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Meeting Dates December 9, 2026, January 13 & February 10, 2027 | 7:00 pm

WINTER 2027



Director Claire Meeker
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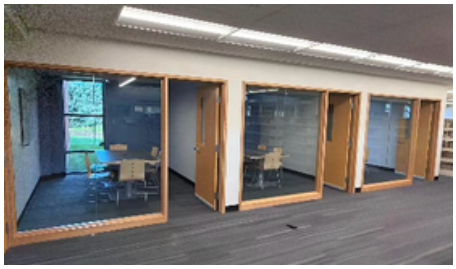
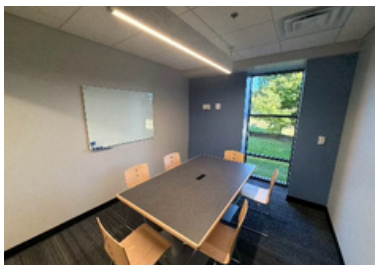
Phase I of the Graubner Expansion and Renovation is complete!

We now have five new group study rooms available for your use—to meet with a small group, conduct an interview, meet with a tutor, or work on a group project. Each room has a wired table with six chairs, a whiteboard, and a monitor that can broadcast your presentation or project. The rooms closest to our checkout desk can be modified to be two group study rooms or a larger conference room. Let us know anytime what you need, and we'll be happy to help!













Thank you so much for your patience and tolerance while we went through this process. We hope you'll stop by to see the improvements!

Big progress is being made in Phase II on the west end of the building. The 5,500-square-foot expansion is complete with walls and a roof so that the interior work can be done over the winter. The anticipated opening date for that portion of the building, which includes an expanded children's area, more study rooms, a brand-new teen area, and more staff offices, is June 2027.

We truly do appreciate the way this community supports the library, and we are happy to answer questions about the project. Send me an email if you'd like more information or to find out how to contribute through a donation.

We are proud to be growing and improving the library for Washington, Romeo, and Bruce!

On the Cover

We at RDL are proud to celebrate big milestones in 2026! Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We look forward to many more years!

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GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs

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



Holiday Painting With Cindy

FULLY BOOKED

Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Create a masterpiece that even Santa would approve! Limited to 12 spots. **Registration begins 11/20 for RDL patrons; 11/21 for all others.**



Natural Holiday Centerpieces

FULLY BOOKED

Monday, December 7, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Create beautiful holiday centerpieces from mostly natural flora and fauna elements. Limited to 12 spots. **Registration begins 11/23 for RDL patrons; 11/24 for all others.**

Women's Conversation Hour

Thursday, December 10, 2026; Thursday, January 14, 2027; Thursday, February 11, 2027
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.



Holiday Crafts With Renee

BOOK NOW

Monday, December 14, 2026 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Create an easy, fun, two-sided holiday craft. Limited to 16 spots. **Registration begins 12/1 for RDL patrons; 12/2 for all others.**

Puzzle Competitions

BOOK NOW



Saturday, December 19, 2026 | **Registration begins 12/1 for RDL patrons; 12/2 for all others**
Saturday, January 16, 2027 | **Registration begins 12/28 for RDL patrons; 12/29 for all others**
Saturday, February 6, 2027 | **Registration begins 1/23 for RDL patrons; 1/24 for all others**
1:00-4:00 pm

"Be a piece" of this fun puzzle-building competition. Prizes, food and music too! Limited to 25 spots.

December is Learn a Foreign Language Month

Learn or improve your fluency of more than **70 languages**

www.rdl.org ⟶ Research & Homework Help

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GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)

Quarterly Spice Club



Do you love to cook and to find *fresh* ways to infuse your creations with new and interesting flavors? Join the RDL Quarterly Spice Club! Every quarter—January, April, July and October—we will provide RDL patrons who register (limited to 30) with a small packet of spice or herb to try out at home. These are not your everyday spices but more unique in flavor and origin. "Spicers" will also be provided with the background of each spice and one or two recipes to consider making with the spice.

Registration for 1st Quarter 2027 begins 12/18 for RDL patrons; 12/19 for all others. Pickup begins 1/2/27.



Stay tuned for our RDL Cookbook Club coming soon!



Michigan's Day of UFOs

Thursday, January 7, 2027 | 7:00-8:00 pm

On March 8, 1994, more than 300 witnesses across Michigan reported a wide variety of UFOs, some astonishingly up close and personal, many even caught on radar. Michigan Mutual UFO Network State Director Bill Konkolesky shares the incredible details of this epic event. **No registration required, but seating is limited to 25.**

Rock Critter Painting

Thursday, January 21, 2027 | 7:00-8:00 pm

BOOK NOW

Enjoy animals, monsters and goofy critters? Join local artist Bonnie to paint these designs on rocks—they're whimsical and fun to make! Limited to 20 spots. **Registration begins 1/7 for RDL patrons; 1/8 for all others.**



ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY + creativebug PRESENT ONLINE VIDEO CLASSES

Thousands of arts & crafts tutorials at www.rdl.org ⟶ Research & Homework Help



Free Accessibility Resources

Do you or someone you know have a visual, physical, perceptual, or reading disability that makes reading standard print or holding books difficult? Join us in **spring 2027** to learn about the free services, equipment, and programs offered by the **Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled**. Details to be announced. Until then, visit us for MLBPD literature or contact MLBPD directly at 586-286-1580.



GRAUBNER BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)



Focus on Heart Health

Thursday, February 11, 2027 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Get the best information for keeping your heart healthy and making the new year better for you. Presented by Jeffrey Clark, RN, with Macomb County Community Mental Health.
No registration needed but limited to 25 seats.



Chinese Brush Painting

BOOK NOW

Thursday, February 25, 2027 | 7:00-8:00 pm

Enjoy learning this Asian art form from local artist Lee Cheng. Limited to 12 spots.
Registration begins 2/11 for RDL patrons; 2/12 for all others.

Raising Happy, Healthy Poultry

BOOK NOW

Tuesday, February 23, 2027 | 7:00-8:30 pm

An engaging, down-to-earth look at chicken behavior, the must-haves for great housing, balanced nutrition, clever ways to manage all that poo, and smart strategies to keep your flock thriving. Limited to 30 seats.
Registration begins 2/9 for RDL patrons; 2/10 for all others.



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.



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News, updates, events & new item notices straight to you

Our monthly e-newsletters are delivered to your email inbox so you don't miss a thing!

Sign up at www.rdl.org

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

Adult Book Groups

Tuesday Book Group

Meets the first Tuesday of every month, 1:30-2:30 pm
Send questions to emily@romeodistrictlibrary.org

Offsite Program

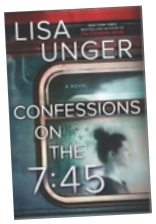
Location: RWB Parks & Recreation Center, 57900 Van Dyke Rd., Wash.



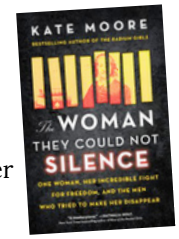
Dec 1, 2026
Next Year in Havana
by Chanel Cleeton



Jan 5, 2027
My Friends
by Frederik Backman



Feb 2, 2027
Confessions on the 7:45
by Lisa Unger



Mar 2, 2027
The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear
by Kate Moore

Romeo Romance Review

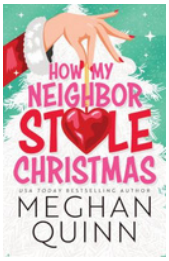
Meets the second Saturday of every month, 3:00-4:00 pm
Limited to 15 readers. Register online at **www.rdl.org**.

Location: Graubner Branch conference room

For 18+

Like enough spice in your romance novel to create steam? Join this unique book group focused on open door romance from a variety of categories in the romance genre.

Dec 12, 2026
How my neighbor stole Christmas
by Meghan Quinn



Jan 9, 2027
A winter in New York: a novel
by Josie Silver



Feb 13, 2027
Between Friends & Lovers
by Shirlene Obuobi



Books & Brews

Meets one Thursday evening of every month, 7:00-8:00 pm
Books available the first of every month w/discussion prompts.

For 21+

Offsite Program

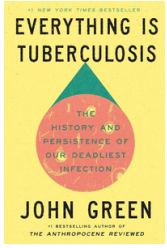
December Location: K-Blocks BBQ, 66880 Van Dyke Rd, Wash
January & February Location: Water Tower Distilling Co, 210 N Rawles St, Romeo

Explore a wide range of unconventional stories and perspectives! Read, then meet up!

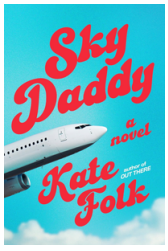
Dec 17, 2026
A Psalm for the Wild-Built
by Becky Chambers



Jan 28, 2027
Everything is Tuberculosis
by John Green



Feb 25, 2027
Sky Daddy: a novel
by Kate Folk



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

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GRAUBNER BRANCH — Teen Programs

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

Game Night

Wednesday, December 16, 2026
Wednesday, January 6, 2027
Wednesday, February 3, 2027
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

Register at www.rdl.org



Pipe Cleaner Christmas Tree
Saturday, December 12, 2026 | 1:00-2:00 pm
Registration begins 11/1 for RDL patrons; 11/2 for all others.

Magic Snowflake Painting
Wednesday, January 20, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Registration begins 12/1 for RDL patrons; 12/2 for all others.



Stained Glass Heart Lanterns
Wednesday, February 17, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm
Registration begins 1/2 for RDL patrons; 1/3 for all others.



Take & Make Craft Kits

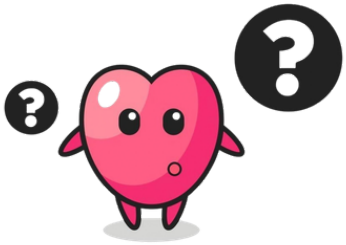
Available while supplies last the first Saturday of every month.



December 5, 2026
Button Christmas Ornaments



January 2, 2027
Tin Winter Scene Magnets



February 6, 2027
Mystery Valentine's Day Craft

If you need help...

EBSCOlearning

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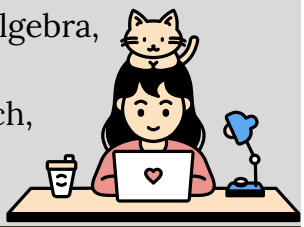
www.rdl.org → Research & Homework Help → Michigan eLibrary Databases → K-12 Schools

Practice and review algebra, functions, geometry, statistics, science, tech, language arts, social studies, and more.



GRAUBNER BRANCH • • • • • • • • • • Children's Programs

BOOK NOW **Registration is required online, in person, or by phone at 586-752-0603 x5 and will open one week in advance. Limited to 15 children.**

Toddlers

ages 18 months to 3 years with caregiver
TWO GROUPS: 10:30-11:00 am AND 11:30-12:00 pm
Tuesdays, January 12-February 23, 2027
No storytime Feb 16.

Preschoolers

ages 3-5 years | 10:30-11:00 am
Wednesdays, January 13-February 24, 2027
No storytime Feb 17.

Baby

ages 0-18 months with caregiver | 10:30-11:00 am
Thursdays, January 14-February 25, 2027
No storytime Feb 18.

All storytimes return in January!

ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY STORYTIME



Read to the Fur Angels!

Saturday, December 12, 2026
Saturday, January 30, 2027
Saturday, February 27, 2027

Programs run 10:30-11:30 am.
Call 586-752-0603 x5 to register.

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 5-12.**

Miss the informational meeting about **5th Grade Battle of the Books**? Don't worry! Teams can still register until **February 1**. See all 10 books to be read and have your questions answered by stopping into our Graubner Branch or by calling 586-752-0603. For 5th graders only.



Kids! Get your letters to the North Pole for Santa to read!

November 25-December 12

Breakout Boxes

Monday, December 28-
Wednesday, December 30, 2026
& Tuesday, February 16, 2027
2:00-4:00 pm



Solve puzzles and unlock the box —everyone has fun with this "escape room in a box"! Ages 6-12. 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.**

Crayola IMAGINE ARTS ACADEMY™

Legends and Lore: Unleashing Creativity through Myths and Mystery

For ages 5-12.



Mysterious Waters: Lake Serpents

Saturday, January 23, 2027 | 1:00-2:00 pm

Dive into the legends of North America's Great Lakes region. From First Nations lore to modern-day accounts, these waters are full of history and mystery. Drawing inspiration from creatures like the meteor dragon and the underwater panther, you will paint your own lake serpents against a vibrant, watercolor background. **Registration begins 1/9 for RDL patrons; 1/10 for all others.**



Creatures of the Deep: The Kraken

Saturday, February 27, 2027 | 1:00-2:00 pm

Release the Kraken! Learn about this legendary sea creature that may have been inspired by sailors' sightings of giant squid. Then create a mixed media sculpture to bring this many-armed legend to life! **Registration begins 2/13 for RDL patrons; 2/14 for all others.**

WINTER Reading Challenge

January 2-January 31, 2027



Keep your head in the game this winter!

Complete this reading challenge with any book of your choice and be entered into a raffle for prizes—including three official jerseys!



Pick up detailed information in the children's department.

Thanks to our local library friend, Police Officer Jones, for sponsoring this fun challenge and supporting young readers in our community.

January is National Hobby Month!

- Let us help you find **books & technology** to fit your interests
- Search books, music & puzzles at our **used bookstore**
- Check out the cool items in our **Library of Things**!





Need your library materials picked up or delivered? Schedule a time of your convenience. And find us at these community events.



Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 7:00 pm | down Main St. to Village Park
Romeo Christmas Parade | 300 N. Rawles St., Romeo 48065

Saturday, December 12, 2026 | 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Marty's Place for Animals
Christmas Tour | 79223 Brown Rd, Bruce Twp 48065

Marty's Place for Animals

Support local animal conservation efforts this holiday season! See animals including bison, deer, elk, pigs, goats, peacocks, and more! Enjoy delicious treats, fun photo opps, take-home crafts for all ages, and an extra-special holiday guest!

Free entry for children! Beginning December 1, show a librarian your library card at our Graubner branch to receive a free-entry voucher for one child (while supplies last). Adults 18+ accompanying children will need to pay their own entry rate of $13/person at the time of the tour. This is a self-guided tour.

Saturday, December 19, 2026 | 12:00 pm | Washington Twp Fire Station
Storytime & Tour | 11300 27 Mile Rd, Wash. 48094



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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!



Dec 3 **Jan 7** **Feb 4** **Mar 4**

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!



Dec 15 **Jan 19** **Feb 16** **Mar 16**

February is National Library Lover's Month

Join one of our FIVE book groups! Find details above and on page 23.



Romeo Writers Group



Second Tuesday of every month
6:00-7:00 pm
December 8, 2026, January 12 & February 9, 2027

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.



Annual Kezar Christmas Party

Thursday, December 10, 2026 | 6:00-7:00 pm

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Join us!

Christmas cookies • Holiday crafts
Letters to the North Pole • Santa!

KEZAR BRANCH — Adult Programs (CONT'D)

BOOK NOW **Registration is required for all craft programs at www.rdl.org or by calling 586-752-2583 after 11:00 am.**

Christmas Craft Party

BOOK NOW

Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 11:00 am-2:00 pm



There's nothing better than a day spent crafting! Make some fun Christmas crafts with our different ideas and supplies. Christmas cookies and eggnog for your holiday spirits, too! Limited to 15.
Registration begins 12/1 for RDL patrons; 12/2 for all others.



Third Annual Teen Craft Camp

BOOK NOW

Saturday, January 2, 2027 | 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Beat the boredom of winter break and come create some awesome and colorful craft projects, hang with your friends, and eat your fill of yummy snacks! For teens in grades 6-12. Limited to 20.
Registration begins 12/1 for RDL patrons; 12/2 for all others.

Mini Book Shadow Box

BOOK NOW

Thursday, January 14, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm



Keep track of your favorite books in an adorable mini bookcase! Email your list of books to stacie@romeodistrictlibrary.org. Limited to 10.
Registration begins 1/4 for RDL patrons; 1/5 for all others.



Book Butterfly Shadow Box

BOOK NOW

Thursday, January 28, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Create as many as you want and frame your favorite! Limited to 10.
Registration begins 1/4 for RDL patrons; 1/5 for all others.

Decorative Trinket Dish

BOOK NOW

Tuesday, February 2, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm



Decorate with your choice of materials! Limited to 20.
Registration begins 1/4 for RDL patrons; 1/5 for all others.



Scandinavian Woven Hearts

BOOK NOW

Thursday, February 11, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Traditionally made with paper and used for Christmas, we will making these beautiful hearts with cloth and use them for Valentine's Day! Use them as a little basket to put treats in for your Valentine, make a bunch for a heart garland, or just use them as a cute decoration. Limited to 20.
Registration begins 1/4 for RDL patrons; 1/5 for all others.

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

ROMEO COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

Interested in volunteering? Call us!



Genealogy Workshops

Saturday, January 9, 2027 & Saturday, February 13, 2027 | 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. January's topic shares updates on genealogy research and February's topic covers the genealogy database FamilySearch.

Romeo Community Archives Overview

Thursday, January 21, 2027 | 6:00-7:00 pm

Celebrate our 10th Anniversary by learning what collections we house, how they are preserved, and the services we provide. Bring your questions about the archives and learn about this important contribution to the area's past, present and future.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE ROMEO COMMUNITY ARCHIVES

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

AN UPDATE FROM OUR FRIENDS

FRIENDS OF THE ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY



Donations are not being accepted at the Graubner Branch and should be directed to the Kezar Branch, 107 Church St., Romeo.

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KEZAR BRANCH • • • • • • • • • • Children's Programs

Winter Family Storytime

Every Thursday, 11:30 am-12:00 pm
December 3, 2026-February 25, 2027
No storytime Dec. 24 & Dec 31, 2026.

All ages welcome.
No registration required.

Warm up this season with Ms. Jeanette and friends. Enjoy winter stories, songs, rhymes and crafts at the historic Kezar Library! Generations of children have enjoyed storytime here. Won't you join us?

Craft Explosion

Wednesday, December 30, 2026 | 11:00 am-7:00 pm

Give 2027 a fresh start by making crafts with our extra supplies! Something for all ages! No registration required.

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

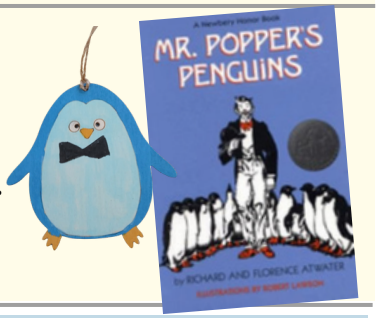
Pizza and a Book!

Books available through the library & Ms. Jeanette.

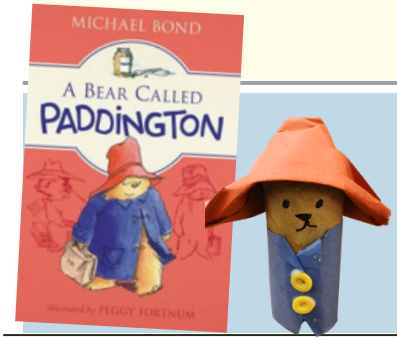
Are you in elementary school and enjoy reading? Do you like pizza? YES? Then we have the club for you! Just read a book selected by Ms. Jeanette on your own, then meet to talk about the book, eat some yummy pizza, and do an arts and crafts activity that ties into the book!



Wednesday, December 16, 2026 | 5:30-6:30 pm
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
Registration begins for RDL patrons 12/1/26; all others 12/2/26.



Wednesday, January 13, 2027 | 5:30-6:30 pm
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
Registration begins for RDL patrons 1/2/27; all others 1/3/27.



Wednesday, February 17, 2027 | 5:30-6:30 pm
A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond
Registration begins for RDL patrons 2/1/27; all others 2/2/27.

KEZAR BRANCH • • • • • • • • • • Children's Programs (Cont'd)



Winter Stories and Mug Craft

Saturday, January 23, 2027 | 11:30 am-noon

Looking for something to do on a winter Saturday morning? Join us for some winter stories and to decorate a mug to take home!

Registration begins for RDL patrons 1/2/27; all others 1/3/27.

Drop-ins welcome but only registered children will be guaranteed a mug. Once mugs are allocated, an alternate craft will be available.

Lunar New Year Crafts

Saturday, February 6, 2027 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Celebrate the Year of the Goat! No registration. All ages welcome.





Stories and Donuts!

All ages welcome.

Saturday, February 20, 2027 | 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Back for a second year! Join us for yummy stories and stay for donuts! **Registration begins for RDL patrons 2/1/27; all others 2/2/27.** Drop-ins welcome, too!



See our new fort and toys with a forest friends theme!





January is National Hobby Month

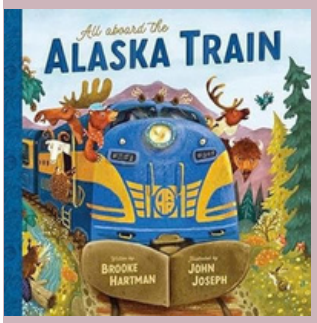
- **Check out books on a current or new hobby of interest**
- **See our used bookstore and Library of Things for ideas**
- **Enjoy your hobby with family**

ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY
LIBRARY OF THINGS

> **I read every day, and the library helps me with this passion through online books and hard copies. It is so easy to request them and I LOVE the [24-hour pickup] lockers so I can pick them up when I'm available!**

February is National Library Lover's Month

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



ENJOY OUR WALK & READ IN DOWNTOWN ROMEO

Available all winter, 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.

All Aboard the Alaska Train by Brooke Hartman and illustrated by John Joseph invites you to hop on board this famous train for a rollicking, rhyming adventure to meet some of Alaska's most beloved animals. Also learn the parts of a train and see a map of its route!

✦ ***THANK YOU to our local businesses for supporting this event!*** ✦

Graubner Branch, 65821 Van Dyke Rd.
Washington 48095 | 586-752-0603

Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
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