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 Seanchaidsí Series sponsored by the Kalamazoo Scottish Festival Association.

Adult Craft & Company: Woven Wallpaper Coasters
Tuesday, August 15 • 10-11:30 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.

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.

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.

Chair Yoga Fridays, 7/24, 8/4, 9/4, 9/11 • 11 a.m.-12:15 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 Hansen of River Bend Yoga.

Brunch Hour Book Club
Tuesday, 7/13, 8/3, 9/21 • 10:30-12:30 a.m.
Enjoy fresh donuts and coffee while you chat about the Book of the Month.

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Live Clue @ RDL Saturday, July 15 • 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Bring a team of sleuths to experience the Clue board game brought to life! Work together to find the criminal; the room where the crime took place, and which weapon was used.

Harry Potter Birthday Trivia 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 • 5-6 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
W e’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 Analeise 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

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 • 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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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 ready 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 • 4 p.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.

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**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!