



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH

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September/October/
November 2023

FALL 2023



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Why would anyone want a library card? For so many reasons!

- Reserve popular materials from libraries countywide or even statewide, or get on a popular waiting list.
- Download items like eBooks, movies, TV shows, audiobooks & magazines.
- Use any other library in Macomb County.
- Research genealogy with Ancestry or Fold3 through our website.
- Log in to Consumer Reports or New York Times online without paying for a subscription.
- Register for programs like summer reading and those with limited spots.
- Pick up requested materials 24/7 from the outdoor lockers at either of our branches.
- Get free or discounted passes to state parks, metroparks, museums and other attractions with Michigan Activity Pass on our website.
- Watch live author talks online and ask them your questions. Upcoming authors include Ruth Ware and John Irving.
- Log in to tutor.com through our website for one-on-one instruction with a vetted tutor for any grade level at no cost to you—even to proofread papers.
- Save at local businesses like Brown Iron Brewhouse & Achatz Pies (see others from The Go Library Card under the 'Services' tab on our website).



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claire@romeodistrict
library.org

And here's a tip: download our library group **mobile app** (search SLC Libraries), then load your library card number on your phone. It will display your barcode, and that is readable with our checkout scanners. No need to even carry your card! The app is also a great way to search for materials and manage your holds list.

Apply for an RDL library card in person at either one of our branches or on www.rdl.org and have the card sent to you. Share the news with neighbors, and I hope to see you at the library soon!



On the cover:

A few of the ways to enjoy your library card: RDLonWheels, children's events, the Graubner children's area, book discussion at Kezar, teen Dungeons & Dragons, and painting programs.

Library Champions Access FREE Resources

children: • FUN, educational programs • indoor & outdoor play areas • storytimes
• learn-to-read resources • music, movies, audiobooks & talking books

teens: • anime/D&D clubs • comics • manga • movies • music • take-and-make crafts

families: • portable hotspots • download & streaming services • online arts & crafts courses
• genealogy & local history resources • discount passes to local & state attractions

students: • librarian references • quality, vetted research databases • meeting & study rooms
• all genres of books • online practice tests, essay evaluation & online tutors

educators: • curriculum alignment • video tutorials • professional development collection

job seekers/employees: • job search/career exploration & preparation resources • business
& people profiles • content from leading trade journals, professional/technical society
publications & conference proceedings

entrepreneurs & organizations: • mailing lists & sales leads • business & people profiles
• meeting & study rooms

• **parents • history buffs • hobbyists • crafters • researchers • career professionals**

• books • magazines • eBooks • audiobooks • Consumer Reports • online arts & crafts classes

• **small engine repair reference • auto repair & home improvement sources**

• millions of news sources • legal, health & entrepreneurial sources • digital encyclopedia of associations



**A library card
is elemental.
Get yours today!**

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch



Underwater Archeology

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

Selfridge Military Air Museum Executive Director Steve Mrozek takes us back in time and beneath the waves in this exciting program. He shares video of his dives in the St. Clair River in 1992 when a P-39 Airacobra was found. This was the plane that crashed and killed Tuskegee Flight Officer Nathaniel Rayburg on December 12, 1943. Mrozek will discuss the crash itself and show pieces of wreckage found.

Soundz of Music Concert

Thursday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 pm

Enjoy a pleasant evening with a fun blend of standards, polkas, Latin, oldies and country music.



Two Talls Concert

Thursday, October 12, 7:00-8:00 pm

Get ready for a vast variety of music at all difficulty levels played with passion and fun. Everything from gypsy, Polish, Finnish, Hungarian, Russian to Texas swing, bluegrass, waltzes and classical arrangements for violin and accordion, replacing an entire orchestra.



Autumn Crafts with Wolcott Mill

Wednesday, September 20, 7:00 pm

Kathleen returns with her magic bag of crafts—always a hit. Get creative as she leads us on another fun craft adventure. Actual craft to be announced.



Registration for craft programs begins September 1. Call 586-752-0603 x4.

Harvest Sunflower Painting with Cindy

Thursday, October 5, 6:30 pm

Cindy returns, this time to guide you in painting a delightful sunflower with some fun techniques. Limited to 16 spots.



Medicare 101

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm

September 27, October 25 & November 29

Have questions about Medicare? Attend this information-only seminar presented by two local licensed Medicare advisors. Learn the ABCs of this national health insurance program, and what's covered with Parts A and B. Understand eligibility, enrollment periods and how to avoid penalties, as well as an overview of additional coverage options, Medicare supplements, Part C Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Plans. This seminar is for both those just becoming eligible for Medicare and current Medicare beneficiaries.

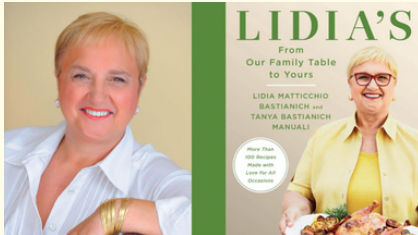


VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Your interests.
Your home.
Your inspiration.

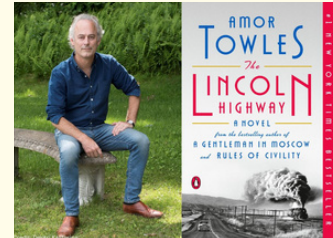
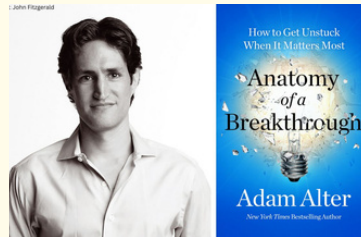
FREE interviews with bestselling authors & thought leaders.

Register. Log on. Listen.



Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 pm
Lidia Bastianich

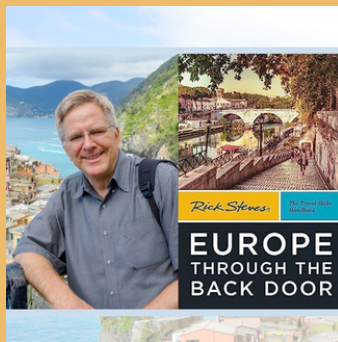
Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2:00 pm
Adam Alter



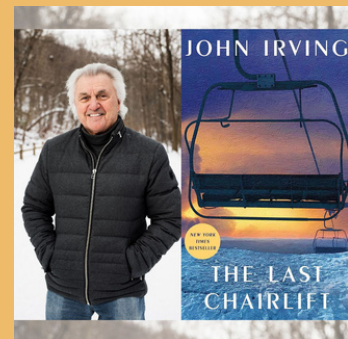
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:00 pm
Amor Towles

2023 is the 110th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway dedication.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2:00 pm
Ruth Ware



Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4:00 pm
Rick Steves



Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:00 pm
John Irving

Watch with us!
See page 6.

Thursday, Nov. 9
2:00 pm
Tiffany
"The Budgetnista"
Aliche



Wednesday, Nov. 1
8:00 pm
John Stamos



Thursday, Nov. 16
4:00 pm
Joy Harjo

Thursday, Nov. 30
3:00 pm
Naomi Alderman



REGISTER @ www.rdl.org → Download & Stream

ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



Mental Health Awareness

Thursday, October 19, 7:00-8:00 pm

Is someone you know struggling with mental health issues? Do you have questions and concerns about what's available to help them—or yourself? Spokesperson Jeffrey Clark from Macomb County Community Mental Health will guide you through the many questions associated with mental health issues, their treatment and resources available.

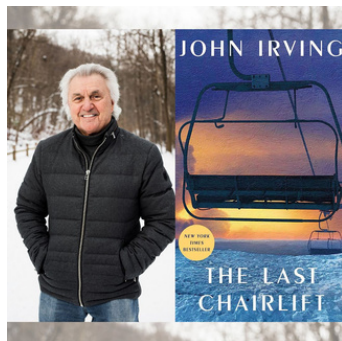
Watch Party: Virtual Author Talk with John Irving

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

If you liked *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, *The World According to Garp* or *The Cider House Rules*, you may be as excited as we are to tune into a LIVE one-on-one interview with this international bestselling author. Have a question you'd like him to answer? Include it in your registration at

www.rdl.org —→ Download & Stream —→ Virtual Author Talks

Then on the date of his author talk, we'll see you at Graubner!



The Inns and Outs of Michigan

Thursday November 9, 7:00-8:00 pm

Travelogue expert Michael Artman will focus this presentation on unique and historic inns throughout Michigan's lower peninsula, as well as interesting attractions around them. He'll begin with Marshall's National House Inn, our state's oldest operating inn. We'll then travel from Saugatuck to downtown Detroit, along the "thumb" and north to Leelanau Peninsula and the Petoskey area, concluding with an in-depth look at the inns of Mackinaw City and Mackinac Island.



The Sweet Beats Ukulele Concert

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

Need a little fun in your life? Maybe you need a "little guitar" music. This local ukulele band are all about putting fun into the lives of those who hear them play. They are here one night only—don't miss out on their unique sound.



Vocalist Kevin Wills Live in Concert

Thursday, November 30, 7:00-8:00 pm

Kevin sings timeless hits made famous by crooners we all love. His profound love of music is evident in the warmth and passion of his delivery, and a life-time of training on multiple instruments has given him a unique musicality that resonates during his performance. Join us!



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
September 7, October 12 & November 9

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

Basic Account Security

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm
September 21 & November 2

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

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm
September 14, October 19 & November 16

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

WITH OUR TECH SERVICES EXPERT



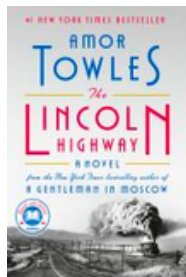
Tech Tutoring is available many Mondays to Thursdays at 1:45 or 3:30 pm. Call 586-752-0603 x4.

TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

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

For adults
and seniors

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the Lincoln Highway dedication.



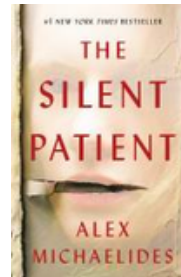
September 5

The Lincoln Highway
by Amor Towles



October 3

Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness
by Susannah Cahalan



November 14

The Silent Patient
by Alex Michaelides

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

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TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Graubner Branch

Anime Club

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

September 5 & October 3; and

Wednesday, November 1

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

September 12 & 26; October 10 & 24; and

November 14 & 28



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

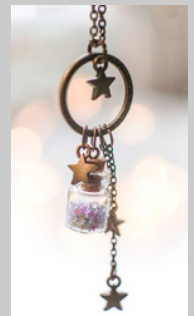
September: Pokémon Bookmarks

October: Ghost Lanterns

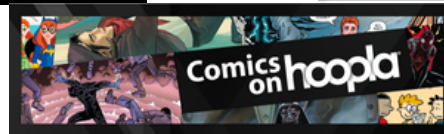
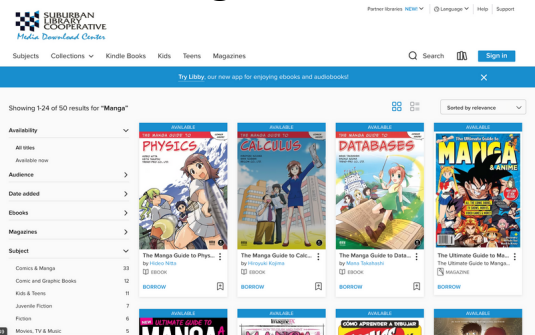
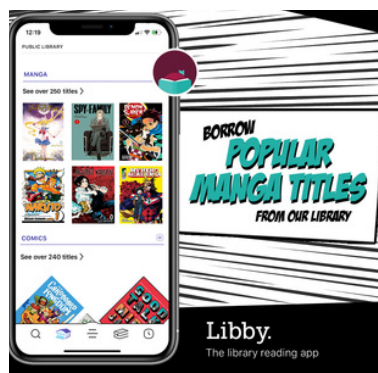
November: Stardust Necklace & Keychain

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

SHOW YOUR CRAFTS ON OUR **Instagram** WITH **#RDLCrafts**



Check out new comics and manga in our buildings and with our digital sources.



See us at **Romeo's first Comic Con** Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:00 am-3:00 pm!
@ Romeo VFW Hall, 70455 McVicar Rd. Romeo | **romeocomiccon.com**



in conversation with Angeline Boulley

author of

Firekeeper's Daughter and *Warrior Girl Unearthed*



ROMEO MIDDLE SCHOOL

AUDITORIUM entrance at the back NE corner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

6:00 PM

Special thank you to



This event is part of Michigan Humanities' Great Michigan Read author tour.

The 2023–24 Great Michigan Read is presented by Michigan Humanities and supported by national, statewide, and local partners, including the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Meijer Foundation, Library of Michigan, Image Creative Group, biblioboard, and Michigan Radio Reads.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

no registration required for storytimes

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am
September 11-December 4
No storytime Oct. 9 & Nov. 6.



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
September 12-December 5
No storytime Oct. 10 & Nov. 7.



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
September 13-November 29
No storytime Oct. 11 & Nov. 8.



Snacktivity!

Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 pm
September 6-November 15
Drop in anytime.



Meet at the library for games, crafts, LEGO fun and more!

Snacks provided. For all ages.



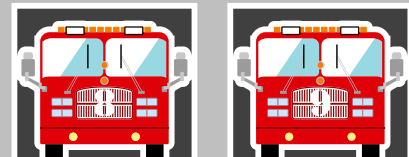
Storytime on Wheels

Friday, September 15, 10:30 am
Tuesday, November 7, 10:30 am



Visit Washington Fire Station #1 (11300 27 Mile Road) for a fun and educational storytime and tour! **Registration starts Thursday, August 31; call 586-752-0603 x 5.**

FIRE STATION



Sensory Friday

Friday, September 8
2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for sensory play with fun materials, such as kinetic sand, water beads and paint. Stations may be messy; please dress accordingly. Ages 0-5.



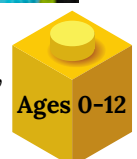
LEGO Club

Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 pm

September 9, October 7 & November 18



LEGO club is back, with some new additions! Join in monthly to create, share and show off your best building skills. Drop in anytime.



Ages 0-12

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

THANK YOU to every reader and caregiver who participated in our **Summer Reading Program.**

And THANK YOU to our sponsors: **Romeo Kiwanis, Friends of RDL, Juliet Chocolates, Nostalgia, the Daily Blend Cafe, DQ, & The Detroit Zoo.**

Watch for a new reading challenge early next year!



Registered Readers

618 CHILDREN & TEENS

413,379 MINUTES LOGGED!

You set new records!

Most Attended Children's Programs

- 1) COLD-BLOODED CREATURES
- 2) FIELD DAY
- 3) FRIENDSHIP CRAFTS



Register for noted programs online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603 x5.

Pirate Party!

Saturday, September 23, 1:00 pm

Arrrrrrrr you ready for a great day of pirate fun? Games, crafts, dress-up, music, food and more—even a chance to meet and talk to a pirate! **Registration begins Thursday, August 31.**



Annular Solar Eclipse Viewing Party!

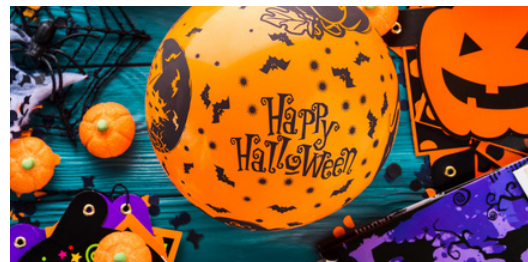
Saturday, October 14, 11:30 am-2:30 pm

Enjoy the unique experience of viewing the annular solar eclipse from the lawn of the library. We'll also have crafts and activities for the whole family. Eclipse viewing glasses will be available. **Registration begins Saturday, September 16.**

Halloween Boo-Bash

Saturday, October 28, 2:00-3:00 pm

Come to the library for a spooky-good time! We will make crafts, play games, and have some sweet treats to celebrate all things Halloween. Ages 2 and up. **Registration begins October 14.**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Graubner Branch

Tween Crafternoon: Sugar Skull Decorating

Wednesday, November 1, 3:00-4:30 pm



Sugar skulls are a colorful, traditional symbol of El Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is celebrated November 1-2 each year. Decorate your own sugar skull with paint and other materials, and learn a bit about this Mexican holiday. Ages 8 and up.

Registration begins October 18.



Dino Party!

Saturday, November 11, 2:00 pm



It's Dino-vember! Join us for all things dinosaurs as we celebrate these pre-historic creatures.

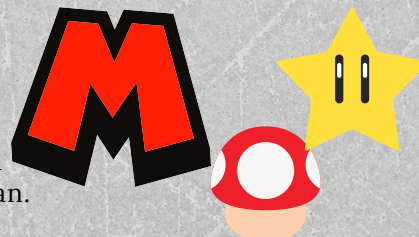
Registration begins Saturday, October 14.



Mario Kart Tournament

Friday, November 10, 1:00-3:00 pm

Join us for a gaming tournament of champions! We will play Mario Kart and other party games on the Switch and Wii U. Consoles and games will be provided. Please bring your own controllers if you can. Ages 7-12. Drop in. **No registration required.**



Family Animal Trivia Night

Thursday, November 16, 6:30-8:00 pm



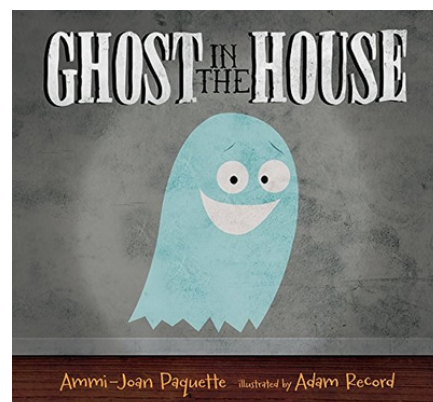
Brush up on your favorite animal facts and bring the whole family out for snacks and friendly competition! Ages 0-12. **Registration begins November 2.**

Downtown Romeo Storywalk

Throughout October

Follow the posted maps in downtown Romeo businesses at your own pace and enjoy reading a playful, counting story.

Ghost in the House by Ammi-Joan Paquette, illustrated by Adam Record adds a surprise at every turn!!



ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Join in! Contact Stacie @ 586-752-2583, or [just drop in!](#)

Great Books Book Group

First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm
(unless otherwise noted)

Sept. 7: *A Million Reasons Why*, Jessica Strawser
Oct. 5: *The Holdout*, Graham Moore
Nov. 2: *The Engineer's Wife*, Tracey Enerson Wood

History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm
(unless otherwise noted)

Sept. 19: *The Tenth Muse*, Catherine Chung
Oct. 17: *Girl in Disguise*, Greer Macallister
Nov. 21: *The Wolf and the Watchman*, Niklas Natt och Dag

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, too. This is not an instructional class.

for all ages!



Genealogy Workshops

Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm
September 9, October 14 & November 11

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.



Junk Journal 2.0

Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm
September 18 & 25, October 2 & 9

Now is the time to learn this new exciting craft. We will look at many types of junk journals, then make a different journal from the beginning class as well as ephemera to go into our junk journals. This four-week class is limited to 10 crafters. **Registration required.**



Junk Journal Meetup

First Saturday of every month
October 7 & November 4, 11:00 am

Learn new techniques while we work on our junk journals together. Bring your supplies and join in the fun.



Register where noted at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-2583.

Christmas Craft and Cookies

Thursday, November 16, 6:00 pm

Have some early holiday fun with new and old friends while making a festive holiday craft. Enjoy the first Christmas cookies of the season. Cookies and recipes will be provided, but feel free to bring some to share! Program is limited to 15 people. **Registration is required.**



ROMEO COMMUNITY
ARCHIVES

RCA Open House

Saturday, October 28, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

To celebrate Family History Month, 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.

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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Kezar Branch

Pasta! Pasta! Pasta!

Thursday, September 28, 6:00-7:00 pm

Get out of the red sauce rut! Fran from Pamela's Catering teaches us how to make pasta night truly something special.

Class limited to 25. Registration required.



The Importance of Oral History

Thursday, October 12, 6:00-7:00 pm

Is oral history important? We welcome Daniel J. Clark, Michigan Oral History Association member and professor of history, Oakland University, to explain, and to tell us what MOHA does to enhance it.

Registration required.



Restore Your Teen's Inner Warrior

Tuesday, October 24, 5:45-7:00 pm



Trauma survivor and author Jennifer DeBellis breaks down strategies to help you help your teen to navigate trauma and rebuild confidence.

OBLIVIOUS

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Self Defense with True Defense

Thursday, October 26, 6:00-7:00 pm

Seth Martin focuses on awareness, avoidance, deescalation and defensive measures in this evidence-based course designed to prepare you for violent encounters with safety in mind. Class limited to 10. Registration required.



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.

Halloween Craft Day

Saturday, October 21, 12:45 pm

Stop in for a spell and join us for a fun Halloween craft! For ages preschool-3rd grade. Registration starts October 1.



Turkey Craft Day

Saturday, November 18, 12:45 pm

Time for another fun holiday craft! Join us in creating a turkey to decorate your home. For ages preschool-3rd grade. Registration starts November 1.



Register online at www.rdl.org or by calling 586-752-2583.



- browse & borrow items • return items • place holds • apply for a library card

SEPTEMBER

4—Romeo Peach Festival Hometown Parade through downtown Romeo, 1:30 pm



15—Storytime on Wheels, Fire Station #1, 11300 27 Mile Rd., Washington Twp., 10:30 am (see pg. 10 for registration information)

18—Bruce Twp. Park, 223 E. Gates St., Bruce Township, 10:00–11:00 am

23—Romeo Downtown Day, by Old World Nouveau, 164 S. Main St., 10:00 am–2:00 pm

OCTOBER

28—Trick-or-Treating in Downtown Romeo, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

NOVEMBER



7—Storytime on Wheels, Fire Station #1, 11300 27 Mile Rd., Washington Twp., 10:30 am (see pg. 10 for registration information)

26—Small Business Day, find us on Main Street, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

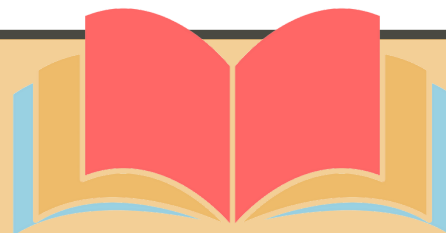
AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS

We welcome new members and volunteers! Please stop in to a Friends board meeting, which take place the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Graubner. We would love to get to know you!

Annual membership in the Friends of the Romeo District Library is only \$5 for students, \$10 for adult individuals, \$30 for families, and \$50 for businesses. Join or renew in person at either branch or online at rdl.org/friends/join.

Reminder: **Library t-shirts** are available for \$15 at the Graubner branch in child's size large and adult unisex S-XXL. Sturdy canvas **tote bags** are \$12 at both branches, and we have many designs including the RDL logo.

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).



**FRIENDS OF THE
ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY**



Romeo District Library
65821 Van Dyke Rd.
Washington 48095
(586) 752-0603

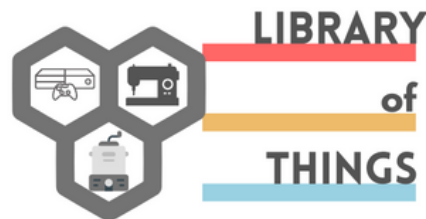
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Coming Soon

We are establishing a library within our library in which you can **check out items that you may only need to use temporarily**. Need a sewing machine, photo slide or VHS converter, or maybe an ice cream maker? How about a retro Nintendo console or even a virtual reality set? This is just one more way to use your RDL library card. Stay tuned!



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/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

Sun Closed

Romeo District Library branches will be closed September 2-4 and November 23-24, 2023. Sunday service at Graubner begins September 10.

Suburban Library Cooperative
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