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Meeting Dates

Public welcome. September 9, October 14 & November 12, 2026

FALL 2026

New Looks, Same Great Libraries!

There are exciting changes happening throughout Romeo District Library!

New looks all around:

- new carpet at the Kezar Branch
- new study rooms and small meeting rooms in the Adult Department at the Graubner Branch
- construction underway at the west end of the Graubner Branch as we continue to improve your library



Director Claire Meeker

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The same great libraries you know and love:

- The newest books, movies, and other materials added to our collection as quickly as possible
- Convenient digital options, including ebooks and downloadable audiobooks
- Expanded access to information through our online databases
- A growing Library of Things, featuring hotspots, Chromebooks, a projector, Giant Jenga & more
- Home delivery service for patrons who are unable to visit the library
- Engaging programs for all ages, including book discussion groups, craft classes, and storytimes
- An easy and convenient library app: just search “Suburban Library Cooperative” in your favorite app store
- And, as always, exceptional customer service from our dedicated staff

I am incredibly proud of our team and all we do to provide the best possible library experience. We are fortunate to have a supportive community, a dedicated Board of Trustees, and employees who are passionate about serving our patrons every day. Thank you for being part of our library community. We look forward to welcoming you—whether you’re visiting one of our refreshed spaces, attending a program, or discovering your next great read.

See you at the library!

**On the
Cover**

Programs for all ages are a great reason to have a library card, including: teen game nights, adult crafts, children’s book group and activities, and reading to therapy dogs!

Apply for a library card today. Visit www.rdl.org.



GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs

BOOK NOW

Register at www.rdl.org when you see this icon. Click Library Information, Calendar.

Sustainable Living

Thursday, September 3, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Limited to
25 seats

Gain practical, science-based guidance to improve your health, home systems, and long-term sustainability. Learn to:

- Improve daily routines that support health and energy
- Create a cleaner, more organized home with less waste
- Build sustainable systems you can maintain over time
- Adapt real changes for a better quality of life



Puzzle Competition

BOOK NOW

Saturday, September 5, 2026
1:00-4:00 pm

Be a piece of this fun puzzle-building competition. Prizes, food and music too! Tell a neighbor, bring a friend, grab the whole family. **Registration open now.**



Bouquet Making

BOOK NOW

Wednesday, September 9, 2026
6:00-7:00 pm

Learn the art and beauty of bouquet making with fresh flowers and vintage, recycled or repurposed materials. Limited to 15 spots. **Registration open now.**

Women's Conversation Hour

Thursday, September 10; Thursday, October 8; Thursday, November 12, 2026
10:00-11:00 am



Women of all ages are invited to gather in our safe space for an informal hour of relaxed discussion. Chat, vent and share experiences with others seeking friendship and caring hearts.

Suncatcher Painting

Thursday, September 10, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Catch the last rays of summer by painting three fall-themed suncatchers! Limited to 20 spots. **Registration open now.**



Painting With Cindy

Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Create a painting embracing the beautiful colors of fall! Limited to 12 spots. **Registration begins September 3 at 9:00 am.**

October is National Learning and Development Month!

Learn something new or enhance your current skills with these databases.

 **Learning**


Michigan eLibrary

 **creativebug**
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GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)

Michigan In The Dark

Thursday, September 24, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Venture into the dark with true crime author Tobin T. Buhk, who will introduce you to a cannibal killer who left his macabre trophies in a rented home; two suspected witches; the cult murder of an entire family; a trail of bloodless victims that led investigators to suspect a vampire killer; and other real Michigan monsters. **No registration required, but seating is limited to 25.**



Folded Book Witch

BOOK NOW →

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
6:30-8:30 pm

Make a creative Halloween witch from book pages and other items! Limited to 15 spots. **Registration begins September 23 at 9:00 am.**

Painting With Cindy

BOOK NOW →

Thursday, October **21**, 2026
6:30-8:00 pm

Our fav local talent guides artists of all levels in a fall-themed art piece. Limited to 12 spots. **Registration begins October 1 at 9:00 am.**



⇌ **Date Change**



The Clink: Inside Michigan's Historic Jails

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

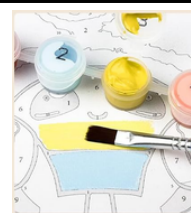
Hear eerie stories of the fashionable estates that housed cell blocks of county prisoners. Using archival photographs and diagrams, author Tobin T. Buhk leads a guided tour of these mysterious, forbidden places and introduces the criminal characters who did time there. **Limited to 25 seats.**

Book Paint by Numbers

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Join our librarian Liz for book-themed paint by numbers! Limited to 20 spots. **Registration begins October 1 at 9:00 am.**

BOOK NOW →



SCAMS!

Thursday, October 22, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Ever think something sounded too good to be true? Has someone asked you for money to “help” them and then disappeared? Has someone told you they want to marry you, but it turned out that they are not real or perhaps used a stolen profile? Hear about stories like these and more, then learn tips from Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido so you don’t become a victim of scams.

Puzzle Competition

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 1:00-4:00 pm

“Be a piece” of this fun puzzle-building competition. Prizes, food and music too! Tell a neighbor, bring a friend, grab the whole family. **Registration begins 10/1 at 9:00 am.**

BOOK NOW →





**A
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HITS ALL
THE RIGHT
NOTES!**

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CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

ALA150 American Library Association Library Champions

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books crafts music RESEARCH newspapers
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“The last total I saw showed us saving more than \$14k by using the library. My kids have loved the evening teen programs. It’s always a nice place to meet up or run into people we know.”



ENJOY OUR WALK & READ IN DOWNTOWN ROMEO

Available all autumn, enjoy a story while walking through downtown Romeo! Businesses on Main Street guide readers by hosting a page from this endearing picture book along with a map in their windows. Begin at The Rustic Bluebird, 246 N. Main St. and go at your own pace.

In *The Sweater* by Larissa Theule, Holly the raccoon discovers a lonely little bird searching for shelter and rallies the forest animals to help it find a safe new home.

★ THANK YOU to our local businesses for supporting this event! ★

GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)

Spooky Critter Houses

Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 6:00-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Spook up your yard with a little critter house and let the animals get in the Halloween spirit. Limited to 20 spots. **Registration begins October 15 at 9:00 am.**



Folded Book Page Turkey

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 | 6:30-8:30 pm

BOOK NOW

Learn to fold this festive Thanksgiving table centerpiece with our librarian, Connie. All supplies provided. Limited to 15 spots. **Registration begins October 1 at 9:00 am.** PLEASE NOTE: This program is open to adults with an RDL card in good standing only.



Fungi of Michigan

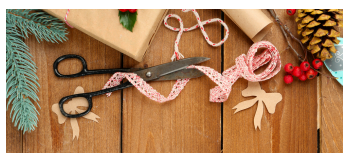
Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Fungi expert/forager Lorenzo Lo Piccolo shares an introduction to the fungi kingdom; foraging tips and sustainability; identification and safety tips; and specific Michigan species throughout the seasons. No registration required, but seating is limited to 25.

Deposits and Financial Success

Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn simple and effective strategies to help prioritize and reach your savings goals to build financial security. Build a budget you can stick with so you can lower stress and be better prepared for holiday and unexpected expenses.



Holiday Crafts With Renee

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Local artist, Renee, guides makers in creating an easy, fun holiday craft. Limited to 12 spots. **Registration begins November 1 at 9:00 am.**



Turkey Punch Embroidery

Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Welcome all turkey and Thanksgiving enthusiasts to this festive craft program! Limited to 20 spots. **Registration begins November 5 at 9:00 am.**

Folded Book Christmas Tree

Wednesday, December 2, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Spruce up your holiday decor with this festive tree made from a book! Limited to 15 spots. **Registration begins November 18 at 9:00 am.** PLEASE NOTE: This program is open to adults with an RDL card in good standing only.



GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs

Tech @ RDL

Our regular tech programs are on hold during construction. If you need help with a technology issue, call 586-752-0603 x4 for availability of our tech librarian.

NOTICE

Tuesday Book Group

Location has changed for this group during the Graubner Branch expansion project. See page 30.

Adult Book Groups

Romeo Romance Review

Meets every month, 3:00-4:00 pm

Like enough spice in your romance novel to create steam? Join this unique 18+ book group focused on open door romance from a variety of categories in the romance genre. **Limited to 15 readers.** Register online at www.rdl.org.



**Saturday,
September 12**



**Saturday,
October 10**



**Saturday,
November 14**

Books & Brews

Meets every month, 7:00-8:00 pm

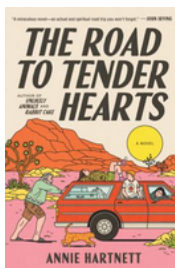
Summit Entertainment Center, 66600 Van Dyke Rd., Washington

This 21+ book club explores a wide range of unconventional stories and perspectives. Pick up each month's book and a reading insert with optional discussion prompts, then meet up at the pub!



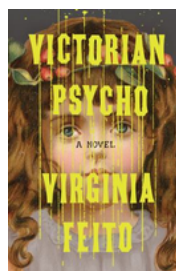
Thursday, Sept 24
books available now

The Road to Tender Hearts
by Annie Hartnett



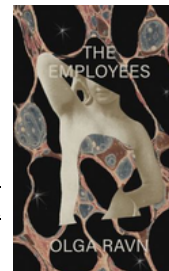
Thursday, Oct 29
books available 9/24

Victorian Psycho
by Virginia Feito



Thursday, Nov TBD
books available 10/29

The Employees
by Olga Ravn



October is National Reading Group Month

Join one of our **FIVE** book groups! Find details above, and on pages 28 and 30.



GRAUBNER BRANCH — Teen Programs

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

Game Night

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Wednesday, November 25, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm



Come out to play a variety of board games like Uno, Pandemic, Ticket to Ride, The Game of Life, and Hues and Cues to name a few. If you'd like to play **Magic: The Gathering** or **Dungeons & Dragons**, we'll provide the space and you bring your things! Let's play!

In-Person Crafts

Book Scene in a Tin

Saturday, September 12, 2026

1:00-2:00 pm

Registration open now.

Halloween Plush Taxidermy

Saturday, October 17, 2026

1:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins September 1.

Fall Gnome Wreath

Saturday, November 14, 2026

1:00-2:00 pm

Registration begins October 1.



Register at
www.rdl.org



Take & Make Craft Kits

Available first-come first-served,
the first Friday of every month.

September 4: Backpack Charms

October 3: Mini Ghost Pearl Portraits

November 6: Beaded Corn



www.rdl.org → Research & Homework Help

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

GRAUBNER BRANCH **Children's Programs****Baby Lapsit Storytime with RDL on Wheels!**

First Tuesday of the Month, 10:00 am

September 8, October 6, November 10, December 1, 2026

RWB Parks & Rec Center, 361 Morton St, Romeo 48065

ages 0-18
months with
caregiver

storytime

Offsite
Program**Read to the Fur Angels!**

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 10:30-11:30 am (Registration begins 9/12)

Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 10:30-11:30 am (Registration begins 10/17)

Saturday, November 14, 2026 | 10:30-11:30 am (Registration begins 10/31)



Build confidence, practice your reading skills and share a favorite story by reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. These gentle, well-trained pups love listening and make the perfect nonjudgmental reading partners! Children of all reading levels welcome. Each reader is scheduled for 20 minutes. **Ages 6-12.**

Community Storytimes all agesOffsite
Programs**RDL ON WHEELS**
your library, deliveredCall
586-752-0603 x1007**Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 12:00 pm**

Marty's Place for Animals | 79223 Brown Rd, Bruce Twp 48065

Call to register beginning Sept 1.

Saturday, October 24, 2026 | 12:00 pm

Washington Twp Fire Station | 11300 27 Mile Rd, Washington 48094

**Saturday, November 21, 2026 | 12:00 pm**

White Lotus Yoga Studio | 65959 Van Dyke Ave, Washington 48095

See us at the Romeo Peach Festival**KIDSFEST** | Bruce Township Park | **Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 9:30 am-12:30 pm****Hometown Parade** | downtown Romeo | **Monday, September 7, 2026 | 1:00 pm****Breakout Boxes**

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

2:00-4:00 pm



Solve puzzles and unlock the box—everyone has fun with this “escape room in a box”! No registration.

GRAUBNER BRANCH ●●●●●●●● Children's Programs (CONT'D)

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

Tween Crafternoons

Ocean Slime

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Missing summer vacation? Create an ocean in a jar! Customize your own ocean-themed slime using colorful glitter and sea-inspired objects. **Ages 8-12. Registration begins September 12.**



Frankentoys

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Take apart plush animals, then stitch or glue them back together in silly, spooky or creepy combinations. No two monsters will be alike! Dress for a mess! (Hot glue guns will be used with supervision.)

Ages 8-12. Registration begins September 19.



Minecraft Block Art

Saturday, November 28, 2026 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Create your own Minecraft-inspired pixel art using wooden cubes. Design, color and assemble blocky flowers, potions, or other fun creations to take home. All materials provided. **Ages 8-12.**

Registration begins November 14.



5th Grade Battle of the Books Kickoff

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 | 6:00 AND 6:45 pm

An informational meeting for parents, guardians, and 5th graders interested in participating in 5th Grade Battle of the Books next year. All 10 books will be revealed and all your questions answered. For more information, call 586-752-0603 x5. Each session is limited to 35 people. Please choose only one session to attend. **For 5th graders and their families only.**

Balloon Creations

Friday, November 13, 2026

Two sessions:

2:00-3:00 pm: ages 6-8

3:00-4:00 pm: ages 9-12



Join us for a hands-on balloon workshop with Romeo's favorite: Tootsee the Clown! Kids and tweens learn the basics of balloon twisting and make their very own beginner-friendly balloon to take home. **Registration begins October 30.**

November is

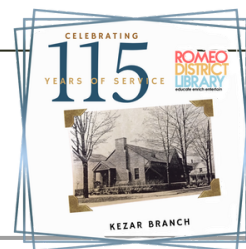
National Family Literacy Month & National Picture Book Month

- Check out some materials together as a family
- Add to your home library with items from our used bookstore
- Definitely enjoy a good picture book this month!



KEZAR BRANCH — Adult Programs

Join these discussions! Contact Stacie at 586-752-2583, or just drop in. Books are available at the Kezar Branch one month before groups meet.



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!



Sept 3

Oct 1

Nov 5

Dec 3

Nonfiction 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!



Sept 15

Oct 20

Nov 17

Dec 15

October is National Reading Group Month

Join one of our **FIVE** book groups! Find details above, and on pages 24 and 30.



Romeo Writers Group

**Second Tuesday of every month
6:00-7:00 pm**

September 8, October 13 & November 10, 2026

Share your writing projects for gentle critiques and praises! Open to teens and adults of all writing levels & interests.



Crochet Club

**Every Tuesday
5:30-7:00 pm**

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



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September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

Get your card and take a selfie with our sign!

Apply for a library card today. Visit www.rdl.org.



KEZAR BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)

BOOK NOW

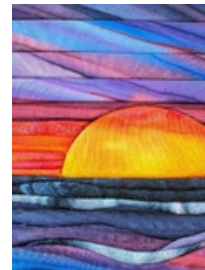
Registration is required for all craft programs and begins Thursday, **September 3** at 9:00 am online at www.rdl.org or by calling 586-752-2583 after 11:00 am.

Kinusaiga: Quilting Without Thread

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

This art form is created by cutting a pattern into foamboard and tucking pieces of fabric in to create a quilted or painted look. Join us as we try out this fun and beautiful new craft! Limited to 15.

BOOK NOW



Tin Can Pumpkins and Wooden Owls

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Make these fun and easy crafts to warm up your fall decor! Limited to 20.

BOOK NOW



Burlap Turkeys

Tuesday, November 12, 2026
6:00-7:00 pm

Decorate for Thanksgiving with this adorable burlap turkey! Limited to 20.

BOOK NOW



Macrame Gnomes

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
6:00-7:00 pm

This fun and easy Christmas macrame gnome is sure to get you in the holiday mood! Limited to 20.

BOOK NOW

Organ Donation Primer

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Nonprofit organization Gift of Life representative Christal Rivas shares the importance of organ and tissue donation and how the process works. No registration required.



Demon in the Gale

Thursday, October 22, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Local Michigan historian Andrew Kercher depicts the Thumb fire of 1871, a tragedy little heard of in the shadow of the Great Chicago Fire. A recurrence ten years later led to the birth of one of the most important aid organizations in the world and revealed ancient secrets hidden under centuries of brush and overgrowth. No registration required.



Annual Kezar Christmas Party

Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 6:00 pm



Contact RCA at 586-690-4890 and rca@romeodistrictlibrary.org.



Don't miss the RCA **Photo of the Week** every Thursday on our Facebook page: [Romeo Community Archives, Romeo District Library-Kezar Branch](#)



Genealogy Workshops

Saturday, September 12 & Saturday, October 10, 2026 | 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. September's topic is how to research Romeo newspapers and October's topic is on genealogists.

Photo Scanning Party

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 11:00 am-1:30 pm

Help us document and preserve our local history! Bring up to 10 historical photos of Romeo, Washington, or Bruce's street views, homes, businesses, families or groups, etc., and we will scan them to become part of our digital collection. You will receive a flash drive of your digital images.



Romeo Community Archives Open House

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 11:00 am-1:30 pm

To celebrate Family History Month, visit us to view collections we house and learn of the work we put into preserving them.



Tuesday Book Group



Meets every month, 1:30-2:30 pm

Send questions to emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org

September/October/December Location:

RWB Parks & Recreation Center
57900 Van Dyke Rd., Washington

November Location:

Kezar Library, 107 Church St., Romeo



Sept 1

Oct 6

Nov 3

Dec 1

Ask an Archivist Day

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 2:00-3:00 pm

Ever wondered what items the Romeo Community Archives stores? Or what our archivist does on a given day? Or maybe how to research your family history? Then gather your questions, hop online and ask our archivist anything you want to know.

Scan this code to connect



Share your latest favorite read with our **FB Group** every Friday!



KEZAR BRANCH Children's Programs



Fall Family Storytime

Every Thursday, 11:30 am-12:00 pm
September 10-November 19, 2026

All ages welcome.

It's fall, the school year has started, and it's time for our fall stories, songs, rhymes, and ever-popular shaker eggs! We end our time together with a craft to remind us of that week's stories. No registration required.

Patriot Day Crafts

Friday, September 11, 2026 | 10:00 am-6:00 pm



No registration required.



Join us for a very special patriotic craft day—with cookies (while supplies last)! For all ages.

Registration is required for some programs below, online at www.rdl.org or at 586-752-2583.

Pizza and a Book!

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 5:30-6:30 pm



Are you in elementary school? Do you enjoy reading? Do you like pizza? YES? Then we have the club for you! You just read a book selected by Ms. Jeanette on your own, then meet to talk about the book, eat some yummy pizza, and do an arts and crafts activity that ties into the book!

Registration begins October 1 for each fall session.

October: Haunted Castle on Hallow's Eve

by Mary Pope Osborne

November: Soupy Saturdays with the Pain & the Great One

by Judy Blume



Copies of the book are available through the library and Ms. Jeanette.

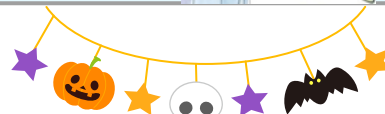
Kezar Kids Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31, 2026 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Give your costume a trial run! Join us for a fun morning of crafts, treats and dancing! Costumes encouraged but not required. (Please no scary or violent-themed costumes.)

All ages welcome with a focus on ages 2-10.

Registration begins October 1.



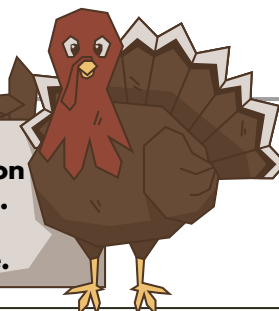
Turkey Day Crafts

Friday, November 20, 2026 | 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Available all day, just pop in! Make a sand art necklace for Thanksgiving! Snacks, too, while they last!



No registration required.
All ages welcome.



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2026

October is **Michigan Library Appreciation Month!**



Share your appreciation for RDL by answering three questions & **earning some swag!**



We want all the stories: grandpa's, Aunt Sue's, cousin Frank's, your neighbors'... and YOURS!

We're setting out to record and archive oral interviews about every year of our historic annual event.

Reserve your spot at: 586-690-4890



**Friday, September 4 &
Saturday, September 5
10:00 am-5:00 pm**

**RWB PARKS & REC
ROMEO COMMUNITY CENTER
361 Morton St., Romeo**



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The Friends of the Library Used Bookstore is always packed with great deals thanks to the generous donation of books, DVDs, puzzles, CDs. We also have an ever-changing selection of vintage books and sets. Drop in and see what you can find for yourself and your children!



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www.rdl.org → **Research & Homework Help**



**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 – 5:00 pm

Open during construction!

Check our website and Facebook for
updates of limited access areas.



**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 COMMUNITY
ARCHIVES**

**Romeo District Library branches will be closed
Sept 1, Oct 2 & 13, and Nov 11 & 27-28, 2026.**



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