

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament REGISTER
Thursday, October 3 • 7-8 p.m.

The fastest team of four people to complete the 500-piece puzzle (or get the closest to completion) will win a prize. Other participants may be added to your team as a space allows.

Adult Craft & Company: Ghost in a Jar REGISTER

Thursday, October 10 • 7-8 p.m.
OR Friday, October 11 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn how to make an adorable decoration that will bring a tiny bit of Halloween magic to your home. All supplies included.

Paranormal Michigan

Thursday, October 24 • 6-8 p.m.
Forgotten Souls Paranormal seeks to find explanations to unknown and unusual events that occur in the southwestern corner of Michigan. Listen to members of the group as they share what they've found on their investigations.

Teens and Young Adults: Horror Dungeons & Dragons REGISTER

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Human Trafficking in Our Area

Tuesday, October 29 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Barbara Hazlett, who has received training from the MI Human Trafficking Task Force, Sacred Beginnings, and Women at Risk will present facts about trafficking in our area and things we can do to prevent this abuse. This presentation is through a collaboration between Ransom District Library and Hope Lutheran Church.

Adult Craft & Company: Macramé Bracelets REGISTER

Thursday, November 7 • 7-8 p.m.
OR Friday, November 8 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Make fast and easy macramé bracelets with fellow crafters. These adjustable bracelets are perfect for any outfit or to make as gifts. All supplies included.

Fall Amateur Photography Exhibition

Monday, November 11 • 7-8 p.m.
This exhibition will showcase the entries from the talented participants of the Fall Amateur Photography contest. We will announce the winners of each category at 7:30p.m. Light refreshments included.

Keeping Our Water Safe - Chula Vista Garden Club

Thursday, November 21 • 6-7 p.m.
The Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD) oversees Michigan's public water supplies to ensure safe drinking water. Heather Bishop, Environmental Mgr., will address how we receive water, the processes involved, and how we can help our water to be safe.

Pysanki Egg Ornaments REGISTER

Saturday, November 23, 12-3 p.m.
Pysanky making is a centuries-old tradition. Learn how to make these unique works of art with local artist Lorraine Fedorchak-Kraker.

DIY Craft Extravaganza REGISTER

Thursday, December 5 • 6-8 p.m.
Kick off the gift giving season with our adult drop-in craft making event. Multiple holiday-themed craft stations will be available to make your art independently and at your own pace.

BINGO at the Library REGISTER

Tuesday, December 17 • 10:30-11:30 a.m.
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.



Ongoing Programs

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. Please bring your own project.

NovelTEA Book Club
Tuesdays 10/15, 11/12 • 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Enjoy a pot of tea and homemade scones that match the book being discussed each month. Multiple copies of the book will be available at the desk a month before the event.

Book Club Picks:

October: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
November: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley

With a Twist Book Club
Thursdays • 10/17, 11/14 • 7-8 p.m.
This book group pairs the Book of the Month with an adult beverage recipe picked specifically to match. Multiple copies of the book will be available at the desk a month before the event.

Weekly Euchre Club Fridays • 1-3 p.m.
Come to the library every week to play Euchre. Bring a partner or come alone for a self-guided game.

Monthly Euchre Night
Mondays • 10/14, 11/18, 12/9 • 6-8 p.m.
Bring a partner or come solo to meet other local people interested in euchre for a self-guided night of cards. 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
Tuesdays • 10/29, 11/26, no December Card Sharks • 1-3 p.m.
Join us for an afternoon of playing cards. 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!

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NEWS

Fall Amateur Photography Contest

October 1st through 31st

Compose your best shots of one of these three categories – Landscape/Nature, Portrait (people & animals), Black & White – and enter them for a chance to win a Visa gift card starting Oct 1. You may enter one photo per category throughout the month of October. Contest rules and forms will be available at the library or on the website or via the QR code.



J.D. - Comedy at the Library

Wednesday, November 20 • 7 to 8 p.m.

Join us for an evening of adult comedy with Jerry Donovan "J.D." whose witty talents have taken him nationwide. He's performed from the Moose Lodge in Zeeland, Michigan to the famous "Caroline's" in New York City and has even been featured on Comcast "On-Demand". Now get ready for J.D. to bring the laughter to the library.

White Elephant Book Exchange REGISTER

Tuesday, December 10th • 10:30-11:30
OR Thursday, December 12th, 7 -8 p.m.

We will play a game of White Elephant instead of having 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.

Director's Note

We enter the fall season with a deep "Thank You" to the Ransom District Library community for approving the Library's operating millage renewal on August 6. This means our excellent staff can go on serving, seven days a week, every person who walks through our door. Finding just the right materials in physical and digital form, working toward solutions to problems, guiding to the right services, instructing, playing, scheduling—we look forward to serving the community in these ways and more. Ransom District Library will always be your trusted center for information, culture, and community. All of us at Ransom are thankful for that, and as you can see in the rest of this newsletter, we're more than excited to keep our community proud of their Library.

All of our best to you,
Joe



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.

Guitar Club: Playin' Music with My Friends

Mondays starting October 7th
4-4:45 p.m. • Hill Room

This fall Director Joe Gross will lead the Guitar Club through a short list of songs that we can play together. There will be an emphasis on various approaches to playing in a group, including rhythm and improvisation, and we encourage players of any level to join. (Complete beginners might consider waiting until the winter "Beginning Guitar" session.) Consider arriving fifteen to twenty minutes early to get situated if possible to save "jammin' time."



OCTOBER IS MONSTER MONTH!

Get into the holiday spirit with a bunch of monster fun at the library.

Kids can try a skeleton scavenger hunt inside the library. Ms. Sarah will offer Monster Yoga to preschoolers on October 3rd. Stop by on October 4th to pick up a bag of supplies that will allow your kids to make a monster pal of their very own. There will be a Halloween craft offered on October 11th (no school that day!) Story Time and the After School Special programs will feature monster activities, and teens can enjoy making “Zombie Barbies” and engaging in a horror-themed Dungeons & Dragons campaign on October 26th. Details about these programs can be found below.

Weekly Activities

Caterpillar Play Group with Kelli Stuijbergen (birth - 35 mos.)
Mondays, October 21 and November 18
10:30–11:30 a.m. (Hill Room)

This play group is specifically designed for our littlest friends, and meets monthly on the third Monday of the month. Note: no Caterpillars in Dec.

Teen Tuesdays
Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. (Hill Room)

Teens can hang out, play games or try an activity, and snack. Drinks and munchies are provided. Note: no Teen Tuesday during Thanksgiving or Christmas breaks.

Story Time Wednesdays
10:30–11:30 a.m. (Hill Room)

Youngsters can listen to great tales, sing songs, dance with shakers and complete a themed craft in this fun-filled hour. Please note that there will be no Story Time programming during the holiday break (Dec. 25/Jan. 1.)

After School Special
Wednesdays 4:00–4:45 p.m. (Hill Room)

Elementary school-age kids can enjoy a different kind each week. An after-school snack will be provided.

- 1st Wednesday of the month: art
- 2nd Wednesday: games
- 3rd Wednesday: science
- 4th Wednesday: Build-o-Rama (Legos)

Preschool Thursdays
10:30–11:30 a.m. (All meet in Hill Room)

1st Thursday: Preschool Yoga with Ms. Sarah from Yoga Adventures for Kids
2nd Thursday: Toddler Zip and Zoom “Gym” Time

3rd Thursday: Butterfly Play Group with Kelli Stuijbergen (36 months - age 5)
4th Thursday: Preschool Dance Party

Note: no Preschool Thurs. programming during the holiday break (Dec. 19/26.)

Play Magic: The Gathering
(For middle/high school players)
Fridays 3:00–4:30 p.m. (History Room)
Bring your own deck and join a group of enthusiasts to kick off your weekend.

Snacks and drinks provided.

Monthly Programs

Manga Club REGISTER
Second Wednesday of the month: Oct. 9th, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11 • 6:30–7:30 p.m. (Burchfield Room)

Those interested in manga, anime, or Japanese culture join Youth Assistant Devin for an hour of Japanese themed games and snacks. Different activities each month..

Dungeons and Dragons REGISTER
Second Saturday of the month: Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14 • 2:30–4:30 p.m. (History Room)

Join Youth Assistant Dimitri and his trusty Notebook of Doom for a monthly series of campaigns. New players are always welcome! Feel free to bring a character sheet!



Special Programs

Make Your Own Monster Kits
A take-home activity!

Kids can pick up a bag and design their own monster. Stop by the library on Friday, October 4 to pick one up. This will be limited to one bag per child. Bags will be available while supplies last.

Halloween Crafts
Friday, October 11 • 1-3 p.m. (Hill Room)

Come in and make some fun seasonal crafts. The difficulty of these crafts will make this program best for children who are already in school. Look for samples in the library in late September.

Teens: Zombie Barbies
Saturday, October 26 • 2-4 p.m. (Hill Room)

Alter a Barbie doll into one of the undead using paint, scissors, nail polish and more. You may bring your own doll, but we will have some on hand as well. For grades 4-up. Barbies available for as long as supplies last.

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Fall into fun at RDL!

(Horror D&D, cont'd.)

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Preschool Halloween Parade
Thursday, October 31 • 10:30 a.m.-noon (Hill Room)

Our littlest friends don't always last through Halloween night, so why not trick or treat at the library instead? We will start in the Hill Performance Room with some stories, songs and rhymes. Next, we will parade through the building, stopping off in several places for treats. Lastly, families can explore the different fun activities that are placed throughout the library. It's one of the most fun events of the year—if you have a preschooler, don't miss it! Costumes are encouraged.

Teen Nerf Night REGISTER
Friday, November 15 • 6-8 p.m., Doors Open at 5:45 p.m.

Play World War 24, Zombie Infection and more in two hours of pulse-pounding, noisy Nerf fun! You can bring your Nerf blasters from home, but the library has plenty to share. (We share darts, too!) Pizza & drinks provided. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Teens: Honey Heist Role-Playing Game REGISTER
Saturday, November 23 • 2-4 p.m. (History Room)

Do you ever want to be a bear? Do you ever want to have a fun hat? What if you were a bear WITH a fun hat... and got to commit crimes? Join Youth Assistant Devin to play Honey Heist, a quick role-playing game where your goal is commit the bear-crime of the century!



3-D Beaded Ornamental Corn Craft
Monday, November 25 • 10:30–11:30 a.m. (Hill Room)

Use chenille stems and pony beads to make colorful, three dimensional corn cobs to decorate your holiday table.

Build-o-Rama
Tuesday, November 26 • 2-3 p.m. (Burchfield Room)
Use our Legos to make whatever your imagination desires! These creations will be on display for a month inside the Library.

Santa Visit
Saturday, December 14 • 10:00 a.m.-noon (Hill Room)

Get into the Christmas spirit with a visit to Santa Claus! Make crafts and enjoy tasty treats. There will also be Christmas stories available for families to read together. Drop in anytime between 10 and noon.

Teens: Lasers and Feelings Role-Playing Game REGISTER
Saturday, December 21 • 2-4 p.m. (Hill Room)

Climb aboard your interstellar scout ship, The Raptor, and join Youth Assistant Devin to play Lasers and Feelings, a quick play RPG for sci-fi lovers. Captain Darcy is out of commission, which leaves you and your crewmates to defend against the looming dangers of the universe!

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 via QR code (at left.)



Teen Scrap Wrap Coaster Craft
Thursday, December 26 • 1-3 p.m. REGISTER
(Hill Room)

Make leftover wrapping paper and a porcelain tile into a festive beverage coaster. Plan to play games and have fun during the periods of drying time! Snacks and most supplies provided — you may bring your own wrapping paper if you would like.

Glitter Tube Bracelets
Monday, December 30 • 2-3 p.m. (Hill Room)

Use plastic tubing and glitter to make fun, sparkly jewelry to give as a gift or keep for yourself!

Jackbox
Thursday, January 2 • 2-4 p.m. (Burchfield Room)

This is a drop-in style social gaming event. You can play on your phone or on one of our tablets. Play games such as Fixy Text, Drawful, Hypnotorius and more! Make some new friends or bring some along to play with you.

Everybody 1-2 Switch!
Friday, January 3 • 2-4 p.m. (Burchfield Room)

Drop in and have a balloon fight, play Statues or Ninjas, or even musical chairs using either a joy-con or a smart phone. Up to 100 people can play--ask a friend to come with you!

