



WINTER 2020

ROMEO
DISTRICT
LIBRARY
educate enrich entertain

In the last fiscal year:

- We have had **19,089** users through our doors
- We have checked out **197,305** items
- **7,621** people have attended programs
- Our internet has been used for **12,738** hours with WiFi usage increasing by **11%**
- Our spending on library programs and collections has increased by **15%**
- We have had **720** hours of volunteer time at the Community Archives
- We have accepted **24%** more materials through interlibrary loan
- **35,021** items have been downloaded from our digital services, including ebooks, music, audiobooks

Also, in the last year, the children's, adult, and teen areas at our Grauber Branch have all been renovated. We hope you come and see all the improvements.

This is what Roger and Diane Beecher of Washington Twp. shared with us: "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 education programs and the activities."

You, our users, are keeping us busy, and we are so grateful. Our employees love interacting with you and all the members of our community. We are so glad we were able to help so many people, and just want to do more. Yes, you can buy books easily through Amazon, but you won't get to talk to the ladies at the front desk, get a question accurately answered by a librarian, enjoy a program, or sit by a beautiful fireplace while you do it. And, at the library, it's free!

As always, our mission is to provide an inviting and safe environment to educate, enrich, and entertain. Stop in and stay for a bit.



Happy Reading,

Claire Lopiccolo, Director
Romeo District Library

Questions or ideas?
You can reach me on email at:
claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org
or call 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.

Secure & Protect Your Devices

Mondays 2:00 pm

December 2nd, January 13th & February 3rd

Not sure if your device is securely up to specs? Stop in for a presentation covering security guidelines and related topics. Some background knowledge for usage of smartphones, tablets, and computers is handy, but not essential! Registration is required and appreciated.

Library Offerings Overview

Mondays 2:00 pm

December 9th & February 10th

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



Everything eBooks & Audiobooks

Monday January 27th 2:00 pm

Come learn about everything related to titles which the library offers, including books and other materials, from OverDrive, Libby and Hoopla Digital—our free digital services. Registration is required and appreciated.



What have you enjoyed lately?

Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!

by Mike Twohy



"I like this book. Because of the sounds and the doggie and the mouse is hiding. His tail is sticking out!"

- PJ Ponton, 4,
Romeo

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ADULT PROGRAMS



Ragtime Piano with Matthew Ball

Thursday December 12th 7:00 pm

'*The Boogie Woogie Kid*' Returns!! Yes, Matthew Ball joins us again--this time with a blend of familiar songs and Holiday tunes that will delight the audience with infectious energy and rhythm. Previous concerts filled up fast, so arrive early and don't miss the show!

Just Banjos Concert

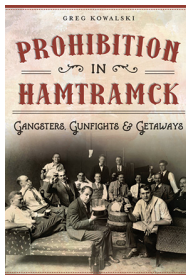
Thursday January 9th 7:00 pm

Enjoy that jangly banjo sound? Then imagine a room filled with the sound of multiple banjo players cranking out the tunes all at once! Come join the band Just Banjos when they drop in for a good old timey concert for the whole family.

Prohibition in Hamtramck

Thursday January 16th 7:00 pm

Ever wonder what it was like running alcohol during Prohibition? Shoot-outs, speakeasies, bathtub gin, fedoras and jazz music all made up these exciting times. George Kowalski, author and historian of the era, will share a wealth of Prohibition stories coming out of the Hamtramck area.



Knitters' Meet Up

Mondays 6:45 - 8:15 pm

January 20th, February 3rd & March 16th

Are you a knitter at any level? Come join us for knitting, good conversation, and the chance to help each other with our projects. Bring your current Work-in-Progress, and knit uninterrupted. Beginners are welcome! Find our knitting books at 746.432 in the stacks or go to CreativeBug through our website.



Urban Forestry:

Improving your Property Value and Our Community with Trees

Thursday January 23rd 7:00 pm

Join regional leaders in urban forestry and learn how we can work together to improve our communities with new trees and how to care for existing ones.

Jigsaw Puzzle Connection

Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm

January 25th and February 29th

Compete with other jigsaw enthusiasts to win prizes and have fun with your friends and family.

Living with the Enemy:

WWII POWs in Michigan

Thursday January 30th 7:00 pm

During WWII, German POWs were transported to Michigan and put to work on farms and in other types of labor. Who were they and what was their final outcome? Did any of them stay or come back after the war? Greg Summer brings their stories in this great history program.



Chinese Brush Art 101

Thursday February 13th 7:00 pm

Join Lee Chang Tan as she teaches the art of Chinese brush painting. Designed for beginners, you'll learn the basics of this ancient art & awake the artist inside yourself! Supplies provided but registration is required. You may register beginning in December by calling (586) 752-0603.

The Music of Rob Crozier

Thursday February 20th 7:00 pm

When his band Nessa played at Graubner Library this past summer, Rob Crozier so impressed us that we asked him to return for a solo gig. A master of the bass guitar and many other instruments, his talents will be on display in a show filled with brilliant Jazz, Blues and Americana.

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String Theory in Concert

Thursday February 27th 7:00 pm

It's time for a little String Theory. No--not a bunch of physicists talking about quantum mechanics, but the violin and guitar duo of Nicole & Rob--the musical group known as String Theory. Don't miss this night of beautiful, relaxing sounds at Graubner Library.

Detroit Beer: A History of Brewing

Thursday March 5th 7:00 pm

There's a little history brewing at the Romeo District Library! Tap a keg of fun with Stephen Johnson, author of *Detroit Beer* & proprietor of Motor City Brew Tours, as he presents the story of hometown beer from the first downtown breweries to the craft beer craze beginning in the 90s. Wet your appetite for local history with us.



Graubner Library Tuesday Book Group

First Tuesday of the Month 1:30 pm

December 3rd

Once Upon a River by Diane Setterfield

January 7th

The Great Alone by Kirsten Hannah

February 4th

The Paris Architect by Charles Belfoure

March 3rd

The Child by Fiona Barton



Game On! Board Games

Saturdays 12:00 - 2 pm

January 11th & February 8th

Drop in for some table top gaming! We will have a variety of games to play including: Ticket to Ride, King of Tokyo, Takenoko, Castle Panic, Munchkin, Azul, Carcassonne, and others! Registration is not required. This program is for all ages. Bring the family and have fun!

Teen Craft: Glass Photo Pendants

Tuesday January 14th 6:00 - 7:00 pm

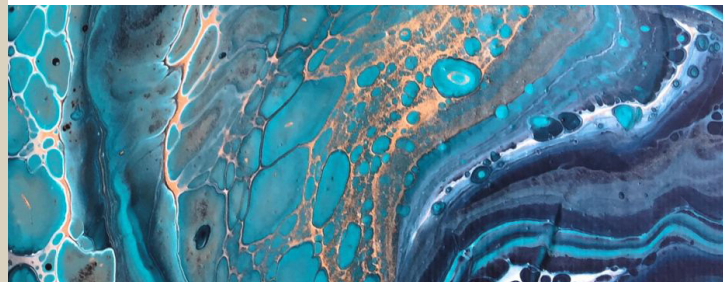
Teens will be making glass photo pendants, otherwise known as cabochon photo pendants. Come cut out pictures and glue them onto bezel pendants with a glass dome (known as a cabochon) over the image. The pendants will then be placed on necklaces or bracelets. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required, so call (586) 752-0603. For teens in grades 6-12.



Teen Craft: Acrylic Paint Pouring

Tuesday February 4th 6:00 - 7:00 pm

It might be cold and dull outside, but come in and make a bright cheery painting! Teens can make their own abstract art by pouring acrylic paints. Please dress for working with paint -- this is going to be messy! Registration is required, so call (586) 752-0603. For teens in grades 6-12.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Craft: Holiday Ornaments

Saturday December 14th 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Let's spread some holiday cheer by creating Christmas ornaments! Teens will make button ornaments and pine cone Christmas trees. Registration is not required. For teens in grades 6-12.

Continuing Teen Programs

Teen Anime Club

Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:00 pm

December 3rd & 17th, January 7th & 21st,
February 11th & 25th and March 10th

Love all things anime and 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. Registration is not required. For teens in grades 6-12.

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Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm

December 4th & 18th,

January 15th & 29th,

February 5th & 19th and March 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. For teens, grades 6-12.



Make a Gingerbread House!

Saturday December 21st 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Come have fun with the whole family and create your own edible gingerbread house! All materials will be provided, just bring your creativity! Registration required and begins Monday November 18. One gingerbread house per family, please, so register for one family member only.



Super Smash Bros Tournament

Tuesday December 10th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday January 22nd 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Wednesday February 26th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Drop in for some awesome gaming! We can play Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Pokken Tournament and Mario Kart! Snacks and refreshments will be available. We also have multiple controllers--or bring your won Nintendo DS! Registration is not required. For teens in grades 6-12.

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 in person at the Children's desk or online at romeodistrictlibrary.org.

Little Explorers

Friday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm Ages 0-5

December 13th and February 21st

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.



Storytime at Graubner

Baby Storytime

Added Session

Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 am **and 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

December 2nd, 9th & 16th, January 20th & 27th,

February 3rd & 10th and March 2nd

Ages 0-2

Come join us for songs, stories, lap bounces, and sensory play time. For ages 0-2 with a caregiver. Due to popularity of this program, we now have a 2nd Session which starts at noon, as well as our normal 10:30 time.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am

December 3rd, 10th & 17th, January 21st & 28th,

February 4th & 11th and March 3rd

Ages 2-3

Come for a fun-filled hour with stories, music, movement, and a craft! For children ages 2-3 and a caregiver.

Preschool Storytime

New Day

Thursdays 10:30 - 11:30 am

December 5th, 12th & 19th, January 23rd & 30th,

February 6th & 13th and March 5th

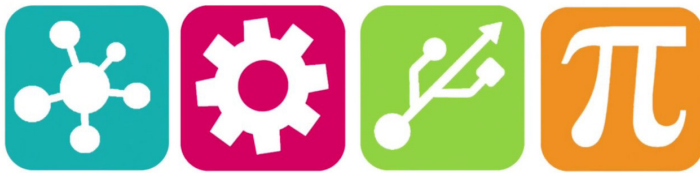
Ages 4-5

Join us for stories, songs, movement and a craft.

For children ages 4-5. *Please note the change in day.*

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STEM Club

Saturday January 4th 1:00 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 time. For grades K-5. No registration required.

Toy Story 4 Movie Matinee

Saturday January 18 1:00 pm
After their kid, Bonnie, 'makes' a new friend, Forky, Woody and the gang must set off on a new adventure to save the hand-crafted spork toy with the help of old and new friends. Bring a pillow and blanket and enjoy snacks while you watch. (Rated G, 1h 40 minutes)
For all ages, no registration required.



Snow Day!

Saturday February 15th 1:00 - 2:30 pm
For Ages 2 and up
Celebrate all things winter at this snow themed storytime. We will read stories, create snowy crafts, and more!
Registration is required and begins Monday January 13th.



Mad Science: Fire and Ice

Saturday February 22nd 1:00 pm
Education wrapped in entertainment as Mad Science of Detroit brings their energetic show of science and amazement. This spectacular event will thrill kids of any age with impressive experiments like foggy dry ice storms and a giant floating beach ball! Join us for some fun and...Mad Science!!
Registration is required and begins January 27th.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Annual

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Christmas

Celebration

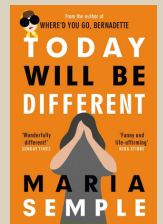


Tuesday December 10th 6:00 pm
It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us for our annual Christmas celebration. Decorate and enjoy Christmas cookies, holiday music, make a craft, play games, write and send a letter to the North Pole and of course sit and talk with Santa himself! All ages are welcome. Parents, don't forget your cameras!

Kezar Library Book Groups

"Great Books" Group

First Thursday of the Month 5:45 pm
December 5th
Atomic City Girls by Janet Beard
January 2nd
Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple
February 6th
The Library of Lost and Found by Phaedra Patrick



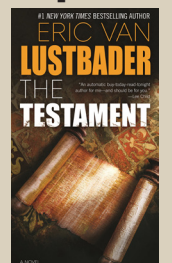
True Crime Book Group

Second Thursday of the Month 5:45 pm
December 12th
Conan Doyle for the Defense
by Margalit Fox
January 9th
The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper
by Hallie Rubenhold
February 13th
Furious Hours by Casey Cep



History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of the Month 5:45 pm
December 17th
The Lost Order by Steve Berry
January 21st
The Testament by Eric Van Lustbader
February 20th
The Sherlockian by Graham Moore



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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 just bring your imagination.

Manitou Mysteries

Thursday January 23rd 6:00 pm
Author and shipwreck hunter Ross Richardson will speak about the legends, histories and mysteries of the Manitou Passage of Northern Lake Michigan, home of the Sleeping Bear Dunes, the Manitou Islands and a shipwreck graveyard. Enjoy underwater footage of shipwrecks, featuring the latest shipwreck discoveries, and entertaining Great Lakes lore. Books will be available for signing.

Crafting with Creative Bug

Tuesday January 28th 6:00 pm
Come hear about our newest database: Creative Bug! You will learn how to navigate your way through classes such as crochet, cake decorating, jewelry making and many more!

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WAR International and Human Trafficking Education

Tuesday February 11th 6:00 pm
Join Women at Risk (WAR) International for an educational program on human trafficking and how to protect yourself and your loved ones. Learn about the important work that WAR is doing around the world. Handcrafted items made by at-risk and rescued men and women from around the world will be available, with sales supporting WAR International intervention projects.

Storytime at Kezar

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, stories, and interactive fun! Siblings welcome. No registration required.

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 required.

Saturday Crafts @ Kezar

Saturdays 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
December 21st, January 4th, February 1st and March 14th
Join us each month for a fun, often seasonal, craft to make and take home! Call (586) 752-2583 to find out what we're up to each month. No registration required.

Toddler Play and Learn

Fridays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
December 27th, January 10th, February 7th and March 6th
Age appropriate play time for children ages 12 months to 3 years. Ms. Jeanette will offer a semi-structured activity plus time for free, open play. Fun for the children and a chance for parents and caregivers to socialize while interacting with their children.

Fun With Lego!

Saturday February 29th 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
It's leap year! February has an extra day and this time it's an extra Saturday!! Spend the day at Kezar creating with our many, many Lego bricks! Photos of finished creations will be shared on the library's social media sites!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Family Board Game Night

Wednesday December 11th 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Bring the family and have some fun playing board games! Play ours or bring your own! Everyone is welcome!



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Friends of the Romeo District Library News

October was Archives Month in our Used Book Stores. We raised over \$1500 with the proceeds to benefit the Romeo Community Archives located in the Kezar Library.

We are hosting 2 author events in the spring (more information to come), so now is your chance to pick up one of their novels and get ready to join us as we welcome:

Karen Dionne

author of

The Marsh

King's Daughter.

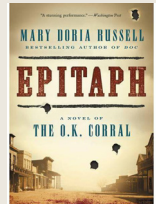


Mary Doria Russel

author of

Epitaph, Doc &

The Sparrow.



Are you a member of the Friend of the library yet?

VOLUNTEER your time helping the used bookstores, 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 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

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 - 2:00 pm

Graubner and Kezar Libraries will be closed December 24th - 25th for Christmas and December 31st - January 1st for New Years, as well as February 17th for President's Day.