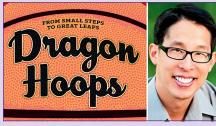


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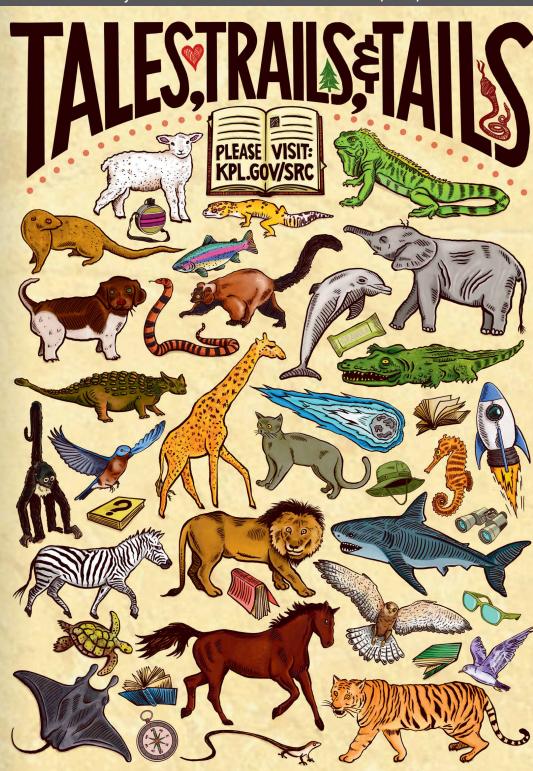
Save the Date: 44th Annual Youth Literature Seminar Featuring Meg Medina, Gene Luen Yang and Betsy Bird

Friday, November 12, 2021 8:30 am-3:30 pm | Online Bios, sessions and details will continue to be updated at kpl.gov/yls



Convenience of KPL TV

Watch KPL programs at your convenience at kpl.gov/kpltv.



KALAMAZOO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS: 2021 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

See page 3-4 for more details.

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Dates and times for programming may change. Please visit **kpl.gov** for up-to-date information.

Current KPL Locations and Hours

Curbside KPL Service will be available at the following locations:

Alma Powell Branch: Monday-Friday, 1-6 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

Central Library: Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

Eastwood Branch: Monday-Friday, 1-6 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

Oshtemo Branch: Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm | Saturday 10 am-2 pm

Washington Square Branch:

Monday-Friday, 1-6pm Saturday, 10 am-2 pm

All locations are closed on Sundays.

Library Hours are subject to change. Please visit kpl.gov or call (269) 553-7800 for current information about library service locations and hours

KPL Events

In order to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19, KPL will not be offering in-person programming until further notice. We are, however. always adding new online events for all ages. Some highlights are featured on the following pages. Visit kpl.gov to view the complete and up-to-date list of programs scheduled this summer.



RESEARCHERS SAY, "You can't cite it if you can't see it." Like most public institutions of its kind, Kalamazoo Public Library has a wealth of knowledge locked away in its holdings. Tens of thousands of books, manuscripts, maps, photographs, and documents contain valuable information, whether for seasoned researchers or for interested folks like you and me. But accessing some of those materials may be difficult or even impossible because of their value and/or fragile nature. While the majority of the library's holdings are cataloged, those records tell only part of the story. Oft times there is useful information hidden away that escapes even the sharpest of catalogers. A historic image of a busy city street scene contains many interesting clues... but look closely. Did you notice the advertisement on the front of that passing streetcar?

Consistent with the library's goals of preservation and equitable access, digitization removes physical barriers to the discovery and use of rare and fragile materials while protecting precious originals from damage. Careful consideration is given to such concerns as digital storage and retrieval, sustainable digital file formats, useful metadata, and more.

To that end, KPL has begun an exciting project of digitizing many of its rare holdings. Thanks to a generous bequest, the library has established

a state-of-the-art digitization lab where library staff are undertaking the massive task of capturing high-resolution images of archival materials. Those items may then be examined in detail while the originals remain locked away for safekeeping.

In addition to the library's holdings, staff will be working closely with the



general public and other local institutions to digitize materials of historical interest in their collections, like grandma's old snapshot of the steam engine as it chugged past the family farm on that long-abandoned railroad line. A preview of this effort may be seen in the library's online collection of Civic Theatre programs at thecivic.kalamazoohistory.org, but that's just the beginning. Stay tuned for more collaborative projects.





Are you ready for the challenge?

It's time to get your **tail** in gear! This summer we are hitting the **trails**, reading folk **tales**, and embarking on a summer reading adventure to remember.

KPL is challenging kids and teens up to Grade 12 to read or listen to books for at least **20 minutes a day** and record your reading on your gameboard included on the backside of this page. Additional gameboards can be downloaded and printed at **kpl.gov/src** or picked up at your local KPL location. After you have completed **15 days of reading** (they do not need to be consecutive) it is time to tackle a **quest**.

Quests (choose 1 per every 15 days)

- 1. Walk a trail, however you are able write down the name of the trail. For a list of local accessible trails, visit: tinyurl.com/SRC21Quest
- 2. Read a book recommended by a librarian.
- 3. Go bird watching and look for 2 different birds write down the names of each bird.
- 4. Read a book of poetry.
- 5. Visit a Kalamazoo park write down the name of the park.
- 6. Listen to an audiobook.
- 7. Go outside and look for 3 different animals write down the names of each animal.
- 8. Read a manga that is set in a school or academy.
- 9. Go outside and look for 3 different plants or flowers write down the names of each plant or flower.
- 10. Read a manga that has been made into a movie or show.
- 11. Look up at the clouds write down the type of cloud you see.
- 12. Read a graphic novel with more than three people on the cover.
- 13. Stargaze and look for a constellation write down the name of the constellation.
- 14. Read a graphic novel with your favorite color on the front.
- 15. Have a picnic.
- 16. Read a nonfiction book about a person you admire.
- 17. Tag KPL on social media.
- 18. Read a nonfiction book about something you know nothing about.
- 19. Write a book review in 10 words or fewer.
- 20. Read a book with an animal on the cover.
- 21. Go sightseeing in your neighborhood.
- 22. Read a book by an author you've never read.
- 23. Catch a lightning bug.
- 24. Read a book published 20 or more years ago.
- 25. Watch a sunrise or sunset.
- 26. Read a book published this year.
- 27. Do a good deed.
- 28. Read a book just because you like the cover.
- 29. Create a work of art.
- 30. Read a book you own but haven't read.

Adventurers will receive a reward for every 15 days of reading.

Complete 60 days of reading and at least 4 quests to win the final prize!

REWARDS

Book Rewards

KPL is offering 3 books to every child in Kalamazoo (while we encourage you to participate in *Summer Reading Challenge*, it is not required to receive your three books.) We will be giving out books all summer long. Pickup will be available on the following dates:

- June 15: First Free Book
- June 30: Second Free Book
- July 15: Third Free Book

Quest Rewards

After completing 15 days of reading, it is time to conquer a quest. Choose from the list available at **kpl.gov/src** or pick up at your local KPL location. Adventurers will receive a keepsake animal pin for each quest they complete and a KPL rainbow lanyard to show them off!



- Quest 1: 1 KPL rainbow lanyard and tiger pin
- · Quest 2: Monkey pin
- · Quest 3: Shark pin
- · Quest 4: Iguana pin



Final Reward

Adventurers who complete **60** days of reading and **4 quests** will receive the grand prize of a lunch box to keep you refreshed on your next excursion.



Claim Your Rewards

Adventurers can track their reading and quest completion on their *Summer Reading Challenge* gameboards. To claim prizes, just bring your gameboard to any KPL location and a KPL staff member will record your progress and give you your prize. In the event our buildings are closed to in-person visits due to COVID-19, prizes can be claimed via Curbside KPL — see service hours at kpl.gov/curbside.

Deadlines

Please report your progress to a KPL staff person at least 15 minutes before the library closes to claim your prize. **All rewards must be picked up no later than Tuesday, August 31st.**

Enjoy your travels, adventurers, and happy reading!

Sponsorship

Summer Reading Challenge is sponsored by **Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library**.





Virtual Events and More for CHILDREN, FAMILY, & ALL AGES

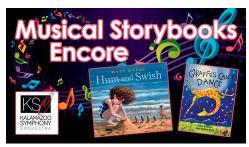
Parenting and Birth-5



Storytime Baskets

Available upon request | OPEN HOURS Read, Write, Talk, Sing, Play! It's never too early to learn language and literacy skills, and these baskets make story telling fun. Each basket contains a book, and props to help young ones engage with storytelling in a playful, interactive way. For children ages 0–5. Please register to reserve one today, 1 basket per family. (?)

Grades K-5



Musical Storybooks Encore

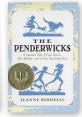
Beginning June 1 | 10–10:30 AM | KPL TV Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's musical telling of *They All Saw a Cat* in February was a wonder! Now it's time for an encore! Enjoy two new *Musical Storybooks* titles on kpl.gov when it fits for you. *Hum and Swish* by Matt Myers and *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae.



It's Storytime

Every Wednesday 10:30–11:30 AM KPL TV Songs and rhymes, stories, and fun for babies and preschoolers and their caregivers. Watch on KPL TV every Wednesday at 10:30 am.







Bookworms

Saturday, June 5, July 3, & August 7 3–3:40 PM | ZOOM + Pickup

Join us online for this book club aimed at readers in 3rd through 5th grade. Read the book, and join us on the date listed for discussion. Books are available a month prior to the discussion date. This event will be hosted on Zoom. **Please register** to receive a copy of the book and select your preferred KPL pickup location. **?**

June: The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling July: The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall August: Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Sankofa Club — Summer

Wednesday, June 23 | 4-5:30 PM ZOOM + Pickup

This summer Sankofa Club members create, investigate, experiment, and read-read-read! All books and supplies will be provided via KPL Curbside Service.



Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. **Q**

Build Your Village: an Accordion Book Tuesday, June 29 | 2-3 PM | ZOOM + Pickup

Your home is just one of many places that makes a neighborhood. Join the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center to create a fun and colorful accordion book that celebrates your community with a page by page look at your home, your friends' homes, school, church, stores, and more. Using paper, scissors, glue, and markers you can recreate your world in a book that will be cool to show your friends and family and display in your home. Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. R

Make Your Own Paintbrush Beginning July 1 | OPEN HOURS | Pickup

I can make a paintbrush out of what?!

Pretty much anything you can think of!

Use the provided supplies, and scavenge for your own, to see what can be used as a paintbrush and how different each material looks when you paint with it. Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location.

All Ages

Tails on the Trails Scavenger Hunt

Beginning June 1 | OPEN HOURS OSH/Outside + POW/Outside

Find the tails on the trails! Visit the Oshtemo Branch Library or the Powell Branch Library anytime over the summer for a map that will show you where to find some animal tails! Two maps are available at the Oshtemo Branch. One will lead you along the trails behind the library and through the Oshtemo Township Park, which are not paved. The other will lead you along the trail that is west of the Oshtemo Branch parking lot, which is paved. The map you receive at the Powell Branch will lead you along the River Valley Trail, which is paved.

Once you have found all the tails, bring your completed map back to the library for a prize! Instructions will be provided with the map. Map and prizes may be picked up via curbside. Please limit one prize per person.

Postcard Swap

Beginning June 1 | OPEN HOURS | Pickup
Create works of art and swap them with other
teens in Kalamazoo! Sign up to receive a set
of blank postcards to illustrate however you
like. Then return them to the library and wait

to receive 4 postcards from other artists through the mail! The theme: "In summer, the song sings itself." — William Carlos Williams create 4 postcards to match the theme, and write a little note on the back if you like.

Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location, and return illustrated postcards back to KPL by Wednesday, June 23.

Family

Books and Bellies

Tuesday, June 15, July 20, & August 17 10:30-11:30 AM | ZOOM

Join Healthy Babies Healthy Start and Kalamazoo Public Library for a reading circle for expecting parents. Receive books for baby before baby arrives and start reading. This is a great way to connect with parenting resources in our community and with great books to keep about child rearing and great readalouds for baby for before and after they arrive. **Please register.** ?



Virtual Events and More for TEENS

PAINT SOME HAPPY JARS



Paint Some Happy Jars

Beginning June 1 OPEN HOURS | Pickup Who doesn't have a favorite, most used emoji? Show off yours with an emoji jar! Each participant will receive a plastic mason jar, paint supplies, and instructions to make your emoji jar. Not feeling the emojis right now? Check out CreativeBug to get other painting ideas, and let your imagination run wild. If you are unfamiliar with Creativebug, please check our website for more information. Grades 6–12. Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. 😯

Read Along! Heroes of Olympus

Beginning June 1 | 4-4:30 PM | KPL TV
This summer we will be reading books 3 and 4 of the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan: The Mark of Athena and The House of Hades. Narrated by different demigods, join Miss Natalie for an unforgettable journey across land and sea to Rome, then through the dangers of the Underworld! Chapters from the selected book will be released on KPL TV Monday through Friday at 4 pm until the book is finished.

EXCLUDING: Weekends and holidays.

Summer YA Author Visit Series

Thursday, June 10, Wednesday, June 23, & Tuesday, June 29 | 6-7 PM | ZOOM

The authors will host live one-hour sessions to discuss their work and take questions from the audience. Register to receive Zoom link; for ages 11+. Adults are also welcome to register for this program.







A Good Rind of Trouble

So You Wanna Play Dungeons & Dragons ...

Monday, June 14, July 12 & August 9 6-8 PM | ZOOM

Play Dungeons & Dragons with KPL Staff! We'll have a one-shot campaign for all skill levels, led by Dungeon Master Kevin King and Teen Librarian Miss Natalie. No dice or other supplies necessary, just bring your imagination and a sense of adventure. Grades 6–12. Please register.

Pizza & Pages

Tuesday, June 15, July 13, & August 17 3-3:40 PM | ZOOM + Pickup

Pick up your free book, a coupon for pizza and to select your preferred KPL pickup location. Read the book, and then join us in an online discussion over pizza!

Grades 6-12. Please register.
June: Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly
July: Miles Morales by Jason Reynolds
August: Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang

Read Along! Celebration: Commemorating One Year of Read Along! Videos

Wednesday, June 16 | 3-5 PM ZOOM + Pickup

One year. Over two hundred videos. More than 60,000 views from a dozen countries all over the world. Read Along! was developed during the height of the pandemic in 2020 to bring literacy to children and teens at home. It is now the most popular virtual program for KPL. To celebrate a year of reading together, Miss Natalie is holding a live virtual session to discuss the books we've read, books we want to read, and have fun with Percy Jackson themed activities. Registrants receive a free copy of "Percy Jackson's Greek Gods" by Rick Riordan. Please register to reserve your book and select your preferred KPL pickup location. Grades 6–12. Pickup begins June 1st. ?



DIY Sidewalk Chalk

Beginning June 25 | OPEN HOURS | Pickup Give your sidewalk some flair with your own homemade chalk. Grades 6–12. Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. (3)



Take-Home Tie-Dye Beginning June 28 | OPEN HOURS KPL TV + Pick-up

Summer isn't summer without some tie dye! Stop by any location beginning June 28, 2021 to pick up your tie dye kit, while supplies last! Then tune in to KPL TV for the how-to video. Paper instructions will also be provided with the supplies. Participants will dye a pillowcase and the dye color will be given out randomly. Grades 6–12 only. No registration necessary while supplies last.



DIY Macramé Keychain

Beginning July 6 | OPEN HOURS | Pickup
This is a beginner's friendly dive into macramé,
using CreativeBug, an eLearning tool dedicated
to DIY and crafting. If you are unfamiliar with
Creativebug, please check our website for
more information. If you are unable to access
CreativeBug please note paper step by step
instructions will be included. Grades 6–12.
Please register to reserve your supplies and

to select your preferred KPL pick-up location. (?)



Spray Bottle Painting

KPL pick-up location. (R)

Beginning August 3 | OPEN HOURS | Pickup Try watercolor paints in a totally new way! Using a spray bottle and liquid watercolor, you've never painted like this before. Grades 6–12. Please register to reserve your supplies and to select your preferred

Virtual Events and More for ADULTS



Page Turners Book Club Monday, June 7, & August 2 6:30-7:30 PM | ZOOM

Engage in a thought-provoking conversation about books. exchange perspectives, and get to know your neighbors virtually! Due to COVID-19, we'll be holding the meetings online. Please register. (R)

June: The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel August: The Lager Queen of Minnesota by Ryan Stradal





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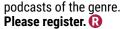
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IT'S CRIME WE TALK: A TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB



It's Crime We Talk: A True Crime Book Club

Tuesday, June 8 & August 10 6:30-7:30 PM | ZOOM Have you watched every episode of Forensic Files, or listened to every episode of Serial or My Favorite Murder? Then join your fellow true crime enthusiasts and murderinos for this true crime book club where we'll talk about our favorite books, television series, and



June: From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement by Paula Yoo

August: Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls by Jessica McDiarmid

Meet the Authors: Arnold Johnston and Deborah Ann Percy

Thursday, June 10 | 6-7 PM | ZOOM

Hear local favorites **Arnold Johnston** and Deborah Ann Percy read from their latest releases: Arnie's new novel Swept Away, a raucous and





unpredictable page-turner unfolding amid Detroit neighborhoods and landmarks; and their first children's picture book, a joint collaboration titled Mr. Robert Monkey Returns to New York. Audience Q&A to follow.

Please register. (1)

Fresh Conversations for Seniors Wednesdays, June 16, 23, 30 & July 7

1-2 PM | ZOOM

Fresh Conversations is a 4-session, interactive nutrition education program for seniors to support healthy aging and independence. Led by a facilitator, the sessions use the Fresh Conversations newsletter to focus participant discussions on current nutrition and health topics. Newsletter topics include healthy aging, how to incorporate healthy foods into a daily diet, and seasonally relevant activities. Participants sample low-cost healthy recipes and discover new ways to stay active.

Please register. (R)



DIY Guided Learning Zentangle Workshop with Kayla!

Tuesday, June 22, July 20, & August 10 6-7 PM | ZOOM + Pickup

The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. You create tangles with combinations of dots, lines, simple curves, S-curves and orbs. Participants will be learning zentangle and mehindi henna patterns of varying difficulty and how to use these patterns to create their own unique designs. All levels welcome! All art materials included! Attending this class is a great way to learn something new, relax, create something, and meet new people that want to get creative too! Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. R







Urban Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, June 29, July 27, & August 31 6-7 PM ZOOM

If you love to read Urban Fiction, join us online for a fun-filled and open-minded discussion of some of the hottest titles around. All urban readers are welcome! Please register. (R)

June: A Father's Sacrifice: Daddy's Girl by Ben Burgess Jr.

July: Frost Bite: A Cold Love After All by Tyanna

August: Getting Even by Danesha Little



Reading Race Book Group

Tuesday, July 13 | 6:30-8 PM | ZOOM This book club, co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism Transformation Team, focuses on race and racism in American society. Join us virtually for a discussion of Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi.

Please register. (R)



DIY Guided Glassware Painting Workshop with Lauren!

Thursdays, July 15, & August 5 6-7 PM | ZOOM + Pickup

Artist Lauren Lasater, owner of Kalamazoo's Colors & Cocktails, will teach you fabulous techniques to create your own one-of-a-kind drinkable glassware or vase! Participants will learn this step-by-step process online.

Please register to reserve your supplies and select your preferred KPL pickup location. (R) 315 South Rose Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Note from the Director



Ryan Wieber KPL Director

The library anticipates a reopening of all locations by early June, with curbside service still an option for patrons who prefer to have items delivered outside. We will still enforce social distancing and mask requirements and adhere to the current MDHHS maximum 50% occupancy level. More good news: Magazines and newspapers will be available, and circulating or in-library technology items such as iPads, Chromebooks, and video games will also be readied for use. Meeting rooms and program spaces remain closed for the immediate future, and children's toys will continue to be stowed away. Library

staff are pleased to reopen the library and welcome you into our community's beautiful spaces by assisting you with reader's advisory, reference help, computer and technology assistance, and so much more!

A year of library service during the pandemic has by necessity produced a new way to deliver story times, author visits, and book discussion groups. All doable — and sometimes more convenient and engaging than in person — yet we all yearn for a return to events at the library and sharing a love for books and reading in a common space. Virtual events will no doubt remain a part of the library's future, as necessity has transformed into expectation and follows the new habits of library users everywhere. As conditions continue to improve with more vaccinated and fewer becoming ill, the library's program rooms will eventually be used for conversations, lectures, and story times — rather than for storage of excess furniture, boxes of PPE, and oversized bins of guarantined books.

As would be expected, the library's traditional activity measurements such as circulation statistics, patron visits, and program participation have been low due to closed doors, lack of access, and concern over the virus. Yet library staff continue valiantly behind the scenes keeping library facilities safe for patrons and staff, cataloging new materials for shelves, delivering books at curbside, and trying new ways to provide some level of access to books, eLearning, DVDs, hotspots, and programming. Thank you for your patience during the past year as we have adjusted, endured, experimented, learned, achieved, and occasionally failed. We are so looking forward to seeing you again and providing meaningful impact through the library's services, collections, and programs!

Have you utilized our Curbside KPL service?

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