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Library Hours
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Closed Sundays
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Holiday Closings
For Independence Day, the library is closed Saturday, July 2 through Monday, July 4.
For Labor Day and Arts, Beats & Eats, the library is closed Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 5.

The 2022 Summer Reading Program Begins!

Join us as we celebrate the power of reading with author visits, prizes, and plenty of great suggested reads in numerous formats. This summer’s theme is titled Oceans of Possibilities, all about not only aquatic themes but oceanic in the broadest sense of the word. The adult program kicks off Saturday, June 18, at 10:00 am, at the same time as the youth and teen summer programs (take a look at Twigs on page 10 for more information). There will be plenty of reading suggestions for print, audio and ebook titles related to the theme, along with a great mixture of beach reads, romances, thrillers, mysteries and multicultural titles. Of course, to participate you are not limited to this year's theme. As in previous years we will be using Beanstack to manage the Summer Reading Program (SRP). Beanstack is a web service and mobile app to help you create and manage your participation in the SRP for both adults and kids. It is easy to register, track reading, and earn incentives and prizes with Beanstack. And as in previous years adults may enter drawings to win gift cards and book prizes. Please stay tuned for further details.

To register and participate without using Beanstack, please contact Rosemary Mirsky at 248-246-3715 or rosemary@ropl.org.

With the summer, we are beginning to reinstate in-person programming while maintaining a robust offering of digital programs for those who prefer all the comforts of home. While we endeavor to accommodate everyone’s needs and interests this summer, the safety of patrons and staff is our top priority. Therefore, if conditions such as infection rates warrant, we reserve the right to pivot or cancel in-person programs. Please note there is no registration required for many in-person programs which are on a first come, first served basis.

Live Music is Back!
The Royal Oak Jazz Band
Our very own home town band plays an eclectic blend of jazz, blues and country music interspersed with music history. The individuals of the band contribute their own musical styles to the band, making for a unique and enjoyable listening experience. No registration required.

Wednesday, June 29 outdoors at the Centennial Commons at 7:00 pm
In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the auditorium.
Oceans of Possibilities Indeed!

Book Talk: Sand, Stars, Wind, & Water: Field Notes from the North

Long before Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore was ranked as a national favorite, author Tim Mulherin began exploring the region – including Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties and other points north – as a frequent visitor. Now, in Sand, Stars, Wind, & Water: Field Notes from Up North, Mulherin tells of his love of the area and its people, and in turn encourages visitors to respect and enjoy this national treasure.

Mulherin joyfully shares his enduring, decades-long friendship with the region, born of hiking and cross-country skiing on woodland trails, dune climbing, trout fishing, sailing across Lake Michigan to camp on South Manitou and Garden islands, kayaking crystalline waters of local lakes and rivers, driving the scenic M-22 highway, and savoring downtime on Lake Michigan beaches. His essays are also a timely commentary on invasive species – both aquatic and human.

Anyone who has visited this special place – or plans to – will find Mulherin's writing a thoughtful and amusing representation of what being “Up North” is really all about.

Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations with Ric Mixter

The Edmund Fitzgerald is the largest and undoubtedly most famous shipwreck in the Great Lakes. Vanishing with 29 lives in 1975, it epitomizes the destructive power of the gales of November, and has become legend in a top 40 song. Ric Mixter is one of only a handful of divers to visit the wreck site, some 550 feet below Lake Superior. His spellbinding lecture encompasses the ship’s construction near Detroit and the ship’s final voyage from Wisconsin. From former crew members to each of the investigators (including Jacques Cousteau’s son), Ric shares details that few people know about the largest shipwreck in the Great Lakes.

It’s been said that more people learn about Great Lakes history from Ric Mixter than from any other source. Ric has written and produced over 30 programs on shipwrecks for PBS, The Outdoor Channel and the Vision Network. A dynamic, energetic speaker, Ric has also been featured as a shipwreck expert on the Discovery Channel and History Channel, diving over 100 shipwrecks including the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Of Icebergs and Inquiries: Michiganders on the Titanic

When the luxury ocean liner RMS Titanic went down in 1912, many Michiganders tragically lost their lives. Within a week, U.S. Senator William Alden Smith of Grand Rapids convened the U.S. inquiry into the disaster. Join us to learn about the Michigan survivors and victims, as well as Senator Smith’s far-reaching quest for answers.

Bob Myers is the Director of History Programming for the Historical Society of Michigan. He oversees many of the Society’s educational programs, including its Michiganders on the Road motorcoach tours, History Hounds lecture series, History Skills Workshops, and Michigan Heritage Home awards. He holds a BA in history from Alma College and an MA in history from Western Michigan University. He has authored numerous books and his articles have appeared in Michigan History Magazine, Chronicle, and Michigan Historical Review.

Thursday, June 30 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Marine Debris in the Oceans and the Great Lakes

In keeping with the 2022 Summer Reading theme Oceans of Possibilities, the library is hosting a Zoom presentation about the risks of plastic and other litter in our waterways.

Sarah Lowe, Great Lakes regional coordinator of the federal Marine Debris Program, will discuss the serious environmental and wildlife threats posed by debris in the Great Lakes and U.S. oceans. Lowe, a biologist based in Ohio, works through a government contractor for the marine debris program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Lowe works with groups in the Great Lakes region to raise public awareness of the extent of the debris, its threat to oceans, lakes, habitats, and tributaries, how to prevent it, and how to clean up specific sites.

Debris in the Great Lakes region, which includes Michigan and a number of states, consists of plenty of plastics from large pieces to micro plastics. Other litter does damage, as do derelict and abandoned vessels. The debris hurts wildlife, creates health and safety hazards, and threatens not only natural resources, but the region's recreational and boating economy.

Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Planet Detroit Community Conversations: Understanding Your Water Utility in the Climate Change Era

What is DWSD? GLWA? CSO? GSI? How do you read your water bill? What is your water utility doing to keep your drinking water safe, fight basement backups, and clean up local waterways in a warming climate? Join Planet Detroit editor Nina Ignaczak in conversation with local leaders about Metro Detroit residents’ water utilities. We’ll discuss what is happening in the wild world of water.

This discussion is taking place in person and on Zoom in partnership with the Ferndale Area District Library. On Monday, July 25 at 6:30 pm, join Planet Detroit at the Ferndale Area District Library for a second hybrid conversation about energy and electric utilities.

Once you register, please complete this two-minute survey created by Planet Detroit that will ensure your utility questions are addressed during these events: bit.ly/38IshyX

Monday, July 18 at 6:30 pm on Zoom and in person
Please register HERE

Sailing the Seas Centuries Ago

Did you know that the crew on ancient merchant ships was usually naked? Are you aware that the oarsmen on a Roman warship were paid by the day and that none were slaves? Immerse yourself in the history and lore of triremes, penteconters, and their descendants, from Egypt to Rome. Mike Norris got his BA in classics from the University of California at San Diego and his MA in classics and Ph.D. in art history at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and has lectured on trips all over the world. He lives in Teaneck, New Jersey.

Tuesday, July 19 at 6:30 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

The Lake Michigan Mermaid: A Modern Story Told in Poems

This program will celebrate the award-winning book, *The Lake Michigan Mermaid*, which embraces family, friendship, and the beauty of Lake Michigan. Join co-authors Linda Nemec Foster and Anne-Marie Oomen in this interactive presentation as they read poems from the book, describe their creative process, and share haunting watercolors by Meridith Ridl that illuminate every page. This modern retelling of mermaid mythology is not a typical fairy tale, but a coming of age story that reflects a young girl’s challenging world and a mermaid’s healing presence. *The Lake Michigan Mermaid* is a 2019 Michigan Notable Book. The book is suitable for ages 10 and up.

Linda Nemec Foster is also the author of *The Blue Divide* (2021), *The Elusive Heroine: My Daughter Lost in Magritte*, and *Talking Diamonds*. Anne-Marie Oomen’s books include *Love, Sex and 4 H* (recipient of the Best Memoir, 2016 Next Generation Indie Award), *Uncoded Woman*, *Pulling Down the Barn*, and *House of Fields*.

Monday, July 25 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Larry Martin’s WWII in Their Own Words

Part 1: The Bataan Death March

Eugene Bleil enlisted in the Army before the war started. He was sent to the Philippine Islands in 1940. He was an airplane mechanic. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 they also attacked the Philippine Islands at the same time. Bleil was given 15 minutes of infantry training. He was told two things, one, keep your head down and second to help your buddy. He then fought as an infantryman from the early part of January 1942. Eugene fought for his life for the next three and a half years. The first hour’s interview will cover the attack on Dec. 7/8 1941 then the fighting on the Bataan Peninsula and the Bataan Death March.

Tuesday, July 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Part 2: Camp O’Donnell, Bilibod and the Hell Ships

This second part of the Eugene Bleil interview will cover over three years of his life as a POW of the Japanese starting with Camp O’Donnell and Bilibod prison in the Philippines immediately after the Bataan Death March. He will tell of his time on the Hell Ship going to Japan as slave labor. He talks of being used in the giant steel mills in Japan as well as working on the docks under horrible conditions. His body weight dropped from 190 pounds to 85 pounds during his time as a POW where he was beaten many many times.

Tuesday, August 2 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Michigan Lighthouses

When you think of lighthouses do you think of the East or West coasts? Did you know that Michigan, which has more freshwater coastline than any other state, also has the most lighthouses (over 120)? This Illustrated Lecture focuses on the Lighthouses of Michigan (Lake Michigan). These lights have guided ships to safe harbors for more than a century and a half. Join Laura Keyes as she shares their history, their beauty, and their surprising stories.

Laura Keyes graduated from UW-Madison with a Master’s Degree in Library Studies, and has been presenting on historic topics for over ten years.

Monday, August 8 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE
Third-Thursday Book Club

Join us for an in-person discussion of books on the third-Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. The group will meet in-person in Rooms A/B. Questions? Contact librarian Rosemary Mirsky, book club leader, at 248-246-3715 or rosemary@ropl.org. No registration required.

Beautiful Country: A Memoir by Qian Julie Wang
In this debut, civil rights lawyer Wang recounts her life as an undocumented immigrant hiding in the shadows of America after the family fled China and came to Manhattan’s China Town in 1994. Professors in China, her parents – and Qian – took menial jobs to eat and escape detection. Wang details how each part of their lives was shaped by their illegal status.

Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm  In-person

I Will Die in a Foreign Land by Kalani Pickhart
The novel focuses on four characters caught up in the protests in Kyiv, Ukraine, as part of the 1913-14 Ukrainian battle to stay independent under pro-Soviet President Victor Yanukovych.

Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm  In-person

Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart
Stuart’s moving debut chronicles the life of Shuggie Bain, who is left to care for his alcoholic mother in Glasgow, Scotland, in the 1980s and 1990s. Her husband finds them a house and then quickly takes off. Eventually the two stepchildren retreat as well. Shuggie and his mother, whose looks were often likened to Elizabeth Taylor, cope with poverty, her spiraling drinking and the community abuse triggered by Shuggie's effeminate nature. Kirkus Reviews called it a masterpiece.

Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm  In-person

Independent Film Series

Showings are on select Saturdays at 2:00 pm in the Friends Auditorium and are appropriate for ages 18 and older. No registration required.

June 4 – The Way He Looks (Hoje Eu Quero Voltar Sozinho)
Leo is a blind teenager who’s fed up with his overprotective mother and the bullies at school. Looking to assert his independence, he decides to study abroad to the dismay of his best friend, Giovana. When Gabriel, the new kid in town, teams with Leo on a school project, new feelings blossom in him that make him reconsider his plans. Meanwhile, Giovana grows jealous of this new found companionship as tensions mount between her and Leo. In Portuguese with English subtitles.

June 11 – I Am Not Your Negro
Though not independently produced, this Oscar winning documentary is not to be missed. In 1979, James Baldwin wrote a letter to his literary agent describing his next project, Remember This House. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and successive assassinations of three of his close friends – Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time of Baldwin’s death in 1987, he left behind only thirty completed pages of his manuscript. Master filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished. The result is a radical, up-to-the-minute examination of race in America, using Baldwin’s original words and a flood of rich archival material.

July 30 – Roads in February (Rutas en febrero)
Still mourning the death of her father, Sarah travels from Montreal to a sleepy village in rural Uruguay to visit her paternal grandmother, Magda. Over a decade ago, Sarah and her parents left Uruguay and never returned. But as soon as Sarah arrives, a quiet unease forms. Magda doesn’t understand why her son never returned to see her and must now live with the fact that he never will. The tension comes as a surprise to Sarah, who must face the distance between herself, her family, and her country of origin in addition to her grief. In Spanish with English subtitles.

August 13 – Village of Dreams
Known to everyone in their idyllic Japanese village as "the brats,” twin brothers Yukihiko and Seizo wrestle with catfish in the river, chase birds through the woods, and cause general mischief in the name of high adventure. Their tale is told from the perspective of their older selves, reflecting on their childhood right after World War II. In Japanese with English subtitles.

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Classic, indie, documentary and DIY films are now available from Kanopy. Access Kanopy’s impressive variety of films from silent-era shorts to ground-breaking documentaries for free with your Royal Oak Public Library card. Go to ropl.org for details.
**Self-Care in the Wake of a Pandemic**

**International Yoga Day**
Join us to explore the true meaning and practice of yoga in this early celebration of Yoga Day. There are numerous Heartfulness Meditation events taking place globally to celebrate International Day of Yoga on June 21. With its roots in the ancient system of Raja Yoga, Heartfulness Meditation offers a simple yet dynamic daily practice, which we invite you to experience. Let today be that day, and let's all connect through yoga and meditation.

*Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom*

**Please register HERE**

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**Alexander Technique: The Thinking Person’s Response to Pain & Stress**
Carol Strozier, a certified and registered Alexander Technique teacher, will return to explain and demonstrate how to achieve a balanced body and mind, and better health and positive well being. The Alexander Technique works by helping you identify and prevent the harmful postural habits that can cause, or aggravate, stress, pain or lack of effectiveness. You learn to release tension and rediscover balance of mind and body. With increased awareness you can:

- Be poised without stiffness
- Move gracefully yet with strength
- Be alert and focused with ease
- Breathe and speak with freedom
- Be calm and confident

*Registration is required and limited to 20 attendees.*

*Wear comfortable clothing.*

*Thursday, June 23 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium*

**Please register HERE**

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**Chef Val’s Sandwich and Roll Up Cooking Class**
Tired of the same old sandwiches? Join Chef Val as she teaches two unique recipes, Tofu Cucumber Sandwiches and Sauteed Tempeh and Sauerkraut Roll Ups. Both can be used as a great lunch, travel food, and also makes great finger food for a picnic. Recipes are vegan, organic, whole foods and gluten-free.

*Monday, July 11 at 5:30 pm on Zoom*

**Please register HERE**

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**Oodles of Doodles: Art Journaling 101**
Have a blast and bring out your inner child in this stress-busting Art Journaling workshop hosted by writer Lynne Cobb. No art experience is needed as you learn the basics of creating an art journal featuring doodles, mixed media and more. And as Lynne quotes artist Henri Matisse, “Creativity Takes Courage”.

Bring crayons, colored pencils or markers, fine tip or ultra fine tip markers, a journal, sketch pad or notebook, and you just may find an artist within you as you relax and discover the fun of Art Journaling. Of course, the library will provide supplies as well.

*Registration is required and limited to 20.*

*Wednesday, August 3 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium*

**Please register HERE**

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**Hiking in Michigan**
Celia Ryker, author of the debut memoir *Walking Home: Trail Stories*, takes us through some beautiful hiking trails right here in our home state of Michigan. Celia has kept journals and written short stories and poems all of her life. *Walking Home* is Celia’s first book but she has been working on her craft for decades. *Hiking in Michigan* is a chance for Celia to share stories and images from the trails she hiked while preparing to hike the nearly 300 mile Long Trail from Massachusetts to Canada, along the crest of Vermont’s Green Mountains. While training for this hike Celia discovered Michigan trails and her images and stories will take you on these paths with her.

*Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 pm on Zoom*

**Please register HERE**

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**Hiking in Michigan**
June is Pride Month

The Detroit Institute of Arts Presents Art/Pride

Art/Pride raises awareness of the significant contributions of LGBT artists and their impact on the art world. These artists are among leaders of modern and contemporary art and have shattered stereotypes and defied prejudice and discrimination on their path to success. Among the artists highlighted in the talk are Francis Bacon, Beauford Delaney, Gilbert and George, Harriet Goodhue Hosmer, Mickalene Thomas, Andy Warhol, Kehinde Wiley and Claude Cahun aka Lucy Schwob.

“The DIA is actively engaged in connecting to diverse communities both within our building and beyond the museum’s walls,” said Salvador Salort-Pons, DIA director. “Adding this LGBT talk to our “Behind the Seen” lectures allows us to facilitate a dialogue that helps all members of our community find a personal connection to the DIA’s collection and to each other.”

Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Happy Juneteenth

Juneteenth: History and the Aftermath in the U.S. African American Community

Professor Peter Boykin, a History Instructor at Wayne County Community College District in Detroit, Education Consultant, and Historian, will be elaborating on how Juneteenth propelled the aftermath of freedom for African Americans. He will be presenting a thorough analysis of the Reconstruction, which allowed for African Americans to have access to opportunities, economically and politically. The presentation will then tie in the calamities of the 20th and 21st centuries, which are a direct result of past obstacles.

Since January 2004, Peter Jeffrey Boykin has been an instructor of history at Wayne County Community College District and teaches African American History, United States History, and World History courses. Just recently, Peter has embarked upon a public speaking and independent educational consulting venture. He helped design an African American History Course for the Royal Oak Public Schools that has been implemented for the current school year.

Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Stu Johnson’s Music History

A Travelogue in Jazz: Around the World in 60 (80) Minutes

In this ever popular presentation, Stu Johnson highlights countries with their name, a city or feature in the song title. We hear, among others, Ireland (Tipparary,) Scotland (Loch Lomond,) France (April in Paris,) Arabia (Sheik of Araby,) India (Song of India,) and Brazil (Brazil). No registration required.

Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium

Honor Working Men and Women This Labor Day

The Labor Movement’s Transformation of Southeast Michigan

Just in time for Labor Day, experience the seismic history of the modern American labor movement with archivists from the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University. Gavin Strassel (UAW Archivist) and Meghan Courtney (Outreach Archivist) will feature unique and surprising historical artifacts from the one-of-a-kind collections at the Reuther Library, North America’s largest labor archives. The presentation will focus on the history of Royal Oak and Metro Detroit’s national influence on working conditions, illuminating labor’s impact on American society. No registration required.

Tuesday, August 30 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium
Dazzling Detroit Design

Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City is a first-of-its-kind effort to document the incredible collection of Architectural Sculpture in the city of Detroit. The Guardians of Detroit presentation features more than 100 spectacular pictures of architectural sculpture from throughout the city of Detroit. You will learn about the symbolism behind the ornamentation and hear some of the untold stories of the artists, artisans, and architects involved in its creation, all drawn from the Guardians of Detroit book.

Guardians of Detroit author Jeff Morrison is a photographer and historian who has been taking pictures since his parents gave him his first camera at age nine. He has a bachelor’s degree in history and art from Eastern Michigan University and over thirty years’ experience as a graphic artist.

The Outer Limits of Perception

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence

People have speculated about the possibility of “aliens”, intelligent beings living on other planets, for many centuries. With the discovery of liquid water on moons of Jupiter and Saturn, and of thousands of exoplanets orbiting other stars, this possibility seems increasingly likely. This presentation will examine the history of searching for alien life, and the prospects for finding it. Actual travel between a distant planet orbiting another star and our Solar System would take a very long time. Therefore, current searches include listening for radio signals from distant civilizations and also trying to detect signals carried on laser beams.

Dale Partin teaches astronomy at Macomb Community College and is an amateur astronomer. He has B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering.

Mind Games

Part 1: The Science of Perception Deception

Our brain decides how we perceive everything around us. It finds patterns and solves problems efficiently, except for when it lies to us. In this engaging program, William Pack explores the real science of how our brains trick us into seeing and believing things that don't exist. You'll experience how optical illusions work, why people fall for scams, and how we make thousands of choices every day that are influenced subconsciously. William will also give the attendees proven, scientific, actionable techniques to preserve brain health. At the end, you may be left wondering if your brain has a mind of its own.

Part 2: The Science of Curious Thinking

Packed with interactive games, William Pack returns with a second edition of his popular MIND GAMES program. In this program, he reinforces the concepts in MIND GAMES-1 (But you don't need Mind Games 1 to participate) and adds even more ways that our brains are hardwired to believe things that defy logic and facts. He’ll show you how our brains seek out patterns and try to make meaning out of nothing. As always, William will remind you of the proven ways to preserve brain health. (Powerpoint and Very Interactive)
Let’s Get Crafty Again!

Drop-In Pronoun Button Making

A pronoun is a word that refers to either the people talking ("I" or "you") or someone or something that is being talked about (like "she", "it", "them", and "this"). Gender pronouns (he/she/they/ze etc.) specifically refer to the person you are referring to. Pronouns can’t be assumed by someone’s outward appearance, so pronoun buttons can be a fun way of informing others and embracing your personal style!

Decorate yourself for LGBTQ+ Pride like the gift you are! Customize and press your own pronoun button at the drop-in table in the ROPL lobby, and then show those babies off during the June festivities! You deserve to not hide how people should properly honor you, and you can do it in style! Pre-made buttons will be available if you want to just pop by the table and grab one. All ages, as well as any allies, are welcome to make a button! Color pencils, pens, and markers will be provided for creativity!

No registration required.

Thursday, June 16, 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the Lobby

Construct a Cat Castle

Bringing back a much loved event, construct a cat castle for your cat (or as a gift for a fuzzy pal you know)! Make two-foot tall towers, a little drawbridge, or simply a little house your cat can hang out in and call their own. All ages welcomed, though leave the cats at home for this one! All materials are provided.

No registration required.

Saturday, July 9 at 2:00 pm in the auditorium

Explore a Hot New Career!

Free Introductory Coding Workshops

Partnering with Grand Circus in Detroit, we continue to offer introductory workshops on coding, repeated on a monthly basis for adults wishing to explore a new high-demand career in technology. This free workshop introduces you to the basics of programming through hands-on exercises. If you have little to no coding experience or want to get acquainted with the GC learning environment, this is a great place to start!

Participants are required to supply their own laptops. Don’t have your own laptop? You can borrow a Chromebook from the library. Hot spots are available too. Registration with GC is required.

Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE
Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE
Wednesday, August 10 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE

Taking Care of Business

Estate Planning Basics

Estate planning is a critical step that everybody should take at some point during their life because, whether or not they are consciously aware – you have an estate. If you own a house or a car – then you have an estate. If you have money in a bank account – whether it’s a few thousand dollars a lot more – then you have an estate. Many people often consider estate planning to be something that only the very wealthy have to even consider, but this is a folly. Estate planning can benefit everybody, despite how much wealth they have. A few key things that are in your estate can include real property, bank accounts, life insurance policies, all of your personal belongings such as artwork, furniture, or electronic devices. Essentially, however, an estate can be anything that you wish to pass on to another person. Presented by Ann Marie Nadolski, estate advisor.

Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Summer Reading 2022 begins Saturday, June 18!
See page 11 for registration details.

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No registration required.

Thursday, June 16 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM in the Lobby

Ocean Flow Yoga for Teens presented by Bold Flow
Come as you are and learn the basics of yoga as we flow together in celebration of International Yoga Day. Presented by Bold Flow Yoga Royal Oak. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. Comfortable clothing is recommended. Registration required.
Attendees must sign a waiver to participate.

Tuesday, June 21 at 3:00 PM

“Upside Down” Escape Room
Just in time for the premiere of the second half of season four of Stranger Things, join us in the upside-down for a puzzling Escape Room. Participants will have to face down the Demogorgon and connect the clues to escape the upside down!

Thursday, June 30 at 6:00 PM

Sugar Scrub Sand Art
What happens when you take the nineties trend of sand art and make it sustainable? Introducing sand art made from sugar instead of sand. Perfect for a bath time sugar scrub.

Thursday, July 7 at 6:00 PM

Sandbox Zen Gardens
Need a new sensory fidget? Join us in assembling sandbox zen gardens, like the zen gardens you’re familiar with, but with an added element of beachside whimsy.

Thursday, July 21 at 6:00 PM

Reverse Tie Dye
Bring a dark or brightly colored shirt to the library and reverse tie-dye with bleach. You’re welcome to bring more than one item if you choose. We will be using bleach for the tie-dyed effect, so dress accordingly. The program will be outdoors in Centennial Commons, weather-permitting. Keep in mind, this event is BYOT (bring your own tee)!

Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 PM
Summer 2022
Youth Services Programs and Information

Free Programs!
The library provides a wide variety of free programs open to all youth. Parents, guardians and caregivers are welcome to attend with their children. Most programs require advanced registration and no library card is required. Visit our events calendar to register.

Most programs are made possible by funding from the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library.

Saturday, June 18 – Saturday, July 30
Let’s dive into “Oceans of Possibilities” this summer! We will share stories, prizes, books, magic, art, music, crafts, science, yoga, book clubs, reading ideas, and more!

Summer Reading Opening Day!
Saturday, June 18, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- Register for Summer Reading
- Sign up for a Library Card
- Button Making
- Glitter Tattoo Artist
- OUR Credit Union will be here with popcorn and an appearance from Oakey Dokey!
- Bubbles and Chalk
- Dig for Seashells
- Trader Joe’s will be providing snacks
- Goldfish Swim School will be here with their mascot ‘Bubbles the Goldfish’

Thank you to the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library for their financial sponsorship of summer reading!

In-Person Programs are Back!
Youth Services is thrilled to bring back in-person programs in June! As we inch through the pandemic, we are comfortable bringing people back to gather together and engage in programming for all ages. Look for programs that will take place indoors and outdoors on our new terrace. For all of our up-to-date calendar information, visit our website at www.ropl.org and click on “Events” to access our calendar.
How do I register for the Summer Reading Program?

Register an individual or a family
From the ropl.beanstack.org/ page, follow these easy steps to register for Summer Reading. You can register an individual or a family. Adults can register and manage logs for their children on the Beanstack link or the Beanstack Tracker app. Older kids can track their reading independently!

How do I log my reading and activities?
1. Sign in to Beanstack at ropl.beanstack.org/ or use the Beanstack tracker app.
2. Click the Log Reading and Activities button.
3. Select Minutes to log Reading or Activities.
4. Fill out the Log Reading form and click the Log button at the end of the form to submit your entry.
5. Close or X out of the form when you are done logging.

Once you have logged some books or reading time, it will show on your Reading Log. Need help? Call 248-246-3725 to speak to a librarian or email youthreference@ropl.org.

How do I register for library events that I want to attend?
1. From the library’s home page, select the Events tab which will take you to the calendar of events.
2. Navigate the calendar to select the program you want to attend and scroll down to view more.
3. From there, a new window will pop up with the registration form.
4. You can always call the Youth Reference Desk at 248-246-3725 for additional help or questions.

Summer Reading Prizes & Prize Drawings
A free book will be awarded once you reach your halfway mark of the summer reading program.

Virtual tickets are awarded through completing specific activity badges or through reading. Participants will place their tickets into the drawing of their choice via Beanstack. Prize drawings will be held at the beginning of August and winners will be notified that day. Prizes were purchased from Toyology. All prizes are non-returnable.

Story Times
These programs run for 20-45 minutes. Parents or caregivers stay with their children unless noted. Registration is requested unless otherwise noted.

Outdoor Family Story Times
Enjoy the fresh air along with stories and activities on the library terrace. Bring a blanket or a beach towel to sit on. Programs will be held indoors in inclement weather. As space is limited, only the first 40 people will be admitted to an indoor event. No registration required.

Mondays at 10:15 AM
June 20 and 27; July 11, 18 and 25

Baby Size! Story Times
Ages birth – 2 years
Special story times and activities just for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers! Select sessions will include guest speakers and instructors who will demonstrate new ways to play and learn with your little one! Limit 40 per session. The following programs begin at 10:15 AM:

Thursday, June 23: Baby Massage with Cortney from Nature’s Playhouse
Thursday, June 30: Zumbini with Juliana from Nature’s Playhouse
Thursday, July 7: Baby Size Story Time
Thursday, July 14: Baby Yoga and Me with Juliana from Nature’s Playhouse
Thursday, July 21: Baby Size Story Time
Thursday, July 28: Baby Signing Time with Amy Kaltz

Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or towel.

Take and Make Crafts
Stop by the youth service area for a new craft each week that you can take home and make. No registration required. Supplies are limited.
Youth Programs

These programs run 30-45 minutes unless otherwise noted. Please note the suggested age limits for each program mentioned in the descriptions. Parents or caregivers must remain in the library while their children are attending the programs.

Registration is requested unless noted.

Preschool Dance Party!
Get ready to boogie! Move, shake, twist, and groove to favorite songs in this fun party for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers! **Limit 40 per session.**

- Tuesday, June 21 at 11:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 26 at 11:00 AM

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Under the Sea: Sensory and Songs
Children from birth to three years old are invited to play and explore with various sensory activities, toys, and textures in and around the room. We will also be dancing and singing to various ocean-related songs. **Limit 40.**

- Saturday, July 9 at 10:15 AM

Save our Oceans
We live on land but share our planet with a huge variety of sea life. Many animals like amphibians, turtles, crocodiles, and others live on both land and sea. In this program, we explain the links between ocean and land animals. The importance of protecting our ecosystems is explained in this fascinating program, which features a variety of live animals. Saving the world’s oceans can help feed the 9 billion people projected to be on earth by 2050 by conserving water, and reducing waste and pollution, we all can help to save our oceans! **Limit 40.**

- Monday, June 27 at 4:00 PM

OpenSpot Theatre
In this workshop, OpenSpot Theatre, specializing in inclusive performance and activities for children of all abilities, teaches the basics of musical theatre: singing, acting, and dancing. At 2:45 PM, parents and family may return to the Auditorium to witness a performance by their children displaying talents, skills, and fun! **Limit 40.**

- Monday, July 11 at 2:00 PM

This activity is funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

Under the Sea Mason Jars
Join us for some crafty fun! We will be creating a seascape using mason jars along with some other ocean-inspired crafts! **Limit 30.**

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Read to the Dogs for Independent Readers
Registered therapy dogs are here to listen to children read to them in a one-to-one setting. It is fun and helps improve reading skills because the dog listens attentively and does not judge, laugh or criticize. Please phone (248) 246-3725 or sign up in person at the Youth Services Desk for a 20-minute time slot.

- Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, July 16 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Detroit Zoo Presents: Polar Bears, Sea Otters, and Penguins
What do polar bears, sea otters, and penguins have in common? Among other things, they all depend upon oceans to survive and thrive! Join a Detroit Zoological Society educator to learn about these fascinating marine species, including how DZS staff care for them at the Detroit Zoo, how they protect them in the wild, and how you can join us in protecting them. This experience includes a story about polar bears and a hands-on STEM activity. **Limit 40.**

- Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM

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Youth Programs cont.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Party!  
Ages Birth - Pre-K
Whether you’re new to the program and would like more information, or are already tracking your books and want to celebrate reading accomplishments, stop by for the party! Stories, dancing, playtime, and snacks are all part of the fun! Participants who have reached 1,000 books will also be recognized at this event. **Limit 40.**

*Saturday, July 16 at 10:30 AM*

**Baffling Bill the Magician & Gus the Bunny**  
**Family**
This 40-minute program features spectacular and amazing magic tricks with doves, ducks, and Gus the Bunny to promote Summer Reading. **Limit 40 per show.**

*Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 PM & 7:30 PM*

**Cookies with a Cop**  
**Family**
Meet Officer Yerke, the school liaison officer with ROPD, and snack on some cookies! He will explain what it is like to be a police officer and also bring his police car for some exploring. **Limit 40.**

*Wednesday, July 20 at 2:00 PM*

**Cameron Zvara’s Comedy & Magic Show**  
**Family**
Join us for an afternoon of FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer- Cameron Zvara! Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, comedy, juggling, music, and TONS of audience participation. You do not want to miss out! **Limit 40.**

*Monday, July 25 at 2:00 PM*

**Fish are Friends**  
**Family**
Fascinated with our fish tank? Want to learn how to maintain your own? Learn about maintaining an aquarium with your fishy friends with PetSmart employee and caretaker of the Royal Oak Public Library aquarium, Joey Ewick. **Limit 40.**

*Thursday, July 14 at 2:00 PM*

**Construct a Cat Castle!**  
**Family**
Bringing back a much loved event, construct a cat castle for your cat (or as a gift for a fuzzy pal you know)! Make two-foot tall towers, a little drawbridge, or simply a little house your cat can hang out in and call their own. All ages welcomed, though leave the cats at home for this one! All materials are provided. **No registration required.**

*Saturday, July 9 at 2:00 PM*

**Dog Days of Summer**  
**Family**
Have you ever brought your dog to a library program before? Probably not! But now that we have our beautiful covered terrace outside our south entrance, we get to include your four-legged friends! Join us on the library terrace for some doggie crafts, and you’re welcome (encouraged) to bring your pup! We will also have a few doggie bags available for our less social friends.

*Saturday, July 16 at 2:00 PM*

*Disclaimer: Please keep your dog leashed, and know your dog. This event will likely have people (including children) and other dogs, so if your dog is adverse to either, please keep them home. We are happy to give you crafts to do with them at home. A reminder that dogs will NOT be allowed in the library, and must stay on the terrace. If you need to go inside the library for any reason, you should have someone with you to watch your dog outside.*
**Saturday Family Movies**

Please bring a blanket to sit on and snacks will be provided.

**Toy Story**
To infinity and beyond! In light of the new *Lightyear* movie, come and watch how it all began with Woody, Buzz, and the whole gang. **Limit 40.**

**Saturday, June 25 at 2:00 PM**

**Encanto**
I know it sounds a bit fantastical and magical, but we’re hosting a showing of the Family Madrigal! Join us for a showing of *Encanto*, and remember not to talk about…that guy. **Limit 40.**

**Saturday, July 23 at 2:00 PM**

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**Kids’ Book Club**

ROPL has a book club just for kids in grades 4-6! Join us for a lively book discussion and activities centered on the featured book. Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book. **Limit 20.**

**Fins: A Shark Incorporated Novel**
by Randy Wayne White

**Book pickup begins Tuesday, June 7 at the Youth Services Desk**
**Book Club meeting is**
Tuesday, June 28 at 2:00 PM

Please register HERE

The world’s shark population is in trouble for a sad, simple reason: shark fin soup. And although it’s illegal, poachers have been targeting Florida’s biannual migration of blacktip sharks.

Marine biologist Doc Ford needs some assistance protecting the sharks and enlists the help of three kids – Luke, Maribel, and Sabina. Luke is brand-new to Florida from the Midwest; sisters Maribel and Sabina have only recently arrived from Cuba – and all three feel like fish out of water. It’s going to take some convincing for them to work as a team and to recognize in themselves the courage, wisdom, and tenacity that Doc sees in them.

Together they form Sharks, Inc. and are given an important assignment: to set out each day on their small fishing boat in hopes of tagging sharks for Doc’s research – and to stay away – far away – from any possible poachers in the area.

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**Book Buddies Book Club**

Book Buddies is a book club for ROPL’s youngest independent readers, kindergarten through grade 3. Each participant will get their own copy of the book to keep. Club meetings are 45-60 minutes and include activities and discussions based on the book. Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book. **Limit 25.**

**Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure**
by Alex T. Smith

**Book and craft pickup begins Thursday, June 9 at the Youth Services Desk**
**Book Buddies meeting is**
Thursday, June 30 at 2:00 PM

Please register HERE

Meet Mr. Penguin: adventurer (and penguin). He has a dashing hat. A battered satchel. And a kung-fu spider sidekick. Now he just needs an adventure! When Boudicca Bones from the Museum of Extraordinary Objects calls for help, Mr. Penguin swings into action. Can he and Colin the spider find the museum’s missing treasure before bandits do? Or is this the adventure Mr. Penguin should have never answered?

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**Graphic Novel Book Club**

ROPL has a book club just for kids in grades 4 - 6 who love graphic novels and lively book discussions about them! Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book. **Limit 20.**

**Another Kind**
by Cait May & Trevor Bream

**Book pickup begins Monday, June 20 at the Youth Services Desk**
**Book Club meeting is**
Monday, July 18 at 2:00 PM

Please register HERE

Six young, “not-quite-human kids,” are kept from the world’s view within the so-called safety of the “Playroom.” Soon, they are forced from their surroundings, on the run from capture by the mysterious, cruel being known as the “Collector.” The six powerful-in-their-own-right characters cope with feeling and being, “different.” Their wide range in ages and abilities helps make their journey perilous at times, but shows them to be vibrant and strong throughout.
Friends of ROPL
One-Day Book Sale: June 18

The Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library will help kickoff Summer Reading with a one-day book sale Saturday, June 18 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Choose from a wide selection of books for adults, children and teens. Stop in and load up on all your summer reads! Specials and CDs/DVDs will be available in the Friends Shop. Come early for the best selection!

Thanks to the Friends of ROPL!

The Friends of the Library are proud supporters of the Summer Reading Program. Their financial support makes our summer programs possible! In addition, they have contributed to other Library needs, such as funding albums for the new vinyl collection. They also accept donations of materials - please visit our website for more information: ropl.org/1072/Donate. Your membership and purchases help make a difference for the Library - thank you for supporting the Friends, and thank you to the Friends for their support!

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