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"Connecting our Community, Enriching Lives."

Recipe Swap: Salad or Snack

Thursday, April 6 • 7-8 p.m.

Build a connection through food and share your favorite recipes and cooking tips. This meeting's theme will be salad or snack. Please bring copies of salad or snack recipes you wish to share.

Adult Craft & Company:

Garden Toadstool REGISTER

Tuesday, April 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. OR

Thursday, April 13 • 7-8 p.m.

Make your garden pop with a DIY clay pot toadstool. All supplies included.

Ukrainian Eggs REGISTER

Saturday, April 15 • 12-3p.m.

Create Ukrainian Easter eggs and learns about the meaning and history of this traditional craft.

ASAP Alzheimers/Dementia with Kauhale Otsego REGISTER Wednesday, April 19 • 7-8 p.m.

ASAP is a holistic approach to relationship centered care for people with Alzheimer's and related dementias. Find out key ways to help increase overall well-being and quality of care for loved ones with these diseases.

Introduction to Present Mindset Practice REGISTER

Thursday, April 27 • 2-3 p.m.

Present Mindset Practice aims to anchor the mind in self-realization in the present moment. Join certified yoga mindset coach, Jodie Dawn, in a centering meditation, walk through awareness, and conversation about this practice.

Deer and Vole Control

Thursday, April 27 • 7-8 p.m.

Looking for the best ways to prevent deer and voles from causing plant destruction? Learn the tips and tricks on how to best prevent these critters from eating your plants from Master Gardener Nancy Lewis.

Keys to Optimizing Your Social Security Benefits with Southwest Michigan Financial Thursday, May 4 • 6-7 p.m.

Learn strategies to maximize your social security benefits, how to fill the gap between Social Security and your desired retirement. Light refreshments will be provided.

Adult Craft & Company: Yarn Birds Tuesday, May 9, • 10:30-11:30 a.m. OR Thursday, May 11 • 7-8 p.m. Wrap loops of yarn to create an adorable little bird, perfect for spring. All supplies included.

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Homesteading with Jason Herbert Monday, May 17 • 7-8 p.m.

Local author, teacher, and homesteader extraordinaire Jason Herbert will share how growing and making your own food can save you at the grocery store.

Caricature/Portraiture Drawing with Corrine Roberts

Monday, June 19 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn the basic steps to draw faces and exaggerate features using simple shapes and line techniques. No prior drawing experience needed.

Euchre Tournament REGISTER Thursday, June 1 • 6-8 p.m.

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.

Adult Craft & Company: **Collaborative Canvas Art** Tuesday, June 6 10:30-11:30 a.m. OR

Thursday, June 8 • 7-8 p.m. Be a part of an all-ages, community-wide art

project! Decorate a mini canvas with your interpretation of the theme, which is "summer." You can do this at the library during the session listed above, where we provide all supplies. Alternately, you can pick up a canvas at the desk to take home and complete at your leisure. If canvases are taken home, we ask that they be returned to the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 30 so they can be put on display in the library.

Human Library: Stories of Travel Thursday, June 29 • 6-8 p.m.

Share your experiences traveling the world by becoming a book in our human library. Sit down, one-on-one, to swap stories of your travels.

Ongoing Programs

All Together Now Adult Summer Reading Program • June 5-August 3

Read five books this summer 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.

Knit, crochet, needlepoint, or sew--whatever your stitch, you're welcome to come and work on your project with other crafters in this weekly program. Please bring your own project.

April: Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson

May: Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q Sutanto June: That Month in Tuscany by Inglath Cooper

Multiple copies of the book will be available at the desk a month before the event.

Brunch Hour Book Club

Tuesdays 4/18, 5/16, 6/20 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. Enjoy fresh donuts and coffee while you chat about the Book of the Month.

With a Twist Book Club

Thursdays 4/20, 5/18, 6/22 • 7-8 p.m. This book group pairs the Book of the Month with an adult beverage recipe picked specifically to match.

Card Sharks

Tuesdays 4/25, 5/30, 6/27 • 1-3 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of playing cards. We'll have multiple decks of cards available to play a card game of your choosing. Each month we will instruct you on how to play a new game, but if you already know it or would like to play something else, feel free!

Ransom Runners/Walkers Mondays 5/1 - 8/28 • 4-5 p.m.

Meet new people and stay motivated in Ransom Library's new running/walking group. Meet at the library for check-in before tackling the route for the week. All speeds and experience levels are welcome.

Ransom District Library NEWS

Mushrooming with Gabrielle Cerberville Wednesday, April 12 • 7-8 p.m.

Hosted by foraging enthusiast Gabrielle Cerberville, participants will learn to identify a variety of Michigan's edible wild mushrooms and pick up tips on where to start looking for these often-elusive forest treats.

Chickens: Friend or Fowl? with Melissa Russell Wednesday, May 3 • 7-8 p.m.

If the high cost of eggs has you scrambling to get your own chickens, plan to attend this program before you fly the coop and buy chicks. Already have chicks? Melissa will answer your questions.

Nature Getaways: Travel Michigan with Ron Rademacher Wednesday, June 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Find overlooked nature areas and easy walking trails in Michigan. Ron will cover local attractions near nature areas that can make for a great day trip.

Director's Note

A s I write this note, it is almost exactly three years since the Library and the rest of our world closed doors to counter the COVID-19 pandemic. Our beautiful new facility was mostly built during the resulting time of COVID restrictions. While we had to wait to show it off, we turned our efforts to providing physical materials via our drive-through window and to enhancing our digital services. We're proud of those efforts, but it is with joy that I can report the surge of in-person use that Ransom has experienced in the past year. Our reading, study, and meeting rooms receive constant visitors. Our programs are full. The JBS Children's Discovery Library welcomes a steady stream of discoverers every day. We just want to say "thank you" for your tremendous support of the Library, while we strive every day to live up to our vision statement: "Connecting our Community, Enriching Lives."

Thanks again —

Joe



RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY



RDL Spring Special Events

Boat America Safety Course Saturday, May 13 • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Taught by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary's Kevin Rushlo, this class will provide you with knowledge of boating law, safety equipment, boating emergencies, and more. Test will be provided at the end of the class to earn your boating certificate.

Murder at the Masquerade Thursday, May 25 • 6 to 8 p.m.

It's time for the masquerade ball. When everyone is hiding their identity, it can be hard to know who you are talking to, even a murderer. Each participant will receive a character card so come prepared to play. Costumes encouraged.

Guitar Club: Play-a-Song Brown-Eyed Girl Mondays, April 10-June 5 • 4 to 4:45 p.m. **Hill Performance Room**

Please register for this programattendance is limited.

In this installment of Guitar Club, Mr. Joe will lead participants through the process of learning how to play a song. To accommodate players at different levels of experience, various approaches to "playing along" will be presented. Our featured song will be "Brown-Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison. Early arrival is appreciated for tuning and prep.

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Youth Weekly **Activities**

Teen Tuesdays: After School Fun Tuesdays 3 - 4 p.m.

Story Time Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. No Story Time May 31 or June 7.

Kids' After School Special Wednesdays 4 - 5 p.m. No session on March 29 or April 5.

Preschool Thursdays

Different activities are available every week at 10:30 a.m. These programs will run through the end of April, when the weather turns nice again.

April 6: No program–PCS spring break

April 13: Preschoolers Explore! Activity centers that emphasize motor skills, science, and vocabulary building.

April 20: Learn and Grow Playgroup with Miss Kelli, Plainwell Schools' Literacy Coach. Focuses on early literacy skill development through play-based learning centers.Snacks provided. Every family who attends will receive a free book. Meet in the Hill Room.

April 27: Toddler Zip and Zoom—a gym-style activity hour to help your toddler burn off some energy before naptime.



Spring Programs

Dog Man Bingo Thursday, March 30 • 1-2 p.m.

This program is for elementary school-age students only. Play Bingo for a chance to win a copy of the newest Dog Man book, published on March 28! 3 copies will be given away, plus other books as well. Everyone will win something!

Nailed It! Friday, March 31 • 2-4 p.m.

This program is for students in middle school and high school only. Can you decorate a cupcake that measures up to the professionals? Brandy Williams, owner of The Sugar Palace, will present us with a beautifully decorated cupcake. You will then have a shot at duplicating her design (supplies provided). You can eat the cupcake when the contest is over.

Monster of the Week REGISTER

Tuesday, April 4 & Thursday, April 6 • 4-6 p.m. Monster of the Week is a stand alone roleplaying game for 3-5 people. Investigate and hunt down monsters to protect yourself and your loved ones. Great for fans of tabletop role-playing games.

Gyotaku: Fish Painting Wednesday, April 5

This is a drop-in program; stop by anytime between 1 3 p.m. Gyotaku isa form of nature printing that was used by fishermen to record their catches. Bring your own t-shirt (white is best) and make an original piece of wearable art! Don't worry-you won't have to touch any real fish!

Springtime Art

Thursday, April 6 • 10:30 a.m. - noon Create cheerful art to welcome in the season! This will be a drop-in style program for ages 2-10.

Make a Birdhouse Sunday, April 16 • 1:30-4 p.m.

A fairly complex project, children should be in at least 2nd grade and accompanied by an adult. Kids in grades 6-up should be able to work independently. We will have cordless drills on hand, but if you have one in the house, your participating child will probably prefer to bring it to reduce time spent waiting.

Boats & Kids: A Coast Guard Boating Safety Class Saturday, April 29 • 10:30-12:30

Do you have friends or family who own a boat? This class can help educate your children about how to be safe in and on the water. Topics include choosing the right life jacket, boarding a boat safely, being safe in a boat, cold water immersion, falling overboard, and environmental stewardship.

and more!

Kids Game Night

Friday, May 12 • 6-7:30 p.m. For the first time, RDL is hosting a game night for elementary school children. This will be best for kids in grades 2-5. Play Sharks and Minnows, games of tag, hide and seek

Summer Reading 2023 **All Together Now!**

This year's summer reading theme is about having fun together! There will be lots of events and activities this summer for people to participate in with other people. Maybe you will make a new friend! The reading program will once again be available in both online and paper formats. Full details will be available in the youth summer flier, available online and at the library on April 24.

All Together Now Bookmark Contest

Aspiring young artists can take a shot at having their design chosen to be on the Library's summer reading program bookmarks. Bookmarks must have an image that represents unity, inclusion, togetherness or kindness to others. They must have the tagline "All Together Now" on the bookmark. Entry forms may be picked up at the library or printed from online sources: ransomlibrary.org (on the banner of the home page) or the Ransom District Library Facebook page.

June Programs

An Evening of Music and Interactive Drumming with the Samuel Nalangira Trio

Tuesday, June 13 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us for some festive Ugandan dance music, followed by an interactive family drum jam with Samuel and local favorite Carolyn Koebel. Bring your own drums and percussion instruments (if you have some) or use some of ours to participate in the festivities!

Summer Storytime Wednesdays starting June 14 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Explore stories and songs that encourage practice of language and listening skills, expanding imaginations and arousing curiosity. Craft included at the end of the program. All ages are welcome!

Origami Butterflies

Wednesday, June 14 • 3:30-4:30 p.m. Learn to make simple but beautiful paper creations, and leave them with us to decorate the windows of the children's area.

Collaborative Canvas Craft Thursday, June 15 • 2-3 p.m.

Be a part of an all-ages, community-wide art project! Decorate a mini canvas with your interpretation of the theme, which is "summer." You can do this at the library during the session listed above, where we provide all supplies. Alternately, you can pick up a canvas at the desk to take home and complete at your leisure. If canvases are taken home, we ask that they be returned to the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 30 so they can be put on display in the library.

Teen Photo Scavenger Hunt Friday, June 16 • 5-8 p.m.

Register a team of up to 4 people. Get the list of required photographs, then head out for your photo shoot. The first three teams to return with all photographs completed will win prizes. NOTE: this activity will take place outside the library and will require an adult to accompany each team. An after party will take place back at the library for all participants and drivers.

Draw Your Pets Monday, June 19 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Ages 6-up

Led by illustrator Corinne Roberts. Learn to create your favorite furry friends using basic shapes and simple line technique. No prior drawing experience is needed. The presenter requests that children be accompanied by an adult if they are under age 9.

Alligator Sanctuary Thursday, June 22 • 1-2 p.m.

EEK! The team at Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will be bringing live alligators-and other reptiles- to visit in this exciting event. Don't miss it!

Friendship Bracelets Grades 2-5 Tuesday, June 27 • 11-noon Grades 6-up Tuesday, June 27 • 2-3:30 p.m. Make a pair of bracelets for you and your BFF in these two programs. Projects have been chosen with the skill set of the age groups in mind; please register accordingly.

Build-o-Rama Wednesday, June 28 • 3-4 p.m. creations!

Preschool Block Party Thursday, June 29 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. Preschoolers can play with a variety of blocks from our storage room to build whatever their imaginations desire.

Indoor Camp-Out Friday, June 30 • 5:30-7 p.m. Best fo<mark>r families w</mark>ith children in grades K-4. Make tents with the library tables, read some stories, sing some camp song standards, and make a s'more to end the evening.



Live Alligators with the Critchlow

Use our bricks to make some spectacular Lego

Save these summer dates!

Additional details will be available in the youth summer flier.

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Kids Indoor Camp-Out Friday, June 30 • 5:30-7 p.m.

> Live Clue @ RDL Saturday, July 15 6:30-7:30 and 8-9 p.m.

Magician Brad Lancaster Wednesday, July 19 • 1-2 p.m.

Harry Potter Birthday Trivia Monday, July 31 • 6-7 p.m.

Michigan Hiryu Daiko (Japanese Taiko) Drumming Tuesday, August 8 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Teen Amazing Race Friday, August 11 • 6-8 p.m.