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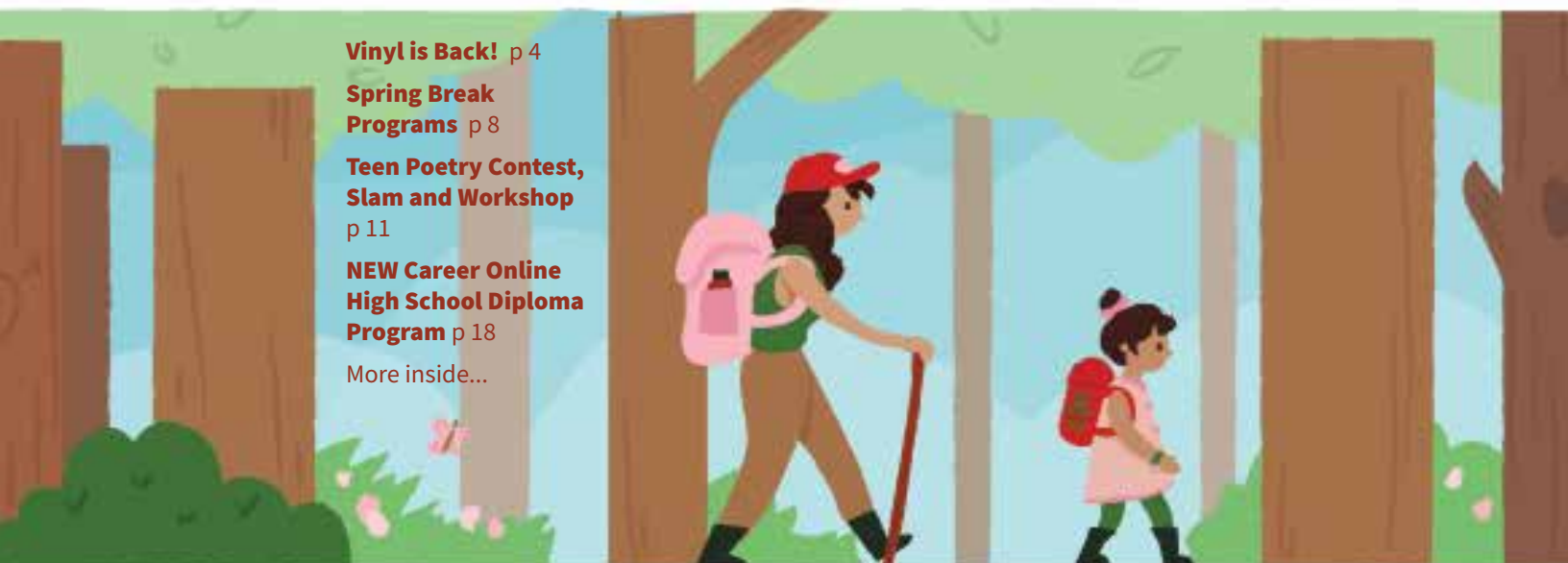
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DEAR KDL FRIENDS & FAMILY:

The progress and programs put in place to address KDL's three core areas of focus are phenomenal and poised to go much further. Here are highlights:

- 1. If you have kids in grades K-3, sign them up for Mission: Read at any KDL branch to help them pass the new *Read By Grade Three* law.** Mission: Read was launched by Partners in Reading Success, a collaboration of all public libraries in Kent County plus the Literacy Center of West Michigan and Kent Intermediate School District. Mission: Read boosts reading skills and love for reading, helps parents find the right books for children and helps parents better understand their child's Individualized Reading Improvement Plan. Learn more at MissionRead.org. *(KDL Core focus addressed: Improve 3rd grade reading proficiency to help kids succeed in school and beyond.)*
- 2. Do you know an adult who doesn't have a high school diploma? The new KDL Career Online High School (COHS) gives them a second chance!** It's free and has a unique job-skills focus. See page 18 for more info or email cohs@kdl.org. *(KDL Core focus addressed: Increase program opportunities for adults and senior citizens to create lifeline learning options.)*
- 3. Every student in Kent County will receive a library card through the KDL Library Card Challenge!** So far, 13,532 students have received library cards and more are in process. *(KDL Core focus addressed: Enhance children's learning through unique opportunities to make reading and learning fun, with a positive impact on school achievement.)*

If you're interested in learning more about these or numerous other programs, call me or our Patron Services Team at 616-784-2007.

Lance M. Werner

Executive Director, Kent District Library

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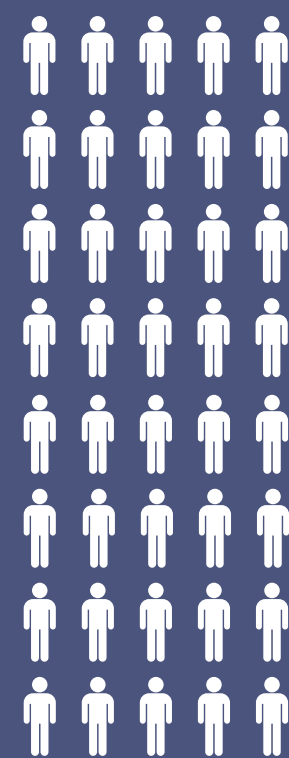
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About the cover artist:

The cover of this edition of KDL Kaleidoscope features the art of local artist Tim Kleyn. Learn more about Tim's art at kleynillustration.com.



Kelloggsville Branch One-Year Anniversary



In the first year of this unique partnership with Kelloggsville Public Schools, the new branch served

53,649 visitors and
17,865 circulation and
76 programs with
2,192 attendees



KDL Updates

Military Library Cards

1,192
Veterans and Active Military

Since Independence Day, 1,192 U.S. veterans and active military have been provided special KDL Military Library Cards.

Book the Bookmobile

In it's first two months on the road, the KDL Bookmobile visited **2,989** people. Schedule a visit at kdl.org/bookmobile



Library Card Challenge

Since launching one year ago, we have provided library cards to

13,532

students in Kent County and will ultimately provide every student with access to their public library!



KDL Cruisers Return in May

36 bikes available for checkout!



Details at kdl.org/kdl-cruisers



For the record: Vinyl is back!

KDL reintroduces vinyl record collection

Stacy Schuster, Collection Development Librarian for Kent District Library who is in charge of ordering music materials, was noticing a trend. New albums she wanted to order for KDL weren't available on CD, only through streaming or on vinyl.

"That's when I knew that I wanted KDL to have a vinyl collection," Stacy said. "Kent District Library is super innovative and always willing to give something a try. This was just another way we could give our patrons what they want."

Statistics back up what Stacy experienced. In 2017, CD shipments continued their years-long decline, falling 6 percent to \$1.1 billion. Despite this, records are still cool — the Recording Industry of America calls vinyl "a bright spot among physical formats," with revenues up 10 percent to \$395 million.

Music experts agree that vinyl is making a comeback for multiple reasons, including superior sound quality, nostalgia, the allure of ownership, collectability and the "cool factor."

Once Stacy got approval to move forward with making the vinyl collection a reality, she partnered up with Vertigo Music to make it happen. She was happy to partner with a small, local business instead of just ordering everything off Amazon.

"Vertigo bent over backwards to help and saved us thousands of dollars," Stacy said. "It's been great working with them."

The **KDL Grooves Collection**, with 1,400 albums initially, will include everything from classic rock to classical, jazz to hip-hop. Some of the featured artists include the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Aretha Franklin, Cardi B., Childish Gambino and Metallica. The collection will continue to grow, as Stacy has

devoted 25% of the library's music budget to vinyl.

"Records have gone mainstream," said Herm Baker, manager at Vertigo. "We worked with Stacy to put together a nice, varied collection with records from the 1950s to present day."

No turntable? No problem. KDL will have 45 turntables available for checkout from the Beyond Books collection for up to three weeks at a time. There will also be 50 sets of high-end headphones available for use in KDL branches.

"It's been fun seeing an idea become a reality," Stacy said. "I hope our patrons are as enthusiastic about this collection as I am!"

> KDL Grooves - April 13 Launch

More than 1,400 vinyl albums along with turntables and high-end headphones will become available for check-out at:

- Cascade Township
- East Grand Rapids
- Grandville
- Kentwood
- Plainfield Township
- Krause Memorial (Rockford)
- Walker



Book Recommendation

Why Vinyl Matters, by Jennifer Otter Bickerdike: Pop culture writer and historian Jennifer Otter Bickerdike interviews some of our most iconic artists. Each superstar and superfan talks about their own experiences of vinyl and what it means to them, and the importance of its re-emergence - seemingly against all odds - as a physical format in the era of the digital economy.

FYI: A person born in 33, was 45 in 78.

Hello, Spring!

Plant a seed! Make a rainbow!

Celebrate the spring season with exploratory play, simple experiments and hands-on science and math activities.

Saturday, March 9, 2:00 PM, Byron Township

Monday, March 11, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Wednesday, March 20, 10:00 AM, Tyrone Township

Friday, March 22, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 AM, Gaines Township

Monday, April 1, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Grandville

Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 AM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM, Cascade Township

Spring Craft Extravaganza

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Wednesday, March 27, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Monday, April 1, 2:00 PM, Byron Township

Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 AM, Plainfield Township

Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Wyoming

Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 AM, Gaines Township

Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Grandville

Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 PM, Walker

Monday, April 15, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Wednesday, April 17, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Friday, April 19, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township

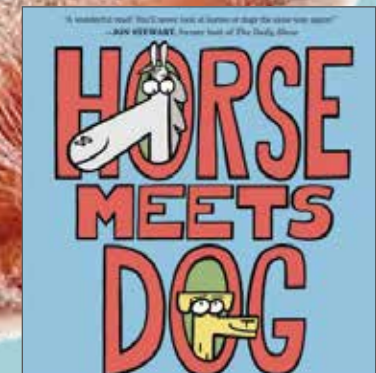
Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 PM, Alpine Township

Thursday, May 2, 10:00 AM, Englehardt

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM, Krause Memorial

Spring Favorites

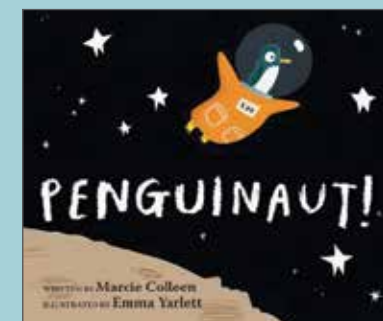
Check out more recommended reading for kids at kdl.org/recommendations



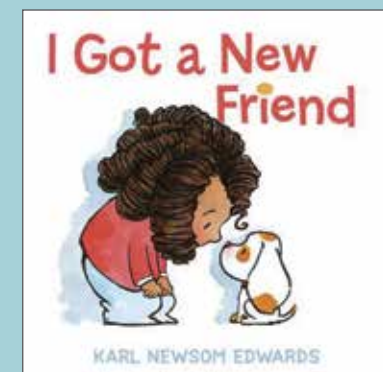
When Horse and Dog meet, Dog thinks he has met a very big canine, Horse thinks he has come across a tiny little baby horse, and humorous confusion ensues.



Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all.



Orville is a little penguin who lives in a zoo and dreams of big adventures. He builds a spaceship and sets out all by himself and discovers that real adventures are best when they are shared with friends.



A little girl and her new puppy get to know one another.

Spring Break Programs

Wimee's Words

Join Kevin Kammeraad, along with Wimee and friends, in this all ages show of wordplay, puppetry, music and movement!

Tuesday, April 2, 1:00 PM, Walker

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM, Krause Memorial

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 PM, Alpine Township

Thursday, April 4, 1:00 PM, Grandville

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 PM, Byron Township

Friday, April 5, 10:00 AM,

Plainfield Township

Friday, April 5, 1:00 PM,

Wyoming

Escape Room

Challenge your brain during spring break! Sign up your family or friends or meet new friends for a collaborative 45-minute challenge to follow the clues to escape destruction. Sessions start promptly at the top of the hour and late entry is not possible. For teens and adults. Children age 8-12 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required.

Escape room sessions start at the top of the hour, beginning at 1:00 PM and with the final session at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, April 2, Grandville

Wednesday, April 3, Englehardt

Thursday, April 4, Comstock Park



Coding Camp for Kids

Using simple-to-use visual programming language based on Google's Blockly and littleBits new coding kit, the camp is perfectly suited for children learning to code for the first time. Coding basics help nurture creativity, logical thinking and problem-solving skills, preparing students for the future regardless of their ultimate field of study or occupation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library.

For children grades 3-8 only. Pre-registration required.

Monday, April 1, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Englehardt

Family Movie

Enjoy a movie and popcorn with family, friends and neighbors.

Friday, March 29, 7:00 PM, Alto

Friday, April 5, 1:00 PM, Englehardt

Disney Movie Marathon

Enjoy the originals before the live action versions come out in theaters this season. Bring a blanket, some snacks and something comfy to sit on to enjoy this magical two-day-long movie marathon!

Monday and Tuesday, April 1 & 2, noon, Cascade Twp.

Featured movies: *Aladdin* on April 1 and *The Lion King* on April 2



Kids' Picks

The Hunt for the Hundredth Key

by Elisabetta Dami

Picked by Ella - 3rd Grade

"Geronimo Stilton is a good mouse series because Geronimo is always going on new adventures in different places. My favorite book in the series is *The Hunt for the Hundredth Key*, but all of them are really good. I was hooked from the very first page."

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal

by Jeffrey Brown

Picked by Alex - 3rd Grade

"I would personally recommend the series of *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal* to anyone! This book is a comic (graphic novel) and follows the stories of Lucy & Andy Neanderthal, cavemen who lived 40,000 years ago. The stories are about how they hunted, slept, met the early humans, and more! You also learn real facts along the way like did you know that you would have to repeat 'great' 2,000 times to reach your Neanderthal Grandma or Grandpa? Or, that Neanderthals may have used more energy for running than humans because they had shorter and thicker limbs?"

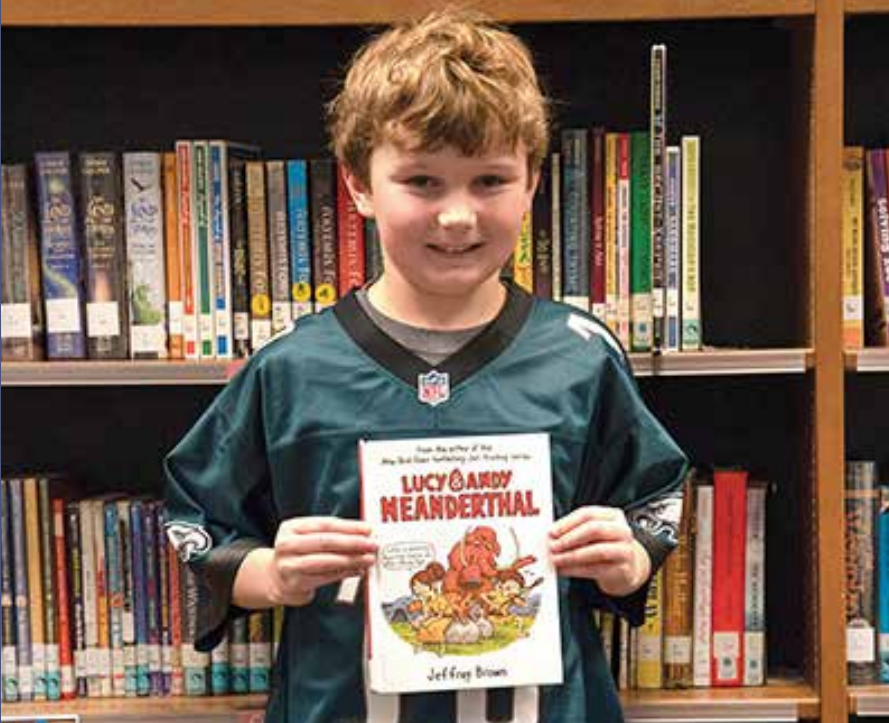
This book is filled with fiction, non-fiction, and excitement. It brought joy to me and when I finished it, I wanted to see if there was a new one in the series. Now maybe you will not like it, but personally I LOVED it!"

Smile

by Raina Telgemeier

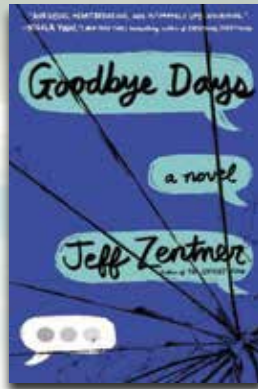
Picked by Claudia - 3rd Grade

"I like this book because it is a true story from the author when she was younger. It is about family, friends, and dental trauma. Her teeth were knocked out of and up into her mouth. She had to go through a lot of things that were embarrassing. She broke up with her old friends who were making fun of her and she made new friends who liked her for who she is."



Toward a BETTER WORLD

The 2019 program explores the power of books to teach and inspire.



Author Talk and Book Signing with Jeff Zentner

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 PM | Wyoming

Hear Jeff Zentner, the author of *Goodbye Days*. Jeff lives in Nashville, Tennessee and has received numerous awards for his writing.

Jeff will also be visiting Wyoming, Godwin, Kelloggsville and Grandville high schools on April 25 and 26.

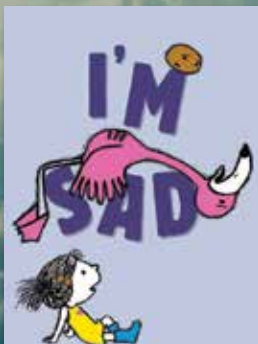


Book Signing with Kathryn Erskine

Monday, April 29 at 6:30 PM | Grandville

Meet Kathryn Erskine, author of *Mockingbird*. Kathryn's books will be available for purchase and she will be signing her books.

Kathryn will be visiting Wyoming Jr. High, Grandville Middle and Kentwood Middle schools on April 29 and 30.



Grandville and Wyoming pre-schoolers will read *I'm Sad* by Ian Michael Black. Their accompanying art projects will be displayed at the Grandville and Wyoming Branches starting April 1st.

Preschool art can also be viewed at the Grandville Branch for the city's annual Art Walk event on Friday, April 26, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Adult Book Discussions

Join us for a friendly discussion of our featured title, *Goodbye Days* by Jeff Zentner.

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 PM | Grandville

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM | Wyoming

Hear about our two featured titles and others like them.

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM | Osgood Brewing,
4051 Chicago Drive, Grandville, MI 49418

kdl.org/communityreads



16th Annual Teen Poetry Contest

Two ways to win! Submit one or two poems at kdl.org/teenpoetry by April 1 for a chance at a juried category prize. Then, come and read your poem live at the Write Michigan Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 25 for another chance to win. **For teens grades 6-12.**

Teen Poetry Conference

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Kentwood

Featured poets will include:



KFG



Kelsey May



Michaelyn Mankel



Z.G. Tomaszewski

Pre-registration is required.

Teen Poetry Slam

Thursday, April 25, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Kentwood - You must have submitted a poem to be eligible for the slam.

Poetry Practice Workshops

Learn poetry techniques that will help beginners and current poets perfect their works. We'll cover rhyming and line breaks, similes and metaphors, and abstraction and imagery at the workshops below.

Tyrone Township Community Room,

28 E. Muskegon Street, Kent City

Thursday, April 11, 3:30 PM

For 3rd grade through High School

Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Saturday, April 13, 1:30 PM

For 3rd grade through High School

Spencer Township

Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 PM

For 3rd grade through High School

Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM

For teens and adults

Poetry Reading

Bring your best poem to read aloud. Open to Poetry Practice participants, as well as community members who have written their own verse. Please bring poetry that is appropriate for an all-ages program. In partnership with the Cedar Springs Public Library. For all ages.

Kent Theater, 8 N. Main St NE,

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Tuesday, April 30, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Please visit
kdl.org/teenpoetry
for more information

MONEY SMART WEEK®

For Teens & Adults | March 30 - April 6

Money Smart Week helps consumers manage their personal finances better. Programs are offered to all demographics and income levels and cover all facets of personal finance.

Money Smart Week: Teen Game Night and Pizza Party

Everyone needs some practice at adulting! Prepare for your future with an action-packed board game – will you go broke early, or make smart financial decisions and come out on top? Pizza and pop are provided whether you win or lose. **For teens.**

Wednesday, March 27, 3:15 PM, East Grand Rapids

Tuesday, April 2, 6:00 PM, Plainfield Township

Thursday, April 4, 3:30 PM, Grandville

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 PM, Caledonia Township

Monday, April 15, 4:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 PM, Cascade Township

Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 PM, Spencer Township

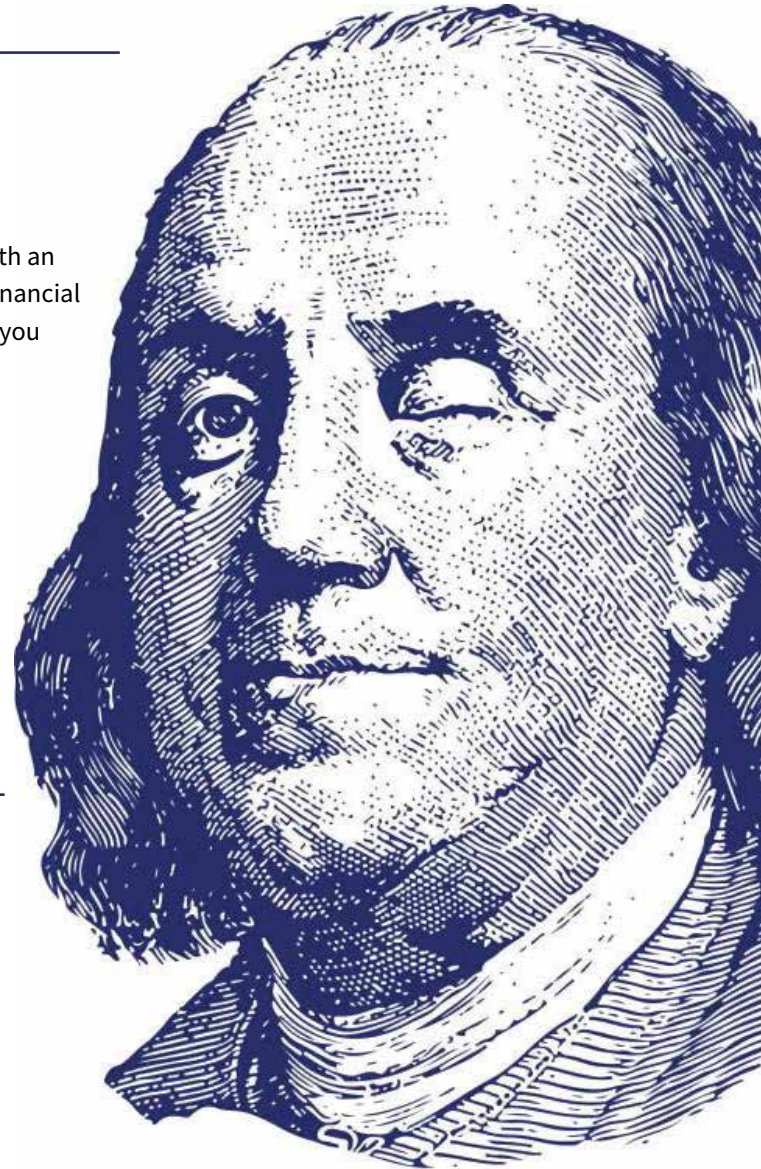
Money Smart Week: Food and Finances

Learn about great food and important financial information during Money Smart Week. Meat and cheese selections and a presentation will be provided by The Cheese Lady, followed by investing tips and tricks with an Edward Jones financial expert. **Pre-registration is required. For adults.**

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 PM, East Grand Rapids

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM, Comstock Park

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 PM, Spencer Township



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These programs are made possible as a result of support from the
West Michigan Edward Jones Foundation Fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

**WRITE
MICHIGAN**

**8th Annual
Writers
Conference**

**Kent District Library Service Center
Saturday, April 13, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

This free event features Michigan authors and publishing insiders sharing their experiences with new and aspiring authors. Marketing, social media, and promotion will be included. A light lunch will be provided. All genres and skill levels welcome.

Pre-registration required.

kdl.org/writersconference

Oceans, Lakes and Streams

PFAs and the health of our local watersheds. Lead in our municipal water. The health of the Great Lakes and our oceans. The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan is pleased to partner with the Kent District Library on a series that explores water issues regionally and globally, and how our community can be better stewards of our water resources.

Kentwood (Richard L. Root), 4950 Breton SE, Kentwood, MI 49508

Each session begins at 6:30 PM. Public invited. No registration needed. Free admission. Free parking.

Wednesday, April 10

State of the Oceans

Dr. David E. Guggenheim,
The Ocean Doctor

Monday, April 15

Local Ground Water Issues

Panelists include Rick Rediske
from the Robert B. Annis Water
Resources Institute

Wednesday, April 24

Learning from the Flint Water Crisis

Anna Clark, author of *The Poisoned
City: Flint's Water and the American
Urban Tragedy*

Wednesday, May 1

State of the Great Lakes

Dr. Mark Luttenton, Robert B. Annis
Water Resources Institute



**World Affairs Council
of Western Michigan**



New 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! **For school-age children.**

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 PM,
Grandville

Saturday, March 30, 1:30 PM,
Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Saturday, April 13, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM,
East Grand Rapids

Friday, April 19, 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM,
Tyrone Township

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 AM to noon,
Walker

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 AM,
Gaines Township



Travel Tales

Listen to fellow “travel bugs” each month as someone will share a story of a memorable travel trip and why it was special. Speakers will share pictures and mementos from their trips with a chance for Q&A. Light refreshments will be provided thanks to Wonderland Family Vacations, who will also have a travel agent in attendance to help answer any travel related questions.

Did you have an awesome travel experience you would like to share? Are you willing to talk to a group of people about this experience and share some pictures? If so, consider signing up for one of our future travel tales by contacting Walker Branch staff.

**Wednesdays, March 20, April 17 and May 15,
6:30 PM, Walker**

Rail Travel in 1916

Join rail historian Mark Tomlson on an imaginary trip from Grand Rapids to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. This event is co-sponsored by the Krause Memorial Library and the Rockford Area Historical Society and will be held at the **Rockford Community Cabin at 220 N Monroe Street.**

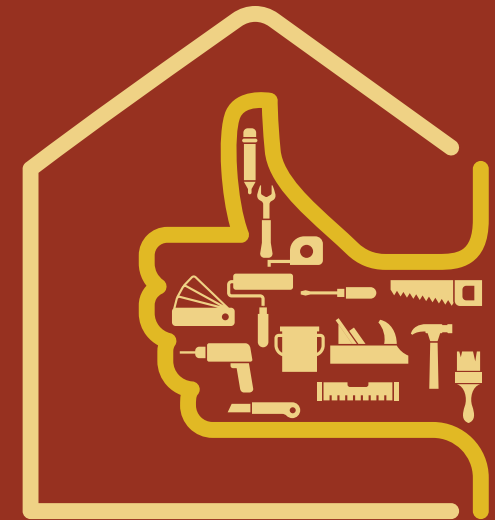
Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM, Krause Memorial

These programs for adults require pre-registration.
For a full description and to register, visit kdl.org/events
or call Patron Services at 616-784-2007.

Flourish From the Ground Up: How-to Gardening & Bouquet Making	Block Printed Banners	The Road to What's Next
Guided Painting with Art of Life	Crochet Rugs	Yarn & Felt Wreath



Check out these travel-themed books:



Basic Home Maintenance

A comprehensive overview of maintenance and repair that all homeowners should know. Mike Zamarron from Home Repair Services gives expert advice on utilities upkeep, insulation, water issues, security, weatherization and general electrical maintenance. Bring all of your questions!

Saturday, March 9, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Monday, March 11, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM,
Plainfield Township

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, East Grand Rapids

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Gaines Township

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM,
Comstock Park

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM,
Tyrone Township

Monday, May 20, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM,
Wyoming

Staff Picks



Sofia Khan is not Obligated

by Ayisha Malik

“The humor is quick, the heroine is flawed and relatable, and I really appreciate the sincere treatment of religion – it’s a very personal element for Sofia but isn’t too didactic or heavy-handed. She’s totally a Muslim Bridget Jones, but with a lot of echoes of Jane Austen, especially at the end (without any spoilers).” – Anna at East Grand Rapids

Women of Resistance: Poems for a New Feminism

edited by Danielle Barnhart and Iris Mahan

“This new collection of intersectional feminist poems has many memorable zingers and contains a diverse array of voices that share their various and different experiences of womanhood and speak out about the current political and social climate. There is much to savor here!” – Jaci at KDL’s Service Center



Baby Teeth

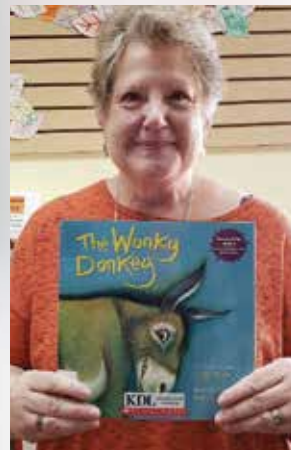
by Zoje Stage

“What can I say, I love books about psychotic children. It must be because I watched *The Bad Seed* at such an impressionable age. This book was exactly what I hoped it would be. Just the right amount of creep factor and unease.” – Tricia at Cascade

The Wonky Donkey

by Craig Smith

“Who has not seen the video of the Scottish grandmother reading this book to her grandson? After watching the video, I had to check out the book for myself! What a hoot! It’s a fun, rhyming book with great illustrations! You will find yourself laughing just like the Scottish grandma!” – Robin at Krause Memorial (Rockford)



Deep Water

by Watt Key

“*Deep Water* is an exciting middle grade adventure/survival story. Julie Sims and her father take customers out for a deep sea dive, but when they surface they realize that something is very wrong.” – Susan at Plainfield Township



They May Not Mean To, But They Do

by Cathleen Schine



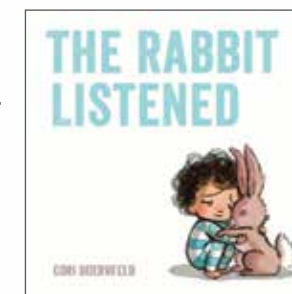
“A humorous tale about aging and death and how it affects everyone in the family. This story is told by the matriarch of the family and by her children. Her husband passes away and everyone wants what is best for

Joy. Her view of what is best differs greatly from what her children think is best. The reader learns to love Joy and her children and grandchildren, who mean well. I loved this book and appreciated its perspective because ‘they may not mean to, but they do!’” – Christina at Englehardt (Lowell)

The Rabbit Listened

by Cori Doerrfeld

“When everyone else is trying to offer advice after the world fell apart, the rabbit listened. I read this book to my son and it’s the perfect illustration of love by showing up and being there when someone needs you most.” – Ashley at Comstock Park



Let’s Go (So We Can Get Back): A Memoir of Recording and Discording with Wilco, Etc.

by Jeff Tweedy

“The songs that Jeff Tweedy writes and records are at times cryptic, dark, romantic, sad and funny. *Let’s Go* sheds a lot of light on his song-writing method and his life in a very personal way. His stories are often funny and deep but they also feel familiar, as if they’re remembered snapshots from your own life. While reading, keep your phone or computer nearby to look up the people and music peppered throughout the book. As soon as you’re ready, let’s go!” – Randy at KDL’s Service Center



Won’t You Be My Neighbor?

Video

“An exploration of the life, lessons and legacy of iconic children’s television host, Fred Rogers.” – Sue at Walker

All Systems Red

by Martha Wells

“A fun sci-fi romp about Murderbot, a slacker security android who’d rather watch Netflix than kill even though it has hacked its governor module and could be a rogue assassin if it wanted to be. Instead, Murderbot spends it’s time secretly streaming television shows while half-heartedly doing its hired job to protect a group of scientists on what should have been a rather peaceful and boring exploration mission. But when strange forces threaten the lives of Murderbot’s charges, it has to press pause and get to work.” – Crystal at Kentwood



Pomp and Circumstance

Here Come the Graduates



The new Career Online High School (COHS) will provide 25 adults the opportunity to join our first graduating class.

KDL is the first library in Michigan to offer a second chance for adults to earn a high school diploma, opening doors for jobs, military service and college education.

When someone earns a high school diploma, they are less likely to be unemployed, on assistance or incarcerated. They also earn an average of \$10,000 more per year.

“The high school diploma initiative targets head-of-household adults that have not yet finished high school,” said Sara Proano, Community Engagement Manager for KDL. “Our program is designed to help these individuals ‘learn to learn,’ and by doing so, develop a career plan and provide for their families.”

COHS is completely free. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please reach out to Sara Proano at 616-784-2292 or sproano@kdl.org to learn more.

If you are interested in sponsoring this life-changing program, contact Claire Horlings, Development Manager at 616-784-2092 or chorlings@kdl.org. Sponsorships can be named after an individual or organization.

“By sponsoring a scholarship, you open the door of economic opportunity for an adult student who wants to change the trajectory of their life—and it begins with completing a high school degree,” said Claire.

We can’t wait to share some stories with you after our first class graduates!

COHS diploma is superior to General Education Development (GED):
An accredited high school diploma is more widely accepted across the U.S. and abroad for jobs and college applications
Flexible 24x7 student access to coursework
Focused on skills that match today’s greatest job opportunities
Multiple layers of support for students to increase the likelihood of completion (academic coaches, library staff and certified instructors)
Earned in 18 months
Free for qualified residents

35,685 adults

(age 25 or older) in Kent County do not have a high school diploma

Welcome to KDL!

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



Katie Burns, Circulation Assistant @ Wyoming/Kelloggsville
Recently read *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson



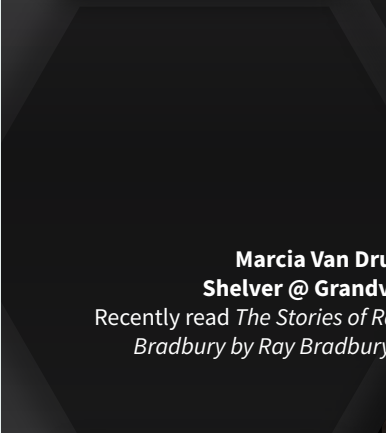
Bastian Bouman, Circulation Assistant @ Wyoming
Recently read *Tash Hearts Tolstoy* by K.E. Ormsbee



Jennifer Spangler, Circulation Assistant @ Wyoming/Kelloggsville
Recently read *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson



Tricia van Zelst, Circulation Assistant @ Cascade Twp. Recently read *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* by Hank Green



Marcia Van Drunen, Shelver @ Grandville
Recently read *The Stories of Ray Bradbury* by Ray Bradbury



Anna Swanson, Shelver @ Circulation Assistant, East Grand Rapids
Recently read *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue



Annette Miller, General Accountant @ Service Center
Recently read *Pandemic* by Robin Cook



Hollie Bellinger..... Circulation Assistant @ Wyoming

Autumn Iver Circulation Assistant @ Plainfield Twp.

Misgana Kurban Circulation Assistant @ Kentwood

Jackie Richards Circulation Assistant @ Kentwood

Jake Ryan Circulation Assistant @ Plainfield Twp.

Chloe Schmidt Shelver @ Cascade

Anna Swanson Circulation Assistant @ East Grand Rapids

Lisa VanKampen Circulation Assistant @ Grandville



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Series sponsored by the Friends of the East Grand Rapids Library.
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Jam out to interactive and upbeat tunes with award-winning children's musicians Wendy & DB!
Sunday, March 3, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

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Discover a new way of making prints using natural materials.
Sunday, March 10, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Butterfly Band Instrument Petting Zoo

Join the Butterfly Band and explore unique and interesting instruments from all around the world! **Sunday, March 17, 2:00 PM**

Good Vibrations

Get in tune with good vibrations, hands-on experiments and demonstrations from the Kalamazoo Nature Center! Take a journey into the human ear and learn about amazing animal adaptations with a visit from a master of sound. **Sunday, March 24, 2:00 PM**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON LIVE

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**



Mark Lavengood Band, Mar. 10. Big heart, wild energy on stage and the aptitude on the many instruments that he plays.



Cabildo, Apr. 28. A West Michigan based alternative Latin rock collective that delivers a unique blend of cumbia, ska, folk and other genres of music from Latin and South America.

JUST ADDED: **One for the Foxes!** May 5

An exciting & dynamic new transatlantic trio presenting a tasteful blend of Irish, American and other folk music from around the world.



Friends of the Library **Book Sales**



Alto

The whole town is looking for a bargain and there are plenty of used books for everyone!

Saturday, April 27, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Byron Township

Large selection of books, movies, music and more!

Friday, March 1, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 2, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Caledonia Township

Great used books at bargain prices! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Friday, March 29, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Monday, April 1, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Thursday, April 4, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday, April 5, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Cascade Township

Join us in the Wisner Center for great bargains on used books and media for adults, children and teens, including collectibles. Friends of the Library members' pre-sale 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Saturday, March 16, 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 17, noon to 3:00 PM

Monday, March 18, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Great used books and more at bargain prices! All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Kentwood Library. Join the Friends and enjoy a special preview sale.

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Krause Memorial (Rockford)

Find some great books at bargain prices.

Three Bucks-a-Bag special from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Saturday, March 16, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Plainfield Township

There will be bargains galore at the Friends of the Plainfield Library's used book sale.

Thursday, May 16, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Friday, May 17, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, May 19, 1:00 PM to 4:00 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

BOOKMOBILE

For a complete schedule of Bookmobile visits or to request a visit, go to kdl.org/bookmobile

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Branch closed, but Bookmobile available.
See kdl.org/bookmobile for schedule and hours.

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

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

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

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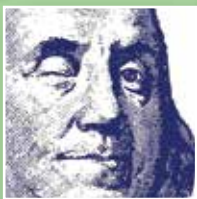
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Ben says “attend Money Smart Week programs for teens and adults” (see page 12)

- Teen Game Night and Pizza Party
- Food and Finances (for adults)



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