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From the Director

Hello Everyone,
Much has been happening at our libraries in the past months, particularly the lobby renovations at the Graubner Branch.

The lobby now has brand new carpet and a new paint scheme, with coordinating couches and an ottoman complete with USB & electrical outlets for powering and charging your devices. In addition, we have 3 new maple tables, which have the same power outlets, and we have converted portions of the lobby into new study space—two group and two individual study rooms. With an eye to the future, we have also purchased a new information desk for the lobby to supplement services in the adult and children's rooms. (Stay tuned for more about this.)

As we look to make your visits more comfortable and our atmosphere more welcoming, we hope you will come in, pick up a book or magazine and sit awhile so you can enjoy all your library has to offer. As ever, if you have questions or concerns, my door is always open.

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BOOK GROUPS

Graubner Library Tuesday Book Group

First Tuesday of the Month 1:30 pm
September 5th

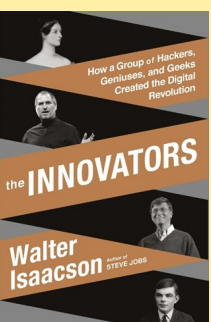
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
October 3rd

One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus
November 7th

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian
by Sherman Alexie

December 5th

We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas



Tech Book Discussion Event

Thursday November 2nd 2:00 pm
The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution by Walter Isaacson

Bring your perspectives and enthusiasm as we discuss this notable work. Snacks provided. Registration is required.

Food for Fines

September 18th - 24th

During the third week of September (18th-24th), the Graubner and Kezer branches will waive fines and fees on items belonging to the Romeo District Library in exchange for a donation to Samaritan House. We will also be offering free replacement library cards for donations, as well. Please bring in non-perishable food, baby & pet items and personal needs products (such as soap, toothpaste and other hygiene items).



Online Services



Visit romeodistrictlibrary.org, call us at (586)752-0603 or email techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org

Kezar Library

Great Books Book Group

First Thursday of the month 5:45 pm
September 7th

Redeployment by Phil Klay
October 5th

The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows
November 2nd

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Book Store by Robin Sloan
December 7th

They May Not Mean To But They Do by Cathleen Schine

History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of the month 5:45 pm
September 19th

The Demonologist by Andrew Pyper
October 17th

House of Secrets by Brad Meltzer
November 21st

The Orphanmaster by Jean Zimmerman
December 19th

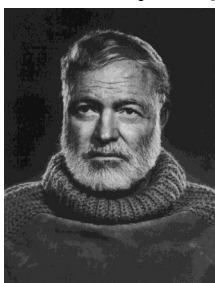
Empty Mansions Bill Dedman

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Adult Programs

Hemingway's Michigan

Thursday September 21st 7:00 pm



Local historian Michael Artman presents a "literary travelogue" of Michigan as only Hemingway knew it. Come learn how Ernest Hemingway's 21 summers spent in Michigan at the family cottage on Walloon Lake influenced him and his writing, captured most significantly in his book *The Nick Adams Stories*—2008's Great Michigan Read. No registration needed.

Detroit Flute Guild

Thursday September 28th 7:00 pm

Join us as the Detroit Flute Guild, under the direction of Ervin Monroe, provides an evening of beautiful music. Employing not only the standard flute, the ensemble of professional flutists and other highly skilled performers also play the piccolo, alto and bass flutes, as well. For nearly 20 years, the Guild has performed throughout Michigan. CDs will be available for purchase.



SouthEast MI Paranormal Society

Thursday October 12th 7:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of spooky evidence of possible life after death—including EVPs, photos & video proof, as well as great stories—with the SouthEast Michigan Paranormal Society. Get a look at ghost-hunting gear, ask questions and explore what might be out there lurking in the dark—or walking around in your attic. A night guaranteed to thrill and chill, for sure! No registration needed.

Owl Wind Chimes

Thursday October 19th 6:30 pm

Registration Required

Join us as local artist Sherry Bonczak-Spanske teaches this class on making Owl Wind Chimes with a Halloween-inspired twist. Cute, fun and whimsical, these wind chimes will bring you much happiness with their musical greetings. Easy to make and even better to enjoy. Join us for this creative event. Supplies provided. Class is limited to 15 participants and registration is required. Call 586-752-0603 (option 4).



The Music of Libby DeCamp

Thursday November 16th 7:00 pm

Raised among the orchards of Romeo and blessed with a haunting voice, Libby DeCamp brings her unique, 'dusty' folk music to the Graubner Library. Writing songs with a lyrical edge and originality, but with deep roots in tradition, Libby DeCamp is a local talent on the rise. Don't miss a chance to catch this captivating performance. CDs will be available for purchase. No registration required.

Vintage Rag Ball Ornament

Thursday November 30th 6:30 pm

Registration required

Join us again as local artist Sherry Bonczak-Spanske teaches another great class: vintage rag ball ornaments for the holiday. Taking scraps and combining them with love and creativity, you'll bring home an old-time Christmas ornament of which even Grandma would approve. Guaranteed fun. Supplies are provided, but class is limited to 15 participants, so register today at 586-752-0603 (option 4).

Tech Programs

Password Managers

Monday September 18th 7:00 pm

Come and learn how password managers—like Dashlane, LastPass, or Sticky Password—can help you generate, save, and access your passwords, keeping you safe online. Basic to intermediate familiarity with PCs/smartphones/tablets recommended. Registration is required.

Retro Gaming Night

Thursday October 26th 7:00 pm

Join us for classic gaming goodness—including retro game collections and other surprises available for play! All ages are welcome! Registration is requested.

GAME OVER

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Teen Programs

Open Play: Board Games & Card Games

Saturday September 9th 1:30-3:00 pm
Come play great board games like Ticket to Ride, Small World, Munchkin & Carcassone or card games like Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh & Pokemon. Got a fun game? Bring it with you!



Heal. Grow.
Be Wild.

Howell Nature Center

Fur, Feathers, and Scales

Saturday September 16th 1:00 pm
Join us for an awesome hour long program about animals in Michigan! The Howell Nature Center will be bringing some native animals so we can learn more about them! Registration is required: call 586-752-0603 (option 4). Preference will be given to teens ages 12-18; others will be admitted as space allows.

Potions 101: Harry Potter Craft Day

Saturday October 14th
2:00 pm
Drop in and make your favorite Harry Potter potion! Supplies will be provided. Registration is required and spots are limited to 24 teens, so call 586-752-0603 (option 4) to register! For ages 12-18.



Halloween ComicFest

Saturday October 28th All Day
Come join us for our very first Halloween ComicFest! Similar to Free Comic Book Day, we'll have spooky comics to hand out for free to different age groups. So come grab some fun comic books while supplies last!

Teen Craft Day: Make Your Own Soap

Saturday November 11th 12:00 pm
Join us as we will make our very own soaps! All supplies will be provided and teens will be able to take home a bar of soap. Registration is not required. For ages 12-18.

Make Your Own Visual Novel

Tuesday
November 28th
6:30 pm

Hey teens! Come learn how to create your own visual novel! With anime graphics and Japanese-style "choose your own adventure" gamebook interactions, you can learn to create a unique visual novel. No registration required. For teens, ages 12-18



Free Practice SAT Test

Saturday December 2nd 11:00 am-3:00 pm
The Romeo District Library is excited to be partnering with Sylvan of Washington for a free practice SAT. Students will take a simulated test to determine their strengths and weaknesses. Participants will be informed when to return to the library for their detailed printed results with full explanation and additional study tips. Primarily for high school sophomores and juniors. Registration is required; please call 586-752-0603 (option 4) to register.

Teen Craft Day: Holiday

Saturday December 16th 2:00 pm
Come make your own Christmas ornaments and cards. Registration is not required. For teens ages, 12-18.

Continuing Teen Programs Makerspace @ the Library

Tuesday September 5th 6:30 pm
Tuesday October 3rd 6:30 pm
Saturday November 4th 2:00 pm *
Tuesday December 5th 6:30 pm

Join us for an hour of Makerspace at the library! We will be doing activities and crafts related to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Registration is not necessary. For tweens and teens, ages 10-18.



@ the Library

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Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm
September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th,
November 1st & 15th, December 6th & 20th
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. This is a parent free environment and is only for teens. Registration is not required.

Anime Club

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 pm
September 12th & 26th, October 10th & 24th
November 7th & 21st, December 12th & 26th
Love all things anime? Love reading manga? Then come join the Teen Anime Club! We'll watch anime, do crafts, and eat all the Pocky! Snacks will be provided. For teens ages 12-18. Registration is not required.

Yu-Gi-Oh

Saturdays 3:00-5:00 pm
September 23rd, October 7th, November 18th
& December 9th



Looking for other teens to play Yu-Gi-Oh cards with? Then drop in and play! Teens are encouraged to bring their own cards. Some extra cards may be on hand for play. Teens who already know how to play may also help those who don't know how. Registration is not required. For teens, ages 12-18.

Super Smash Bros Tournament

Wednesday September 27th 5:30-8:30 pm
Saturday October 21st 2:00-5:00 pm *
Wednesday November 29th 5:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday December 27th 5:30-8:30 pm
Drop in and brawl as we play Super Smash Brothers. Bring your Nintendo DS or play on our Wii U. We will have multiple controllers and your own, if you like. We can also play Pokken Tournament and Mario Kart! Snacks and refreshments will be available. Registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.

Children's Programs

Storytimes

Superhero Storytime

Saturday September 9th 11:00 am-12:00 pm
Dress up as your favorite superhero and come join us for stories, songs, and a special superhero craft! For all ages.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30 am
Starting September 19th Ages 2-3
Come for a fun-filled hour with stories, music, movement, and a craft!
For children ages 2-3 and a caregiver.
Note: No Storytime October 31st & November 7th.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 am
Starting September 20th Ages 4-5
Join us for an hour of stories, songs, movement and a craft! For children ages 4-5, without a caregiver.
Note: No Storytime November 1st & 8th.

Unbirthday Storytime Celebration!

Saturday October 14th
11:00 am-12:00 pm All Ages
You say it's your very merry unbirthday? Well, join us for an extra special party with stories, songs, crafts and...unbirthday cupcakes! For all ages.

Swap Night

Thursdays 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
September 14th, October 12th & November 9th
Do you collect Pokemon cards, Shopkins, or anything else swappable? Then join us for Swap Night to share your collection and meet new friends.

Rock Painting

Thursday October 5th 7:00-8:00 pm
Join the hottest craze of 2017 and paint rocks with us! We'll have plenty of interesting rocks to choose from to make your creation fun and unique.



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KEZAR LIBRARY

Little Explorers

Fridays 11:00 am-12:00 pm
October 6th, November 3rd
& December 1st

Get messy with us as we explore with our five senses. Interact with an array of sensory stations such as kinetic sand, water beads, paint and much more. But, dress accordingly—clothes may get dirty. Ages 0-5.



Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday October 21st 11:00-12:00 pm
It's a *spooktacular* hour to celebrate all things Halloween! Come dressed in your costume and enjoy treats, games, sensory activities & crafts! For all ages.

Creatures of the Night

Saturday October 28th 2:00-3:00 pm
Come to the library and check out some spooky bats, raccoons and other animals that only come out at night! The Howell Nature Center will be visiting with some special animal friends that will be sure to add a little extra fun to your weekend! For all ages.



Day of the Dead Celebration

Tuesday October 30th 7:00-8:00 pm
Ages 5 and up
Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) is a Mexican holiday that honors family and friends who have passed on. Celebrate with us as we learn more about the holiday through stories, crafts, and even some traditional snacks.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas Celebration!

Saturday December 9th
11:00 am-12:00 pm All Ages
Come dressed in your favorite holiday pajamas to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and enjoy crafts & delicious Grinch-themed snacks. For all ages.



Adult Programs

MI Crochet Group

Tuesdays 5:30 pm
Join us as we share patterns, problems and laughs!
Beginner's welcome!

Current Topics and Trends Discussion Group

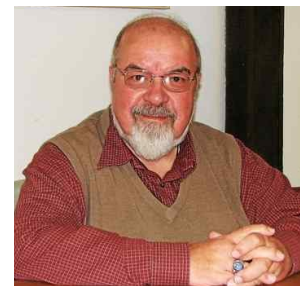
Last Thursday of the month 6:00 pm
September 28th, October 26th, November 30th
This group will respectfully discuss current topics of the day, such as politics, social issues, popular culture, local events and more. This group may occasionally have a book or article discussion. We are open to all who are willing to learn and listen, read and discuss.

National Coffee Day @ Kezar

Friday September 29th all day
Avoid the crowds at the traditional coffee stops and celebrate National Coffee Day at the Kezar Library with free coffee and donuts! Don't like coffee? We will have hot chocolate, too! No registration; supplies limited.

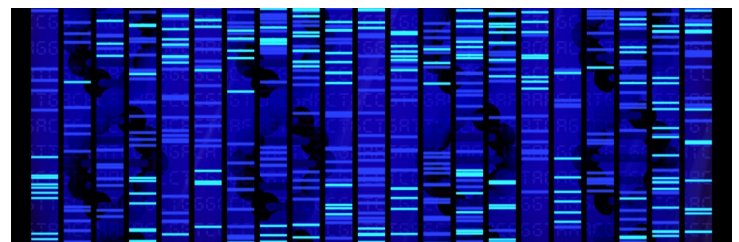
Myths and Legends of the Civil War

Tuesday October 10th
6:00 pm
Come and hear local Civil War historian Bill Grandstaff as he entertains and educates us about the various myths and legends of the Civil War that we have all come to believe.



DNA Testing: Which Kit Should I Get?

Tuesday October 24th 6:00 pm
Would you like to know more about your ancestry based on your DNA? Find out what DNA tests can tell you about your heritage and learn which one to choose.



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Family Heritage and Traditions: Cookbooks

Thursday November 9th 6:00 pm

Join us as we share family traditions and recipes with each other. Family recipes are an important part of family history and heritage. Many cookbooks and recipe cards exist from past generations of women. Learn how to preserve those recipes and cookbooks, make copies of family dishes to pass out to family during the holidays and write out your own recipes for future generations. Feel free to bring a family recipe to pass!



2nd Annual Pinterest Party

Saturday November 18th 3:00-6:00 pm

Join us for fun, food, crafts and 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.

Annual Kezar Christmas Celebration

Thursday December 14th 6:00 pm

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Decorate and enjoy Christmas cookies, holiday music, make a craft, play games, write and send a letter to the North Pole and sit and talk with Santa himself! All ages are welcome.

Children's Programs

Family Storytime

Every Thursday * 11:30 am

Fingerplays, music and stories to help young children develop an appreciation for and enjoyment of books and reading. No registration necessary and everyone is welcome! * Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no storytime on November 23.

Stories and Stretches!

Every Tuesday 11:30 am

Starting September 19th

Join us for this new and exciting storytime, with stories encouraging mindfulness and an awareness of the world around us, interspersed with simple yoga stretches. For toddlers and preschoolers. No registration required.

Saturday STEAM

For Preschool & Elementary, but all ages welcome.

Saturday September 30th 1:00 pm

10 Apples Up on Top: Kids! Put your creative and scientific minds to good use while having fun with apples!

Saturday October 14th 1:00 pm

Mad Scientist: Are you a mad scientist disguised as a kid? Do you need a lab to experiment in? Join us for an hour of spooky and amazing scientific experimentation!

Saturday November 11th 1:00 pm

Thanksgiving: Join us for fun Thanksgiving themed activities while exploring Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematical concepts.



Halloween Campfire Stories & S'mores

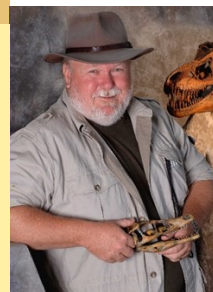
Thursday October 26th 7:00 pm

Join us for an afterhours storytime with fun "scary" stories crafts and marshmallow roasting for s'mores! This is an indoor/outdoor event. Families with children of all ages welcome—especially great for elementary aged children.

Family Game Night

Thursday November 2nd 5:00-7:00 pm

To celebrate International Games Week, enjoy an evening of board games at the Kezar Library. Families with children of all ages welcome! Fun for everyone!



Dinosaur Day with Paleo Joe!

Tuesday November 7th 7:00 pm

Join us as we welcome Paleo Joe! Joe is a real-life digger who is coming to share his knowledge of dinosaurs and fossils. Interactive, fun, and educational! Great for all ages! Everyone is welcome!

Crafts and Fun Day

Saturday November 25 10:00-2:00 pm

Are you bored with your Thanksgiving break? Is there *NOTHING TO DO*? Tell mom and dad to bring you to the library for all day crafts and fun! We will have crafts, lego, board games, and who-knows-what else! Fun for kids of all ages!

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The Friends of the Romeo District Library

2017 Celebration of Gardens and Art / Garden Walk

Despite storms and hail the day before, the day of the Garden Walk 2017 was beautiful! Thank you so much to the gardeners, volunteers and artists who made this year's event possible! The Garden Walk proceeds will benefit the Friends' Bookmobile Fund.

Get Ready for Fall

What better way to get ready than a shopping trip to the Friends' Book Stores at the Graubner and Kezar Library! The vintage book carts have a great selection of vintage and antiquarian books at great prices. We are featuring lots of cookbooks, hobby and craft books, and novels in every genre to curl up with when the weather turns crisp.

For the kids, the Friends are sponsoring pumpkin carving and caramel apple making on the porch of Kezar Branch Library during the Romeo Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 14th.

Are you a member of the *Friends of the Library* Yet?



VOLUNTEER your time helping in the used bookstore, garden walk, rummage sale and other special fund-raising events.

DONATE your gently used books, CDs, DVDs and video games.

SUPPORT the Library to offer services above and beyond those services funded by tax support.

ENJOY Getting to know other members.

It is time to sign up or renew your membership with the Friends of the Romeo District Library. **Annual membership is only \$10.** You can become a new member or renew your membership at both Kezar and Graubner Libraries or go to the library website at romeodistrictlibrary.org and click on the *Friends* link at the bottom. Payment can be made using PayPal. Proceeds will go to support of the many libraries events and activities.

Graubner Library
65821 Van Dyke
Washington, MI 48095
(586)752-0603
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday - 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Kezar Library
107 Church St.
Romeo, MI 48065
(586)752-2583
Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Both Graubner & Kezar Libraries will be closed Labor Day weekend (September 2nd-4th) & Thanksgiving Day (November 23rd).