



# FALL 2019

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**LIBRARY**  
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# From the Director



# Tech @ RDL

Renovations to the Graubner Library have continued this year and plans for improvements to the Kezar Library are in the works, as well. It is important to us that our library is a welcoming space for *everyone* in our community. However, ***Romeo District Library is bigger than just what is within our walls.***

**Big Brother Bear Discovery Zone:** We recently hosted the ribbon cutting for the new Big Brother Bear Discovery Zone, in memory of Gavin Miller, and the Heart of Romeo. There are benches for reading or watching your kids play on the equipment and musical instruments. The Heart provides a backdrop to take pictures for all kinds of occasions. This is also a place where you can remember lost loved ones. Please contact us if you would like to donate a tree or another item to memorialize someone who has passed.

**SLC:** Being a patron of a Suburban Library Cooperative (SLC) library means you can visit and borrow from other libraries. The cooperative includes all public libraries in Macomb County plus Troy and Harper Woods. Can't find what you need? I bet we can get it for you pretty quickly from one of the other libraries!

**Online resources:** The shelves can't provide space for every need you could have for information and enrichment, but every day our online resources expand. From streaming video, downloadable e-books and audiobooks—as well as music services—to databases for researching, including Consumer Reports, we can help you find what you've been looking for.

**MAP:** Another great benefit you can access with your library card is the Michigan Activity Pass, which provides free or discounted passes to dozens of parks and attractions all over Michigan. You can find the list of MAP attractions on our website by going to the dropdown menu under Services, or ask a librarian next time you visit us.

Reading expands your world, opens up other cultures, fantasy worlds, and possibilities: "That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet." —Jhumpa Lahiri, author of *The Namesake*. And as you can see, your library experience is so much more than just our collection of books & materials on our shelves.

Happy reading,

Claire Lopiccolo, Director  
Romeo District Library

Questions or ideas? You can reach me at  
claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org or 586-752-0603 x1018

**Notice:** If you have tech questions or would like to register for Tech @ RDL programs, visit us at the library, or call (586) 752-0603, then press 4. You may also email us: [techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org).

## Everything eBooks & Audiobooks

Mondays 2:00 pm

September 16th and November 25th

Come learn about our online eBook & audiobook services that the library offers free to patrons, including OverDrive, Libby and Hoopla Digital.



## Secure & Protect: Your Devices, Your Privacy, Your Security

Mondays 2:00 pm

September 23rd, October 21st & November 18th

Concerned about your privacy online? Worried about ransomware? Not sure if your device is securely up to specs? Stop in for a presentation covering security guidelines, password managers, and related topics! Some background knowledge for usage of smartphones, tablets, and computers is handy, but not required. Registration is required. Call and register today!

## Library Offerings Overview

Monday October 7th 2:00 pm

How can you take advantage of all we have to offer? Come learn about MeLCat interlibrary lending, e-book services, and access to digital magazines and premium websites—including Consumer Reports & Freegal music!

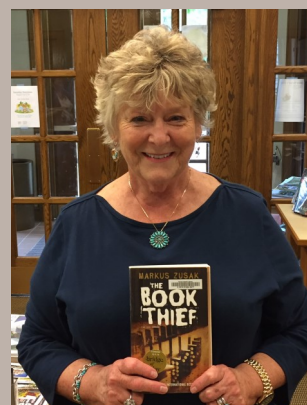


## What have you enjoyed lately?

### ***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**

"This story takes you inside the heartbreaking suffering of non-Nazi Germans under Hitler's reign. The narrator is Death, which is interestingly sympathetic. But while homes and lives are stolen, books save their spirits—at least for a time."

- Patricia Czarnik, Romeo



# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

## Adult Programs

### Phone, Mail and e-Scams

Thursday September 12th 7:00 pm

The possibilities of fraud seem endless in our world of modern technology. Join Allison Bonacci from the State of Michigan for a program to help you protect yourself from malicious phone calls, mail threats & e-Scams. Though geared towards seniors, the class is sure to help anyone perplexed by the myriad scams out there.

### Renaissance of Love & Connection



Thursday September 19th  
7:00 pm

Join Doris Williams for an evening of the beautiful sounds of Renaissance music. With the lute, harp and, of course, her lovely singing voice, Doris will enchant and soothe with her meditative music.

### For Recognition of Valor & Service: US Military Medals and Awards

Thursday September 26th 7:00 pm

Steven Mrozek, combat veteran and military historian, returns with another engaging program about the heroes of our Armed Forces who have defended our nation and the medals they earned for their sacrifices. Come find out what that medal you discovered in grandpa's attic was for and learn how much we owe to all those who served.



### Phil Hale Trio Jazz Band

Thursday October 10th 7:00 pm

Graubner Library will play host to The Phil Hale Trio, a renowned local jazz band. Bringing a set including infectious upbeat tunes, the trio aims to enlighten audiences about jazz and improvisation, as well as entertain. Don't miss this evening of engaging music.



### Oktoberfest Concert

Thursday October 17th 7pm

This year, you won't need to go to Frankenmuth to get a bit of Oktoberfest flavor. Instead, join Immigrant Sons for all the music and fun you need. So, break out the *lederhosen* and join us for the festivities.

### Motor City Ghost Hunters

Thursday October 24th 7pm

Motor City Ghost Hunters return to Graubner Library! See what new things they have discovered: ghosts, ghosts, and more ghosts. See and hear all the evidence you need to change your mind about the things that go bump in the night. No registration required, just a bit of courage.

### Jigsaw Puzzle Connection

Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

October 26th & November 30th

Compete with other jigsaw puzzle enthusiasts to win prizes and have fun with your friends and family. Teams will compete to assemble a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest! Prizes awarded for first place and the runner-up. Call (586)752-0603 to register your team of 2-4 people.



### Holiday Painting with Ray

Thursday November 7th 7:00 pm

Looking for a special present for Christmas? Then you might enjoy an evening painting with local artist Ray Baginski. A fun and patient instructor, Ray may help you create just the gift you're looking for. No prior experience necessary. Ray will provide all the supplies for you to create a beautiful acrylic masterpiece. Registration is required, so call (586)752-0603.

### Christmas Mystery Craft

Thursday November 14th 7:00 pm

Stressed from the 'hussle n' bussle' of the season? Then perhaps you need a fun evening of mystery crafts with our friends from Wolcott Mill. Make something magical, make something beautiful, make something wonderful. Supplies provided, but class size is limited. Call to register at (586)752-0603 and let the fun begin.



# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

## Graubner Library Tuesday Book Group

First Tuesday of the Month 1:30 pm

September 3rd

*The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

October 1st

*The Widow* by Fiona Barton

November 5th

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith

December 3rd

*Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield



## Wicked Women of Detroit

Thursday November 21st 7:00 pm

Join Tobin T. Buhk for the chilling tales of Detroit's most violent, clever and misunderstood female criminals, like Nellie Pope who goaded her lover to axe her husband in what was called "one of the most atrocious, cold-blooded, and deliberately-planned murders" in city history. Or learn of Mother Elinor L. Mason, a criminal chameleon who changed personas as easily as some people change clothes. Books will also be available for purchase.

## Christmas Cupcake Decorating

Thursday December 5th 7:00 pm

Pop in for a delicious evening of Christmas cupcakes brought to us by our friends from the Bakehouse of Shelby Township. They will share their yummy tips and tricks of the bakery trade. A guaranteed winner for all who enjoy the tasty treats of the season. Registration is required and class will fill up quickly. Call 586-752-0603.

## Teen Programs

### Teen Movie Day: Detective Pikachu

Saturday September 14th 2:00 - 4:00 pm

In a world where people collect Pokémon to do battle, a boy comes across a talking Pikachu who wants to be a detective. Enjoy a day at the movies—at the library—with *Detective Pikachu*. Rated PG-13. Refreshments will be provided. For teens in grades 6-12.



### Teen Craft: Fairy Dust Necklaces

Saturday October 12th 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Join us for a most whimsical craft! We will be making fairy dust necklaces with small bottles, charms, and glitter. All supplies are provided. Registration is required and can be done online or by phone. For teens in grades 6-12.

### Teen Craft: Make Your Own Buttons

Saturday November 9th 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Drop in to design some awesome button pins! Teens can draw their own designs or use magazines to make one-of-a-kind buttons! All materials will be provided, but you can also use your own images of at least 1 5/8" diameter. Registration is not required. For teens in grades 6-12.

### Continuing Teen Programs Teen Anime Club

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

September 10th & 24th, October 8th & 22nd,  
November 12th & 26th and December 3rd

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.

Teen Anime Club is for grades 6-12 only.

### Dungeons & Dragons



Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

September 4th & 18th, October 2nd & 16th,  
November 6th & 20th and December 4th

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 & is for grades 6-12 only.

### Game On! Tabletop Gaming

Saturdays 12:00 - 3:00 pm

September 21st, October 19th & November 16th

Drop in for some tabletop gaming! We will have a variety of games to play, like Ticket to Ride and Carcassonne. All ages welcome, so, bring the whole family and have fun!



### Super Smash Bros Tournament

Wednesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

September 25th, October 23rd & November 27th

Hey teens, drop in for some awesome gaming! We can play Super Smash Bros, Pokken Tournament and Mario Kart! Snacks and refreshments will be available. We have multiple controllers—or bring your own Nintendo DS! For grades 6-12 only. No registration required.

# GRAUBNER LIBRARY

## Children's Programs

**Notice:** Registration is required for many Children's Services programs. To register, call (586) 752-0603, then press 5 for the Children's department. You may also register for programs in person at the Children's desk or online at [romeodistrictlibrary.org](http://romeodistrictlibrary.org).

### STEM Club \*New\*

Saturday September 7th 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Tuesday October 1st 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday November 2nd 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Saturday December 7th 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Grades K-5

Calling all young scientists! Come do some cool projects and experiments with science, technology, engineering, and math. We will cover a different topic every month!

### Protecting Paws

Saturday September 28th 1:00 - 2:00 pm  
Ages 5-12

Protecting Paws, a non-profit animal welfare organization, will be here to teach us the best ways to handle & care for animals. Registration required beginning September 3rd.



### Halloween Cupcake Wars!!

Saturday October 5th 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Calling all kids ages 7-12!! Come in your Halloween costume and work in teams of 2 against the clock to create Halloween-themed confections. One team will take the grand prize as Cupcake Wars Champions!! All supplies will be provided. Please let us know if you have any food allergies when registering. Registration is required for this event and begins September 3rd.

### Little Explorers

Fridays 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
October 18th and November 15th

Come get messy with us as we explore with our five senses! We will have a variety of sensory stations to enjoy with activities such as: kinetic sand, water beads, paint, and much more! These stations naturally encourage children to use scientific processes while they play, create, investigate, and explore! No registration required.

## Halloween Family Campout

### Family Campout: Halloween Edition

Friday October 25th 6:00 - 7:30pm

Let's get in the Halloween spirit at this after-hours family event! Come dressed in your Halloween costume or PJs and listen to Halloween stories around our indoor 'campfire,' make spooky s'mores, and then build a fort in the library for a cozy place to read. Don't forget to bring a favorite book and blankets and pillows to build your fort! Registration is required and begins September 3rd.

### Pigeon and Friends Party

Saturday November 23rd 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Come celebrate all things Pigeon, Elephant, and Piggie at this family event! We will make crafts, enjoy snacks & games, and read stories all about Pigeon and friends! Registration is required and begins September 3rd.



## Storytime at Graubner

### Baby Storytime

Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 am Ages 0-2  
September 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th,  
October 21st & 28th and November 11th  
Join us for songs, stories, lap bounces and play time for ages 0-2 with caregiver.

### Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am Ages 2-3  
September 10th, 17th & 24th,  
October 1st & 29th and November 12th & 19th  
Come for a fun-filled hour with stories, movement, music, and a craft! For children ages 2-3 and a caregiver.

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am Ages 4-5  
September 11th, 18th & 25th,  
October 2nd, 23rd & 30th and November 13th  
Join us for an hour of stories, songs, movement and a craft! For children ages 4-5, without a caregiver.

# KEZAR LIBRARY

**Notice:** To register for programs at Kezar Library, please call (586) 752-2583.

## Book Groups at Kezar

### Great Books Book Group

First Thursday of the month 5:45 pm

Join our discussion of classic and modern "Great Books."

September 5th

*Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

October 3rd

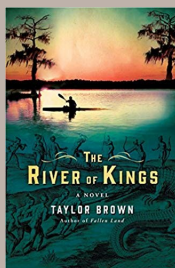
*The River of Kings* by Taylor Brown

November 7th

*Leavers* by Lisa Ko

December 5th

*Atomic City Girls* by Janet Beard



### True Crime Book Group

Second Thursday of the month 5:45 pm

Join us for a discussion of the dark side of the human race with the finest of the true crime genre.

September 12th

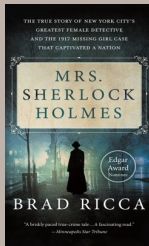
*Mrs. Sherlock Holmes* by Brad Ricca

October 10th

*The Real Lolita* by Sarah Winman

November 14th

*The Gift of Fear* by Gavin De Becker



### History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of the month 5:45 pm

Join the discussion about historical mysteries, suspense and thrillers! Copies are available at the Kezar Library.

September 17th

*The Fire* by Katherine Neville

October 15th

*Time's Convert* by Deborah Harkness

November 19th

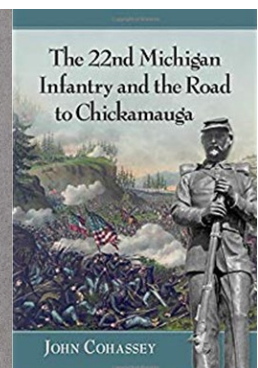
*The Expected One* by Kathleen McGowan



### Romeo Writers Group

Third Thursday of the month 6:00 pm

Join the Romeo Writer's Group as we share our current writing projects and offer support and encouragement. Everyone is welcome and is encouraged to bring a short piece of writing to share or bring just your imagination.



### The 22<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Infantry and the Road to Chickamauga

Tuesday September 10th 6:00 pm

On Sept. 20, 1863, some 500 untested men of the 22nd Michigan Infantry charged into the maelstrom of one of the Union's worst defeats in order to protect Gen. George Thomas' flank as he defended Snodgrass Hill. Though finally forced to surrender (less than 200 men were left), the 22nd's sacrifice helped Thomas save the Union army from total destruction and earn his nickname, the 'Rock of Chickamauga.' Join us as historian and author John Cohassey recounts the thrilling history of the 22nd.

### Winged Wildlife Wonders

Tuesday October 22nd 6:00 pm

Join us for an education program presented by Spirit Filled Wings raptor rehabilitation. Linda Born will be speaking about the importance of wildlife and how they play an important part in our environment.

And yes, there will be animals!



### Organizing Your Home for Safety and Longevity

Tuesday November 12th 6:00 pm

Professional organizer Terri Closs will speak about ways to spot problem areas within and outside your home. She will explain why specific recommendations are being made and identify systems that will enhance livability, productivity and safety going forward.

## Adult Programs

### MI Crochet Group

Every Tuesday 5:30 pm

Join us as we share patterns, problems and laughs! Beginners welcome, but must know basic stitches.



# KEZAR LIBRARY

## Annual Kezar Christmas Celebration

Tuesday December 10th 6:00 pm

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us for our annual Christmas celebration. Decorate and enjoy Christmas cookies, holiday music, make a craft, play games, write and send a letter to the North Pole and, of course, sit and talk with Santa himself! All ages are welcome. Parents don't forget your cameras!

## Children's Programs

### Toddler Play and Learn

Fridays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Ages 1 - 3

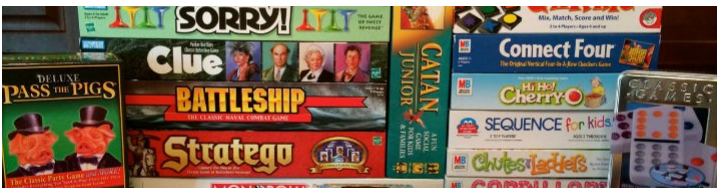
September 6th, October 4th and November 1st  
Age appropriate play time for children ages 12 months to 3 years. Ms. Jeanette will offer a semi-structured activity plus free play time. A chance for parents and caregivers to socialize and interact while having fun with their children.

### Saturday Crafts @ Kezar **\*New\***

Saturdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

September 14th and November 9th

New this fall! Saturday Crafts @ Kezar! Join us for a fun craft to make and take home!



### Family Board Game Night

Wednesdays 5:00 - 7:00 pm

September 18th, October 16th & November 13th  
Bring the family and have some fun playing board games! Play ours or bring your own! Everyone is welcome.

### K-2 Book Club

Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm

September 25th, October 23rd & November 20th  
Join us once a month for sharing books and doing related activities. Learn the fun of books and reading, and maybe even a few library and literacy skills to support what you are learning at school! The club is limited to 10 children, so registration is required. Call (586)752-2583.

**\* Note to parents:** This is not a reading instruction class. We will be learning that books can be fun while also learning some early literacy skills.

### Baby and Me Storytime

Every Tuesday 11:30 am Ages 0-2

A special storytime for ages 0-2 and their caregivers. Lots of songs, rhymes and interactive fun. Siblings welcome.

### Family Storytime

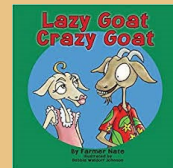
Every Thursday 11:30 am

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. Everyone is welcome!

### Special Family Storytime: Farm Stories with Farmer Nate

Thursday September 19th  
11:30 am

Join us for a special storytime featuring Farmer Nate from Upland Hills Farm! Farmer Nate has written several children's books, including his latest, "Lazy Goat, Crazy Goat." We will have storytime, a craft, and maybe even a surprise animal friend from the farm! Registration not required, but appreciated for this special storytime.



### STEAM, Jr.

Saturdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
September 28th and November 23rd

STEAM for younger kids: Preschool - 3rd grade! Come and learn science, engineering & math. Use your creativity and imagination in a fun, engaging and informal way. Learn through play! No registration needed.



### Techknow Kids

Saturday October 12th 11:30 am

Join us for some Halloween science fun! Ms. Cathy is coming back to do some awesome Halloween inspired science experiments with us! For ages 6-10.

Only 20 spots available! Registration is required. Please call (586)752-2583 to register.



# TechKnowKids

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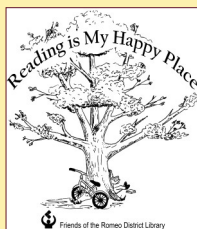
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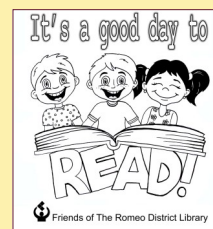
[www.romeodistrictlibrary.org](http://www.romeodistrictlibrary.org)

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### The Friends of the Romeo District Library Tote Bags



As always, the Friends of the library Used Book Stores have plenty of great books, movies and music. So, bring in your lightly used books and pick up a few new/old ones. And, the new Friends tote bags are still available for purchase in the Used Book Stores at both Graubner and Kezar branches for only \$12.



### Are you a member of the *Friends of the library* yet?

**VOLUNTEER** your time helping in the used bookstore, 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.

**Annual membership is only \$10.** You can become a member at both branches or go to the library website at [www.romeodistrictlibrary.org](http://www.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  
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**Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm**  
**Friday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Sunday - 1:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Kezar Library & Romeo Comm. Archive**  
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**

**Graubner & Kezar Libraries will be closed October 14th for Staff Development and for Thanksgiving on November 28th.**