




**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!!!

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

**Collaborative Canvas Craft**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2-3 p.m.**  
Create an image of summer upon a mini canvas and display your work at the library as a part of our all-ages, community-wide project. All supplies included. You may also pick up a canvas at the library and work on it at home with your own art supplies. 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.

 **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.

**Live Alligators with the Critchlow 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**  
Make a matching pair of bracelets for you and your BFF.



**Family Indoor Camp-Out**  
**Friday, June 30, 5:30-7 p.m.**  
**Best for families with children in grades K-4.** Make a tent with the library tables, read some stories, sing some camp song standards, and make a s'more to end the evening.

**Make Ink Blots!**  
**Thursday, July 6, 1-3 p.m.**  
Blots of ink on a page can look like different things when viewed by different people. At this event you will have an opportunity to make some ink blots, then staff will post them around the library for visitors to interpret. This is a drop-in program; come any time between 1-3 p.m.

**Codes and Secret Messages**  
**Thursday, July 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Grades 2-up**  
Learn several different ways to write secret messages that you can share with your friends.

**Make Your Own Book**  
**Tuesday, July 18 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**Grades 2-up**  
Learn to make your own mini book out of a single sheet of paper.

**Magician Brad Lancaster**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 1-2 p.m.**  
Come see this Grand Rapids-based entertainer who has thousands of performances to his credit. Brad's show is a marvelous offering of illusion and pure entertainment that will be enjoyed by audiences of all ages.

**Paws with a Cause Puppy Visit**  
**Tuesday, July 25, 1-2 p.m.**  
Did you know that there is a group of people nearby who train service dogs? These dogs go on to help people with a variety of disabilities. Puppy raisers Anne Barea and Babette Burleigh will bring foster puppies Bogey and Nova to visit. They will show you some of the ways they train the dogs, talk about how service dogs help their people, and answer your questions.

**Pond Water Under a Microscope**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 1-2 p.m.**  
Drop in to see what is really living in pond water! You will be able to look through the microscope and magnifying glasses, as well as seeing the image on the big projector screen.

This summer begins and ends with interactive drumming! If you missed the African drums, try the Japanese instead!

**Michigan Hiryu Daiko (Japanese Taiko) Drumming**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
Join members of Michigan Hiryu Daiko to experience the powerful sounds of the Japanese taiko drums. Attendees will have an opportunity to explore these instruments after a short performance, and learn the *kuchi shoga* (rhythmic notes) for a traditional festival tune!



### weekly events

**Story Time Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.**  
**June 14 - August 9**  
Explore stories and songs that encourage practice of language and listening skills, expanding imaginations and arousing curiosity. A fun craft is included at the end of the program. All ages are welcome!

**Interstate Pen Pals** Ms. Erin has partnered with the Madison Public Library in Madison, Alabama to exchange letters and learn about life in another state! Drop in during any of the times listed below. Ms. Erin and Ms. Becka will help you write a letter, then will mail it to Alabama. The librarian there will read the letters that you wrote, and the Alabama children will write to you! Letters we receive will be read at the start of each session, and will also be posted in the children's room so everyone can see what our Southern friends have to say about their home.

- **Tuesday, June 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
- **Thursday, June 22, 2-3 p.m.**
- **Thursday, June 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**
- **Wednesday, July 5, 1-2 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, July 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, July 19, 2-3 p.m.**

### monthly events

**Build-o-Rama Wednesdays 3-4 p.m.**  
**June 28, July 26, August 23**  
Use our bricks to make some spectacular Lego creations!

**Preschool Block Party**  
**Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.**  
**June 29, July 27, August 24**  
Preschoolers can play with a variety of blocks from our storage room to build whatever their imaginations desire.



# just for TEENS

All Together Now

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## 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 driver to accompany each team.* An after party will take place back at the library for all participants and drivers.

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Make a pair of bracelets for you and your BFF in this program. The bracelets will be different from the ones the younger kids make.

## Teen Silent Library Friday, July 7, 2-4 p.m.

Take part in a bunch of goofy challenges, but don't let the librarians hear you laughing! Curious? Check out a Silent Library video on YouTube. We promise not to make you anything too crazy!

## Live Clue @ RDL Saturday, July 15 6:30-7:30p.m.

Bring a team of sleuths to experience the Clue board game live and in person! Work together to find the criminal; the room where the crime took place, and which weapon was used.

## Ceramics Fun with Cathy Green Monday, July 17, 2-4 p.m.

Local ceramicist Cathy Green is coming back to make more slab clay creations. This event is for kids and teens age 8-up.

## Art Exploration Journal with the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Thursday, July 20 3-5 p.m.

Experiment with different printing techniques and assemble and sew your own art journal.

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

Celebrate Harry's birthday by competing to score the most points for correctly answering trivia questions taken from the books and films. Birthday cake from the Sugar Palace will be served afterward.

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

Sign up for this fun program with a partner. You will be competing against other two-person teams in a variety of challenges. Be the first team to finish to win a trophy and a prize!



# RANSOM DISTRICT LIBRARY

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June 9 – August 18



## 2023 Summer Reading Program

This year's summer reading theme is about having fun together, and there will be lots of events and activities this summer in which you can participate with others. You may even make a new friend! Choose to take part only on [www.rdlreads.readsquared.com](http://www.rdlreads.readsquared.com), via the READSsquared app, or by using a paper option, which can be picked up at the library.

There are two components to the program this summer. You can choose to do one or both. These two challenges will allow kids to set and complete their own goals. Prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the summer.

**READ FIVE:** When you have read 5 books, you can choose a prize from the prize box, and your name will be entered in a monthly prize drawing. After the first 5 books, you can keep reading—every time you complete five, you can return to the prize box.

**SUMMER FUN BOARD:** These boards have fun activities for you to do. This year, once you complete the board, you can choose a prize from the prize box AND your name will be entered into a prize drawing. Winners will be announced at the end of the summer. Look for prizes to be on display in the library showcase starting in June.

Previous summer reading programs have had a competitive component, and that will be an option this year for readers in grades 4-12. Register for the **INCOGNITO READING CLUB!** This is a contest that pits you against other opponents to see who can read the most. But who are these other people? Everyone who participates will have a code name. You will see it on the leader board, but their identity will remain a mystery until the end.

Registration is online only, from June 1 to June 17. (Library staff is happy to help with registration.) Only books recorded on the Incognito Reading Club forms or READSsquared will count toward the total. Tracking books will begin on June 9th. All reading must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, August 18.

Contestants' identities and prize winners will be revealed at an exclusive pizza party for participants on Tuesday, August 22, from 6 - 7 p.m. The top three readers in each age group (elementary, middle school and high school) will win a gift card to Barnes and Noble or Bookbug. There will be a small prize for all other participants.