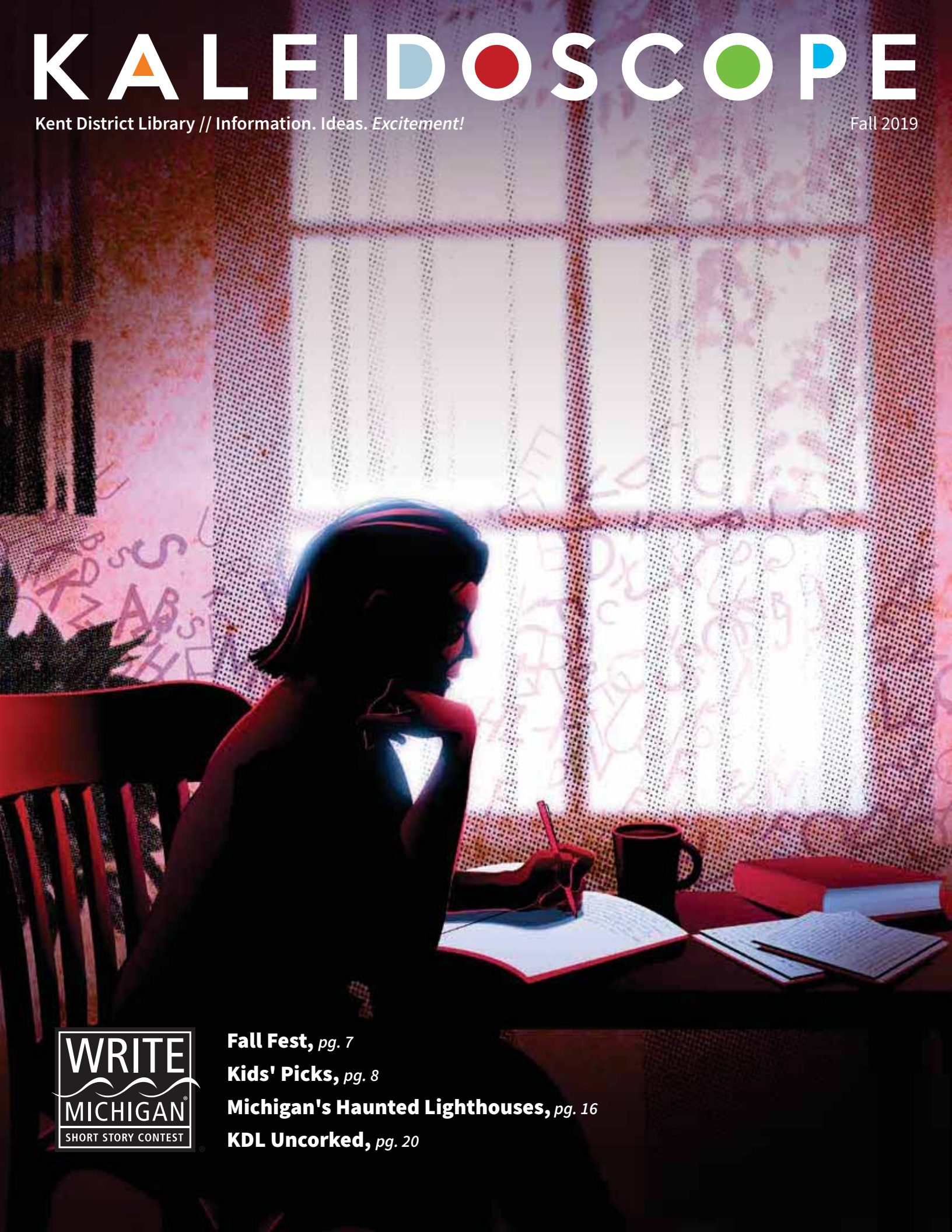


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What's your story?

Here's a chance to share your story. Enter the Write Michigan Short Story Contest, now in its eighth year. There are categories for adults, teens, youth and Spanish language stories. And winners will receive cash prizes and be published in an anthology! Check out anthologies from previous years at any KDL location or purchase them from our friends at Schuler Books. The Judges' Choice winning story can be found within the pages of this edition of *Kaleidoscope*.



I had the honor of digging a shovel into the dirt for the groundbreaking of the Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center in Ada. This will be the 21st KDL branch (the Bookmobile is the 20th). The project is growing and blossoming into a wonderful hub for the community, which has been made possible by the support of community leaders. This is truly a library for the people, as all KDL branches are. Watch for updates in the KDL Facebook page and join us for the opening in 2020!



Lance M. Werner
Executive Director, Kent District Library



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About the cover artist:

The cover of this edition of *Kaleidoscope* features the art of KDL's Graphic Artist Brad Baker.



KDL Updates

Workforce Development

Employers and individuals have more opportunities than ever to educate, expand and explore. To support this growth, Kent District Library offers a new suite of services for workforce development. Our team will help match resources with your specific needs. To learn more, email workforce@kdl.org or call 616.784.2292.

Employment

kdl.org/job-seeking

Collection of community resources for employment assistance
National databases of job postings



Workforce Development

Training in work-related skills that employers look for when hiring



lynda.com



kdl.org/careerskills

Professional Development

Adult Education

kdl.org/adult-education

Career Online High School (COHS) gives adults age 21 and up the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma (full scholarships are available)

General Educational Development (GED) resources

Language and literacy resources

Tutoring



Connections to the business community and resources for entrepreneurs

kdl.org/business

Entrepreneurship

Spider Wishes

by Jessine Van Lopik,
2019 Judges' Choice Adult Winner
Write Michigan Short Story Contest

WRITE
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SHORT STORY CONTEST

There is magic in the world around us. Most adults will tell you there isn't, but if you know how to look, it's not hard to find. It exists in the creatures, the plants and the trees, and even in the people we meet. Most adults will tell you that's nonsense, but nine-year-old Chloe knew better. She always knew there was magic in everyday things, and she had a talent for finding it. All she ever needed to do was extend a little bit of kindness, and the magic usually revealed itself.

On one such occasion, Chloe was playing in the open brook behind her house. She was splashing with her feet when she noticed a little black speck dangling over the running water.

It was a spider. A tiny black spider was hanging from a broken branch over the brook. And what was only running water for Chloe was a frightening torrent for the creature! It was struggling to climb its way back up to the brush, but the water kept washing over it. Finally, the spider was so overcome that it could hold on no longer. Its silk line was lapped away, and it fell into the water!

Chloe acted very quickly. She scooped the water into her hands and rested the spider on her dry towel nearby. The spider looked soaked through, and Chloe was worried she hadn't saved it in time—but to her surprise, the spider began to move, and even speak!

"Oh, thank you so much!" cried the spider, drying its little body on the towel. "I'm a dreadful swimmer. I never would've made it to the bank on my own!"

Chloe blinked away her surprise, then smiled. "Well it wasn't any trouble!" She laughed, amazed. "My name's Chloe."

"Cleveland, and it's a pleasure." Now that Cleveland the Spider was dry, he stood on all of his legs and performed a gentlemanly bow. Then, straightening, he looked up at her with his sparkling little eyes. "Most folks would have been afraid to help a spider—I sure am lucky it was a kind person

like you who came along!"

"I don't think I exactly did anything 'brave'..." Chloe laughed.

"Oh it takes a great deal of bravery for a person to be kind, Miss Chloe," Cleveland said, little eyes twinkling. "Isn't there any way I can repay you? I'm quite magic, you know. How about this..." Cleveland folded one pair of arms in thought. "...what if I offered you some wishes?"

"Wishes?"

"I have enough magic to give you eight wishes!" he generously offered. "My power is limited, but I will do the very best I can to fulfill your requests! What do you say?"

It seemed like a lot of wishes, but Chloe's mother had once told her that it was good to accept gifts every now and then, and this was a talking spider... not to mention he was very polite. So, she thought this time it would be alright.

"Okay Cleveland," Chloe agreed, "I accept your gift."

"Marvelous!" exclaimed Cleveland. "I've always wanted to try my tarsus at wishes! Now," he curiously leaned forward on all his legs, "what is your first wish?"

Chloe thought hard. Overall she was generally happy, but there was one thing that had always bothered her... she had terribly crooked teeth. Her parents couldn't afford braces for her, and Chloe was so embarrassed about them that she always kept her mouth closed when she smiled in pictures. But oh! How nice it would be to have straight teeth! Deciding, she looked back down at Cleveland. "Do you think you could give me perfect teeth?"

"Oh definitely!" cried Cleveland. He was so excited that he danced around a little. "I'll need some time to prepare my magic, but when you wake up tomorrow, I promise you will

have the most perfect teeth that anyone could ask for!"

Chloe was so excited for her new teeth that she could hardly wait to go to bed that night. She'd rushed through the rest of her day in a manner that rivaled the vivacity of an Olympic runner! Dinner was devoured, teeth were furiously scrubbed, and she was in pajamas and then in bed before her parents could ask her for a goodnight kiss.

The next morning took a very long time in arriving, but once Chloe felt the sun on her face, her eyes sprang open and she ran out of bed—then to the bathroom—to admire her new smile in the mirror.

Her shriek that followed was earsplitting. For under her horrified eyes and in the place where a regular human mouth should have been was sitting an enormous pair of bulbous black fangs.

"How do you like it?"

Startled, Chloe looked and saw Cleveland sitting at the edge of the sink. His little eyes were twinkling at her, giddy with some self-pride.

"I made them quite handsome, I think!" cheered Cleveland, apparently unaware of Chloe's revulsion as he leaned in closer to her reflection, inspecting it carefully. "Seeing yours now, I may revise my own pair, once I'm finished with your wishes!"

He sounded very pleased, and he did seem to think he'd done a good job. But Chloe couldn't go out looking that way. She couldn't even go downstairs to see her parents looking that way! Oh, but she didn't want to injure his pride... what would she tell him? Well, she would just have to be honest.

"Mister Spider—Cleveland—" she stuttered, amazed to watch her reflection as her clacking pincers made way for human speech, "—I—I'm very grateful... but I asked for perfect teeth!"

Cleveland tilted his head. He glanced at her reflection, then back to her. "Aren't they?"

"Well I'm sure they are, but for a spider!"

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What's your story?

- **The 8th 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, 2019 at noon. For more information, please visit WriteMichigan.org.

Spider Wishes is the Judges' Choice winner from last year. The Write Michigan Anthology includes this and 21 other short story winners. The anthology can be checked out from any KDL location or purchased from Schuler Books.



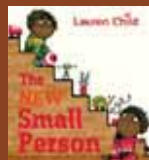
WriteMichigan.org

Fall Reads

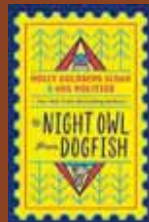
Check out more recommended reading for kids at kdl.org/recommendations



Why are some cookies soft while others are crunchy? How does the type of sugar affect a recipe? Junior chefs can make their own good eats and get a healthy side of science. Video tutorials and bonus materials offer an augmented reality experience through the free 4D app.



Elmore Green likes being an only child, so when his parents bring a new small person, his baby brother, into the house he is not pleased and does his best to keep the new small person out of his life.



Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, eleven, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through emails.



The author meditates on the search for an idea and the wonderful feeling when the right idea comes along, unleashing the creative process.



Jammin' with Wendy & DB

Jam out to interactive and upbeat tunes with award-winning children's musicians Wendy & DB! <http://wendyanddb.com/>

Friday, October 25, 11:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Friday, October 25, 2:00 PM, Comstock Park

Saturday, October 26, 11:00 AM, Alpine Township

Saturday, October 26, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial



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Fall Fest

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

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 AM to noon, Alto

Monday, September 23, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Monday, September 23, 11:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 PM, Tyrone Township

Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Friday, September 27, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Friday, September 27, 11:00 AM, Caledonia Township

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 AM, Gaines Township

Saturday, October 5, 2:00 PM, Byron Township

Tuesday, October 8, 10:00 AM, Cascade Township

Friday, October 18, 10:30 AM, Walker

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 AM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Monday, October 21, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 AM, Comstock Park

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 PM, Alpine Township

Tuesday, October 29, 10:30 AM, Wyoming

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 PM, Wyoming

Thursday, October 31, 10:00 AM, Englehardt

Friday, November 1, 10:30 AM, Wyoming

Saturday, November 16, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial

Halloween Hyjinx!

Thursday, October 31

Halloweenfest at the Pavilion, 6:00 PM, Tyrone Township

Halloween at the Library, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Alto

KDL Kids' Picks

The Baby-Sitters Club

by Raina Telgemeier

Picked by Maeli at Meadow Brook Elementary

"I'm recommending the *Baby-Sitters Club* because there are lots of different kinds of families with problems. The babysitters react to the problems in interesting ways. They never give up even though they are only 12 or 13 years old. I wish the books were real so they could babysit me!"



Orphan Island

by Laurel Snyder

Picked by Stella at Meadow Brook Elementary

"I like adventure books where there are rules and people break them. It's suspenseful seeing them in trouble. I think people who really like suspense will like *Orphan Island*."



Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

Picked by Andrew at Meadow Brook Elementary

"Kids rule! They take down a bunch of monsters and go down into the underworld to receive very important valuable items to help them save the world. It's funny and serious at the same time. It has a lot of adventure and it has so much mythology in the series."



Dragon Slayer Academy: The New Kid at School

by Kate McMullan

Picked by Morgan at Kentwood

"Have you ever felt lonely or discouraged? Or are you the middle child? Then this is the book for you! Wiglaf is both! One fine day a minstrel approached Wiglaf's house and asked if he could stay. Before he left, he told Wiglaf's fortune and said he would be a hero! Another few days passed and Wiglaf saw a sign that said DRAGON SLAYER'S ACADEMY! Can he convince his dad to let him go? Can he afford to go? Can Wiglaf be a true dragon slayer and be a hero with his sidekick pig Daisy, that speaks Pig Latin? To find out, read this book!"

Spider Wishes, continued

Cleveland coughed. "Well naturally, I—" But just as soon as he'd gotten started, his sentence fell flat. "...Oh." Once more, he exchanged glances with the mirror before turning back to her. "Oh I am so sorry!" cried the spider, finally realizing his blunder.

"It's—it's alright, Cleveland—" choked Chloe, her eyes still fixated on the reflection. "But... can you change me back?"

"Absolutely!" exclaimed the spider, sounding apologetic. Then he scratched a tarsus on the top of his head. "Though... it would have to count as another wish..."

"That's fine! I don't mind!"

"Very well!"

Then, miraculously, Cleveland the Spider clicked his pincers together twice, and Chloe's own hideous pair vanished before her eyes. She breathed a sigh of relief through her own familiar crooked teeth.

"I am so sorry about that," said Cleveland again. "Would you like me to try again? I promise to do better this time."

Chloe considered it, but she just couldn't be sure that he would or could ever get a human's mouth right. She decided it might be best not to trouble him with another request like that one. Perhaps he might do better with something... less complicated? "That's alright, Cleveland... actually, I think I like my smile this way," she answered, kindling a new fondness for her crooked teeth in the mirror. "Why don't we try something different instead?"

"Okay!" The spider perked up at this suggestion. He seemed happy that he could still grant her some wish after all. "What can I do for you?"

"Well, I didn't sleep very well last night. Maybe my bed is too uncomfortable." (This was a half-lie, since the reason she hadn't slept was due to her excitement over the wishes.) But Chloe smiled sweetly down at Cleveland. "Could you make a more comfortable bed for me?"

Cleveland made a joyful hop on the sink. "Of course! That's something I know how to do very well!" Already he was scurrying off. "Go about your day! When you return to bed, it'll be like sleeping on a cloud!"

Chloe smirked to herself in the mirror, for she had managed to rescue herself from the fate of looking like a spider and

managed not to offend her new friend all at once. From now on, she would just have to make wishes that were simple. Cleveland obviously possessed enough magic to do impressive feats—such as create a new face—but those sorts of things weren't to be meddled with. Chloe had learned her lesson.

Or so she'd believed.

When Chloe returned to her bed that night, her mattress was entirely lost behind several thick sheets of white silk.

"Isn't it beautiful?" cried Cleveland, scampering out of the entanglement to greet her. "My mother once spun a retreat like this for me and my siblings—it was the most comfortable thing I've ever slept in! I made it just the way she did—but well—you

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KDL Lab Experience: NASA @ My Library

3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF! Come down to your local library and learn all about the world outside of our own! Learn about the other planets that make up our solar system, UV rays from the sun and how the tiny moon is able to block out the entire sun.

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 AM,
Nelson Township / Sand Lake

Wednesday, November 13, 4:00 PM,
Walker

Thursday, November 14, 2:00 PM,
Byron Township



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KDL Lab Extravaganza

Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab 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.

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM,
Kentwood (Richard L. Root)



KDL Lab Experience: Cubelets, Robots in Disguise

No heavy lifting required for these robots. Cubelets are robot blocks that connect together to create quirky little robots. Come and explore these bots to see what cool tricks and moves you can make the bots do by combining different cubes.

Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 PM, Byron Township

Saturday, September 14, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Wyoming

Saturday, September 16, 10:30 AM,
Nelson Township / Sand Lake



Build a Batman Cowl

Holy cosplay craftiness, Batman! Teens will use hot glue guns and foam to create their very own Batman mask just in time for Halloween.

Saturday, October 12, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Cascade Township



are considerably larger, and it took me a lot of magic to produce this much silk..." When he saw the weary look on Chloe's face, his sentence trailed off. "...I've goofed it up again, haven't I?"

Uncomfortably, Chloe nodded.

Cleveland glanced from her to the silken retreat. "...I don't understand..." he said, purely confused. "It is the softest material you'll ever sleep on... All you have to do is crawl inside and fall asleep!"

"It's a very good bed for a spider, Cleveland!" Chloe sighed in exasperation. "But I'm not a spider! I'm a human girl!"

Cleveland said nothing. With his many eyes he glanced at the silky bed... then at her... then at the floor... and his posture drooped in defeat. "...I suppose you'll want me to put it back the way it was?" His voice resembled a grumble.

The sound of his defeat made Chloe wilt, but she couldn't sleep in a sticky, silky tunnel. "...Yes please, Cleveland."

"It'll cost another wish."

"That's fine."

So Cleveland clicked his pincers as he had done that morning, only this time with a morose air about him. Chloe saw her bed magically reappear as the silk faded away into nothing, and once it was all gone, Cleveland scuttled up to the window and settled himself into one of its nooks. Facing its corner, he spoke.

"...If you do think of something else, please let me know," he muttered sadly.

Chloe felt bad seeing him that way, but she knew now that whatever she wished for—she would certainly offer her its equivalent from a world of spiders. And Chloe did not want a spider body, or a spider bed, or spider food, if she dared wish for dinner. But he did look so sad that he hadn't pleased her... what on earth could she wish for to make him happy?

That night, Chloe had horrible dreams. Chloe dreamed that not only had she sprouted spider fangs, but several more pairs of legs and eyes as well. Her entire house was made of a sticky white entanglement—the doors between rooms were gone and had been replaced with constricting, flexible tunnels of silk, and the entire abode shook and swayed with each of her steps. The whole cocoon was like a horrible, shifting prison to her, and she frantically crawled about the tunnels, desperately looking for a way to escape!

...Until she tumbled out of bed. Her blankets were wrapped around her body, too. She must have been tousling in her sleep. Still unsettled from the bad dream, she glanced up to the window and saw Cleveland standing there on all his



legs, concerned.

"Are you alright?" he asked politely.

More than anything, Chloe knew then that she just wanted to be rid of him. Thinking quickly, she decided on another wish—one that he might be good at. "That window is a little boring," she suggested. "Could you decorate it a little bit?"

Cleveland seemed charmed by the suggestion. He glanced up at the clean, clear panes. "Well I do see what you mean..." he mused to himself. "...It could certainly do with some embellishment..." Then, infatuated himself with the idea, he turned back to her with a musical tone of joy in his voice. "Yes, I think I could make your window look much better!"

Chloe believed she had made a very smart decision. He was a spider, wasn't he? His best idea of 'decoration' would surely be a very well-constructed orb web there in the window. She watched him for a few moments, and it wasn't until she saw that he was, in fact, spinning a web there that she politely excused herself to go about her day.

When she returned later that afternoon, Chloe reared back in dismay. There was an extravagant web in the window now, yes, but the giant web (which took up the entire window) was littered from top to bottom with a variety of mangled corpses. Desiccated grasshoppers were strung artistically along the edges, framing an inner display of dead flies, ticks, and mosquitos, but the most conspicuous (and perhaps, most gruesome) piece of the display was the extraordinary presentation of a rodent there at the center. The poor thing looked as if it had died very suddenly and with no small amount of surprise—only to be positioned very specifically in the attitude of a thing ready to pounce. Its back and head were arched forward over its crouched, yet very dead posture, and Chloe's eyes drifted along the natural lines of the creation to find Cleveland there as he was stringing up the last piece—the rodent's tail.

Cleveland paused when he noticed her, but her revolted sneer was the first thing he'd noticed this time. Angriely, he threw the tail down and bounced on the flat web. "Well what have I done wrong now?" he demanded crossly.

"...It's very..." Chloe struggled to find good manners this time. "...er... innovative..."

Cleveland sounded very impatient with her. "...But?" he pressed.

"Well... it isn't how I would decorate my room—"

"Oh well that's just subjective!" he cried, hopping down from the web. "I suppose you want me to undo this one, too!"

Chloe winced at his tone, but the hanging dead rodent inspired a more compelling grimace in her. "If... you wouldn't mind..."

"Fine! That's six wishes!" Cleveland snapped his pincers

together and the entire display disappeared. He turned to her then, flaring up on his eight legs. "Isn't there a single thing I can do right for you?" he asked desperately. "There must be something!"

Remembering the horrible dreams from the night before, Chloe's eyes drifted to her feet and she rubbed her arm uncomfortably. "...I think, Cleveland... it would be best if you just... left."

There was a terrible silence. Chloe hated this awkward quiet even more than she had cringed at his angry tone, so she peeked a nervous eye back to the spider. She saw him standing there, paralyzed with some unspoken feeling, until... he lost a sob.

Chloe panicked. "Cleveland, please don't cry!"

"I've tried so hard—but I really can't seem to do anything right!" he wept, hiding his sad eyes behind two of his forelegs. The other legs all trembled with his sobs. "You were so good to me—even when I got your wishes wrong! No one had ever been so nice to me before but—you really hate me just as much as everyone hates a spider, don't you?"

"Oh—no Cleveland that isn't true!"

"You don't need to lie to me!" he cried. "I'll just go... like you wish... at least I can do that right!"

And with a miserable snap of his pincers, he vanished.

Chloe had never felt so stretched in her whole life. She hadn't meant to make him feel bad about himself. Were all those wishes really just for him to do something kind for someone who had been kind to him? Oh, the guilt gave Chloe such terrible dreams for days to come. Even more horrible than becoming a spider and living in a house made of web were these new dreams of dead rats and mosquitoes all whispering nasty accusations in her ear.

So after days of Cleveland's absence, Chloe decided to consult her mother. Mothers, you see, are inherently magic in their own right. Perhaps Chloe's own mother would know what to do?

"Well it seems to me," said Chloe's mother after she had explained everything, "that the best thing to do would be to apologize."



"But how do I do that?" cried Chloe. She was very upset. "I've wished him away!"

Chloe's mother only shrugged, and smiled wisely at her. "You have one wish left, don't you? Wish him back."

Chloe was stunned to hear such a suggestion. Could that work? The girl urgently took her mother's hands, and they both prayed good and hard for Cleveland the Spider to return.

And just like that, he was there.

"...Chloe." Cleveland, who had appeared on her mother's shoulder, was still looking sad. "Why did you waste a wish on something like that? Now I don't have any magic left..."

"I don't want you to go!" exclaimed Chloe. "Please, I'm so sorry I told you to leave. You were a good friend—I just didn't know what to do with all of your wishes!" She explained frantically. "I had nightmares before, but I had nightmares when you went away, too!"

"Really?" Then, Cleveland did an incredibly peculiar thing for a spider to do. He shrugged. "Why don't I just catch the nightmares for you?"

Chloe sniffled. "You can do that?"

"Sure. They don't taste as good as flies do, but I don't mind them."

"But I thought you didn't have any magic left!"

"I don't need magic to do something like that!" laughed Cleveland. "It's easy!"

Chloe laughed too, and then cried with relief. "Then please accept my apology! I'd like for you to stay with me, Cleveland!"

So, delighted, he did. Cleveland the Spider spun a new web over Chloe's bed—not large and gruesome like before, but small and sparkling and round, and this time he decorated it with little feathers he'd found outside. Every night Chloe expressed how grateful she was not for his magic, but for his friendship. And Cleveland, equally grateful, protected her dreams for the rest of her youth.

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What's your story?

Early Childhood Essentials

KDL works with MiRegistry to bring state certified trainers to the library providing free, continued education credits for early childcare professionals. Adults who do not require continued education credits are welcome to attend as well. Pre-registration is required for those seeking credit. [Visit kdl.org/events/early-lit](http://Visit.kdl.org/events/early-lit) for a complete list of fall classes. For adults only; no childcare provided.





Teen Zone: Halloween Party

Come celebrate Halloween at the Library! Enter the costume contest, snack on spooky treats and play fun games ahead of the holiday.

Tuesday, October 29, 3:30 PM, Tyrone Township

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM,
Cascade Township



Teen Zone: Switch It Up Wednesdays!

Wednesdays, September 18 - November 20, 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM, Cascade Township

Come to the library for a weekly Nintendo Switch Tournament.

79 Teen Zones in ten locations!

Teen-only fun for you and your friends can be found at the library! Stop by for activities that may include board games, food and more. [Visit kdl.org/events](https://www.kdl.org/events) for details. Examples include Duct Tape Creations, Gaming Nights, Sharpie Creations, Escape Room, Candle Making, Button/ Pin Making, Jewelry Making and more!



Call for entries: October 1, 2019

Submissions due: January 17, 2020

Festival: February 29, 2020, 10:30 AM
Celebration! Cinema North

[kdl.org/teenfilmfestival](https://www.kdl.org/teenfilmfestival)

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Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses



Author visit and book signing

Michigan is home to more lighthouses than any other state, and more than 30 are rumored to be haunted by the spirits of former keepers, mariners and others with ties to these historic beacons. Dianna Stampfer, long-time writer and promoter of all things Michigan, will share stories from her recently published book, *Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM,
Plainfield Township

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM,
Alpine Township

Thursday, September 12, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM,
Tyrone Township



Where Else but Gaslight? A look back at places and faces through the years

**Thursday, October 10,
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM,**
East Grand Rapids City
Commission Chambers



Travel the business district of East Grand Rapids from 1914 to 2019 with Mary Dersch, curator of the East Grand Rapids History Room. The program features photographs and memories.



Holocaust Survivor Martin Lowenberg

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM,
Wyoming



Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg spent his teenage years forcibly separated from his family and sent to five different concentration camps during World War II. He would never see his parents and younger twin brothers again. Lowenberg will share his story of life in Nazi Germany and his compelling message of combating hate.



Bombs over Michigan: WWII Japanese Balloon Attacks

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM,
Byron Township

Join us for a remote viewing of the lecture *Bombs over Michigan: WWII Japanese Balloon Attacks* sponsored by The Historical Society of Michigan's History Hounds™ and the Byron Township Historical Society. Discover the fascinating story of the "aerial armada" (9,000 balloons) launched against the United States and Canada during World War II.

Live & Learn

LECTURE SERIES

At Comstock Park



Fall Tales for the Adult Audience

Monday, October 7, 6:30 PM

The Story Spinners bring a mixture of personal tales, traditional tales and music designed for an adult audience around the "campfire." Your own stories are welcome!



Coping with Separation

Monday, October 14, 6:30 PM

Join Tracey Whiting, MSW, for an informational session and discussion of ways to cope and move forward.



101 Things that Happened on the Mackinac Bridge

Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM

Take a trip through the first six decades of the bridge's history and you'll experience unusual crossings, triumph and tragedy.



Practicing Mindfulness

Monday, October 28, 6:30 PM

Join Cheryl Blackington of the Grand Rapids Center for Mindfulness as she shares alternative ways of relating to everyday life experiences, including thoughts, emotions, physical sensations and events.



The Faygo Book

Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM

The Faygo Book is the story of a pop, a people and a place. Its stories will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere.

Staff Picks

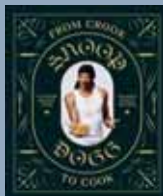
Are You Scared, Darth Vader? by Adam Rex

"What is Darth Vader scared of? Anything? This hilarious and fantastically illustrated book is sure to delight young and old Star Wars fans alike!" – Melissa at Krause Memorial



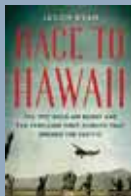
From Crook to Cook by Snoop Dogg

"Tasty recipes include: Not Ya Momma's Corn Muffins, Spaghetti de la Hood and Ain't No Jive Herbed Turkey and Gravy." – Shaunna at Alpine



Race to Hawaii by Jason Ryan

"What is now a flight of a few hours was once only traversed by steamship. A thrilling tale of aviation between WWI & WWII. Dead reckoning, danger and 2,400 miles of the vast Pacific Ocean." – Graham at KDL's Service Center



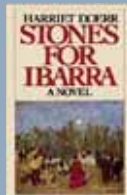
No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

"Ms. Nielsen has been called 'the John Green of Canada,' and I can see why! From the moment you pick up this read until the very last page, you're hooked!" – Robin at Krause Memorial



Stones for Ibarra by Harriet Doerr

"In this spare, lyrical and tender autobiographical novel, which won the National Book Award in 1985, Sara and Richard Everton leave a comfortable life in San Francisco to reopen an abandoned copper mine in rural Mexico." – Mark at Rockford



Slugfest: Inside the Epic Fifty-Year Battle between Marvel and DC by Reed Tucker

"A fascinating account of the rivalry between the superhero-publishing giants, Marvel and DC." – Megan at KDL's Service Center



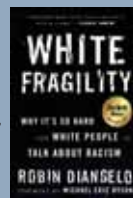
Fire and Blood: 300 Years Before A Game of Thrones by George R. R. Martin

"During my period of Game of Thrones withdrawal waiting for the conclusion of *Fire and Ice*, (it has been a long wait, because I am – one of those who read the books, the series of books, the UNFINISHED series of books, but I'm not bitter) *Fire and Blood* by George R. R. Martin has eased my withdrawal by filling me in on the Targaryens' backstory. It is a prequel that starts with the time of Aegon the Conqueror and tells the story of the Dragon-riding rulers in gory detail." – Penni at Cascade



White Fragility: Why it's So Hard to Talk to White People about Race by Robin DiAngelo

"This book made me think and I keep talking about it with people!" – Michelle at KDL's Service Center



Girl, Stop Apologizing by Rachel Hollis

"I love her intonation and word choices, but more importantly, I'm beginning to apply strategies she recommends to my semi-retired life! I even have my husband writing down his ten year goals! We listen together and it is actually helping us move forward from grieving recent losses to celebrating every day with intention. I love books and other creations by intelligent women!" – Rebecca at Kelloggsville/Wyoming



David Lean Directs Noel Coward by David Lean

"The first two movies in this box set are especially wonderful: 'In Which We Serve' is a stirring tale of the men aboard a British warship sunk by the Germans, and 'This Happy Breed' is a meticulous, realistic family portrait spanning the years 1919 to the beginning of World War 2 (1939)." – David at Plainfield





Ladies Nights

Eat, drink and socialize! Bring your girlfriends and join us. Create your very own gift bags from recycled paper.

Kombucha, Cheese and Chocolate Tastings

Kombucha tastings provided by Sacred Springs Kombucha. Cheese and chocolate tastings provided by The Cheese Lady.

Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Caledonia Township

Thursday, October 3, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Byron Township

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Walker

Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 PM, Alpine Township

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Englehardt (teens welcome)

Tuesday, November 19, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Cascade Township

Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tastings

*Wine tastings provided by The Crushed Grape and chocolate and cheese tastings will be provided by The Cheese Lady.

Wine Ladies Nights are for adults only, 21 and older.

Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, Plainfield Township

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Krause Memorial
(*partnering with local vendors)

Friday, October 11, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Grandville

Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, East Grand Rapids

Wise Men Distillery Tour

Monday, September 16, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Join us for a tour of the new Wise Men Distillery at 4717 Broadmoor Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Learn how Wise Men distills their Red Tape series.

Pre-registration required at kdl.org/events.

Welcome to KDL!

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

Jenny Savage-Dura
Youth Librarian @ East Grand Rapids
Recently read *Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro



Heather Blake Shelver, Plainfield Township
Ben Brugger Circulation Assistant, Cascade Township
Alyssa Coe Circulation Assistant, Plainfield Township
Chloe Henshaw Circulation Assistant, Plainfield Township
Shea Johnson Outreach Specialist, Service Center
Molly Marshall Circulation Assistant, Cascade Township
Tabitha Schaub Circulation Assistant, Wyoming
Jake Wunderink Circulation Assistant, Plainfield Township

Cathy Rinzema
Circulation Assistant @ Plainfield Township
Recently read *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles



TOP 10

Reasons to work at KDL



- #10** We have an elephant costume you can wear. Who else can say that?
- #9** Free prescription drug benefit plan! (Yes, we're serious.)
- #8** Like to sniff books? We've got books.
- #7** Matching retirement savings.
- #6** A whole new bunch of friends that you'll love working with.
- #5** Student Loan repayment program.
- #4** The ability to contribute to the greater good in our community. In this economy, you can work for anyone, but if you choose wisely, you can make a difference in your community as a member of the library team.
- #3** Wellness initiatives and free telemedicine with medical doctors to cure what ails you.
- #2** Fun, team building programs brought to us from a designated fun committee called Team KDL.
- #1** We're committed to a place of employment where everyone feels like they belong. We simply want you, your whole self, to be part of us, because together, we're unstoppable!

Now that you know how awesome it is to work at KDL, check out our current job postings @ kdl.org/jobs

Friends of the Library Book Sales

Alto Harvest Festival

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Caledonia Township

Monday, September 2 and Friday, September 6, during open hours

Cascade Township

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 15, noon to 3:00 PM

Friday, November 1, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Saturday, November 2, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, November 3, noon to 3:00 PM

Members only pre-sale at 9:00 AM on Saturdays. You may purchase a membership at the door.

East Grand Rapids

Saturday, November 9, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Kentwood

Saturday, October 26, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Krause Memorial

Saturday, September 28, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Three Bucks-a-Bag special from 2:00 PM. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at the library during open hours.

Plainfield Township

Thursday, September 5, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Friday, September 6, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday, September 8, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Hardcovers for \$1, large paperbacks for \$.50, small paperbacks and all kids' books for \$.25!

Friday: Stuff a bag for \$5.00

Saturday and Sunday: \$3 a bag or 4 bags for only \$10

Spencer Township

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sunday, October 6, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wyoming

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Bag sale begins at 2:00 PM, all items stuffed into a purchased bag for only \$3!

BRANCH HOURS

ALPINE TOWNSHIP

5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49321

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

ALTO

6071 Linfield Ave., Alto 49302

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
—	9:30 1:30	12:00 8:00	12:00 8:00	9:30 6:00	9:30 6:00	9:30 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 8:00	9:30 8:00	9:30 8:00	12:00 8:00	9:30 5:00	9:30 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 8:00	12:00 to 8:00	9:30 to 8:00	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 8:00	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	9:30 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 5:00	9:30 to 8:00	9:30 to 5:00	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

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

KDL SERVICE CENTER

814 West River Center Dr. NE
Comstock Park, MI 49321

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