

### Beer Brewing with Jason Herbert

Wednesday, October 4 • 7-8 pm

Learn the basics of making your own beer from local teacher, author, and home brewer Jason Herbert.

REGISTER

### Ceramic Masks with Cathy Green

Thursday, October 12 • 7-8 pm

Create a unique ceramic mask with local artist Cathy Green.

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### Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Saturday, October 14 • 2-3 pm

How quickly can you piece together a puzzle with the help of your team? The fastest team to complete a 550-piece puzzle (or get the closest to completion) will win a prize. Register each person in your team of up to four people and tell us your team name. Others may be added to your team as space allows.

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### Adult Craft & Company: Spoooooooky Book

Tuesday, October 24 • 10:30-11:30 am

OR Thursday, October 26 • 7-8 pm

Transform a standard book into creepy Halloween decorations with the spooky supplies provided by the library. All supplies included.

### Intro to Scots Heraldry with the American Heraldry Society & KVSS

Wednesday, November 1 • 7-8:30 pm

Heraldry, the science of coats of arms and crests, has become a popular topic in both artistic and genealogical circles over the past several years. Brought to you by the Kalamazoo Valley Scottish Society, this workshop is meant to educate people on the basics of Scots Heraldry and its influences on American Heraldry.

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### Adult Craft & Company: Mini Pumpkin Candles

Tuesday, November 7 • 10:30-11:30 am

OR Thursday, November 9 • 7-8 pm

Combine candle making and pumpkin carving to make a perfect Thanksgiving decoration. All supplies included.

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### Conquering Emotional Eating and Restoring Your Radiance

Monday, November 13 • 7-8:30 pm

If you tend to eat when you're not hungry or eat when you're stressed, anxious or bored then this is a class you don't want to miss. Dr. Leeanne Fritz from New Hope Health, will discuss 5 main reasons we do this and the simple things you can do to stop this habit. These simple and powerful answers can transform your health and your life.

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### Ukrainian Pysanky Christmas Ornaments

Saturday, November 18 • 12-3 pm

Pysanky making is a centuries-old tradition. Learn how to make these unique works of art with local artist Lorraine Fedorchak-Kraker.

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### Blood Drive at RDL

Thursday, November 30 • 3-7pm

Save someone's life with a drop of your blood with Versiti Blood Center at the library. Help us meet our goal of 20 donors needed to make this event possible. Registering will give you an entry into a drawing for a \$50 VISA GIFT CARD! Winner of the \$50 gift card will be pulled 11/29.

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### Craft Extravaganza

Thursday, December 7 • 6-8 pm

Kick off the gift giving season with our drop in craft event. Multiple holiday-themed craft stations will be available to make your art independently and at your own pace.

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### White Elephant Book Exchange

Tuesday, December 12 • 10:30-11:30 am

OR Thursday, December 14 • 7-8 pm

Let's play a game of White Elephant instead of a book discussion this month. The library will provide books hidden by giftwrap. Enjoy swapping and stealing until everyone has a gift to take home.

## Ongoing Programs

### Color Me Calm

Wednesdays • 10am-2 pm

Relax and color your stress away with designs aimed at adults. Whether you like Zen doodle, mandala, nature patterns, or a mix, this group will have choices for any style. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

### Sew What? Stitching Group

Wednesdays • 1-3 pm

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.

### Brunch Hour Book Club

Tuesday 10/17, 11/14 • 10:30-11:30 am

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

### BOOKS OF THE MONTH

October: *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe*

by Heather Webber

November: *Anxious People*

by Fredrik Backman

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

### With a Twist Book Club

Thursday 10/19, 11/16 • 7-8 pm

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

### Casual Euchre Night

Monday 10/9, 11/6, 12/11 • 6-8 pm

Bring a partner or come solo to meet other local people for a self-guided night of cards. We'll 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 10/31, 11/28, 12/19 • 1-3 pm

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 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 a 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

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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.

## Director's Note

We're excited for Fall at the Library, another season full of programs, culture, and community. And of course, the beginning of the school year. This season, we're proud to partner on a new book vending machine at Gilkey Elementary School, the installation of an external drop box for our Library materials at Cooper Elementary, and a program for independent reading at Plainwell Middle School. Along with ongoing efforts to support the local homeschool communities, we're proud to be an important resource for educators and students. And, of course, for Everyone.

See you at the Library,  
Joe

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## Fingerstyle Guitar Playing Mondays 4-4:45pm • Oct. 2-Dec. 4

The pick is not the only way! This fall, guitar players of any experience level (including no experience) who are interested in fingerstyle guitar playing are invited to this free program on Monday afternoons. Instructor Joe Gross will explore a variety of fingerstyle techniques, and show how to approach some well-known fingerstyle songs. Please consider arriving at 3:45pm if possible to facilitate tuning and other class prep.



## Call for Local Performers Showcase during Plainwell's Art Hop

Let us know if you would be interested in performing in our first Local Performer Showcase during this upcoming Art Hop, held the second Friday in March. If selected, your name will be featured in Ransom District Library and Art Hop marketing, including our quarterly newsletter.

## WANTED: Dragon Masters



Ms. Erin is looking for a few good teens to help socialize and care for Dolores, the library's bearded dragon. This is a good opportunity for teens who have encountered beardies at school (several teachers have them as classroom pets) and want to spend more time caring for a lizard. Apply by contacting the library or by using this QR code:



# Fall Fun at RDL!

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 **Incognito 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 Hot, Plainwell Ice Cream, The Sugar Palace, PCS art teacher Laura Strader and her students, Cathy Green, Patti Herm, and Cheryl Ruter. 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.

## Last Call: Canvases and Masks

If your child painted a summer canvas or made a clay mask this year, they are still available to take home until **Friday, October 6**. Please leave the easels with us.

## 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.

## Weekly

### Teen Tuesdays • Weekly @ 3 pm

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

### Story Time • Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 am

October 4 through December 20

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-o-Rama (Legos)
- 5th Wednesday: Ms. Erin's surprise

### Preschool Thursdays

#### Weekly @ 10:30-11:30 am

Preschoolers can enjoy a different type of fun each week. Themes will repeat monthly.

#### 1st Thursday of the month: Music with Ms. Leanne

Children can explore music and rhythm with Leanne King, violist with the Grand Rapids Symphony.

#### 2nd Thursday: Art Workshop

Dress in messy clothes and explore different art mediums, then we will handle clean up! This is a process art activity, so no examples will be provided. Children will be free to create on their own.

#### 3rd Thursday: Play and Learn Play Group

Ms. Kelli, the Plainwell Schools' Family Coach. Kelli provides fun early literacy activities, opportunities for children and parents to socialize, snacks, and a free book at each session. *No Play Group in December.*

#### 4th Thursday: Preschool Block Party

Preschoolers can play with a variety of blocks from our storage room to build whatever their imaginations desire.

## 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 27 and December 18 • 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Preschool Halloween Parade

**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 off in several places for treats, and we will end up in the Hill Performance Room for stories, crafts, snacks and games.

### REGISTER

### 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 Humans 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 anytime between 10:30 am and 1 pm.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK PROGRAMS

### REGISTER

### Make Candy Cane Slime

**Wednesday, December 27 • 10:30-11:30 am**

Enjoy a fresh smelling science activity with a ball of slime you get to take home. \*Adults should plan on assisting if children are younger than fourth grade.

### REGISTER

### Alcohol Ink Trinket Bowl Craft • Grades 3 and up

**Thursday, December 28 • 10:30 -11:30 am**

All supplies included (including paint shirts and gloves) for kids to make a beautiful bowl with permanent ink. These will not be food-safe when complete.

### Cooperative Game Round Robin • Grades K and up

**Wednesday, January 3 • 2:30-4:30 pm**

Meet some new friends and play in a non-competitive environment. We will have 4-6 different cooperative games set up and you can make the rounds and play each one. Drinks and snacks provided.

### REGISTER

### Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament (Nintendo Switch)

**Grades 3-8 • Thursday, January 4 • 2-4 pm**

See how you stack up with other players in this tournament where elimination is "sudden death." There will be a trophy for first place and prizes for the top 3 finishers. Drinks and snacks provided.

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### Light Saber Battle • Grades 4 - 8

**Friday, January 5 • 6 - 8 pm**

Two teams will attempt to capture the others' glowing beach ball and bring it back to home territory. "Light sabers," drinks and snacks will be provided.