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LIBRARIES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH!

Are you thinking about making a resolution to get healthier? Well, we can help. We've got books on health, weight loss and healthy cooking. We'll show you how to get reliable information online about any health-related questions you may have. We have exercise videos and great music for your workouts. One of the best ways to enjoy a walk is doing it while listening to an audiobook.

Do you have the winter blues? Missing the sunshine? We can help you gather information to plan a trip or find a professional counselor. We have programs you can attend to learn about mental health issues and connect with others. And we have a SAD (seasonal affective disorder) lamp you can check out to see if it works for you before you buy one.



Claire Meeker
Library Director

Want to escape the stress of real life? Ask us about the best new fiction or search our online catalog. You can request items and pick them up from the desk or one of our 24/7 holds lockers.

Need healthy new recipes? Look through our many cookbooks on the shelves or find recipes with online access to *The New York Times* Cooking section through our website.

Thinking about buying fitness equipment? Check *Consumer Reports* in the library or through rdl.org to get information on the best bets and the most reliable buys.

Become your best self through the help of your library... and in this issue, look for this symbol for more health offerings.



As always, I'm here for your questions and suggestions at **586-752-0603 x1018** or claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org.

We now have **free COVID-19 tests**. Limit two (2) per person. Ask at the front desk of either branch.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, December 18, 10:00 am-5:00 pm | Graubner

Give blood and help save a life. Register at:
www.redcrossblood.org/blood-donor-app.html
or call 1-800-Red-Cross

On the cover:

What's a trip to the library without visiting the fish?! We're proud of our pets at both branches! Inset shows the fish at our Kezar branch, better known as '1 Fish, 2 Fish.'

ROMEO READS 2024 IS COMING!



In our fourth year, we're baking up programs designed from an international bestselling novel about generational connections, the love of family, and the passion for orchard living—all based in northern Michigan.

Look for a detailed postcard in your mailbox soon!

Join us for the Romeo Reads 2024 Launch!

Monday, February 5, 2024

Kezar Branch

Local Orchard History Presentation

Register at www.rdl.org



Romeo Reads is an invitation to all community residents to read a specially-selected book and to attend free programs connected with its content.

We wish to:

- promote literacy
- foster an appreciation of books and reading
- provide a forum to connect and
- enhance civic unity through literature.

We hope you'll join in.

Read

Attend

Connect

Past titles & authors

2021 *We Hope for Better Things* by Erin Bartels

2022 *The Mason House* by T. Marie Bertineau

2023 *Call Me Athena* by Colby Cedar Smith



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TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

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

For adults
and seniors



January 2

Matrix
by
Lauren Groff



February 6

Happiness Falls
by
Angie Kim



March 5

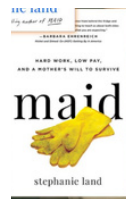
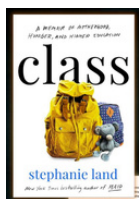
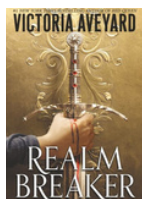
The First Ladies
by
Marie Benedict and
Victoria Christopher Murray

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

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

LIVE discussions online with best-selling
authors & thought leaders.

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

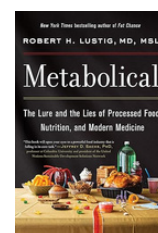


Victoria Aveyard Tuesday, December 5, 7:00 pm

Stephanie Land Tuesday, December 12, 2:00 pm

Rebecca Serle Wednesday, January 10, 8:00 pm

Rajiv Nagaich Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 pm

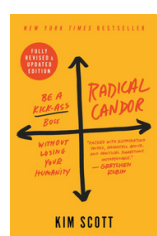
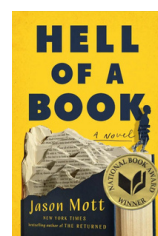


Dr. Robert Lustig Tuesday, January 30, 2:00 pm

Tessa Bailey Thursday, February 8, 4:00 pm

Jason Mott Tuesday, February 20, 4:00 pm

Kim Scott Wednesday, February 28, 2:00 pm



REGISTER @ www.rdl.org → Download & Stream → Virtual Author Talks

ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

✦ E N R I C H ✦



Registration for the below programs begins December 1. Call 586-752-0603 x4.

Holiday Cooking with Chef Mary

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 pm



Just in time for the holidays... Chef Mary will walk you through the steps to create a delightful appetizer and a wonderful dessert. Get the recipes, have your questions answered and get started on the path to tummy happiness.



Painting with Cindy

Thursday, December 28, 7:00 pm



Whether it's for New Year's resolutions, or affirmations, paint a journal cover with Cindy's guidance and let the Northern Lights theme inspire your journey. Class size is limited.



Mindfulness Flow Painting Workshop

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm



Community art therapist Jessica Smigels will lead this workshop in helping people deal with stress and to express themselves through artwork and simple mindfulness. The end result should be a successful drip painting wrapped in an evening of sharing, learning and having fun. Limited to 25 crafters.



Pastels with Kate

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm

Local artist Katie Ro will teach the fun craft of working with pastels. And, to take our minds off winter, she'll teach you how to make a warm destination landscape. No skill level is necessary. Limited to 25 people.



Calming Your S.E.L.F. Motivational

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



Life coach and author Danielle Bernock will share her views on getting the most out of your life through a process she calls S.E.L.F.

SEE—Create awareness by locating the issues in your life.

EXPOSE—Discover the root cause of the things you see.

LOVE—Build courage to love yourself into embracing the change needed.

FREE—Implement your action plan to provide new freedom.

This is a great way to start the New Year—with a new self-perspective and a fresh start. No registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

✦ ENTERTAIN ✦

Puzzle Competitions

Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm

December 16, January 20 & February 17



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

Puzzle Days are back! "Be a piece" of these fun building competitions. Prizes, food and music too! Tell a buddy, bring a friend, grab the whole family!

Ragtime Piano Concert

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

If you've missed him before, you must attend this concert! Matthew Ball, the Boogie Woogie Kid, our favorite pianist, performs a holiday ragtime music concert. His music is phenomenal, and his fun-loving demeanor adds to the show.



Classic Blues Tunes for You

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

Do not miss Dan Devins and the Blues Delegation live in concert! Dan on vocals and harmonica along with Detroit-area veteran musicians Nick Tabarias on guitar, Dave Huber on sax, Bob Conner on bass and Stu Tucker on drums bring their unique take on classic blues for an evening of great music.



Folk Concert

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

Performing the rich tradition of American folk hits of the '60s and '70s, Jackie & Gary will get your feet tappin' and your hands clappin'. Sing along, listen to a few jokes and enjoy this great family-friendly event.



Classical Guitar Concert

Thursday February 22, 7:00-8:00 pm

We welcome Bill Russell, an award-winning classical/fingerstyle guitarist, conservatory-trained musician and established composer and arranger. Performing for almost 40 years, Bill has earned many accolades with his distinctive solo guitar style. Join us!



🎵 Discover more Michigan music on [hoopla](https://www.hoopla.com)!
Find it under the Download & Stream tab at www.rdl.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Financial Fitness for Seniors

Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:00 pm

Getting a little older? Wondering where you are financially? Fifth Third Bank Loan Officer Dee Oparka will discuss downsizing your home and adjusting your lifestyle for retirement. Don't get stuck in the cold in your golden years.



Register by calling 586-752-0603 x4.

Find more financial resources in the **332.024** section.

✦ E D U C A T E ✦



Bathtub Gin & Rum Running in Detroit and Michigan

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



Rum running, smuggling, illegal stills and blind pigs sprang up within hours of the start of Prohibition in January 1920 and thrived for 14 years. Historian and retired professor, Joseph Oldenburg, shares Detroit's role as the Rum Capital of the nation during this time. Corruption reached highs never seen before and gave rise to Detroit's infamous Purple Gang, a gang so fierce it prevented Al Capone from making claim to the Detroit crime area.

TECH @ RDL



Register for any 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

December 7, January 11 & February 8

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

Basic Account Security

2:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, January 25

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

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm

December 14, 2023

January 18 & February 15, 2024

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



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

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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

December 5, 2023

January 2 & February 6, 2024

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

December 12 & 26, 2023; January 9 & 23, 2024

February 13 & 27, 2024

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



Take & Make Crafts

December: Canvas
Button Wreaths



January: Stress Relief Kits



February: Mini
Zen Gardens



Kits are available first-come first-served on the first Friday of each month while supplies last. Check our Fb & IG pages for release info!

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Winter Activities and Ideas *All Winter Long!*

From nature walks to living room obstacle courses, we have activities and ideas to keep the whole family happy and healthy during the coldest months of the year. Visit us anytime! All ages.



5th Grade Battle of the Books

Saturday, March 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

The annual team reading competition for 5th graders only is back! Teams read 10 books over the winter, then meet for the battle in March! Teams should **register now** by calling 586-752-0603 x5.



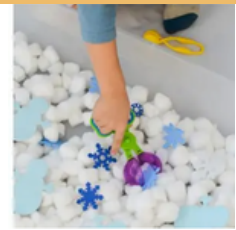
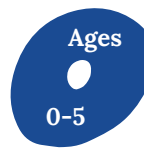
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Sensory Fridays

2:00-3:00 pm

December 1, January 12 & February 23

Join us for an hour of creative sensory stations such as kinetic sand, water beads, and more! Stations may be messy so please dress accordingly.



Gingerbread Fun Starting Friday, December 1

Have some gingerbread fun all month long with a scavenger hunt and other gingerbread-themed activities.



Rudolph Take-home Craft Starting Sunday, December 10

Stop by and pick up a Rudolph candy cane craft. Craft kits are available through December while supplies last.

no registration required for storytimes

Baby Storytime

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am
January 8-February 26
No storytime Feb 19



Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
January 9-February 27
No storytime Feb 20



Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am
January 10-February 28
No storytime Feb 21



Snacktivity

Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 pm
January 10-March 20

Warm up at the library with games, crafts, LEGO fun and more! Snacks are provided at this fun activity. Drop in anytime! All ages.



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 3
10:00 am-6:00 pm

It's a great day to bring your kiddos to Graubner for special treats, activities and giveaways!



Valentine Crafts

Wednesday, February 7
3:00-6:00 pm

Drop in to make some cute and lovable Valentine's crafts.

LEGO Club

Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 pm
December 2, January 13 & February 24

Calling all LEGO lovers! Join us monthly to create, share and show off your best building skills. LEGOS are provided. Drop in.

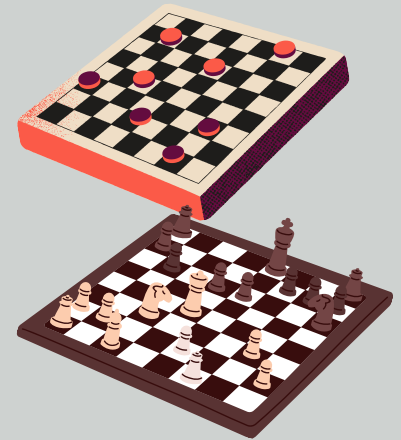


CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Chess & Checkers Club

Second Thursday of the month, 4:30–6:00 pm
December 14, January 11 & February 8

Drop in to play these classic two-person games with fellow enthusiasts. Boards and pieces, and instructional books are provided.
Ages 5+.



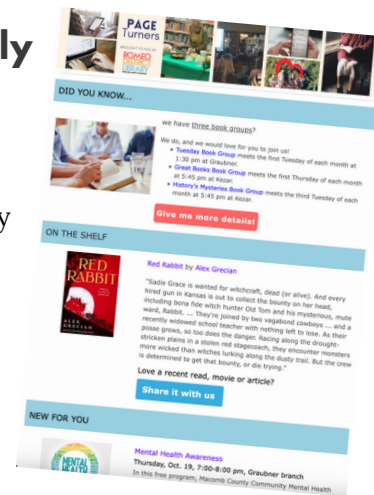
Learn how to play with strategy!
Look on the shelves for J794.



Are you getting our monthly email newsletters?

Sign up at www.rdl.org for:
teens | tech | adults | children & family

Get updates on:
new items, staff picks, future programs, free services, special celebration days & some fun stuff!



School Break Fun!

Breakout Boxes

December 26–30, 2:00–4:00 pm

Breakout boxes are like an escape room in a box. Bring your friends and family and work together to solve puzzles and unlock the box! Ages 3–12.

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, March 6, 2:00–4:00 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 provided. Drop in. **No registration required.** Ages 7–12.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



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

The Polar Express Experience

Saturday, December 9, 2:00 pm

"All aboard!"

Join us for a magical afternoon as we watch "The Polar Express" and enjoy treats, cocoa and activities. Wear your PJs if you'd like! All ages.



Winter Pajama Party & Stuffed Animal Sleep Over

Monday, January 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

Wear your PJs to the library for winter party fun! If you bring in a stuffed toy for a sleepover, it will enjoy a fun-filled library adventure that you can hear about when you pick it up on Friday, January 26. (But don't choose one you need for bedtime!) **Registration begins January 2.**



Tween Crafternoons **Ages 8-12.**
2:00-3:30 pm

Hang out and make cool crafts with a different theme each month! **Registration is required.**



Wednesday, December 20
Hot Chocolate Bombs
Registration: December 6



Monday, January 15
Polar Animal Sewing
Registration: January 2

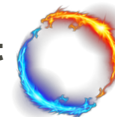


Wednesday, February 20
"moving pictures"
Registration February 6.



"Fire and Ice" presented by Mad Science Detroit

Saturday, January 27, 2:00-3:00 pm



You will be thrilled and chilled with this spectacular show that includes some amazing dry ice experiments (and science lessons, too)! **Registration begins January 13.** Ages 3 & up.

Winter Outdoor Discovery Day

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 pm



Enjoy the beauty of the season! A fun-filled event in the field next to the library is planned for the whole family, along with hot cocoa and treats! *In case of extreme weather, watch our social media for a reschedule date.* **Registration begins January 27.** All ages.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

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

Great Books Book Group

Second Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

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

January 9: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

February 13: *The Last Flight* by Julie Clark

March 12: *The Editor* by Steven Rowley

History's Mysteries Book Group

Third Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

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

January 18: *The Lost Years* by Mary Higgins Clark

February 22: *Time's Undoing* by Cheryl Head

March 21: *The House of Secrets* by Brad Meltzer

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.



Romeo Writers Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 6:00-7:00 pm

December 19, January 16 & February 20

Any writer at any level is welcomed to join us to share current
writing projects, and offer support and encouragement.



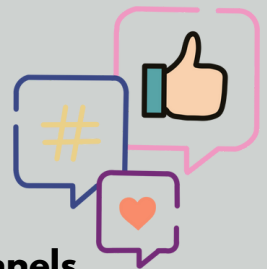
Annual Kezar Family Christmas Party

Thursday, December 14, 6:00-7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the Annual Kezar Family Christmas Party!
We will decorate (and eat!) cookies, craft Christmas decorations,
take Christmas selfies, and enjoy a visit from a very special guest!
No registration required. The whole family is welcome!



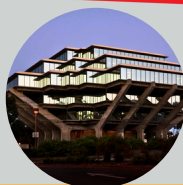
Is the library open on a holiday?
What events are coming?
Are the teen crafts available yet?
What are the new services at the library?
Can I sign up for a newsletter about children's services?
Did you post pictures from the event the other day?



Answer your questions by following our social channels.



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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



Register for these two programs online at www.rdl.org, in person, or call 586-752-2583.



Power Bowls: Tasty, Healthy and Easy **Thursday, January 25, 6:00-7:00 pm**



Power Bowls are a nutritious and tasty mix of protein, veggies and grains. Mix it with a dressing and you have a wonderfully easy lunch or dinner. Fran from Pamela's Catering is back with a new cooking class that will give tips, tricks and recipes for power bowls you will love!
Registration is required and limited to 25.

Winter Luminaries Craft

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

Light up the darkness of the season with a fun craft night. You'll make two different types of luminaries to chase those winter blahs away.
Registration is required and limited to 20.



Scanning Party with Romeo Community Archives **Saturday, January 13, 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](tel:586-752-2583) or rca@romeocommunityarchives.org.

Introduction to Genealogy Class

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Held both in-person and virtually through Zoom, our genealogy librarian will provide an overview of conducting genealogy, answer questions and help guide your search with free library resources and reference materials.



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

No registration required.



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!



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

Winter Story Stones



**Saturday, December 30
12:45 pm**

Like to paint? Like rocks? Combine the two for some winter fun! Ages 4-12.

**Online registration
begins November 30.**

Snowy Tree Art



**Saturday, January 27
12:45 pm**

Let's cover some bare trees with snow using bubble wrap and paint! Ages 4-12.

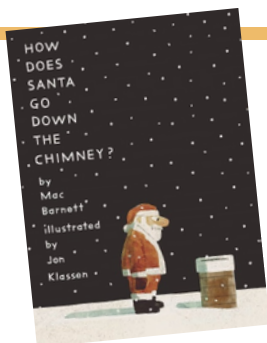
**Online registration
begins December 30.**

Valentine Wreaths



**Saturday, February 10
12:45 pm**

A Valentine wreath is here for you to create as a gift for someone or to keep for yourself! Ages 4-12. **Online registration
begins January 30.**




Downtown Romeo Storywalk

Throughout December

How does Santa go down the chimney? Find out and get into the holiday spirit by reading this endearing picture book page by page on downtown business windows at your own pace and ending at our Kezar branch!

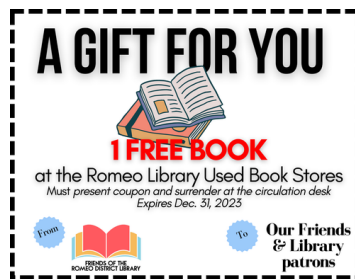
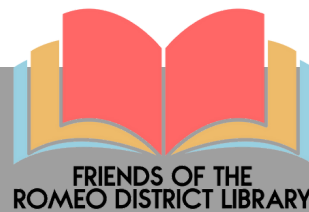
B-I-N-G-O!

Try a winter challenge with our bingo cards, available in **January** at our circulation desks. Cards for 4-12, 13-18 & adults. Winners of 5-spot bingos receive prizes!

Check out other bingo themes on  in the **Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center**, like "Look Closer Bingo" which finds things that can be seen in the environment.



AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



As a **thank you** to all who have supported our used book stores so that we can support the library, here is a coupon for a **free used book**.

Bring your coupon to the circulation desk at either Graubner or Kezar Library to redeem. The offer expires December 31, 2023.

Here are some of the ways we used the proceeds of our book stores to fund events and programs in 2023:

- Breakout Boxes: educational games for kids and families
- Carpet squares for Graubner and RDLonWheels storytimes
- Free copies of books about fear as a beneficial instinct for attendees of a self-defense program at Kezar
- Battle of the Books for 5th, 7th & 9th graders
- Virtual Author Talks

Keep bringing your donations of books, CDs, puzzles, games and DVDs to both branches for us to sell at our used book stores so that we can continue to support more great events and programs for our library community.

Also, consider becoming a member of The Friends of the Library.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers and invite you to get to know us. Visit our website for details romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends/



Membership
\$5 - Junior
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\$50 - Business

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	Email	_____

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RDL staff would like to thank the Friends for their dedicated service in promoting literacy and supporting our library and community.

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🎄 See us in the **Romeo Christmas Parade** Thursday, November 30, 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



**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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