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Q&A with KDL's Executive Director

Each edition of the Kaleidoscope usually includes a letter from KDL Executive Director Lance Werner in which he shares something about the business side of the library. One of Lance's operating principles is that the business of libraries is really about people. On that note, we sat down with Lance for a Q&A about his life, loves and laughs.

You're a strong proponent of work/life balance for the KDL staff. What's one of your favorite things to do when you have an entire day to yourself?

If I had an entire day to myself, I would spend it fishing with my wife and kids.

What is the best advice you have ever received?
Worrying and blame don't solve problems.

What musical talent do you really wish you had?
Musical talent? I don't even have a little.

What is the best trip you have ever taken?
I love any trip I go on with my family. If they aren't available, I love taking trips with my friends to the woods or water.

Who is your hero?
I have a lot of heroes. Two that come to mind are Sophie School, a German student who was executed for opposing the Nazis during WWII, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Being a dad.

What are three things you couldn't live without?
Caffeine, caffeine and caffeine.



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KDL updates



Around **1,100** people from around the state submitted stories to our Write Michigan Short Story Contest. Winners announced at [writemichigan.org](https://www.writemichigan.org).

Lance Werner, Executive Director of Kent District Library, was appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer to the State Historical Records Advisory Board. **Congratulations, Lance!**

More than **3,000** kids have accepted our **Mission: Read** challenge. Learn more on the next page.

KDL Cruisers return in May. Details at kdl.org/kdl-cruisers.



Our **20th** Branch
2020
is coming in
The **Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center (Ada)** is going up and is scheduled to be complete in December!



Mission: READ!

One massive goal. One day at a time.

We launched **Mission: Read** one year ago. So far over 3,000 kids have taken the challenge at KDL. Are you next?

The **Mission** is to help children fall in love with reading and pass new Michigan reading proficiency requirements.

For kids in grades K-3 | Missionread.org

Cedar Springs
Public Library

Grand
Rapids
Public Library

Kent
District
Library

Sparta Carnegie
Township Library

Parents today face a lot of pressures.

Make sure your child eats 6-8 servings of fruits or vegetables a day.

Make certain your children get 8-12 hours of sleep each night.

Limit screen time to 1-2 hours a day.

Easier said than done, right? I get it... I'm a mom too. The same goes for reading. We know our kids benefit from reading, but what can we do if our child hates to read or really struggles with reading?

As a Youth Specialist at KDL, I can assure you that you are not alone. We regularly hear from parents who just don't know how to get their kids to read.

My best advice is to let your kids read whatever it is they are drawn to. If they love to tell jokes, let them read joke books. If too many words intimidate them, try graphic novels. If your fifth grader wants to check out books that were written for third graders, that's OK. And if your child wants to read the same book over and over again, encourage them. Any and all reading benefits your child.

I would also invite you to sign your children in grades K-3 up for our Mission: Read program. The mission is to read for 1,000 days. I know 1,000 days sounds like a lot – and it is – but Mission: Read makes it fun and easy! We don't want to make reading feel like a chore. So, any amount of reading counts... from reading the back of the cereal box in the morning to reading billboards on the way to school. We want to make reading habit. Plus, incentives make everything better and this program gives kids a chance to earn prizes along the way, including a book and a tablet reader. Stop by any library in Kent County to get signed up.

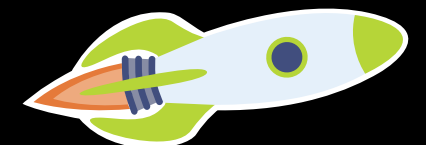
Raising children takes a village and we want to be a part of yours. We are here to help. Our libraries are fun and educational places for kids – visit us often. We love to find just the right book for just the right person. And sometimes just one book can spark a lifelong love of reading!

Hope to see you soon.



Hennie

Hennie,
Youth Specialist at the Kentwood Branch



I currently have my first grader Dalton enrolled in **Mission: Read**. He is 7 years old. He is also severely autistic and has a genetic disorder that has caused a developmental delay.

This program has given him more motivation to study his sight words and sit for longer periods of time to look at books. He absolutely loves the solar system, so the theme has been a motivator itself! He has shown letter recognition improvement, and has learned many new sight words. It is also important because he is nonverbal, so seeing the words repetitively has helped him identify more words on his talking device. He also "knows" that it's "read the book, then get the tablet." He is willing to work for a reward!

Awesome program to keep kids motivated to read! My 5-year-old will join next year!

Stephanie Schumacher
Caledonia Township and Alto Branch Patron



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FINDING THE COURAGE TO SPEAK

At its core, Community Reads is a true celebration of reading. The whole community reads the same book. They immerse themselves in the study of that book, hear from the author and reflect thoughtfully on issues relating to that book.

Community Reads programs are popular throughout the country and they have been part of the literary landscape in Grandville and Wyoming for many years. This program is unique in that Kent District Library works closely with area high schools to help them integrate the reading of the main book into their curriculum.

The Grandville-Wyoming Community Reads program involves the whole community. Staff choose a featured book that can be read by both adults and high school students. Participants are encouraged to dive deep into the book and use it as a springboard for more learning. Even preschoolers can participate with a special book and art project all their own.

Kris Vogelar, Youth Specialist at the Grandville Branch of KDL, feels the most significant impact of Community Reads involves kids and teens.

“When young people are able to read the same book and hear from the author, that experience connects them to the process of writing a book and inspires them to explore their own creative side,” says Vogelar. “Being part of this community reading experience helps them think critically about literature and delve deeper into certain ideas and themes central to the book. It teaches them that books can be very meaningful tools for living a full and happy life.”



Author Kathryn Erskine responds to questions from middle school students.

This is the third year that the Grandville and Wyoming Branches have joined forces to host a joint Community Reads event. They knew they could be stronger together by combining their resources to offer up something really amazing to Grandville and Wyoming. The Community Reads project has grown from a collaboration between a single branch library and a single teacher, to a true coordinated effort to engage multiple communities served by KDL and students from four different school districts.

As a school Media Specialist and former English teacher, Melissa Schneider is a strong believer in building partnerships with the local library. She says the Community Reads program has allowed local schools to bring in authors, something they otherwise couldn't afford.

“When our students read a text, they engage on one level, but when they can meet the author, they are able to hear his or her personal story, ask questions and get real answers, and see them as a real person rather than just a name printed on a book. Many of these authors help our reluctant readers see that reading can be cool,” Schneider says.

According to Schneider, one of the biggest impacts of the Community Reads initiative is that students are reading more and seeing books as a part of their world. When students, staff and community members all read the same book, it creates many opportunities for dialogue about the book, characters, events and themes.

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“It's amazing to see this happen in spaces beyond the four walls of the classroom,” Schneider says. “When students ask for other books by the featured author, or read-alike books, we know we've made a connection that is lasting.”

Vicki Blubaugh, a Grandville Branch patron, has participated in Community Reads for several years by reading the book and attending the author visit.

She appreciates that KDL selects books for different reading levels and that the featured authors have a social purpose behind their writing that promotes dialogue.

“I find the books to be engaging and enlightening about relevant issues that encourage thoughtful discussions regarding our perceptions and interactions with each other,” says Blubaugh. “Allowing children, teens and adults to engage with authors is an exciting avenue to encourage discussion, writing skills and reading.”

Community Reads Programs

GRANDVILLE-WYOMING COMMUNITY READS

The Grandville and Wyoming Branches team up for a Community Reads event that explores the power of books to teach and inspire. *Speak* and *Shout*, both by Laurie Halse Anderson, are two featured reads, as well as *Speak: The Graphic Novel* with artwork by Emily Carroll.

KDaLe BOOK CLUB: COMMUNITY READS AT OSGOOD BREWING

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 PM,
Osgood Brewing
4051 Chicago Drive, Grandville, MI 49418
This KDaLe special edition features the Grandville-Wyoming Community Reads titles and others like them. **For adults 21 and older.**

BOOK DISCUSSION: *SPEAK*

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 PM, Wyoming
We will discuss *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson in anticipation of her visit on April 23.

AUTHOR VISIT: LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
Wyoming Senior Center
2380 De Hoop Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times bestselling author whose writing resonates with young readers, teens and adults. Laurie will be speaking about our featured title, *Speak*, and her new book, *Shout*, a memoir-in-verse about surviving sexual assault at the age of 13 and a manifesta for the #MeToo era. Book sale and signing to follow. **Seating is limited. Register to reserve your seat at kdl.org/communityreads.**

Laurie will also be visiting Wyoming, Godwin Heights, Kelloggsville and Grandville High Schools on April 23 and 24.

YWCA advocates will be available to provide support at these events.



kdl.org/communityreads

GRANDVILLE-WYOMING
**COMMUNITY
READS**

Get to Know Laurie Halse Anderson

What is your best advice for aspiring writers?

Learn to live frugally and avoid debt as best you can. Write what you want, not according to trends or market reports. Make writing time a daily habit and make it your priority. A degree in Creative Writing (undergrad or Master's) is a very expensive piece of paper that does not guarantee you will be published. Do a lot of research before you sign up for it. Read every night before you fall asleep. William Faulkner said, "Don't be 'a writer.' Be writing." Pay attention to Mr. Faulkner.

If you had a day all to yourself, how would you like to spend your time?

Get up before dawn and write in my journal. Go for a run when it's light enough outside. After a shower, write for five or six hours. End the work day by answering email and other business-required things. Spend the evening with family and friends. Read for an hour before I fall asleep.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Learn to become comfortable with the discomfort inherent in writing. It does not go away.

If you could meet one person, dead or alive, who would you choose?

George Washington.

What talent do you wish you had?

Drawing.

Please see the back cover for details on a great opportunity to meet Laurie Halse Anderson.



What is your proudest accomplishment?

Raising compassionate children.

What is something people would be surprised to find out about you?

I'm really good at milking cows and splitting firewood.

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Alive.



Additional Resources:

LET'S TALK: DISCUSSING SEXUAL CONSENT WITH YOUR KIDS

Tackle this tough topic in a parent info session with experts from the Sexual Assault and Prevention Action Team of Kent County (SAPAT). SAPAT seeks to remove shame and stigma from these sensitive conversations, while empowering parents with the tools they need to promote violence prevention. Let's learn together! For parents and caregivers only, please.



Thursday, Feb. 27
6:00-7:30 PM
Wyoming High School
1350 Prairie Parkway SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Thursday, March 19
6:00-7:30 PM
Godwin Heights High School
50 35th St. SW
Wyoming, MI 49548

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

The YWCA West Central Michigan has been a place of hope, healing and renewal since 1900. They provide services to address the issues of domestic abuse and sexual violence. If you or someone you know could use their help, please visit their website at ywcawcmi.org or call the 24-hour confidential helpline at **616.454.YWCA** (616.454.9922).



KDL GIVES BACK

The YWCA West Central Michigan transforms lives with leadership programs for girls, prevention classes and our community's most comprehensive services to address domestic and dating abuse, sexual assault, child sexual abuse and stalking against all people. **During the month of April donate a new item from YWCA's wish list at any KDL location. Visit kdl.org/ywca for more information.**

BABY MAMA SUPPORT GROUP

All moms and babies welcome — join this maternal support group for 45 minutes of baby play, bonding with other mothers and special guests from the Kent County Health Department to answer your questions.

Wednesdays, March 4 - April 29 9:30 AM, Wyoming



KID KRAZINESS WITH THE BLUE WATER RAMBLERS

Bear Berends and Banjo-Jim Foerch of the Blue Water Ramblers present Kid Kraziness — songs, stories, dances and activities for the young and young at heart.

Friday, March 27, 10:30 AM, Nelson Twp.
Monday, April 6, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial
Monday, April 6, 6:30 PM, Byron Twp.
Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 AM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

STARGAZING WITH JASON

Join astronomer Dr. Jason Smolinski as we explore the wonders and secrets of the night sky. Meet at the Algoma Twp. Hall by 9:30 PM for this exciting exploration of our universe. If the stars aren't visible on May 16, a backup date of May 30 has been scheduled.

Saturday, May 16, 9:30 PM, 10531 Algoma Ave. NE, Rockford, MI 49341

SPRING CRAFT EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate spring with crafts and activities for the whole family!

Monday, March 2, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park
Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 AM, Cascade Twp.
Saturday, March 21, 10:30 AM, Nelson Twp.
Saturday, March 21, 10:00 AM to noon, Kelloggsville
Friday, April 3, 10:00 AM to noon, Caledonia Twp.
Tuesday, April 7, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, East Grand Rapids
Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 PM, Englehardt (Lowell)
Tuesday, April 7, 2:30 to 4:30 PM, Wyoming
Wednesday, April 8, 10:30 AM, Gaines Twp.
Wednesday, April 8, 6:30 PM, Alpine Twp.
Thursday, April 9, 1:00 PM, Walker
Saturday, April 11, 2:00 PM, Byron Twp.
Saturday, April 11, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford)



SUPER COOL SPY SCHOOL

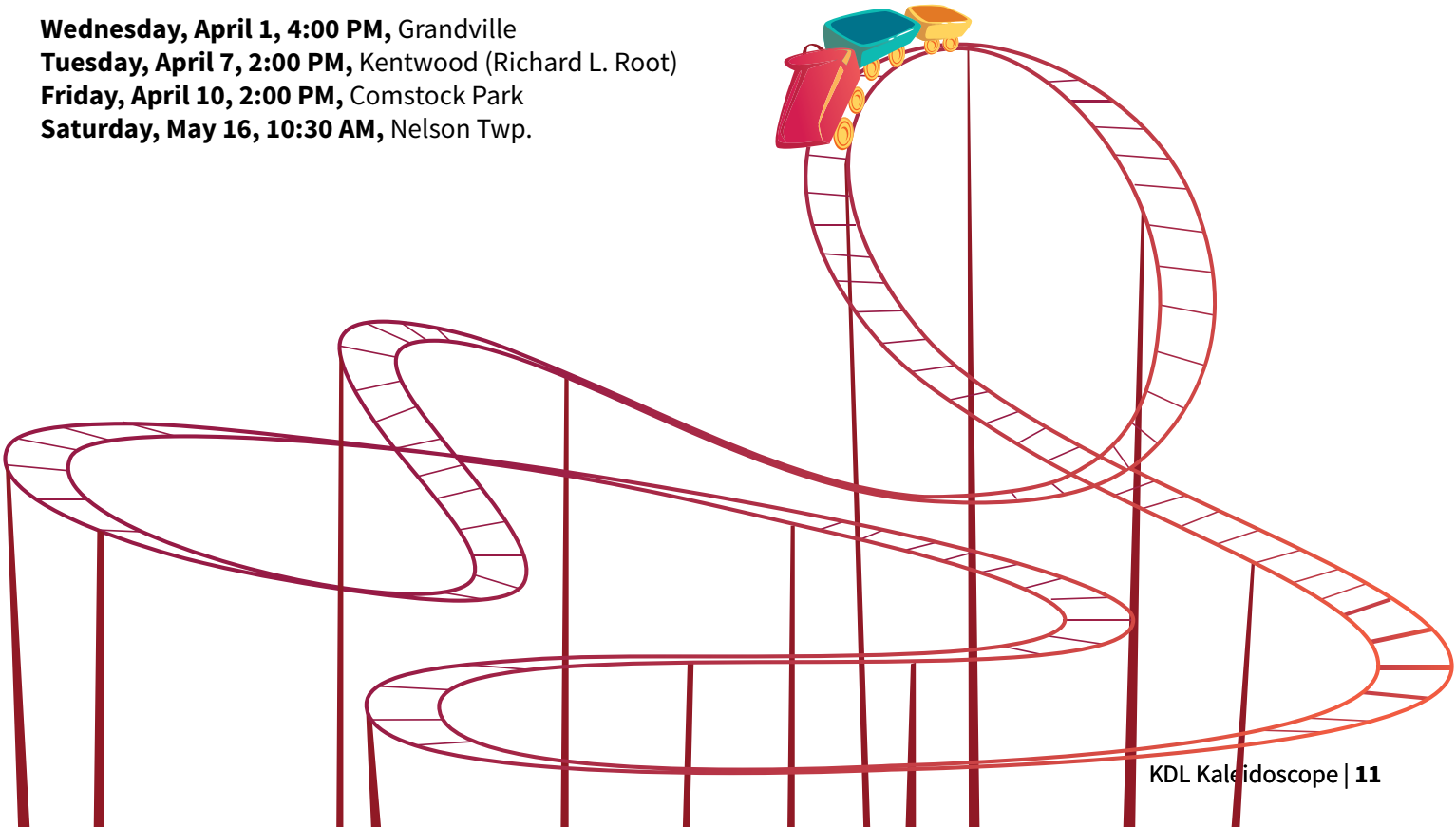
Grab your trench coat and magnifying glass, it's time to solve a mystery and sharpen up your sleuthing skills! See if you can crack the code and solve the case.

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Wyoming
Monday, April 6, 1:00 PM, Walker
Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 PM, Plainfield Twp.
Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)
Friday, May 8, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, Cascade Twp.

THEME PARK FRENZY

Thrill seekers, roller coaster enthusiasts and carnival lovers, join us for a day at Katie L.'s Theme Park! Conquer our most challenging games. Build your own roller coasters and rides, then test them out. Create some extreme art as well! You won't want to miss this fun day at the park.

Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 PM, Grandville
Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)
Friday, April 10, 2:00 PM, Comstock Park
Saturday, May 16, 10:30 AM, Nelson Twp.



**TEEN POETRY CONTEST****Submission deadline: April 6**

This year features two chances to win prizes. Submit up to two poems for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Then, read one of your poems at our 5th Annual Write Michigan Teen Poetry Slam for another chance to win! You must submit a written work to be eligible for the Teen Poetry Slam. This programming is sponsored in part through the generous gifts of community donors.

For guidelines and to submit your work, visit kdl.org/teenpoetry.

TEEN POETRY WORKSHOPS

Attention aspiring poets! Here is a great chance to learn and work with an area poet. Kelsey May will share their knowledge of writing, submitting and performing poetry, just in time for you to submit to the KDL Write Michigan Teen Poetry Contest. Refreshments provided.

Pre-registration required.**Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM, Kelloggsville****Saturday, March 14, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)****Tuesday, March 17, 3:15 PM, East Grand Rapids****Tuesday, March 24, 3:15 PM, Wyoming****POETRY READING**

Bring your favorite poem to read aloud for a Poetry Month Celebration. Community members are encouraged to share a poem they wrote or one they love, appropriate for an all-ages program. In partnership with Cedar Springs Public Library.

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 to 8:00 PM**Kent Theatre, 8 North Main St. NE, Cedar Springs, MI 49319**

5th ANNUAL TEEN POETRY SLAM

Show up and speak out! KDL presents a live and uncensored spoken word competition! All teens who submitted a poem to our Poetry Contest are encouraged to participate for a chance to win amazing prizes.

Thursday, April 23, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

**SUMMER WONDER TEEN CREW ORIENTATION**

Enthusiastic and energetic teen volunteers are wanted to help with Summer Wonder at KDL. Fun times are guaranteed, with the added benefit of service experience! Registration is required via a paper application. Applications are available to pick up at your branch and are due by May 18.

Visit kdl.org/teencrew for more information.

**TEEN EXAM CRAM**

Come to the library for a concentrated study jam. Have the library to yourselves while you prep for exams and enjoy delicious snacks. Bring your assignments, study partners and your brain. **For teens in grades 9-12.**

Tuesdays, May 19 & 26, 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Kelloggsville**Thursdays, May 21 & 28, 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Kelloggsville****Sunday, May 31, 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Cascade Twp.**



In its fifth season, the Cascade Township Branch brings live music inside for Sunday Afternoon Live, a series of eight concerts from October 2019 through April 2020 featuring local artists from a variety of genres. Sponsored by Cascade Charter Township, Cascade Downtown Development Authority, Cascade Community Foundation, Friends of the Cascade Township Library, Kingsland Ace Hardware and Redwood Apartment Neighborhoods.

Sundays, 2:00 PM, Cascade Twp.



March 8,
Debra Perry & Majestic Praise



April 19, Selkie

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion and one donation can save up to three lives! Walk-ins are welcome; appointments are preferred. Call Versiti at 1-866-MiBlood (642-5663) to schedule an appointment. Sponsored by Versiti Blood Center of Michigan.



Saturday, March 21
10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Wyoming
Wednesday, April 1
12:15 to 7:00 PM, Cascade Twp.
Saturday, May 9
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, East Grand Rapids



BLADES OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

Historian Jerry Berg of the Swordsmanship Museum and Academy will be presenting the Museum’s collection of Civil War swords, knives, sabers, bayonets and discussing all manner of hand-to-hand combat seen during this tumultuous time in American history. Visitors to the demonstration will learn about the various types of edged weapons used, the role of hand-to-hand combat in the era of the musket and the various techniques and styles that swordsmen of the time would have used.

Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 PM, Comstock Park
Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 PM, Wyoming



BEYOND THE BINARY: UNDERSTANDING TGNC

Jazz McKinney, board member at Grand Rapids Pride Center and chair of the TGNC (Transgender/Gender Nonconforming) Advisory Committee, will answer questions about what it means to be TGNC, and discuss issues facing members of this community and how to support TGNC friends or family members.

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 PM,
Krause Memorial (Rockford)

the FUTURE of WORK

Globalization. Automation. Underemployment and the Gig Economy.

These and other trends have been shaping the future of work. The World Affairs Council of Western Michigan and Kent District Library are pleased to partner on a series that will explore how government, industry, workers and educators respond to the new opportunities and challenges created by change.

Tuesday, April 14
Global Trends Shaping the Future of Work, Automation, Innovation and Organizational Change

Kristin Sharp
Partner, Entangled Solutions, Washington, D.C.



Tuesday, April 21
Local Perspectives of Entrepreneur’s Experiences in the Changing Economy

A panel moderated by Attah Obande
Director of Dream Fulfillment, Spring GR



Tuesday, April 28
How Industry and Education Must Work Together: Opportunities for Growth in West Michigan

Dr. Bill Pink,
President, Grand Rapids Community College



All sessions take place at the Wyoming Branch.

6:00-6:30 Welcome & Networking
6:30-7:30 Presentation
7:30-8:00 Networking



Wyoming Branch
and KDL Talking Book & Braille Center
3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming 49509



World Affairs Council
of Western Michigan

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Seed libraries aren't just a great source of free seeds for your garden — they protect plants, feed people and sustain our environment.

Find out more at kdl.org/seedlibrary. Available at all KDL branches and on the Bookmobile.



COMPOSTING 101

Join us to learn helpful tips and tricks for starting and maintaining a healthy composting pile. This workshop is both for at home and business composting.

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 PM, Comstock Park
Monday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)
Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM, Nelson Twp.

GO GREEN 101

We will cover all of the various tips and tricks to living sustainably. We can show you how to go zero waste, reduce your carbon footprint and clear up confusion about what goes in the recycling bin. Let us help you reach your sustainability goals. This workshop will be geared towards both the home and the workplace.

Monday, May 4, 6:00 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford)

FUNGAL WONDERS: ADVENTURES WITH A MYCOPHILE

Together we will journey through the fascinating and often mysterious world of mushrooms. Learn how to find them in the wild, discover their uses through the centuries and explore the role they play in a healthy ecosystem.

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 PM, Wyoming
Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 PM, Plainfield Twp.
Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 PM, Spencer Twp.

COMMUNITY SEED EXCHANGE AND WORKSHOPS

Local farms and organizations will present workshops throughout the day including a community seed exchange. It is not required to bring seeds to attend. For a workshop schedule and to RSVP, please visit facebook.com/grseedswap.

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

BEGINNING GARDENING

The Rockford Garden Club invites you to a series of three beginning gardening classes.

6:30 to 8:00 PM, Krause Memorial (Rockford)
Tuesday, May 5, Vegetable Gardening
Monday, May 18, Sturdy Annuals and Perennials Appropriate for Our Area
Wednesday, May 20, Container Gardening

Staff Picks



Mighty Justice: My Life in Civil Rights

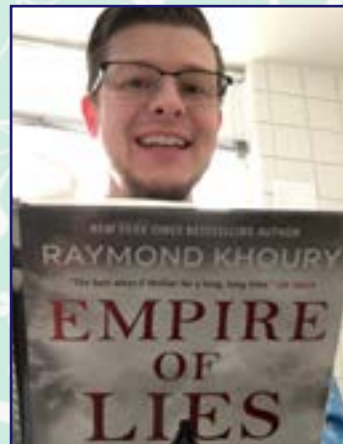
by Dovey Johnson Roundtree

"*Mighty Justice: My Life in Civil Rights* by Dovey Johnson Roundtree is the life story of a black woman born in 1914 whose strength, drive and ambition were truly awe-inspiring. She prevailed in spite of overt and covert racism to graduate from college, become one of the first female officers in the armed services, go to law school and answer the call to become a minister." – Susan at Plainfield Twp.

Empire of Lies

by Raymond Khoury

"A thriller that revolves around Kamal, a policeman whose world is completely changed when he realizes the world he lives in and the government he works for are all built upon an epic lie. Because a time traveler manipulated history and changed the course of the world, spurred on by the love of his family, he sets off to right this wrong." – Craig at Walker



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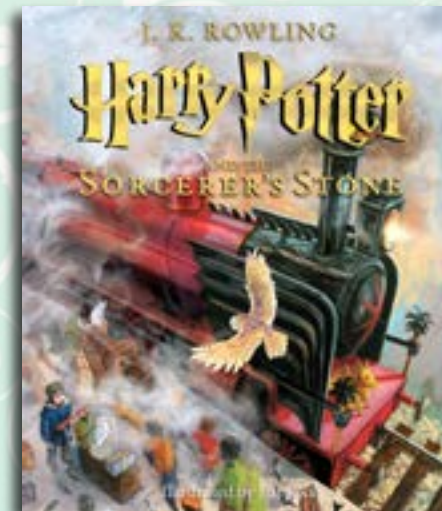
Story, Pictures, and Wacky Wordplay by Cece Bell

"Oh my goodness! This book will win the hearts of elementary students and grammar police of any age. Hilarious twists on our weird English language make for a sweet and memorable story." – Sara at Nelson Twp.

The Diary of a Bookseller

by Shaun Bythell

"Ever wonder what it's like to own a bookshop? Well Shaun owns one, and he share his bookshop diaries of daily interactions." – Clyde at Spencer Twp.



The Harry Potter Series

by J.K. Rowling

"I'm not sure if any of you have heard of this little-known series of fantasy books. Yeah, I hadn't heard of them either. I picked up an illustrated copy of the *The Sorcerer's Stone* and took it home to look at the pictures. The newer editions (four so far), illustrated by Jim Kay, showcase some of the most gorgeous watercolor illustrations I have seen. It was about a month later that I decided to actually read the first book. This was in August of last year. By mid November I had read all 4,224 pages of the seven books and found myself both extremely satisfied with the ending while also being sad that I was 'done.' While the story-telling and character development are superb, I equally enjoyed the telling of the countless nuances of day-to-day life in the Wizarding World. I would say without hesitation that if you, like me, have never read the series before, do yourself a favor and dive in." – Brad at the KDL Service Center

Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive

by Stephanie Land

"If you enjoy nonfiction books that read like a story, then you will love this book! *Maid* is an incredible story of how the author struggled to make ends meet but still managed to raise a child and get a degree. The author's story sheds light on poverty and the many hardships people have to overcome to provide for themselves or their families." – Hollie at Wyoming



The Dutch House

by Ann Patchett

"Patchett tells an engrossing story of two siblings who grew up in the most beautiful house in town, a house that becomes almost a character in this novel about family, and how we often spend much of our lives trying to go back to figure out and make right our childhoods." – Penni at Cascade Twp.



Pet

by Akwaeke Emezi

"In a utopian world where all of society's monsters have been vanquished by angels, something goes bump in the night. Jam goes to her mother's work studio to discover a monster inside, only this monster claims not to be a monster, but has come to kill a monster hiding among them." – Hannah at Wyoming



Beyond Books Collection

Everyone knows you can check out books and movies from the library, but our library collection offers more than just that! Some of the things you can get with your KDL library card may surprise you. Check out these 10 items available in our Beyond Books collection.

Bikes: Check out a KDL Cruiser and take a ride on a trail! Bikes are available for checkout at a number of our branches from May 1 – October 31.



Ukuleles: That's right! You can check out a ukulele with your KDL card. Maybe it's time to learn a new instrument?

iPads: Thinking about purchasing an iPad, or maybe you just want to know what all the hype is about? Here's your chance to try it before you buy it.



Go! Packs: These totes provide kids, teens and adults a variety of fun and educational opportunities. The four themes are family game night, explorer, get active and get creative. Examples include disc golf, murder mystery dinner parties, Snap Circuits, a wooden train set and so much more.

GoPro cameras: Make home movies to cherish for a lifetime.



Launchpads: These tablets are pre-loaded with fun, educational games for kids.

Mobile hotspots: Get online wherever you go.



Green screen and umbrella lighting kit: Photographers and videographers can take their craft to the next level!

Nintendo Switch game consoles: Play the games you love wherever, whenever and however you like.



Turntables: Listen to your favorite vinyl records anywhere.

Additional items available in the Beyond Books collection include a Spot Thermal Camera, graphing calculators and kayaks.

Please note that many of these items are available only at select KDL branches. Visit kdl.org/beyondbooks for details.

More exciting news... our Beyond Books Collection will continue to grow! If you have any suggestions of things to include, email us at contact@kdl.org.

Welcome to KDL!

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



Katie Blakeslee
Admin. Assistant
Service Center

Recently read
She Was Like That
by Kate Walbert



Lindsay Gibson
Asst. Branch Librarian
Gaines Twp.

Recently read
How to be a Woman
by Caitlin Moran



Dan Nguyen
Shelver
Wyoming

Recently read
The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak



Johanna Boyle
Collection Dev. Librarian
Service Center

Recently read
*The Book of the Bizarre:
Freaky Facts and
Strange Stories* by
Varla Ventura



Danyka Thomas-Robinson
Circulation Assistant
Krause Memorial

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Tabitha Frazier
Shelver
East Grand Rapids

Jessica Weber
Circulation Assistant
Plainfield Twp.

Jill Iams
Shelver
Plainfield
Recently read *The Death of
Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware

New Name, Same Great Service!

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is now the **KDL Talking Book & Braille Center**.

TBBC offers a host of valuable services, including:

- Talking books with specialized playback equipment
- Braille materials
- Large print items

All materials are shipped/returned via USPS at no cost for postage.

Talking Book & Braille Center
Located in the Wyoming Branch
3350 Michael Ave. SW
Wyoming, MI 49509
616.647.3988
tbbcstaff@kdl.org



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Consider donating your time to show your appreciation for the library. We would be delighted to have you join the KDL Family as a volunteer.



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Friends of the Library Book Sales

Byron Twp.
Thursday, March 5, noon to 8:00 PM
Friday, March 6, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 7, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Cascade Twp.
Friday, March 20, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, March 21, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday, March 22, noon to 3:00 PM

Members-only presale one hour before opening on the first day of the sale. Memberships available at the door. Held in the Wisner Center.

Krause Memorial (Rockford)
Saturday, March 21, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Three Bucks-a-Bag special from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.
Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at the library during open hours.

Englehardt
Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Kentwood (Richard L. Root)
Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Alto
Friday, April 24, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Gaines Twp.
Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Plainfield Twp.
Thursday, May 14, 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM
Friday, May 15, 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, May 16, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, May 17, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

East Grand Rapids
Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 17, 9:00 AM to 3:00 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

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

COMSTOCK PARK
3943 W. River Drive 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 Drive 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

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ENGLEHARDT (LOWELL)
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

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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

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KRAUSE MEMORIAL (ROCKFORD)
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
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 Road 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 Road 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 KDL TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER
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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KDL SERVICE AND MEETING CENTER
814 West River Center Dr. NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321

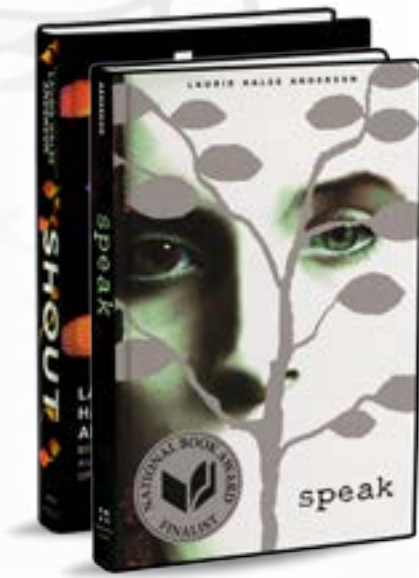


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FINDING THE COURAGE TO SPEAK

Author Talk and Book Signing:
Laurie Halse Anderson
Thursday, April 23, 6:30 PM



Laurie Halse Anderson is a New York Times bestselling author whose writing resonates with young readers, teens and adults. Laurie will be speaking about our featured title *Speak* and her new book *Shout*, a memoir-in-verse about surviving sexual assault at the age of thirteen and a manifesta for the #MeToo era.



Book sale and signing to follow. **Seating is limited. Register to reserve your seat at kdl.org/communityreads. YWCA advocates will be available to provide support at this event.**

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