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WE'RE UPGRADING OUR TECHNOLOGY.



Claire Meeker,
Library Director

Please be patient with us while we learn our new computer system. The changeover will take place at the beginning of October, and most importantly, it means a nicer looking—and easier-to-use—library catalog for you. We want you to be able to find *exactly* what you are looking for in our catalog—and maybe even get ideas about other materials you can check out! Most of the libraries in Macomb County share the same catalog system, and we are all going through this transition. The upgrade will improve the way we check out materials and issue library cards.

*Please note: To become properly trained, we will be **closed to the public Monday, September 19.***

Our hope is that we will be so well trained and the change will be so seamless that the only thing you will notice is an easier system. In the case that it does not all play out as hoped, I would like to ask for your grace. Our amazing staff is always doing its best to give you outstanding customer service. Please bring your patience and a sense of humor.

As always, I'm here for your questions and suggestions at 586-752-0603 x 1018 or claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org

On the cover:

*Our librarians welcomed students back to school during Bulldog Days in mid-August. The corner flag highlights the opening of autumn as **Library Card Signup Month**. Spread the word to encourage others to get their own valuable and beneficial community resource!*

Annual Romeo Christmas Home Tour

The annual **Christmas Home Tour** hosted by the **Romeo Historical Society** takes place **Saturday, December 3, 1:00-7:00 pm**. Five beautiful historic homes, including the Church Street museum and the Clyde Craig Blacksmith Museum, will welcome in the season.

Get your tickets beginning **October 15** at the Graubner or Kezar branch locations. For more details, visit Romeo Historical Society Christmas Home Tour on Facebook.



ONLINE ADULT PROGRAMS

History of the Hershey Chocolate Company


Wednesday, October 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Laura Keyes of Historic Voices is back, this time to discuss the history of this famous company! Success did not come easily to Milton Hershey. But when he did become a household name, he and his wife gave all their fortune away, which helped tens of thousands of orphans.

Registration begins Wednesday, October 12.

Tuesday Book Group Also Online!

First Tuesday of every month, 1:30 pm

Our traditional in-person book group that meets at Graubner also offers a virtual method! Interested? Find future book selections on page 7.  zoom

Email Emily M. for monthly Zoom links @ emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Free discussions with best selling authors & thought leaders.

September

Thursday

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2:00 pm

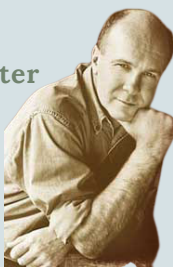
Raising Thrivers: Parenting Tips & Tools to Help Kids Thrive in an Uncertain World With **Dr. Michele Borba**, Internationally Renowned Educational Psychologist

Tuesday

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2:00 pm

With **Simon Winchester** New York Times Best Selling Author



Tuesday

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4:00 pm

Trust, With **Hernan Diaz**, Pulitzer Prize Finalist and PEN/Faulkner Award Winner

October

Thursday

13

4:00 pm

Not Nice: Stop People Pleasing, Staying Silent & Feeling Guilty With **Dr. Aziz Gazipura**, Best Selling Author & Leading Expert on Social Confidence

Tuesday

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7:00 pm

Where The Children Take Us With **Zain E. Asher** CNN International Anchor and Memoirist

Tuesday

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7:00 pm

The Diamond Eye With **Kate Quinn** Acclaimed Best Selling Author

November

Tuesday

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4:00 pm

The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR With **Lisa Napoli** Acclaimed Writer, Journalist, Broadcaster & Speaker

Tuesday

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2:00 pm

Lessons in Chemistry With **Bonnie Garmus** NYT Bestselling Author



REGISTER @ <https://libraryc.org/romeodistrictlibrary>

ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Defending Detroit in the Cold War

Thursday, September 15, 7:00-8:00 pm

Historian and Selfridge Air Base Museum curator Steven Mrozek will discuss the Nike Missile defense system put in place to defend our state in the event of a Soviet nuclear weapons-equipped bomber attack. The history, function, plan and ultimate closings of these 16 sites throughout Michigan are astonishing—and somewhat scary—in their detail.



Registration begins
September 1 in person at our
Graubner branch, by phone or
online at www.rdl.org.

Puzzle Competitions

Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 pm

September 17, October 8 & November 26

The exciting times of Puzzle Days are back! Compete and have fun in building puzzles. Prizes, food and music too! Bring a friend or the whole family!



No Man's Land: Surviving the Holocaust and Soviet Gulags

Thursday, September 29, 7:00-8:00 pm

Irene Miller had to flee with her family from Warsaw into the Soviet Union to escape the Holocaust. She found herself cold, hungry, separated, and eventually, in a Siberian labor camp.

Hear this amazing woman's struggle to own her right to live - a story told directly from one of the quiet warriors who are becoming fewer every day.

Life at Michilimackinac

Thursday, October 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Local historian Richard Beringer will share what living at Fort Michilimackinac in the 1700s was like. Learn what really happened in Chief Pontiac's Rebellion and the resulting massacre of the British garrison on June 2, 1763. The French encouraged the Ojibwa tribe to rid the area of British troops and influence. Today we associate the area with fudge, t-shirts and carriage rides; this program will prove there's a whole lot more to this historical area.



ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

The Boblo Islanders Concert

Thursday October 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

Remember Boblo Island? Although this period amusement park is long gone, the local band The Boblo Islanders is here to bring back the fun of the iconic landmark with its original style of music. Combining Hawaiian, pop and other turn-of-the-century music, you're sure to thoroughly enjoy the band's unique style. So, wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, flip flops or grass skirt, and join the fun!



Irish Dance

Thursday November 3, 7:00-8:00 pm

If you're proud of your Irish heritage, even if you're only a "wee bit Irish," we encourage you to attend this wonderful dance performance by the talented Motor City Irish Dance Group. Performing in authentic Irish outfits and tapping their feet into your hearts, they'll also share a few dance steps for you to learn! It's a guaranteed fun evening with many chances to embrace the luck of the Irish.



Holiday Craft

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Life is full of surprises, but it's the good ones that make life more exciting! Join us for a fun holiday mystery craft with Kathy Clinton from Wolcott Mill to celebrate the season. If you love good surprises, sign up today to enjoy a fun evening with friends!



Limited to 30 attendees.

Registration begins September 1 in person at our Graubner branch, by phone at 586-752-0603 x4, or online at www.rdl.org.



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TECH @ RDL



Register for a tech program in person at Graubner, by calling 586-752-0603 x4 or via our Calendar at www.rdl.org.

All programs occur from  2:00 - 3:00 pm

Ebooks & Digital Audiobooks

Tuesday, September 20
Thursday, October 6
Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, September 8
Thursday, November 3

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.



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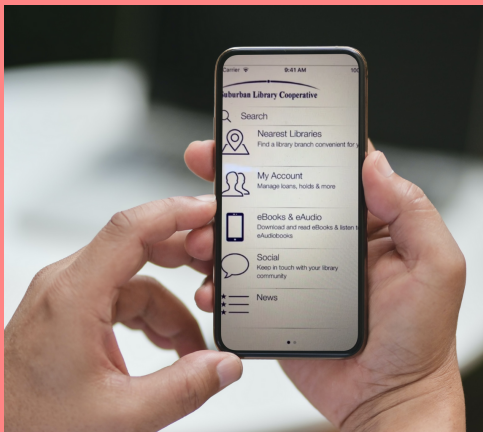


Library Services Overview

Thursday, September 22
Thursday, October 13
Thursday, November 10

Get a birds-eye view of the library's print and digital resources, including ebooks and digital audiobooks, databases, streaming & downloading services, and more.

Now link your library account with others!



Our smart phone library app allows you to:

- store your card information
- place holds
- pay fines
- view & save checkouts, AND
- view & save checkouts of family members or others

It's simple! Once you have downloaded the **SLC Libraries Mobile app**—available at www.rdl.org—to your smart phone and linked other desired cardholders numbers, you can choose your own barcode or another person's to check out materials both at the circulation desk and the self-checkout stations. Note that you must also have the PINs for the other accounts. Ask us for assistance!

September is Library Card Sign-up Month and Self-Improvement Month.

October is National Book Month, National Cookbook Month and TeenTober.

November is National Family Literacy Month.

TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

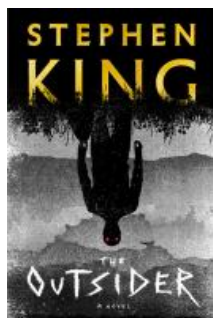
To join, just drop in or contact Emily M. @
emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

For adults
and seniors

First Tuesday of every
month, 1:30-2:30 pm



Sept 6



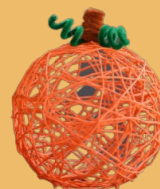
Oct 4



Nov 1

Teen Take & Make Craft Kits

September:
Back-to-school
Mystery Craft



October:
Yarn
Pumpkins

November:
Leaf Mason
Jar Lights



Kits are first-come, first-served while
supplies last. Check our Fb page & Instagram
pages to find out when they're available!

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Graubner Branch

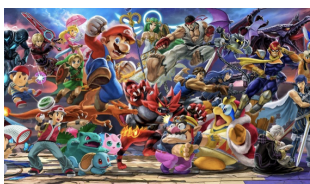
New time
starting this fall
and only once
a month!

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

Anime Club
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm
NO September Club
October 11 & November 22



Super Smash Bros
Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
NO September Program
October 25 & November 29



Let's play Super Smash
Bros Ultimate and
other games! Bring
your Nintendo Switch
if you'd like.
Snacks provided.

Dungeons and Dragons
Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
September 6 & 20
October 4 & 18
November 1 & 15



Go on an exciting journey in this
fun role-playing, storyline game
that includes heroes, challenges
& battles, and puzzles &
treasure! No experience
necessary; we'll teach you! Pizza
and pop available.

REMEMBER: We have online tutors and hundreds
of resources to help you through the school year.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

LEGO Club

2:00-4:00 pm

Friday, September 2

Saturday, October 1

Saturday, November 12

Hello LEGO lovers! Join in monthly for creating, sharing and showing off your best building skills. LEGOs of all sizes provided.



Ages 0-12

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

September 12 & 26, October 3, 10, 17 & 31, November 14, 21 & 28

(No session September 5 & 19, October 24, November 7)

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

For ages
0-23 months
with caregiver

For ages
2-3 years with
caregiver

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

September 13 & 27, October 5, 12 & 19, November 2, 16 & 23

(No session September 6 & 20, October 25, November 8 & 29)

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

Preschool Storytime

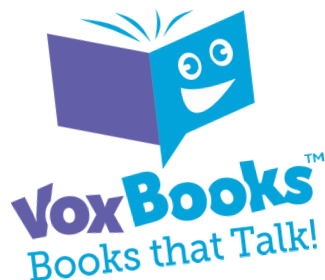
Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

September 14 & 28, October 12, 19 & 26, November 10 & 17

(No session September 1, October 5, November 3, 24 & 31)

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

For ages
3-5 years



NEW!



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff

Thursday November 10, 6:30 pm

This is an informational meeting for **5th graders and guardians** interested in participating in our Battle of the Books! Attendance at this meeting is NOT required for participation.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

This battle is a reading competition for 5th graders only, whether in school, virtual, hybrid or homeschooled. Teams will read 10 books over the fall and winter, and meet back for the competition next March.



Little Explorers

Fridays, 2:00-3:00 pm

September 30 & November 11

Get messy with us as we explore with our five senses! We will have fun with different sensory stations such as kinetic sand, water beads and painting. No registration required. Ages 0-5



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



Scooby-Doo Halloween Celebration

Saturday, October 22, 2:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate Halloween Scooby-Doo style! Come dressed in your costume and enjoy some spooky Scooby-Doo episodes along with yummy Halloween treats! **Registration begins Saturday, October 8.** For all ages.

Family Movie Trivia Night

Thursday, November 17, 6:00-8:00 pm

Brush up on your favorite animated movies and bring the whole family out for snacks and friendly competition!

Registration begins November 3. For all ages.



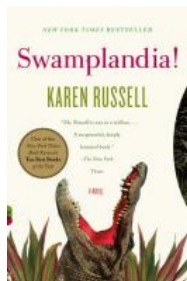
ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

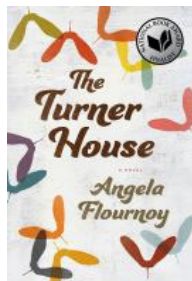
Join these discussions! Contact Stacie
@ 586-752-2583, or just drop in!

Great Books Book Group

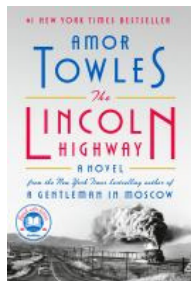
First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm



October 6



November 3



December 1

History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm



September 20



October 18



November 15

Crochet Club

Every Tuesday, 5:15-6:45 pm

Whether a beginner or an expert, join our circle as we work on our projects. Knitters and other needle arts welcome, too. This is not an instructional class, rather to meet like-minded people who share tips and inspiration.



Genealogy Lock-In

Saturday, September 10, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Come in for personalized help with your family history: answer important questions, scan photographs, research using our broad range of collections and solve problems with other researchers (and yes, indulge in snacks!).

This after-hours program requires registration. Sign up online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-2583.



Genealogy Help by Appointment

Third week of each month.

With one-on-one help from our genealogy librarian, you will learn how to use our extensive resources to get started on your family history search today! Call 586-752-2583 to schedule an appointment.

Romeo Community Archives

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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Kezar Branch



Registration for the below programs begins September 1 in person, by phone at 586-752-2583 or online at www.rdl.org.

Heritage Recipe Potluck

Thursday, October 20, 6:00-7:00 pm

In honor of Family History Month, bring your favorite family recipes and dishes to share. Whether its Great Grandma's Vernor's cake or Uncle Leo's famous chicken and dumplings, let's have a delicious evening sharing our family traditions. Recipes will be compiled into a booklet for all participants.



Christmas Decoration and Ornament Making

Thursday, November 17, 5:30-7:00 pm

Gather friends and family for a fun time at the historic Kezar Library! Make-and-take Christmas decorations and ornaments will get you in the mood for the holiday season. Supplies and snacks provided.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch



Every Thursday @ 11:30 am

Friends of all ages are welcome to meet at the library to enjoy a traditional storytime with stories, rhymes, songs and a craft! No registration required.



Witch's Hat Cookies

Saturday, October 22, 1:00 pm

Join us for a Halloween craft and other fun activities. Ages preschool-3rd grade. **Registration begins October 1.**



Oreo Turkey Craft

Saturday, November 19, 1:00 pm

Time for another easy, fun and tasty holiday craft! Ages preschool-3rd grade. **Registration begins November 1.**

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AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



We look forward to seeing as many library patrons as we can at the **Fall Rummage Sale** in September. Stay tuned to Friends-of-the-Romeo-District-Library on Facebook for details on date and time.

Now Available: **Gift certificates** for our book stores! Please consider one for a special day or person in your life! Available at both branches.

Thank you, donors and customers! Your book store purchases, membership dues and contributions provide us with funds to support our initiatives.

RDL ON WHEELS your library, delivered



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KidsFest @ the Annual Peach Festival Village Gazebo **9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

Oct ^{Thursday}
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Pumpkin Fest presented by RWB Parks & Recreation
Bruce Twp. Park, 223 E. Gates (N of St. Clair/E of Main St.) **5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**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 (begins September 11)

**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

**Romeo District Library branches will be closed
September 3, 4 & 5; and November 24 & 25, 2022.**

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