

# KALEIDOSCOPE

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Fall 2018

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# What's your story?

Write Michigan started seven years ago as a simple, little short story contest. The popularity of the contest has grown each year, with almost 900 entries last year, an increase of more than 200!

Much of the growth has come from school teachers, adopting the contest as part of their classroom curriculum.

The contest has attracted praise throughout the state for creating a new avenue for aspiring writers to have their work published. Last year's anthology features 24 short stories in three age categories plus an all-ages Spanish language category. All Write Michigan anthologies are available for purchase at Schuler Books & Music.

This year, Write Michigan is expanding to encompass the popular KDL Writers Conference. See pages 12-15 of this edition of *Kaleidoscope* and [WriteMichigan.org](http://WriteMichigan.org) to learn more about this outstanding program.

We're extremely proud to provide this opportunity for writers of all ages! Is the inner-writer speaking to you? Enter your story in the Write Michigan Short Story Contest.



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### About the cover artist:

The cover of this edition of *Kaleidoscope* features the art of local artist Tim Kleyn. Learn more about Tim's art at [kleynillustration.com](http://kleynillustration.com).



# KDL Updates

## Q&A with Claire Horlings, KDL's new Development Manager

### What is your role at KDL?

My job is to help raise sustainable, private support for KDL, so we can continue to offer innovative and transformative programs and services to the communities we serve.

### What provides you with the greatest sense of accomplishment in your job?

Knowing that I have the privilege to invite our supporters to take a closer look at the amazing things being accomplished every day at KDL and to see how their gifts are an investment in the lives of their family members, neighbors, friends and the underserved throughout Kent County.

### How is the fund development program changing?

Previously, most of the private support raised was through grants, corporate sponsorships and events, which are primarily transactional and process driven. Also, fundraising at the branch level has been done very independently. Our new approach is to raise most of our support through long-term relationships with individuals, while also strategically applying for grants



and sponsorships when necessary. We are also equipping each of the 19 branches with the knowledge and tools to enhance their own fundraising efforts.

### Since KDL receives support through taxes, why are contributions needed and what difference do they make?

It's a common misperception that we're "all set" and don't need private support, but that isn't true. During times of economic prosperity, KDL does benefit from higher tax revenue, but as we all know, there are years when property values fall and that directly impacts us. Private support helps KDL to provide unique and transformative experiences for people of all ages and backgrounds. In fact, 73 percent of KDL's revenue goes directly to public services. When you support KDL, your gifts change lives in so many ways—from addressing early childhood reading proficiency, to our partnership with Feeding America for kids who live in food insecure communities—and so much more.

## Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center

The name of a new library and community center in the Village of Ada was revealed June 22. The Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center was announced during an event at the future site of the facility on Headley Street adjacent to The Community Church at 7239 Thornapple River Drive SE in Ada.

Katie L. greets kids at the June 22 Ada Beers at the Bridge, with thousands of family members in attendance.



Steve and Amy Van Andel at the June 22 press conference.



# Let's Go Flying!



Local flight attendant and author Barbara Lynn Freedman, A.K.A. “Skygrl,” will take her audience up, up and away, reading her family-friendly picture book *Congratulations, First-Time Flyer!* Dressed up as Skygrl, the flight attendant in the book, Barbara Lynn will answer questions about what it's like to fly on an airplane for the first time, then lead her audience in singing and dancing to easy, original songs about airplanes.

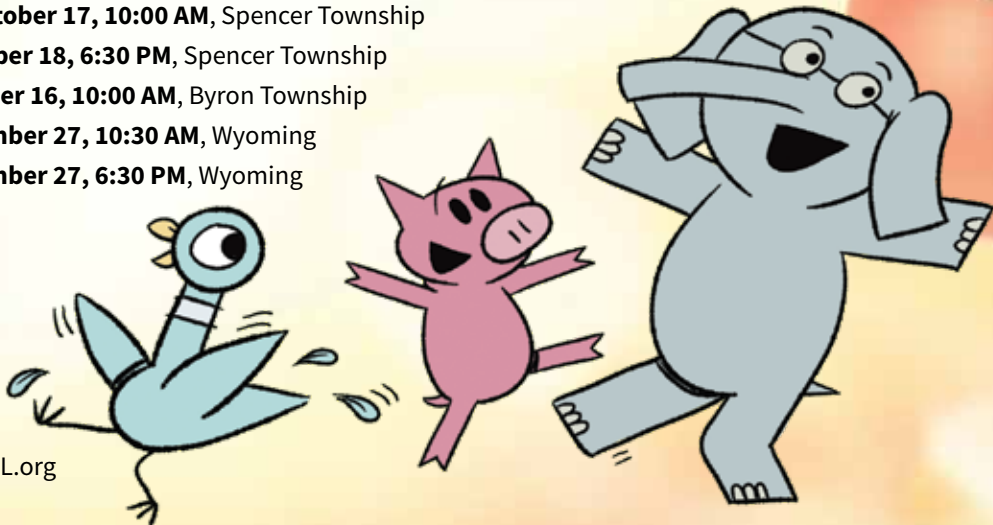


**Thursday, September 13, 6:30 PM**, Spencer Township  
**Thursday, October 18, 10:00 AM**, Englehardt  
**Wednesday, November 14, 10:00 AM**, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)  
**Tuesday, November 20, 11:30 AM**, Krause Memorial  
**Wednesday, November 21, 11:30 AM**, Krause Memorial

## Don't Let the Pigeon Attend this Program!

Celebrate the works of author Mo Willems, creator of the award-winning *Pigeon* series, *Elephant and Piggie* and much more! This storytime also features crafts and other activities, all about your favorite Mo characters. Just make sure the Pigeon doesn't get in!

**Thursday, September 13, 10:00 AM**, Englehardt  
**Monday, September 24, 10:00 AM**, Comstock Park  
**Monday, September 24, 6:30 PM**, Walker  
**Tuesday, September 25, 10:00 AM**, Cascade Township  
**Wednesday, September 26, 10:00 AM**, Comstock Park  
**Thursday, September 27, 10:30 AM**, Walker  
**Tuesday, October 9, 10:30 AM**, Nelson Township / Sand Lake  
**Monday, October 15, 10:30 AM**, Alto  
**Tuesday, October 16, 10:00 AM**, Gaines Township  
**Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 AM**, Spencer Township  
**Thursday, October 18, 6:30 PM**, Spencer Township  
**Friday, November 16, 10:00 AM**, Byron Township  
**Tuesday, November 27, 10:30 AM**, Wyoming  
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# Fall Favorites

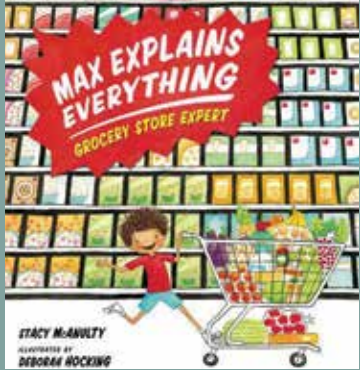
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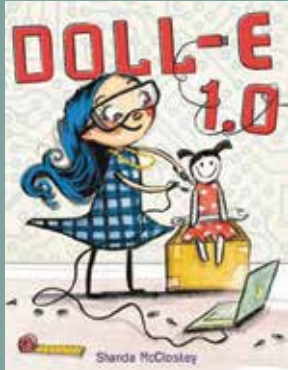
When Detective Dog Nell puts her nose to the task, there's no mystery she can't solve.



Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York. She is excited by her first trip to Coney Island and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home—but she misses the saffron flavored ice cream that she used to eat.



From choosing the perfect cart to navigating the produce section, expert extraordinaire Max explains all there is to know about going to the grocery store.



Charlotte has a talent for anything technological, so when she receives a doll as a present, she upgrades it with a few spare parts and some code to create a new and improved friend.



# Fall Fest



Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and art activities that focus more on the process and less on the final product.

- Saturday, September 22, 2:00 PM, Byron Township
- Monday, October 1, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park
- Saturday, October 6, 10:00 AM to noon, Alto
- Saturday, October 6, 10:30 AM, Gaines Township
- Tuesday, October 9, 10:30 AM, Wyoming
- Tuesday, October 9, 6:30 PM, Wyoming
- Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park
- Friday, October 19, 10:30 AM, Walker
- Tuesday, October 23, 10:00 AM, Cascade Township
- Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 PM, Spencer Township
- Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 AM, Cascade Township
- Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 AM, Tyrone Township
- Wednesday, October 24, 6:30 PM, Alpine Township
- Thursday, October 25, 10:00 AM, Englehardt
- Tuesday, October 30, 10:30 AM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake
- Tuesday, October 30, 11:30 AM, Krause Memorial
- Wednesday, October 31, 11:30 AM, Krause Memorial



## Extravaganza

Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab Experience Extravaganza! 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. **For ages 6 and older.**

- Friday, November 16, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
  - Saturday, November 17, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- KDL Service & Meeting Center  
814 W. River Center Dr. NE, Comstock Park MI, 49321



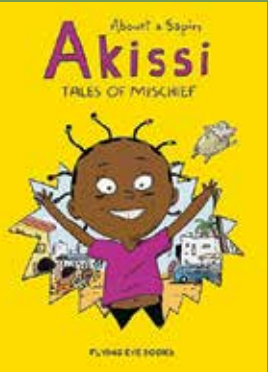
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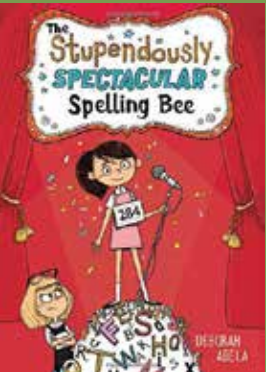
After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her species. So Byx sets out to find safe haven and to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true.

The author's childhood memories of growing up in Côte d'Ivoire are the basis for these slice-of-life strips starring charmingly impish Akissi.



Returning from camp, eleven-year-old Tash is dismayed to find that her elderly next-door neighbor has disappeared and is compelled to use the key that may possess magic.

Terribly shy, India Wimple is brilliant at spelling and her loving family will do whatever it takes to help her compete in a televised national spelling bee in Sydney, Australia.







### Putt-putt your way through the KDL greens.

Check in with staff to claim a tee time. First come, first served. **For all ages.**  
**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Saturday, September 8, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** Nelson Township / Sand Lake

**Friday, September 21, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM,** Grandville

**Friday, September 28, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM,** Gaines Township

**Saturday, October 20, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM,** Spencer Township

**Saturday, November 3, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM,** East Grand Rapids

**Thursday, November 8, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM,** Byron Township



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# KENT COUNTY TEEN FILM FESTIVAL

4K | 1920 x 1080  
60FPS | 80 Mbps

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**Call for entries: October 1, 2018**

**Submissions due: January 18, 2019**

**Festival: February 23, 2019, 10:30 AM**  
**Celebration! Cinema North**



[kdl.org/teenfilmfestival](http://kdl.org/teenfilmfestival)

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# World War I: 100 Years Later

GVSU History Professor Matthew Daley will discuss U.S. involvement in WWI, covering these four fascinating areas of history:

## A Fleet for Democracy - Great Lakes and Seaboard Shipbuilding

Learn more about shipbuilding throughout the Great Lakes and Michigan's part in the war effort.

**Wednesday, September 12, 6:30 PM**, Byron Township

**Wednesday, October 3, 6:30 PM**, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

**Monday, October 15, 6:30 PM**, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)



## The Impact of World War I on America and the Journey to World War II

Discuss the long-term outlook of the United States in dealing with international organizations like the League of Nations, the backlash against the expense and consideration of war-profiteering that led to the Nye Committee that investigated U.S. participation in the war during the 1930s, and organizations like "America First" that concerned the U.S. joining the second World War.



**Monday, September 24, 6:00 PM**, Cascade Township

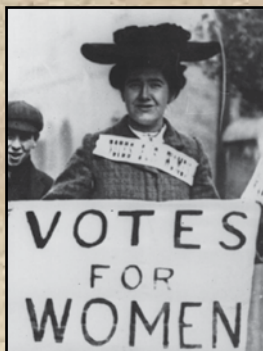
**Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, Wyoming

**Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 PM**, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

**Friday, November 9, 11:00 AM**, Grandville Senior Neighbors Center, 3380 Division Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418

## Prohibition, Women's Suffrage and the Red Summer

Professor Daley will discuss the impact on the Homefront. This includes the wartime food rationing, the impact of the 1918 flu epidemic (which is also having its centennial unpleasantly enough), national prohibition of alcohol, women's suffrage and the "Red Scare."



**Thursday, September 20, 6:00 PM**, Krause Memorial

**Friday, October 19, 11:00 AM**, Grandville Senior Neighbors Center, 3380 Division Ave SW, Grandville, MI 49418

**Monday, October 29, 6:00 PM**, Cascade Township

**Monday, November 12, 6:30 PM**, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

## America Joins: A Great and Vital Hysteria

Professor Daley will discuss the war hysteria once the United States joined the war and then the efforts to sustain interest and engagement in the war effort. This lecture covers the anti-German hostility, the Sedition Act of 1918 and the Creel Committee on the war effort.

**Monday, October 29, 6:30 PM**, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

**Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 PM**, Spencer Township



## Featured Veteran: Greg Russell

"I was in the Air Force from 2004-2008. During that time, I was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, and deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base in Iraq. I was a Command Post/Emergency Actions Controller—and later a Senior Controller in the same field. I held a Top Secret/SCI clearance. The specifics of the job are classified, but it can be summarized as validating, processing and disseminating war orders. We also had a peace-time job of receiving and disseminating information around our base and to our higher headquarters."



**What should people know about serving your country through military service?**

"People serving have educational benefits for college and can still get pensions. In a time when pensions aren't easy to come by and college is expensive, serving in the military can be a good way to start off a debt-free post-college life."

**What should people know about libraries?**

"Libraries are a convenient resource for checking out books and movies, as well as using the Internet. Furthermore, they have spaces for individuals or groups to study. For students or people on a budget, it could be a great resource for education or entertainment. Even for those not on a budget, it could be worth stopping in to see what they have that might interest you."



In recognition of the 100 year anniversary of U.S. involvement in WWI, show your appreciation for service members by donating during the month of October at any KDL location. Collections will be shared with the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Find a wish list at any KDL branch.



# What's your story?

WriteMichigan.org



- *The 7th Annual Short Story Contest is underway!*
- *Categories include youth, teens, adults and Spanish language.*
- *Winners will be published and receive cash prizes.*

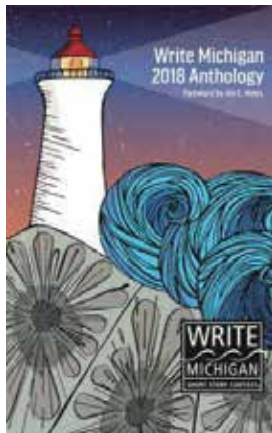
**Writers of all ages are invited to enter for a chance to become published and win cash prizes. All entries must be submitted online by November 30, 2018. For more information, please visit [WriteMichigan.org](http://WriteMichigan.org).**

Following are excerpts of winners from last year. They are available in their entirety, along with 21 other short story winners, in the *Write Michigan 2018 Anthology*. The anthology can be checked out from any KDL location or purchased from Schuler Books & Music.

## Jackpot

*by Randall Andrews, 2018 Judges' Choice Adult Winner*

I found the box in the pocket of my winter coat, tucked beneath my stocking hat. It was the size of an Altoids tin and wrapped in recycled newspaper comics, which was just the sort of thing Jenny, my graduate assistant, would think of. And sure enough, when I flipped over the little tag, it read: For Dr. Green, From your faithful lab rat.



As I stepped out onto the roof of the university science building, I slipped the box back into my pocket unopened. I was minutes away from the culmination of fifteen years of work and one of the greatest scientific achievements in human history. I could wait an hour to satisfy my curiosity.

Even without knowing the box's contents, I felt my spirits lift. The gift was exactly the sort of gesture I'd come to expect from Jenny, whose heart was as big as her intellect. She was tough, too . . . in her way. Although she was built like a test tube and allergic to everything: pollen, perfume, peanuts, tree nuts, and anything that stings, she was also a tireless worker and, rarer still, an eternal optimist. There was no other person, staff or student, that I trusted as much.

It was bitterly cold out, which was hardly a surprise. It was the university's spring break week, which is in March, and March, in Michigan, is not spring.

As I folded away the tarp from over the particle collector, I thought through the sequence for the next twenty-four hours one last time. Although it wasn't visible with the sun out, the Silverman Comet was already up there, streaking by high overhead, showering the earth with trillions of very

special particles of radiation. In ten minutes, our position in southern Michigan would lie directly between the comet and the earth's gravitational center, at which point the collector could harness a precisely controlled stream of those particles and use them to poke a hole through the infinitely sprawling surface of space-time.

I'd thought long and hard about what message I wanted to send through that hole. It would have to be brief, but of worthy significance. I'd decided on the winning numbers for Michigan's lottery.

And Ohio's.

Unfortunately, the hole could only be punched through another weakened point in space-time, and the only place chronologically near enough was the very next morning, when the comet passed over again. By the morning after that, the alignment would be too far off. If I couldn't make it work in this window, then I'd be forced to wait fifteen years for Silverman to return.

So there I was, on Friday morning, expecting to receive a message—from myself—from the following day. The lottery numbers were always drawn Friday night. By the time the comet passed overhead Saturday morning, I'd be ready to send those numbers back twenty-four hours and set myself up to become a double jackpot winner.

Of course no one would believe it was luck. They'd know I'd cheated, and that was fine. That was the point. A single winning ticket would have sufficed if it was money I was after, but what I wanted was proof. And a Nobel Prize.

I triple-checked the time on my phone and both the watches I was wearing and then dialed Jenny's number. She answered immediately.

"Alright, I'm putting you on speaker phone," she said by way of greeting.

"I'm doing the same," I answered, pleased by her all business attitude. I'd need both my hands free to manually adjust the diaphragm in the collector. Only the most precise intake of particles would allow the transmission/reception machine down in the lab to function properly, and I expected the output from the comet to fluctuate significantly. Controlling the flow of particles moving through the collector was likely to be the trickiest part of the whole operation, which is why I was on the roof.

"We're all green lights down here," Jenny said. Then we waited.

A small speaker I'd wired into the collector clicked in an uneven rhythm, counting fifty particles with every tone. Suddenly the cadence jumped, upshifting from a woodpecker's pace to a machine gun's. My pulse raced as if trying to keep time with the clicks, and despite the cold, I was sweating inside my coat. I hadn't been so nervous since walking into the cadaver lab of my first, and last, semester of medical school three decades earlier. My desire to heal people, it turned out, did not equal my aversion to blood and bodies. Physics was a much cleaner field of study.

When the digital display on the collector neared one hundred thirty particles per second, I slipped off my gloves



### Jackpot - continued

and grasped the joystick control for the diaphragm. I adjusted and then readjusted my grip, found a good hold, and took a deep breath.

“We just hit the critical range,” I heard myself say when the readout showed one fifty.

“Understood,” Jenny answered.

As the particles continued to stream in with increasingly frequency, I struggled to keep the intake close to one fifty, forced to constantly tweak the diaphragm. It felt like a couple minutes had passed already. If there was a message coming back, we should have had it.

“Transmission’s coming through.” Jenny’s voice sounded impossibly calm as she spoke those monumental words. We’d just become the first people to reach across time!

I felt a smile stretch across my face. I may have giggled.

Almost immediately then, the particle rate dipped precipitously. I fought the joystick for a few more seconds, but it was too late. Our window had closed.

“We’ve got it?” I asked.

Following an alarming hesitation, Jenny answered, “We’ve got . . . something.”

*Continue this story at <https://kdl.org/andrews>*

### Red

*by Vanessa Olson, 2018 Judges' Choice Teen Winner*

I was born in a tiny hospital in a nothing-town, one that barely got phone signal. It had a hospital, a grocery store, a gas station, and a bustling drug market. It was either late at night or early in the morning, depending on who you asked. It was a Saturday, one that my mother had been audibly dreading for the last nine months. I don’t remember it, of course. My mother smoked a cheap drugstore cigarette to calm her nerves while the nurse wrapped me in a generic cotton blanket. It was red.

My first day of second grade. My dad had driven me to school, and I was nervous. I had my second-hand backpack and my Goodwill shoes and a brown-bag lunch. The only brand-new thing I had was a little red dress with a ribbon that tied in the back, one which I was currently wearing. I was proud of it, so I took a deep breath and stepped out of the car. I marched up to the building that seemed to loom into the sky and stepped inside. I made it through most of the day, until recess. And then, walking out onto the pavement, a malicious foot attacked me out of the crowd, sending me sprawling onto the pavement. I pulled my palms away from the cold, hard cement. It was red.

It was my ninth birthday. I had been outside, swinging on the wooden swing that my dad had hung from the

tree in the tiny space next to the parking lot. Yelling began to crescendo, and I thought nothing of it at first. It was something that occurred often, and always ended in an ice cream apology. A door slammed. Glass broke. I heard the front door slam open and my dad stormed out and into his car with a hastily thrown together duffel. He hops in his car, and I hurry towards it. This hadn’t happened before. He screeches out of the driveway, and I began to run. His truck rumbled down the road and I’m left, barefooted and confused, in the middle of the road staring at his tailgate. It was red.

*Continue this story at <https://kdl.org/olson>*

### La Sala sin Ventanas

*by Sabrina Salazar, 2018 Judges' Choice Spanish Winner*

Giró el pomo sin esperar la voz que dijera, “pase.” La buena educación en la sala sin ventanas da igual. Las cuatro paredes estaban blancas igual que el piso, y en el medio se encontraban dos lechos, aunque solo uno había estado ocupado. “Padre, soy yo,” susurró la hija. El hombre, quien estaba acostado en la cama, abrió los ojos cansados lentamente, sin responder.

“A ver, dame un abrazo,” insistió la hija mientras se acercaba hacia el pecho de su viejo padre. Aunque no la abrazó, sí le dio un besito cariñoso en la mejilla para demostrarle su amor incondicional de padre.

En ese momento, ella vació su bolso y sacó un cuaderno en blanco. “Así nos comunicamos por escrito”, sugirió ella. Procedió poniendo un bolígrafo en su palma y le cerró la mano para que lo pudiera sujetar mejor, sin que se le cayera de la mano. Al verlo escribir, se había llenado de emoción hasta que leyó sus garabatos indescifrables. El escrito decía claramente: “Hija, me quiero morir.” En ese momento, se llenó la sala de un imposible silencio, que lleva a la soledad más profunda del ser humano. Ese silencio inexplicable e incoherente que no recobra ni el más mínimo sentido con la palabra, ni con el gesto humano. A esta hija, ante tal afirmación, le pareció extraño que la tristeza que sentía en ese momento le produjera un frío escalofriante, que no había entrado por ninguna ventana. Empezó a pensar e imaginar cuántas curiosidades debería tener su padre, aunque no las podría manifestar ahora debido a su situación. Ahora él se preguntaría a sí mismo: “¿Cuándo quiero hablar, por qué no me sale la voz?, ¿cuándo quiero que se me mueva el cuerpo, por qué no se mueve?, ¿cuándo me quiero morir, por qué no me muero?”

*Continúe leyendo en <https://kdl.org/salazar>*

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

# Live & Learn LECTURES

In partnership with the Comstock Park Community Outreach Committee.

**Mondays, 6:30 PM**, Comstock Park

### What Does the Opioid Crisis Mean For Me?

**October 1** - Dr. Stacy Steen, MD. will discuss the impact prescription drug addiction has and how it begins.

### Introduction to Buddhism

**October 8** - Join Hung Su from the Grand Rapids Buddhist Temple and Zen Center as he talks about the history of Buddhism and the Four Noble Truths.

### Communicating with Fans & Flowers in Victorian Times

**October 15** - Wendy Batchelder the Victorian Lady will speak about how Victorian ladies communicated secret messages with each other with flowers and fans to uphold proper etiquette.

### Sailing Grace - A True Story of Dying, Coming Back to Life and Going to Sea

**November 5** - Former Michigan legislator John Otterbacher of Grand Rapids shares his inspiring tale of his personal triumph over open-heart surgery.

### The Edmund Fitzgerald - The Stories, the Song

**November 12** - Mike Fornes presents a multimedia, musical program about “Up North” culture, sentiment and moods through the lyrics and music of Gordon Lightfoot.



### Writers Conference: Crafting Edition

The fourth annual crafting edition of the KDL Writers Conference features authors and publishing insiders sharing their experiences with new and aspiring authors. More details regarding breakout and editing sessions to come. **Pre-registration required. For teens and adults.**

**Saturday, October 27.** Visit [kdl.org/events/writers-conference](https://kdl.org/events/writers-conference) for more info.

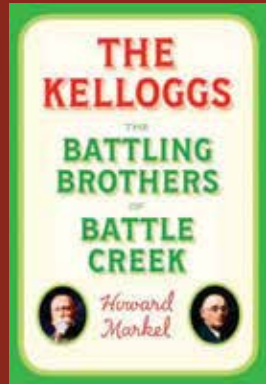




## I'll be Gone in the Dark

by Michelle McNamara

“As a lover of true crime, there was no way I wasn’t going to read this book, but I recommend it to anyone for the superb writing, the thorough research and the truly wonderful person behind it all: Michelle McNamara, who dedicated much of her too-short life to investigating a monster responsible for some of the worst crimes in California history.” – Julia at KDL’s Service Center



## The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek

by Howard Markel

“Medical historian Markel brings the history of the Kellogg brothers to life in this eminently readable account of the changes brought about through the work of these legendary figures. These remarkable men set out to reform the eating habits of America, a movement that in many ways succeeded. The brothers’ influence continues to be felt both here in Michigan and around the globe. The world class sanitarium they built still stands, and the vast wealth they created remains in the form of a charitable foundation that supports children, families, and communities.” – Mark at Rockford



## Moonrise

by Sarah Crossan

“Joe, through the power of poetry, copes with the loss of his brother. He didn’t lose his brother due to death or illness. It was actually much worse.” – Hannah at Wyoming

## Honor Among Thieves

by Rachel Caine

“Looking for some sci-fi action? Checkout ‘Honor Among Thieves’ by Rachel Caine. When Earth was on the brink of disaster a mysterious alien race, Leviathans, stepped in and provided resources and tech advances to save Earth. In exchange, pairs are chosen as Honors to spend a year aboard a young Leviathan, exploring and learning. But Zara is not like other Honors and suspects there is more to the exchange than cultural awareness.” – Beth at Gaines Twp

## The Gone World

by Tom Sweterlitsch

“Marketed as Inception meets True Detective, this book meets the hype. It’s 1997 and Shannon Moss is in a secret NCIS detective division that investigates crimes by traveling through time. However, each trip into the future brings an apocalyptic event called the Terminus closer and closer to 1997. Shannon must both solve the disappearance of a Navy Seal’s daughter and figure out how to stop the Terminus.” – Crystal at Caledonia



## The Prince and the Dressmaker

by Jen Wang

“Funny and touching, it explores the world of a prince with a secret, and the lengths his best friend will go to keep it. A fast, enchanting read!” – Liz at Plainfield



## Little Dark Age

by MGMT

“This pop, electronic duo from Brooklyn has really kicked it up a notch with their new album. As weird as ever, they’ve created a much more radio-friendly album this time around and so far, so good. Two thumbs up!” – Stacy at KDL’s Service Center

## The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig

by Steve Jenkins

“An irresistibly heartwarming story about a couple who adopted a mini pig that turned out to be a regular sized pig – that is to say, gigantic. They decided to keep her anyway, and the book tells about her life, illustrated with photos of Esther and the farm where she lives with her family.” – Susan at Plainfield



## Ice Bridge : Mackinac Island’s Hidden Season

“I couldn’t begin to imagine what it would feel like to travel from the mainland to the island over the frozen water and for that distance. The movie was a very unique glance into a place we seldom think about in the snowy Michigan wintertime. Mackinac Island fans will love it!” – Barb, Information Substitute

## A Great and Terrible Beauty

by Libba Bray

“Victorian England and Colonial India meet magic, intrigue, boarding school and darkness to tangle together in the story of Gemma Doyle.” – Abby at Wyoming



## If the Creek Don't Rise

by Leah Weiss

“I LOVED this book. It’s set in Appalachia in the 1970’s. For some reason I’ve always been fascinated with stories set in this region of the United States. The main character, Sadie Blue, has a tragic life but she is strong and so easy to root for. The feminist themes and sparks of magical realism woven into the story give it depth and a feeling of wonder.” – Lindsey at KDL’s Service Center

## Oath of Honor

by Lynette Eason

“It’s got it ALL: Murder, crooked politicians, romance, a sweet old lady, a crazy ex and to top it off, a cute DOG!” – Kelly at Nelson Twp



## Forever, Or a Long, Long Time

by Caela Carter

“A surprisingly accurate and at times, heartbreaking look at the lives of two children adopted out of foster care, *Forever, or a Long, Long Time* follows Flora and Julian in their quest to find their origin story. Their new mom announces that there will soon be a new baby in the family, but how will she possibly love them as much once she has a ‘real’ child?” – Sara at Nelson Twp





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## Welcome to KDL!

We're pleased to introduce some of our newest team members!



**Randy Burson II,**  
General Accountant  
@ Service Center  
Recently read *Dragon Teeth*  
by Michael Crichton



**Claire Horlings,**  
Development Manager @ Service Center  
Recently read *The Last Ballad* by Wiley Cash



**Brad Baker,**  
Graphic Designer @ Service Center  
Recently read *It* by Stephen King



**Angie Royce, Circulation Assistant @ Englehardt**  
Recently read *Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore*  
by Robin Sloan



**Jessica McLeod,**  
Adult Paraprofessional  
@ Englehardt  
Recently read *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne



**Melissa Snyder,**  
Finance Department Team Lead @ Service Center  
Recently read *The Odyssey of Echo Company* by Doug Stanton

**Laura Boyea** . . . . . Substitute Circulation Assistant  
**Jeremy Coldicott** . . . . . Circulation Assistant  
**Melissa English** . . . . . Substitute Circulation Assistant  
**Karen Lyons** . . . . . Substitute Circulation Assistant  
**Margo Taylor** . . . . . Substitute Circulation Assistant  
**Jennifer VanHal** . . . . . Substitute Circulation Assistant

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## Ladies Night

Eat, drink and socialize! Bring your girlfriends and join us to sip wine, nibble cheese and create your very own wine glass charms. Wine tastings provided by The Crushed Grape and chocolate and cheese tastings will be provided by The Cheese Lady. **KDL Uncorked events are for adults only, 21 and older.**

**Friday, September 28, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Grandville**

**Thursday, October 4, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Krause Memorial**

**Tuesday, November 6, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, East Grand Rapids**

**Monday, November 19, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Comstock Park**

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON LIVE

The Cascade Township Branch brings concerts inside for Sunday Afternoon Live, eight concerts from October 2018 through April 2019 featuring your favorite local artists. Sponsored by Cascade Charter Township, Cascade Downtown Development Authority, Cascade Community Foundation, Friends of the Cascade Township Library and Kingsland Ace Hardware.

**Sundays, 2:00 PM,  
Cascade Township**



**Drew Hale, Oct. 21**



**Fauxgrass, Nov. 18**



**Organissimo, Dec 9**



**Jimmy Stagger, Jan. 20**



**CrossBow, Feb. 10**



**Dave Palma Band, Feb. 24**



**Mark Lavengood Band,  
Mar. 10**



**Cabildo, Apr. 28**



# Friends of the Library **Book Sales**



## Tyrone / Kent City Fall Festival

Shop for great used books at bargain prices during the Kent City Fall Festival. All items stuffed into one of our bags for only \$3! **Saturday, September 8, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM**

## Alto Harvest Festival

As part of the Alto Harvest Festival, shop our used book sale for great books at bargain prices. **Saturday, September 15, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

## Cascade Township

Special clearance on adult and children's fiction books. **Saturday, September 15, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday, September 16, noon to 3:00 PM**  
**Friday, November 2, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Saturday, November 3, 10 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday, November 4, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**

## East Grand Rapids

**Saturday, November 3, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday. November 4, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

## Krause Memorial (Rockford)

'Three Bucks-a-Bag' special from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at the library during open hours. **Saturday, September 29, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

## Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Join the Friends group and enjoy a special preview sale. **Saturday, October 13, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

## Plainfield

**Thursday, September 6, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM**  
**Friday, September 7, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**Saturday, September 8, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday, September 9, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

## Wyoming

Bag sale begins at 2:00 PM - \$3.00 a bag. Proceeds benefit Wyoming Friends of the Library projects. **Saturday, October 13, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM**  
**Sunday, October 14, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM**

## Spencer Township

**Saturday, October 20, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**Sunday, October 21, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

# BRANCH HOURS

**ALPINE TOWNSHIP**  
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**  
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	1:00 to 6:00	9:30 to 6:00	9:30 to 1:30

**BYRON TOWNSHIP**  
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**  
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**  
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**  
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	1:00 to 5:00

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**  
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**  
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**  
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

**KELLOGGSVILLE**  
4787 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids 49548

SCHOOL YEAR HOURS:						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	—	3:00 to 8:00	3:00 to 8:00	3:00 to 8:00	—	9:30 to 1:30*

\* First and third Saturday of the month

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

\* First and third Saturday of the month

**KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT)**  
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**  
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/SAND LAKE**  
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**  
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**  
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**  
43 S. Main St., Kent City 49330

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

**WALKER**  
4293 Remembrance Rd. NW, Walker 49534

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

**WYOMING AND THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**  
3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509

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

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

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