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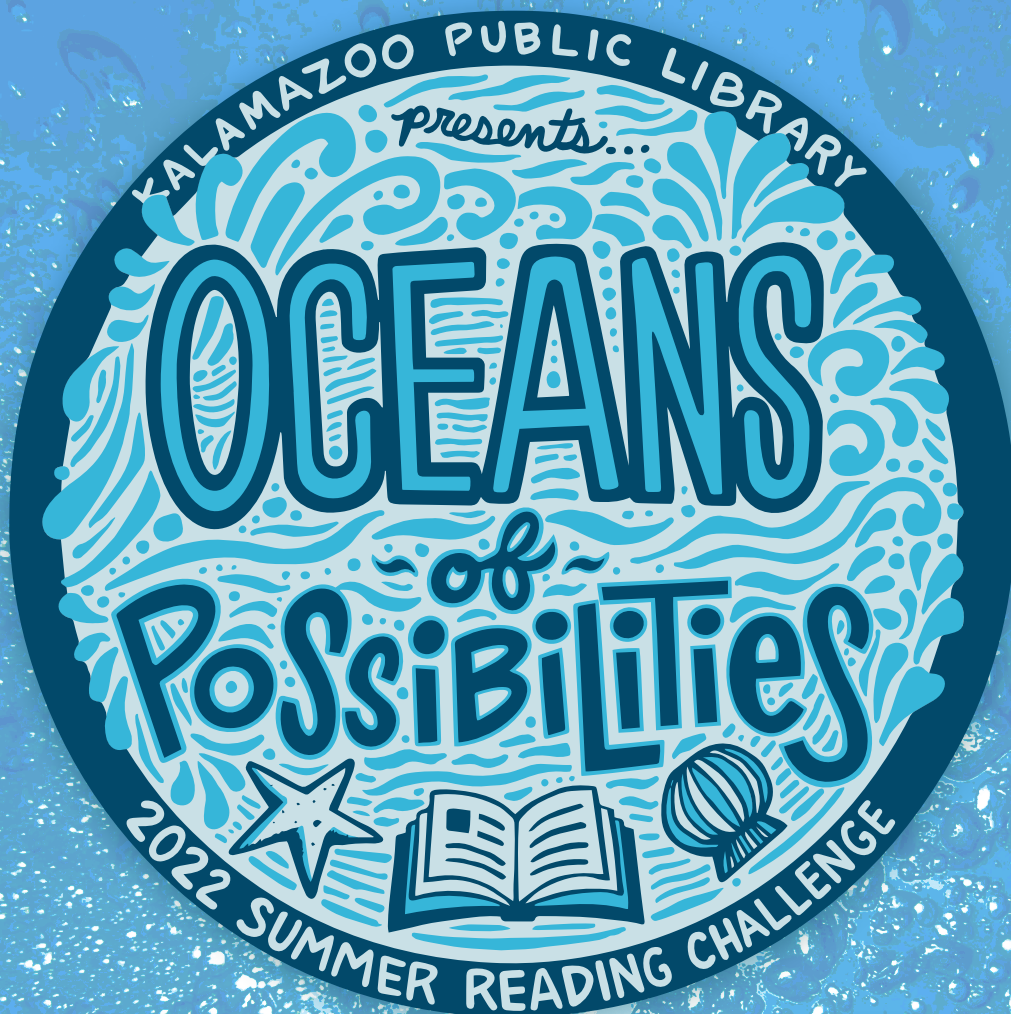


## Happy 150th Birthday, KPL!

This October, KPL will celebrate 150 years of service to the Kalamazoo community! Take a trip back in time and learn about the impact the library has had on the neighborhoods it serves. Join us for a series of fun programs and events, hear stories from patrons and KPL staff over the years, and participate in opportunities to discuss the services KPL should offer in the future. Learn more at [kpl.gov/150](https://kpl.gov/150). ▲

## YLS 2022

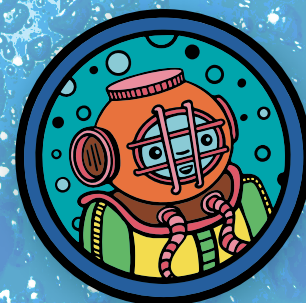
Save the date for the 45th annual *Youth Literature Seminar* featuring award winning authors, expert panelists, and more. This year's event will take on activism, advocacy, and history in youth literature, and help us look to the past for a better future. The stellar lineup includes **Ruta Sepetys**, **Kyle Lukoff**, and **Ruth Forman**. Check [kpl.gov/yls](https://kpl.gov/yls) for important updates to the speaker and session lineup. **November 4, 2022, Hybrid event, 8:30 am–3 pm.** ▲



Read



Create



Discover

## 2022 Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off

The annual *Summer Reading Challenge* officially begins on June 1. If you are planning on participating in all the fun festivities of *JumpstART* (formerly *June Jubilee*) in downtown Kalamazoo on June 4, be sure to pop by KPL's Central Library and sign up! We will have a table under the portico 10 am–2 pm. Learn more on pages 5–6 and at [kpl.gov/src](https://kpl.gov/src).

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*Dates and times for programming may change due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) for up-to-date information.*

## KPL Current Hours

### Alma Powell Branch (POW)

Monday, 1-6 pm | Tuesday, 1-8 pm  
Wednesday, 1-6 pm | Thursday, 10 am-6 pm  
Friday, 10 am-5 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm  
Sunday, CLOSED

### Central Library (CEN)

Monday-Thursday, 9 am-8 pm  
Friday, 9 am-6 pm | Saturday, 10 am-5 pm  
Sunday, CLOSED

### Eastwood Branch (EAS)

Monday, 1-8 pm  
Tuesday-Wednesday, 1-6 pm  
Thursday, 10 am-6 pm | Friday, 10 am-5 pm  
Saturday, 10 am-2 pm | Sunday, CLOSED

### Oshtemo Branch (OSH)

Monday-Tuesday, 10 am-8 pm  
Wednesday-Thursday, 10 am-6 pm  
Friday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm  
Sunday, CLOSED

### Washington Square Branch (WSQ)

Monday-Tuesday, 1-6 pm  
Wednesday, 1-8 pm | Thursday, 10 am-6 pm  
Friday, 10 am-5 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm  
Sunday, CLOSED

Library Hours are subject to change.

Please visit [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) or call (269) 553-7800 for current information about library service locations and hours.

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Kalamazoo Public Library's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) started years ago through employee-led change and has grown to be an integral part of the KPL culture. It's key to our core values, strategic priorities, and is reflected in how we aspire to treat one another, and how we strive to serve our community. Learn what KPL is doing to address DEI at [kpl.gov/about/dei](http://kpl.gov/about/dei). ▲

## Mobile Library

### On the Road Again

KPL's Mobile Library is gearing up to hit the streets this summer, bringing library services to our community at festivals, parks, and neighborhoods! Check our online schedule to find out where we'll be all summer long at [kpl.gov/mbi](http://kpl.gov/mbi).



On June 4, be sure to look for KPL staff and the shiny Mobile Library during the *Do Dah Parade*! The library will join literary forces with Kalamazoo RESA's Great Start Collaborative's *Talking Is Teaching* campaign to *Tune In, Take Turns* and *Talk More* as we discover our way through Kalamazoo. Costumed characters, giveaways, and music along the way as our storybooks come to life along the parade route! ▲



## Idea Lab

KPL's maker space and creative studio, Idea Lab (located in Central Library) is open to the public with new hours! Come check out the updated space and our new services including Arturia music keyboards, Gretsch G2210 Streamliner Electric Guitar in our Audio Lab, Wacom drawing tablets and Camtasia screen recorder and video editor in our Video Lab, or the Ender 3 Pro 3D printer and FormLabs 3D resin printer in our Maker Lab! Learn more at [kpl.gov/idealab](http://kpl.gov/idealab). ▲



Hours:

Monday: 12-5 pm

Wednesday: 12-5 pm

Friday: 12-6 pm

Saturday: 12-5 pm





# Kalamazoo Public Library 2020–21 Annual Report

## Serving the Kalamazoo Community During a Pandemic

In Spring of 2020, all KPL locations were forced to close to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Fiscal year

2020–21 will stand out in KPL's history as a shining example of how times of crisis can bring a community together in support of one another, as well as drive innovative services and produc-

tive partnerships dedicated to meeting the needs of the Kalamazoo community when it was needed the most. Read the full report on our website [kpl.gov/about/budgets-reports](https://kpl.gov/about/budgets-reports). ▲

**1,000 BOOKS  
BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!**

We all know that the first five years are the most critical to a child's development and success. Reading is the gateway to learning, and that is why early childhood literacy is critical during this time. Since 1872, KPL has been a leader in the community for early childhood literacy and we are pleased to announce the launch of our revised *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program! The concept is simple; the rewards are priceless. Read a book (any book) to your child, age 0–5. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your child starts kindergarten. For every 100 books read, the child will earn a prize. **Learn more at [kpl.gov/1000books](https://kpl.gov/1000books).** ▲

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

Our collection of "things" you can check out continues to grow and has expanded to our branches! You can now find LoT stations at all five KPL locations. Best of all, we have extended our checkout limit from 1 to 3 items per patron! Some of the new LoT items include cake pans, KitchenAid stand mixers, board games, car diagnostic scanners, and much more! Check out Library of Things at [kpl.gov/lot](https://kpl.gov/lot). ▲



## COMMUNITY TABLES

**County ID • 1-3:30 pm**

Monday, June 6 | EAS

Tuesdays: June 14, July 12, August 9 | POW

Thursdays: June 16, July 21, August 18 | CEN

Monday, August 1 | EAS

Kalamazoo Public Library will be hosting Kalamazoo County ID to assist patrons ages 11 or older in obtaining photo identification to enable them to connect with public safety, civic, and community services.

Without a form of identification, a person is not recognized as a member of the community and not afforded the same opportunities as other community members. Having a form of credible identification enables people to become fully participating members of the community.

Eligibility criteria can be found at The Kalamazoo County website. The cost of a County ID is \$10, with scholarship funds available.

Please reach out to KPL's Social Work Intern, Andrea, at [swintern@kpl.gov](mailto:swintern@kpl.gov) or the Kalamazoo County Clerk's Office at (269) 384-8307 with questions. ▲

# If you ever thought about being a Friends of KPL volunteer, now is a good time to join the team!

Friends, a volunteer-based organization, encourages literacy while providing support to many Kalamazoo Public Library programs and services. It makes available affordable, quality reading materials to everyone.

If you like books and book people and are interested in helping the library, the Friends is a fine place to volunteer. Opportunities exist for people with varying interests, skills, and schedules.

We need volunteers to process purchases at our front desk, answer the phone, take requests, place reserves, process curbside orders as well as answer general customer questions.

Volunteers are also needed to handle donations to the Friends Bookstore which includes sorting, weeding, and shelving materials. Additional behind-the-scenes opportunities may be available to those who qualify.

To apply, please send an email to [Friends-TSkidmore@kpl.gov](mailto:Friends-TSkidmore@kpl.gov) and our Bookstore Manager will supply an application form. ▲



## FRIENDS 2022 JUNE BAG OF BOOKS SALE:

**Date: Saturday, June 4, 2022**

**Time: 10 am–3:30 pm**

**Cost: \$3.00 per bag**



The FRIENDS 2022 JUNE BAG SALE will take place in the Central Kalamazoo Public Library parking lot at the corner of Rose & Lovell. Books are 25¢ each or \$3.00 for a full bag. This will be our biggest sale ever! A huge selection of adult fiction and nonfiction, mystery, romance, mass market paperbacks, youth fiction, children's picture books, youth and children's nonfiction. **Cash or check only. Please bring your own bags.**



## Happiness Is a Warm Blanket

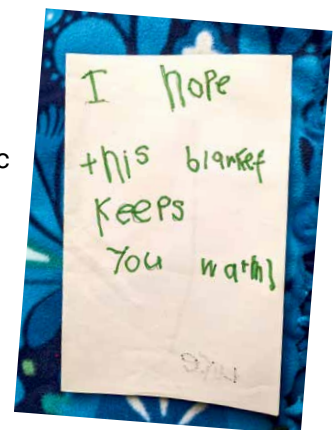
For the second year in a row, Kalamazoo Public Library teamed up with Project Linus to hold a spring blanket drive called *Fleece, Love, and Kindness*.

Project Linus is a charity with a mission to provide love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children from ages 0–18 years old who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteers.

On February 1st, we gave out blanket kits for crafty patrons to create nice, soft blankets for children in need, and we were delighted by the enthusiastic response. **We received 182 snuggly blankets!**

Many of our “blanketeers” did a wonderful job finishing the fringed no-sew kits that were supplied, but we also received handmade quilts and colorful crocheted pieces. As a special touch, we even found little cards with some of the blankets. A direct message from one child to another — “I hope this blanket keeps you warm.”

Thank you all for helping to spread a little fleece, love, and kindness this past spring. ▲

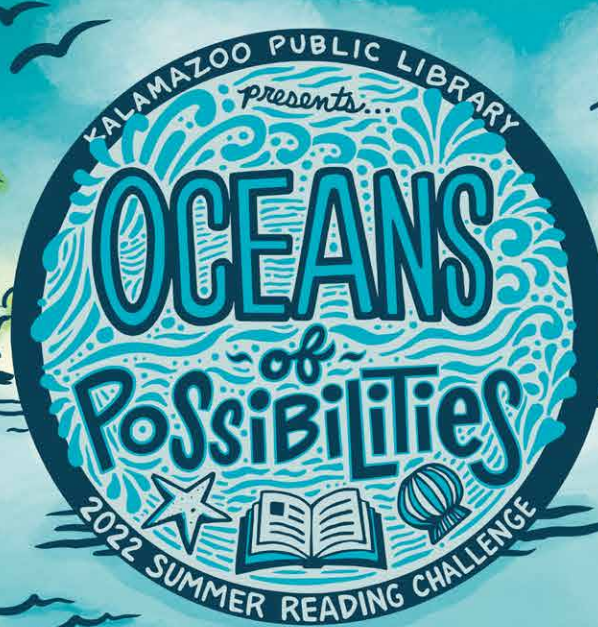


## Let's TALK, Kalamazoo!

KPL is pleased to introduce a new service for parents and caregivers for children ages five and under, called TALK. To sign up, just text T A L K to 75547 to receive 8–10 messages per month with fun activities you can do at home to prepare your little ones for school success. Make any time, learning time with TALK! ▲







Begins ...  
Wednesday,  
June 1, 2022

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Read

game details on the back!

Create

Discover

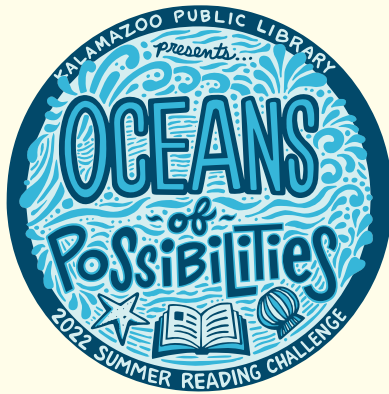
FINISH!





# Sign-up Available June 1st!

Let's dive into summer reading! Did you know that reading for just 20 minutes a day can open up a world of adventure and earn you fabulous prizes? We invite youth from birth up to 12th grade, to record reading progress on the summer reading gameboard.



For every **20 days of reading**, participants can stop by the library to claim a free prize book. Keep reading for **60 days**, and you will win the final grand prize!

As a special bonus, get a free book just for signing up! So what are you waiting for?

## Dive Deeper

Want to take your summer reading challenge to the next level? Earn special limited-edition pins by completing the bonus challenges.



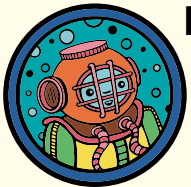
### Read

How did you meet your personal reading goal? \_\_\_\_\_



### Create

What did you create this summer? \_\_\_\_\_



### Discover

What did you discover this summer? \_\_\_\_\_

## Deadlines

Please make sure you claim your summer reading prizes by **Saturday, September 3, 2022**.

## Sponsorship

Summer Reading Challenge

is sponsored by

**Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library.**



Check off your days of reading here:

JUNE 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUGUST 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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28	29	30	31			

Please visit [kpl.gov/src](http://kpl.gov/src) for more details.



**ONEplace** hosts workshops that are free and open to the public on professional and personal development covering a variety of topics: Grant Writing and Research, Board and Staff Development, Social Media and Marketing, Fundraising, Supervision, Management, and more.

If you are running a non-profit or thinking of starting one, ONEplace offers feedback, guidance, and resources to assist you with your unique concerns. From board training and online directories, to reports, services, and more.

ONEplace also offers Kalamazoo County nonprofit organizations the opportunity to post and view current job openings in "one place." This service is free of charge and receives over 8,000 unique visitors each month! Learn more at [kpl.gov/oneplace](http://kpl.gov/oneplace). ▲

# Events for CHILDREN & FAMILIES

## Storytimes



### Outside Storytime

**Every Thursday starting June 2**

**10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Outside**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun outside on the Oshtemo Branch lawn! In the event of inclement weather, storytime will move inside.



### Family Storytime

**Every Friday starting June 3**

**10:30–11:30 am | CEN/Alice Room**

Join us in the Children's Room for stories, songs, and fun activities. Check our social media or website for notifications about special guest appearances. We're excited to see you again!



### First Saturday Storytime at Alma Powell Branch Library

**Saturdays, June 4, July 2, August 6**

**11 am–12 pm | POW**

Join us for songs, stories and fun on the first Saturday of every month this summer!

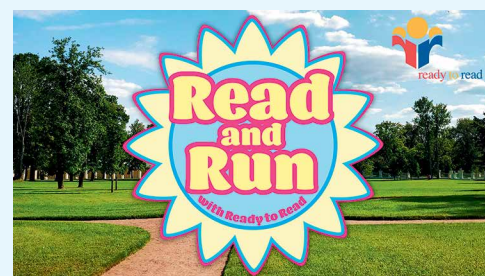


### It's Storytime! (online)

**Wednesdays: June 1, 15; July 6, 20;**

**August 3, 17 | 10:30–11 am | KPL Facebook**

It's Storytime, KPL's online storytime, has been a great way for us to connect with the community during the pandemic. We will continue to offer online storytime during the summer on the first and third Wednesday of June, July, and August. Watch on KPL's Facebook Page on day/time of the event.



### Read and Run with Ready to Read

**Saturday, August 13**

**9 am–12 pm | OSH/Outside**

Join leaders from the early learning community across Kalamazoo County in the first annual Read and Run to benefit Ready to Read. Ready to Read is an early literacy outreach program led by Kalamazoo Public Library. Read together, run together, and enjoy a morning together celebrating the fun of early learning. Storytime stations will be set up outside with quick runs between stories. Costumed characters, snacks, and an early literacy gift bag included for each child. Sponsorships of this event are available to raise dollars to support gift book giving in Kalamazoo County. Check out [kpl.gov/r2r](http://kpl.gov/r2r) for more information.

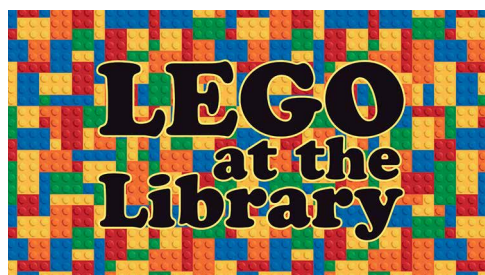
Please register, weather permitting. **R**





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

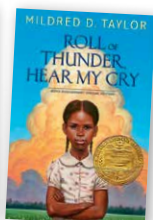
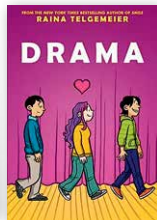
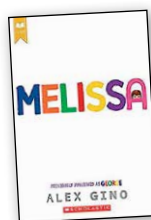
## Children



### LEGO at the Library

**Tuesdays:** June 7, 14, 21, 28;  
July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
3:30–5 pm | POW

**Mondays:** June 27, July 18, August 22  
3:30–5 pm | CEN/Alice Room  
Build with LEGO blocks at the library.  
What will you build?



### Bookworms

**Tuesday, June 14**  
4–5 pm | OSH/Community Room

**Tuesday, July 12** | 4–5 pm | CEN

**Tuesday, August 9** | 4–5 pm | EAS

Bookworms is back in person! Visit one of our participating locations (CEN, EAS, OSH) to pick up a copy of the book (that you can keep!), read it, and then join us at the library to discuss it. Each title is available a month before the event date and e-titles are available too at:

[kpl.gov/collection/summer22bookworms/](http://kpl.gov/collection/summer22bookworms/)

**June:** *Melissa* by Alex Gino

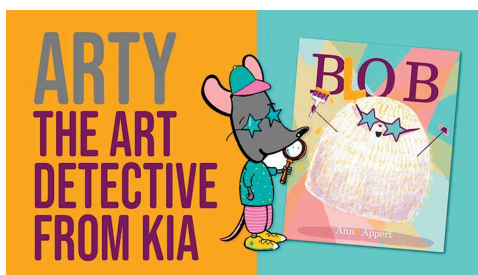
**July:** *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier

**August:** *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

### Grade School Masterminds

**Fridays:** June 24, July 22, August 26  
3:30–5 pm | CEN/Alice Room

Join us for a STEM club where each month we'll perform fun experiments and learn about new topics! **Registration is not required, recommended for children in grades 1–5.**



### Arty the Art Detective from KIA

**Tuesday July 12** | 2–3 pm | CEN

**Tuesday July 19** | 2–3 pm | POW

**Tuesday July 26** | 2–3 pm | EAS

**Wednesday August 3** | 2–3 pm | OSH

**Tuesday August 9** | 2–3 pm | WSQ

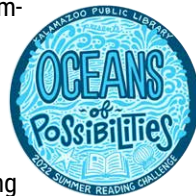
The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts is bringing the *Art Detectives* program to your library! Join Arty Mouse as he reads *Blob* by Anne Appert. Arty will also share some of his favorite works from the KIA's collection before helping you make your own work of art. Together, we will discover that Blob — and art — can be anything!

## Family

### Summer Reading Kickoff

**Saturday, June 4** | 10 am–2 pm | CEN/Portico

Let's make a splash this summer and kick things off by signing up for the 2022 *Summer Reading Challenge*! On the first Saturday in June we'll be out front handing out prizes and doing sign-ups to start this sunny season of reading with a celebration!



### John Ball Traveling Zoo

**Tuesday, June 28** | 1–2 pm | EAS

**Saturday, July 16**

1–2 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room

2–3 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room

**Monday, August 8**

12–1 pm; 1–2 pm; 2–3 pm

OSH/Community Room

Enjoy an up-close encounter with live zoo animals with friends from John Ball Zoo.

**Tickets will be available for pick up at CEN and OSH on the day of the event, while supplies last. No holds on tickets. EAS will not require a ticket. 1**

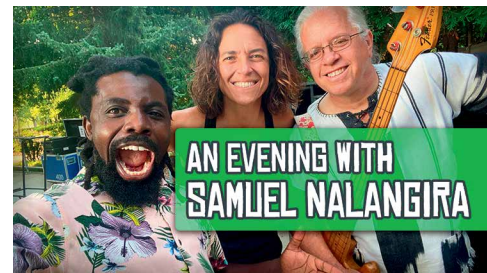
## All Ages

### Family Drum Jam with Samuel Nalangira

**Saturday, June 25** | 11 am–12 pm

Douglass Community Center  
1000 W. Paterson St.

Get your drum jam on with the amazing Samuel Nalangira and Carolyn Koebel. Drums provided! All ages welcome.



### An Evening with Samuel Nalangira

**Tuesday, June 28** | 6:30–8 pm

Douglass Community Center  
1000 W. Paterson St.

Join multi-instrumentalist Samuel Nalangira and guests Carolyn Koebel (percussion) & Nathan Durham (bass) for an evening of music in the Douglass Community Association Community Room! A native of Uganda, Samuel Nalangira is a folk/world musician, dancer and choreographer who has been performing since his childhood and teaching since the age of fifteen. He has toured across Europe, United States, Canada, and Asia performing and leading workshops in schools, universities, festivals, and community centers.



### Chalk It Out!

**Saturday, August 20**

11 am–1 pm | All Locations

Have something to say? Feel the need to express yourself artistically? Come to any KPL branch to express yourself! We will provide sidewalk chalk for patrons of all ages to leave their mark on the library sidewalks.

Previously participated in the DIY Sidewalk Chalk Program? Bring the chalk you made!



# Events and More for TEENS



## Read Along!

**Every Monday and Wednesday starting June 1 4-4:30 pm | KPL TV**

Read Along! continues the adventures with the god Apollo in *The Trials of Apollo* series, with books two and three: *The Dark Prophecy* and *The Burning Maze*. Look on our YouTube channel for the twice weekly videos on Mondays and Wednesdays.

## Open Gaming at the Library

**Every Thursday starting June 9 3:30-5 pm | POW**

Gaming on PlayStation 4, Nintendo Switch, and more every Thursday afternoon! VR anyone? The Alma Powell Branch Library has got you!



## We Read Banned Books!

**All summer starting Monday, June 6 Open Hours | All Locations**

Kalamazoo Public Library values our commitment to our strategic plan and our mission as a public library, specifically our goal of providing opportunities, diverse experiences, and filling gaps in other educational programs. The last two years have seen a higher propensity for children's and young adult books to be banned in public schools and libraries, a process of censorship which KPL does not support. To add value to the conversation, KPL will be offering free copies of various children's and young adult books this summer, featuring titles that have been challenged or banned in public educational institutions since the summer of 2020. Free copies of books will be available in both the Children's and Teen departments all summer, while supplies last.

## Marvel™ Matinee Days

**Every Tuesday this Summer Starting June 7 1-3 pm | EAS**

Even superheroes need a break sometime! Every Tuesday, at 1 pm, we'll watch a Marvel™ movie, do crafts, and make comics.

## So You Wanna Play Dungeons and Dragons...

**Wednesdays: June 8, July 13, August 10 5-7 pm | CEN/Teen Studio**

Play *Dungeons & Dragons* with KPL Staff! We'll have a one-shot campaign for all skill levels, led by Dungeon Master Teen Librarian Miss Natalie.



## Comic Book Club

**Mondays: June 6, July 11 & August 8; 2-3:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio**

This is no ordinary book club. This is a chance to hang out with other manga and comic book fans, chat about what we're reading, watch some anime, eat some snacks, and enjoy a craft or activity. **No registration required, grades 6-12 only.**

## Library League

**Every Thursday this summer starting Thursday, June 16**

**3:30-5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room**  
Drop in at OSH for snacks, socializing, and different activities, including games, guests, books, and more!



## DIY Boba Tea

**Wednesday, June 29**

**2-3:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**

Come make your own boba tea! Boba, also known as bubble tea, is a Taiwanese drink of tea infused with milk or fruit and served over tapioca balls. **All supplies will be provided; no registration is required.**



## Acrylic Pour Painting

**Tuesday, July 5**

**12-1:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio**

**Friday, July 8 | 12-1:30 pm | EAS**

**Tuesday, July 19 | 12-1:30 pm | OSH**

**Tuesday, July 26 | 12-1:30 pm | POW**

**Thursday, July 28 | 12-1:30 pm | WSQ**

Acrylic pour painting is a fluid painting technique that is done by pouring paint onto a canvas. This is a beginners level intro to pour painting techniques, so no prior experience is required. **Please register, grades 6-12 only. (R)**

## Plant Parenting 101 (R)

**Saturday, July 16**

**1-3 pm | OSH/Community Room**

Come learn about how to be a good plant parent! Dr. Sara Tanis of KVCC will explain the basics of plant life and care. All participants will get the chance to decorate a planter, pot a plant inside it, and take home their new plant baby! **Please register. (R)**

## DIY Sidewalk Chalk

**Wednesday, August 3 | 1-2 pm | OSH**

**Thursday, August 4 | 1-2 pm | WSQ**

**Wednesday, August 10 | 1-2 pm | EAS**

**Thursday, August 11 | 1-2 pm | POW**

**Wednesday, August 17 | 1-2 pm | CEN**

Give your sidewalk some flair with your own homemade chalk to make and take, while supplies last. Or save it for our upcoming *Chalk It Out* event. **Please register. (R)**



## Pinecone Succulents

**Monday, August 15**

**2:30-4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio**

Create your own little succulent garden using pinecones, paint, and a little creativity! **Please register, grades 6-12 only. All supplies will be provided. (R)**



# Events and More for ADULTS

## Page Turners Book Club

**Mondays: June 6 & August 1**

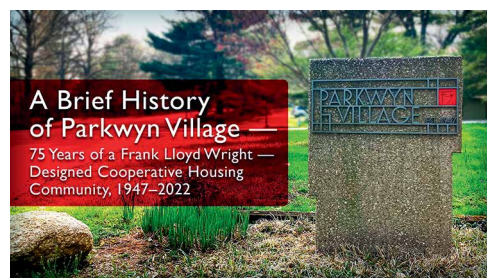
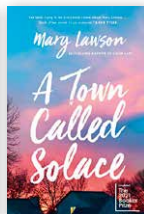
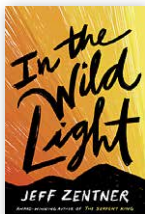
**6:30–7:30 pm | OSH/Courtyard + Zoom**

Engage in a thought-provoking conversation about books, exchange perspectives, and get to know your neighbor!

We will hold the book club outside at Oshtemo, weather permitting, or on Zoom in case of inclement weather. **Please register. R**

**June:** *In the Wild Light* by Jeff Zentner

**August:** *A Town Called Solace* by Mary Lawson



## A Brief History of Parkwyn Village — 75 Years of a Frank Lloyd Wright — Designed Cooperative Housing Community, 1947–2022

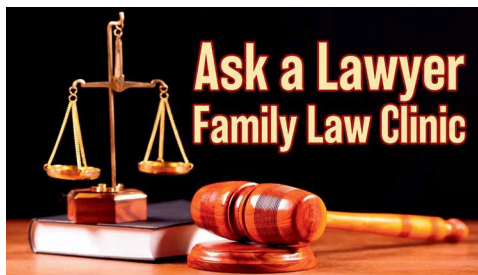
**Tuesday, June 7**

**6:30–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**

This illustrated presentation by Peter Copeland will cover the origins and development of Parkwyn Village from 1947 to the present with particular emphasis on Parkwyn Village's early challenges and the contributions of three prominent architects working in the mid-20th century "modern" style: Frank Lloyd Wright and Kalamazoo's own Norman F. Carver, Jr. and George W. Sprau.

## KPL Events

New events are added all the time or happen on an ongoing basis, so be sure to check [kpl.gov/events](http://kpl.gov/events) for up-to-the-minute event listings.



## Ask a Lawyer Family Law Clinic

**Thursdays: June 9, July 7, and August 4**  
**4–6 pm | CEN/Law Library**

**Wednesdays: June 22, July 20, August 17**  
**10 am–12 pm | CEN/Law Library**

The Law Library, in partnership with the Kalamazoo County Bar Association, offers free family law clinics at the Central Library. Attorneys address legal questions about divorce, custody, child support or other family law questions. This clinic is for lower-income persons who cannot afford to hire a lawyer and who earn up to 200% of the annual poverty level. Ask a Lawyer is one private session; it does not include any follow-up appointments. **Please register by calling the Law Library at (269) 553-7920 or for more information.**



## GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

**Tuesdays: June 14, July 12, August 9**  
**5:30–7:30 pm | CEN**

The Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association will lead a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow- to medium-tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome.

## Coffee Talk

**Tuesdays: June 14, July 12, August 9**  
**10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Community Room**

Watch a short talk on a large screen and engage in lively discussion about big ideas while drinking coffee. Each session will present a new video to discuss.

**June:** Kevin Kelly — *The future will be shaped by optimists*

**July:** Kurzgesagt — *We WILL fix climate change*

**August:** Jennifer Aaker and Naomi Bagdonas — *Why great leaders take humor seriously*



## Job Assistance Workshops with Michigan WORKS!

**Create a Resume' You're Proud Of**

**Tuesday, June 21**

**3–5 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**

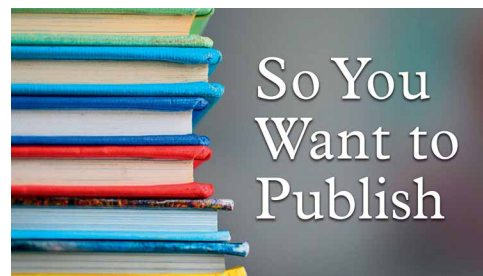
In this session, we show you how to create a standout and strategic resumé. Resumes void of error and with a splash of personality are a must for catching the hiring manager's eye. Join us to style your best resumé that highlights your skills and experience. Get one-on-one career coaching.

## Interviewing: Tips to Help You Land the Job

**Thursday, July 28**

**2–4 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**

In this workshop, we explore best practices for interviewing in the digital age. Interviews have changed significantly as a result of COVID-19, and it's on you to stay up-to-date on best practices to ensure you are offered the job. Participate in mock job interviews and get one-on-one career coaching.



## So You Want to Publish

**Mondays: June 27, July 25, August 22**  
**6–7:30 pm | EAS**

Sonya and Sean Hollins will lead a 3-part publishing workshop. They will organize author visits and book signings for new releases of local authors of color who have children's books. An author and book signing based on the topic.

1: *How to Publish a Children's Book* — Charmane Echols and a few others

2: *How to Market Your Book Before It Is Complete* — Twala

3: *How to Self Publish on a Budget*



# Events and More for ADULTS



## Reading Race Book Group

**Tuesday, July 12 | 6:30–8 pm | Bronson Park**

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 for an in-person discussion of *The City We Became* by N.K. Jemisin. This discussion will take place outside in Bronson Park, with the Van Deusen room at Central Library as the rain location. Please bring your lawn or camping chair.

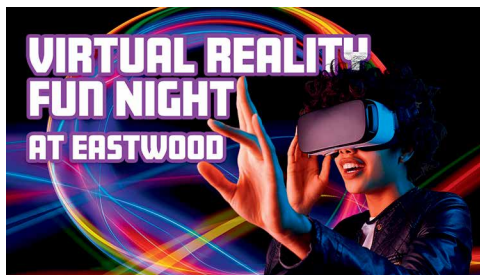


## Dungeons & Dragons Game Night

**Thursdays: July 14, August 11**

**6–8 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room**

Alright nerds, let's play some Dungeons and Dragons! This is your opportunity to come together with other adults and play a real, live game. We will have multiple tables doing separate quests within the same world. Players can choose between Beginners and Experienced tables, so all experience levels are welcome. Players can bring their own Level 5 character (no additional magic items) or use a pre-made character provided by Dungeon Master Amy. All other necessary equipment (character minis, dice, and dice trays) will be available to borrow, but players can bring their own if desired. **This program is for adults 18+. Please register. R**



## Virtual Reality Fun Night at Eastwood

**Monday, July 18 | 6:30–7:30 pm | EAS**

Have you ever wanted to experience the thrill of being in a shark cage surrounded by sharks or wondered what it would feel like to go flying around a racetrack at top speed? Come, join us at Eastwood for a virtual experience!



## D&D Dungeon Master Training

**Wednesday, July 27 | 6–8 pm | WSQ**

**Monday, August 22 | 6–8 pm | CEN**

By popular demand, KPL is expanding our Dungeons and Dragons programming for adults to include Dungeon Master Training! Dungeon Masters (DMs) run the game, and act as part storyteller, part rules referee. In this program, Dungeon Master Amy will cover the basics of how to run the game and demonstrate some strategies to manage logistics. To get the most out of this program, participants should have a basic understanding of the game, but no experience is strictly necessary. Experienced DMs are also welcomed to attend. **This program is for adults 18+. Please register. R**



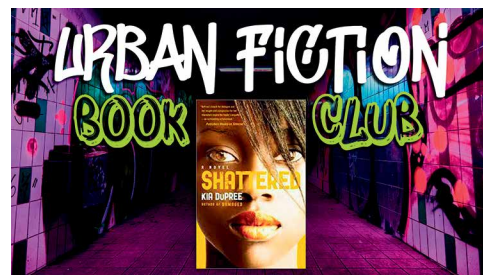
## Five Wishes Advance Directive

**Wednesday, July 27**

**10–11:30 am | OSH/Community Room**

There are many things in life that are out of our hands. The Five Wishes document gives you a way to control something very important—how you are treated when you are unable to make your own decision. This informational session, provided by The Medical Care Hospice, offers guidance. Participants will receive an actual Five Wishes form that can be filled out at home after the session is over.

**Please register. R**



## Urban Fiction Book Club

**Tuesday, August 30 | 6–7 pm | POW**

***Shattered* by Kia Dupree**

Kiki's world is turned upside down when her partially deaf mother loses custody of her children, sending Kiki and her siblings into foster care. After running away with a friend, the two run straight into the arms of a pedophile in disguise, who lures the two girls into a life far too mature for their twelve-year-old minds. Held in captivity for months, the girls are finally set free when a neighbor exposes them. But what should have been a happy moment for Kiki actually sends her on a life path that quickly spirals out of control.





## Note from the Director



Ryan Wieber  
KPL Director

As you can tell from perusing this issue of *Prism*, the library is the place to be this summer season with plenty of reasons to visit in person or online. Your library is a great way to introduce early literacy skills and a love for reading by enrolling young ones in the *Summer Reading Challenge*. Signup for the 2022 Challenge: *Oceans of Possibilities* begins June 1 for everyone ages birth through grade 12. Prizes are earned for every 20 days of reading completed, with a grand prize awarded after 60 days of summertime reading!

You may start seeing promotions throughout Michigan that call attention to the incredible value that libraries bring to communities. *MI Library is NOW* is an effort funded in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan that highlights how libraries have adapted services during the pandemic to ensure books, databases, technology, online programs, and unique library offerings are accessible. Kalamazoo Public Library found new ways to get resources to residents safely and quickly with curbside service, KPL Live and recorded programming, and Wi-Fi hotspots to learners. Engagement and outreach efforts involved many staff doing traditional library activities in virtual ways: from an online *Global Reading Challenge* and *Party in the Park*, to free book distributions and visits by the Mobile Library team to schools, parks, and events. KPL added new online resources and e-content, and even established a team of reference librarians available for online assistance by way of clicking a button.

In early May, [MIRightToRead.com](https://www.mirighttoread.com) was launched to bring focus to the right to read for all Michiganders. It is an initiative of the Michigan Library Association (MLA), coordinated through the leadership of the *Intellectual Freedom Task Force*. Its goal is to protect Michiganders' right to read, oppose attempts to ban books from Michigan libraries, educate the public about the right to read, oppose any current or future legislation that infringes upon Michigan citizens' First Amendment rights and intellectual freedom, and ensure that librarians across Michigan will be entrusted to continue to do their jobs and serve the needs of all individuals and communities. Please visit the site to learn more. ▲

### KPL LOCATIONS:



**Central Library (CEN)**  
315 S. Rose St.



**Eastwood Branch Library (EAS)**  
1112 Gayle Ave.



**Oshtemo Branch Library (OSH)**  
7265 W. Main St.



**Alma Powell Branch Library (POW)**  
1000 W. Paterson St.



**Washington Square Branch Library (WSQ)**  
1244 Portage St.

**For more information,  
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