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**December 2022 / January / February 2023**



# WINTER 2023



## WE LOVE GOOD BOOKS, BUT WE'RE NOT JUST FOR BOOKS!

Winter is a wonderful time to snuggle up with a good book and a blanket. We can certainly help with the good book part—just ask a library staff member for a recommendation or browse our shelves. The NEW BOOKS area is a great place to start. Remember, you can make requests for particular titles and even have them delivered to your home when they become available.

Winter is also a great time to find other entertainment items at your library, and we can help with that, too! We have:

- **Movies** in a variety of genres in both DVD and Blu-ray
- **Music** CDs from every genre, including seasonal favorites
- **Audiobooks** on CD or MP3 format that plug directly into your vehicle
- **Downloadable eBooks** accessible through our apps, Libby or Overdrive, or Hoopla
- **Downloadable audiobooks & music** easily added to your device
- **Streaming educational videos** accessible through Hoopla or Access Video—everything from new releases to Ken Burns documentaries to Sesame Street and Reading Rainbow episodes.



Claire Meeker  
Library Director

For kids, we have **Launchpads**—tablets with pre-loaded apps and no connection to the internet. There are dozens available and specific to ages and topics. Perfect for keeping the peace on road trips!

Online, check out **Creativebug** on [www.rdl.org](http://www.rdl.org) for instructional videos on thousands of arts and crafts. And try out a hand lettering, jewelry or cake **supplies kit** from our Kezar branch.

Once again, we are happy to offer **notary services**. These are free of charge and available at the Graubner branch. It's best to call ahead to ensure our notary is available.

We continue to work on resources for you. As always, I'm here for your questions and suggestions at **586-752-0603 x1018** or [claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org](mailto:claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org).

### On the cover:

Why are those kids in shorts!? Well, this summer, our children's librarians organized a fun afternoon for Shark Week. Kids had much fun and had handmade treasures to take home.

## B-I-N-G-O!

Try a winter challenge with our bingo cards, available in **January** at our circulation desks. We've designed the cards to share our many offerings—maybe you'll learn something new! Winners of 5-spot bingos (row/column/diagonal) receive prizes in February!



# VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

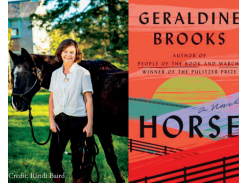
**Free** discussions with best-selling authors & thought leaders.

Tune in. Listen in. Ask questions of the top names in literature.

December

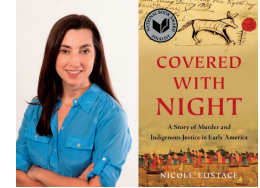
Tuesday  
**6**  
7:00 pm

**Geraldine Brooks**  
New York Times  
Best-selling &  
Pulitzer Prize-  
winning Author



Wednesday  
**14**  
12:00 pm

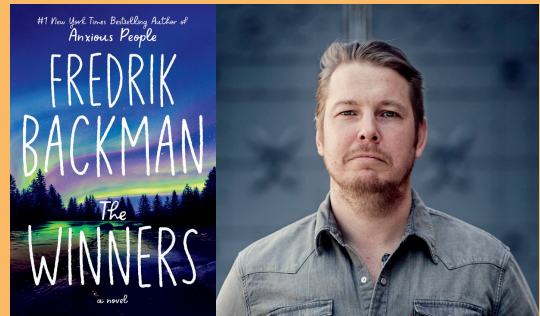
**Nicole Eustace**  
Pulitzer Prize-  
winning  
Historian



Saturday **Fredrik Backman**

**10**  
2:00 pm

#1 New York Times Best-selling Author  
of A Man Called Ove, My Grandmother  
Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, Britt-  
Marie Was Here, Beartown, Us Against  
You, and Anxious People



**Join us for a  
viewing party!**

**Location:**  
Kezar Branch Library  
107 Church St., Romeo

January

Thursday  
**12**  
2:00 pm

**Namina Forna**  
New York Times  
Best-selling Author



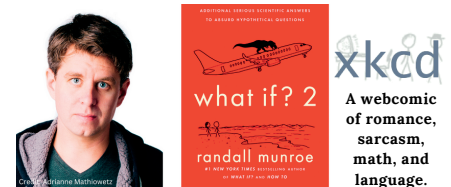
Tuesday  
**17**  
2:00 pm

**Dana K. White**  
Best-selling Author



Tuesday  
**31**  
2:00 pm

**Randall Munroe**, New  
York Times Best-selling  
Author/the hugely  
popular webcomic xkcd



February

Thursday  
**9**  
7:00 pm

**Lana Harper**  
New York Times  
Best-selling Author



Thursday  
**16**  
1:00 pm

**Grace M. Cho**  
Award-winning author



Tuesday  
**28**  
8:00 pm

**Cassandra Clare**  
Mega-Best-selling  
Author



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# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Graubner Branch

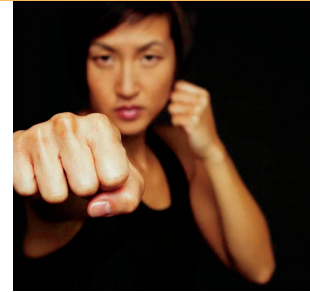
### Modern Women's Self-Defense Seminar

**Saturday, December 10, 1:00-2:30 pm**

Learn the modern techniques of women's self-defense with instructor Andrea Moon. Learn how to fight off attackers and how to use your body as a weapon.



**Limited to 20 attendees. Registration begins December 1. Call 586-752-0603 x4.**



### Amoris Lingua Christmas Concert

**Thursday, December 15, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Celebrate the holiday season with the beautiful music of this local Mexican band. Dressed in ethnic attire, the members will harmonize songs both in English and Spanish, accented by guitar and other instruments.

### Michigan Malicious

**Thursday, January 12, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Come face to face with the miscreants who put the "malicious" in Michigan history. Meet the jilted wife who dismembered her husband and planned a getaway with the body parts ... until her car broke down. Meet the disgruntled bookkeeper who murdered his boss and drove halfway across the country with the corpse.

And meet the heiress who just couldn't take rejection from her blue-collar boyfriend. Tonight, true crime author Tobin T. Buhk introduces 15 of the boldest, bloodiest and most bodacious criminals in the history of the Great Lakes State.



**< Find 12 more wicked titles by Buhk in our catalog. >**

### Classic Blues Tunes with Dan Devins and the Blues Delegation

**Thursday January 26, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Vocalist and harmonica player Dan Devins is joined by Detroit-area veteran musicians Nick Tabarias on guitar, Dave Huber on sax, Bob Conner on bass and Stu Tucker on drums, live at our library. Their unique take on classic blues tunes will provide an evening of great music to warm your soul.





# ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



## Brazilian Music with Brazil and Beyond

**Thursday, February 2, 7:00-8:00 pm**

Enjoy the sounds of a traditional Brazilian repertoire as this talented trio treats us to the music of the cavaquinho, a seven-string guitar and African percussion. We are thrilled to welcome them back!

## Puzzle Competitions

**Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm  
January 21 & February 18**

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



**Registration begins December 1.  
Call 586-752-0603 x4.**



## Painting with Cindy

**Thursday, February 16  
7:00 pm**

Lose those winter blahs with the talents of our featured local artist who guides us in painting an easy lavender picture with some home-kept materials.

**Limited to 12 attendees.**



**Registration begins December 1.  
Call 586-752-0603 x4.**

# 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](http://www.rdl.org).**

## Ebooks & Digital Audiobooks

**Mondays, 2:00-3:00 pm  
December 5, January 9 & February 6**

Learn how to use our ebook and audiobook services, Libby and Hoopla Digital.



## Basic Account Security

**2:00-3:00 pm  
Thursday, January 12**

Learn how to be safe online with your accounts and passwords. Bring your own devices, if desired. Handouts are provided. *Basic computer skills are recommended but not required for this class.*

**Thursday, December 8  
Monday, January 16  
Monday, February 13**

**2:00-3:00 pm**

Learn about our various services including databases, requests for library items at other Michigan libraries, and digital resources such as Consumer Reports. Our Technology Services Librarian will also provide a tour of the library.

## LIBRARY SERVICES OVERVIEW

WITH OUR TECH SERVICES EXPERT

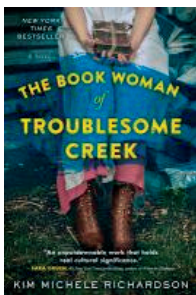


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# TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

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

For adults  
and seniors



The Book  
Woman of  
Troublesome  
Creek  
by  
Kim Michele  
Richardson

December 6



Snow  
by  
John  
Banville

January 3



The Forest  
of  
Vanishing  
Stars  
by  
Kristin  
Harmel

February 7

Meets the first Tuesday of every month in person and online. 1:30-2:30 pm.  
Contact Emily for a  zoom link.

## TEEN PROGRAMS

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

### Graubner Branch

#### Anime Club

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

December 6, 2022

January 10 & February 7, 2023

If you love anime and manga, then join us for Anime Club! We'll hang out, watch anime, do crafts and eat Japanese snacks!



#### Take & Make Crafts

December: Christmas Tree Frame



January: Sock Snowmen

February: Watercolor Valentine's Day Cards



Kits are first-come, first-served while supplies last.  
Check our Facebook & Instagram pages for release dates!

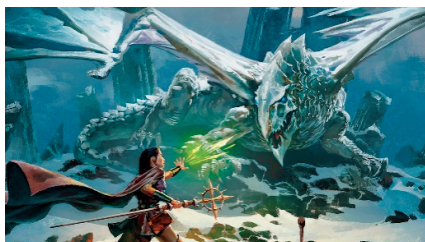
#### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm

December 13 & 27, 2022

January 17 & 31, 2023

February 14 & 28, 2023



Explore magical worlds and fight fantastical beasts in the classic role-playing game! If you don't know how to play, we'll teach you! Pizza and pop available.

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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Graubner Branch

*no registration required for storytimes*

### Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

December 5 & 12, 2022; January 9, 16 & 23; February 6, 13 & 27, 2023

Bring in baby for fun songs, bounces and stories!

**For ages  
0-23 months  
with caregiver**



**For ages  
2-3 years with  
caregiver**

### Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

December 6 & 13, 2022; January 10, 17 & 24

February 7, 14 & 28, 2023

Let's have fun with books, music, movement,  
pre-reading games, crafts and more!

### Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

December 7 & 14, 2022; January 11, 18 & 25; February 8 & 15, 2023

Bring your little reader to the library for stories, songs, movement, and  
a fun craft to take home!



**For ages  
3-5 years**

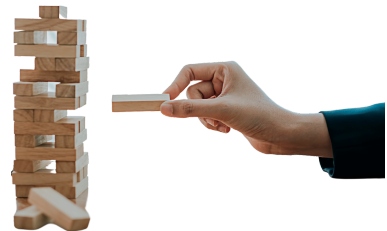
### December Delights!

Don't miss the fun in December when our  
children's librarians challenge you with...

**a guessing jar**



**AND**



**a Giant Jenga game!**

*Date/time details will be on our Facebook page.*

### LEGO Club

2:00-4:00 pm

Saturday, January 7

Saturday, February 4



**Ages 0-12**

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



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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

## Little Explorers

**Thursday, January 19, 2023, 2:00-3:00 pm**

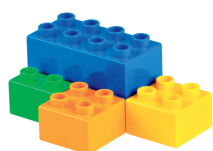
This hands-on program lets your little one have fun with a variety of sensory stations such as water and bubbles, playdough, kinetic sand, and more! No registration required. Ages 0-5.



## Snackitivity

**Wednesdays, February 1-22, 2023, 3:00-6:00 pm**

Meet at the library for games, crafts, LEGO fun and more! Snacks will be provided at this fun activity. Drop in anytime 3:00-6:00 pm! All ages.



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



## Gingerbread House Decorating

**Saturday, December 17, 2:00-3:30 pm**

Celebrate the holiday season by making a festive and delicious gingerbread house! Take your house with you or leave it at the library for display and to enter our "Best Gingerbread House" contest! All supplies will be provided. **Registration is required and begins December 3. Please register only one person per family.**

## Family New Year's Party!

**Saturday, January 14, 2:00 pm**

Happy New Year! Ring in the New Year at the library with games, crafts and activities celebrating traditions from around the world. **Registration is required and begins December 17.** For all ages.



## Polar Bear Party

**Saturday, February 25, 2:00-3:30 pm**

Let's celebrate International Polar Bear Day! Join us for stories, crafts and more all about this awesome arctic animal. **Registration is required and begins February 11.** Ages 2 and up.





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Kezar Branch

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

### Great Books Book Group

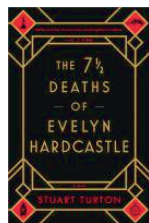
First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm  
January 5 & February 2

Great books, great company, great conversation  
—everything you want in a book group!  
Call Kezar for title selections.

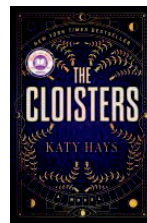
### History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

Murder and mayhem, robberies and forgeries,  
heroes and villains... this book group has it all!



December 20



January 17



February 21

### 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.



### Drop-in Writer's Group

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

Beginning to seasoned writers, let's share tips and inspiration along with gentle critiques, writing and publishing advice, and lots of encouragement!



### Scanning Party with Romeo Community Archives

Thursday, January 19, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Do you have historical photos of Romeo, Washington or Bruce—street views, homes, businesses, families & more? Help us document and preserve our area's local history!

Staff will scan your photos for the Romeo Community Archives Digital Collection and provide you with a flash drive of your digital images to keep. Please: no more than 10 photos per family. For more information contact Emily at 586-752-2583 or [rca@romeocommunityarchives.org](mailto:rca@romeocommunityarchives.org).

### 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 work on your family history search! Call 586-752-2583 to schedule an appointment.



# ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

## Kezar Branch

### Annual Kezar Family Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 pm

Our Annual Family Christmas party is back! Bring the whole family for an evening of fun with activities such as cookie decorating, crafts, and a special holiday guest!

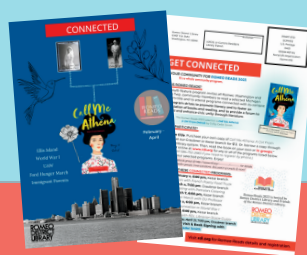


### ROMEO READS 2023 IS COMING!



In our third year, we promise readers an exquisite novel in verse by a Michigan native. Enjoy others' reflections in small discussion groups and awesome programs related to its content: immigrant parents, life during World War I, growing up in 1930s Detroit, life's extreme challenges & more!

Look for a postcard in your mailbox in February for more details!



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Kezar Branch



**Every Thursday @ 11:30 am**

*No registration required.*

Children of all ages! Join Ms. Jeanette and her friends to read stories, sing songs, shake egg shakers, and create something fun to take home!

### Winter Break Craft Day

**Wednesday, December 28, 2:00-3:00 pm**

*No registration required.*

Getting restless being at home? Kids, elementary through high school, are welcome to Kezar for make-and-take fuse bead craft. We have beads, pattern boards, and an idea book. Bring your siblings, cousins and friends!



### Gumdrop Snowflake Ornaments

**Saturday,  
December 17  
1:00 pm**

Will your ornament make it to the tree?  
Ages preschool-3rd grade.  
**Online registration begins December 1.**



Register online  
at [www.rdl.org](http://www.rdl.org),  
in person, or at  
**586-752-2583.**



### Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating

**Saturday,  
February 11  
1:00 pm**

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



## AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS

Both used book stores wrapped up a successful month-long bag sale in October, with proceeds supporting the Romeo Community Archives. Both stores now have lots of holiday-themed books as well as a trove of quality fiction by popular authors and nonfiction covering a wide variety of topics. Regular prices are a steal: nothing over \$3, and EVERYTHING at Kezar is half price on Saturdays. (BTW, both stores are open to the public during regular library hours; no library cards or residency requirements are required.)



The funds raised through the book stores, our annual rummage sale, and the sale of T-shirts and tote bags support a number of programs, both within the library and in the broader community. Highlights of 2022 include:

- books and refreshments for the **2022 Battle of the Books** in the 5th, 7th and 9th grades
  - author honorarium and books for the **Romeo Reads** program
  - a **scanner** for the Romeo Archives to assist in the digitization of The Romeo Observer issues
  - a \$500 **scholarship** to staff member Janelle Danyko to help pursue a degree in Library and Information Sciences
  - \$3500 for each of the next three years to support the **Library Speakers Consortium**, which sponsors online discussions with leading authors. The sessions are free to cardholders of participating libraries. (See page 2.)
  - \$2500 to support the Four County Community Foundation's launch of the **Four County Imagination Library Fund** (<https://www.4ccf.org/initiatives/four-county-imagination-library/>), which serves children in the eight school districts served by 4CCF.
- Besides providing monetary support to library and community programs, the Friends have donated books and media from the book stores to senior centers, nursing and assisted living homes, and teachers and schools. Over 6,200 items have been donated since March 2020 to Operation Paperback, in support of our military, both active troops and veterans. This summer, the Friends began a collaboration with Reading4Reform, which provides softcover books to inmates at the Macomb County Jail.

Annual membership in the Friends starts at only \$10 and Junior membership for only \$5. You can become a new member or renew your membership in person at both Kezar and Graubner, or at [rdl.org/friends/join](http://rdl.org/friends/join).

The Friends website is [www.rdl.org/friends](http://www.rdl.org/friends) and our Facebook page is Friends-of-the-Romeo-District-Library (LIKE our page to keep up to date).

Now Available: **Gift certificates** of \$5 each for our book stores! Available at both branches. Library **T-shirts** are available for only \$15, and sturdy canvas **tote bags** are only \$12. New designs coming in 2023!

*Thank you, donors and customers! Tax-deductible donations of books, DVDs and Blu-Rays, CDs and audiobooks on CD in good condition are always welcome and can be dropped at either branch during regular library hours.*

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**December** is **Learn a Foreign Language Month** &  
**National Write a Business Plan Month.**

Try our online resources to voice over a native speaker  
& to forecast cash flow and financial resources.



**January** is **National Braille Literacy Month** &  
**National Hobby Month.** Try something new!

“ —  
The family that reads  
together grows together.  
— Carmela Dutra, author — ”

**February** is **National Family Literacy Month.**  
Find something for everyone at the library!

**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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