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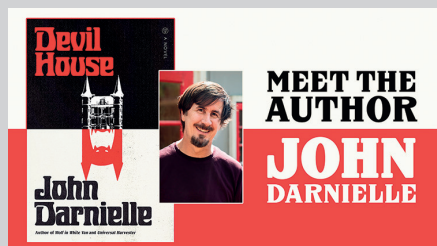
A FREE quarterly publication for KPL patrons and community members.

September, October, & November 2022

2022
**Youth
Literature
Seminar**

2022 Youth Literature Seminar
Friday, November 4, 2022

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Meet the Author:
John Darnielle

Tuesday, September 6
6-7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room

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KPL Celebrating 150 Years



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Dates and times for programming may change due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit 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, 1-5 pm

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 or call (269) 553-7800 for current information about library service locations and hours.

Friends BAG OF BOOKS Sale!



Grab a bag and head to the library on September 10, 2022 for our next Bag of Books sale, 10 am-3:30 pm in the 3rd floor Van Deusen Room, Central Library.

The Bag Sale is a fine way for readers to buy good books and other materials at terrific prices. A bag filled with books costs \$3, and individual items are 25¢. You are encouraged to bring your own bags, although paper bags will be available at no cost.

Bag Sale proceeds fund a variety of reading programs at the Kalamazoo Public Library. The sales also keep good books circulating in the community. In our last sale, held in June, readers bought over 8,000 items. Since 1999, The Friends Bag Sales have allowed us to contribute over \$1 million to the Kalamazoo Public Library.

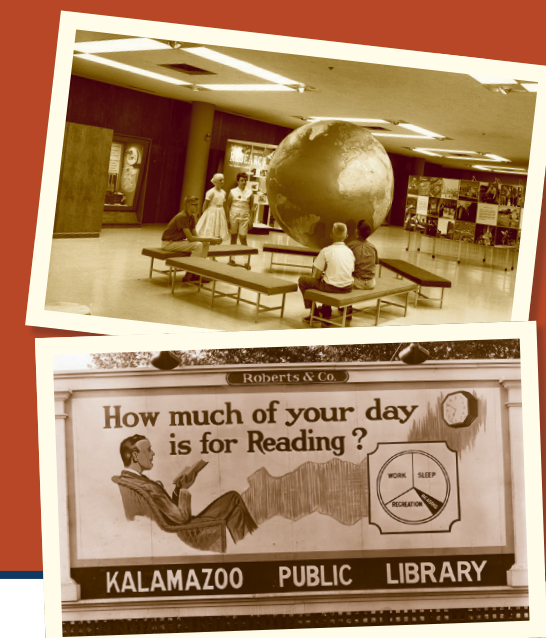
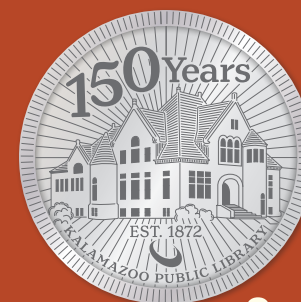
The many high-quality books in the sale are provided by private donors and by the Kalamazoo Public Library. The Friends receive more books than can be shelved in the Friends Bookstore. We use the Bag Sale as a way to make a huge number of books available for sale that would otherwise be in storage. Shop the Bag Sale and receive a coupon for use in the Friends Bookstore on that day. The Friends Bookstore is located in the Lower Level of Central and is open the day of the sale. Please note that books in the store are sold at their regular bargain prices, and are not part of the Bag Sale.

Fun facts: before there was a bookstore, the Friends held large sales inside the library. The first Bag Sale took place in 1999, one year after the bookstore opened. The early Bag Sales were held under the portico at the entrance to the main library. The sale originally coincided with the Art Fair and the Do-dah Parade in downtown Kalamazoo, a tradition that has been kept alive to the present. For the past several years, outdoor sales have taken place in the parking lot behind Central, a more spacious, user-friendly location. In the beginning, only works of fiction were included. Today, we provide a wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for adults and children, DVDs, CDs, and audio books on CD. Children's books are particularly popular and sell out early.

We owe our gratitude to the many Friends volunteers who receive, sort, and box books between sales and then set up the Bag Sale. We also thank KPL's Facility Management crew for their role in making the sales run smoothly. Most of all, we appreciate our Bag Sale shoppers, who make our contributions to Kalamazoo Public Library possible.

If you would like to join us as a Friends volunteer, please email: Friends-TSkidmore@kpl.gov for an application. To become a Member of the Friends organization, go to our website at kpl.gov/friends. ▲

KPL Celebrates 150 Years of Service to Kalamazoo!



From KPL Director, Ryan Wieber

Residents of Kalamazoo saw the need for a public library here 150 years ago and found a way to make it happen, and since that time successive generations of Kalamazooans—longtime residents and newer arrivals alike—have recognized the importance and value that libraries and literacy bring, by providing a great library for a great community. It's not often that an organization hits the big 1-5-0, so we are taking the time to celebrate it this year with activities, programs, and opportunities to reflect on the library's history and also to shine a light

on current ways the library provides meaning for so many today through its collections, services, and engagement. Then, in early 2023 KPL will turn its focus on planning for the future and will need the community's help through surveys and focus groups to identify how the library can continue making big impact with its spaces, services, and resources. Thank YOU for being the reason KPL is celebrating 150 this year! Libraries need people, and Kalamazoo continues to show love for its library in so many ways. ▲

The origins of Kalamazoo Public Library were humble. In 1860 the local school district inherited 123 volumes from a failed township library. With that tiny collection, a library was opened for a single hour each week, with its use limited to students within the school district and their parents. The 2,800-volume school library became a public library in October 1872 when its collection was made available for the first time to the general public. Following another move in January 1885 into second-floor rooms on West Main Street, Kalamazoo's by-then 12,000-volume public library was in desperate need of better quarters.

In July 1890, Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Cynthia Westover VanDeusen offered a gift to the community of \$50,000 toward a new public library building, to be located on the southeast corner of Rose and South streets. The new library building took nearly two years to complete and was opened to the public for the first time on Saturday, May 13, 1893. The building stood as a community landmark for six decades.

By the late 1920s the library had grown so much that it spilled over into the adjacent Peck and Kauffer houses on Rose Street. The depression and World War II delayed a much-needed new building, but after a spirited campaign and a favorable millage vote in 1955, the library's second new building replaced the old one in 1959. The library

continued to grow, filling even this new facility to bursting.

The departure of the Kalamazoo Public Museum in 1996 provided the opportunity for a major renovation of the existing building to take advantage of the vacated space, and to add the third floor that was planned when it was built. Over the years, the library also added four branches: Washington Square, Eastwood, Alma Powell, and Oshtemo, each of which began in a school and eventually acquired its own building.

Kalamazoo Public Library now serves a district population of 127,800 through five locations and a mobile library. Kalamazoo citizens and voters historically have strongly valued and supported the civic and cultural life of our community — that support includes the Kalamazoo Public Library. Voters have approved every library operating millage since KPL's first separate millage in 1974.

Now celebrating 150 years of service to our community, Kalamazoo Public Library has grown steadily from a few shelves of books to the vibrant institution that it is today. The library now has five expertly maintained buildings, a continually growing collection, improved technology to meet increasing needs, and a dedicated and experienced staff that is constantly planning for the future. ▲

Follow on to page 4 for a timeline of pertinent details of milestones and other celebrations ...

KPL Downtown

- 1860–1868: Walbridge Flour Store, 2nd floor, corner Main Street (Michigan Ave) & Farmer’s Alley
- 1868–1885: Corporation Hall, 2nd floor, Burdick Street
- 1885–1893: Alfred Wortley’s Jewelry Store, 2nd floor, 121 West Main Street
- 1893–1958: First Library Building, corner Rose and South
- 1958–1959: Temporary quarters, former Grace Corset Company, corner of Eleanor and Church
- 1959–1996: Combined Library and Museum, corner Rose and South
- 1996–1998: Temporary quarters, Century Plaza, 121 W South Street
- 1998–present: Central Library, corner Rose and South Streets

KPL Awards

- 1972: KPL librarian Roberta Cheney selected as Michigan’s ‘Librarian of the Year’
- 2002: National Library of the Year Award (Library Journal)
- 2008: KPL designated as a ‘Family Place Library’ (one of only 300 libraries in the US)
- 2011: State History Award (Historical Society of Michigan)
- 2012: Michigan State Librarian’s Citation of Excellence Award
- 2017: Award of Merit from the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
- 2018: Law Library received the Liberty Bell Award
- 2019: Recognized as a Star Library by *Library Journal* (one of only 261 libraries in the US)
- 2020: KPL employee Kevin King received the Michigan Library Association (MLA) Lifetime Achievement Award
- 2020: KPL employee Jermaine Jackson received the MLA Support Staff Person of the Year Award
- 2021: Community Inclusion Award – Disability Network

KPL Service Innovations

- 1881: Museum established with a donated collection of corals, shells, marbles, and fossils
- 1894: Children’s reading room is established
- 1894: One of the first public libraries in the US to establish a children’s services department
- 1910: Library employs first formally trained children’s librarian
- 1918: Art Department established
- 1928: Local History Department established
- 1929: Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA) joins Kalamazoo Public Library and Museum
- 1929: One of the first public libraries in the US to become a state educational film repository
- 1930: Library established extension service at local hospitals
- 1938: Electric book charging machine installed to expedite the book charge-out procedure
- 1942: Library became a War Information Center with maps and other information resources
- 1956: KPL acquired its first bookmobile
- 1964: Library implements Regiscope circulation control system to aid check-out process

KPL Service Innovations Continued ...

- 1978: Annual Children’s Literature Seminar established
- 1997: Ready to Read early childhood literacy program established
- 1998: Kalamazoo County Law Library moved to KPL Central Library
- 2001: First public library in the US to loan digital audio books on digital audio players
- 2003: Reading Together community read program launched
- 2003: Teen Filmmaker Festival launched
- 2009: ONEplace nonprofit resource center opened
- 2018: OneCard partnership with Kalamazoo Public Schools launched
- 2019: One of the first public libraries to offer Peer Navigator support for patrons
- 2020: KPL becomes a fine-free public library
- 2020: Mobile Library service established
- 2020: Library of Things lending program established
- 2020: Digital Access for All partnership established to provide internet access to all KPS students
- 2020: KPL instituted curbside pickup service for library materials in response to COVID-19
- 2021: KPL established Amanda Green scholarship fund to assist with formal library training

KPL Branch Locations

- 1910: Portage Street and East Avenue branch libraries established
- 1915: Northside Neighborhood branch library established
- 1927: Washington Square branch library opened
- 1966: Oshtemo Township Library opened with KPL’s support and assistance
- 1971: Alma J. Powell Memorial Branch Library opened
- 1973: Oshtemo Township Library became part of KPL system
- 1985: Alma Powell Branch Library moved to the Douglass Community Association

KPL – Early 2023

After celebrating the history of the library during the fall, we will turn our attention in early 2023 to the future of KPL, with a variety of programs and opportunities for input from community members of all ages.

We’ll be offering a commemorative KPL 150th library card and a special KPL 150th coloring book giveaway, illustrated by local artists. Commemorative merchandise available online at kpl.gov, with proceeds going toward the Amanda Green Scholarship.

- KPL history online exhibit and interactive activities at kalamazoohistory.org.
- Timeline exhibit
 - Digital kiosks
 - Digitized copy of the original handwritten library catalog of books
 - Interactive for patrons: adding reminiscences and library stories online
 - Weekly social media posts on KPL history, facts, hidden history
 - Unveiling of three Kalamazoo local history books that were recently digitized at KPL in our digitization center

Events Celebrating 150 Years of KPL!



Step Back in History: KPL at 150

Friday, October 7
5–7 pm | CEN | All Ages

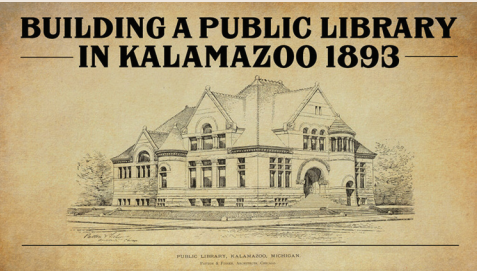
Join us at the Central library during the October Art Hop for a celebration of the library’s 150th anniversary.

- View historical photo displays
- Interact with our digital timeline
- Greet KPL staff members in period costumes
- Enjoy nostalgic musical performances by Sweetbriar Sisters ukulele trio – thanks to the sponsorship of Connecting Chords Music Festival/Michigan Festival of Sacred Music – and Mall City Harmonizers barbershop chorus.
- Commemorative giveaways
- And, of course, enjoy some birthday cake!



Walking Tour of Mountain Home Cemetery
Sunday, October 2
2–3:30 pm | Mountain Home Cemetery
1402 W. Main St.
For over 170 years, Mountain Home Cemetery has interested and intrigued many with its rolling hills and unique tombstones. The cemetery is filled with familiar names from Kalamazoo’s history, some of whom played important roles in the early years of Kalamazoo Public Library. Lynn Houghton, Regional History Curator of the WMU Archives and Regional History Collections, will lead a 90-minute tour around the area focusing on the cemetery’s history, architecture, design, and symbolism. For the most part the tour will be on paved walks and will be canceled if there is thunder and lightning. Meet at the Sexton’s Lodge just inside the cemetery entrance.

150th Anniversary—Coloring and Donuts Celebration
Saturday, October 8
10 am–2 pm | All Locations | All Ages
Stop by any KPL location and celebrate the 150th anniversary of our library with coloring and donuts. Enjoy coloring local artists’ designs in a commemorative coloring book to keep. Donuts and juice provided.



Building a Public Library in Kalamazoo 1893
Thursday, October 20
6–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen | Adult
The origins of Kalamazoo Public Library were humble, indeed. By 1890, the library had outgrown its previous locations and was in dire need of a permanent home. That’s when Dr. Edwin H. and Mrs. Cynthia Wendover Van Deusen stepped in and contributed \$50,000 toward a new public library building. Join us for a closer look at that first library building, including the ones who designed it, the ones who built it, what it looked like, and what it meant to the community.

A History of the Oshtemo Branch Library
Tuesday, November 15
6–7:30 pm | OSH/Community Room | Adult
The Oshtemo Branch Library began in 1964 as an experimental cooperative effort between Oshtemo Township and the Kalamazoo Public Library system. Unlike a full branch library, the Oshtemo library functioned as a “book station,” staffed by volunteers who were trained by Kalamazoo Public Library staff. Two years later the station began service with a volunteer staff and fewer than 1000 books. Today, it’s an integral part of the Kalamazoo Public Library system. Join us as we look closely at the origins of the Oshtemo Branch Library and its near 60-year history.

ARTbreak: Kalamazoo Public Library at 150
Tuesday, October 25
12–1 pm | Kalamazoo Institute of Arts
In celebration of Kalamazoo Public Library’s 150th anniversary, Local History librarian Ryan Gage will reveal the deep history between the library and the Kalamazoo Institute of the Arts, during a two-decade span from the late 1920s to 1947, when the library, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts all operated under the Kalamazoo Public Schools system. Discover the history between these two distinguished civic organizations during a tumultuous time period that included the Great Depression and World War II, when community growth and expanded use of the public library’s collections and the Art Institute’s activities challenged to meet both the community’s information needs and cultural interests. From its how-to instruction books about artistic techniques to its documentary films profiling the lives of fascinating artists, from the public works hung upon the walls of the library building to the library’s participation in monthly Art Hops, learn about the library’s rich history of promoting awareness of the arts.
Register at: <https://1000.blackbaudhosting.com/1000/Kalamazoo-Public-Library-at-150>

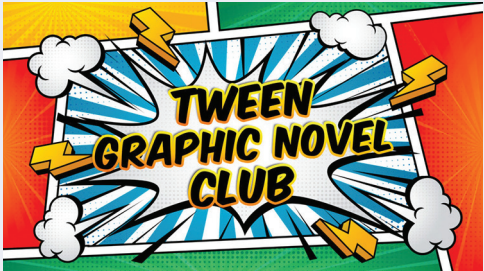
Kalamazoo in the 1870s
Tuesday, December 1
6:30–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room
As part of the library’s 150th anniversary, join library director Ryan Wieber as he takes us back to life in 1870s Kalamazoo.

***Throughout 2022–23, watch for open houses, celebrations, and/or historical displays at each KPL location as they observe their respective branch anniversaries.**

Events for CHILDREN



Talk Read Sing Playgroup
Thursdays, Starting September 1
10:30 am–12 pm | WSQ
Tuesdays, Starting September 6
10:30 am–12 pm | OSH
"Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" is a public awareness and action campaign that helps parents recognize their power to boost their children's early brain and vocabulary development through simple, everyday actions – like describing things while walking outside, or singing songs together during bath time. Join library staff at this drop-in event to talk, read, sing, and play together at the library. Toys will be available. Each month will feature special early literacy take-home materials for families to enjoy.



Tween Graphic Novel Club
Wednesdays, September 7, October 5 & November 9
4–5 pm | OSH/Community Room
Come to the library each month to discuss the monthly graphic novel selection. Enjoy snacks and a discussion with fellow comic lovers! Free copies to keep can be picked up at Central Library and Oshtemo Branch Library one month prior to the discussion date. Ebook copies are also available. **No registration necessary. Grades 3–6 only.**
September: *Girl on Fire* by Alicia Keys
October: *Baba Yaga's Assistant* by Marika McCoola
November: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander



LEGO at the Library
Every Tuesday, starting September 6
3:30–5 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery
Mondays, September 12, October 10, & November 14
3:30–5 pm | CEN/Alice Room
Build with LEGO blocks at the library. What will you build?



Bedtime Stories
Mondays, Starting September 12
6–6:30 pm | EAS/Play to Learn Center
Let's end the day with sing-song lullabies and bedtime stories for little ones. **Program will not be held on Monday, October 31.**



Bookworms
Tuesdays, September 13, October 11, & November 8
4–5 pm | OSH/Community Room
Bookworms is a book club for readers in grades 3–5. Pick up a free-to-keep copy of the book at the Oshtemo Branch Library or Central Library (or check out an e-copy), read it, and then join us on the date listed for discussion. Books are available one month before the discussion date.
September: *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* by Mo O'Hara
October: *The Strangers* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
November: *Ophie's Ghosts* by Justina Ireland



Critchlow Alligators
Saturday, September 17
2–3 pm | CEN/Van Deusen
Saturday, November 12
10:30–11:30 am & 12–1 pm
OSH/Community Room
Tuesday, November 15
6:30–7:30 pm
POW/Douglass Community Room
Saturday, November 19
11 am–12 pm | EAS/Community Room
Meet real crocodilians, lizards, and amphibians from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary. All animals secured for public contact and handling. **Registration will only be required at Central Library and Oshtemo Branch Library. ®**



Pirates in the Library
Monday, September 19
4–5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room
Avast, me hearties! Come celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day with pirate-themed activities and crafts at OSH. Make your very own pirate flag, play with treasure slime, and go on a treasure hunt. **Ages 5–10.**

KPL Events

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

Events for CHILDREN & FAMILIES



#bewhoyouareday
Sunday, September 25–Friday, September 30
Open Hours | All Locations
Be Who You Are Day is all about celebrating what makes you special. Created by beloved children's author Todd Parr, #bewhoyouareday is filled with funtivities that make childhood special. Stop by any KPL location starting on September 25 to pick up a KPL@Home bag filled with goodies and a Todd Parr book to keep. Books will vary in each bag and are available while supplies last. All open hours at all locations.



Party in the Park On the Road
Wednesday, September 21
10–11 am | Vicksburg Historic Village
Wednesday, October 12
10–11 am | Galesburg Charleston Library
Calling all childcare providers, teachers, parents and caregivers? Did you know that KPL works on a county-wide early literacy initiative called Ready to Read? We do and we are excited to share a smaller version of our beloved Party in the Park with communities this fall when we take Party in the Park on the road! We'll be visiting Vicksburg and Galesburg. Preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring costumed characters and community leaders! Participants will receive an early literacy bag with fun materials, a book to keep, and snack with juice. Bring a blanket to sit on! This is a free event. **Weather cancellations may apply. Please register with the host library.**

September 21, 10:00–11:00
Vicksburg Historic Village
300 N. Richardson St.
vicksburglibrary.org
October 12, 10:00–11:00
Galesburg Charleston Library
188 East Michigan Ave.
galesburgcharlestonlibrary.org



Grade School Masterminds
Fridays, September 23, October 28 & November 18
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, all related to the library turning 150 years old! **Registration is not required, recommended for children grades 1–5.**



First Saturday at the Alma Powell Branch Library
Saturdays, October 1 & November 5
11:30 am–2 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery
The First Saturday of the month is happening for children and families at the Alma Powell Branch! Visit with community organizations, enjoy special crafts and activities, and enjoy the latest and greatest that KPL has for you along with local agencies that support your community! Anytime is a great time to visit the Powell Branch Library but first Saturdays are special!



Superhero Training Academy
Monday, October 24
4–5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room
Ever wanted to train to be just like your favorite superhero? Now you can with our Superhero Training Camp. Go through a variety of trials designed to test your super-abilities and earn a certificate to join the ranks of Earth's mightiest heroes. Costumes welcome! **Please register.**

Family



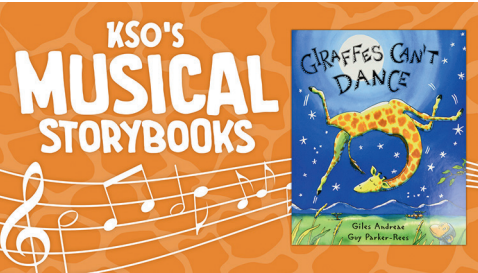
Family Storytime
Thursdays, Starting September 1
10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Outside
Fridays, Starting September 2
10:30–11 am | CEN/Alice Room
Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities. Check our social media or website for notifications about special guest appearances. We're excited to see you! **We will not have storytime on Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25.**



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Party
Saturday, September 10
10:30 am–12 pm | CEN/Alice Room
We're having a party for children up to age five and their parents to celebrate 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! Stories, snacks, and silly dancing are all part of the fun at our whimsical tea party! Learn all about this exciting early literacy program, and win a free book for signing up!

Family

Author Visit: Dr. Cee presents, The Adventures of Little Sherlock Case #1: Do Teachers Live at School?
Monday, September 12
6:30–7:30 pm | EAS/Community Room
Friday, September 16
10:30–11:30 am | CEN/Alice Room
Join us for a special program featuring Kalamazoo author Dr. Cee. We'll put on our thinking caps and join Little Sherlock on his very first case! **Signed copies of the book will be available for each family in attendance.**



KSO's Musical Storybooks: Giraffes Can't Dance
Thursday, November 3
9:30–10:30 am & 10:30–11:30 am
OSH/Community Room
Friday, November 4
10:30–11:30 am & 11:30 am–12:30 pm
POW/Douglass Community Room
Tuesday, November 8
9:30–10:30 am & 10:30–11:30 am
CEN/Van Deusen
Wednesday, November 9
10:30–11:30 am | WSQ/Community Room
Musical Storybooks is created for 3 to 6 years and features a story, craft, and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra! Performed by a special trio of clarinet, oboe, and percussion. **Please register. Groups welcome! R**

A Very Big Fall with Emmy Kastner
Monday, September 26
6:30–7:30 pm | OSH/Community Room
Celebrate Kalamazoo author and illustrator Emmy Kastner's, newest picture book, *A Very Big Fall*. Emmy will share some of her book-making expertise and we'll read the book aloud together. Families can make a themed craft to take home and get their personal copies of Emmy's book signed. **Book sales provided by Bookbug/This is a Bookstore.**



All Ages

Community Art that Connects Us
Saturday, September 24
10:30 am–1:30 pm | EAS/Outside
One does not have to be an artist or know how to make art. Only the desire to help is necessary.
• All ages are encouraged to participate.
• All with disabilities and abilities are encouraged to help.
• Each participant creates a shape.
• Each individually created shape is to be connected to shapes created by others.
• Each added object is an important valued contribution to create a larger shape.
• Allowing others to add on to the shape you are creating, grows into a larger whole design.
• Whatever object that is chosen to be added is the perfect choice.
• Wherever an object is added is the correct placement location.
• Being mindful of others make for a safe and fun activity.

Cult Movie Matinees
Saturdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29
1–3 pm | OSH/Community Room
Join us for a chill afternoon of nostalgia and laughter watching some cult classics. We will have snacks!
8: *Goonies* 22: *Young Frankenstein*
15: *Labyrinth* 29: *Hocus Pocus*



Geek Fest 2022
Saturday, October 15
11 am–3 pm | Kalamazoo County Expo Center
Nerds unite! Geek Fest will return live and in-person to the Kalamazoo County Expo Center! Join KPL staff, as well as the other sponsoring libraries: Comstock Township Library, Paw Paw District Library, Portage District Library, and Vicksburg District Library. This comic-con will be free to the general public, and feature attractions for all ages such as gaming, Legos, robotics, art, comics, cosplay contests, and so much more! Featuring our special guest: YA murder mystery author Gretchen McNeil, who will be available from 12–2 pm for a Meet & Greet and book signing. **For all ages, no registration necessary.**



Haunted House at KPL featuring Dustin Pari of Ghost Hunters!
Monday, October 17
5–7 pm | CEN/Van Deusen
Let Dustin Pari be your guide through all things spooky and scary! An all-age-appropriate Haunted House will be available in the Van Deusen room at Central, so don your costume and prepare to trick-or-treat and be thoroughly terrified! Two tours will be available for the Haunted House: 5 pm and 6 pm. Following each tour, there will be refreshments and a Q&A session with your tour guide. **For all ages, no registration necessary.**



Don't Be Afraid of the Library
Monday, October 31
4–5 pm | Online
Inspired by the popular TV show, "Don't Be Afraid of the Dark," librarians will record themselves reading ghost stories aloud, just in time for Halloween. Individual videos will be posted on Monday, October 31st at 4 pm.



NaNoWriMo
All of November, starting Tuesday, November 1
Open Hours | OSH/Community Room
Through the month of November, we will provide NaNoWriMo kits, writing prompts, and workshops to help to encourage writers of all ages in our community. At the end of the month, we'll celebrate what we've accomplished! Be sure to check our webpage and social media for more details.



Library League
Thursdays, Starting September 1
3:30–5:30 pm | OSH
Drop in at OSH for snacks, socializing, and different activities including games, guests, books, and more!



Macramé 101
Wednesday, September 14
3–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Monday, September 19
3–4 pm | EAS
Macramé is a form of textile produced using knotting techniques. This is a beginner's level event where we'll be practicing different kind of knots and making wall hangings! **Please register. R**



Read Along! Presents: The Trials of Apollo
Mondays & Wednesdays, Starting Monday, September 5
4–4:30 pm | Online
Read Along! continues the adventures with the god Apollo in *The Trials of Apollo* series, with books three and four: *The Burning Maze* and *The Tyrant's Tomb*. Look on our YouTube channel for the twice-weekly videos.



Comic Book Club
Tuesdays, September 6, October 11 & November 15
3:30–4:30 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.**

Hot Cider Sip and Paint
Saturday, September 24
1–2:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Come get creative at the library with a fun fall-inspired paint and sip. **Please register. R**



No-Sew Scrunchies
Tuesday, September 27
5–6 pm | OSH/Community Room
Wear them on your wrists and in your hair, these scrunchies will be a handmade fashion statement! **Grades 5–12.**



KPL Presents: Gretchen McNeil
Friday, October 14
4–5:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen
KPL is excited to announce that we are hosting a Meet & Greet for Gretchen McNeil, the award-winning YA author of *Dig Two Graves* and the *#murdertrending* series. Gretchen will talk about her books, her deep love of murder mysteries, and take questions from our guests. **No registration necessary. Ages 13+.**



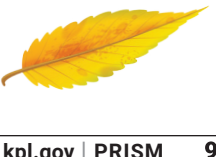
Haunted Crafternoon
Wednesday, October 26
3:30–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Get into the spooky season with these creepy crafts.



Breakerspace
Tuesday, November 1
2:30–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Wednesday, November 2
2:30–4 pm | POW
A breakerspace is the opposite of a maker-space; rather than building we are going to be taking apart. Have you ever looked at a piece of tech and thought "hmm I wonder what that looks like on the inside"? or "I wonder how that works"? well now is the time to find out! **No registration required, grades 6–12 only.**



Mason Jar Pumpkins
Tuesday, November 8
2–3:30 pm | CEN/Teen Studio
Wednesday, November 9
2–3:30 pm | POW
Wednesday, November 16
2–3:30 pm | EAS
Do you like pumpkins but don't want the mess? Paint your own mason jar pumpkin for a touch of fall.



Events and More for ADULTS



Dungeons and Dragons Game Night

Thursdays, September 8 & October 27
5:30–8 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

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. 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**



Coffee Talk

Tuesdays, September 13 & October 11
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.



GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, September 13, October 11 & November 8
5:30–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

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.

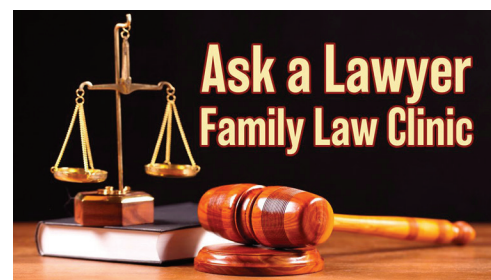
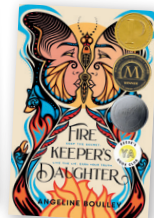
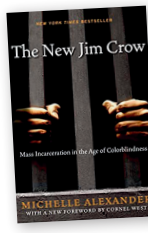
Reading Race Book Group

Tuesdays, September 13 & November 8
6:30–8 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

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.

September: *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander

November: *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley.



Ask a Lawyer Family Law Clinic

Wednesday, September 14th | 10 am–Noon

Thursday, September 29th | 3–5 pm

Wednesday, October 12th | 10 am–Noon

Thursday, October 27th | 3–5 pm

Wednesday, November 9th | 10 am–Noon
CEN/Study Room 1

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 call the Law Library at (269) 553-7920 to register or for more information. R**

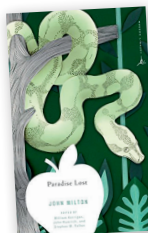


Music and Memories

Mondays, September 19, October 17 & November 14

11 am–12 pm | OSH/Community Room

Join board-certified music therapist Caitlyn Bodine for this special hour of engagement through music for adults. We'll sing the old songs together, let the music move us, and see what stories and memories the music brings up. Music selections will be guided by the interests of the group, so don't be shy about suggesting your favorites! This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with family, friends, and neighbors and to learn a bit about how music impacts us all. Caitlyn's expertise is in using music to help address the social and emotional wellness of older adults as they age, particularly those experiencing dementia and memory loss.



Classics Revisited

Thursdays, September 15, October 20 & November 17

2:30–4 pm | CEN Board Room/ZOOM

Join local book-lovers for a lively discussion about favorite classic literature. Meet with us in person or join us on Zoom!

Please register. R

September: *Paradise Lost* by John Milton

October: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

November: *Democracy in America Volume 1* by Alexis de Tocqueville

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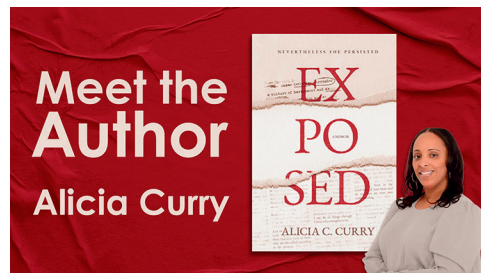


GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, September 20, October 18 & November 15

5:30–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room

Come and sing along with Bill Willging, joined by Mike Seigel and invited guest local singers. Lyric sheets provided.



Meet the Author – Alicia Curry

Tuesday, September 13

6–7:30 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery

Alicia Curry spent twelve years serving families as a school counselor. She is also a licensed mental health therapist and speaker who is dedicated to helping women navigate issues of sexual harassment, grief, loss, and its associated trauma.

When the #MeToo movement went global in fall 2017, the world opened its eyes to the pervasive culture of workplace harassment toward women. While the media focused on abuses at powerful corporations and the Hollywood casting couch, voices of female victims in average American communities remained largely unheard. Alicia Curry's *Exposed* reveals, in heartbreaking detail, how the systems that run our local schools and governments can be used to shield aggressors and foster a culture of harassment and abuse.



Urban Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays, September 27, October 25 & November 29

6–7 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery

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

September: *The Coldest Secret Ever* by N'Dia Rae

October: *Fanatic: A Standalone Novel* by Jade Jones

November: *Jilted* by Niko Michelle

Page Turners Book Club

Mondays, October 3 & November 7

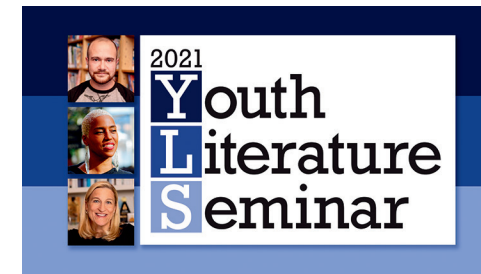
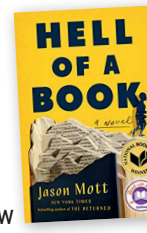
6:30–7:30 pm | Zoom

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

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

October: *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott

November: *Fuzz* by Mary Roach



45th Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar

Friday, November 4

9 am–3 pm | Online

Join us for our 45th Annual Youth Literature Seminar where we celebrate activism and taking a stand through children's literature. We are so excited to hear from Kyle Lukoff, Ruth Forman, and Ruta Sepetys this year! The day will include author keynotes and multiple breakout sessions. Celebrate activism, advocacy, and history through youth literature together in this day-long seminar geared towards educators, students, and anyone with an interest in youth literature. The Youth Literature Seminar is a long-standing tradition at Kalamazoo Public Library. The seminar is named after Kalamazoo children's librarian Mary Calletto Rife. Mary created a legacy of sharing books with children and we are honored to celebrate her work every November by bringing award-winning authors to Kalamazoo. The 2022 event will be online and free to the public. **Find out more about our speakers, breakout sessions, registration, and guidelines at kpl.gov/yls. R**



The Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

Wednesday, November 9

6:30–8:30 pm | WMU Fetzer Center
2251 Business Ct.

The Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee returns this fall with a wacky and wild fundraising opportunity for Ready to Read. 100% of dollars raised will be used to purchase gift books for children in Kalamazoo County. Teams of eight compete for the top spot in this speed spelling, song singing, wacky event! To learn more about sponsoring a team at the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee, go to our website, kpl.gov/bee. **Spectator tickets available.**

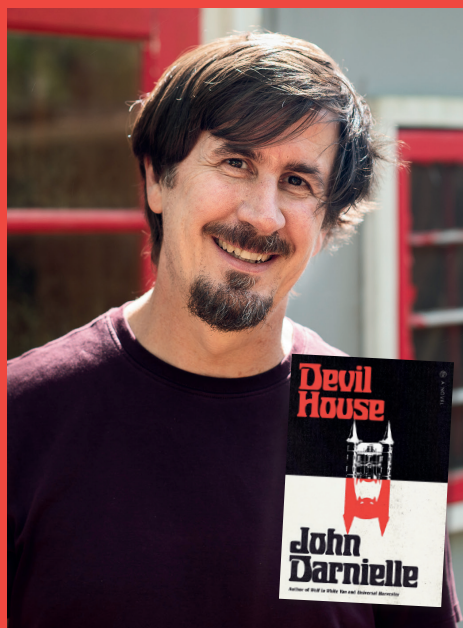
Reading Together on Hiatus

After 20 years of attempting to build community through the common experience of reading the same book; engaging in dialogue with each other about the themes of that book; and coming together to see the author of the selected book at a local venue, Kalamazoo Public Library's

annual "one book one city" initiative is on hiatus. During the 2022–23 fiscal year, we will be reaching out to community residents for their feedback on the value and relevance of a program like *Reading Together* and on whether, in the interest of our strategic priority to provide library services for all in our diverse community, there may be things we can do to improve it.

Thank you in advance for responding to upcoming surveys and/or for your participation in face-to-face focus groups to discuss the pros and cons of the *Reading Together* model twenty years after its inception. ▲

Reading Together



Meet the Author: John Darnielle

Tuesday, September 6

6–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen Room

Hear John Darnielle, writer, composer, guitarist, and vocalist discuss his critically acclaimed novels the night before his band, The Mountain Goats, play in Kalamazoo!

Released in January of this year, Darnielle's newest novel, *Devil House*, was an instant bestseller.

He is the author of two other *New York Times* best-selling novels: *Wolf in White Van* (2014), which was a National Book Award nominee and *Universal Harvester* (2017), which was a finalist for the Locus Award. Darnielle lives in Durham, North Carolina, with his wife and sons.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. **Please register.**

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Eastwood Branch Library (EAS)
1112 Gayle Ave.



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



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



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