

From the Director



Hello Everyone!

I have exciting news! You may recall from the summer newsletter that we were in the planning stages of renovating the lobby at the Graubner branch. I am happy to announce we are moving forward with this highly anticipated project this coming fall! The Romeo District Library is currently working with Library Design Associates to bring you several improvements that will greatly enhance the quality customer service we already offer here. In the coming months we will be adding:

1. A new information desk

The info desk will be located just inside the front entrance of the building. It will be staffed by a librarian who will greet you and be able to offer direction and recommendations in a more immediate fashion.

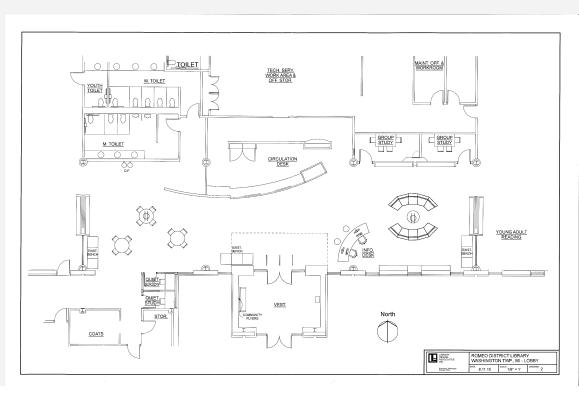
2. More comfortable seating

We will have new, more comfortable seating throughout the lobby to relax in while perusing our upto-date collections. Or, stay a little longer with your favorite electronic device - we will have new electrical outlets and USB ports for your charging convenience!

3. New study rooms

If your needs require a little more concentration or focused time, you will soon be able to check into one of our four new study rooms. Two will be sized for small groups, and two will be perfect for solitary use. The study rooms at the Kezar branch are very popular and we feel these will be a good addition to the Graubner lobby. They will be located in the space currently occupied by the underused self-serve copy area.

If you have any thoughts or questions about our improvements, please feel free, as always, to call, email, or just drop by. My door is always open!



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Adult Programs

Discovering Michigan County By County

Tuesday September 22nd 7:00 pm

Discover Michigan County by County as Barbara Vander-Molen gives us the A to Z's about our fabulous state! No matter where you go in Michigan, each of the 83 counties has a story to tell through its facts, history, land and water, people and things to do. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Boom Town: Detroit in the Roaring 20s

Thursday September 29th 7:00 pm

Step back in time as Detroit Historical Society guest speaker, Bree Boettner ushers in the sights and sounds of a bygone era; an era filled with Model Ts, immigrants, gangsters and jazz music. So leave behind the hustle and bustle of the 21st Century, put aside your digital technology for an evening and fall back into a simpler, but exciting time--you won't regret it. No registration required.

Drawing Classic Monsters

Thursday October 13th 7:00 pm

Join us on Thursday, Oct. 13th as local artist Steven Bejma brings to life everyone's favorite monsters from Universal Studios. Grab a stick of charcoal and test out your own skills as Frankenstein, Dracula, the Wolfman, the Mummy and the Creature from the Black Lagoon await your approval. Seating is limited, registration is required. Supplies will be provided.

Into the Afterlife Paranormal

Thursday October 20th 7:00 pm

Come join us for a hauntingly scary good time as local ghost hunters group, "Into the Afterlife Paranormal" share with us their many encounters with ghosts. See photo evidence, hear EVPs and feel your heart skip a beat as they show us a world where the dead might not be resting afterall...

Hypnotist/Comedian Jack Fraylick

Thursday November 3rd 7:00 pm

Stop in for an evening of laughs and entertainment as local comedian Jack Fraylick uses hypnotism as means for great comedy. Audience participation is encouraged with the promise that no one will be turned into a chicken or a library zombie. No registration needed. Guaranteed fun for the whole family.

Wool Angel Making

Thursday November 17th 7:00 pm

Need something fun to do? Want a great gift idea for the holidays? Than sign up to make a beautiful wool angel. Kathleen Clinton from Wolcott Mill will once again lead us through a craft-making class with a historical touch. Supplies will be provided, but seating is limited, so don't delay--class will fill up quickly. Registration Required.

Teen Programs



Teen Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesday September 21st 6:30 pm Wednesday October 19th 6:30 pm Wednesday November 16th 6:30 pm

Come join us as we continue on with our exciting journey into the world of Dungeons & Dragons. No experience is necessary. We will teach you how to play this fun role playing game! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Registration is not required. The fifth edition of the book will be used. For teens ages 12-18.

Henna

Saturday September 24th 12:00 pm

Have you ever wanted a henna tattoo? Better yet, have you ever wanted to create your own? Then this is the event for you! Henna tattoos will be done by the talented Liz. Transfer paper will be provided so teens can design their own tattoos. Snacks and coloring mandalas will be provided. Registration is limited to the first 12 teens and is required. A parental consent is required and can be obtained from the Adult Services Information desk. For teens ages 12-18.

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Teen Programs

Teen Anime Club

Tuesday October 11th 6:00 pm

Calling all anime lovers! Want to watch anime or discuss your favorite manga titles with other teens? Come join us for a fun evening of watching the latest anime and crafts. Snacks will be provided. This month we be making our own candy sushi! This program is a parent free environment and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.

Halloween Craft Night

Wednesday October 26th 6:00 pm

Drop in for a night of crafts! We will be making Mason jar fairy lights. Registration is required so enough supplies will be on hand. This is a parent free environment. For teens ages 12-18.

Teen Murder Mystery Lock-In

Friday October 28th 7:00 pm

Want to solve the case of whodunit? Then join us when the library is closed to solve a murder case! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Registration is not required. This is a parent free environment and is for teens ages 12-18.

Teen Movie Day

Saturday November 5th 1:00 pm

Bring your blankets, friends, and even dress as your favorite Harry Potter character! We will be showing Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (Rated PG). Pizza and snacks will be provided. This is a parent free environment and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.

Teen Craft Night

Wednesday November 15th 6:00 pm

Drop in and make a pressed leaf bookmark! Registration is greatly appreciated so there will be enough supplies. This is a parent free environment and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.

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Calling all anime lovers! Want to watch anime or discuss your favorite manga titles with other teens? Come join us for a fun evening of watching the latest anime and make a craft. Snacks will be provided. This month we will making manga bookmarks. You can bring your old manga book or use ones provided and make a bookmark out of them! This program is a parent free environment and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.

Children's Programs



Pajama Storytime

Mondays 7:00 pm September 19th - October 24th November 14th - December 19 All ages welcome

Storytime

Toddler 18 mo - 3 year olds

Tuesdays 10:30 am With caregivers

Preschool 3 - 5 year olds

Wednesdays 10:30 am Without caregivers

September 20th - October 26th November 14th - December 21st

Registration Required

Space is limited

Storytimes generally include stories, rhymes,

songs/music, movement and a craft.

Pajama Storytime and Preschool Storytime will have the same content. You are welcome to come to both.



Read to Rover

Every other Tuesday 6:30 pm starting September 6th

If your child is shy reading to humans, let him or her read to a non-judgmental dog! Drop-in Call 586-752-0603, option 5 for more information.

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Thursday Drop-in Crafts

3rd Thursday of the month 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm We'll have something special each month to make as gifts or to keep for yourself.

Curiosity Day!

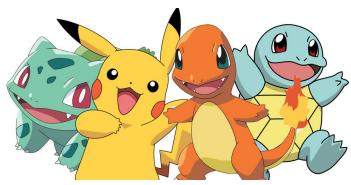
Saturday September 17th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm It's the 75th anniversary of George's debut and we're going to have fun being curious with George!

Crazy 8s Math Club

Tuesdays 7:00 pm starting September 20th The return of the craziest most fun Math Club in the world! We'll do lots of whacky things while we learn basic math concepts. Registration required.

Music and Me

4th Friday of the month 10:30 am Music is one of the 5 tools for a good literacy foundation and we'll have all kinds of music every month to enjoy. Registration required.



Pokemon Swap

Saturday September 24th 2:00 pm Thursday November 3rd 7:00 pm

Swap your Pokemon cards and, if you're a Pokemon Go player, our library is a gym and we give out free buttons to participants!

No Stove Cooking

Saturday October 1st 2:00 pm

You can make delicious snacks without ever turning on a stove. We'll show you how!

Foam Flyers

Saturday October 8th 2:00 pm

Learn how to make and fly these radio controlled planes. Lots of fun and kits will be available for purchase.

Shopkins Swap

Saturday October 22nd 2:00 pm Swap your Shopkins cards while you talk with your friends about them!

Halloween Craft

Thursday October 27th 7:00 pm Make mason jar lanterns to light your way on this dark and scary night.



Bat Conservancy

Sunday October 30th 1:30 pm

Just in time for Halloween! Learn all about bats, how helpful they are in the environment, how to make a bat house and meet some live bats!

Painted Potholders

Thursday November 10th 7:00 pm Make a painted potholder that you can use on Thanksgiving or give as a gift to your host!

Cirque Amongus

Saturday November 12th 2:00 pm Learn 10 different circus moves incorporating juggling, movement and balancing - in a safe, fun-filled, and educational environment.

Legos

Wednesday November 30th 7:00 pm Bring your imagination to this great evening of Lego building. We'll give you an object to build and you'll make it with all the Legos you need.



Adult Programs

Crochet Group

Every Tuesday 5:45 pm

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

Creative Coloring Club

Monday September 12th 6:00 pm Monday October 3rd 6:00 pm Monday November 7th 6:00 pm Monday December 5th 6:00 pm

Join us for a fun and relaxing hour of creative socializing with other people who enjoy coloring, doodling, and zentangling. Never colored as an adult? Never doodled???, Don't know what zentangles are? That's ok! Come learn and explore with us! Bring your own supplies or use ours. Primarily geared to older teens and adults, but younger children are welcome to accompany their parent/guardian.



Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Island

Thursday October 13th 6:00 pm
Located twenty miles south of Detroit where the Detroit
River meets Lake Erie, Bob-lo Island was the ultimate
summer playground for families from Detroit and Windsor
for nearly one hundred years." Listen as Patrick Livingston, author of "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Is-

ston, author of "Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Island", guides us through a tour of one of Detroit's most famous attractions. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Widows Weekend Pinterest Party

Saturday November 19th 3:00 pm Just us for fun, food and crafts and we will have a great time! Bring in your favorite dish from Pinterest to share and we will supply some fantastic crafts and recipes we have found too! What could be more fun? Registration is suggested.

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Eloise Asylum: Stepping Into Darkness

Tuesday November 22nd 6:00 pm
Eloise Psychiatric Hospital always ends up on the top 10
list for most haunted places in Michigan. Listen as Kat
Tedsen speaks about her experiences at Eloise before
she became a paranormal researcher. "In the 1970's, as
part of a college project for a psychology class, I was
tasked with a multi-week study at one of several psychiatric facilities. Eloise Psychiatric Hospital was closest to my
home and it was that location I chose for this project. I
want to share my experience at Eloise – specifically with a
patient at the facility – which may be more daunting than
any fabled ghost stories."

Children's Programs

Family Drop in Storytime

Every Thursday 11:30 am

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



Saturday STEAM

Saturday September 12th 12:00 pm
Saturday October 15th 12:00 pm
Saturday November 12th 12:00 pm
Saturday December 10th 12:00 pm
STEAM= Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/
Mathematics. When kids explore, create and experiment in an informal learning environment, like the library, they learn a lot - and have fun at the same time. Join us for activities that will inspire and motivate kids with fun, hands -on learning activities.

Build and Break Lego

Saturday September 24 11:00 am
Saturday October 22 11:00 am
Saturday November 19 11:00 am
Saturday December 17 11:00 am
Attention all young Lego builders! Join us at the Kezar
Library for Break and Build Lego Time - All creations will
be on display for the month!

Book Groups

"Great Books" Book Group

Kezar Library first Thursday of the month 5:45 pm

October 6th

The Cove by Ron Rash October 6

November 3rd

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

December 1st

Empire Falls by Richard Russo

History's Mysteries Book Group

Kezar Library third Tuesday of the month 5:45 pm

September 20th

The Secret Supper by Javier Sierra

October 18th

The Witch of Painted Sorrows by M. J. Rose

November 15th

Life after Life by Kate Atkinson,

December 19th

Books of Lies by Brad Meltzer

Tuesday Book Group

Graubner Library first Tuesday of the month 1:30 pm

October 4th

Book of Speculation by Erika Swyler

November 1st

Purity by Jonathan Franzen

December 6th

Cuckoo's Calling by J. K. Rowling



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With your help in 2016, the Friends of the Romeo District Library have invested nearly \$7,000 helping to build learning resources in the Children's Room at Graubner, moving historical archives into the new History Center at Kezar, and supporting amazing library community programs, including Battle of the Books, 100 Books to Read before Kindergarten, and the Adult and Children's Summer Reading programs. Thank you for supporting the Library through your membership with the Friends, your volunteer time, and by shopping at our bookstores at Graubner and Kezar!

This year, in partnership with the Starkweather Arts Center, our annual Garden Walk became the Celebration of Gardens and Art. Proceeds from this event are dedicated to a special fund to help the Romeo District Library to launch bookmobile services for the residents of Bruce Township, Washington Township, and the Village of Romeo. So far, we have nearly \$10,000 set aside for this important project.

- Our Hosts: Richard and Carol Tapper
- Oak Sponsors: Landscape Direct, The MittTV, and Starkweather Arts Center
- Sycamore Sponsor: Rocks 'n' Roots
- Pine Sponsors: Angelica's Place and Romeo Party Rental
- Magnolia Sponsors: Michelangelo Homes, WellBridge of Romeo, and the Romeo District Library Trustees

Back-To-School Book Sale - Attention: Teachers and Home School Parents!

All September our Back-To-School Book Sale will feature books for children and youth at 5 for \$1 (look for the pink label). We have lots of educational books, including encyclopedias, on a wide-range of topics - ideal for your classroom, library, or home school.

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 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

Library Closing Dates: October 10th / November 23rd Closing at 5:00 pm / November 24th