



RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY

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teens rock the library!

Programs for middle and high school students

Join the summer reading program! As in years past, we are encouraging you to earn prizes while you read for pleasure! Sign up any time after school gets out. For every 5 *unique titles* you read this summer, you can earn a scratch off ticket. Each ticket wins a prize! Prizes include sweet treats, free books, gift cards and more!

We know you can't spend the whole summer reading, so there are lots of fun activities happening at the library, too. You do not have to sign up for the reading program to take part in any of the events below. Just come and enjoy!

one night only!

teen night Friday, June 22 6-10 p.m. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Kick off the summer with a night of fun after the library closes. Play games, be loud, snack and run where you are not supposed to! Snacks provided. Registration is in person or by phone only:(269) 685-8024.



podcasts 101 Wednesday, June 27 at 2 p.m. Did you know that there is a whole world of amazing audio awaiting you in podcast form, and that there are many sites that allow you to listen for FREE? Library staffers Erin and Tom are huge fans. Let them introduce you to some fascinating series that may take your listening interests in a whole new direction.

to tattoo or not to tattoo? Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. Have you ever considered getting a tattoo? What does it cost? What are the risks? A tattoo artist from Island City Ink will join us tonight to demystify the tattooing process and answer your questions.

harry potter birthday trivia Tuesday, July 31 6-8 p.m. Join us as we celebrate this literary character's birthday by playing Harry Potter Trivia! Questions will be taken from the books and the films. Birthday cake and butter beer will be served. Bring friends—this is a team activity, and the top three teams will win prizes! Team members may be mixed ages, from sixth grade through adult. Family teams are encouraged.

nerf night Friday, August 17 6-9 p.m. *This night is exclusively for grades 8-12.* Play the ultimate in library indoor sports! Please mark your equipment with your name in permanent marker or with some other identifier so you can track it down at the end of the night. Darts will be available at the library. Pizza/drinks will be provided. This popular program has been split into two age groups to make the evening more enjoyable for everyone. *Younger players (grades 4-7) should plan to attend the tween Nerf war on July 27.* Please contact Erin or Macy if you have questions.



respond to live music Pictures at an Exhibition Saturday, July 21 at 1 p.m.

Join the KSO Brass Quintet as they perform *Pictures at an Exhibition*, featuring the music of Modest Mussorgsky. Participate by creating art as you listen! This event is a collaboration of Ransom District Library, Design Street, and the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. All ages are invited to this performance; no registration necessary.

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monthly events



video game tournaments Wednesdays: June 13, July 11 and August 8 at 2 p.m. The library recently purchased a Nintendo Switch, which is taking our tournament play to a whole new level! The June tournament will be *Mario Kart*, July will be *Arms*, and August is TBA. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Prizes for first through third place.

video game free play Friday, June 22; Tuesday, July 24; Thursday, August 23 from 2-4 p.m. The Switch will be set up on these afternoons for you to come and play without any tournament pressure. It's a great way to learn a new game and practice before our next tournament!

just dance free play Wednesday, June 20, Thursday July 26, and Tuesday, August 14 from 1-3 p.m.

For those of you who prefer your video game play to be more physical. Come get your groove on! Bring a friend!

anime club Friday, July 13 and Wednesday, August 15 at 2 p.m. Do you love manga and anime? Hang out with other otaku who feel the same way. This program is hosted by Erin and Tom, who is a former Anime Club member.

art opportunities: registration required

Summer art experiences are back! Each class requires separate registration. Registration begins June 13 and must be in person or by phone only: (269) 685-8024. Classes run approximately 90 minutes.

Summer Fun Accordion Folded Book Wednesday, June 27 at 10 a.m. *Limit 15 students.* The Kalamazoo Book Arts Guild is coming to teach this cool class. Participants will decorate paper mimicking the bright colors of summer. It will then be cut down to create beautiful interior pages & wrap boards for a miniature hardcover accordion book. Students will take their project with them at the end of the session.



Fused Glass Wednesday, July 18 at 2 p.m. *Limit 15 students, all of whom must sign a waiver before participating.* Participants will work with instructors from Glass Art Kalamazoo to make a 4 x 4 inch fused glass sun catcher using glass, confetti, frit and stringer. Projects will go back to GAK for firing, and will be available for pickup the next week.

Pottery Fun Wednesday, August 1 at 2 p.m. *Limit 24 students.* Plainwell Arts Council member Cathy Green will bring her clay studio to the library so you can create an original ceramic project.



cool opportunity Audition for *Robin Hood* July 9-14 This one week, intensive theater experience with the Missoula Children's Theatre begins with auditions on July 9 and culminates in a performance on July 14. Eligibility: K-12 students in the Plainwell school district (including homeschoolers.) Sponsored by the Plainwell Arts Council with the help of Hope Lutheran Church. *This is not a library program*, but it is a great opportunity! Additional information will be available at the library as it comes.