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March/April/May 2025

# **SPRING 2025**



"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." - Emilie Buchwald

"Happy is the family that has learned to make good books their companions." - Spencer W. Kimball

"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales." - Albert Einstein

"Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world." - Napoleon Bonaparte

I feel very strongly about children learning to love reading because of the time their grown-ups spend sharing books with them.

I remember searching for Lowly Worm in Richard Scarry books with my dad and listening to my mom read *Charlotte's Web* aloud to us. I've continued this tradition with my own children. I still talk about books with my parents. And I love seeing families at the library picking out books and talking about them, no matter their ages.



586-752-0603 x1018

March Is National Reading Month, and at RDL, we want to support you and your family in your reading journeys. Romeo Community Schools, with the generous support of the Romeo Area Kiwanis Club, are providing a copy of



Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors to every family with elementary school students in the district. This means all families in our community can share a great story together and enjoy the magic of reading.

Additionally, RDL will host

#### Family Reading Night | Monday, March 3, 2025 | 6:30 pm

with snacks, craft stations, and our meeting room open for you to sit together and get *Wedgie and Gizmo* started. Bring blankets & wear PJs if you want, and be ready to snuggle and laugh with your family!

#### HAPPY READING!

And **GOOD LUCK** to all teams of the 5th, 7th & 9th grade Battle of the Books competitions happening in March, April & May!

Send your ideas for the library to me at <u>claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org</u> or use the 'Suggestions and Feedback' box on <u>www.rdl.org</u> under the Library Information tab. I'd love to hear them.



#### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 10, 2025 | 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Graubner

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

**On the cover:** The north garden of our Kezar Branch shed its final thin blanket of snow, allowing daffodils and tulips to bloom then fade, readying the space for the Little Kim Lilacs to flower and welcome visitors with their sweet fragance.

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **Graubner Branch**

#### **Detroit Unseen**

Thursday, March 6, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Urban explorer Bob Huston has been documenting Detroit's historic buildings that were at one time abandoned but are now being restored. Enjoy a photographic tour of some of the buildings he has explored.



BOOK NOW Register for these programs at our Graubner Branch or call 586-752-0603 x4.

#### **Puzzle Competition**

Saturday, March 8, 2025 | 1:00-4:00 pm

"Be a piece" of this fun building race! Prizes, food, and music too! Bring a friend or grab the whole family!



Wednesday, March 26, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Spring is here, and so is your opportunity to whip up a cute bunny painting with our local artist, Cindy. Don't delay in signing up! Spots limited.





#### The 3 Alurahs Live in Concert

Thursday, March 13, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the wearing of the green, some fun music and a wee bit o'blarney. Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral...

#### **Early Entertainment in Romeo**

Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Local historian Richard Beringer presents a fascinating program about Romeo in the 1900s to the 1980s, and how its inhabitants found fun and recreation in their time away from work, school and chores.



#### **Womens Conversation Hour**

Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am | March 13, 2025, April 10, 2025, May 8, 2025

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.



## ADULT PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

#### **Springtime Crafts with Wolcott Mill**

Thursday, April 3, 2025 | 6:30-8:00 pm



Warmer weather and longer days are on the way and there's no better way to celebrate the coming of spring than joining our crafter friend Kathleen Clinton for an evening of creative fun. Limited to 25. See registration information above.



#### Wilson Thicket Live in Concert

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

With the acoustic soul of an Appalachian string band, this group combines the top singers, instrumentalists, and songwriters that Michigan has to offer. Enjoy old-school favorites, creative covers, and dynamic original songs, all delivered with strong doses of vocal harmony and creative instrumental mastery.

#### **Puzzle Competition**

Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 1:00-4:00 pm



"Be a piece" of this fun building competition. Prizes, food, and music too! Tell a buddy, bring a friend, grab the whole family.



REHABILITATION

#### Medicare 101

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

This information-only seminar will help you get better acquainted with what's covered with Medicare Parts A and B; understand eligibility, enrollment periods, and how to avoid penalties; overview of additional coverage options, Medicare Supplements, Part C Medicare Advantage, and Part D Prescription Drug Plans. For those just becoming eligible and current beneficiaries.

#### **Tuning In: Detroit TV Movie Hosts**

SPECIALIST

Thursday, April 17, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Rita Bell. Sir Graves Ghastly. Bill Kennedy. The Ghoul. Count Scary. These and other TV hosts introduced southeast Michiganders to various films and amused viewers during commercial breaks on our local channels. U of M professor Tim Kiska helps us reminisce and learn more about these larger-than-life hosts who we welcomed into out homes like old friends.





### **Making Rag Rug Coasters**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Local artist Kathie Injerd walks crafters through the steps to make colorful, useful coasters. Limited to 12 spots.



**BOOK NOW** 

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

### **Understanding Diabetes and High Blood Pressure**

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Learn what these health concerns are, what causes them and how to treat them in this free program presented by Nursing Administrator Jeffrey Clark. Please register for materials.





## Singer/Guitarist Joey Guzevich Live in Concert Thursday, May 8, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Local multi-instrument talent Joey Guzevich teaches; writes, performs and records; and travels the country to share his music. Now he's entertaining us with many of his favorites and well-known songs. Without a doubt, his voice, skill and enthusiasm will mark the evening for fun.

**BOOK NOW** 

Register for these programs at our Graubner Branch or call 586-752-0603 x4.

#### Watercolors with Katie

Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Our favorite watercolor artist returns to share her talents and some tips to great watercolor painting.





## Cooking with Chef Mary Thursday, May 29, 2025 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Chef Mary returns to cook a Hungarian meal prepared and served before your eyes. Our new cooking mirror gives you an overhead view as she cooks! Registration required for ample food amounts.

#### SUMMER READING FOR <u>ALL</u> AGES IS COMING! JUNE 16-AUGUST 15



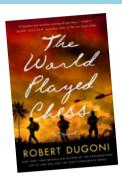
### TUESDAY BOOK GROUP

Meets each month at our Graubner Branch from 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact Emily with questions at emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org.



April 1, 2025

The Women by Kristin Hannah



May 6, 2025

The World Played Chess by Robert Dugoni



June 3, 2025

West With
Giraffes
by
Lynda Rutledge

### **TECH @ RDL**



Register at our Graubner Branch, by calling 586-752-0603 x4 or on 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 March 13, 2025; April 10, 2025; May 8, 2025

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

#### **Online Account Security**

Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm | March 6, 2025; April 3, 2025; May 1, 2025

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.

#### Is your "to-do" list growing? Call on us!



#### We offer:

- onsite computers & WiFi
- · Hotspots lending
- onsite & mobile printing
- scanning & faxing (Graubner Branch)
- notary services

Click the Services tab at www.rdl.org

### **TEEN PROGRAMS**

### Graubner Branch

#### **Anime Club**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Wednesday, May 28, 2025 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!

APRIL 15 IS NAT'L ANIME DAY!





All programs for teens in grades 6-12. Registration required where noted.

### **Dungeons** Dragons

Tuesdays, March 11 & 25, 2025 Wednesdays, April 2 & 23, 2025 Wednesdays, May 7 & 21, 2025 6:00-8:00 pm



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

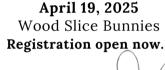
Pressed Flower Lanterns Registration open now.



BOOK NOW\_ Register at www.rdl.org

March 1, 2025









May 17, 2025 Dried Flower Night Lights Registration opens April 1.



#### Take & Make Craft Kits Available first-come first-served

on the first Friday of each month.

March: Glass Photo Magnets

April: Mini Button Bouquet Flowers

May: Glitter Mini Lava Lamp





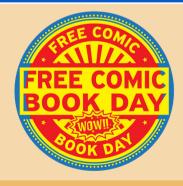




### Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Grab your favorite comic or discover a new one during this annual all-day event!

Comics will be available for all ages at our Graubner Branch, and are first-come first-served until supplies run out.



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### **Graubner Branch**

No registration required for storytimes. Each program held 10:30-11:00 am. Sessions end after the first week of May for summer reading.

#### **Baby Storytime**

Mondays, March 3-May 5
No storytime:
March 10 and April 14

ages 0-18 months with caregiver

#### **Toddler Storytime**

Tuesdays, March 4-May 6
No storytime:
March 11 and April 15

ages 18 months-3 years with caregiver

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Wednesdays, March 5-May 7
<u>No storytime:</u>
March 12 and April 16

ages 3-5 years

No registration required for programs on this page.



#### Wind Down Wednesdays

De-stress after school midweek in the Children's Department with calming crafts and imaginative play. It's a great way to relax, express your creativity, and have fun with friends!

Ages 5-12.



\*NEW TIME\* 5:00-7:00 pm Tuesday, March 18; 2025 Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 → 2:00-3:00 pm

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



#### **Chess Club**

4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, March 27, 2025 Thursday, April 24, 2025 Thursday, May 22, 2025

Checkmate! Young chess enthusiasts of all skill levels are welcome to learn, play and master the game of chess!

Ages 8-12.

#### **Mario Kart Tournament**

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 & Friday, May 23, 2025 | 1:00-3:00 pm

No school today? Drop in for a gaming tournament of champions: Mario Kart and other party games on the Switch and Wii U! Consoles, controllers and games provided. **Ages 7-12.** 



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS (CONT'D)

#### **Family Dance Party**

Saturday, March 22, 2025 | 2:00-3:30 pm

Bring the whole family to get your wiggles out! Enjoy snacks, instruments, and all kinds of musical fun! Ages 0-12.

#### **Breakout Boxes**

Sunday, March 23 thru Thursday, March 27, 2025 2:00-4:00 pm

Bring friends and family to solve puzzles and unlock the box. It's the perfect activity for a school break-everyone has fun with this "escape room in a box"! Ages 4-12.







#### **Sensory Fridays**

March 28, 2025 April 25, 2025 2:00-3:00 pm

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



#### **Spring Craft Buffet**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Celebrate spring with us! We have a variety of colorful crafts all inspired by the season. All ages.



#### Tween Crafternoons Ages 8-12; all materials provided.

**BOOK NOW** Register online at www.rdl.org, in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603 x5.

Thursday, March 27, 2025 Waffle Party 11:00 am-1:00 pm



Happy (belated) International Waffle Day! Enjoy delicious waffles with all the toppings!

Registration: March 13

Monday, April 28, 2025 Fuse Bead Designs 4:30-6:30 pm



Pixel-perfect designs made with colorful fuse beads!

Registration: April 14

Thursday, May 15, 2025 Painted Tote Bags 4:30-6:30 pm



Design your own book bag!

Registration: May 1

#### AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS



Spring is "**Scholarship Season**" for the Friends. Since 2002, we have provided more than \$24,000 in educational support in scholarships to Romeo-area residents or employees of Romeo District Library who are working toward a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000. Scholarships awarded in 2025 may be applied to Fall 2025, Winter 2026 and/or Spring 2026 terms.

At least one award of \$500 is available to employees of Romeo District Library who are completing their bachelor's degree with the intention of further study in Library and Information Sciences.

Interested Romeo High School (RHS) seniors who have volunteered their BULLDOGS time to Romeo District Library or the Friends of the Romeo District Library within their high school career should contact the RHS counseling office for an application. This application's deadline is in March.

For eligibility, application and deadline, go to romeodistrictlibrary.org/friends/scholarships/

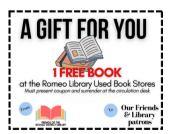






We are saying FAREWELL to a longtime Friends member, **Carol Sutherland**. Carol has served the Friends as a bookstore volunteer, board member, and our membership coordinator.

We will miss her greatly but wish her the best in her new adventure.



**THANK YOU** to all who have supported our book stores. Redeem this coupon by **May 31, 2025** at either branch.

For more information visit www.rdl.org/friends/book-stores.

#### **JOIN OR RENEW FOR 2025!**

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/		Join Now! PRIENDS OF THE ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY	Membership \$5 - Junior \$10 - Individual \$30 - Family \$50 - Business	
Make Check Payable To: Friends of the Romeo District Library Hand to circulation staff or mail to: 107 Church St., Romeo, MI 48065	Name .			
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### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Kezar Branch**

**Great Books Book Group** 

First Thursday of every month, 5:45 pm

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

March 13, 2025 Familia by Lauren E. Rico

April 3, 2025 West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

May 1, 2025 All the Broken Places by John Boyne

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

Real Reads: Non-Fiction Book Group

Third Tuesday of every month, 5:45 pm

Learn something new and gain a new perspective —this is a different kind of book group!

March 18, 2025 The Art Thief by Michael Finkle

April 15, 2025 Mornings on Horseback

by David McCullough

May 20, 2025 H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald

#### **Crochet Club**

Every Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm

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

#### Romeo Writers Group

Tuesday, March 11, 2025; Tuesday, April 8, 2025; & Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 pm

All writers. All ages. All levels. Share your current writing projects, and offer support and encouragement.

#### **Junk Journal Meetup**

Saturday, March 8, 2025 & Saturday, April 12, 2025 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Learn new techniques for your junk journals! Bring your supplies and join in the fun.



**BOOK NOW** 

Register for these programs at our Kezar Branch, www.rdl.org, or 586-752-2583.

#### Flower Wreath Craft

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Let's decorate for spring with an easy-to-make, handmade floral wreath. **Limited to 20 crafters.** Registration begins March 1.





#### Fairy Garden Teacup Craft

Thursday, May 8, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Time to head back into the garden! Spring is in full swing so let's put your creativity together with our supplies to make something miniature and marvelous! **Limited to 20 crafters.** Registration begins March 1.

#### **Green Burials**

Thursday, May 22, 2025 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Cremation and traditional burial are just two options after death. Dr. Mark Evely, Program Director, Mortuary Sciences, Wayne State University, explains different types of green burials and the pros and cons associated with each. **Limited to 30.** Registration begins March 1.





# Our 5th year!

### ROMEO READS 2025 CONTINUES

Register for events with this icon beginning March 1, 2025 at **www.rdl.org**, in person, or by calling 586-752-2583. **BOOK NOW** 



Look for this logo at www.rdl.org for all program details. Read this year's specially selected book, The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki, and attend any of these free programs connected with its content!

This magnificent book describes a Michiganborn brand and the woman who grew it into an empire while becoming a person of historic notoriety.



Get Your Copy Today!

\$15.00

Thursday, March 6, 2025 6:00 pm **Kezar Library** BOOK NOW

Fabergé-esque Egg Craft

Marjorie Post loved showing off her Fabergé Egg collection and now you can craft your own beautiful masterpiece. **Limited to 20.** 

Thursday, March 20, 2025 6:00 pm **Graubner Library** 

BOOK NOW

Clean Eating with Chef Fran

C. W. Post wanted to put his customers on "the road to Wellville." Using the philosophy of clean eating, Fran from Pamela's Catering shares new recipes that even Post would be proud to put on his table! Limited to 30.

Thursday, April 10, 2025 6:00 pm **Kezar Library** 

RR Review: Community Book Discussion with Librarian Stacie Guzzo
Whether you've read The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post

or not, join us for a light snack and discussion just weeks before a visit with the author.





#### Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 7:00 pm, Graubner Library

#### Virtual Author Visit with Allison Pataki

Join us for our program finale! Now that we've read, crafted, eaten & discussed All Things Marjorie, we'll connect with the celebrated author online, <u>live</u> in our meeting room! Grab a snack and a refreshment, and settle in for an interesting visit with this bestselling author.



Post Script! Learn some fun facts about Marjorie Post and her empire every Monday beginning March 3 on our Facebook Group: Romeo District Library Group.

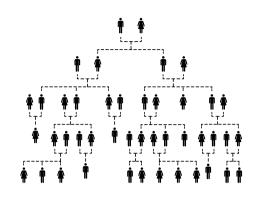
Read Attend Connect



#### **Genealogy Workshops**

Saturday, March 8, 2025 & Saturday, May 3, 2025 11:00 am-12:00 pm

With help from our archivist, learn how to guide your family history search with free library methods and reference materials. March focuses on a website that guides users to build family trees and May focuses on military records. Held both in-person and virtually through Zoom. For Zoom links and other details, contact Emily at 586-690-4890 or rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org.





#### Introduction to DNA Tests for Family History Saturday, April 5, 2025 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm

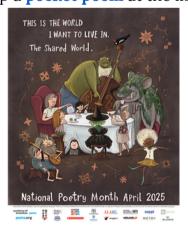
Unlock new layers of your family history with this clear and accessible introduction to DNA testing for genealogy. Genealogy lector and researcher Katherine R. Wilson discusses the three basic types of available DNA tests, compares the leading companies that offer them, debunks some myths surrounding DNA testing, and explores ethical issues, including the exposure of family secrets.



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

#### **APRIL IS POETRY MONTH**

Pick up a **pocket poem** at the library!



#### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH **AWARENESS MONTH**





June 16-August 15

Summer Reading 2025 is coming!

For ALL AGES, for the whole family!

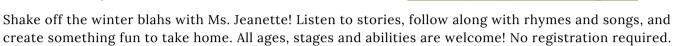
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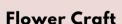
#### **Kezar Branch**

#### **Spring Storytime at Kezar**

Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:00 pm

March 6-May 29, 2025





Wednesday, March 12, 2025 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Celebrate National "Plant a Flower Day" by creating a simple flower to add spring color to your home! **Limited to 10 children**, so register early! Register beginning March 1.



#### St. Patrick's Day Craft Monday, March 17, 2025 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making a fun leprechaun house and enjoying other fun activities. **Limited to 10 children**, so register early! Register beginning March 1.

#### **Craft With Your Food!**



Register in person, by phone at 586-752-2583 or at www.rdl.org. For ages 3-10. Each program is held on a Saturday, 12:45-1:45 pm. Limited to 15 spots each. Call for specific ingredients.

#### **Spring Edition** Bunny Snacks &

Peeps Pops

March 22, 2025



Registration open now.

#### Earth Day Edition

Animals on a Log & Planet Earth Rice Cakes

**April 19, 2025** 



Register beginning March 31.

#### Garden Edition

Ice Cream Flower Pots & Graham Cracker Flower Gardens

May 17, 2025



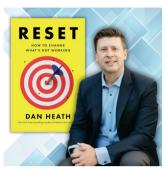
Register beginning April 30.

Visit us and see our new fish!

### VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

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

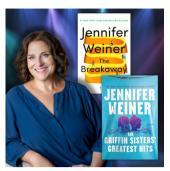
Tune in online. Listen in. Ask guestions of the top names in literature.



Dan Heath Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 2:00 pm Thursday, March 20, 2025, 2:00 pm



Clara Bingham



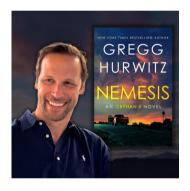
Jennifer Weiner Wednesday, March 26, 7:00 pm



Jodi Picoult Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:00 pm



Matthew Fleming Horticulturalist, Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 2:00 pm



**Gregg Hurwitz** Thursday, April 24, 2025, 7:00 pm



Dr. David Rosmarin Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 2:00 pm



Liann Zhang Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00 pm

K-12 Summer Series Coming in June & July

Katherine Applegate, Raul The Third. Marie Lu & Rex Ogle

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

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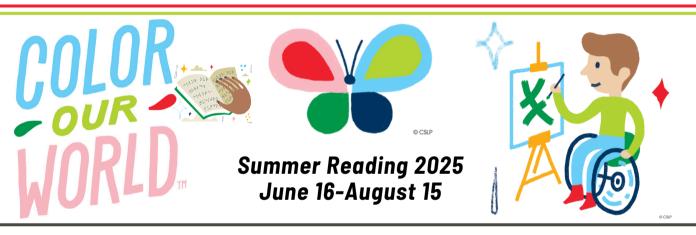
#### Whatever the reason...

- transportation or construction - school or work need - scheduling challenges

#### We go where you are...

- check out, place holds, return items - learn about library services - sign up for programs

Call 586-752-0603



#### 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 Sunday service ends May 18, 2025 Kezar Branch, 107 Church St. Romeo 48065 | 586-752-2583

WHEELS

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



Library closures:
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Saturday, May 24 - Monday, May 26, 2025
Friday, April 11, 2025

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