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# ROMEO COMMUNITY ARCHIVE



# Old news is new news at the Romeo Community Archive!

Staff and volunteers have been busy indexing the *Romeo Observer* obituaries. Working backward from the last year of publication, the index has been completed through 1960 and work is continuing. The database will include all years of publication, 1866 through 2015, and will be a boon for researchers, family historians, and genealogists.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help out, whether you're interested in indexing the obituaries, identifying photographs from the paper, scanning photographs, or researching family histories, we need you! Please call or stop by the Archive at the Kezar Library. We are also interested in new research topics or projects, so if you have any ideas we'd love to hear from you.

Romeo Community Archive, Kezar Library rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org (586) 752-2583

# Tech @ RDL

# **Library Offerings Overview**

Thursday January 25th 7:00 pm RDL provides a number of free services. Learn about interlibrary lending with MeLCat, e-book services, access to digital magazines & premium websites—including

Consumer Reports—and our free music app!



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### rdl247.org: Digital Jumpstart Appointments

Tuesday January 23rd 6:30 - 8:30 pm Monday February 12th 6:30 - 8:30 pm Tuesday March 6th 6:30 - 8:30 pm If you have checked out any of our digital services but have had trouble with them, schedule an appointment to get help setting up our free apps on your smart phone or tablet. Register for a 10 min. appointment with a staff member.

# rdl247.org: Everything eBooks



Thursday February 15th 7:00 pm Meet Libby! Come learn about everything eBooks, including Overdrive & Hoopla—our free digital libraries.

# rdl247.org: Free Music & Freegal

Thursday March 1st 7:00 pm Join us for a presentation covering our free music service, Freegal, offering music streaming and downloads.

















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

# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

# Adult Programs



### Descending from the Clouds: Parachute and Glider Troops in WWII

Wednesday December 13th 7:00 pm Join Steven Mrozek, veteran of the 82nd

Airborne Division, on a journey back in time to WWII in Sicily, Normandy and Holland—as well as the epic Battle of the Bulge. Learn tactics of elite paratroopers and the use of gliders, hear great stories, see artifacts and ask questions. No registration required, but seating is limited.



# Harp for the Holiday

Thursday December 21st 7:00 pm The holidays are here and what better way to celebrate than to relax with the soothing sound of harpist Devon Carpenter, featuring a program of holiday classics. No registration required, but seating is limited.

# **Native American Flutes**

Wednesday January 10th 7:00 pm Join craftsman Chuck Pavey for a night of Native American flute music. Accompanied by his wife, Chuck will play the Native American flutes he creates and will also share with us their history and use. Don't miss this educational and entertaining evening. No registration needed, but seating is limited.



# Baseball Great – Jackie Robinson

Wednesday January 17th 7:00 pm When Jackie Robinson played his first Major League game, it had a large impact, not only on baseball, but on the civil rights movement, as well. Professor Michael Placco discusses his hall of fame career, including six World Series appearances, and how his achievements on the diamond led to change off the field.

# A Night at the Opera

Thursday February 8th 7:00 pm Enjoy the finer things of life? Then professional opera singer Helen Hass is sure to delight with her program of opera selections. This is Helen's second time at RDL, having previously treated us to an evening of 20s jazz. This evening of beautiful music is not to be missed. No registration needed, but seating is limited.



# **Beekeeping 101**

Thursday February 22nd 7:00 pm Join us again as professional beekeeper Neil McMillan shows us the tricks of the trade for raising bees and producing delicious honey. Audience members will be treated to various honey samples.

No registration required, but seating is limited.

# **Brushless Watercoloring 101**

### Thursday March 8th 7:00 pm

Local artist Dolores Kurily offers her talents in a wonderful class on how to watercolor without a brush—an amazing and simple technique that produces life-like paintings. Supplies provided. Registration required. Stop in at the Adult Reference desk or call (586) 752-0603.



# Graubner Library Tuesday Book Group

First Tuesday of the Month 1:30 pm December 5th We Are Not Ourselves by Matthew Thomas January 2nd Rules of Civility by Amor Towles February 6th Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore by Matthew Sullivan March 6th Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult



# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

# Teen Programs

# **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, and receive a detailed test. For high school sophomores and juniors. Registration is required; please call 586-752-0603 (option 4) to register.

# Teen Craft Days: Holiday

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



# Poké-rariums!

Saturday January 20th 12:00 pm

Come and make a Poké-rarium! Teens will make a terrarium for their favorite Pokémon, using plastic balls with various Pokémon decorations. All supplies will be provided and

registration is limited to 24 teens. Call 586-752-0603 (option 4) to register. For teens ages 12-18.

# **Dragon Eggs**

### Tuesday February 6th 6:00 pm

Dragon eggs are an awesome feature of many fantasy books & movies, like the *Harry Potter* series and the TV show *Game of Thrones*. Teens will be making their very own dragon eggs. Supplies will be provided and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.



### **DIY Sharpie Coasters**

Saturday March 3rd 1:00 pm See what else you can make with Sharpies: a set of awesome coasters! Supplies will be provided and registration is not required. For teens ages 12-18.



# **Continuing Teen Programs** Dungeons and Dragons

Monday\* December 4th 6:30 - 8:30 pm Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm December 20th, January 3rd & 24th, February 7th & 21st, March 7th & 21st 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. (\* Changed from Dec. 6th.)

# **Anime Club**

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm December 12th & 26th, January 16th & 30th February 13th & 27th, March 13th & 27th 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, Pokémon, Magic: the Gathering and More!

Saturday December 9th 3:00 - 5:00 pm Saturdays 12:00 - 1:30 pm January 6th, February 10th & March 10th Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokémon or Magic: the Gathering cards and we'll provide the space for you and your friends to play. Snacks will be on hand. Registration is not necessary. For teens ages 12-18.

# Super Smash Bros Tournament

Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm

December 27th, January 31st & February 28th 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, or bring 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.



# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

# Children's Programs

### Storytimes Toddler Storytime

Every Tuesday 10:30 - 11:30 am 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 December 26th, January 2nd & 9th and February 27th.* 

### **Preschool Storytime**

Every Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30 am Ages 3-5 Join us for an hour of stories, songs, movement and a craft! For children ages 3-5, without a caregiver. *Note: No Storytime December 27th, January 3rd & 10th and February 28th.* 

# **Little Explorers**

Fridays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm December 1st, January 26th & February 23rd Ages 0-5

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.



# *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 and delicious Grinch-themed snacks. For all ages.

# Swap Night

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 pm

December 14th, January 11th, February 15th & March 8th

Do you collect Pokémon cards, Shopkins, Hatchimals or anything else swappable? Then join us for Swap Night to share your collection and meet new friends.



## **Grab Bag Crafts**

Friday December 22nd All Day Start your holiday break off right with some fun crafts! Make your project at the library or take it home for later.

# **Slime Night**

Thursday January 18th 7:00 - 8:00 pm Ages 7 and up Everyone loves slime! We will have multiple kinds for you

# **Despicable Me 3 Movie Matinee**

to try out with plenty of options to make your slime fun.

Saturday January 20th 2:00 - 4:00 pm Gru and the Minions are back!!! Join us as we watch Despicable Me 3. Enjoy popcorn, Minion cupcakes and crafts. Bring a blanket, pillow, and come dressed in your pajamas or something yellow!! (PG, 90 mins.)



# **Art Masterpiece Lanterns**

Thursday February 1st 7:00 - 8:00 pm Ages 7 and up

Select from an assortment of paintings, then decorate! These jar lanterns are sure to be a unique project. Registration is required and begins Monday, January 15th. Please call 586-752-0603 or stop by the Children's Department to register in-person.

# **Monster Tea Party**

Saturday February 17th 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Ages 3 and up

Polish your fangs and sharpen those claws! It's time for a Monster Tea Party! We will enjoy delicious monster tea, snacks, and even make monster crafts! Bring your favorite monster stuffed animal or come dressed up as a monster! Registration is required and runs from January 15th to February 10th. Please call 586-752-0603 or stop by the Children's Department to register in-person.

# **Pete the Cat Party**

Saturday March 17th 11:30 - 12:30pm Calling all Pete the Cat fans!! Join us as we celebrate the grooviest cat around with crafts, themed food, and maybe a story or two. All ages are welcome.



# KEZAR LIBRARY

# Adult Programs

# **MI Crochet Group**

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

# **Romeo Writers Group**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 6:00 pm Do you enjoy writing? Then come to the Romeo Writers Group. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a short piece of writing to share or just bring your imagination.

# Current Topics and Trends Discussion Group

Last Thursday of the month 6:00 pm 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.

# **Romeo Community Archives**

Thursday January 11th 6:00 pm Are you interested in genealogy? Local history and lore? Then join us for this orientation of the Romeo Community Archives and find out what it has to offer. Staff will be giving tours and answering your questions. You can set up a time to get help with your research or even sign up to be a volunteer!



# How to Research the History of Your House

Thursday February 15th 6:00 pm Would you like to know more about your house? Attend this informative workshop and learn how to research the history of your home.



# The Art of Zentangle

Thursday March 15th 6:00 pm The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way for anyone to learn to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. It increases focus and creativity, provides artistic satisfaction along with an increased sense of personal wellbeing. Learn how to create your own with professional Zentangler Leslie Cruikshank. Supplies will be provided. Registration is necessary, so call 586-752-2583 to register.

# Kezar Book Groups Great Books Book Group

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

They May Not Mean To But They Do by Cathleen Schine January 4th To the Bright Edge of the World by Eowyn Ivey February 1st News of the World by Paulette Jiles March 1st Imagine Me Gone by Adam Haslett



# History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of the month 5:45 pm

December 19th Empty Mansions by Bill Dedman January 16: The Rise and Fall of D.O.D.O. by Neal Stephenson February 20: The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore March 20: Montana 1948 by Larry Watson



# KEZAR LIBRARY

# Children's Programs

## **Family Storytime**

### Every Thursday 11:30 am

Join us for a traditional storytime for families with children of all ages. Lively and fun, new and classic stories along with rhymes, songs, and a craft.

No registration necessary and everyone is welcome!

# **Stories and Stretches!**

### Every Tuesday 11:30 am

Join us for a new kind of storytime, featuring stories focused on the concepts of kindness, gentleness, and mindfulness, incorporating gentle and basic yoga-inspired stretches during each session. No registration required.



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# Saturday STEAM

Saturday December 9th 1:00 pm STEAM Holiday Edition: Kids! Join us for some Holiday science fun!

Saturday January 20th 1:00 pm Winter Fun: Join us as we combine Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with Winter!

Saturday February 17th 1:00 pm Candy Palooza: Wondering what to do with all that leftover Valentine's candy? Build with it! Experiment with it! Join us for some Valentine's fun!

Saturday March 17th 1:00 pm Luck o' the Green: It's St. Patrick's Day! Lots of green fun is in store for this lucky day. The library is a "no pinching" zone, so wearing green is optional!



# Annual Kezar Christmas Celebration

Thursday December 14th 6:00 pm It's the most wonderful time of the year at RDL! Join us for our annual Christmas celebration. Decorate and enjoy Christmas cookies. Enjoy holiday music, making a craft & playing games, or send a letter to the North Pole. And, of course, sit and



talk with Santa himself! All ages are welcome.

# Lego and More!

Saturday December 23rd 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Come to Kezar Library for a day of Lego building and other fun activities! Everyone welcome!



# Winter Reading Program

January 8th Through February 28th Summer is not the only time to indulge in some reading fun. This program is for children from birth through 5th grade. Read 5 books and receive a prize and be entered into the Grand Prize drawing. Every 5 books read gets you a prize and an entry in the drawing. See Kezar Librarians for complete rules and information.



# Music and Stories with Karen Czarnik

Tuesday March 27 7:00-7:45 pm Incorporating physical animation, characters, stories and songs, renowned storyteller Karen Czarnik will bring her interactive program to the Kezar Library. Accompanying herself on the autoharp, Karen will weave together her unique collection of traditional and original works for an entertaining evening for all.

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# The Friends of the Romeo District Library

# Autumn Booksale

To close out the fall and bring in the winter season, the Friends of the Romeo District Library invite you to come in to either the Graubner or Kezar branch of the library for our Autumn Booksale, which continues through December 9th, featuring a 'dollar bag' sale. We have a huge stock of books and media, so come in and grab a bag or two of goodies to take home and keep you entertained and informed this winter.

# 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 many of the libraries events and activities.

Graubner Library 65821 Van Dyke Washington, MI 48095 (586)752-0603 Kezar Library 107 Church St. Romeo, MI 48065 (586)752-2583	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sunday - 1:00 - 5:00 pm
	Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Sunday - Closed
Romeo Community Archives 107 Church St. Romeo, MI 48065 (586)690-4890	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 Graubner & Kezar Libraries will be closed for the holidays on December 24th, 25th & 31st, and January 1st, as well as Presidents' Day on February 19th. Grauber Library will also be closing at 5:00 pm on December 23rd & 30th.