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ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY

Dec/Jan/Feb

WINTER 2022



ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LIBRARY.

This statement is at the core of what we do here at RDL. We want everyone, regardless of circumstances, to know that our library is for them. We strive to be a safe place and a gathering center for all members of our community. We make sure this happens by:

- Offering programs and resources that explore educational, social, entertainment and creative pursuits;
- Providing materials in multiple languages and from multiple points of view;
- Referring library patrons to other community nonprofits and providers, dependent on needs and requests;
- Being a space where everyone feels comfortable and safe and valued; and
- Making sure we have materials in which everyone can recognize themselves.

Additionally, do you know that we are always open to requests for materials and programs? Tell us what you want and we will do our best to meet those requests. We can purchase materials or get them from other libraries throughout the state of Michigan.

Our buildings have areas where you can quietly read or study, where children can play and explore, and where you can chat comfortably with a friend.

And we don't charge overdue fines for our items! You don't need to feel ashamed for being too busy to return a book right on time. We just want you to use our materials and get them back in a decent timeframe so others can enjoy them.

Our amazing circulation staff, librarians—and those you don't see out front—all know that we're here because of you. You, our patron, are the reason we strive to do our best and to make sure that the library is for everyone. Many think libraries are about books; the truth is that libraries are about people.

If you have not visited the Romeo District Library in a while, stop in and see what you have been missing.

This library is yours, and you are welcome here.



Claire Lopiccolo,
Library Director



**From everyone at Romeo District Library,
Season's Greetings!**

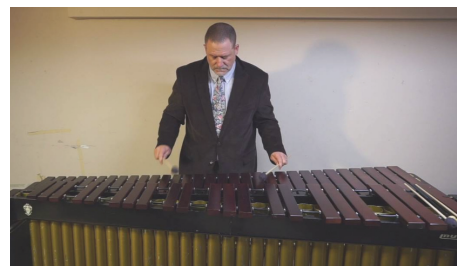
ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

A Marimba Christmas

Thursday, December 9, 7:00 pm

Relax and enjoy local musician Paul Demick share the origins of familiar Christmas songs, followed by a performance of those songs on a marimba, a unique wooden instrument played much like a drum or xylophone.



Tidying Method Presentation

Thursday, January 6, 7:00 pm

Learn the philosophy behind the KonMari Method™ - a simple but effective tidying method - and discover what it means to

live a life that 'Sparks Joy'! Consultant Shannon Huneycutt will dive into the guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all. Watch a folding demonstration, learn about a specialized tidying checklist, and leave feeling energized and motivated to create the home and life you've always dreamed of. One attendee will win the Jumpstart Your Journey Virtual Guide.



Register

The Tidying Method Presentation will be **ONLINE**. Registered patrons will receive a link to connect and have access to the recorded program, as well as to a live, online Q & A session scheduled for the following day, Friday, January 7 at 5:00 pm.

Register in person at our Graubner branch, by phone or online at rdl.org.

Cast Iron Skillet Cooking Demo

Tuesday January 18, 7:00 pm

Cast iron pans are inexpensive and last a lifetime. Local culinary instructor and cooking school owner Mary Spencer will teach you how to season your pans, and share best methods to cook in them and keep them clean. She will prepare two recipes with tastings to follow.



Register

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Changes in Romeo 11,000 BC - 1930

Thursday, February 10, 7:00 pm

Have you ever walked down Romeo's main street and wondered what was in this area before you or your neighbor existed? How far back can you imagine? 50 years? 200?

Richard Beringer, curator of the Romeo Historical Society, returns to walk us through the thousands of years of people, things and events that have made this area so dear to those who live here and to those who pass through on a happy visit. If you like history, then this program is for you.

Coming in March: Herbal Tea Talk

TECH @ RDL

Register for a tech program by calling 586-752-0603 x4 or by emailing techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

Ebooks & Digital Audiobooks

Thursdays, 2:00 pm
January 13 & February 24

Our Technology Services Librarian will present a detailed look into RDL's ebook and digital audiobook services. Feel free to bring your own devices and questions.

Library Offerings Overview

Thursdays, 2:00 pm
January 27 & February 17

Our Technology Services Librarian will provide a birds-eye view of the library's print and digital resources, including ebooks and digital audiobooks, databases, streaming and downloading services, and more.

NEW

Personal Device Privacy

Thursday, January 20
2:00 pm

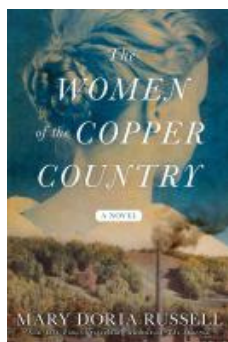
Concerned about security risks and threats to your privacy? Need to learn more about trends, developments and care for your device(s)? Join us for an always developing presentation from our Technology Services Librarian.

TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

For adults
and seniors

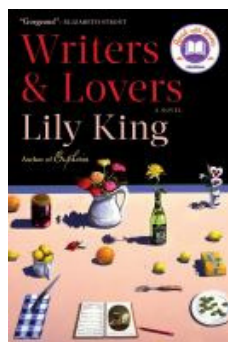
To join, contact Emily M. @ 586-752-0603 x1013 or emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org, or just drop in.

January 4, 1:30 pm



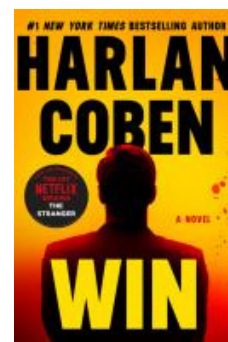
The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell

February 1, 1:30 pm



Writers & Lovers by Lily King

March 1, 1:30 pm



Win by Harlan Coben

TEEN PROGRAMS

All programs for teens in grades 6-12.
No registration necessary.

Graubner Branch

Anime Club

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16

Love all things anime and reading manga? Then join us! We'll watch anime, do crafts and eat all the Pocky! Snacks provided.



Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
December 7 & 21, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22

Join us on our exciting journey into this fun role-playing, storyline game that includes heroes, challenges & battles, puzzles & treasure, and so much more! No experience necessary; we will teach you how to play. Individually wrapped snacks provided.

Super Smash Bros

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
December 22, January 26, February 23

Ready for awesome gaming with Super Smash Bros Ultimate and other video games? We are, too! Bring your Nintendo Switch if you'd like. Snacks and refreshments provided.



CRAFTS!

Pickup of our take-home teen **craft kits** will be announced on our Facebook page. Like our page today!



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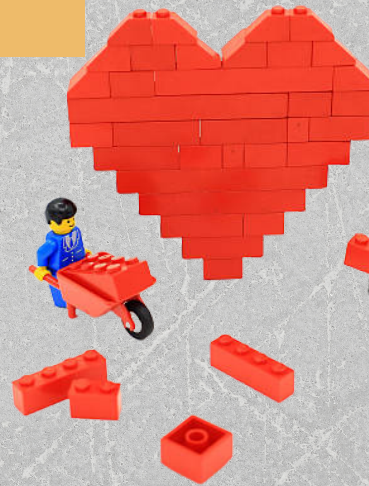
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

LEGO Club

Saturdays, 2:00 pm
January 8, February 5 & March 5

Hello LEGO lovers! Join in monthly for creating, sharing and showing off your best building skills. Ages 0-11.



Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am
December 6, 13 & 20, January 10 & 24, February 7, 14 & 28
(No session December 27, January 3, 17 & 31, February 21)

Bring in baby for fun songs and stories, lap bounces and sensory play time!

For ages
0-18 months
with caregiver

For ages
2-3 years with
caregiver

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
December 7, 14 & 21, January 11 & 25, February 8 & 15
(No session December 28, January 4 & 18, February 1 & 22)

A fun-filled hour with stories, music, movement and a craft!

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
December 8, 15 & 22, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 16
(No session December 1 & 29, January 5 & 19, February 2 & 23)

Join us for stories, songs and a fun take-home craft!

For ages
3-5 years with
caregiver

Have you started reading
your 100 books yet?



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Picture It!: A Graphic Novel Book Club

Third Saturday of the month during the school year, 1:00-2:00 pm

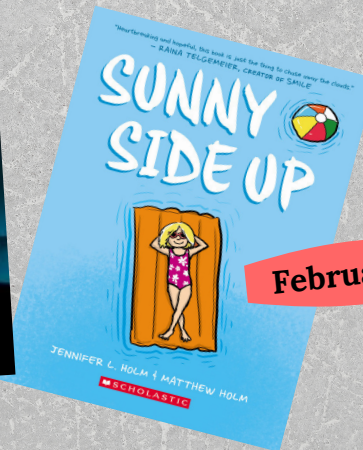
Join other kids ages 7-12 to read and discuss graphic novels of all kinds and to make a fun craft!

NEW

January 15



February 19



Register for the below programs online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at (586) 752-0603.

Gift Bag Decorating

Saturday, December 4, 2:00-3:00 pm

Decorate bags for your holiday gift giving! Paper gift bags and decorating supplies provided. Registration begins November 20. Ages 0-11.



Villains Crafts

Saturday, January 29, 2:00-3:00 pm

Let's make cool crafts featuring your favorite villains! Registration begins January 15. Ages 5 and up.

Valentine's Day Vases

Saturday, February 12, 1:00-2:00 pm

Decorate a mason jar for your valentine! Jars and materials provided. Registration begins January 29.



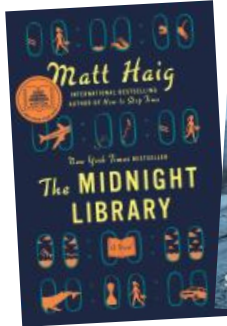
ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Great Books Book Group

First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

December 2

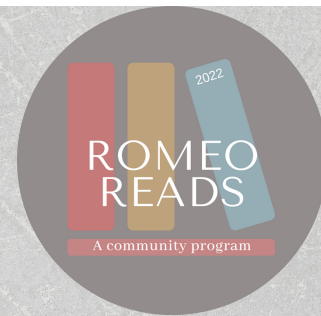


January 4



Join our discussions!

Contact Stacie @
586-752-2583
or feel free to just
show up!



It's coming!

The return of our
community reading
program in 2021 was a
success!

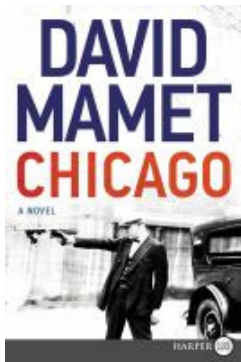
This multi-feature
program is based on a
single work by a
Michigan author and
partners a story we in
this state can connect
with, selected
presentations related to
its contents, a group
book discussion and an
author visit.

Details of the 2022
Romeo Reads will be
announced soon, so stay
tuned to our Facebook
page for details!

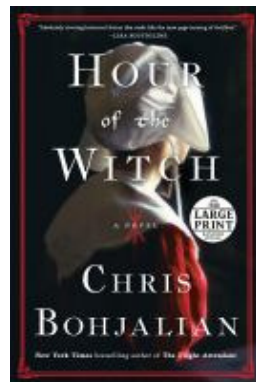
History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

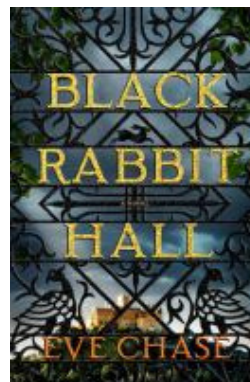
December 21



January 18



February 15



Crochet Club

Every Tuesday, 5:15-6:45pm

Sit and chat with us by the fireplace as we work on our
projects. Beginners to experts are welcome, as are knitters
and other needle arts. Learn new skills, find inspiration and
get help with your project from other members.



ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Kezar Branch

Romeo Writer's Group

Third Thursday of every month, 5:45-6:45 pm

Whether you are starting out as a writer or have published works, join us as we share tips and inspiration. We offer gentle critiques, writing and publishing advice, and lots of encouragement! Share your writing, or just bring your positive attitude.



Teen Writer Meetups

First Wednesday of every month, 4:00-5:15 pm

Ready to be inspired and to meet other like-minded teens? Fun writing activities and topics, and exploring genres are just a few themes we will consider in a quest to discover all things creative writing. Snacks provided. **Begins January 5.**



Genealogy Workshops

Second Thursday of every month, 5:45-6:45 pm

Uncover clues to your family history! Join us as we work together to share resources, ideas and support at monthly topical workshops. A genealogy librarian will be on hand to answer questions and help guide your search with free library resources and reference materials. Meetings are both in-person **and** virtual. Email julie@romeodistrictlibrary.org for more information. **Begins January 13.**

It's a Photo Scanning Party!

Saturday, December 11, 11:00 am-1:00 pm



Digitally preserve your photographs! Bring up to 10 unframed photos, size 11" x 14" or smaller. You will leave with your original photos and a provided flash drive containing quality scans.

Do you have historical photographs? You will also have the option to add them to the digital collection of the Romeo Community Archives. Save local history!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Kezar Family Christmas Party Tuesday, December 14, 6:00 pm

Our annual family Christmas party is back! Bring your whole family for an evening of fun activities including cookie decorating and crafts, and pictures with a special holiday guest!



NEW
begins
Jan 10

Creative Toddlers Every Monday, 11:30 am

Creative art playtime! We will explore different art materials and learn to express ourselves creatively.
For ages 18 months - 3 years.



Registration required online, in person or by phone at 586-752-2583.

Back by
popular
demand!

Make and Eat Crafts

Ages preschool to 3rd grade

Create fun and edible crafts with friends!
Spots are limited.

December 18, 12:45 pm - Reindeer Cupcakes
registration begins November 12

January 15, 12:45 pm - Polar Bear Cookie
registration begins December 18

February 12, 12:45 pm - Valentine Fairy Bread
registration begins January 15

March 12, 12:45 pm - St. Patrick's Day Parfaits
registration begins February 12



storytime
with Ms.
Jeanette

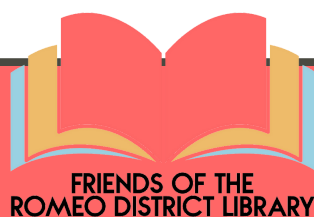
Get out of the cold and meet your friends at the library to enjoy traditional storytime with stories, rhymes, songs and a craft! All ages welcome.

**Every Thursday @
11:30 am**



Register online, in person or by phone at 586-752-2583.

AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



As challenges continue from COVID-19, we are happy to reflect on the many positive ways our community has benefitted in recent months:

- In 2020, the Friends donated \$25,000 towards the purchase of a **bookmobile** van. The van was used during COVID closure to deliver books to patrons, and now is bringing requested materials directly to RCS schools. **See our van in the Romeo Santa Parade December 2!** A **scanner** for the Romeo Community Archives was also purchased.
- Our **annual rummage sale** was held (outdoors!) in May 2021 with the addition of several beautiful plants from local gardens.
- Two new Friends **tote bag designs** were introduced in 2021 by Romeo High School artists Michael Gleason and Jenna Knepper, and sell for only \$12.00 each.
- A **\$2,000 anonymous donation** was received to support **scholarships**. Scholarships are awarded each spring: one or more to qualifying high school senior(s), and up to \$1,500 to support a candidate working on an MLIS (Masters in Library and Information Science) degree (see RDL.org/friends/scholarships).
- The Graubner store wrapped up a successful monthlong bag sale in mid-October, as Kezar did with a \$1 bag sale in November. We still have lots of holiday books at a steal—nothing over \$3.00! EVERYTHING at Kezar is half price on Saturdays. This is **one-stop shopping** for all the bookworms on your gift list!
- We are proud to support the **2022 Battle of the Books** for the 5th and 7th grades.
- Besides our core mission of supporting library programs, the Friends **make books and media available to senior centers, nursing and assisted living homes, teachers and schools**. Over 3,500 books and media have been donated since March 2020 to Operation Paperback, in **support of our military**, both active troops and veterans.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season and 2022!

BE A FRIEND TO THE FRIENDS!

DONATE. We depend on regular releases of material from the library as well as donations from you. We accept books, DVDs, CDs and audiobooks on CD in good condition at both branch locations. (Sorry, we no longer accept audio cassettes or VHS.)

BE A MEMBER! Basic membership in the Friends is only \$10/year. Apply online at RDL.org/friends/join or pick up an application at either branch. And be sure to LIKE the Friends of the Romeo District Library Facebook page!



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ancestryLibrary

Remote access to the Ancestry Library Edition
database will end December 31, 2021.

“Ancestry was addicting! I worked all October and November and was able go back five generations on my side and six on my husband's. I matched family photos to names, dates and places. I printed Census information and draft registration cards in my ancestors' handwriting!

One of my greatest finds was the ship's log that listed my grandmother and her two brothers on their voyage from Poland to America.

This project kept me sane and focused during an isolated winter! My four children and nieces now have their family histories in albums to keep and hand down to their children! I would have never been motivated without the help of the Romeo Library! ”

- Denise S., Washington Twp.

**Graubner Branch, 65821 Van Dyke Rd.
Washington 48095 | (586) 752-0603**

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Fri/Sat 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sun 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Kezar Branch, 107 Church St.
Romeo 48065 | (586) 752-2583**

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Fri 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sun Closed

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Romeo District Library branches will be closed December 24, December 25 and December 31, 2021 & January 1 and February 21, 2022.

