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Meeting Dates

March 11th 7:00 pm

April 8th 7:00 pm

May 13th 7:00 pm

From The Director

Spring 2014

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank a group that I feel is not recognized enough but does a great deal for our public library: The Friends. For those who may not know, The Friends are an all-volunteer organization that raises funds to support and enhance library programs and services. The Friends help us make indispensable connections with our neighbors and local businesses by hosting cultural gatherings and supporting community events. I have always felt that a good Friends group is a key component to a successful library and we certainly have an excellent Friends group here at RDL!

I would also like to thank former Friends President Jean Viviano, who stepped down from her position this month, for her years of hard work and exemplary service. From overseeing the Friends' high quality book sales to orchestrating successful programs such as the Romeo Area Garden Walk, Jean has been invaluable to the Friends of the Library and we hope she stays with the group for years to come. Donna Folland has been voted in as Jean's successor and we have already hit the ground running with some exciting new plans and ideas. This is going to be a very exciting year for the Friends and for the Romeo District Library, so please stay tuned for more news. If you'd like to support the Friends of the Romeo District Library, please consider joining! Membership is only \$10 per year and is from June 1 to May 31. More information can be found at <http://romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends>.

John McNaughton
Library Director

TECH TUTOR

Did you get a new tablet or laptop over the holidays? Need some help getting started with Word, PowerPoint or Excel? Need help setting up an email account. The Romeo District Library's Tech Tutor is here to help. To reserve a session with the Tech Tutor call the Library at 586-752-0603 extension 1021 or email us at techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org. If you can't make it to one of our currently scheduled sessions we will do our best to arrange a time that will work with your schedule.

Available sessions are at 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm

March 2nd, 16th, 18th, 30th

April 1st, 13th, 15th, 27th, 29th

May 11th, 13th, 27th

Adult Programs

Picnic Season Prep

Thursday, March 12th 7:00 pm

Fran Salvatore of Pamela's Catering presents ideas for dishes to serve for the spring and summer and provides free samples! Please make sure to register by March 5th, as slots are limited.

An Afternoon with Bill Bynum & Co.

Saturday, April 4th 2:00 pm



With songs both traditional and original, and a sound that's at once as comfortable as old jeans and as fresh as a new blade of grass, Bill Bynum & Co. is a band that's easy to love and hard to quit. The band's core instrumentation of acoustic guitar, fiddle, bass, pedal steel guitar and harmony vocals can lean into

country, veer toward bluegrass, or take listeners on a unique journey through Bill's original songs. Join us for an afternoon of music, fun, and entertainment.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, April 9th 2:00 to 8:00 PM

Thank you to the 217 people that donated blood last year. Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. Just 1 pint may save up to 3 lives! The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Blood donors must be healthy, at least 16 years of age with parental consent, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Call the Graubner Library at (586)752-0603 opt. 4 or go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment.

Barbershop Quartet

Wednesday, April 22nd 7:00 pm



Enjoy a fun-filled evening with the vocal harmony of one of the area's best Barbershop Quartets. "Limited Edition" has been entertaining audiences for years with their cheerful lyrics and pleasant melodies, so pull up a barber chair and join us. No registration required, but seating is limited.

Mother's Day Meals

Thursday, April 23rd 7:00 pm

Fran Salvatore of Pamela's Catering presents ideas for brunches and dishes to serve for the commemorative honoring of matriarchs and provides free samples! Please make sure to register by April 16th, as slots are limited.

Roots of the Music: Origins of the Motown Sound

Thursday, May 14th 6:30 pm



Detroit is known the world over for the music that came out of a small studio on West Grand Boulevard during the 1960s and 1970s. But the Motown Sound wasn't born from thin air. It had its roots in music that was being made in Detroit and around the country in the years before the company's founding in 1959.

This presentation by the Detroit Historical Society's Director of Marketing and Sales, Bob Sadler, delves into the city's history of music-making, and the elements that contributed to the unique styling of Motown and Tamla Records.

Message in a Bottle

Wednesday, May 20th 7:00 pm

Step back in time as Dave Leander, owner of the Great Lakes Dive Center, shares his exciting experiences diving and recovering lost artifacts. Focusing on his recent discovery of a 100 year-old message in a bottle found in the St. Clair River, we'll find out exactly what the message said, where and how it was recovered and the fascinating search to track down the relatives of those who wrote the note. Guaranteed to be an interesting talk for those who love diving and/or local history buffs. No registration required, but seating is limited.

Children's Programs

Exotic Zoo

Thursday, March 26th 7:00 PM

The Exotic Zoo is back with their cute and cuddly show. Meet zookeeper Javon Stacks and his menagerie. Live animals include: chinchilla, angora rabbit, kinkajou, honey bear and more!



5th Annual Kiwanis One Day Craft Day

Saturday, April 11th 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Stop by anytime and create any or all of the six crafts available. Refreshments will be served. This program is supported entirely by the Romeo Area Kiwanis.

Earth Day

Wednesday, April 22nd 10:00 AM

Drop-in storytime and craft.

Rosco the Clown

Wednesday, May 20th 10:00AM



Join us for some good clowning around. This early literacy program will delight children and adults alike. Each child receives a new book to keep. This program is open to Macomb County Residents. No registration is required.

Macomb Family Services Playgroups

We are honored to host the Macomb Family Services Playgroups. Playgroups meet on scheduled Thursdays throughout the school year. The 9:30 – 11:00 AM class focuses on fun and preschool readiness. The 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM class is for children ages 8 – 20 months and focuses on fun and a music curriculum. For more information and to register contact LaDon Williams at (586) 226-3440 ext. 274.

Upcoming this summer...

Summer reading club begins on June 18th with our kick-off program, Drummunity, a dynamic percussion performance with participation for audience members of ALL ages. The fun lasts all summer long with Thrilling Thursdays, storytime, Toddler Lab and much more! Stay tuned for more information on summer programming.



Adult Programs

Mi Stitchin' Time Crochet Group

Tuesdays, 5:30 pm



Join us as we share patterns, problems and laughs! Beginners welcome!

History and Care of Photographs

Thursday, March 19th 6:00 pm

Learn many types of photographic processes, including how to properly store and preserve your family memories in this informative workshop.

History of a House

Thursday, April 16th 6:00 pm



Every house has a story to tell. When was your home built? Who lived and died there? When was plumbing and electricity added? Was it ever used as something other than a home? Finding out about your home and its previous inhabitants can be exciting! This class will get you started on researching the history of your house.

Finding Your Female Ancestors

Thursday, May 21st 6:00 pm



Although half of our ancestors are female, they are so much harder to find! Since until recently women have had few legal rights, they left behind few records. That does not mean that it will be impossible to find these elusive ancestors, it will just take a little more work! This class will give you tips and techniques that may make finding the women in your past a little easier.

Children's Programs

Drop-in Storytime

Thursdays, 11:15 am

Fingerplays, music and stories to help young children develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of books and reading. We'll also help caregivers learn how they can enjoy their roles more and be more effective.

Lapsit Storytime

Mondays, 11:15 am March 2nd to April 6th

Very young children and their caregivers enjoy age-appropriate picture books, rhymes, songs and activities while developing their social skills by interacting with others. Come discover how much fun these early years can be!

The Sounds of Music Storytime

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM March 17th to May 5th

Singing, rhyming, playing instruments and enjoying stories containing music will provide young children with a delightful introduction to the musical world and the ways in which it can facilitate early literacy!

Build and Break Lego Time

Saturday, March 14th 12:00 pm

Saturday, April 11th 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 9th 12:00 pm

If you can't make it to Graubner Library for Lego Club join us at the Kezar Library for Break and Build Lego Time - All creations will be on display for the month!

Art and a Story Storytimes

Saturday, March 21st 10:30 am

Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Make a character from Dr. Seuss and enjoy hearing the master's *Horton Hatches an Egg*

Saturday, April 18th 10:30 am

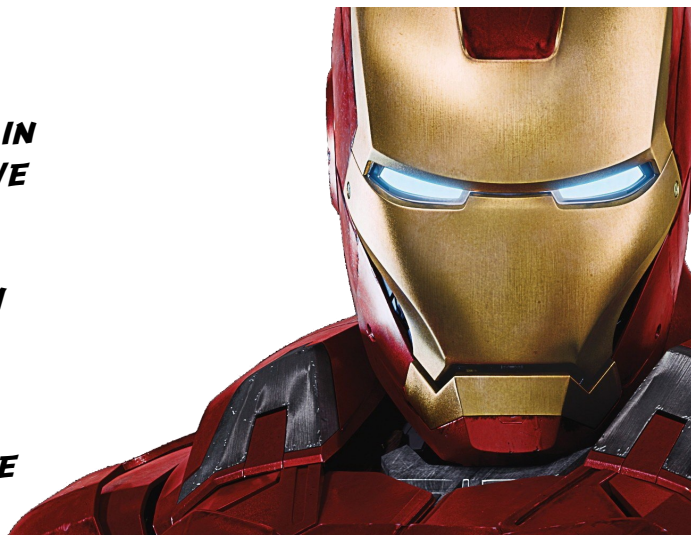
Make a lily pad in the style of the famous Claude Monet and discover the wonders of his beloved garden through the eyes of a young girl via *Linnea In Monet's Garden*

Saturday, May 2nd 10:30 am

Beautiful insect sun catchers made from beads will make a beautiful Mother's Day present for Mom, and we'll marvel at Rosenburg's *Monster Momma*

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COME JOIN THE ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY IN CELEBRATING FREE COMIC BOOK DAY AS WE HAVE FREE COMIC BOOKS TO GIVE AWAY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST AND DRAWINGS FOR COMIC BOOK RELATED PRIZES. FROM 11AM TO 12:00PM YOU CAN COME GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN WITH YOUR FAVORITE AVENGER AND AT 12:30 PM WE WILL BE PLAYING GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY ON THE BIG SCREEN.



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Book Groups

Tuesday Book Group

This club reads everything under the sun and no topic is off limits. The Tuesday book group is an informal group that meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm at the Graubner Library, unless otherwise indicated.

April 7th: *A Week in Winter* by Maeve Binchey
May 5th: *Detroit : An American Autopsy* by Charlie LeDuff

Great Books Book Group

The Great Books Book Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:45 PM unless otherwise noted. The group focuses on old and new classics along with the "best of" within a given theme or genre.

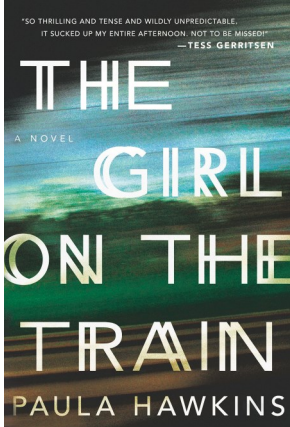
March 5th: *Half Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls
April 2nd: *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas
May 7th: *The Son* by Phillip Meyer

"Magical History Tour" Book Group

The Magical History Tour Book Groups meets the last Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Graubner Library unless otherwise noted. The group begins each year with a novel of early civilization and moves forward through time as the year progresses.

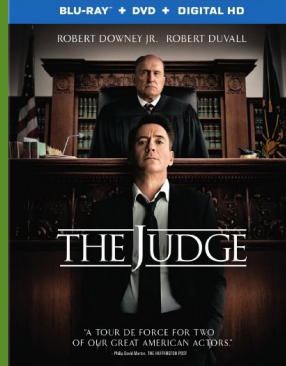
March 30th: *A Burnable Book* by Bruce Holsinger
April 27th: *A Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks
May 26th: *Jane and the Barque of Frailty* by Stephanie Barron

*Please note that the Magical History Tour Group will be meeting on a Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 PM



The Girl On The Train by Paula Hawkins

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The Judge starring Robert Downey Jr and Robert Duvall

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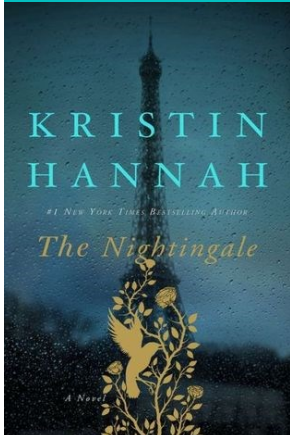
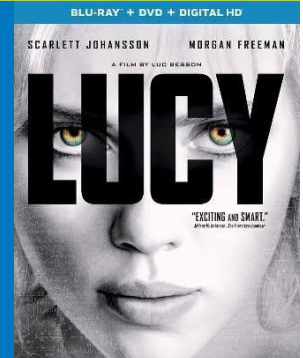
A Spool Of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Available in Print, Large Print, CD Audio Book, Play-away Audio Book



Lucy starring Scarlett Johansson and Morgan Freeman

Available on DVD and Blu-Ray



The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Available in Print, Large Print (April), CD Audio Book, Playaway Audio Book

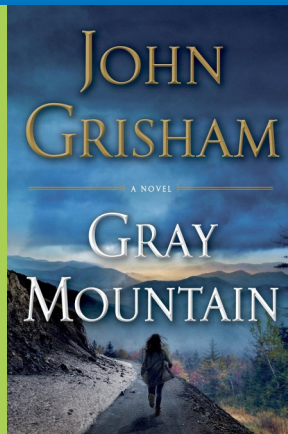


John Wick starring Keanu Reeves

Available on DVD and Blu-Ray

Gray Mountain by John Grisham

Available in Print, Large Print (April), CD Audio Book, Playaway Audio Book



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Friends of the Romeo District Library

2014 was a year of fresh starts for the Friends. The Friends' Board began the year with goals designed to help the organization to thrive and become more effective in our communities. We wanted to find new ways to increase book sales, improve and diversify our outreach, institute new fiscal processes, and become strong advocates of literacy. We are happy to report the outcomes of 2014 and hope you agree that the Friends are on the right path.

The Friends of the Romeo District Library are very excited to support the launch of the Battle of the Books by the Romeo District Library! Battle of the Books is a reading competition for teams of local fifth graders. Proceeds from the 2014 Garden Walk will purchase books for the fifth-graders and cover the costs of school plaques for winning teams and the awards ceremony. The Friends also supported two successful author events at the Library, Author Luis Carlos Montalvan, best-selling author of *Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him*, visited with his service dog, Tuesday and as in years past, the Friends supported the annual Mystery Writers program.

Additionally, the Friends were able to purchase for the Library a new AWE Early Literacy Station which teaches cognitive skills in reading, math, writing, and drawing to children in an exciting and fun way – without connecting to the internet. These are just some of the things that the Friends have supported, purchased and contributed to in order “to promote and support the Library and its services and programs through advocacy, fundraising and volunteers. Our activities stimulate community appreciation of the library’s resources and services; encourage gifts and bequests in support of the library and sponsor special programs in cooperation with the library staff. The Friends have been in operation since 1987.”

If you are interested in becoming part of the Friends of the Romeo District Library, please visit us at romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends/. If you are not already a member, please consider joining! If you have any questions, you can email us at friendsofrdl@yahoo.com.

Hours & Holiday Closings

Graubner Library

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
(Closed Starting May 24th)

Kezar Library

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday - Closed

Both Branches of the Romeo District Library will be closed on April 5th and May 23rd to May 25th