

Friday Flicks

Friday, July 15 & August 19 • 1-3 p.m.

Kick-off your weekend with a different matinee movie. For extra fun, answer a question at the end of each movie correctly to be entered into a drawing for the Summer Friday Flick Prize!

Summer Sea Book Club: Something in the Water

Tuesday, July 19 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, July 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Please join our Oceans of Possibility themed summer book group! This month we will be discussing *Something in the Water* by Catherine Steadman. A shocking discovery on a honeymoon in paradise changes the lives of a picture-perfect couple in this taut psychological thriller debut—for readers of Ruth Ware, Paula Hawkins, and Shari Lapena.

REGISTER

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Wednesday, July 20 • 7-8 p.m.

See how quickly you can piece together a jigsaw puzzle with the help of your team. The fastest team to complete the 500 piece puzzle (or get the closest to completion) will win a prize. Please register each person in your team of up to four people. Other participants may be added to your team as space allows.

REGISTER

Murder on the River: Murder Mystery Event

Thursday, July 28 • 6:30-8:30p.m.

Do you think you have what it takes to solve a murder? Now is your chance! Help the detective solve the case by going over evidence, watching witness testimonials, and hearing the interviews of each suspect. Ages 16+

REGISTER

Euchre Tournament

Thursday, September 1 • 6-8 p.m.

Do you have what it takes to be crowned the Euchre champion? Try your hand at this card game where the winner takes home a fun prize. No partners are required as you will rotate tables and partners each game.

REGISTER

PLUNDER Game Night

Thursday, August 4 • 6:30-8:30p.m.

If ruling the seas is your ambition, it's time to unleash your inner pirate. It's time to plunder! Join Kevin from Fortress of Solitude in this pirate themed board game described as a cross between Risk and Catan.

REGISTER

Japanese Stab Bound Book with Printed Botanical Cover with Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

Tuesday, August 16 • 12-1:30p.m.

Learn how to create your own Japanese stab bound book with a soft cover. All materials provided and you will go home with a completed book.

Foraging with Gabrielle Cerberville

Wednesday, August 24 • 7-8 p.m.

Gabrielle Cerberville, aka @chaoticforager, is a wild food educator, mycophagist, native permaculturist, and interdisciplinary artist. Her entertaining educational videos on Tiktok, where she shares her knowledge of edible plants and fungi, have been viewed by millions worldwide. She has lectured extensively on the importance of ecological awareness, and believes that ethics and knowledge must go hand-in-hand to support a sustainable future.

The Memory & Legacy of Emmett Till

Thursday, August 25 • 7-8 p.m.

Join local history teacher, Jim Herm, as he shares his research into the Post Civil War South, the legacy of Emmett Till, and the start of the Civil Rights movement.

REGISTER

Fun (and Easy) Self-Nurturing Techniques to Transform Your Day with Karen Shier

Wednesday, September 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Explore tools to help you own your day in a positive and fun way! You'll learn the importance of putting yourself first, loving yourself fully, and inviting in positive personal growth each and every day. We'll explore different types of meditation and mindfulness techniques and play a couple of easy games to bring it all home. Bring a smile and a friend - have some fun!

REGISTER

Basic Computer Classes

Tuesdays, September 13

& September 27 • 10:30-11:30a.m.

Designed for those who are new to computers or who feel like they need more instruction. You will learn the basics of how to use a computer in a judgment-free zone.

REGISTER

Adult Crafts & Company

Two different times – register for the one that works best for you!
All supplies included.

Fabric Mosaic Turtles

Tuesday, July 12 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, July 14 • 7-8 p.m.

Repurpose scraps of fabric to create this coastal craft perfect for the summer.

Folded Book Fans

Tuesday, August 9 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, August 18 • 7-8 p.m.

Cool off this summer by making your own decorative folding fan that looks like a book.

Ombre Fall Wreath

Tuesday, September 6 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, September 8 • 7-8 p.m.

Wreaths are a great way to showcase the seasons. Celebrate the coming fall by creating this easy autumn wreath.

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Pirates of the Great Lakes

Thursday, July 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Great Lakes pirates may not have sought gemstones or treasure chests, but committed crimes on our waters throughout history. Join us for an interactive program about piracy on the Great Lakes presented by Peter Mousseau to hear about the exploits of pirates Dan Seavy and Jessie Strang.

Michigan Rocks with David Haas of the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society

Wednesday, July 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Have you noticed the real rocks in our circulation desk countertop? They are Michigan rocks donated by Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society. Find out about Michigan rocks and the best places to find them in this informative program.

The Intentional Writer

Finding the Time, Space & Inspiration You Need to Write

Thursday, September 22 • 7-8:30p.m.

Writing takes time, space, and inspiration. If you're short on any of these, whether you're at the beginning of your writing journey or you've hit a wall somewhere in the middle, this workshop for writers can help you prioritize, organize, and reimagine your approach to your craft. This workshop is for dreamers, dabblers, and diehards alike.

Centennial Award Celebration *Mark your calendar!*

Thursday, August 11 • 5:15 p.m.

At this year's summer celebration, Historian and Friend of Ransom Library Virginia Caruso will unveil the Centennial Plaque from the Michigan Historical Society.

Director's Note

While our new library building has us enjoying the "Oceans of Possibilities" at Ransom, this summer we are planning to celebrate where we have been as well. On **August 11 at 5:15 p.m.**, we will welcome back the great Zion Lion band, food trucks, a bounce house for kids, ice cream treats, and more for a Library Party that we plan to hold every August. At the 2022 edition, Gun Plain resident and Historian Virginia Caruso will unveil and present the Library's Centennial Plaque. The plaque is awarded by the Michigan Historical Society to organizations in our state that have run continuously for at least one hundred years. So come dance, eat, and enjoy the river with us while we celebrate our long history and dream of the next hundred years.

Sincerely, Joe Gross

Summer 2022

Ocean of Possibilities: Adult Summer Reading Program

June 6 – July 31

Bring on the beach reads with this summer reading challenge! Read three books by the end of July to earn a prize. If you want an extra challenge, keep reading and each additional book will be counted as an entry for the Grand Prize Summer Package.

Sew What? Stitching Group

Wednesdays • 1-3 p.m.

7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 9/14, 9/28

Looking for a place to work on your stitches? Knit, crochet, needlepoint, or sew--whatever your stitch, you're welcome to come and work on your project with other crafters in this bi-monthly program. Please bring your own project.

Color Me Calm

Mondays 7/25, 8/29, 9/19 • 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays 7/26, 8/30, 9/20 • 1-2 p.m.

Relax and color your stress away with designs aimed at adults. Whether you like Zendoodle, Mandala, nature patterns, or a mix, this group will have patterns for any style. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Open Mic Night *Ages 16+* Thursday, September 29 6:30-8 p.m.

Calling all talents (and amateurs) to the stage! Join us for a night of entertainment. All types of performances are welcome. Read a poem, sing, dance, play an instrument, do stand-up, etc. Light snacks will be provided.



Celebrate Summer at RDL!

Kids

Story Time

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Summer – July 6 until August 17
Fall starts Sept. 14
Enjoy three stories, fun movement activities, songs with shaker accompaniment. There will be a craft in the Children's Room afterward.

Build-o-rama

Tuesday, July 19 • 3-4 p.m.
Wednesday, August 10 • 3-4 p.m.
Have fun building amazing creations with our bricks.

After School Special

Begins Wednesday, Sept. 14 • 4-5 p.m.
Kids can join Ms. Erin after school for fun of a different kind each week!
1st Wednesday: art
2nd Wednesday: games
3rd Wednesday: science
4th Wednesday: Build-o-Rama
5th Wednesday: Ms. Erin's surprise

Teens

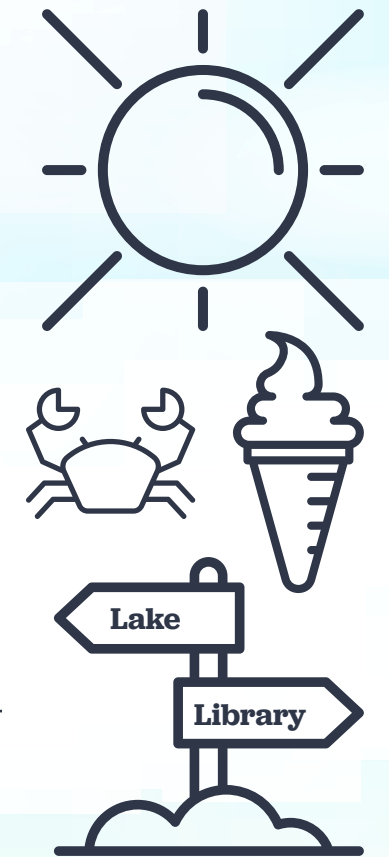
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Tabletop Gaming

Tuesday, July 12 • 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Monday, August 8 • 2-4 p.m.
Play simulation games such as I Know a Guy or Endless Blue. You can also choose to play board games like Liar's Dice, Skull Island, or Exit: Sunken Treasure.

Teen Tuesdays

Starts Tuesday, Sept. 13 • 3-4 p.m.
Hang out in the Hill Room with Ms. Erin. Games, crafts, Legos, video game tournaments and manga fan-based projects will all make their appearance as activities to keep you busy. There will be snacks! (Be warned—if you have a snack, you have to stay.)



Special events

Summer fun continues with these exciting activities!

Elementary Kids' Scavenger Hunt

Friday, July 8 • 1-2:30 p.m.
Follow the clues to find the hidden treasure. Bring a friend!

REGISTER

An Ocean of Possibilities with the Air Zoo

Monday, July 11 • 1-2 p.m.
Dive into the ocean with the Air Zoo! Learn about a variety of sea creatures who call the ocean home, experiment with buoyancy and locomotion techniques, and create a marine critter to take home!

REGISTER

Air-Dry Clay Ocean Creatures

Thursday, July 14 • 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 8+
Make fun aquatic 3-D sculptures with lightweight, colorful clay. Take them home the same day!

Movie: My Octopus Teacher

Friday, July 15 • 1-3 p.m.
A filmmaker begins scuba diving and meets a friendly, curious female octopus. He follows her daily for nearly a year. She plays with him and allows him into her world to see how she sleeps, lives, and eats. This film is beautiful, informative and fascinating. Don't miss it!

Coral Reef: Story and Art Experience

Thursday, July 21 • 2-3:30 p.m.
Listen to the story Coral Reef by Jason Chin, then recreate the illustrator's style in your own art project.

Alex Thomas & Friends Puppet Show

Wednesday, July 27 • 5-6 p.m.
These zany Muppet-style puppets share jokes, stories, silliness, and all-around fun, and are sure to bring your imagination to life. Kids can meet the puppets after the show, too. This family event will appeal to all ages.

REGISTER

Make a Fish with Cathy Green

Thursday, July 28, 2-3:30 p.m. Ages 8+
Limit 20 participants. Make a clay fish in the slab style in this fun class, run by local ceramicist and Plainwell Arts Council member Cathy Green.

Pirate Story Trivia Contest:

Fish by Gregory Mone
Tuesday, August 2 • 1-2 p.m.
Read the book, remember the details and win! A fishy prize goes to the champion. Lots of copies of this book are available at the front desk.

Pond Water Under the Microscope

Thursday, August 4 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Drop in to look through a microscope and see a world invisible to your eyes.

REGISTER

Light Up Angler Fish

Tuesday, August 9 • 2-3 p.m.
Make a simple circuit and watch this deep sea creature light up in search of prey. This activity requires fine motor skills—not recommended for children who are not of school age.

REGISTER Grades 1-5 only

Pool Party Summer Finale

Thursday, August 18 • 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Come to the Plainwell Community Pool for water games, delicious snacks and prizes to finish off the summer's fun. Pool regulations require that only children entering grades 1-5 participate in this activity.

Make Minecraft Figures

Friday, September 23 • 6-8 p.m.
Minecraft fans of all ages are welcome to drop in and create their own keychains or figurines with meltable Perler beads. This after-hours program will take place in the Hill Performance Room, while the rest of the library is closed. Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

REGISTER

Dungeons & Dragons

Monday, July 18 • 5-7 p.m. Limit 4.
Play a "one-off" with Dungeon Master Jack and explore a fantasy world where you battle evil creatures and track down fabulous treasure.

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Teen Scavenger Hunt

Friday, July 22 • 6-8 p.m.
Form teams of 2-4 people and race to find the treasure! Solve puzzles and explore hidden nooks and crannies to find the loot. Please register for this program.

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Bubble Marbling Art Workshop with the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

Monday, July 25, 2-3:30 p.m. Limit 12.
Who doesn't love bubbles? In this fun class, you will experience blowing paint through a straw to make beautiful marbled patterns in a variety of colors. You will also be able to print with natural materials that look like seaweed. By combining the two, you'll create an environment that might be found in the depths of the ocean. Add fish, coral, etc. and you will have created your own hidden world!

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Animation Workshop

Wednesday, July 27 • 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Ages 8+. Only 20 spaces available!
Participants will create sea creatures and bring them to life through the magic of stop-motion animation.

Pirate Story Trivia Contest:

Pirates! By Celia Rees
Tuesday, August 2 • 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Read the book, remember the details and win! A fishy prize will go to the champion. There are lots of copies of this book for you to read; ask at the desk to get one.

REGISTER

Video Game Tournament

Friday, August 12 • 1-4 p.m.
Game: MarioKart 8 Deluxe (Switch)
Go head to head with your friends in this single elimination tournament. Prizes and trophies go to the top three finishers.

REGISTER

Foam Printing Art Workshop with the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center

Tuesday, August 16 • 2-3:30 p.m. Limit 12.
What is in your Ocean of Possibilities? Make a drawing on a soft printing plate, then print it over and over. You'll be able to make each print look a bit different by choosing a different ink or paper colors. You can take your work home the same day. These colorful prints are great framed, displayed on the fridge or mailed to family and friends.

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Summer Finale Event:

Glow Party
Friday, August 19 • 7:30-10:30 p.m.
For teens entering grades 6-12.
Mimic the creatures of the deep by decorating your clothes with fabric markers, then play a bunch of games with glow sticks, glowing balloons and more. Wearing a white shirt you can write on is suggested.