

# SPRING 2024



### **BATTLES & THINGS**

Best of luck to all fifth, seventh and ninth graders participating in their grade's **Battle of the Books**! We know <u>a lot</u> of work goes into preparing for these competitions, and I, personally, am really impressed with you. Our goal with hosting programs like these is to nurture the love of reading in developing minds, introducing new authors and genres, and to remind everyone of the wonder of good stories!



5th GradeSaturday, March 16, 1:00-3:00 pm9th GradeSaturday, April 20, 11:00 am-1:00 pm7th GradeSaturday, May 11, 11:00 am-1:00 pm



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Other things we're excited about include the introduction of a new special collection that some of you have been asking for. Starting April 1st (no fooling!), our **Library of Things** will be available at our Graubner Branch. The collection currently includes:

- an Oculus virtual reality headset GoPro cameras
- converters of VHS to digital
- vintage video game consoles
- a microscope
- a sewing machine
- and more!



These items will be available for checkout to residents of our service area. Kezar Library in the Village of Romeo continues to check out craft kits for hand lettering, cake decorating and jewelry making. And don't forget that we have Wi-Fi Hotspots at Graubner. Watch for more information about The Library of Things in our buildings and on social media as we get closer to April!

Reminder: we have **free COVID-19 tests**. Limit two (2) per person. Ask staff at either branch.



### Red Cross Blood Drive

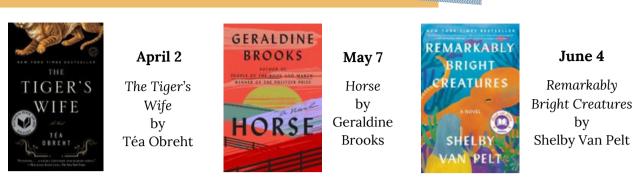
Friday, March 15, 10:00 am-5:00 pm | Graubner

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:** Dogwoods, azaleas, daffodils and more blossom with the help of spring's sun over our Graubner Branch.

## **TUESDAY BOOK GROUP**

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



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

For adults and seniors

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

LIVE discussions in your own space with best-selling authors & thought leaders.

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





Nina Totenberg

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 pm

June 4

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Madeline Miller

Christopher Paolini Thursday, March 14, 4:00 pm Thursday, March 21, 7:00 pm

**Smithsonian Curator** Paula J. Johnson

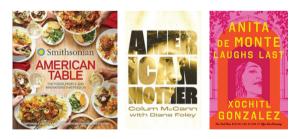
Tuesday, April 2, 2:00 pm

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 pm

**Colum McCann** & Diane Foley

**Xochitl Gonzalez** 

Wednesday, April 17, 8:00 pm









Wednesday, May 1, 3:00 pm Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm

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

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Graubner Branch**



To register for these programs, call 586-752-0603 x4.

### **Puzzle Competition**

Saturday, March 4, 1:00-4:00 pm

Tell a buddy, bring a friend, grab the whole family, and "be a piece" of this fun building competition! Prizes, food and music too! Register your team <u>today</u>!

### Spring Crafts w/Wolcott Mill

#### Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm

Celebrate the approach of spring by crafting quick and fun handicrafts that can be enjoyed throughout the year. Our crafty friend from Wolcott Mill, Kathy Clinton, will once again delight us with her skills and direction.





### Painting w/Cindy Thursday, April 11, 7:00 pm

Our local talented artist Cindy is back and will guide painters in making a colorful spring-themed art piece! Limited to 15 people.

### Pots, Flowers & Popups Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm

Decoupage and decorate a pretty little pot, add a flower and create a beautiful pop-up card to complete a heartfelt gift for Mother's Day, a birthday or any special occasion. Limited to 15 people.





### Grow Great Vegetables with Small House Farm Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-8:00 pm

Discover how to plan, plant and grow your most productive garden ever! Learn from Bevin Cohen's decades of growing experience, including tips on soil health, seed starting and transplanting, mulching and weeding, and when to harvest your perfect produce, flowers and herbs! Bring your garden questions and get ready to grow great vegetables!

### Be a Community Partner!

Take and sow seeds from RDL's **Seed Library**, coming soon! The Seed Library will be located in the lobby of our Graubner branch.



### ENRICH

## ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

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### D-Day Remembered (80th Anniversary) Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:00 pm

Historian/Retired 82nd AB combat veteran, Steve Mrozek, takes us back to D-Day and the beaches of Normandy as we observe the 80th anniversary of this historic event. Learn about the Allied objectives, the German defenses, the battle plans, weapons used and the overall big picture of the event that started the liberation of Europe.





### The Wright Brothers: First in Flight Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:00 pm

Retired Professor and Historian Joseph Oldenburg brings to life the exciting saga of the world's first airplane. We know that Orville and Wilbur Wright, two bicycle mechanics, built the first airplane, and that it flew only four times in 1903. But what happened to the plane over the next 45 years is the intriguing part of the story.

### Healthy Sleep & Mental Health Thursday, May 9, 7:00-8:00 pm

Nursing Administrator Jeffrey Clark from Macomb County Community Mental Health discusses the importance of restful sleep in maintaining good mental health. Learn tips for better sleep and how to become 'wide-eyed and bushy-tailed' for a happier life.



#### UFOs Over Michigan Thursday, May 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record. The 1966 sightings over Southeast Michigan and 1994 sightings over Grand Rapids each had hundreds of eyewitnesses, including law enforcement and radar returns. Find out more about these incredible events as well as several other unusual and well-documented UFO sightings from the Great Lakes State. Hosted by UFO expert, experiencer, author and MUFON agent, Bill Konkolesky.





### Diving Adventures of the St. Clair River Thursday, May 30, 7:00-8:00 pm

Local diver and historian Trevor Larson shares his exciting experiences diving shipwrecks in the St. Clair River. See footage from several of his dives, learn the techniques used and the dangers involved. Check out some recovery pieces and hear the stories behind them.

## ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D) E N T E R T A I N

### Cabaret Boreale Thursday, March 21, 700-8:00 pm

This eccentric group unites musical artistry with a transporting vintage aesthetic. Timeless classics and newer favorites are reimagined with old-world flair and theatricality!



### **Grant & Hannah Live in Concert** Thursday, April 18, 7:00-8:00 pm

With broad musical interests, these two musicians showcase a mix of original compositions and traditional pieces with various fiddling techniques. Their arrangements have been worked up without notation and often incorporate improvisation. Enjoy this duo's eclectic skills on double fiddle, tenor guitar and nyckelharpa, a "keyed fiddle."

S Discover more Michigan music on hoppo! Find it under the Download & Stream tab at www.rdl.org.

### TECH @ RDL

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

### **Tech Tutoring**

Mondays through Thursdays 1:45 pm or 3:30 pm, by appointment

Learn how to use our ebook and audiobook services—hoopa and Libby, and more.

#### **Library Services Overview** Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm March 7, April 4 & May 9

Learn about various databases as well as digital access to Consumer Reports, The New York Times, Newsbank and more—plus a tour of the library.

### **Data Declutter & Account Security**

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm March 14, April 11 & May 16

Don't get locked out from endless guessing and factory resets! Secure and simplify user names, passwords and logins for shopping, banking and email accounts. Bring your personal devices to learn "hands-on" about security tools. Some experience with digital devices is recommended.



## TEEN PROGRAMS

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

### **Graubner Branch**

### Anime Club

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm March 5, April 9 & May 7

If you love anime and manga, then join us to hang out,

watch anime, do crafts and eat Japanese snacks!



### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm March 12 & 26; April 16 & 30; and May 14 & 28

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.

#### FREE COMICS ALL DAY MAY 4

Celebrate this awesome yearly event at the library!



A WIDE variety of comics will be available FOR ALL AGES in the Graubner Branch lobby until supplies run out! Enjoy!

### **In-Person Craft Programs**

These three programs are held 1:00-2:30 pm and require registration at www.rdl.org.

March 9: Peeps Wreaths Let's celebrate Easter early with Peeps in a wreath! Registration begins March 1.



**April 27:** Poké Ball Terrariums Design a unique home for your favorite Japanese creatures! **Registration begins March 1.** 



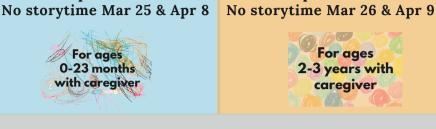
May 18: Beaded Wind Chimes Spring is here! Let's celebrate by making pretty, jingly decorations! Registration begins April 1 (no joke!).



**Take & Make Crafts** 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!



## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**



Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

March 5-April 30

### **Smart Money Special Storytime** Tuesday, April 9, 10:30 am

**Graubner Branch** 

Mondays, 10:30-11:30 am

For ages

0-23 months

with caregiver

**Baby Storytime** 

March 4-April 29

Special guests from Extra Credit Union will read another adventure with Owl and Otter and give each child a copy of the book with other goodies!

### **Snacktivity**

Wednesdays, 3:00-6:00 pm March 6-June 5 No activity March 27 & April 10

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

### Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, March 6 & Friday, May 24, 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, controllers and games provided. Drop in. No registration required. Ages 7-12.



Look for special activities all month long! All ages!

### Children's Book Week is May 6-12



Look for bookmarks, drawing pages, book award announcements and the No Rules **Challenge!** 





no registration required for storytimes

**Preschool Storytime** 

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am March 6-May 1 No storytime Mar 27 & Apr 10

or ages

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

#### **Chess & Checkers Club** Second Thursday of the month March 14, April 11 & May 9 | 4:30-6:00 pm

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



Learn strategy with game books in the J794 section.

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### **Total Solar Eclipse Viewing** Monday, April 8, 1:45-4:30 pm

Enjoy the unique experience of viewing the Total Solar Eclipse from the west lawn. Eclipse viewing glasses will be available.



**Breakout Boxes** March 25-30, 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 4-12.



### **Sensory Friday** Friday, April 12, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join us for an hour of creative sensory stations such as kinetic sand, play dough and paint! Stations may be messy so please dress accordingly. Ages 0-5.



**LEGO Club** SUNDAYS, 2:00-4:00 pm April 14 & May 19



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



### **Kids Dance Class** Friday, March 29, 2:00 pm

Kids, join an action-packed class taught by *teachers* from the Movement Project Dance Center. Learn dance moves, play games and have lots of fun-with a performance at the end!

Registration begins Monday, March 11 at www.rdl.org or by calling 586-752-0603 x5.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

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

#### Dog Man Police Academy Saturday, March 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

Officer Jones and his K-9 partner will demonstrate their skills and discuss what it takes to be a K-9 officer. Test your skills in the "Dog Man Police Academy" as we celebrate the newest addition to the awardwinning series, Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder. And enter to win a copy of your very own! **Registration begins Saturday, March 2.** 





#### Afternoon Egg Hunt Wednesday, March 27, 2:00-3:00 pm

Bring your own basket for our annual Afternoon Egg Hunt on the lawn beside the Graubner Library! Check our Fb page in case of extreme weather. All ages. **Registration begins Monday, March 11.** 

### Beginners Chess Clinic Saturday, March 30, 2:00-5:00 pm

Do you want to learn to play chess? Our instructor will lead beginners in a small group session to learn the skills of the game. Please plan to arrive by 1:50 pm. Ages 5-10 at a beginner level. **Registration begins Monday**, **March 11**.



#### Tween Crafternoons 2:00-3:30 pm

Hang out and make cool crafts with a different theme each month! Ages 8-12. **Registration required.** 



Friday, March 22 Peeps Houses Registration: March 8



Wednesday, April 24 Zoetrope "moving pictures" Registration: April 10



### Solar Eclipse Party! Saturday, April 6 2:00 pm



Get ready for the Total Solar Eclipse happening April 8! We have crafts and activities for the whole family as well as eclipse viewing glasses to use on the day of the big event. **Registration begins Saturday, March 16**.

#### Indoor Family Campout Friday, May 17, 6:30-8:00 pm

Bring blankets and pillows and a special book after the library closes for this fun, all-ages event. We'll read stories by an indoor "fire," make s'mores and build reading forts! **Registration begins Friday, May 3**.



## ARE YOU ENJOYING ROMEO READS 2024?

Register where noted for events planned in March and April, and get ready to meet the author!

Register online at **www.rdl.org**, in person, or call 586-752-2583.



### **Romeo Reads continues!**

Read this year's specially selected book, *The Recipe Box* by Viola Shipman, and attend any of these remaining <u>free</u> programs connected with its content!



Get Your Copy Today! \$12.00

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 pm	Savor the Bounty of the Orchards with Pamela's Catering Fran Salvatore will share wonderful savory recipes that use the bounty of our Michigan orchards. Fruit is NOT just for dessert! Bring your appetite for some tasty samples and take home new recipes! Registration is required and limited to 30.
Thursday, April 4, 6:00 pm	Mindful Eating: Food is More than Taste with MSU Extension Learn the practice of mindful eating and its benefits as well as how to experience it with a guided meditation. <b>Registration is required and</b> <b>limited to 30.</b>
Thursday, April 11, 1:00 pm	<b>RR Review: Community Book Discussion with Librarian Stacie Guzzo</b> Whether you've read <i>The Recipe Box</i> or not, join us for a light discussion just weeks before a visit with the author. <b>No registration required.</b>
Saturday, April 13, 1:00 pm <b>Graubner Library</b>	Bakeoff and Cake Walk Bring your baking skills to the library and let's see those yummy desserts! Details are on our website. Registration is required and limited to 30.



Thursday, April 25, 7:00 pm Reception and Author Visit with Viola Shipman (pen name for Wade Rouse)

Registration suggested.



Romeo District Library sincerely appreciates the **Friends of RDL** and **The Abbey on Main** for their support of this program.

Play for prizes! Every Friday morning at 11:00 am beginning February 16, be the first to answer a question about the book on our Facebook Group: Romeo District Library Group.

### Read Attend Connect

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### **Kezar Branch**





#### **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!

March 12: The Editor by Stephen Rowley

April 9: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

May 14: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

### **Crochet Club** Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 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.

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### Romeo Writers Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 6:00-7:00 pm March 19, April 16 & May 21

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

### Junk Journal Meetup First Saturday of every month April 6, May 4 & June 1, 11:00 am-1:00 pm



Bring your supplies and learn new crafting techniques while we work on our junk journals.

#### Keepsake Boxes Thursday, March 14, 6:00-7:00 pm

We can all use a cute and fun box to put all kinds of things in, like photos, jewelry, makeup... Join us to paint, ModgePodge, glitter and glue fancy boxes for our little treasures. **Registration begins March 1 and limited to 12**.



#### So You Want to Be a K-9 Cop... Thursday, March 28, 6:00-7:00 pm

Learn from Officer Jamal Jones and his pooch what it takes to be a K-9 officer and a police dog, and what they do throughout a normal workday. No registration required.



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



History's Mysteries Book Group Third Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

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

March 21: The House of Secrets by Brad MeltzerApril 18: The Last Mona Lisa by Jonathan SantloferMay 16: The Last Garden in England by Julie Kelly



## **ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)**

### **Enhancing You with Essential Oils**

#### Thursday, May 9, 6:00 pm

Learn the basics about individual oils and create blends for your everyday life. Christine LeTourneau from A Little Zen educates us about oil properties, notes and uses for diffusing and applying essential oils for selfcare and home essentials. Registration begins March 1 and limited to 20.





### **Basket Weaving with Eileen La Porte**

Wednesdays, May 15, May 22 & May 29, 6:00-7:00 pm

Learn this ancient art by making a plain-weaved beginner basket, great for many uses. Choose from several colors to accent your filled-base, handled creation. All supplies provided. Class takes all three dates to complete. **Registration begins March 1 and limited to 12.** 

## ARCHIVES

### **Scanning Party with Romeo Community Archives** Saturday, April 27, 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 **586-690-4890** or **rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org**.

### **Genealogy Workshops**

### Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm | March 9, April 13 & May 11

With help from our archivist at monthly topical workshops, you will learn how to guide your family history search with free library methods and reference materials. Held both in-person and virtually through Zoom.





nal Poetry Month

Don't miss the RCA Photo of the Week on our Facebook page: Romeo Community Archives, Romeo District Library-Kezar Branch.

### **April is National Poetry Month**

#### Write a Renga!

A form written by multiple collaborating poets.

- One poet writes the first stanza—three lines long with a total of 17 syllables.
- The next poet adds the second stanza, a couplet with seven syllables per line.
- The third stanza repeats the structure of the first and the fourth repeats the second, alternating in this pattern until the poem's end.



## 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.

Register for these crafts online at **www.rdl.org**, in person, or by phone at **586-752-2583**. Each month's craft is held on a Saturday at 1:00 pm for ages 3-10.

### Springtime Craft



March 9

What better way to celebrate spring than with bunnies and eggs? We'll create a cute bunny pop-up craft & other fun activities. **Registration begins February 17**.



Celebrate April rain showers with a cute sign décor for your room! **Registration begins March 30.** 



Spring is here and garden gnomes are springing into action! Create a cute and fun gnome decoration with us. **Registration begins April 27.** 

### National Library Week is April 7-13!

In our always-online world, libraries give us a **green** light to a place to connect with others, learn new skills and focus on what matters most. Romeo District Library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

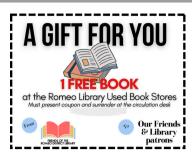
### Libraries are there for you, all the way to the finish line.

Get ready to explore, become inspired and connect with YOUR library this National Library Week!



- Monday, April 8: <u>**Right to Read Day**</u> is a National Day of Action in support of the right to read. The State of America's Libraries Report is released, including the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2023.
- Tuesday, April 9: <u>National Library Workers Day</u>, a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers.
- Wednesday, April 10: <u>National Library Outreach Day</u>, a day to thank our library professionals who meet patrons where they are... in our book van, **RDLonWheels**!
- Thursday, April 11: <u>Take Action for Libraries Day</u>, a day to rally advocates to urge members of Congress to protect the freedom to read.

### **AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS**



To **thank** all who have supported Friends of the Romeo District Library (FRDL) used book stores so that we can support the Romeo District Library (RDL), here is a coupon for a free used book.

Bring your coupon to the circulation desk at either Graubner or Kezar Library to redeem by May 31, 2024.



FRIENDS OF THE LEO DISTRICT LIBRARY

Watch for a **March Bag Sale** to stock up on warm-weather reads!

Spring is scholarship season for FRDL. Since 2002, we have provided more than \$21,500 in educational support. We offer scholarships to:

- Romeo area residents or employees of RDL who are working toward a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000.
- RDL employees who are completing their bachelor's degree with the intent to further study in Library and Information Sciences. At least one award of \$500 is available.



Romeo High School (RHS) senior who has volunteered their time to RDL or **BULLDOGS** FRDL within their high school career. Interested students should contact the RHS counseling office for an application. The application deadline for the RHS scholarship is March 8, 2024.

Scholarships awarded in 2024 may be applied to Fall 2024, Winter 2025 and/or Spring 2025 terms. For eligibility, application and deadline, go to **romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends/scholarships/** 

### **Updates**

Our campaign to raise funds for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** helped 273 children in Romeo, Ray and Washington who receive books each month. Four County Community Foundation accepts donations for this ongoing program at www.4ccf.org/initiatives/four-county-imagination-library/

FRDL will bring some fame to Romeo by sponsoring the exciting visit from **Viola Shipman**, author of The Recipe Box, on April 25 at 7:00 pm to round out 2024 Romeo Reads.



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### **RDL ON WHEELS**

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### **Coming in June: Summer Reading Program for ALL Ages!**



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

Romeo District Library branches will be closed March 31, April 10, and May 25 & 27, 2024. Graubner Sunday hours end June 2, 2024.

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