

REGISTER

**Adult Craft & Company:
Watermelon Glass Jar**

Thursday, July 6 • 7-8 p.m.

OR Tuesday, July 18 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Paint a peek-a-boo watermelon jar. All supplies included.

**Mail Together Now: Letter
Exchange for Adults**

Monday, July 10 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ransom Library has partnered with Madison Public Library in Madison, Alabama to exchange letters and learn about life in another state. We will read the letters we have received from Alabama and send a reply if you wish.

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**ASAP Alzheimers / Dementia
with Kauhale Otsego**

Wednesday, July 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.

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**Art Exploration Journal with the
Kalamazoo Book Arts Center**

Thursday, July 20 • 6-8 p.m.

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

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Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Thursday, July 27 • 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 750 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.

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**Genealogy Talk / Workshop with
the Kalamazoo Scottish Festival
Association**

Wednesday, August 2 • 7-8:30 p.m.

Ever wanted to learn more about your Scottish roots? If so, then join Historian Ethan MacDonald as he walks us through how to access records, search photos, find your Clan Tartan, and more in his upcoming genealogy workshop. Open time for questions will be worked in, and multiple resources will be available to view or take home. This talk is a part of the 2023 Seanchaidh Series sponsored by the Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Association.

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**Adult Craft & Company: Woven
Wallpaper Coasters**

Tuesday, August 15 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

OR Thursday, August 17 • 7-8 p.m.

Create a simple coaster that would make a beautiful table addition out of wallpaper samples.

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**The Great British Baking Tour
(Virtual Presentation)**

Thursday, September 7 • 7-8 p.m.

Join UK travel/relocation consultant and former UK resident Claire Evans for a delightful culinary tour of the UK inspired by "The Great British Baking Show" television series, aired on PBS and Netflix. Light refreshments will be included.

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**Adult Craft & Company:
Sunflower Tissue Paper Art**

Tuesday, Sept. 19 • 10:30-11:30 a.m. OR

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 7-8 p.m.

Create a colorful canvas with simple tissue paper. All supplies included.

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.

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Chair Yoga Fridays, 7/14, 8/4, 9/1 • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

People with limited mobility can learn easy gentle movements to keep the blood circulating and deep breathing & meditation techniques to keep the mind calm and focused. This is a simple one-hour practice to find your peace in body and mind. The class is led by Abbie Hanson of River Bend Yoga.

Brunch Hour Book Club

Tuesday, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Enjoy fresh donuts and coffee while you chat about the Book of the Month.

July: *Swing Time* by Zadie Smith
August: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi
September: *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

With a Twist Book Club

Thursday, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14 7-8 p.m.

This book group pairs the Book of the Month with an adult beverage recipe picked specifically to match.

Casual Euchre Night

Monday, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 6-8 p.m.

We are excited to introduce a monthly euchre night! Bring a partner or come solo to meet other local people interested in euchre. We're going to start by casually playing four person (two team) "Turn Up" Euchre. We'll be playing "Stick the Dealer" and "Go Alone option."

Card Sharks • Tuesday, 7/25, 8/29, 9/26 • 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!

RDL Runners/Walkers • Mondays 7/10 – 8/28 7-8 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.

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Technology Workshops with Connected Nation

Fridays in September from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. For learners that are new to using a computer and want to build confidence while staying safe online. You can sign up for a specific class or all three!

9/8 - Computer & Internet Basics
9/15 - Email Basics & Cybersecurity
9/22 - Video Conferencing & Mobile Device Basics

Ransom District Library NEWS

Summer 2023

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Harry Potter Birthday Trivia REGISTER

Monday, July 31 • 6-7 p.m. Celebrate Harry's birthday by competing for the most points for correctly answering trivia questions taken from the books and films. Birthday cake from the Sugar Palace will be served afterward.

Summer Celebration Island Party

Thursday, August 3 • 5-8 p.m.

Listen to Zion Lion and enjoy tasty treats during our annual Summer Celebration! We will mark the summer season with music, delicious food truck offerings, ice cream provided by the Friends of the Library, cupcakes from Sugar Palace Bakery, a bounce house, and more. Sponsored by the Friends of Ransom District Library.

Director's Note

We're beyond excited at the Library to begin the Summer Reading season under the banner of the "All Together Now" theme. Like everything we do, the reading programs for kids and adults (developed respectively by Erin Marsh, our Head of Youth Services, and Analiese Mattson, Head of Patron Services) are designed to foster community while promoting literacy. We'll have fun. We'll learn. We'll be together.

Be sure to join us in our annual Summer Celebration/Island Party as the beloved Zion Lion Band leads the way. There will be lots of great food, music, and joy. Once more with feeling: Let's get together!

"Connecting our Community, Enriching Lives."

Thanks —
Joe

**All Together Now
Adult Summer Reading Program**

June 5 through 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.

**Endurance Riding with Barbara Kurti
Wednesday, July 12 • 7 to 8 p.m.**

Imagine traveling 100 miles on a horse through the Sierra Nevada Mountains with only 24 hours to complete your ride. Barbara Kurti, from Grandville, MI did just this on her horse Kulta during the Tevis Cup, a 100-mile endurance ride. An advocate for trail riding she will be talking about the Tevis Cup, endurance riding and how patrons can witness or try the sport first hand at this year's Oak Leaf Run Endurance Ride in Allegan on October 14 and 15.

**John Lacko Presents: Route 66
Wednesday, Sept. 20 • 7 to 8 p.m.**

Road trippers and travel enthusiasts make plans to join us as photo journalist John Lacko talks about America's storied highway M-66. M-66 is a north-south Michigan state trunk line highway on the Lower Peninsula. It runs from the Indiana state line in the south to Charlevoix in the north.

**My Encore Years: Celebrating
Encore Magazine's 50th Year
Thursday, Sept. 28 • 7 to 8 p.m.**

Robert Weir, writer, author, speaker, and book editor, will relate the founding and history of Encore. He will also share information about the magazine today, and stories about people in his articles as well as his career as a freelance writer and wordsmith.

Youth Programs

Story Time Wednesdays

June 14 - August 9 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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! No Story Time August 16-30. Fall Story Time resumes September 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Interstate Pen Pals

Wednesday, July 5, 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19, 2-3 p.m.

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.

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.

Special Events

Special events and summer reading program prizes are generously supported by the Friends of Ransom Library. Thank you for all you do!

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.

Michigan Hiryu Daiko (Japanese Taiko) Drumming

Tuesday, August 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Summer Fun for Teens

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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!

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

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Teen Amazing Race

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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!

FYI for Parents

FREE Dental Screening

July 19 with magician Brad Lancaster

July 26 during Story Time

August 9 during Story Time

In a very quick and non-invasive assessment, Stacy Roberts, My Community Dental Centers, is screening kids entering their first year of school. Kids get a goody bag with tooth brushing supplies, stickers and more.

Books, Blocks, Balls and Bounces

Friday, September 22

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hosted by Ransom District Library and Allegan County's Great Start Collaborative! Play together at our indoor/outdoor early childhood stations. Families receive a free book to take home.

Donate a Halloween Costume!

The Friends of Ransom Library will be holding their annual costume giveaway in October, so now is the time to bring in your outgrown, gently used costumes. Help another family in the community get some terrific Halloween garb!

September Activities

Fall Story Time resumes

Wednesday, September 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Teen Tuesdays weekly at 3 p.m.

Starting September 5

Teens can hang out together, snack, and do different things including playing games, watching videos and making things. Meet in the Hill Performance Room.

After School Special weekly

on Wednesdays at 4 p.m., starting September 6. Kids can join Ms. Erin after school for fun of a different kind each week:

1st Wednesday of the month: art

2nd Wednesday: games

3rd Wednesday: science

4th Wednesday: Build-o-Rama (Legos)

5th Wednesday: Ms. Erin's surprise

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Teen Game Night

Friday, September 15 • 6-8 p.m.

Run around after hours and make some noise as we play games like Capture the Flag, Numbered Chairs and the ever-popular Murder in the Library.