Overview

From its small beginnings in 1900-1908 and all through the decades, to today’s two busy branches—Kezar in Romeo and Graubner in Washington—the Romeo District Library continues to serve as a central meeting place for the communities of Romeo, Bruce Twp. and Washington Twp. We proudly provide an inviting environment that fosters education and imagination.

Mission: To provide an inviting and safe environment to educate, enrich, and entertain.

RDL offers physical, streaming and downloadable items:
books | audiobooks | ebooks | Playaways launchpads | music | movies | games magazines | newspapers

Services at the library or at home with a library card include:
Tutor.com | Internet access | Ancestry.com | WiFi Mango Languages | Consumer Reports | TechTutor 84 eResources | Study/Meeting Rooms | Bookflix

“Great place to start developing a child’s social skills and listening skills.”
- JR Lucero, Romeo
Recently, the Washington branch received significant improvements guided by RDL’s new director, Claire Lopiccolo. Improvements to the Kezar branch are in the planning phase.

- Children’s Room and Teen Area renovations & Adult Services Area upgrades
- Parking lot, walkway, lighting and other safety improvements
- Addition of Big Brother Bear Discovery Zone & The Heart of Romeo
- Walkers for patrons | New computers | New carpeting throughout | Other library needs

• *Upgrades to the Teen and Adult Services Areas occurred in September and are expenses of the current fiscal budget of 07/19-06/20.*
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**Library Visits**
- 19,089
- Increase of 3%

**WiFi Usage**
- 197,305
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**Total Spending for Library Programs and Library Collections**
- 12,738
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**Interlibrary Loans**
- 15%
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**Physical Circulation**

**Internet Usage**
- 12,738
- (in hours)

**Internet Sessions**
- 48,642
- Increase of 11%

**Website Sessions**
- 35,021
- Increase of 11%

**Program Attendance**
- 7,621
The RCA houses more than 150 years of publications, photographs, and other related materials from the collections of:

Melvin E. and Joan D. Bleich Romeo Observer newspaper | Romeo Monday Club
Romeo Peach Festival | Romeo District Library | Romeo Lions Club
Graubner Family | Romeo Players | Juliet Garden Club | Kiwanis Club
Channel 6 | other materials relating to the history of Romeo, Washington & Bruce

**NEW** collections added in the past year include:
The Helen Starkweather Collection | Romeo High School yearbooks (The Juliet)
Vintage glass slides & photos of original Romeo Theater & promotional posters

The recent addition of a full-time archivist allows for streamlined processing and digitizing of collections, including *The Romeo Observer* newspapers, an obituary database and historical house records.
Extended Communication

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

Subscribers, by how often they open and click through links:

- 52% highly engaged
- 12% moderately engaged
- 35% not very engaged

TOTAL FACEBOOK PAGE FOLLOWERS TO DATE

Tag: Romeo District Library

1,618

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF NEW RDL GROUP CREATED TO ENGAGE PARTICIPANTS IN POLLS

365

TWITTER FOLLOWERS

Tag: @RomeoLibrary

145

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

Tag: rdl_graubner_kezar

174
"The investment our community library employees are willing to make in their patrons - taking time to get to know each individual’s unique needs and interests - is a special gift. Our hometown libraries have a charm that surpasses other libraries we have visited across the country, especially in the people who work here, the educational programs and the activities."

- Roger and Diane Beecher, Washington
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Graubner Library
65821 Van Dyke
Washington, MI 48095
(586) 752-0603
Mon – Thurs: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Fri & Sat: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
(September-May)

Kezar Library
107 Church St.
Romeo, MI 48065
(586) 752-2583
Mon – Thurs: 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday: Closed

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