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# SPRING 2022

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## WARM GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our email survey in February! This year we're really focused on making sure we're giving you what you want. We've delivered what we *think* you want, but now we want to make *sure* that YOUR library is doing what is best for YOU.

- Do you want more digital resources?
- Do you want the library to be more of a gathering space for the community?
- Do you want us to keep our focus on books?
- Do you have ideas for programs you would like to attend?
- Do you really want a café at Graubner?

We're open to all of your ideas and ready to explore the possibilities. We really appreciate all of the kind words you shared about the library. The survey also made it clear that we should remind you that:

- There are **no overdue fines** on RDL materials.
- We have study rooms and a community meeting room that you can use.
- Our staff is friendly and will not scowl at you or make you feel bad about talking too loudly or returning an item a little late. We apologize if that happened to you in the past.
- We do our best to get books and movies on the shelf the same week they are available for sale.
- You can request items from other libraries, so you don't have to wait too long.
- Our main goal in the children's areas at both buildings is to encourage a love of reading.

Thanks again to all who took the time to answer our survey questions. Please feel free to contact me at [claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org) with ideas, suggestions and questions.

See you at the library!

### On the cover:

**"The Heart of Romeo" stands strong  
on the Graubner branch west lawn.**



Claire Lopiccolo,  
Library Director



**Celebrate National Library Week with us!**  
**April 3–9, 2022**

Including: Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books  
National Library Workers Day | National Library  
Outreach Day | Take Action for Libraries Day.



# VIRTUAL PROGRAM

## Behind the "War of the Worlds" Broadcast Thursday, March 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

Laura Keyes of Historic Voices will discuss the impact of this infamous 1938 radio broadcast by Orson Welles. Learn how much of that impact was real, and how much has been exaggerated over the years.

For all ages. Register online, in person or by phone.

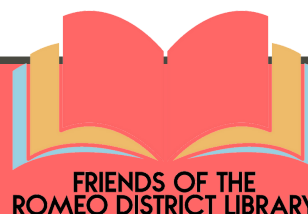


Photo: Dallas Dispatch-Journal



This is a Zoom presentation. Zoom codes and instructions will be provided to registrants prior to event date; please include an email address when registering.

## AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



### MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH!

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, March is designated as **National Reading Month** - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. March 2 is known as "**Read Across America Day**." Here are some easy ways you can participate:

- With the abundance of donations we've received, look for details on a hallway sale in the very near future.
- Remember, everything at the Kezar Book Store is half price on Saturdays.
- Our bookmobile van continues to make deliveries around the community. Contact either branch if you are not able to pick up your items in person!

#### National Reading Month



### BE A MEMBER

Basic membership in the Friends is only \$10/year. Apply online at [RDL.org/friends/join](http://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!



Look for details about RDL's **Summer Reading Programs** in our next newsletter, at [www.rdl.org](http://www.rdl.org) and on our social sites.

There are challenges for every age!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Graubner Branch

### Herbal Tea Talk with Small House Farm

Thursday, March 31, 7:00 pm



Register in person at our Graubner branch, by phone or online at [rdl.org](http://rdl.org).

Tired from another long winter? Need to start out slow to embrace the idea of spring? Then why not start your day with a cup of tea? Popular herbalist, gardener and author Bevin Cohen will share the history and folklore of various herbal ingredients, and show how to brew your own beverages. Enjoy a custom herbal tea blend to take home. Limited to 25 people.



### Fiddle and Banjo Concert

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 pm

If you enjoy the unique sounds of the banjo and the fiddle, then you will surely enjoy the musical talents of Aaron Jonah Lewis.

A star in his own right, he also has several bands and travels the nation doing what he does best—creating an evening of wonderful sound and relaxing fun. This is an event you don't want to miss!



### Missing in Action: My Father's Escape During WWII

Thursday, May 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ms. Mary Shier shares a fascinating story of her father's escape to freedom after his B-17 bomber was shot down over German-occupied France during WWII. Shier follows her father's footsteps, making numerous trips to France to meet with the families who were involved in the French Underground and even unearths artifacts from the B-17 crash site. If you are a military history fan and want to hear a good story, then stop in and join us. Books of her father's adventure will also be for sale.

### Quartet Concert

Tuesday May 19, 7:00 pm

RDL welcomes native Detroiters Tony Camilletti whose vocals were influenced by stylish jazz masters such as Tony Bennett, and whose musical tastes are fully based in the American Songbook, as he is determined to keep the classics alive. His velvety, soulful style has been compared to Mathis, Vandross, Torme, Cole, Darin and Sinatra. He has co-headlined the jazz-duet group Cheek to Cheek, and leads the Tony Camilletti Quartet as well as the vintage-rock group Blackbird. He has entertained audiences in Washington DC, San Francisco and throughout the metro Detroit area. Take in some rhythmic vibes.



**Coming Up: The return of the Sheila Landis Jazz Trio, Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm**



# TECH @ RDL

Register for a tech program by calling 586-752-0603 or by emailing [techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:techtutor@romeodistrictlibrary.org).

## Ebooks & Digital Audiobooks

**Thursdays, 2:00 pm**  
**March 3, April 14 & May 5**

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.

## Personal Device Privacy

**Thursdays, 2:00 pm**  
**March 24 & May 26**

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.



**Mondays, 2:00 pm**  
**March 7, April 4 & May 9**

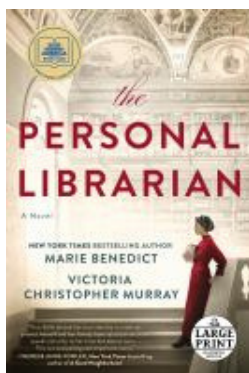
Our Technology Services Librarian will provide a birds-eye view of the library's print and digital resources, including ebooks and digital audiobooks, databases, streaming and downloading services, and more.

# TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

For adults  
and seniors

To join, contact Emily M. @ 586-752-0603 x1013 or [emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org), or just drop in.

**April 5, 1:30 pm**



**May 10, 1:30 pm**



**June 7, 1:30 pm**





# TEEN PROGRAMS

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

## Graubner Branch

### Anime Club

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm  
March 2 & 16, April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18

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  
March 8 & 22, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24

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.



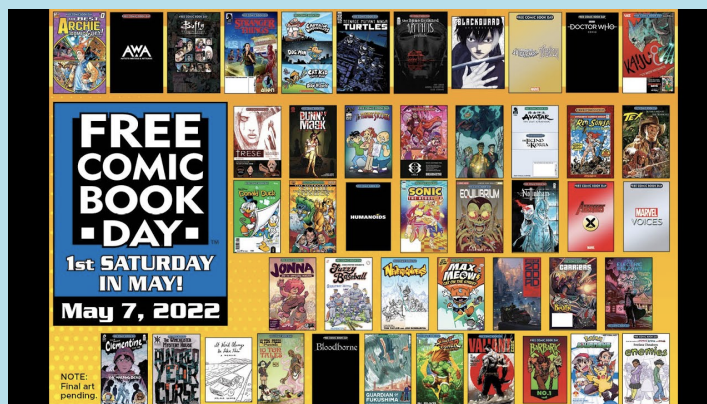
### Super Smash Bros

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm  
March 23, April 27 & May 25

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.



Join us all day in the meeting room at Graubner for free comics!  
We'll have choices for all ages.



Preparing for college placement tests and admissions exams?  
PrepSTEP® in MeL's K-12 Schools/Teen section has everything you need.  
It's all online and free using your library card.



[www.rdl.org](http://www.rdl.org) → Research & Homework Help → Michigan eLibrary Databases



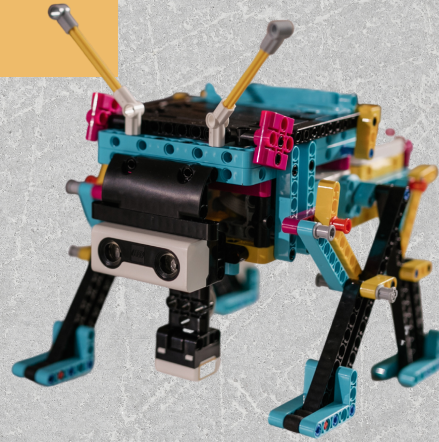
# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Graubner Branch

### LEGO Club

Saturdays, 2:00 pm  
March 5, April 2 & May 7

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  
March 7, 14, 21 & 28, April 11, 18 & 25, May 9 & 16  
(No session April 4 & May 2, 23 & 30)

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  
March 8, 15, 22 & 29, April 12, 19 & 26, May 10 & 17  
(No session March 1, April 5, May 3, 24 & 31)

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

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am  
March 9, 16, 23 & 30, April 13, 20 & 27, May 11 & 18  
(No session March 2, April 6, May 4 & May 25)

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

For ages  
3-5 years with  
caregiver

Have you checked out a  
Wonderbook?  
It's a talking book!





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

## SIGN UP FOR TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten!

You'll get:

- 8-10 messages per month with fun activities to help prepare little ones, ages 5 and under, for school success
- activities to read, write, sing, talk and play
- updates for local library storytimes and other free educational children's events
- a few tips just for you, too!



Text **TALK** to 75547 or visit [texttolearn.com](http://texttolearn.com)

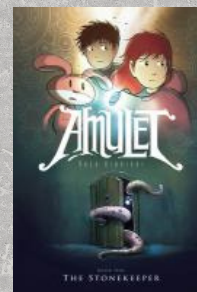
## Picture It!: A Graphic Novel Book Club

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

Read the selected book, then join other kids 7-12 years old to discuss these graphic novels of different kinds, plus make a fun take-home craft!



March 19



April 16



May 14



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

## Rainbow Shamrock Salt Painting

Thursday, March 17, 7:00-8:00 pm

Let's create rainbow shamrocks through the unique method of salt painting to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Registration begins March 3.  
Ages 3 and up.



## Teddy Bear Sleepover

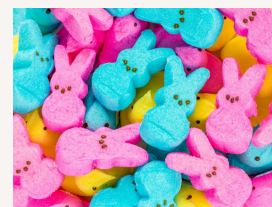
Saturday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 pm

Bring your teddy bear to the library for a storytime and sleepover! After storytime, you will leave your teddy bear with us overnight and pick it up the next day or the following Monday. At pickup you will receive a photo of your teddy bear having fun at the library after hours! Registration begins March 12. For all ages.

## Spring Party

Saturday, April 9, 2:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate the season with our spring themed stories, crafts, treats and more! Registration begins March 26. For all ages.





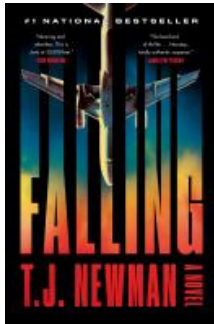
# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Kezar Branch

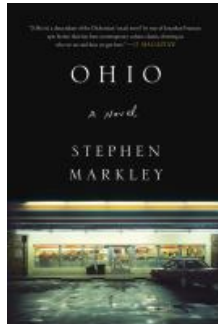
### Great Books Book Group

First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

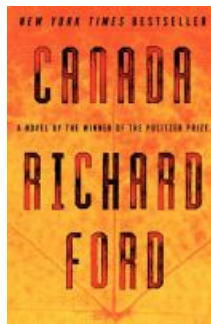
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May 5



June 2

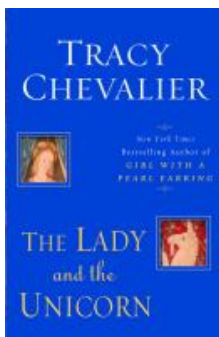


Join these discussions! Contact Stacie @ 586-752-2583, or feel free to just show up!

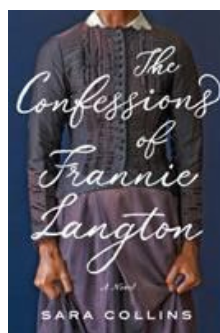
### History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

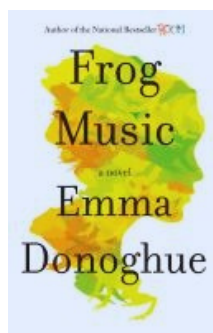
March 15



April 19



May 17



March 1 - April 21, 2022

### READ THE BOOK ATTEND THE PROGRAMS

Pasty Tasting

Memoir Writing

Gifts of Grief Discussion

Group Book Discussion

Author Visit & Book Signing

\*Programs are held at both branch locations; see our calendar for details.

Full program details and registration @ [www.rdl.org](http://www.rdl.org)



\*Buy a copy of this year's book selection for \$12 at either branch, or place a hold through our catalog.

ALL TOGETHER

### Crochet Club

Every Tuesday, 5:15-6:45pm

Think spring, and sit and chat with us as we work on our projects. Beginners to experts are welcome, as are knitters and other needle arts. This is not an instructional class, rather to meet like-minded people who share tips and inspiration.





# ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

## Kezar Branch

### Teen Writer Meetups

**Second Wednesday of every month, 5:45-6:45 pm**  
**March 9, April 13 & May 11**

Ready to be inspired with 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.



### Genealogy Workshops

**Second Thursday of every month, 5:45-6:45 pm**  
**March 10, April 14 & May 12**



Uncover clues to your family history! We'll work together to share resources, ideas and support at monthly topical workshops. Our genealogy librarian will be on hand to answer questions and help guide your search using free library resources and a variety of reference materials. Meetings are *both* in-person and Zoom virtual. Email [julie@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:julie@romeodistrictlibrary.org) for more information.

### Romeo Writers Group

**Third Thursday of every month, 5:45-6:45 pm**  
**March 17, April 21 & May 19**

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.



### Genealogy Help by Appointment

Get one-on-one help from our genealogy librarian! Learn how to use library resources, and get started on your family history search today! Email [julie@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:julie@romeodistrictlibrary.org) or call **586-690-4890** to schedule an appointment.





# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Kezar Branch



**Every Thursday @ 11:30 am**

Meet your friends at the library to enjoy traditional storytime with stories, rhymes, songs and a craft!

All ages welcome. No registration required.



**Every Monday, 11:30 am**

A 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.

### **Make and Eat Crafts**    **Ages preschool to 3rd grade**

Create fun and edible crafts with friends! Limited to 24 children.

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



**April 9, 12:45 pm - Peeps Bird Houses**  
registration begins March 12



**May 21, 12:45 pm - Very Hungry Caterpillars**  
registration begins April 9



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





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Permit #16

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

“ Please tell the teen librarian the latest craft kit was another hit for these two middle schoolers. They spent hours last week having fun creating. We appreciate the work she puts into making these available for kids. ”

- Erica T.,  
Washington



**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 April 17, May 28 and May 30, 2022. Sunday service hours end May 22, 2022.**

