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March/April/May 2023

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SPRING 2023



DIRECTOR'S TO-DO LIST

- ✓ Make sure we have the latest and most popular books
 - We are working hard to make sure that the **bestsellers** are here for you and that wait time isn't too long when you put a request on a popular title
- ✓ Offer **programs** that people enjoy
 - Join us for storytimes, evening concerts, craft classes and more
- Stay up to date on technology
- ✓
 - We're adding **holds lockers** in front of both libraries so that you can pick up materials anytime by just scanning your library card
 - We have **WiFi hotspots** available for checkout at our Graubner branch
- ✓ Be a **welcoming place** for everyone
 - We don't care how much money you have, where you live, what language you speak at home, what you read or watch or listen to, where you came from, or how you get around.
 - We want you to know that the library is here for you and welcomes you!



Claire Meeker
Library Director

Let me know if you think of other things I should put on my to-do list... this is just the start!
I can be reached at **586-752-0603 x1018** or **claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org**.

You said:

“ I wanted to give thanks to our amazing library and its staff. I've been off work due to a surgery and I've checked out a few good books to read and DVDs to watch. The staff has been great with some fine book recommendations. Keep up the great work! ”

— Joe Gray



On the cover:

Painting with Cindy in February upheld the status that our craft programs are always popular. Participants fully enjoyed the guided process of artfully painting sprigs of lavender on square canvases to proudly take home.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 6, 11:00-5:00 pm

Register at: **www.redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app.html**



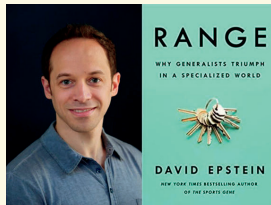
AUTHOR TALKS

FREE discussions with best-selling authors & thought leaders.

To be a part of this, simply:

1. Register at the link below.
2. On the date of your chosen talk, log on with the link you receive.
3. Then listen to LIVE interviews with the top names in literature.
4. You can also ask the author a question through the website.

Your interests. Your home. Your inspiration.



Monday, March 13
1:00 pm
David Epstein

Tuesday, March 21
4:00 pm
Jernard Wells



Tuesday, March 28
1:00 pm
Pam Jenoff

Tuesday, April 4
7:00 pm
Kate Beaton



April

Tuesday
18
6:00 pm

William Kent Krueger
#1 Best-selling Author of
More Than 20 Books

Join us for a VIEWING PARTY with snacks & activities!

Location:
Kezar Branch Library
107 Church St., Romeo

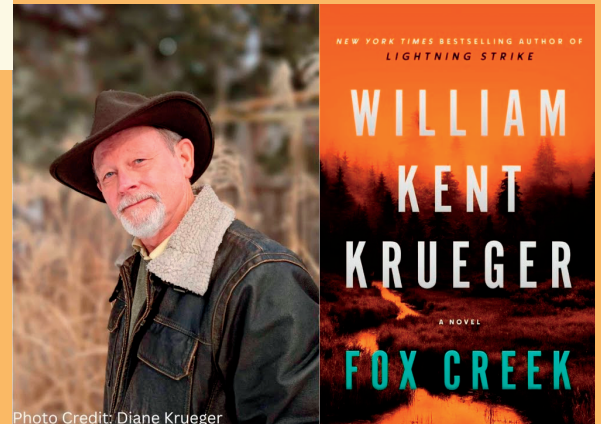
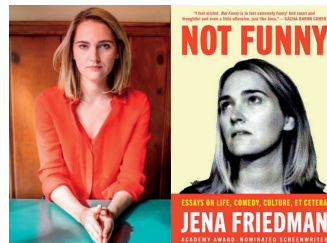


Photo Credit: Diane Krueger

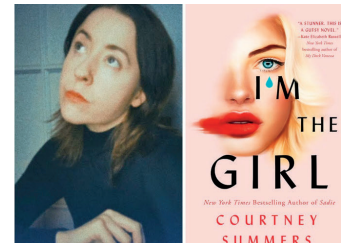
Wednesday, May 3
1:00 pm
Britt Hawthorne



Wednesday, May 10
8:00 pm
Jena Friedman



Saturday, May 20
2:00 pm
Courtney Summers



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

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch



Alternative Country Concert

Thursday, March 2, 7:00-8:00 pm

The Whiskey Charmers is a Detroit-based alternative country band led by Carrie Shepard and Lawrence Daversa. Fans have often compared their sound to riding through the desert with the top down, or of being in some lonesome smoky bar off the side of an abandoned highway. If you like the music of Spaghetti Westerns, you will love this duo's unique style.

Puzzle Competitions

Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm

March 11, April 15 & May 20

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!

Spring Craft with Becky

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm

Local resident and artist Becky Smith will teach us the art of centerpiece making. No fee or registration for this program. Class size is limited to 12 spots and will fill up quickly.

Springtime Craft with Wolcott Mill

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm

Kathleen Clinton is here again to help us reign in spring. Put those cold winter months behind you and relax with an evening of fun. Registration required.



Registration for the above programs begins March 1. Call 586-752-0603 x4.



Views from the Spectrum

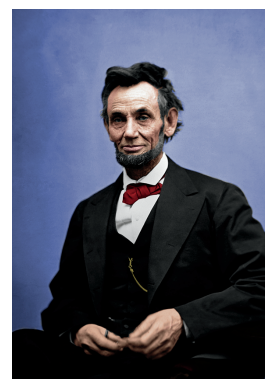
Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

Author Ron Sandison offers this rare opportunity for those affected by autism to listen to someone who has overcome this affliction. Ron will share his insight, tips and faith on how to be successful in this world despite the disadvantages that might come with autism. It is a story of hope and inspiration.

The Lincoln Assassination

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

Local historian Jerry Zaetta will bring to life the events and people involved in the killing of our country's most beloved president. Who was John Wilkes Booth and his co-conspirators? Why did they kill President Lincoln when the Civil War had already ended? What was their full plan? The escape route used? Who else was involved and what might have happened to our nation had Lincoln not been assassinated? Bring your interest, your questions and your theories for an evening of historic reflection.



ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Big Barn Music

Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm



Enjoy an evening of Big Barn Music as Matt and Nan Drinkard share their love of toe-tappin, hand-clappin' Americana and Old Time sing-a-long songs on banjo and mandolin.

Becky's Bath & Spa Craft

Thursday, May 11, 7:00-8:00 pm

Becky returns to guide us in an easy-to-make spa craft with bath bombs galore. A candle and some easy listening music and we'll melt away the day.



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

Phil Hale Jazz Trio Concert

Thursday May 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

Gifted musician Phil Hale has been playing the keys for 30+ years. It's clearly second nature. From All Star Jam Sessions to after-hours clubs, he rarely misses his opportunity to lay down a groove on the keys that simply fits. In high demand on the jazz, gospel, rhythm & blues, house, funk, techno and rock scenes, Hale's creativity seems almost endless and his association the same magnitude.



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.

Ebooks & Digital Audiobooks

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm
March 9, April 6 & May 4

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

Basic Account Security

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm
March 23 & May 25

Learn how to be safe online with your accounts and passwords. Handouts provided.

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm
March 16, April 13 & May 11

Learn about our various services including databases, requests for library items statewide, and digital resources such as Consumer Reports. We'll also provide a tour of the library.

LIBRARY SERVICES OVERVIEW



Tech Tutoring is available many Mondays to Thursdays at 1:45 or 3:30 pm. Call 586-752-0603 x4.

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TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

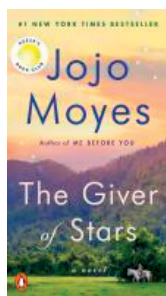
To join, just drop in or contact Emily M. @
emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

For adults
and seniors



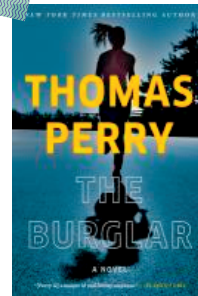
The Book of
Lost Friends
by
Lisa Wingate

March 7



The Giver
of Stars
by
Jojo Moyes

April 4



The Burglar
by
Thomas
Perry

May 2

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Graubner Branch

Anime Club

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm
March 7, April 4 & May 2

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



Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm
March 14 & 28; April 11 & 25; and May 9 & 23



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

Take & Make Crafts

Kits are available monthly on the first Friday.
First-come, first-served while supplies last.

March: Needle-felted Peeps



April: DIY Birdhouses



May: Bleeding Tissue Paper Art



SHOW YOUR CRAFTS ON OUR *Instagram*



Come out to cheer on the
9th graders competing in the
2023 Battle of the Books!

Saturday, March 18, 11:00 am



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

no registration required for storytimes

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am March 13, 20 & 27; April 10, 17 & 24; May 1

Bring in baby for fun songs, bounces and stories!

For ages
0-23 months
with caregiver

For ages
2-3 years with
caregiver

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am March 14, 21 & 28; April 11, 18 & 25; May 2

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

Toddler Storytime

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am March 1, 15, 22 & 29; April 12, 19 & 26; May 3

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

For ages
3-5 years

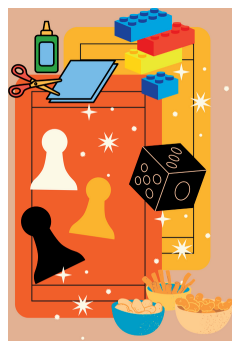
March is Reading Month!

Stop by our Children's Department all month long for special activities!



Snacktivity!

Wednesdays, March 1-29
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! For all ages.

LEGO Club

2:00-4:00 pm

Saturday, March 4
Saturday, April 1



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



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

GO
TEAM

**Come out to cheer on the 5th graders competing in the
2023 Battle of the Books! Saturday, March 25, 10:30 am**



Breakout Boxes

April 3-7, Anytime 2:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate spring break with our new breakout boxes! Bring your friends and family and work together to solve puzzles in an effort to unlock the box! Ages 0-12. No registration required.



Smart Money Michigan Kids Read!

April 1-30

We have partnered with the Michigan Financial Wellness Network to bring you exciting and informative kid activities! Look for a book giveaway of *Owl and Otter* and the *Big Yard Sale*, and more all through April!

Michigan Financial Wellness Network



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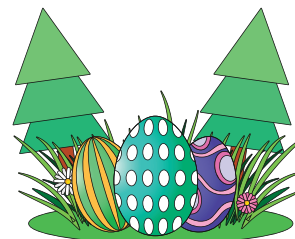
Register for the below programs online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603.

Afternoon Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 5, 2:00 pm

Celebrate the season with an egg hunt on the lawn at the Graubner Library! Bring your own basket. Event will happen rain or shine. For all ages.

Registration is required and begins March 8.



Spring Crafts

Saturday, April 22, 2:00-3:30 pm

Celebrate the season with fun, spring-themed crafts. We will make colorful butterflies, flowers, spring animals and more! Ages 3 and up.

Registration is required and begins April 8.



Family Movie Trivia Night

Thursday, May 25, 6:30 pm

Brush up on your favorite animated movies and bring the whole family out for snacks and friendly competition! Ages 0-12. **Registration is required and begins May 11.**



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

Great books, great company, great conversation
—everything you want in a book group!



March 2



April 6

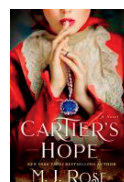


May 4

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!



March 21



April 18



May 16

Crochet Club

Every Tuesday, 5:15-6:45 pm

Beginners to experts, bring your projects to Kezar, meet like-minded people, and share tips and inspiration. Knitters and other needle arts welcome, as well. This is not an instructional class.



Basket Weaving Class

Thursdays, 5:45 pm | April 27, & May 4 & 11

Make a plain-weaved beginner basket sized to fit a legal letter but great for many uses. Several colors to choose from to accent your filled-base, handled basket. All supplies provided. Project takes all three dates.



Romeo Collections Open House

Saturday, May 6, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

To celebrate Preservation Week, we invite you to view the collections we house and to see what kind of work we put into preserving them. After all, there's more to the story of Romeo. For more information contact Emily at **586-690-4890** or rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

Genealogy Workshops

Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

March 11, April 8 & May 13



With help from our genealogy librarian at monthly topical workshops, you will learn how to use our free, extensive resources to work on your family history. Held both in person and online through Zoom. Register online for your day of choice.



Register for these programs at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-2583.

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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Kezar Branch

Read ● Attend ● Connect

In our third year, we introduce readers to an exquisite novel in verse by a Michigan native, ***Call Me Athena: Girl From Detroit*** by Colby Cedar Smith. **Read the book** and **attend the programs** connected to the story's content.

Connect with the book, the stories within and with community members—all in one program! Discuss the book with others, in the **Romeo District Library Group on Facebook** or gather a group in town.

Register for all of any of these programs at rdl.org:

- **Significance of Postcards in War Time Communication**
Thursday, March 9, 6:00 pm

- **Greek Food Tasting with Pamela's Catering**
Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm

- **1932 Ford Hunger March Talk with UAW, Local 600**
Thursday, March 23, 6:00 pm

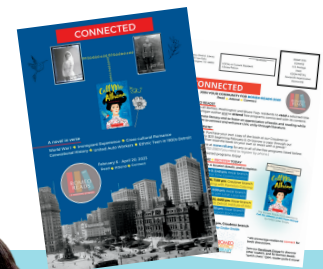
- **The Detroit Industry Murals with Detroit Institute of Arts**
Thursday, March 30, 6:00 pm

- **Book Discussion with Librarian Stacie Guzzo**
Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm

- **Author Visit/Q&A with Colby Cedar Smith**
Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm

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This card was mailed to all area residents in early February.



ALL program
details at
www.rdl.org



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch



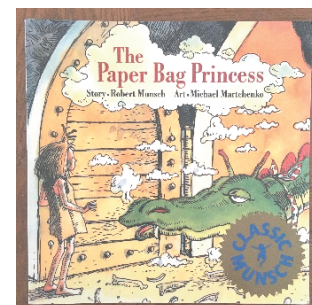
Every Thursday @ 11:30 am

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! No registration required.

Paper Bag Princess Storytime

Thursday, March 2, 11:30 am

In commemoration of the classic picture book, *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch, we will have a special storytime and crafts. This unconventional story tells of a princess who saves the prince from the dragon. Lots of girl power and plenty of fun for boys! No registration required.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



Register for these programs at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-2583.

Spring Babies Craft Day

Saturday, March 25, 12:45 pm



Spring has sprung and baby animals are springing up everywhere! Join us for cute animal crafts and activities! Ages preschool-3rd grade. Registration begins March 1.

Earth Day Stories & Craft

Saturday, April 22, 12:45 pm



Join us to celebrate Earth Day 2023 with stories about plants and gardens, and a simple gardening project to take home. Fun for all! Ages 3-10. Registration begins April 1.

'Get Ready for Summer!' Craft Day

Saturday, May 20, 12:45 pm

It's an "Almost Summer Crafting Extravaganza!" Craft projects galore! Ages 3-12. Registration begins May 1.



AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS

The 2022 Friends financial statement brings good news: revenue for the year (\$15,431) exceeded the budget by almost 50%. In fact, revenue in all categories—book store sales, rummage and used computer sales, memberships, eBay sales, and t-shirt and tote bag sales—leaves us with almost **\$22,000 in uncommitted funds** to spend on library programs.

***THANK YOU* to all of our donors and customers who made this possible.**

In January, the Friends voted to commit \$2,500 in matching funds to the Four-County's **Imagination Library Fund** (<https://www.4ccf.org/initiatives/four-county-imagination-library/>). The Friends will match individual donations up to a limit of \$2,500. Watch for publicity regarding this match program starting in March. Application forms to enroll children 0-5 years old in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (imaginationlibrary.com) are available at Graubner's children's room.

Swag Alert: **Library t-shirts** are available for \$15 at the Graubner branch only. A child's large size has been added to the selection which includes adult unisex sizes S-XXL. Sturdy canvas **tote bags** are \$12 at both branches. A new design will be added to the lineup soon!

Look for \$3 bag sales at both used book stores to celebrate March Is Reading Month.

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

Finally, some interesting readings:

"Kurt Vonnegut's Powerful 1973 Letter to the Man Burning his Books"

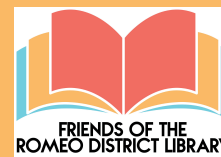
fs.blog/kurt-vonneguts-letter-book-burning

"Isaac Asimov on How Libraries Can Radically Change Your Life (1971)"

openculture.com/2022/12/isaac-asimov-on-how-libraries-can-radically-change-your-life-1971.html

"What Can We Learn from Barnes & Noble's Surprising Turnaround?"

tedgioia.substack.com/p/what-can-we-learn-from-barnes-and?utm_medium=email



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March

NATIONAL READING MONTH

Womens History Month & National Craft Month

2: National Read Across America Day & Dr. Seuss Day

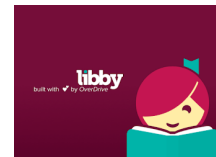
First full week: Read an E-Book & Words Matter

14: National Children's Craft Day

19: International Read To Me Day

20: World Storytelling Day

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April

National Poetry Month

12: D.E.A.R - Drop Everything and Read

23-29: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK-CELEBRATE W/US!

April 30-May 6: Preservation Week

ROMEO COMMUNITY
ARCHIVES

May

First full week: Screen-Free Week

1: National Mother Goose Day

14: National Mother's Day

20: National Streaming Day

RDL ON WHEELS

your library, delivered

We'll bring your items to you.



Graubner Branch

65821 Van Dyke Rd.

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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/Romeo Community Archives

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

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