wish I knew. I really can't believe I'm this old!"

No matter how old or young you are, you are welcome and celebrated at KDL. We really do offer something for everyone!



# Linda Grit

In honor of Linda's many years of dedicated service at KDL, she was chosen to travel to Washington, DC with Executive Director Lance Werner to bring home KDL's IMLS Award.



## Why do you enjoy volunteering at KDL?

Volunteering at KDL is library joy! I get so much more out of volunteering than I give. It really is true. Everyone at KDL makes me feel like I am a part of all the wonderful things taking place. It doesn't feel like work because we can see all the good things that happen because of our efforts, and that is so special to me. It's delightful to meet so many people who want to talk about books and share their lives with me. I have had so many amazing experiences because of my library connections and volunteering that I would not have had without my time and energy going into one of the happiest places I know!

## What is your favorite thing about the library?

My favorite thing about the library is that it is a safe, snug harbor for people of all ages. I see little kids run in yelling about how excited they are to be at the library and get new books, and moms who are connecting with other parents going through all of the same things they do. I see teens hanging out and finding their groups of friends who love what they love and adults who are connecting while they volunteer. I see older friends who sit and absorb all of the life and joy of everyone around them. It is an incredible privilege to be a small piece of all of that joy. I am incredibly grateful for every moment and every smile.

I want to thank my KDL family for all of the wonderful life opportunities you have given me. Being able to represent the incomparable KDL volunteers at the IMLS award ceremony was truly a highlight of my life. I appreciate all the love and joy you have all brought to my life.

## Share about your volunteer experience at KDL.

Looking back, I have been volunteering at KDL for more than 20 years. I started by doing storytimes when KDL was short-staffed. My kids and I loved it! It was a very special time for us.

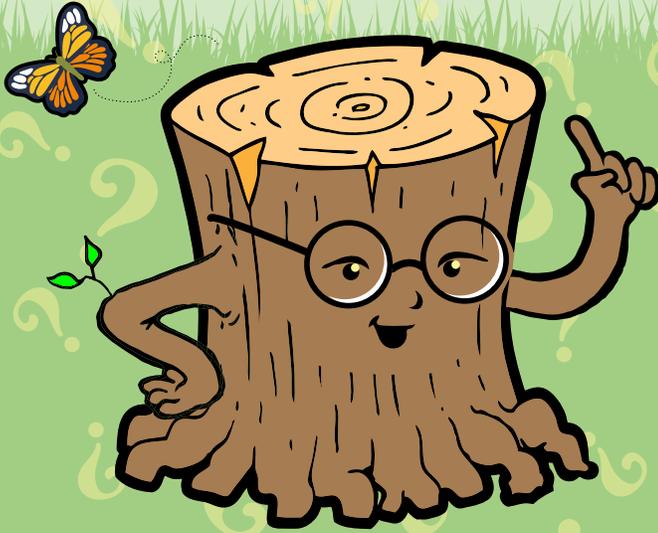
I worked with our local Girl Scouts to give back. My girls earned awards for the work they did at the library. My older girls' troop created storytime totes that could be sent to all the branches who wanted to use them. We made ornaments and decorated trees for the holidays. Through the years that I have partnered with KDL, staff members have helped me so much with my school library. The librarians came over on their own time to help me set up my school library when I had a day to get the books on the shelves. Just one day and we did it! You can bet I would do anything for them. I even ate bugs at one of Miss Barb's storytimes!

When I retired from my school library, I created a Friends of the Library group for the Byron Township Branch. They hadn't had a group for 20 years. We have a fabulous group of people who love the library.



# STUMP

the Librarian



Your friendly neighborhood librarians put their research skills to the test answering questions from KDL's school-age patrons. Join Jill and Liz every other Wednesday to learn new and exciting information and get a book recommendation. Visit [kdl.org/stump](https://kdl.org/stump) to enjoy the podcast and to submit a question of your own. You can also enjoy the podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.

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SCAN ME

# Welcome to KDL!

**MaryAnn Birney**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Cascade Twp. Branch



**Julita Fenneuff**  
Administrative Assistant,  
Service Center

Book Recommendation:  
*How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water* by Angie Cruz



**Sarah McAnally**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Caledonia Twp. Branch

Book Recommendation:  
*The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn



**Kristin Schutte**  
Assistant Branch Librarian,  
Amy Van Andel Library

Book Recommendation:  
*Memoirs of a Geisha*  
by Arthur Golden



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## Used Book Sales

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

Visit [kdl.org/booksales](http://kdl.org/booksales) for dates and times.

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Stop by the Bookmobile to register for a library card, pick up program information and check out the latest books, movies, music and more to enjoy at home. Receive tech advice and get details about Talking Books and Braille Center services.

## FOR ALL AGES

### Brookside Village

3130 Slater Ave. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49512  
*Parked near office*  
Wednesdays at 3:30 PM

Dec. 11  
Jan. 8  
Feb. 12

### Godfrey Lee ECC Community Visit

Godfrey Lee Early Childhood Center  
961 Joosten St. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
Tuesdays at 2:00 PM

Dec. 3    Jan. 7    Jan. 28    Feb. 18  
Dec. 10    Jan. 14    Feb. 4    Feb. 25  
Dec. 17    Jan. 21    Feb. 11

### Grattan Twp. Express Library

Grattan Township Office  
12050 Old Belding Road  
Belding, MI 48809  
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM

Dec. 3    Jan. 7    Jan. 28    Feb. 18  
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### Hero's Corner

4809 Eastern Ave. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508  
*Parked in back of building*  
Wednesdays at 12:00 PM

Dec. 4  
Feb. 5

### Kingsbury Place Community Visit

730 North Center Ct. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49544  
*Parked near playground*  
Mondays at 3:00 PM

Dec. 9  
Jan. 13  
Feb. 10

### North Kent Connect

10075 Northland Dr. NE  
Rockford, MI 49341  
*Parked in front of building*  
Mondays at 10:00 AM

Dec. 2  
Jan. 6  
Feb. 3

### Tamarisk Apartments

4520 Bowen Blvd. SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508  
*Parked near main office*  
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Dec. 18  
Jan. 15  
Feb. 19

### United Church Outreach Ministry (UCOM)

1311 Chicago Dr. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

Jan. 28  
Feb. 25

### Woodfield Apartments

860 Woodfield East Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
*Parked near Woodfield Community Ctr.*

Wed., Dec. 4., 3:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM  
Wed., Feb. 5, 3:00 PM

### York Creek Community Visit

650 York Creek Dr. NW  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
*Parked near playground*  
Mondays at 3:00 PM

Dec. 2  
Dec. 16    Jan. 20  
Jan. 6    Feb. 17

## FOR SENIORS (55+) . . . . .

### Breton Terrace Retirement Community

2500 Breton Rd. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Wednesdays at 11:00 AM

Dec. 11  
Jan. 8  
Feb. 12

### Breton Ridge Retirement Community

2772 Pfeiffer Woods Dr. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Dec. 11  
Jan. 8  
Feb. 12

### Grandville Senior Neighbors Center

3380 Division Ave. SW  
Grandville, MI 49418  
*Parked in front of building next to patio*  
Mondays at 11:00 AM  
Receive tech advice and get details about Talking Books and Braille Center services.

Dec. 9  
Jan. 13  
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### Wyoming Senior Center

2380 De Hoop Ave. SW  
Wyoming, MI 49509  
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

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Bookmobile events may be canceled due to winter weather conditions. Check [kdl.org](http://kdl.org) or call 616.784.2007 for the latest updates before attending. Your safety is our priority!



# ALL AGES

## Chess Anyone?

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

Tue., Dec. 3, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Tue., Jan. 7, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Tue., Feb. 4, 6:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) 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.

Tue., Feb. 4, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch  
Fri., Feb. 14, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch

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



### Just Mercy Movie Event

Together with your library community, view *Just Mercy*, a powerful drama based on the true story of a young lawyer and his history-making battle for justice for those in Alabama who were wrongfully condemned or weren't afforded proper representation. **Additional programs in this series can be found on page 44.**

Mon., Jan. 20, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For All Ages!

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

Mon., Dec. 30, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Thu., Jan. 23, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Thu., Feb. 20, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

## 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. 6, 6:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)  
Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch  
Mon., Dec. 9, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Sat., Dec. 14, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch  
Mon., Dec. 16, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Mon., Dec. 23, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Fri., Dec. 27, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch  
Mon., Dec. 30, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch  
Fri., Jan. 3, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Sat., Jan. 4, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 8, 4:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Wed., Jan. 15, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Sat., Jan. 18, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch

## Movie Zone

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

Sat., Dec. 14, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Dec. 21, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Dec. 21, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Fri., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Sat., Dec. 28, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Jan. 4, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Jan. 11, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Jan. 18, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Jan. 18, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Sat., Jan. 25, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Feb. 1, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Feb. 8, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Fri., Feb. 14, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch  
Sat., Feb. 15, 1:30 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Sat., Feb. 15, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Thu., Feb. 20, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Sat., Feb. 22, 1:30 PM – Wyoming 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, bring some quarters to purchase treats to feed the reindeer if you wish, and don't forget the camera!

Mon., Dec. 2, 4:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Mon., Dec. 2, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Thu., Dec. 5, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch  
Thu., Dec. 5, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch  
Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch  
Tue., Dec. 10, 3:30 PM – Kelloggsville Branch  
Tue., Dec. 10, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Sat., Dec. 14, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Mon., Dec. 16, 4:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch  
Mon., Dec. 16, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Tue., Dec. 17, 4:00 PM – Alto Branch  
Tue., Dec. 17, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
Thu., Dec. 19, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch  
Fri., Dec. 20, 3:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch  
Sat., Dec. 21, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch  
Mon., Dec. 23, 4:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

## Rock the Uke

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

Wed., Dec. 11, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Wed., Jan. 8, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Wed., Feb. 12, 5:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

# ALL AGES CONTINUED

## Swordfest: Who Would Win?

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



### Highlander vs. Hussar

Mon., Dec. 30, 2:00  
Comstock Park Branch

### Pirate vs. Viking

Mon., Dec. 23, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch  
Fri., Dec. 27, 2:00 PM – Cascade Twp. 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. 16, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



# FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

## African Drumming

Come learn about and listen to traditional drums from African cultures.

Mon., Feb. 10, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## 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.

- Mon., Dec. 30, 11:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 11:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 11:30 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 11:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
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- Tue., Dec. 31, 11:30 AM – Wyoming Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 12:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 12:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., Dec. 31, 12:00 PM – Alto Branch

## Gingerbread Lane

Stroll down Gingerbread Lane and enjoy gingerbread house decorating. Each child will make a simple gingerbread house. Gingerbread house materials are not for consumption. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Tue., Dec. 10, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## Hula Hoop Dancing

Enjoy a fun, beginner-level hoop dancing class! Be enthralled by performances from a professional hula hoop dancer and learn a few hoop dancing tricks of your own. Hula hoops are provided.

- Thu., Dec. 26, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Fri., Dec. 27, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch
- Fri., Dec. 27, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Jan. 2, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Thu., Jan. 2, 3:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

## Lunar New Year Dance

Celebrate Lunar New Year by watching a traditional dance from Chinese culture.

Sat., Jan. 25, 12:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



## Lunar New Year Storytime

Hear a story and learn from members of the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation about the traditional Lunar New Year clothing they are wearing and how their families celebrate the holiday.

Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch  
Tue., Jan. 21, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

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



## Mama Bear and Baby Cubs Support Groups

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 small children.

### East Grand Rapids Branch

Wed., Dec. 11, 9:30 AM  
 Wed., Jan. 8, 9:30 AM  
 Wed., Feb. 12, 9:30 AM

### Grandville Branch

Mon., Dec. 2, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Dec. 9, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Dec. 16, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Jan. 6, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Jan. 20, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Feb. 3, 10:00 AM  
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 Mon., Feb. 17, 10:00 AM  
 Mon., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM

### Wyoming Branch

Thu., Dec. 5, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Dec. 12, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Dec. 19, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Dec. 26, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Jan. 2, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Jan. 9, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Jan. 16, 10:30 AM

### Plainfield Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 7, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Jan. 14, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Jan. 21, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Jan. 28, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Feb. 4, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Feb. 11, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Feb. 18, 11:00 AM  
 Tue., Feb. 25, 11:00 AM

Thu., Jan. 23, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Jan. 30, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Feb. 6, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Feb. 13, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Feb. 20, 10:30 AM  
 Thu., Feb. 27, 10:30 AM

## Polar Pals

What do a polar bear, a penguin and a narwhal all have in common? They're all cold weather creatures! Craft and play as we celebrate all your favorite winter animals.

Mon., Dec. 2, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
 Tue., Dec. 3, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)  
 Thu., Dec. 12, 10:00 AM – Alpine Twp. Branch  
 Tue., Dec. 17, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch  
 Wed., Dec. 18, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
 Fri., Dec. 20, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
 Fri., Jan. 10, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch  
 Sat., Jan. 11, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch  
 Mon., Jan. 20, 2:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
 Sat., Jan. 25, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
 Fri., Jan. 31, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
 Sat., Feb. 8, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch  
 Thu., Feb. 13, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch  
 Sat., Feb. 15, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch  
 Mon., Feb. 17, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch  
 Sat., Feb. 22, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
 Sat., Feb. 22, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch  
 Fri., Feb. 28, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

## Preschool and Early Learning Expo

Meet representatives from area preschools and other learning agencies to find the best educational opportunities for your child.

Mon., Jan. 6, 5:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
 Thu., Jan. 9, 5:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
 Thu., Jan. 16, 5:30 PM – Grandville Branch

## SnowFest Craft Time!

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

Sat., Dec. 21, 10:00 AM – Alto Branch  
 Sat., Dec. 28, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
 Fri., Jan. 3, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
 Sat., Jan. 4, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch  
 Tue., Jan. 7, 6:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch  
 Sat., Jan. 11, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch  
 Thu., Jan. 16, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch  
 Mon., Jan. 20, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch  
 Tue., Jan. 21, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
 Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch  
 Fri., Jan. 24, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch  
 Mon., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
 Fri., Jan. 31, 10:00 AM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)  
 Sat., Feb. 8, 11:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch  
 Mon., Feb. 17, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
 Fri., Feb. 21, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
 Fri., Feb. 21, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch  
 Wed., Feb. 26, 10:00 AM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

# Storytimes

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Missing storytimes at Walker? Nearby branches like Alpine Twp., Comstock Park and Grandville would love to have you visit!

- Babytime
- Storytime
- Yoga Storytime
- Cuentos en Español / Spanish Storytime
- Toddler Time
- Rhyme Time
- Preschool Storytime



Most regular 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 cancellations due to branch closures – please visit [kdl.org/storytime](http://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.

- Tue., Dec. 3, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Dec. 13, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., Jan. 7, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Jan. 10, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 17, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 24, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 31, 10:00 AM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., Feb. 4, 10:00 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Fri., Feb. 7, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Fri., Feb. 14, 11:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## Make Music Together®

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

- Wed., Dec. 18, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 18, 11:00 AM – Byron 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.

Thu., Feb. 13, 10:30 AM – East Grand Rapids Branch



## Stuffed Toy Sleepover

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

- Mon., Dec. 9, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Thu., Jan. 23, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 4, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

## Winter Wonder Stories

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

- Wed., Dec. 4, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 4, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 6, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 11, 10:00 AM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 2, 10:00 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

## SCHOOL-AGE (AGES 5-10)

### Animals Preparing for Winter

Discover the secrets of winter animal survival and learn how different animals prepare for life during the winter in Michigan. Live animals from Blandford Nature Center and natural artifacts will be part of this program.

- Sat., Dec. 21, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Mon., Dec. 23, 2:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Thu., Dec. 26, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Fri., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., Dec. 30, 3:30 PM – Kelloggsville Branch
- Fri., Jan. 3, 2:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

### Book Explorers

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

- Sat., Dec. 7, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 4, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., Jan. 7, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Jan. 14, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Jan. 21, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 22, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., Jan. 28, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Sat., Feb. 1, 2:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 11, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 19, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

### Celebrate International LEGO® Day!

It's International LEGO® Day, and we're having a party!

- Sat., Jan. 25, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch

### Craft & Create for Kids

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

- Wed., Jan. 8, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Wed., Feb. 26, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch

## For Young Children and School Age

### CARE Ballet

Watch CARE Ballet dancers perform excerpts from their current show, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

- Sat., Feb. 1, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Sat., Feb. 1, 3:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

### Grand Rapids Ballet

Watch Grand Rapids Ballet dancers perform excerpts from their current show, *The Nutcracker*.

- Sun., Dec. 1, 2:00 PM – East Grand Rapids 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 regularly, so there are always new opportunities to learn and explore together!

#### Caledonia Twp. Branch

- Tue., Jan. 7, 1:00 PM
- Tue., Jan. 14, 1:00 PM
- Tue., Feb. 4, 1:00 PM
- Tue., Feb. 11, 1:00 PM
- Tue., Feb. 18, 1:00 PM
- Tue., Feb. 25, 1:00 PM

#### Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

- Thu., Dec. 5, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Dec. 12, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Dec. 19, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Dec. 26, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Jan. 2, 1:00 PM
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- Thu., Feb. 6, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Feb. 13, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Feb. 20, 1:00 PM
- Thu., Feb. 27, 1:00 PM

#### Cascade Twp. Branch

- Mon., Jan. 6, 1:00 PM
- Mon., Jan. 13, 1:00 PM
- Mon., Jan. 20, 1:00 PM
- Mon., Jan. 27, 1:00 PM
- Mon., Feb. 3, 1:00 PM
- Mon., Feb. 10, 1:00 PM

#### Spencer Twp. Branch

- Mon., Jan. 13, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Jan. 27, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 10, 10:00 AM
- Mon., Feb. 24, 10:00 AM



### KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For School Age

Try a variety of traditional and table-top games or bring your own!

- Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch





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.

- Tue., Dec. 3, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Dec. 10, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Dec. 17, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Mon., Dec. 30, 10:00 AM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 6, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Jan. 7, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Jan. 14, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Mon., Jan. 20, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Tue., Jan. 21, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Jan. 28, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Feb. 4, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Mon., Feb. 10, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 11, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Feb. 18, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch
- Tue., Feb. 25, 3:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Architecture Adventure

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

- Thu., Jan. 2, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Sat., Jan. 11, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Sat., Jan. 11, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Jan. 18, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Mon., Feb. 3, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Sat., Feb. 8, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 15, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Art Party

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

- Sat., Dec. 14, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Fri., Dec. 27, 1:00 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 2, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 13, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 16, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 20, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Mon., Jan. 27, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 30, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Thu., Jan. 30, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 3, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 6, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 10, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 13, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 17, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 24, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Birds of Wonder

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

- Thu., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch
- Mon., Jan. 13, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 6, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Wed., Feb. 12, 4:30 PM – Grandville 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.

- Sat., Dec. 7, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Mon., Jan. 13, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Sat., Feb. 1, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 10, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 18, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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!

- Sat., Dec. 28, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Fri., Jan. 3, 1:00 PM – Grandville Branch
- Mon., Jan. 27, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 20, 4:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Knights of the Lab Table

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

- Sat., Jan. 4, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Jan. 18, 10:00 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 17, 2:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Making Sense (Of Your Senses)

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

- Sat., Dec. 21, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

## KDL Lab Experience: Techtropolis

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

- Thu., Dec. 5, 3:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)
- Mon., Dec. 9, 3:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 2, 2:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 15, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Sat., Jan. 25, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 1, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Sat., Feb. 15, 10:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch
- Tue., Feb. 18, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

## KDL Lab Expo

Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab Experience Expo! KDL Lab will be showcasing a variety of STEAM experiences and partnering with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun. The Curiosity Dome, an inflatable HD planetarium, will be featured!

- Mon., Dec. 30, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

# KIDS ZONE

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

## Alpine Twp. Branch

Wed., Feb. 12, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

## Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Dec. 2, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Dec. 9, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Dec. 16, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Dec. 23, 4:30 PM  
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Mon., Feb. 3, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Feb. 10, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Feb. 17, 4:30 PM  
Mon., Feb. 24, 4:30 PM

## Wyoming Branch

Thu., Dec. 12, 4:00 PM  
Thu., Dec. 19, 4:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM  
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Thu., Feb. 6, 4:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 13, 4:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 20, 4:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 27, 4:00 PM

## Mini Brick Derby

Build your dream race car out of LEGO® bricks and see if it has what it takes to win! *Sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.*

Thu., Jan. 2, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

## Number Ninjas Math Club

Does math give you the icks? The Number Ninjas Math Club can help! Enjoy an engaging game that'll make math fun and accessible. Each session is different, and you can join as many as you want.

Wed., Jan. 8, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 15, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 22, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 29, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Feb. 5, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Feb. 12, 4:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## Pocket Monster Club

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

Wed., Jan. 8, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Thu., Jan. 9, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 29, 4:30 PM – Grandville Branch  
Wed., Feb. 5, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Thu., Feb. 6, 4:30 PM – Caledonia 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.*

Mon., Jan. 20, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Fri., Feb. 21, 2:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Sat., March 1, 10:00 AM – Byron Twp. Branch

## Stump the Librarian Podcast

Join our librarians as they put their research skills to the test to answer your inquisitive questions and see if it's possible to stump a librarian! You can submit a question via [kdl.org/stump](https://kdl.org/stump). They would love to hear what questions are on your mind. New episodes drop every other Wednesday at 3:30 PM, and you can subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts.

Wed., Dec. 11, Wed., Jan. 22  
Wed., Dec. 18, Wed., Feb. 5  
Wed., Jan. 8, Wed., Feb. 19

## Youth Super Smash Bros. Tournament

It's esports time for kids ages 5-10! 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 5 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., Jan. 2, 2:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

## School-Age and Teens

### Battle of the Books Kick Off

Join us for the Battle of the Books Kick Off event. This year's titles will be revealed and important event information shared.

Tue., Dec. 3, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch



### Kids and Teens Craft Sale

Arts and crafts for sale by local kids and teens. Join us as a seller or come to shop. Celebrate creativity and support young artists. Pre-registration for sellers is required. Stop by the library or visit [kdl.org/craft-sale](https://kdl.org/craft-sale) to register.

Mon., Dec. 2, 5:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Sat., Dec. 7, 5:00 PM – Grandville Branch  
Mon., Dec. 9, 5:00 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

# TEENS (AGES 11-17)

## Escape the Library

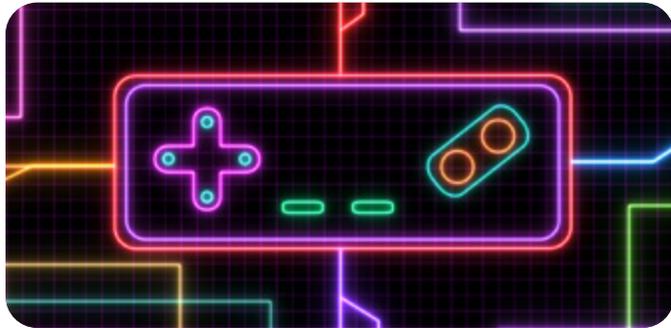
Bring a group to the library – or form a group at the library – and work together to solve a series of puzzles to escape the room before time runs out. **Registration required at [KDL.org/events](https://kdl.org/events).**

Thu., Jan. 2, 11:00 AM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 12:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 1:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 2:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 3:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 4:00 PM – 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. 4, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 15, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Wed., Jan. 29, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Wed., Feb. 12, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch  
Wed., Feb. 26, 1:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



## KDL Gaming | Game On Console For Teens!

Pick up a controller and compete or casually play on classic or modern video game consoles. All skill levels welcome. All equipment provided. *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Thu., Jan. 16, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Thu., Feb. 13, 4:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

## KDL Gaming | Game On RPG For Teens!

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

Mon., Dec. 16, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Mon., Jan. 20, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Sat., Jan. 25, 9:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch  
Mon., Feb. 17, 6:00 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Sat., Feb. 22, 9:30 AM – Nelson Twp. Branch

## KDL Gaming | Introduction to Game Building

Dive into the world of Fortnite with our comprehensive program designed to help you get started and unleash your creativity! *Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Wed., Jan. 22, 4:00 PM – Kelloggsville Branch  
Wed., Feb. 26, 4:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

## Late and Loud at the Library

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

Fri., Jan. 10, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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. 18, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
Wed., Jan. 29, 3:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
Wed., Feb. 26, 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. 19, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Thu., Jan. 16, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Thu., Feb. 13, 5:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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.

Mon., Dec. 16, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Tue., Dec. 17, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Wed., Dec. 18, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Thu., Dec. 19, 5:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Sun., Jan. 12, 1:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

## Teen Mario Kart Tournament

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

Sat., Dec. 21, 10:00 AM – Tyrone Twp. Branch  
Thu., Dec. 26, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch  
Fri., Dec. 27, 2:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch  
Thu., Jan. 2, 10:00 AM – Wyoming Branch

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# 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., Dec. 18, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 15, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 19, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

## Comstock Park Branch

Wed., Jan. 29, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

## East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Dec. 5, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Dec. 12, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Dec. 19, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 9, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 16, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 23, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 30, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 6, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 13, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 20, 3:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 27, 3:00 PM

## Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Sat., Dec. 7, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Dec. 14, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Dec. 21, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Dec. 28, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Jan. 4, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Jan. 11, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Jan. 18, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Jan. 25, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Feb. 1, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Feb. 8, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Feb. 15, 3:00 PM  
Sat., Feb. 22, 3:00 PM

## Gaines Twp. Branch

Tue., Dec. 31, 3:00 PM  
Mon., Jan. 20, 3:00 PM  
Mon., Feb. 17, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## Grandville Branch

Thu., Dec. 12, 3:30 PM  
Thu., Jan. 2, 1:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 16, 3:30 PM  
Thu., Jan. 30, 3:30 PM  
Thu., Feb. 13, 3:30 PM  
Thu., Feb. 27, 3:30 PM

## Kelloggsville Branch

Tue., Jan. 7, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Jan. 14, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Jan. 21, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Jan. 28, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 4, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 11, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 18, 4:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 25, 4:00 PM

## Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Fri., Jan. 3, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

## Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Wed., Dec. 11, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 5, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 26, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

## Plainfield Twp. Branch



### Teen Zone | D&D

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

Thu., Dec. 12, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM  
Thu., Jan. 9, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM  
Thu., Feb. 13, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM

### Teen Zone

Thu., Jan. 16, 6:30 PM  
Thu., Feb. 20, 6:30 PM

## Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., Jan. 23, 6:30 PM  
Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM  
Thu., Feb. 27, 6:30 PM

## Tyrone Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 7, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 8, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 9, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Fri., Jan. 10, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Tue., Jan. 14, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 15, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 16, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Fri., Jan. 17, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Tue., Jan. 21, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 22, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Jan. 23, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
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Thu., Jan. 30, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Fri., Jan. 31, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 4, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 5, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 6, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Fri., Feb. 7, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 11, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 12, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 13, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
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Thu., Feb. 20, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Fri., Feb. 21, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Tue., Feb. 25, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 26, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Thu., Feb. 27, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

## Wyoming Branch

Wed., Jan. 8, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 15, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 22, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Jan. 29, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 5, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 12, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 19, 3:00 PM  
Wed., Feb. 26, 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](http://kdl.org/teenzones).

## Teens and Adults

### Retro Arcade

This is a free play day of your favorite arcade games along with pinball. **For the Friday after-hours event, minors must be accompanied by an adult.**

Fri., Jan. 3, 6:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Sat., Jan. 4, 10:00 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

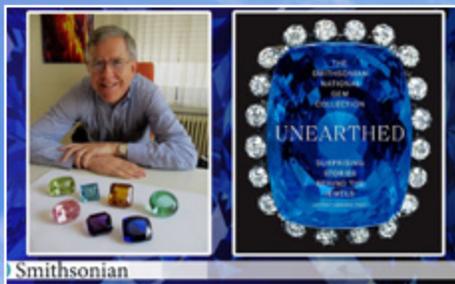


# ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER)

## 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](http://kdl.org/authortalks).**



**Dr. Jeffrey Post**  
Wed., Dec. 4,  
2:00 PM – Online



**Laura Dave**  
Wed., Dec. 11,  
2:00 PM – Online

## Book Discussions, In Person

Join a fun, informal discussion of great books.

### Alpine Twp. Branch

#### Alpine Ave. Book Discussion

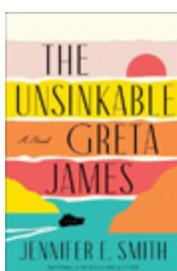
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 4,**  
*Carrie Soto Is Back* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



**Jan. 8,**  
*Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

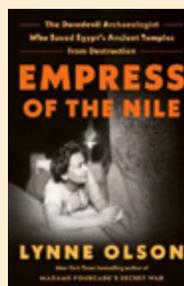


**Feb. 5,**  
*The Unsinkable Greta James* by Jennifer E. Smith

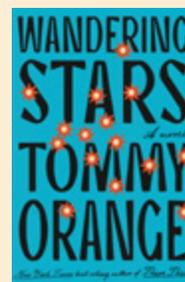
### Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

#### Ada Z Book Club

Wednesdays at 12:00 PM



**Dec. 18,**  
*Empress of the Nile* by Lynne Olson



**Jan. 29,**  
*Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange

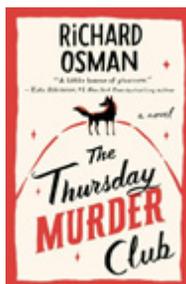


**Feb. 26,**  
*Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

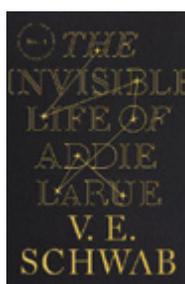
### Alto Branch

#### All Aboard! Book Club

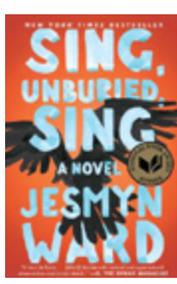
Thursdays at 1:30 PM



**Dec. 19,**  
*The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

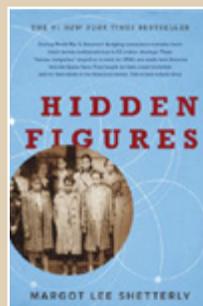


**Jan. 16,**  
*The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V. E. Schwab



**Feb. 20,**  
*Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward

### Hidden Figures Book Discussion

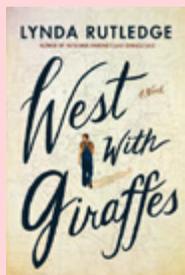


Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

**Wed., Jan. 22, 2:00 PM**

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

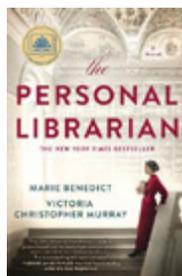


**Jan. 27,**  
*West With Giraffes*  
 by Lynda Rutledge

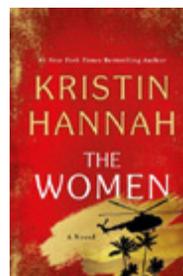


**Feb. 24,**  
*Martyr!* by Kaveh Akbar

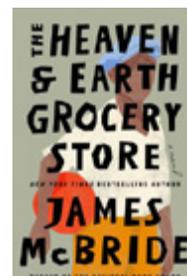
**Cascade Twp. Branch**  
**Friends of the Cascade Twp. Library Book Club**  
 Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



**Dec. 18,**  
*The Personal Librarian*  
 by Marie Benedict  
 and Victoria Christopher Murray



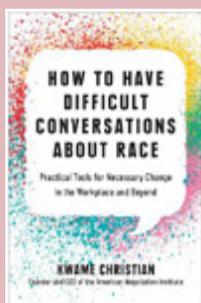
**Jan. 15,**  
*The Women*  
 by Kristin Hannah



**Feb. 19,**  
*The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*  
 by James McBride



**How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race Book Discussion**



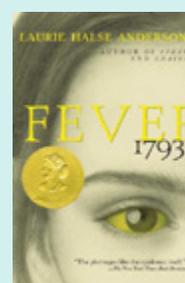
Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race* by Kwame Christian.

**Thu., Jan. 23, 6:30 PM**

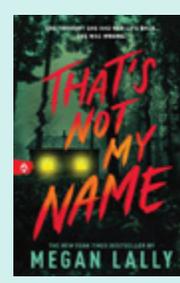
**Comstock Park Branch**  
**Never Too Old Book Club**  
 Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 10,**  
*Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn

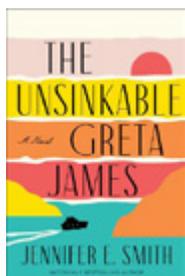


**Jan. 14,**  
*Fever, 1793*  
 by Laurie R. King

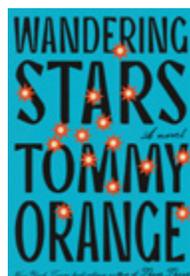


**Feb. 11,**  
*That's Not My Name*  
 by Megan Lally

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

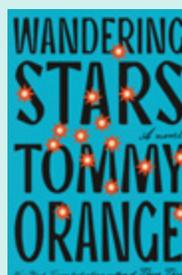


**Dec. 4,**  
*The Unsinkable Greta James*  
 by Jennifer E. Smith



**Feb. 5,**  
*Wandering Stars*  
 by Tommy Orange

**Lit Wits Book Discussion**  
 Thursdays at 6:30 PM



**Jan. 23,**  
*Wandering Stars*  
 by Tommy Orange



**Feb. 27,**  
*The Body Keeps the Score*  
 by Bessel Van Der Kolk

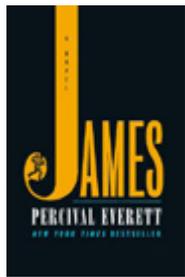
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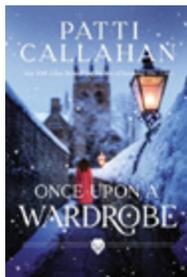
## East Grand Rapids Branch

### Lakeside Lit Book Club

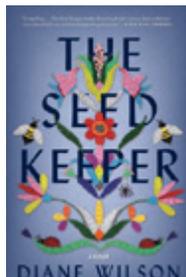
Mondays at 1:00 PM



**Dec. 9,**  
*James* by Percival  
Everett



**Jan. 13,**  
*Once Upon a  
Wardrobe* by  
Patti Callahan

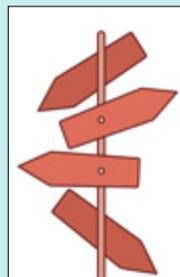


**Feb. 10,**  
*The Seed Keeper*  
by Diane Wilson

## Gaines Twp. Branch

### Common Reader Book Club

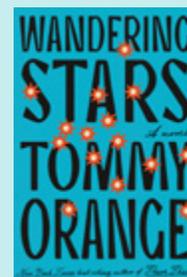
Tuesdays at 1:00 PM



**Dec. 17,**  
This month, we'll  
discuss a book of  
your choice!



**Jan. 21,**  
*The All-American*  
by Susie  
Finkbeiner

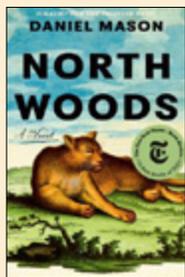


**Feb. 18,**  
*Wandering Stars*  
by Tommy Orange

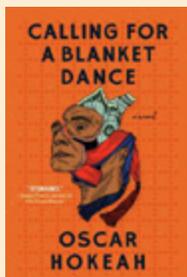
## Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

### Night Owls Book Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 4,**  
*North Woods* by  
Daniel Mason



**Jan. 8,**  
*Calling for a  
Blanket Dance* by  
Oscar Hokeah



**Feb. 5,**  
*Saturday Night  
at the Lakeside  
Supper Club* by  
J. Ryan Stradal

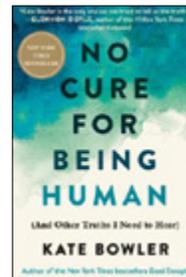
## Grandville Branch

### Maple St. Book Club

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 11,**  
*One Two Three*  
by Laurie Frankel



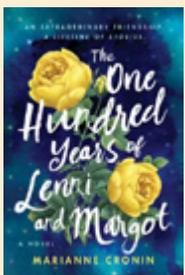
**Jan. 8,**  
*No Cure for Being  
Human* by Kate  
Bowler



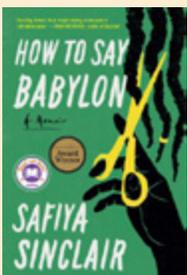
**Feb. 12,**  
*I Cheerfully  
Refuse* by Leif  
Enger

## Bookworms Book Club

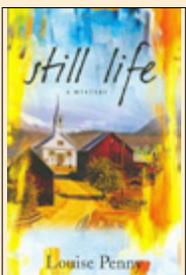
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM



**Dec. 10,**  
*The One Hundred  
Years of Lenni  
and Margot* by  
Marianne Cronin



**Jan. 14,**  
*How to Say Babylon*  
by Safiya Sinclair



**Feb. 11,**  
*Still Life* by Louise  
Penny

## Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

### Hearts and Pages Book Club

Mondays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 9,**  
*Royal Holiday*  
by Jasmine  
Guillory



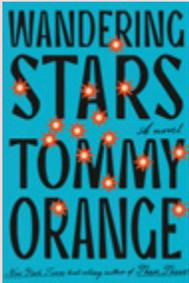
**Jan. 13,**  
*The True Love  
Experiment* by  
Christina Lauren



**Feb. 10,**  
*The Love of My  
Afterlife* by Kristy  
Greenwood

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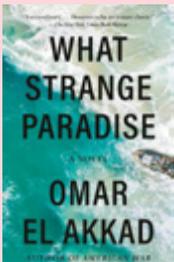
**Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch cont.**  
**Pop-Up Book Discussion**



Join a fun, informal discussion of one of our two On the Same Page books for 2025! We'll be discussing *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1:00 PM**

**Say No to the Single Story: A Book Discussion for Our Global Community**

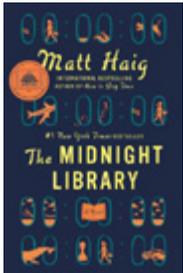


Join us as we read *What Strange Paradise* by Omar El Akkad and engage in discussion that honors the refugee experience.

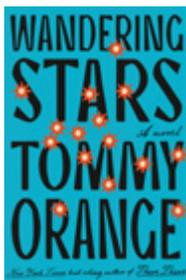
**Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:00 AM**

**Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch**  
**Krause Evening Book Discussion**

Mondays at 6:30 PM



**Dec. 9,**  
*The Midnight Library*  
 by Matt Haig



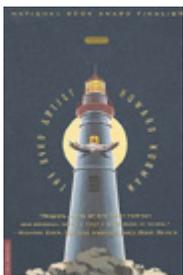
**Jan. 13,**  
*Wandering Stars*  
 by Tommy Orange



**Feb. 10,**  
 Any holiday themed book (fiction or nonfiction and any genre).

**Krause Afternoon Book Discussion**

Fridays at 1:30 PM



**Dec. 20,**  
*The Bird Artist*  
 by Howard Norman



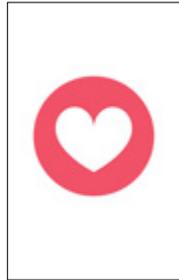
**Jan. 17,**  
*The Marsh King's Daughter*  
 by Karen Dionne



**Feb. 21,**  
*Martyr!*  
 by Kaveh Akbar

**Nelson Twp. Branch**  
**Nelson Twp. Book Club**

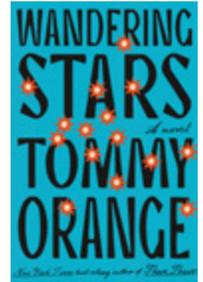
Tuesdays at 1:30 PM



**Dec. 17,**  
 This month, we'll discuss books we loved reading in 2024!



**Jan. 21,**  
*Martyr!*  
 by Kaveh Akbar



**Feb. 18,**  
*Wandering Stars*  
 by Tommy Orange

**Plainfield Twp. Branch**  
**Plainfield Branch Book Discussion**

Thursdays at 1:00 PM



**Dec. 12,**  
*True Biz*  
 by Sara Novic



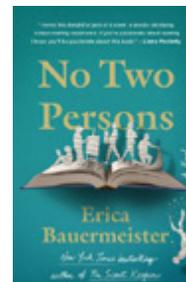
**Jan. 9,**  
*Martyr!*  
 by Kaveh Akbar



**Feb. 13,**  
*The Things They Carried*  
 by Tim O'Brien

**Wyoming Branch**  
**The Slow Readers Bimonthly Book Club**

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM



**Jan. 14,**  
*No Two Persons*  
 by Erica Bauermeister

# ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

## AARP Learn a Latte: Navigating the Senior Care Maze

When the time comes for you or someone you care for to use senior services, where do you start? What do you need? How do you even know? Arm yourself with knowledge on managing financial and legal issues, learn how to avoid getting tripped up with housing decisions that could cost you and discover community resources that can smooth out transitions during the aging process.

Wed., Feb. 19, 10:00 AM – Plainfield Twp. Branch



## AI for Everyday Life

Interested in AI but unsure how it can help your everyday life? Learn from Jessica Bratt of Casual Simulation about the vast world of AIs available and what tasks AI can help you with, including creating travel itineraries, providing fitness coaching and more.

Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



## Affordable Homeownership

Interested in homeownership but unsure how to begin the process and what financial opportunities are available to you? Matias Martinez, a housing solutions specialist with Giving Back Realty, will introduce homeownership steps, main processes and share affordable housing possibilities in the community. He will also discuss grants, down payment assistance and other programs available to help you buy your first home.

Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Mon., Jan. 27, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Wed., Feb. 19, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Feb. 25, 6:30 PM – Plainfield 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. 10, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., Dec. 16, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Dec. 17, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Fri., Dec. 20, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Jan. 7, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 14, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 14, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Jan. 16, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Fri., Jan. 17, 1:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Mon., Jan. 20, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Jan. 21, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 28, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Feb. 4, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Feb. 11, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Feb. 11, 1:00 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Thu., Feb. 13, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Mon., Feb. 17, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Fri., Feb. 21, 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](https://kdl.org/BOB) or like us on Facebook – Grandville Battle of the Books.

Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch

## Bingo Hour

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

Tue., Dec. 3, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Tue., Dec. 3, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Dec. 10, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Mon., Dec. 16, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Dec. 17, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., Jan. 7, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Wed., Jan. 8, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 14, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., Jan. 14, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Thu., Jan. 16, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., Jan. 20, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Jan. 21, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., Feb. 4, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Feb. 11, 1:00 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

Tue., Feb. 11, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Wed., Feb. 12, 10:30 AM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Mon., Feb. 17, 10:30 AM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Tue., Feb. 18, 1:00 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Thu., Feb. 20, 12:00 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

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## Building Resilience to Avoid Burnout

Learn to recognize symptoms of burnout, discuss occupational burnout, learn ways to build resiliency and experience activities that can help manage burnout from an MSU Extension instructor.

Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

## Bulb Forcing

Forced flower bulbs provide a fresh, long-lasting display of bright green leaves atop a growing bulb that is decorative and display-worthy even before the flowers appear. Learn three different ways to create gorgeous mason jar forced bulbs – in soil, in pebbles and in water – and plant a bulb in soil to grow at home. *Brought to you by the Lowell Showboat Garden Club. Space is limited; first come, first served. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins.*

Wed., Jan. 29, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

## Ceramic Tile Painting

Enjoy a creative, relaxing and hands-on workshop perfect for all skill levels in which you'll transform plain ceramic tiles into beautiful, decorative art pieces! Learn basic painting techniques and design principles as you personalize your own tiles with vibrant colors and unique patterns. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events).*

Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Mon., Jan. 13, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 21, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

Thu., Jan. 30, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

Mon., Feb. 3, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch

Tue., Feb. 25, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) 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 in the branch.*

Tue., Dec. 10, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Fri., Dec. 13, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Fri., Jan. 10, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Jan. 28, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

Fri., Feb. 7, 1:30 PM – Grandville Branch

Tue., Feb. 25, 2:00 PM – Comstock Park Branch

## Craft & Create

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

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

Mon., Dec. 9, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Mon., Dec. 9, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Tue., Dec. 10, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., Dec. 11, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Jan. 9, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

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

Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Mon., Jan. 20, 1:00 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch

Thu., Jan. 23, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Jan. 28, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Mon., Feb. 3, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

Wed., Feb. 5, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Thu., Feb. 6, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Feb. 11, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

Wed., Feb. 12, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch

Thu., Feb. 20, 6:00 PM – Wyoming Branch

Tue., Feb. 25, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

## Creating Your Estate Plan

This seminar, presented by an estate-planning attorney, will help familiarize you with the basic steps of estate planning, including the function of a will and the different types of trusts.

Mon., Feb. 10, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch

## Doug Williams, Vince Evans and the Making of the Black Quarterback

Doug Williams and Vince Evans joined the NFL in the late 1970s, and as some of the first Black quarterbacks in the league, they faced death threats and racism that could have ended their careers almost before they began. Hear Williams' and Evans' stories and the influence their successes had on football and America from Dr. Louis Moore, author of *The Great Black Hope*.

Thu., Feb. 13, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## Engaging with Local Wildlife Through Science

Come learn about how to get engaged in the conservation of local species with John Ball Zoo. The zoo's Community Science Coordinator will share about the range of projects that the zoo participates in and give away native wildflower seed packets to attendees.

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Tue., Dec. 17, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

# ADULTS (AGES 18 AND OLDER) CONTINUED

## 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.



### Just Mercy Movie Event

Together with your library community, view *Just Mercy*, a powerful drama based on the true story of a young lawyer and his history-making battle for justice for those in Alabama who were wrongfully condemned or weren't afforded proper representation. **This is an all ages event.**

Mon., Jan. 20, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM,  
Cascade Twp. Branch

### Building Beloved Communities through Leadership

How can leaders foster Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of a beloved community and build one after his vision? Hear from Julian Newman, author of *Beautiful Together: How to Become a Better Leader and Bridge Builder*, as he discusses the principles of leadership, civility and empathy that can build a strong, beloved community.

Tue., Jan. 21, 6:30 PM,  
Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

### Hidden Figures Book Discussion

Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Wed., Jan. 22, 2:00 PM,  
Amy Van Andel Library (Ada)

### How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race Book Discussion

Join an informal discussion of great books related to the work of Martin Luther King Jr. or exploring the history, stories and experiences of Black Americans. This session, we'll discuss *How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race* by Kwame Christian.

Thu., Jan. 23, 6:30 PM,  
Byron Twp. Branch

## How Not to Kill Your Houseplants

Whether you're a newbie or have a bit of experience, this program will help you learn how to keep your indoor plants happy and healthy. Come learn practical tips on watering, lighting, plant propagation and dealing with common pests. This is a hands-on course, and you'll leave with some new plant propagations!

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Tue., Jan. 21, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch



## How WWII Japan Bombed Michigan and No One Knew

Did you know that Imperial Japan bombed the continental US hundreds of times? Imperial Japan's Project Fu Go resulted in a fascinating series of events, mistakes and media gags culminating in the death of a pregnant woman and hundreds of bomb-related fires across the US as far east as Dorr and Detroit, Michigan. You read that right . . . Japan bombed Michigan. Come learn how it happened and why we don't know more about it.

Mon., Jan. 6, 6:30 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch  
Tue., Feb. 11, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch  
Tue., Feb. 18, 6:30 PM – Wyoming Branch

## Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

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

Sat., Feb. 15, 1:00 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

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**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. **All programs are at 12:30 PM.**



**Mon., Jan. 20 — Jonathan Eig**



**Tue., Jan. 21 — Todd Komarnicki**



**Wed., Jan. 22 — John Inazu**



**Thu., Jan. 23 — Heather Templeton Dill**



**Fri., Jan. 24 — Ambassador Kristjan Prikk**



**Mon., Jan. 27 — Peter Sagal**



**Tue., Jan. 28 — Alastair Humphreys**



**Wed., Jan. 29 — Reshma Saujani**



**Thu., Jan. 30 — Michaela O'Donnell**



**Fri., Jan. 31 — Hunter Woodhall**

**Junk Journal Workshop**

Explore this exciting class that introduces the concept of Junk Journaling. Anything goes in this project and each journal is unique to you, with no templates and no wrong way! Please bring ten 8" x 10" personal papers you wish to use or trade; all other materials will be supplied, including scrap paper, magazine cutouts and scissors. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events).*

- Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 15, 6:30 PM – Grandville Branch
- Tue., Jan. 28, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch
- Thu., Feb. 13, 6:30 PM – Spencer Twp. Branch
- Tue., Feb. 18, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 26, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

**KDL Gaming | Game On Tabletop For Adults!**

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

- Thu., Jan. 30, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 27, 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. 12, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Dec. 18, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Mon., Jan. 6, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 9, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 9, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Jan. 15, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., Jan. 23, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Thu., Jan. 23, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Mon., Feb. 3, 6:00 PM – Byron Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 6, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 6, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch
- Wed., Feb. 19, 6:00 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch
- Thu., Feb. 20, 1:00 PM – Alpine Twp. Branch
- Thu., Feb. 20, 5:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

**Paint & Pop**

An instructional beginner paint program for adults. Get your creativity flowing! *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events).*

- Tue., Feb. 11, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch

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## Race, Riot and Reconciliation: The Uprising of 1967

Did the City of Grand Rapids accurately address the root causes of the unrest, or are the same mistakes still being made today? What have we learned in the last 57 years? Explore these questions and more through this thought-provoking exhibit, film and lecture.

Thu., Feb. 6, 6:30 PM – Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch



## Rain Gardens and Their Importance in the Ecosystem

Native plants are a valuable participant in our local ecosystems. Whether in yards, landscapes or less cultivated areas, they filter water, feed and shelter important pollinators and animals, and provide year-round Michigan beauty. Learn how Plaster Creek Stewards works with native plants to reconcile the Plaster Creek watershed.

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Tue., Feb. 18, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

## Silent Book Club

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

Tue., Jan. 14, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch  
Tue., Feb. 11, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch

## Textile Arts: Mending

Mending helps us take eco-steps toward sustainability by minimizing clothing waste and unnecessary spending on new garments. This workshop will focus on mending clothing you already have by using basic stitches or more advanced techniques like visible mending or embroidery. All notions and tools will be provided; however, feel free to bring your own sewing kit. *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register. Registration required at [kdl.org/events](http://kdl.org/events).*

Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Amy Van Anandel Library (Ada)

Tue., Jan. 14, 6:30 PM – Alto Branch

Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 PM – Nelson Twp. Branch

Tue., Jan. 28, 6:30 PM – Plainfield Twp. Branch

Mon., Feb. 17, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

Tue., Feb. 25, 6:30 PM – Tyrone Twp. Branch

## The Easiest Flowers to Grow

Join us to learn about perennial flowers and shrubs that are easy to grow in our climate. We will focus on plants that require the least amount of maintenance, discuss which plants grow well in sun versus shade and introduce the concept of highlighting your perennial garden with annuals for longer-lasting color and texture. *Sponsored by the Rockford Garden Club.*

Sat., Jan. 25, 1:00 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch



## The History of Lunar New Year in Grand Rapids

In the early part of the twentieth century, Grand Rapids had a robust Asian community whose Lunar New Year celebrations were large enough to make front-page news. With Jen Tompkins of the Grand Rapids Asian Pacific Foundation, explore historical newspaper clippings that shed light on how members of Grand Rapids' first Asian community celebrated the Lunar New Year.

Wed., Jan. 22, 6:30 PM – Krause Memorial (Rockford) Branch  
Mon., Feb. 3, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch

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### Trivia Night @ KDL

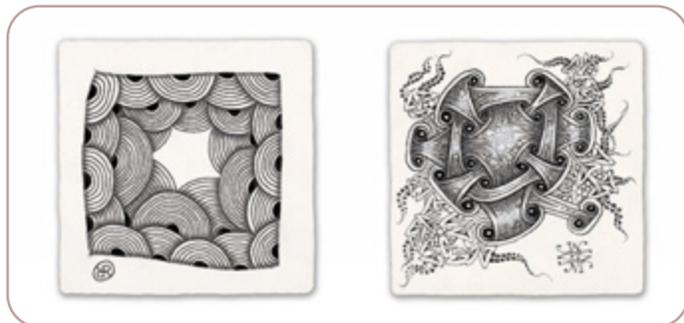
Enjoy themed rounds of trivia and brain games covering general knowledge and pop culture topics with fun audio and visual clues. The game will be played in teams (up to four members) so come with friends or join a team on the spot.

Mon., Jan. 27, 6:30 PM – East Grand Rapids Branch  
Mon., Feb. 17, 6:30 PM – Byron Twp. Branch

### True Crime Analysis

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

Tue., Dec. 10, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Thu., Jan. 16, 6:30 PM – Cascade Twp. Branch



### Zentangle Drawing

If you can make stick figures, this hobby is for you. Artists and non-artists will enjoy creating unique drawings. Zentangle is relaxing, meditational, inexpensive and no special skills are needed. Come find out for yourself! *Space is limited so registration is required for this event. Doors open 15 minutes before the program begins; please check in with library staff upon arrival to claim your reservation. Any seats left open five minutes before the program begins will be given to patrons in the library who want to attend but weren't able to register.*

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Thu., Jan. 9, 6:30 PM – Comstock Park Branch  
Tue., Jan. 14, 6:30 PM – Caledonia Twp. Branch  
Wed., Feb. 19, 6:30 PM – Englehardt (Lowell) Branch  
Thu., Feb. 27, 6:30 PM – Gaines Twp. Branch

## Apps for Your Smart Phone



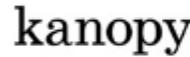
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# BRANCH LOCATIONS & HOURS

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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	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 5:00	9:30 to 1:30

## AMY VAN ANDEL LIBRARY (ADA)

7215 Headley St. SE, Ada 49301

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

## BYRON TOWNSHIP BRANCH

8191 Byron Center Ave. SW, Byron Center 49315

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

## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP BRANCH

6260 92nd St. SE, Caledonia 49316

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

## CASCADE TOWNSHIP BRANCH

2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids 49546

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

## COMSTOCK PARK BRANCH

3943 W. River Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

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

## EAST GRAND RAPIDS BRANCH

746 Lakeside Dr. SE, East Grand Rapids 49506

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

## ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL) BRANCH

200 N. Monroe St., Lowell 49331

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

## GAINES TOWNSHIP BRANCH

421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

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

## GRANDVILLE BRANCH

4055 Maple St. SW, Grandville 49418

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

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP EXPRESS LIBRARY

12050 Old Belding Road, Belding 48809

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

## KDL TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

814 West River Center Dr. NE, Comstock Park 49321

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

## WALKER BRANCH

WALKER BRANCH IS TEMPORARILY MOVING IN FEBRUARY  
For details, visit [kdl.org/walker-makeover](http://kdl.org/walker-makeover)

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

## WYOMING BRANCH

3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509

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

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