



A FREE quarterly publication for KPL patrons and community members.

September, October, November 2023

Speak Out About Banned Books!

Month of September

Submit flash fiction, poetry, or prose about how banned books affect you.

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**THIS LIBRARY
CELEBRATES**

**BANNED
BOOKS WEEK**

OCTOBER 1-7, 2023



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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

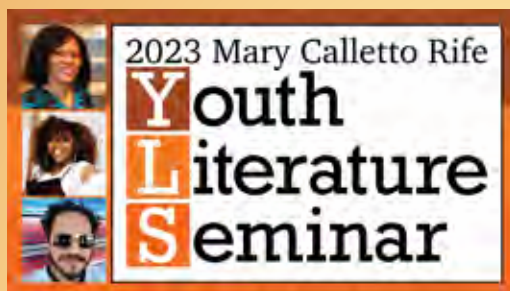
Library Hours are subject to change.

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

Don't miss these exciting fall events!



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October 14
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Friday
November 10
8:30 am-3 pm
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Wednesday
November 15
6:30-8:30 pm
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Banned Books Week

October 1-7, 2023

Join us celebrating our Freedom to Read by participating in a Banned Books Week event! You can also visit any of our locations to interact with Banned Books Week displays and win prizes. Learn more about Banned Books at bannedbooksweek.org.



Speak Out About Banned Books!

Month of September

Submit flash fiction, poems, essays, and more about how banned books have impacted your life! Following a few simple guidelines, our Short Story Cube will take your words and generate them for you to take home or to share with others. All submissions can be turned in online at <https://kalamazoo-public-library.short-edition.com/>. Pick up your submissions all throughout Banned Books Week!



Black Out Poetry

Monday, October 2 | 4:30–6 pm
EAS/Community Room | All Ages

Censorship usually means hiding certain words, but we are turning it on its head with Black Out Poetry - highlighting specific words by blacking out the words around them. Come make a work of art with us and share your poetry as we kick off Banned Books Week.

Banned Books Panel Discussion


Tuesday, October 3 | 6–7 pm
OSH/Community Room | Adult

Listen to the individuals fighting on the front lines of censorship. Learn how they combat book challenges and work towards ensuring readers have free and open access to information.



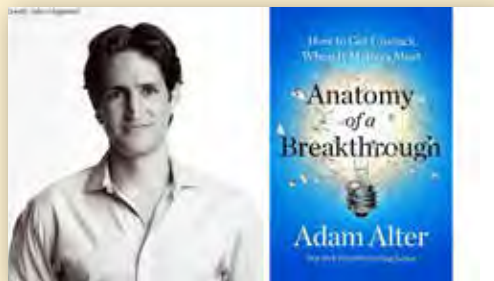
Read Out and Rock Out with Bitch and Crys Matthews

Friday, October 6 | 6–8 pm | Adult
Old Dog Tavern, 402 E Kalamazoo Ave

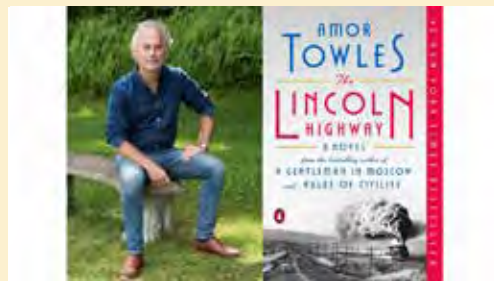
Celebrate Banned Books Week with a FREE concert from musicians Bitch and Crys Matthews! Bitch makes poet pop with violins and synthesizers. She has toured with Indigo Girls and Ani DiFranco. Crys Matthews is among the brightest stars of the new generation of social-justice music makers and blends Americana, blues, and bluegrass into a bold, complex, performance. Between artist sets, staff and community members will be reading passages from some of the most banned and challenged books in the last year. **Registration required.** 



**Thursday
September 7
7 pm**



**Wednesday
September 20
2 pm**



**Wednesday
September 27
8 pm**



**Tuesday
October 10
4 pm**



**Wednesday
October 18
2 pm**



**Thursday
October 26
7 pm**



**Wednesday
November 1
8 pm**



**Thursday
November 9
2 pm**



**Thursday
November 16
4 pm**



**Thursday
November 30
3 pm**

Events for CHILDREN



Tween Graphic Novel Club

Wednesdays, September 6, October 4, November 1 | 4:30–5:15 pm
OSH/Community Room

Come to the library each month to discuss the monthly graphic novel selection. Enjoy snacks, an activity, and a discussion with fellow comic lovers! Free copies to keep can be picked up at Oshtemo Branch Library one month prior to the discussion date. For grades 3-6.

September: *This Was Our Pact*
by Ryan Andrews

October: *Garlic and the Vampire*
by Bree Paulsen

November: *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Donner Dinner Party* by Nathan Hale

Ready Readers Creature Club

Tuesdays, September 12, October 10, November 14 | 4–5 pm
EAS/Community Room

Let's practice reading and learn cool animal facts! Get a free book that we will read together, meet an animal ambassador from Kalamazoo Nature Center, and then complete a project about the animal of the month! For kids in grades 1-3. **Registration Required.** **R**

Creation Lab

Thursdays, September 14–December 14
4:30–5:30 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Come do some awesome art or make a cool project at the library. We'll provide the materials; you provide the imagination. Ages 6 and up. **NOTE:** No Creation Lab on October 19, November 23 and December 7!

Build It! Club

Tuesdays, September 19, October 24, November 21 | 4:30–5:30 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Build something awesome with LEGO! Your creation will be displayed at the library until next month's club. LEGO will be provided by the library; please leave your personal collection at home. Best for ages 5 and up.

Tile Coaster Painting

Monday, September 25 | 4:30–5:30 pm
OSH/Community Room

Unleash your creativity with ceramic tiles and some paint. The library will provide all the materials. Make something super cool for you or gift your creation to a loved one. No registration. While supplies last.

Bluey Party!

Saturday, September 30 | 11 am–12 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Are you a fan of Bluey and the Heeler family? Come join us for fun crafts, activities, and games featuring the dogs from down under!

Cupcake Decorating

Monday, October 2 | 4:30–5:30 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Learn a few decorating techniques to make a flower, a sheep, and a cookie monster cupcake. All materials provided. Ages 8 and up.

Please register. **R**

Art Starts

Thursdays, October 5–November 9
4:30–5:30 pm | OSH/Community Room

This six-week program for elementary-aged kids will teach a different style, method, or movement of art in each session. From pointillism to embroidery to collagraphy, we will explore the creative possibilities within us and of the world around us! **Please register.** **R**



Narwhal and Jelly Party!

Tuesday, October 10 | 4–5:30 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Celebrate our favorite under-the-sea duo: Narwhal and Jelly! Drop in for crafts and activities as well as a raffle to win a free-to-keep Narwhal and Jelly book!

KSO Musical Storybooks: Hello Star

Monday, October 23 | 10:30–11:30 am
CEN/Van Deusen

Thursday, October 26 | 10:30 & 11:30 am
OSH/Community Room

Friday, October 27 | 10:30 & 11:30 am
POW/Community Room

Thursday, November 2 | 10:30–11:30 am
EAS/Community Room

Friday, November 3 | 10:30–11:30 am | WSQ
Join us for a musical retelling of *Hello, Star* by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic and follow journey of a young girl who dreams of reaching the stars. Our four symphony musicians (violin, oboe, trombone, and percussion) represent each of the instrument families like a super-condensed symphony. There will be music by Mozart, Debussy, Holst, and more as we introduce the audience to stars, space, and inspire you to follow your dreams.



Spooky Season Crafternoon

Monday, October 23 | 5–7 pm
OSH/Community Room

Unleash your inner artist with spooktacular craft stations. From pumpkin guts slime to eyeball stress balls, we'll make all sorts of eerie and fun creations to get in the mood for spooky season. This event is drop-in, while supplies last.



Book Release: Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year!

Tuesday, November 7 | 4–5:30 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Celebrate the release of the newest book in the Ada Twist, Scientist series! It's Lila Greer! Drop in for crafts and activities as well as a raffle to win a free-to-keep copy of the book.

Chocolate Olympics

Monday, November 13 | 4:30–5:30 pm
CEN/Children's Room

Ever done a Whopper relay? Or played Pictionary with dark chocolate? How well do you know the insides of your favorite chocolate bars? Come play with chocolate and find out! Ages 8 and up. **Please register.** **R**

Onesies, Kigurumis, and Movies, Oh My!

Tuesday, November 28 | 5:30–7 pm
OSH/Community Room

Come in your favorite onesie, kigurumi, or PJs and watch a movie with us! We will have a selection for the group to pick from, snacks, and hot chocolate. Grades 4-6.

Mini Bookshelf Diorama

Thursday, November 30 | 4–5 pm
OSH/Community Room

Ever wanted to make a cute bookshelf that belongs on Bookstagram? Join us at the library to do just that with an Altoid tin and craft supplies. All supplies provided. Recommended for grades 4-7. **Please register.** **R**

Events for FAMILIES

Storytimes

Family Storytime at Central

Fridays | 10:30–11 am
CEN/Children's Room

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities. Check our social media or website for notifications.

Family Storytime at Oshtemo

Thursdays, September 7–November 30
(no event on November 23) | 10:30–11:30 am
OSH/Community Room

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities.



Eastwood Storytime

Thursdays, September 14–November 30
(no events on November 2 or 23) | 10:30–11 am
EAS/Play to Learn Center

Join us at the Eastwood branch for stories, songs, and play time afterwards.



Baby Time!

Fridays, September 15–December 15
9:30–10 am | CEN/Children's Room

Baby's first story time! Babies and their caregivers are invited to read, sing, and bounce along with books and songs chosen especially for our youngest patrons. For babies from 6 weeks to 18 months and their caregivers.

First Saturday at Alma Powell Library

Saturdays, October 7 & November 4
11:30 am–1 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery

Join us for the First Saturday of each month and enjoy fun for children and families at the Alma Powell Branch in KPL's First Saturday collaboration with KCReady4s. Visit with community organizations and enjoy crafts and activities along with special storytime guests. Any time is a great time to visit the Alma Powell Branch Library. First Saturdays are special!

Talk, Read, Sing Playgroup

"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. Come to the library for this drop-in event to connect and play with other caregivers and children in the community. Educational toys will be available. Each month will have a topic and early literacy take-home kit.

@Oshtemo Branch Library

Tuesdays, September 5–November 28
10:30 am–12 pm
OSH/Community Room

Come to OSH's Community Room for open playtime. Keep an eye on the KPL website and social media for notifications about special guests and activities.

@Washington Square Branch Library

Thursdays, September 7–November 30
(no event on November 23)
10:30 am–12 pm | WSQ

On a weekly basis, WSQ's playgroup will feature a partnership with Bronson's Baby Talk and Toddler Talk groups. Caregivers will have the opportunity to speak with a registered nurse about any childcare questions and concerns while their children play and interact with each other.

Move & Groove

Tuesdays, September 12–December 12
10–10:45 am | CEN/Children's Room

Young children and their caregivers are invited to join our music and movement fun with singing, dancing, scarves, shaky eggs, and instruments. Everyone dances in this program so come ready to groove! **Ages 18 months to five years.**

Llamas at the Library

Wednesday, September 13 | 6–7:30 pm | WSQ
Saturday, September 23 | 2–4 pm
OSH/Community Room

Join us for llama fun in the library! Meet a llama and enjoy llama crafts.

Preschool Explorers

Thursdays, September 21, October 12,
November 9, December 14 | 10–11 am
CEN/Children's Room

Experience the world around you in a fun station-based interactive program. We'll have a variety of things to try out as you explore basic scientific concepts together. Best for ages 3 to 6.

Meet Michigan Author:

Julie Buchholtz

Saturday, September 30 | 10:30 am–11:30 am
OSH/Community Room

Join us for refreshments and an author talk in celebration of Julie's debut picture book *Who Am I?* Julie is a Michigan educator and author who resides in the Upper Peninsula. Her inaugural book, "Who Am I?" was selected as the grand prize winner in Michigan-publisher Cherry Lake Publishing's *Own Voices/Own Stories* Contest. Julie is a proud member of the Bay Mills Indian Tribe, a federally recognized tribe comprised of Ojibwe people that is located in the U.P. Families will have a chance to meet Julie, listen to a reading of the book, enjoy some snacks, and create an art project together. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and all families will be entered in a drawing to win a gift copy from KPL.

Rhythm Readers for Caregiver and Child, Grades K-3 + Caregiver


Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 | 6–7 pm
OSH/Community Room

Whether you have a developing reader, or a child who has been diagnosed with dyslexia, understanding more about how kids learn to read is a good next step. Join Speech & Language Therapist Erin Cramer alongside Board Certified Music Therapist Angie Biehl of Fiddlehead Music Therapy this fall for a series of weekly sessions designed for parents, caregivers, and elementary aged children. Adults will meet with Erin to learn practices that can be used to support your child's reading while the kids meet with Angie for some book exploration and drumming to the rhythm of words. We will wrap up each week with a parent child activity and some Q&A time. Best for youth in grades K-3. Attend one week or attend all 3! Space limited. **Please register at www.kpl.gov.** 



Spooky Candy Houses

Saturday, October 14 | 10:30–11:30 am & 11:30 am–12:30 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Make your own delicious and spooky candy house with graham crackers, frosting, and seasonal candy. Even if it collapses, it's still delicious! Best for ages 4 and up. **Please register for one of the two sessions.** 

Events for FAMILIES & ALL AGES



Family Reads: *Attack of the Black Rectangles*

Saturday, October 28 | 3-4 pm
OSH/Community Room

This book group for caregivers and their kids will meet to discuss censorship in society and how it affects us all differently. Our discussion will be about *Attack of the Black Rectangles* by Amy Sarig King. Pick up a copy during Banned Books Week, read the book as a family, then join us for the discussion. Let your voice be heard. Limit: 1 book per family.

ALL AGES:



Until We Are Free—Film Screening and Discussion

Wednesday, September 20 | 5-7 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

We are pleased to partner with Great Lakes Peace Jam to host a screening of *Until We Are Free*, the story of Nobel Laureate Shirin Ebadi, the first Muslim woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Recognized for her work as a human rights lawyer defending women and children against a brutal regime in Iran, hers is a story of courage and defiance in the face of a government out to destroy her, her family, and her mission to bring justice to the people and the country she loves.



The Chalice of the Gods by Rick Riordan Release Party

Tuesday, September 26
5:30-7 pm

CEN/Van Deusen

Calling all Percy Jackson fans! The first full-length

novel in over ten years to be told from Percy's point of view, and the first since 2005 to feature the classic trio, Percy, Annabeth, and Grover, will release on September 26, 2023! Come to the release party to celebrate nearly 20 years of the Half-Bloods world. There will be refreshments, music, games, and we will watch the trailer for the new Disney+ series to release in 2024, then discuss as fans and friends alike. All ages are welcome to attend this family friendly party. The first 50 attendees will receive a free copy of Rick Riordan's new book, *The Chalice of the Gods*!



Black Out Poetry

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EAS/Community Room

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Connecting Chords Music Festival: Friends of the Gamelan

Saturday, October 7 | 2:30-3:30 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

Come and see a Chicago-based community ensemble dedicated to the performance, instruction, and promotion of gamelan—traditional music of central Java in Indonesia—made up predominantly of percussive instruments. Join us for this unique musical experience!



Geek Fest

Saturday, October 14 | 11 am-3 pm
Kalamazoo County Expo Center

Nerds unite! Geek Fest returns to the Kalamazoo County Expo Center on October 14th! Join KPL staff, as well as the other sponsoring libraries: Paw Paw District Library, Portage District Library, and partnering with us for the first time in-person, the Black Arts and Cultural Center of Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. 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! For all ages, no registration is necessary.

Featuring our Special Guest DM Scotty of The DMs Craft! He's the content creator for his popular YouTube channel, and author of EZ D6, a fun tabletop RPG styled after popular games like Pathfinder, Dungeons and Dragons, and Magic the Gathering! Scotty will be hosting a booth, running some mini events in the game room, and hosting a short breakout session on creating your own gaming terrain with various household tools! The first 100 guests to Scotty's table will receive a free copy of his book, EZ D6. Get updates on all the geek you can expect at facebook.com/SWMGeekFest.



Second Annual Haunted House with Dustin Pari!

Thursday, October 26 | 4-7 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

Dustin Pari returns for the Haunted House in the Van Deusen room on October 26th. He'll be your guide through an all-new tour of all things spooky, scary, and that go bump in the night. This family-friendly tour will end with a conversation with our famous host of *Ghosthunters* and his newest project, *The House in Between 2*. Refreshments provided and no registration necessary. Costumes encouraged, but please keep them family-friendly. Doors open at 4 PM!



Events and More for TEENS

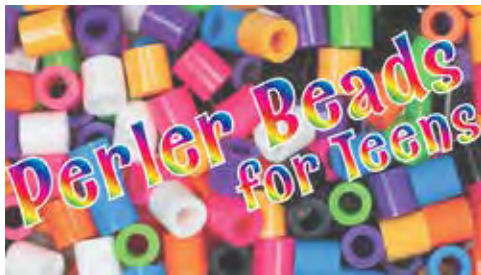


Anime in the Afternoon

Wednesdays, September 6–November 29
(no event on November 22)

3–5 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

Anime in the Afternoon is continuing its weekly schedule! Come hang out with other manga and comic book fans to chat about what we're reading, watch some anime, eat some snacks, and enjoy a craft or activity.



Perler Beads for Teens

Thursday, September 7 | 4–5 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Thursday, September 14 | 4–5 pm | WSQ

Thursday, September 21 | 4–5 pm | POW

Thursday, September 28 | 4–5 pm

EAS/Community Room

Learn how to use perler beads to create your own unique design to keep. While supplies last.



Café Reads

Wednesdays, September 13, October 11,
November 8 | 4:30–5:30 pm

OSH/Community Room

Join this new book club inspired by the relaxed reading environment of coffee shops. Each month will feature coffee or tea from various places in Kalamazoo. Pick up a copy of the book a month in advance at the Oshtemo Branch Library. We'll feature books that have crossover appeal with older teens and new adults (ages 15 and up please).

Please register.

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Tile Coaster Painting

Thursday, September 14 | 4–5 pm

OSH/Community Room

Unleash your creativity with ceramic tiles and some paint. Make something super cool for you or gift your creation to a loved one. Materials provided, while supplies last.



BuJo and Chill

Saturdays, September 23, October 28,
November 25 | 10:30 am–12 pm

OSH/Community Room

Join us for a morning of lofi music and bullet journaling. Bring your bujo (we will have starter journals for new journalers) and relax with us. Materials and inspiration provided. Teens, bring your adults! Adults, bring your teens!



Blacklight Paint and Sip

Saturday, September 23 | 1–3 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Come get creative at the library with our paint and sip party, in the dark! While supplies last.



Paint & Sip

Wednesday, October 11 | 5:30–6:30 pm
WSQ

Join us for hot chocolate and donuts and a calming paint-by-number session with artwork you can take home. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

Events and More for TEENS



Spooky Slime

Thursday, October 12 | 4–5 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Monday, October 16 | 4–5 pm | POW

Thursday, October 19 | 4–5 pm | WSQ

Thursday, October 26 | 4–5 pm

EAS/Community Room

Come make some spooky slime, just in time for Halloween! While supplies last.



Squeegee Painting

Tuesday, October 17 | 6–7 pm

OSH/Community Room

Explore abstraction with paint - see what kind of beautiful things come from randomly placed blobs of paint and a squeegee! Materials provided, while supplies last.



Haunted Crafternoon

Monday, October 30 | 3–5 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Get into the spooky season with these creepy crafts. While supplies last.



Mason Jar Pumpkins

Thursday, November 2 | 4–5 pm | WSQ

Monday, November 6 | 4–5 pm

EAS/Community Room

Thursday, November 9 | 4–5 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Thursday, November 16 | 4–5 pm | POW

Like pumpkins but don't want the mess? Paint your own mason jar pumpkin for a touch of fall. While supplies last.



Puzzle Race for Teens

Saturday, November 11 | 1–2:30 pm

CEN/Teen Studio

Love puzzles? Gather up a team of 4 of your pals and see how quickly you can put together a 500-piece puzzle! Will you be faster than the other teams? Each team will receive the same 500-piece puzzle provided by the library and will have 90 minutes to complete. The team that finishes first or completes the most before time is called wins! **Please register.** When registering, please indicate who your other three teammates will be in the accommodation section. **R**

Power Point Party

Thursday, November 16 | 4–5:30 pm

OSH/Community Room

Have you ever been told you talk too much about something you love? Well, we want to hear your passion! Come give a 3- to 5-minute presentation to other teens about the thing(s) you love most. We'll have snacks, drinks, and discuss our favorite things with one another. Contact OSH for info on emailing your presentation or bring it on a USB drive. For grades 9-12.



Stranger Things Escape Room

Monday, October 30 | 6–7 pm

OSH/Community Room

Help Nancy Wheeler escape her nightmare as she tries to move on from her friend Barb's death. Grades 6-12. **Please register.** **R**



Events and More for ADULTS

Art Hop

Friday, September 1 | 6–8 pm
Central/Rotunda

Visually Telling a Community's Story — Enjoy a retrospective view of *Encore* magazine's design and photography over its 50 years of publication. View some enlarged covers that span the decades, revisit old Guess Who features (can YOU guess who?) and get a glimpse of Kalamazoo's recent history by thumbing through KPL's bound collection of *Encore* issues that go back to the very beginning. Refreshments included.



Fall Adult Reading Challenge

September 1–November 30 | Open Hours
All Locations

It's time for the fall edition of the Adult Reading Challenge! Bookmarks with 10 reading prompts are available to pick up at any KPL location. Read a book of your choice for at least 3 of the 10 prompts to earn a prize. Prizes are enamel pins. Previous season prize pins are still available. When you've read 3 (or more!) books from the challenge, there are two ways to claim your prize:

- 1 Fill out the bookmark with your name and the books you've read. Bring it in to any branch and trade it in for your prize.
- 2 Fill out the online form at kpl.gov/arc. Then, come into any branch to claim your prize.

If you need inspiration, visit kpl.gov for suggested reading lists.



Rose Street Poetry Club

Saturdays, September 9, October 14,
November 11 | 10–11 am | CEN/Board Room

Rose Street Poetry Club is a once-a-month gathering at Kalamazoo Public Library to share in the reading and writing of poetry along with learning new poetry forms. A program geared towards adults, the Rose Street Poetry Club seeks to promote literacy, inclusion, and friendship in a relaxed poetry sharing setting.



Music and Memories

Mondays, September 11, October 9
November 13 | 10:45 am–12 pm
OSH/Community Room

Join board-certified music therapist Caitlyn Bodine of Fiddlehead Music Therapy for this special hour of engagement through music for adults. Sing the old songs together, let the music move you, and see what stories and memories the music brings up. Singing along is enthusiastically encouraged but is not required. Music selections will be guided by the interests of the group so don't be shy about requesting your favorites! Caitlyn's expertise is in using music to help address the social and emotional wellness of older adults as they age, particularly those experience dementia or memory loss. Coffee and light refreshments available at 10:45 am. Music from 11 am - Noon.



GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, September 12, October 10
November 14 | 5:30–7:30 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

Join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for its monthly slow jam. Open to all acoustic string instruments, and beginner to intermediate levels of players. The focus is on sharing songs based on simple chord progressions at slow to moderate tempos.



Reading Race Book Group

September 12 | 6:30–7:45 pm
SHARE Garden Atrium
471 W. South Street
November 14 | 6:30–7:45 pm
CEN/Boardroom

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 a discussion of *A Cup of Water Under My Bed* by Daisy Hernandez in September, and *Any Where You Run* by Wanda M. Morris in November.

Events and More for ADULTS



Creativebug Crafts for Adults— Make Your Own Terrarium

Tuesday, September 12 | 4–5 pm | WSQ

Monday, September 18 | 5:30–6:30 pm

EAS/Community Room

Saturday, September 23 | 2–3 pm

OSH/Community Room

Terrariums are enclosed, self-sustaining ecosystems that contain everything the plants inside need to thrive. Create your own beautiful miniature world that even those without a green thumb can keep alive! **Please register. R**

Coffee Talk

Wednesdays, September 13, November 8

10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Community Room

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

September: *The Real Reason for Brains* by Daniel Wolpert

November: *Where on Earth Will People Live in the Future?* by Parag Khanna

Café Reads

Wednesdays, September 13, October 11

November 8 | 4:30–5:30 pm

OSH/Community Room

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September: *Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know* by Samira Ahmed

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Epoca Dorada del Cine Mexicano/ Golden Era of Mexican Film

11:30 am–1:30 pm | WSQ

Disfrute de una película del cine clásico mexicano con palomitas y limonada cada tercer sábado del mes.

16 de septiembre: *Macario* (1960) - Don Ignacio López Tarso

21 de octubre: *Por mis pistolas* (1968) - Cantinflas

18 de noviembre: *Tizoc* (1957) - María Félix y Pedro Infante

Enjoy a classic Mexican film with popcorn and lemonade every third Saturday of the month.

September 16: *Macario* (1960) - Don Ignacio López Tarso

October 21: *Por mis pistolas* (1968) - Cantinflas

November 18: *Tizoc* (1957) - María Félix and Pedro Infante



National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 19 | Open Hours

All Locations

Did you know September 19, 2023 is National Voter Registration Day? Stop by any KPL location or visit www.kpl.gov for information about getting #VoteReady for the next election in our community.



Dungeons and Dragons Game Night

September 21 & November 30 |

5:30–7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

October 25 | 5:30–7:30 pm | WSQ

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 beginner 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**



Classics Revisited

Thursdays, September 21, October 19

November 16 | 2:30–4 pm

CEN/Boardroom & Zoom

Join local book lovers for a lively discussion about favorite classic literature. Meet with us in person or join us on Zoom! **Registration is required for Zoom. R**

September: *Catch 22* by Joseph Heller

October: *The Snow Leopard* by Peter Matthiessen

November: *Selected Stories* by Anton Chekhov



Events and More for ADULTS



Senior Citizens' Breakfast

Fridays, September 22, November 17
10:30 am–12 pm | EAS/Community Room
 Join us for a hot and tasty breakfast, ask healthcare questions of Homeward Healthcare, and help us plan activities for seniors at Eastwood.



BuJo and Chill

Saturdays, September 23, October 28, November 25 | 10:30 am–12 pm
OSH/Community Room
 Join us for a morning of lofi music and bullet journaling. Bring your bujo (we will have starter journals for new journalers) and relax with us. Materials and inspiration provided. Teens, bring your adults! Adults, bring your teens!

Books That Go Bump in the Night

Tuesdays, September 26, October 31, November 28 | 6–7:15 pm | CEN
 We're creeping it real with KPL's first horror book club! Each month we will explore a classic horror theme or subject. Come prepared to talk about your favorite book and share the scare. Select a book that falls within the following subjects/themes;

September 26: Frankenstein Stories

October 31: Haunted Houses

November 28: Shirley Jackson

Check out a title from the library or one you already own.



White Man at the Back of the Bus

Tuesday, September 26 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Douglass Community Center
 Stories of awakening and apology for "what people of my skin color did to people of your skin color." Presented by local author Robert Weir, a frequent contributor to *Encore* magazine.



**Author Visit: Will McLean Greeley–
 A Connecticut Yankee Goes to
 Washington: Senator George P.
 McLean, Birdman of the Senate**
Tuesday, September 26 | 7–8 pm
OSH/Community Room

Join author Will McLean Greeley to hear about his new biography of Senator George P. McLean, titled *A Connecticut Yankee Goes to Washington: Senator George P. McLean, Birdman of the Senate*. This is the story of how Connecticut's George P. McLean helped establish lasting legal protections for birds, overseeing passage of the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act, landmark environmental protection legislation that is still in effect today. Greeley, McLean's great-great nephew, puts McLean's victory for birds in the context of his distinguished forty-five-year career marked by many acts of reform during a time of widespread corruption and political instability.

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 Southwest Michigan's Magazine

Telling a Community's Story

Wednesday, September 27 | 6:30–7:30 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

Owner and editor Marie Lee will discuss the 50-year history of southwest Michigan's *Encore* magazine, its importance in documenting a community's story, and its future in the digital age.



KPL Tech Days

Mondays & Saturdays
September 30–November 25 | 10 am–2 pm
CEN/Second Floor

KPL Tech days are for patrons looking for more in-depth assistance. Patrons can bring their own device or can utilize a public internet station for their session. Sessions last for no more than one hour and are available on a first come, first served basis. It is the patron's responsibility to bring any needed logins/passwords or equipment, including any power cords or cables. The library will not be able to provide computer accessories for your device.



Events and More for ADULTS



Creativebug Crafts for Adults – Visible Mending

Saturday, October 7 | 2–3 pm

OSH/Community Room

Tuesday, October 17 | 4–5 pm | WSQ

Monday, October 23 | 5:30–6:30 pm

EAS/Community Room

Do you have a favorite sweater or pair of jeans that's ripped or damaged, but you love it too much to get rid of it? Come learn the creative magic of visible mending—the textile art of highlighting and beautifying imperfections in fabrics rather than covering them up or throwing them away. We will go over simple stitching and patching techniques as well as Japanese sashiko ("simple stabs") and how to darn fabric using a tiny loom! Bring anything you'd like to visibly mend or just yourself—fabric and materials will be supplied.

Please register. 




Page Turners Book Club

Mondays, October 9 & November 13

6:30–7:30 pm

OSH/Community Room & Zoom

Engage in a thought-provoking conversation about books, exchange perspectives, and get to know your neighbors. Meetings will be held simultaneously in-person at Oshtemo and online via Zoom. Book club books available at Oshtemo branch library. **Please register. **

October: *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce

November: *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers



I'm Dying to Talk to You

Tuesday, October 24 | 6:30–7:30 pm

OSH/Community Room

Dave Kampfschulte has worked in the hospice field for 31 years as a volunteer and educator. Spend a thoughtful and entertaining session with him as he relates his experiences of interacting and initiating conversations with patients at the end of life and their families. Stories range from the unusual to those that will bring tears to your eyes. You will leave with unexpected new insights about a subject that is usually avoided at all costs, but one we all must face. Get a glimpse of how others have handled it walking the path before you. You might just be pleasantly surprised. Light refreshments provided.



Private Visit to the Friends of the Library Bookstore

Wednesday, November 1 | 9–10 am


CEN/Friends Bookstore

Whether you have visited the Friends of KPL Bookstore or not, you're sure to enjoy this opportunity, in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Western Michigan University, to learn what makes this hidden gem in the lower level of the Central Library so special. Besides learning about the history and mission of the Friends organization, you'll also get a behind-the-scenes look at the "back room," managed by dedicated volunteers who receive and sort thousands of donated books every year. Space is limited. **Register to reserve your spot. **



Behind the Scenes Tour of the Central Library

Wednesday, October 25 | 9–11 am | CEN


Have you ever been curious about what happens in the non-public parts of the public library? Sign up for this tour in partnership with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of Western Michigan University, that will take you to areas of the Central Library you've probably never seen before. We'll visit the discharge/sorting area—where the magic happens, CAMP—the Cataloging and Materials Processing department, and the local history archives, filled with photos, scrapbooks, and state-of-the-art digitization equipment. Space is limited. **Register to reserve your spot. **



Researching Your African American-Native American Heritage: Beginner

Saturday, October 28 | 10:30 am–1:30 pm

EAS/Community Room

Are you ready to explore those family legends that insist you have Native American ancestors on your African American family tree? Learn how to begin your research journey by understanding the history, migration, affiliations, and documentation of indigenous and tribal peoples in North America. **Please register. **



Events and More for ADULTS



Can Poetry Be Funny?

Wednesday, November 1 | 6-7 pm
CEN/Van Deusen

Come find out! Friends of Poetry returns (finally) for the seventh production in which area writers and special guests perform short poems from the subtle to slapstick.



Meet Michigan Notable Author: Ebony LaDelle

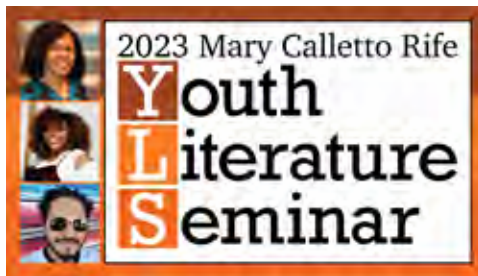
Thursday, November 9
6:30-8 pm

EAS/Community Room

Join us for an evening with Ebony LaDelle, author of *Love Radio*, at KPL's Eastwood Branch. Light

refreshments will be provided and books will be for sale and signing by the author.

Ebony LaDelle is the author of *Love Radio*—which was *People* magazine's best book of the summer, Apple Books's best book of 2022, an Amazon's Editor Pick, and featured on the "Today" show. Prior to being an author, Ebony was a brand marketing director in book publishing and worked at Penguin Random House and HarperCollins, among others. Born in Michigan, awoken at Howard University, and cultivated in Brooklyn, Ebony can usually be found eating out somewhere or being the undisputed Mom Friend of any group. You can visit her online at EbonyLaDelle.com and follow her on social at [@EbonyLaDelle](https://twitter.com/EbonyLaDelle).



46th Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar

Friday, November 10 | 8:30 am-3 pm | Online

Tell Your Story! Featuring award-winning authors Kelly Starling Lyons, Ebony LaDelle, and Raul the Third. Join us for our 46th Annual Youth Literature Seminar where everyone has a story to tell. We are so excited to hear from Kelly Starling Lyons, Ebony LaDelle, and Raul the Third this year! The day will include author keynotes and multiple breakout sessions. Everyone has a story to tell, and all ages, especially children, need to see themselves reflected in the books they read. Learn about stories 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. Visit kpl.gov/yls for more information. **Please register. R**

Creativebug Crafts for Adult – Metal Stamping

Tuesday, November 14 | 4-5 pm | WSQ

Monday, November 20 | 5:30-6:30 pm

EAS/Community Room

Saturday, November 25 | 2-3 pm

OSH/Community Room

Have you ever wanted to take a hammer and pound some letters into metal? If so, this is the program for you! We will be practicing the art of metal stamping and creating personalized necklaces, dog tags, and pet ID tags—something for everyone to keep or give! **Please register. R**

The Great North American Eclipse

Tuesday, November 14 | 6:30-7:30 pm
OSH/Community Room

On the 8th of April 2024, a total eclipse of the Sun will cross North America along a 120-mile-wide path from Mexico, the United States (from Texas to Maine), and Canada. Totality, when the jaw-dropping solar corona becomes visible, lasts for up to 4 minutes and 27 seconds, almost double that of the 2017 eclipse. With 31 million people in the U.S. already living inside totality's path, 328 million more within a two-day drive, and thousands more coming from around the world, this eclipse promises to be the most viewed in history. Kalamazoo Astronomical Society President Richard Bell will give a preview of this historic event, explain why solar eclipses occur and show how to view them safely. The next total solar eclipse visible from the continental United States will not occur until 2044, so join us and get ready to stand in the shadow of the Moon! **Please register. R**



Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

Wednesday, November 15 | 6:30-8:30 pm
WMU Fetzer Center

The popular Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee is turning 21! Join us on November 15 for this wacky and wild fundraising opportunity for Ready to Read. 100% of the dollars raised will be used to purchase gift books for children in Kalamazoo County. Check out the sponsorship packet at www.kpl.gov/bee, spectator tickets also available for purchase in advance.

Thank you to Friends of KPL for their Continued Support!



For more than 60 years, Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library has raised money in support of KPL. At its annual meeting this spring, Friends



Terry New, KPL Interim Director and Donna Clinard, Friends President

President Donna Clinard presented Terry New, Interim KPL Director, a check for \$10,000 to be used for special library programs.

Scholarship Winners

Friends also awarded scholarship funds to four KPL employees to help them pursue their Master of Information Science degrees.

Said Terry New of Friends generosity: *So many individuals and groups have been touched by the incredible work of this organization and anyone who walks into any of our locations experiences the impact of the Friends support whether that has been through the professional development of our staff to the many, many initiatives, equipment and materials that have been provided by funding from the Friends.*

Friends plays an important role in helping ensure that KPL continues to grow. Would you like to be a part of this dedicated group who does so much for our community? If yes, consider being a member and perhaps a volunteer. To learn more about these opportunities, visit the Friends of the Kalamazoo Public Library website at kpl.gov/friends.

Mini Grant Winners

During the annual meeting, Friends awarded mini grants to KPL employees, giving them the perfect chance to try a new program.



Mini Grant Winners: L-R: Brian Rocha, Alexander Merrill, Jill Lansky, Laura Bultman (not pictured, Natalie Isham)



Scholarship Winners: L-R: Mary Clare Griffith, Saif Elkhamry, Hayley Wilson, Kyle Vankrimpen

Reading Together 2024 Update: People's Choice!

For the first time in its 20+-year history, the next Reading Together title will be selected by YOU!

Details will be available soon at www.readingtogether.us and at all KPL locations for information about the three titles chosen by the selection committee, and instructions on how you can cast your vote for the one you would most like to read and discuss with other readers in our community. The title with the most votes will become the official 2024 Reading Together title.

Contact readingtogether@kpl.gov for more information.

2024
**Reading
Together**

The Friends Bookstore Gift Book Sale



BEGINS NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Hundreds of beautiful, GIFT QUALITY books at a fraction of retail cost!
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youth nonfiction as well as adult fiction and adult nonfiction, including
art, history, biography, memoir, crafts, cooking, how-to books,
tiny books and much more!

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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.

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