

FALL 2024

We're always looking for ways to provide you with the best service possible. To make life a *little* easier, we now have:

faxing and printing: We know there are still places that will only accept paperwork via fax, and now we can help you with that—<u>free of charge</u>. The new system at our Graubner Branch is based on a scanner that will also allow you to scan to your phone, e-mail or Google drive. Printing costs remain, but I'll bet there are a lot of you like me, who only occasionally have to print something and can't justify paying for a printer at home. If that is the case, come to the library and we'll help you print at a small cost.

notary: You can also have documents **notarized** here at no cost. Certified employees at <u>both branches</u> are happy to help. Please call first to make sure they are available.

free or discounted passes: Our continuing partnership with MAP (Michigan Activity Pass) supplies mobile passes to attractions and parks throughout the state, including free day passes to Stony Creek Metropark. Find this service at **www.rdl.org** or **www.miactivitypass.org**.

Library of Things: Our Library of Things—including technology and educational items—will expand with more offerings in the next few months. If you have suggestions for items you'd like to see, please let us know; your suggestions will help us make better choices.

Our goal at RDL is to <u>educate</u>, <u>enrich</u>, and <u>entertain</u>. We want you to think of YOUR library when you're seeking a solution! Let us know if there's something we can be doing better or something we should add to our offerings and services. E-mail me at <u>claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org</u> or use the 'Suggestions and Feedback' box via **www.rdl.org** under Library Information.

Womens' Conversation Hour

Monday, September 9, 2024 | 5:00-6:00 pm

Created by request, women of all ages are invited to this informal hour of relaxed conversation. Gather in our safe space to chat, vent and share experiences. Have fun with others seeking friendship and caring hearts.



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On the cover: Residents of every age find activities, programs, spaces and resources to learn, enhance and inspire work, school and leisure interests—all with one card!



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ADULT PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Cold Case Michigan

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Plunge into the world of unsolved homicide. Examine the evidence, ponder the forensics and consider the suspects in some of the most vexing murder mysteries in Michigan history. Presented by true crime author/historian Tobin Buhk.

Identity Theft

Thursday, September 19, 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn methods used by identity thieves and how to protect yourself. Learn what information is at risk and the red flags to watch for. Provided by "Empower U" from Fifth Third Bank. This is not a sales pitch for any particular financial institution.

Just Banjos Concert

Thursday, September 19, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Join us for fun Americana music from this hometown group. Enjoy banjo music and toe-tapping, sing-along songs.



Register for these classes in person at our Graubner Branch or call 586-752-0603 x4.

Pumpkin in the Moonlight Painting with Cindy Thursday, September 26, 2024 6:30-8:00 pm

Embrace the season by painting a fall harvest scene in fun company with our local crafty painter, Cindy. Previous painting experience is required. Supplies provided. **Class limited to 12** and will fill up fast.



Halloween Watercolor Painting with Katie Thursday, October 3, 2024 7:00-8:00 pm

Make your Halloween a bit more fun with a spooky watercolor painting. No experience necessary. Supplies provided. **Class limited to 30**.



Sweet Beats Concert

Thursday, October 19, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

If you enjoy the world of really tiny guitars, then you'll love this ukulele concert. Fun music by a great group of talented musicians.





ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



Classic Monster Drawing

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

From Frankenstein to Dracula to the Wolfman and the Mummy, artist Steve Bejma has been showcasing his artwork for years at ComiCon and other trade shows. His unique style and technique will help you draw your own cool creations. Class limited to 15.

Holiday Fabric Stars Craft Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Local artist Kathie Injerd will teach crafters how to create colorful, soft and cute fabric stars to use as wonderful ornaments or simple Christmas decor. Supplies provided Class limited to 12 participants.

Holiday Mystery Craft with Wolcott Mill Thursday, November 14, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Everybody loves a surprise or a bit of mystery. Kathy Clinton's holiday craft has us wondering: What will it be? How big will it be? Will Santa be impressed? Festive, fun and bright are most likely the answer. Class limited to 30 people. Supplies provided.

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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Protecting Yourself Against Scams

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido shares current scams operating in our community and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Spooks and Thrills of Ghost Hunting

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Enjoy a night of spooky chills and thought-provoking evidence of a possible hereafter with the SouthEast Michigan Ghost Hunting Society. Learn how they hunt ghosts, the equipment used, the places they go, and the dangers and the unexplained of such quests. See photos of ghosts caught on film and hear recordings of electronic voice phenomena.

Craft Swap

Saturday, November 2, 2024 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Unload your old craft stash and be inspired with "new to you" supplies. **Donate unwanted craft supplies October 25-October 31** at Graubner or Kezar Library and receive a ticket for early admission at 10:00 am for the event date. Don't have anything to donate? Just come to shop—all items are free! (Leftover supplies will be used for future library craft programs.)

Donate: yarn, fabric, notions, thread, paint, markers, pens, floral, kids craft kits & items, stickers, craft papers, scrapbooking supplies, jewelry supplies, beads... if you can create with it and it's in good condition, it is welcome.

Planning for Financial Emergencies

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 2:00-3:00 pm

"Empower U" from Fifth Third Bank describes types of financial emergencies, how to prepare for them, and strategies for ongoing situations. This is not a sales pitch for any particular financial institution.

Soundz of Music Concert

Thursday, November 21, 2024, 7:00-8:00 pm

Enjoy a fun and relaxing concert at the library with this four-piece, all-senior band that plays the hits from the 1920s through the 1970s.





Puzzle Day Competition

Saturday, November 30, 2024, 1:00-4:00 pm

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.

Pumpkin Bakeoff

Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 12:00-2:00 pm

It's pumpkin season and we are ready to bake! Bring your favorite pumpkin dessert and compete to be Romeo's Best Baker! **Signup and rules available in calendar listing on www.rdl.org.**







TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

Meets in person at our Graubner Branch and online, 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact Emily for a Zoom link @ emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org.



The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger by Stephen King



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley



The Women by Kristin Hannah

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⁶⁶Different points of view, discovering inferences I missed in the reading, relating aspects of the story to our own experiences... these are just a few of the things I appreciate about our discussions in the Tuesday Book Group.⁹⁹ - Caroline

November 12

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

Book a free, focused appointment to learn ways to use one of your devices (computer, smartphone, tablet) for library services or to solve a minor tech issue.

Library Services Overview

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm September 12, October 10, November 7, 2024

Learn about our 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 | September 26, October 17, November 14, 2024

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.



You can now borrow tech, educational and entertainment items with your library card!

These items circulate for three weeks, are non-renewable, and cannot be placed on hold. Pick up at our Graubner Branch.

This collection will be growing this fall with even more exciting items!

See the collection at www.rdl.org.

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Graubner Branch

Anime Club

Tuesdays, September 3 & October 1, 2024; and Wednesday, November 6, 2024 6:00-7:30 pm

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 September 10 & 24; October 8 & 22; and November 12 & 26, 2024

Explore magical worlds & fight fantastical beasts in the classic roleplaying game! Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! Pizza and pop available.





In-Person Craft Programs 1:00-2:00 pm. Register at <u>www.rdl.org</u>

September 21: Marble Painting **Registration open now.** Create works of art by swirling Japanese inks in water for watercolor paper.





October 12: Halloween Cloche Registration open now.

Design Halloween scenes with holiday-themed fairy garden accessories! November 9: Turkey Pinecones Registration begins October 1.

Celebrate Thanksgiving early by making these fun creatures!



Take & Make Craft Kits

Available first-come first-served on the first Friday of each month.

September: Map Coasters October: Fall Leaf Hoop Art November: Wood Slice Turkeys







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RDLonWheels Weekly School Visits

9th Grade Academy: Wednesdays, lunchtime

Romeo Middle School: Thursdays, 8:30 am-2:30 pm



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Graubner Branch

Baby Storytime

Mondays, Sept 16-Dec 16 <u>No storytime</u> October 7 & 28 and November 4 & 25.



no registration required for storytimes 10:30-11:00 am

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, Sept 17-Dec 17 <u>No storytime</u> October 8 and November 5 & 26.

> ages 18 months-3 years with caregiver

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, Sept 18-Dec 18 <u>No storytime</u> October 9 & 30 and November 6 & 27.



No registration required for programs on this page.

Craft Meetup

Tuesday, September 10; Tuesday, October 1; & Tuesday, November 5, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 pm

Hang out with Miss Emily in the Children's Department after school and work on your craft projects together. Whatever your hobby, bring it along to work and chat with other crafters. This is not an instructional program, although sharing tips is encouraged. Ages 12 and younger. Drop in!

All-You-Can-Craft Buffet

Saturday, September 14, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Help us clear out our craft closet and make whatever your heart desires! A variety of craft supplies will be provided to let your imagination run wild. Ages 0-12.





Wind Down Wednesdays

Every Wednesday, September 11-November 27, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 pm

Join us after school in the Children's Department for crafts and imaginative play to help you relax, express your creativity, and have fun with friends! Ages 5-12.

LEGO Club 4:00-6:00 pm Tuesday, September 17; Tuesday, October 15; & Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Calling all LEGO lovers! Join us monthly to create, share, and show off your best building skills. For ages 2-12. LEGO provided. Drop in!





Chess Club 4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, September 26 & Thursday, October 24, 2024

Checkmate! Meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month, young chess enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome to learn, play, and master the game of chess!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)



Sensory Fridays 2:00-3:00 pm September 27, October 25 & November 22, 2024

Have some hands-on fun with a variety of sensory stations like water beads, finger paint, and more! Stations may be messy so please dress accordingly. Ages 0-5.

Mario Kart Tournament Wednesday, November 6, 2024 | 1:00-3:00 pm

No school today? Kids ages 7-12, drop in for a gaming tournament of champions! We'll play Mario Kart and other party games on the Switch and Wii U. Consoles, controllers, and games provided.

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

Pumpkin Painting Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 3:30-5:00 pm

Bring your creativity and make your own unique pumpkin pal. Paint and small pumpkins provided. Please dress for a mess! Ages 0-12. **Registration begins Saturday, September 28.**





Halloween Party

Saturday, October 19, 2024 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Dress in your favorite costume and join us for a spooktacular celebration filled with fun activities. Enjoy spooky sensory experiences, delicious treats at our 'scary' snack bar, creative Halloween crafts, and exciting games! For all ages. **Registration begins Saturday, October 5.**

Special Halloween Storytime Tuesday, October 29, 2024 | 10:30-11:00 am

Come dressed in your favorite costume and be part of our festive costume parade around the library, then enjoy two delightfully spooky stories! For ages 0-5. **Registration begins Tuesday, October 15.**





Tonieboxes are screen-free audio players that play stories, songs, and more without Internet or WiFi. Designed for kids ages 3+. Eleven different kits to choose from.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

Max Brallier Author Visit Saturday, November 16, 2024 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Meet best-selling children's author Max Brallier, author of several chapter book series, including The Last Kids on Earth, Eerie Elementary, and Galactic Hot Dogs. Hear about his creative process, buy a copy of one of his books, and get his autograph! Ages 6 and up.





Movie Matinee—Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs Saturday, November 23, 2024 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Celebrate Dino-vember with a showing of this fun movie at the library! Enjoy popcorn (on us!) with your family and friends ages 0-12. **Registration begins Saturday, November 9.**

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Tumbler Decorating 2:00-3:00 pm



Unleash your artistic flair and personalize your very own tumbler-style cup! Express yourself, make new friends, and take home a one-of-a-kind creation you can use! **Registration: September 11** **Tuesday, October 29, 2024** Frankentoys **4:00-6:00 pm**



Use your creativity to craft quirky, spooky, and fantastical creations in this fun program that blends recycling and innovation. Bring stuffed animals or dolls you are okay with destroying and dress for a mess!

Registration: October 15

5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024 | 6:30-8:00 pm

An informational meeting for students interested in participating in 5th Grade Battle of the Books and their parents/guardians. All 10 books will be revealed and your questions answered. Teams can begin registering at the meeting. For 5th graders only. Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Dinosaur Lantern Jars 4:00-6:00 pm



Calling all future paleontologists and dinosaur lovers! Join us in designing and decorating a mason jar lantern with a cool dinosaur theme. What a great way to celebrate Dino-vember! **Registration: October 29**



ADULT PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Great Books Book Group Second Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

Great books, great company, great conversationeverything you want in a book group!



Crochet Club Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beginners to experts, knitters and other needle arts, toojoin our circle to work on your projects.





Romeo Writers

Third Tuesday of every month, 6:00-7:00 pm September 17, October 15 & November 19

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

Whatcha' Readin'? Saturday, September 28, 2024 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Love talking about books and what you have been reading? Like giving recommendations and getting them from friends? Want to know what new books are being published? Let's share our love of reading and get your next "to be read" pile started! Snacks provided.



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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!



Sept 19 **Oct 17**

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ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

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

Michigan Mysteries

Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

What is still missing in the Michigan region? Persons, aircraft, ships! Author and shipwreck hunter, Ross Richardson, shares stories of the missing, the latest Great Lake shipwreck discoveries, and exploration efforts and new technologies applied in the depths of Northern Lake Michigan to solve some baffling enigmas.





Halloween Gnomes Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 6:00-7:00 pm

Halloween is right around the corner! Let's celebrate this fun holiday by making an adorable and easy craft and enjoying some yummy treats without any tricks! **Limited to 15**.

Cooking with Pumpkin Thursday, November 7, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Fran from Pamela's Catering brings us delicious recipes—from savory to sweet—that feature pumpkin. You may even get some ideas for the Pumpkin Bakeoff (see page 4) in December! **Limited to 30**.





Porcupine Ornament Thursday, November 14, 2024 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Jezyk is the official name for these fun and easy star ornaments. Use them for holiday decorations, gift wrapping or to embellish a plain space. Make something fun and festive, and enjoy snacks and good company! **Limited to 15**.

SAVE DATE

Annual Kezar Christmas Party

Thursday, December 12, 2024 6:00-7:00 pm

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us for our annual Christmas celebration. All ages welcome & don't forget your camera! decorate and enjoy Christmas cookies make a craft play games write and send a letter to the North Pole visit with Santa and more!

ARCHIVAL PROGRAMS

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Genealogy Workshops

Saturdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm September 14 & October 12, 2024

With help from our archivist, learn how to guide your family history search with free library methods and reference materials. September focuses on the **Findmypast** database and October focuses on the **Olive genealogy** database. Held both in-person and virtually through Zoom. For more information contact Emily at **586-690-4890** or **rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org**.

Ask an Archivist Day

Saturday, October 5, 2024 11:30 am-12:30 pm



Our archivist is ready to answer your burning archival questions! Hop on Facebook Live during this special hour to find out what items the Romeo Community Archives stores, what responsibilities Emily has, how to research your family or historic home's history, what it's like working in the climate-controlled lower level of our historic Kezar Branch, or anything else you may want to know!



Romeo Community Archives Open House Saturday, October 19, 2024, 11:00 am-1:30 pm

To celebrate **Family Archives Month**, we invite you to view the collections we house and see what kind of work we've put in to preserve them.



Don't miss the RCA **Photo of the Week** on Facebook @ **Romeo Community Archives, Romeo District Library-Kezar Branch**

AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



DONATIONS are welcomed at our used bookstores at both Kezar and Graubner during open hours: books, DVDs & Blu-rays, puzzles, games. Only clean, undamaged items, please.

October sales from both used bookstores support the Romeo Community Archives.

For more information go to **www.rdl.org/friends/book-stores**. LIKE our Facebook page at **Friends-of-the-Romeo-District-Library**



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Kezar Branch

Storytime at Kezar

Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:00 pm September 12 thru November 21, 2024

Each week, Ms. Jeanette reads stories, leads rhymes and songs, and prepares an age-appropriate craft for each child to take home. All ages, stages and abilities are welcome! No registration required.



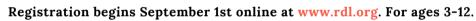


"I'm Going to School!" Party Saturday, September 7, 2024 12:00-1:00 pm

Wow! Are you starting school this year? Whether it is preschool, kindergarten or first grade, we want to celebrate with you! Join us for snacks, crafts and fun! Meet up with your friends and meet new ones!

Registration at **www.rdl.org** is now open.

Craft With Your Food!



Saturday, October 19, 2024 1:00-2:00 pm

Bring your friends to craft spooky Halloween-inspired treats this month!



Saturday, November 16, 2024 1:00-2:00 pm

Create edible crafts with a Thanksgiving theme! Grab a friend and join us!



Mickey and Minnie Mouse's Birthday Party! Monday, November 18, 2024 11:30 am-12:30 pm



Calling all Junior Mouseketeers! We're having a birthday party for Mickey and Minnie Mouse with stories, games, treats, crafts, and

lots of fun! Intended for toddler and preschool age, but siblings are welcome, too.

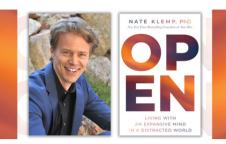
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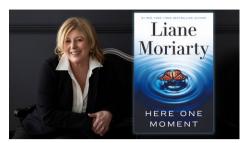
Tune in online. Listen in. Ask questions of the top names in literature.



Garrett Graff Tuesday, September 10, 2:00 pm



Nate Klemp Wednesday, September 18, 2:00 pm



Liane Moriarty Saturday, September 21, 7:00 pm



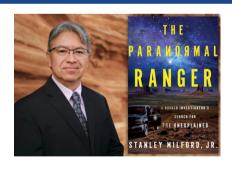
Rachel Page (STRI) Smithsonian Curator Wednesday, October 2, 2:00 pm



Silvia Moreno-Garcia Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 pm

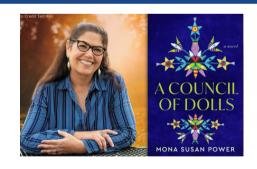


Lori Gottlieb Tuesday, October 22, 2:00 pm



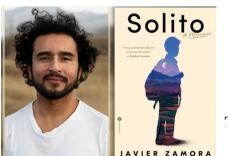
Stanley Milford, Jr. Thursday, November 7, 2024, 7:00 pm

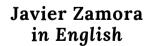
Mona Susan Power Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 7:00 pm



Javier Zamora in Spanish

Saturday, November 9, 2024, 2:00 pm





Thursday, November 14, 2024, 4:00 pm

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