**Ongoing Programs**

**Color Me Calm**
- **Monday, November 13** - 7-8:30 pm
- This week will focus on A Darkly Romantic Tarot Readings as we work on ourselves and the success of our goals.

**Mini Pumpkin Candles**
- **Tuesday, October 24** - 10:30-11:30 am
- Learn to make your own fall-themed pumpkin candles with a fun and festive twist.

**Inviting Birds to Your Yard**
- **Tuesday, November 7** - 10-11 am
- Join us for an afternoon of playing cards. We'll start by casually playing four person (two team) games, but if you already know it or would like to play something else, feel free! We'll have multiple decks of cards available to play with.

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**Ransom District Library**

**NEWS**

**Haunted History of Henderson Castle presented by Dan Holroyd**
- **Thursday, October 5** - 7-8 pm
- Listed as one of the top 10 Haunted places in Michigan, this unique chance to learn about the rumored hauntings at this historic home just down the road from Ransom Library. Presented by Southern Michigan Paranormal Society Co-Founder and host of Henderson Castle Haunted Dinner Tours, Dan Holroyd.

**Inviting Birds to Your Yard brought to you by the Chula Vista Garden Club**
- **Thursday, October 19** - 6-9 pm
- Joyce Leppard, member of the Kalamazoo Audubon Society, will explain how to make your yard welcoming to birds. She’ll talk about what plants to use and why, sources of native plants, managing your yard to be bird-friendly, and guidelines for birdhouses and feeding birds.

**BINGO at the Library**
- **Tuesday, December 5** - 10:30-11:30 am
- Get ready to shout “BINGO!” and win some prizes at this fun-filled event. Our BINGO caller will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game, and there will be plenty of opportunities to win.

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Thank you for another great summer! Once again, you all made the Summer Reading Program a great success. More than 600 kids participated, and a full 50 percent completed the challenge, which was to read at least 5 books before heading back to school. Our Inognito Reading Club contestants collectively read 198,893 pages—kudos to those avid readers!

Thank you as well to the people and businesses who supported the program: Paws With a Cause, Pizza Hut, Plainview Ice Cream, The Sugar Palace, PCS art teacher Laura Strader and her students, Cathy Green, Patti Herm, and Cheryl Ruiter. Lastly, thank you to the Friends of Ransom Library, who faithfully provide both financial and volunteer support for the many programs offered here at RDL.

**Special Events**

**Halloween Costumes Available!**

Gently used costumes are available for you to select for your child during the month of October, while supplies last. There is no charge, but monetary donations for the costumes are greatly appreciated. This great idea was conceived by and benefits the Friends of Ransom Library.

**Teen Zombies Versus Humans**

Friday, November 3 • 6-8 p.m. Grades 6 - up

Drinks and snacks provided. Dress up as a zombie and play a modified version of Zombies Versus Zombies in the library after hours. Zombies will need to tag Humans to “eat their brains,” but Humans will be able to fight the Zombies with “weapons.” Bring your own Nerf blasters. No Nerf? No problem! The library has plenty to share as well. Only the strong will survive…

**Game Days • Grades K - 5**

Mon., November 20 & Tues., November 21 • 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Burn off some energy in the Hill Room as we play classic games such as tag, Red Rover, What Time is it, Mr. Fox, and more. Drinks provided.

**Santa Visit**

Saturday, December 9 • 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Get into the Christmas spirit with a visit to Santa Claus! Make crafts, and enjoy tasty treats. Ms. Kelli, the Plainwell Family Coach, will have books to give away as well. Drop in any time between 10:30 am and 1 pm.

**Looking for Players!**

**Magic: The Gathering Weekly Game**

Teens, do you play Magic: The Gathering? Would you like to join a regular after school game at the library? Grace Shoemaker, Youth Assistant, will be your host. Snacks and drinks provided. Please talk to Grace or Ms. Erin if you are interested.

**Monthly on Mondays**

**Toddler Zip and Zoom**

Mondays • November 29 and December 16 • 10:30-11:30 am

Zip and Zoom is back! As the weather turns cold, your child can burn off some energy while they work on developing their gross motor skills with balls, scooters, soft climbing equipment and more.

**Teen Zombies Versus Humans**

Monday, October 30 • 10-30 am - noon

Our littlest friends don’t always last through Halloween night, so instead, why not trick or treat at the library? We will parade through the building, stopping in several places for treats, and we will end up in the Hill Performance Room for stories, crafts, snacks and games.

**Teen Zombies Versus Humans**

Monday, November 27 and December 18 • 10:30-11:30 am

**Toddler Zip and Zoom**

Monday, December 25 • 10:30-11:30 am

Children can burn off some energy while they work on developing their gross motor skills with balls, scooters, soft climbing equipment and more.

**Holiday Events**

**Preschool Halloween Parade**

Monday, October 30 • 10:30-11:30 am

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**Preschool Thanksgiving Parade**

Monday, November 27 • 10:30-11:30 am

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**Preschool Christmas Parade**

Monday, December 18 • 10:30-11:30 am

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Monday, December 25 • 10:30-11:30 am

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**Weekly Story Time**

**Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am**

October 4 through December 30

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 Nov. 22, Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

**After School Special • Wednesdays @ 4 p.m.**

Elementary school-age 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-e-Rama (Legos)
5th Wednesday: Ms. Erin’s surprise