The Royal Oak Public Library is Here to Serve You!

While the pandemic has certainly changed the way the library operates, ROPL has continued to serve patrons even while the building is closed. Library services have evolved online to include virtual programming, tutoring services, and more! ROPL has also begun offering contactless pickup as an option to safely provide patrons with physical materials while they are not able to enter the building. Here are just some of the ways that ROPL continues to serve you:

**Contactless Pickup**

In response to COVID-19, ROPL now offers contactless pickup of materials. Much like the grocery stores’ and restaurants’ curbside service, you may place orders online and have them ready for you to drive up and get. Download the MyLibro app from the App Store or Google Play to schedule pickup times for your holds.

**What’s next**

While the situation changes and evolves every day, ROPL has a plan for progressing and reopening safely. Please check out the phased reopening plan and visit the library’s website at ropl.org for information about the current phase.

**Library Programs Going Digital**

In the interest of public health and safety, the library has modified and suspended many of our services. We had to pivot our programs last spring and summer and convert programs, whenever possible, to an online format. Most of these events are viewable at home through Zoom conference software. However, other platforms such as Facebook Live may be used depending on the performer’s preference and familiarity. Some programs such as musical concerts are more interactive and audience-dependent than others, so the long-term plan is to reintroduce in-person programming as circumstances allow. As a municipal government department we must take our lead from ever-changing city, county and state directives. One thing that will never change is our commitment to you, our patrons.

**Daily Tribune Digitized**

We are also bringing the collection of Daily Tribune back issues into the 21st century. Our digitization project has been a long time coming, after much deliberation over funding and technicalities. You will have easy access to the largest and most complete indexed run of full-text back issues dating back to 1877 accessible anywhere, anytime through the internet. This is a tremendous breakthrough in access to a one-of-a-kind resource for local history and genealogy.
Virtual Music Programs

Stu Johnson’s Musical History Series

Frank Sinatra

Francis Albert Sinatra was an American singer, actor and producer who was one of the most popular and influential musical artists of the 20th century. He is one of the best-selling music artists of all time, having sold more than 150 million records worldwide. Join Stu Johnson in this two-part Sinatra appreciation.

Part 1: Monday, September 29 at 7:00 pm
Part 2: Monday, October 5 at 7:00 pm
Please register HERE

Popular Music of the Roaring 20s, 1920-1929

During the Roaring Twenties, music in particular underwent drastic changes that accurately represented the cultural evolution that was occurring during that decade of the twenties. This fundamental period of American music resulted in many important changes in song form, dance music, popular taste, and production that still have a resounding effect on music to this day. Follow Stu Johnson as he narrates the musical history.

Monday, October 19 at 7:00 pm
Please register HERE

Leonardo Virtually Live

Leonardo knows why so many people enjoy songs written during the 1920s and 1930s - the Golden Age of American songwriting. Specializing in acoustic Delta Blues, Leonardo slaps a fresh coat of paint on these rarely heard classics using slide and open tunings on reso-phonics guitars. With music influenced by Robert Johnson, Son House, Charley Patton, “Blind” Willie Johnson, and Skip James, Leonardo has toured with “Honeyboy” Edwards, is a member of The Detroit Blues Society, and is endorsed by the National Reso-Phonic Guitar Company.

Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 pm
Please register HERE

Matthew Ball Holiday Concert

Pianist and singer Matthew Ball aka the Boogie Woogie Kid is the piano and song man with 4.6 million YouTube views! Join him on Facebook LIVE for a holiday program of seasonal tunes and Sunday songs with a New Orleans and Swing Dance Era! For an overview, just visit Matthew online or Facebook as the Boogie Woogie Kid.

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 PM
Get link HERE

Happy Halloween!

Michigan Haunts

This Halloween walk the path less traveled of Michigan’s hauntings – including ghost towns, theaters, and eateries – with Gail Offen and John Milan, authors of Michigan Haunts: Public Places, Eerie Spaces. Have a Spooky story? Be sure to share it.

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

The Art of Forensic Science

Are you a fan of TV shows such as Bones or Forensic Files? Are you interested in how police solve missing person cases? If so, plan on attending this online program as we welcome Michigan State Police Lieutenant Sarah Krebs to discuss her career as a forensic artist. Lt. Krebs will explain how her evidence-based drawings aid in the apprehension of criminals and how her three-dimensional skull reconstructions and postmortem sketches assist in the investigation of unidentified remains and often end in the resolution of missing person cases across the country.

Monday, October 26 at 6:30 PM
Please register HERE

Prisoner #4578: A Michigan True Crime Story

January 1889: detectives track a savage killer who murdered a middle-aged woman in her sleep. They follow a trail from Jackson to Detroit’s underworld revealing a shocking truth that would stun the entire community and lead to a murder trial that made national headlines. Join author Tobin Buhk for an in-depth discussion of the case.

Thursday, October 29 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

Historical Fascinations

Joe and Rose Kennedy: Origins of the Dynasty
An Interactive Presentation

Joe and Rose Kennedy raised one of the most significant families in U.S. history. Their nine children included a President, two U.S. Senators, an Ambassador to Ireland, and the founder of the Special Olympics.

Go back to 1961 and interact with Joe and Rose Kennedy. Learn how they raised their family, accumulated wealth, and inspired their descendants to choose lives of public service. Hear about Joe Kennedy’s careers as a bank executive, movie producer, chairman of two federal commissions, and ambassador to England. Learn about Rose’s devotion to her children and her contributions to their character development. Find out how these parents coped with several tragedies in the lives of their children.

This one-hour presentation is historically authentic and is presented with a keen sense of humor by Doré Productions.

Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE
**ExploreaLife of the Spirit**

**Heartfulness Meditation Program**

The *Heartfulness Meditation Program* offers a simple set of relaxation and meditation exercises, which when practiced daily, help restore balance in life, manage stress, better your health, and most of all will lead you to inner calm and peace. Each class covers both the conceptual framework as well as practical meditation and relaxation sessions. As classes progress, we add other techniques to help you go into a deep meditative state, faster. The entire program will be conducted by certified Heartfulness trainers, who have been meditating and training for several years. Virtual classes are free, but registration is required. Please register [HERE](#).

**Week 1: Introduction to Heartfulness Relaxation and Meditation**
Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM

**Week 2: Introduction to Heartfulness Cleansing**
Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM

**Week 3: Incorporating Meditation in Daily Life and Next Steps**
Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM

Graduates are also invited to attend virtual meditation sessions on Zoom every Tuesday at 7:00 PM through the rest of the year. Other weeknight sessions are available direct from Heartfulness Meditation. Please register [HERE](#).

**Get Out of Your Head and Into Your Life Purpose!**

Discover and empower yourself with a holistic approach to personal transformation and living your life purposefully. Julie Koning is a certified professional life coach, spiritual mentor and registered dietitian nutritionist. She uses her empathic and intuitive gifts and coaching experience to facilitate others to hear their own inner voice to expand joy and well-being in their life. In this class Julie will share her own incredible transformation story and her message that you are enough right now! Come and create a strong foundation to take your first steps or get you to the next level. This class starts off with a fun self-exploratory activity.

- Introduction to mindfulness and self-awareness methods
- Identifying limited thinking and moving forward
- Making decisions from a calm and present space
- Positive focus – not positive thinking
- Goal and implementation worksheets for transforming behavior and limited beliefs
- Guided imagery meditation to focus on your health, life, and professional goals

Please register [HERE](#).

**The Best is Yet to Come…NOW: Spiritual Lessons to Living a Purposeful Life**

Author Jennifer Stewart’s book talk will focus on mindfulness practices to lower anxiety, dissolve fear and become in the now with our thoughts. The different mindfulness lessons shift our thoughts from fear to trust. The goal of the presentation is healing within, which leads to becoming the best version of ourselves. Throughout this book, you will learn to live in a different thought state with an awakened mindset and an open heart full of love. Fear, anxiety, and unhappiness will all be dissolved as if you never experienced them at all. And the best part is, you will learn the art of manifestation and understand why timing in life is vital.

Please register [HERE](#).

**Your Health and Well-Being**

**The Keto Diet**

This Keto presentation will focus on the therapeutic benefits of the ketogenic diet. Based on her book *The Ketogenic 4-Week Workbook* of “ketogenic best practices”, Jennifer Stewart will discuss how nutrition plays a major role in healing the body and enhances mindfulness. Her company is called *Mindfulness Keto* and its mission is to illustrate how mindfulness practice and nutrition play a role together.

Please register [HERE](#).

**The A, B, Cs and Ds of Medicare: an Educational Seminar**

David Banet, a licensed insurance counselor, will present an educational seminar to give people turning 65 and older a safe place to ask questions and get information without being pressured by insurance companies. The seminar is focused on Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D and how Medicare Supplemental plans work. This allows people to get general answers concerning the moving parts of Medicare, thus turning a complicated process into a simple one for persons faced with these important life decisions.

Please register [HERE](#).

**Read, Write Express!**

Last December, Michigan-based documentary and editorial photographer, Amy Sacka set off on an epic road trip. Her goal: to travel around each of the Great Lakes, documenting the fullness of the winter-centered culture. The catch? The winter was warm. In many places, the snow, ice, and bitter cold that usually grip the region never appeared. In this Zoom presentation, she will lead us through her journey around the five Great Lakes over the course of Winter 2020. She will also discuss how the work found a life in *National Geographic* magazine.

Please register [HERE](#).
Falling for a Good Book: Three Evenings with DWW Authors

Put down that rake and let Detroit Working Writers (DWW) and President Roberta Brown help you welcome the fall season with readings from their authors. DWW was founded in 1900 and has boasted such distinguished members as Joyce Carol Oates, Judith Guest, and Naomi Long Madgett. No need to leave your house; the authors will come into your living room courtesy of Royal Oak Public Library and Zoom.

Memoir and Family History Writing

Our featured speaker this evening will be Algonac author Angela Rochon. She will share her journey to publishing and read from her memoir, Fatherless. Following Angela, DWW authors Myroslava Stefaniuk and Nancy Owen Nelson will read.

Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

Fantasy and Sci-Fi Writing

This evening’s featured author will be Amy Sevan from Troy with her novels: Pledge of Ashes and Curse of Ashes. She will discuss the fantasy genre, her road to publishing, and read from her books. Other DWW authors reading that night will be Veronica Dale, Annemarie Schiavi Pedersen, and RL Herron.

Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

Middle Grade and Young Adult Writing

Royal Oak’s own Kristin Bartley Lenz, author of The Art of Holding On and Letting Go will talk about the YA genre, how she published, and read from her novel. DWW authors Jean Alicia Elster, Barbara J. Rebbeck, Theresa Nielsen, and Diane VanderBeke Mager will also read.

Monday, December 7 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

DWW membership is open to any Michigan writer who meets the requirements. Check out DWW at www.detroitworkingwriters.org.

Learn Life Skills

Free Introductory Coding Workshops

Partnering with Grand Circus, we continue to offer introductory workshops on coding, repeated on a monthly basis for adults wishing to explore a new high-demand career in technology. This free workshop introduces you to basics of programming through hands-on exercises. If you have little to no coding experience or want to get acquainted with the GC learning environment, this is a great place to start!

Participants are required to supply their own laptops. Please register with Grand Circus HERE.

English as a Second Language Conversation Club

The conversation club, coordinated with Oakland Community College-Royal Oak will meet once a month, September-November on Zoom. English learners along with volunteer English speakers can enjoy conversation and the opportunity to meet friends from various countries and cultures.

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM Please register HERE
Conversation led by Susan Sheiner, Adult Services Librarian
Topic: Discussion of Lady Bird (movie available on Kanopy and Netflix). Please view the movie before the discussion group.

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM Please register HERE
Conversation led by Susan Sheiner, Adult Services Librarian
Topic: TBA

Understanding Your Credit Score

Presented by licensed banker, Erica Johnson from Citizens Bank, this workshop will teach you the basics of credit reports and scores. We will cover what affects your credit score and how to improve it, how to request and read your credit report, disputing errors on your credit report, ways to build your credit history and more. A solid credit report is an essential part of your financial health. Sign up to learn how to help yourself get on track!

Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 PM Please register HERE
Financial Planning

Saving for Education

Funding the cost of college tuition and related expenses for children is a common source of concern for parents and grandparents who worry about the ever-increasing costs of a college education in the United States. Join us to learn more from Certified Financial Planner™ professional David Deller on developing a college funding strategy.

Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

Watch Your Garden Grow

DIY Botanical Prints “Grab and Go” Workshop

Botanical prints are a great way to bring a touch of outdoors indoors! During this beginner level workshop, participants will make a colorful botanical hanging print for their homes. All that is needed to create a print will be provided in this kit. This may be a messy workshop, so please dress accordingly. Craft kits will be available beginning Thursday, October 1. Kits are available on a first come, first served basis while they last.

Join us again in early November for a “Grab and Go” Coloring Workshop. Coloring is a great way to relax in these difficult times. The adult kits with pencils and coloring sheets will be supplied on a first come, first served basis.

Getting Your Garden Ready for Winter

Master gardener Lori Smith will help participants prepare their gardens for winter. She has been a member of the St. Clair Shores Yardeners Group since 2011, where she volunteers in the Selensky Green Farmhouse gardens. Topics will include:

- Cleanup: what to keep for the pollinators & birds to survive the winter;
- Deciding on plants for the right areas based on sun and shade;
- Planting perennials for next year;
- Planting spring bulbs;
- Planting seeds that need the cold stratification provided by winter weather like Milkweed;
- Clearing out a spot for a new garden bed;
- Cleaning and sharpening your tools for next year;
- Getting your soil tested to see if you need to add nutrients for the coming year

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE

What’s Cooking?

Cooking Demonstration: Traditional Dishes

Chef Jake Williams returns to show how you can create traditional Hispanic dishes in a tasty celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Sunday, September 13 at 1:00 PM  Please register HERE

Cooking Demonstration: Fall Bounty

Chef Jake Williams is back to show you new techniques to help turn Michigan’s fall bounty into delicious meals.

Saturday, October 3 at 1:00 PM  Please register HERE

Cooking Demonstration: Thanksgiving Sides

Chef Jake Williams is here to help you dress up your Thanksgiving sides!

Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 PM  Please register HERE

Get Festive with Holiday Market

Zoom Cooking Class

Royal Oak Public Library is partnering with Holiday Market to offer patrons a wonderful cooking experience with Chef Robert. Join him on Zoom to prepare and enjoy the results for dinner. The menu will feature Italian cuisine, including stuffed pasta shells, garlic bread and homemade tomato basil sauce, with zabaglione and fresh berries for dessert.

Upon registering, participants will receive a grocery list of the ingredients used to prepare this delicious meal. Registration is required and is limited to 20 households. Only one registration per household is necessary. For more information contact: Susan Sheiner at susan@ropl.org.

Wednesday, December 2, 5:30-7:00 PM  Please register HERE
Embroidered Constellations with Creativebug – Ages 11-18
Bring the night sky into your home with hand-embroidered zodiac constellations. This tutorial is shared through the Creativebug database and led by ROPL’s Miss Becca. Learn how to:
• Embroider with metallic thread
• Sew a star stitch
• Sew a straight stitch
• Transfer a design using marking chalk
• Transfer a design using transfer paper
Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your craft supply pickup beginning Tuesday, September 8. Limit 24.

Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Teen Book Club – Ages 12-18
The Art of Holding On and Letting Go by Kristin Bartley Lenz
Competitive climber Cara Jenkins feels most at home high off the ground, clinging to a rock wall by her fingertips. She’s enjoyed a roaming life with her mountaineering parents, making the natural world her jungle gym, the writings of Annie Dillard and Henry David Thoreau her textbooks. But when tragedy strikes on an Ecuadorian mountaintop, Cara’s nomadic lifestyle comes to an abrupt halt. Starting over at her grandparents’ home in suburban Detroit, Cara embarks on a year of discovery. Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup beginning Thursday, September 24. Limit 15.

Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule free book pickup.

Teen Virtual Scavenger Hunt: Walt Disney World Anniversary! – Ages 11-18
Are you a Walt Disney World fan? If so, show off your search skills and trivia knowledge! Discover “This Day in History,” October 1, 1971 when the Walt Disney World Resort officially opened! Register to receive the link to the online scavenger hunt form and Zoom meeting login. Please contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your door prize pickup beginning Tuesday, September 8. Limit 20.

Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule supply pickup.

Get Messy, Make Art: Frida Kahlo Art Journaling with Creativebug – Ages 11-18
Make an Art Journal featuring a favorite artist: Frida Kahlo. Journals and images provided with registration. Feel free to be inspired by any artist, including yourself! Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your craft supplies pickup starting November 5. Limit 24.

Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule supply pickup.

Baking with Becca
Tune in for another episode of Baking with Becca as she prepares a yummy and easy fall dessert: Caramel Apple Slices! Enjoy a complimentary “kitchen door prize” with registration! Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your door prize pickup starting November 5. Limit 20.

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule door prize pickup.
Back to School

With the unpredictable school year starting up, and so many school districts choosing remote or hybrid curriculums, there is no better time to discover the wealth of resources offered by the Royal Oak Public Library! Royal Oak Schools students: your Royal Oak Public Library card is your key to success! Your student library card gives you access to all of our resources, print and digital.

At the top of the list of databases for Back-to-School is Tutor.com, a fully tutoring service available 24/7 in more than 40 subjects, and Lynda.com, a leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills (parents!). Go to ropl.org for more information and discover a full list of databases, apps, school district information, and more! The Royal Oak Public Library is a participating Michigan eLibrary (MelCat) for even more services. Go to www.mel.org for more information.

Books and More! Accessing Library Resources

Digital services are more important than ever when working remotely is the new normal, but print editions will always be relevant. Round out your child’s reading experience with a cozy lapsit story, bedtime stories, and nonfiction selections to support homework requirements. Don’t forget the benefits of independent fiction reading which aids creativity, makes us more empathic, builds vocabulary and helps children learn to focus. “A book is a dream that you hold in your hands.” — Neil Gaiman

Our print materials, Storytime Together Bags, audio books and DVD collections for all ages are available to browse online, place holds and schedule contactless pickup through myLIBRO on our website or the app. Keep an eye on our website this fall for updates about the next phase for reopening! Need help? Phone 248-246-3725 for assistance.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Kids get a bookmark and an ROPL pencil while supplies last!

Parents, the American Library Association advises “make sure your kids have the most important school supply of all – a library card! Get one this September and kick off the school year right.” Royal Oak Public Library cards are issued to Royal Oak residents for library services including online access to ebooks and other electronic resources. Our youngest patrons are eligible for a library card when they can write their name. Students in the Royal Oak Schools who are non-residents are also eligible for a library card. Library card applications are available online at ropl.org/1053/Apply-for-a-Library-Card or call 248-246-3725 for more information. Get your library card today!
**Fall Highlights**

**Parent Connection:**

**Weekly Chats about Real Life Child Rearing**

*New this fall!* Talk with other parents during live Zoom chats to get or share advice on raising happy, healthy kids while taking care of yourself. We are offering these sessions for casual, unstructured talks because we miss live story time and all of the great conversations and advice we heard members of our community offer one another during the craft or playtime part of story time. This can be a way to connect the story time community until we can all sit on the story carpet or in tiny chairs in person, together again.

**Wednesdays at 10:15 AM**
- September 9  
  Please register HERE.
- September 16  
  Please register HERE.
- September 30  
  Please register HERE.
- October 7  
  Please register HERE.
- October 14  
  Please register HERE.
- October 21  
  Please register HERE.

**Yoga for Everyone with**

**Certified Instructor Erin Williams**

Join us for a free, all-levels yoga class on the library lawn! Enjoy the fresh air while taking a mental and physical break. Erin will lead a fully-guided class focusing on alignment, breath, and mindful movements. You will feel relaxed and grounded after this 45-minute class. Limit 25.

**Monday, September 21 at 6:30 PM**
(Rain date: Monday, September 28 at 6:30 PM)
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link.

**Acting Out Kids**

Kids will learn acting, improv and public speaking skills through a variety of acting and improv games, activities, monologues and skits. This class is perfect for both new and experienced actors and is great for building confidence, making new friends and having lots of fun! Presented by Acting Out Kids Community Theatre. Limit 20.

**Select Wednesdays at 4:30 PM**
- September 9  
  Please register HERE.
- October 14  
  Please register HERE.
- November 18  
  Please register HERE.

**Tweet Programs**

**Tween DIY Labyrinth Game**

*Ages 7-11*

With a CD case, Wikki Stix® and edible beads, you can design and make a fun labyrinth! Join Miss Jessica as she demonstrates some designs. Contact jess@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning Wednesday, September 9. The beads are edible but not safe for young children. Supervision around very young children is advised. Limit 30.

**Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30 PM**
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

**Tween Halloween Virtual Scavenger Hunt**

*Ages 7-11*

Sharpen your investigative skills to find all things Halloween in this fun virtual scavenger hunt. Using the library catalog, databases, books, Halloween decorations and household items, race to finish this fun hunt! Each attendee will receive a fun Halloween prize upon registration. Registration is required to receive a link to the Zoom meeting and to schedule your prize pickup. Please contact jess@ropl.org to schedule your door prize pickup beginning Sunday, October 25. Limit 30.

**Wednesday, October 28 at 4:30 PM**
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule prize pickup.

**DIY Pom Pom Bugs**

*Ages 7-11*

Make these easy DIY fun, silly, goofy or scary bugs with pom poms, wiggly eyes, and chenille stems! Idea inspirations included with craft supplies. Follow along with Miss Jessica and share your creations with others in the program! Contact jess@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning Wednesday, October 28. Limit 30.

**Wednesday, November 4 at 4:30 PM**
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.
**Tuesday Evening Virtual Family Programs**

The whole family will enjoy a variety of virtual evening programs designed for elementary and preschool children. Programs typically last 30-45 minutes. **Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.** You may register online at [ropl.org](http://ropl.org) or by calling 248-246-3725 during library hours. **Registration opens two weeks in advance of the program.**

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**Teddy Bears’ Picnic**
In celebration of National Teddy Bear Day, we’re going to have a virtual Teddy Bears’ Picnic! Enjoy Teddy Bear stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Bring your Teddy Bear to the Zoom program and set up a picnic at home! Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning Tuesday, September 1. Limit 40.

*Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.*

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**Little Creatures: Creature Feature!**
Dan Briere and The Little Creatures Co. have been providing fun and educational animal programs for 30 years! Little Creatures returns to ROPL with some very special animal friends including a python, tarantula, a giant African Bull Frog, a parrot, tortoise and more! Presented by Dan Briere of Little Creatures Co. Contact barbara@ropl.org with any questions. Limit 40.

*Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link.*

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**Fire Prevention Week: What Does a Firefighter Do?**
Celebrate Fire Safety Week with stories and crafts about firefighters. A free fire safety picture book is offered (one per family), along with crafts for all registrants. Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org to schedule your book and craft pickup beginning Tuesday, September 29. Limit 30.

*Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule book and craft pickup.*

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**Pajama Story Time!**
Cozy up in your pajamas and don’t forget your blanket and stuffed toy for a fun evening of good-night books, songs, flannel stories and more. Contact tracy@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning Tuesday, October 6. Limit 40.

*Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.*

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**Virtual Vitamin Z: Zooming with The Detroit Zoo!**
Don’t miss this great opportunity to visit with our own Detroit Zoo! Guided by wildlife educators, this Zoom tour will give you an up-close look at some of the Zoo’s most popular animals! Contact amy@ropl.org with any questions. Limit 50.

*Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link.*

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**It’s Pumpkin Time!**
Join us for pumpkin stories, songs, and rhymes! Halloween is around the corner and it’s the perfect time to celebrate October’s best-loved fruit! What is your favorite Jack-O’-Lantern face? You’ll have a chance to make one because the first 40 registrants will get a small pumpkin to keep! Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org to schedule your pumpkin pickup time beginning Tuesday, October 20. Limit 40.

*Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 PM*
*Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule Pumpkin pickup.*
Tuesday Evening cont.

Toy Story Party!
Join the party to celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Toy Story*! Stories, songs, dancing and crafts will be part of the fun! Who’s your favorite *Toy Story* character? Bring yours to the program and share with everyone! Contact becca@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup beginning Tuesday, November 3. Limit 40.

Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Pajama Story Time!
Cozy up in your pajamas and don’t forget your blanket and stuffed toy for some good-night books, songs, flannel stories and more. Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule your craft pickup time beginning Tuesday, November 10. Limit 40.

Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Thanksgiving Turkeys!
These silly Thanksgiving stories and rhymes will have you laughing out loud! What are those turkeys up to? Find out about the Thanksgiving rules, how *Olaf Gives Thanks*, and how to make a turkey with your hand! Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule your pickup time beginning Tuesday, November 17.

Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.

Story Times

No registration is required for Story Times
Tune in to story times on the Royal Oak Public Library Youtube channel.

Monday Family Story Time Ages 5 and under
These pre-recorded story times for ages 5 and under incorporate many enjoyable pre-reading skills including stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and movement.

Mondays at 10:15 AM
September 14, 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19 and 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Baby Size! Birth-15 months
These pre-recorded story times are for the youngest children, infants to 15 months, and their caregivers. Enjoy literacy building activities for babies including songs, rhymes, and sharing board books.

Thursdays at 10:15 AM
September 10, 17, and 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
November 5, 12, and 19
(no story time on Thanksgiving)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Party
Ages Birth-Pre-K
Whether you’re new to the program and would like more information, or already tracking your books and want to celebrate, register for this season’s “virtual” party! We’ll have stories, dancing, and a “take-and-make” craft as all part of the fun! Participants who have reached 1,000 books will be eligible to receive their caps, diploma, books, stickers & bag prizes. Contact amy@ropl.org to schedule your craft or 1,000 Books Bag pickup beginning Sunday, November 1. Limit 40.

Saturday, November 7 at 10:30 AM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule craft pickup.
Book Buddies Book Club

Book Buddies is a book club for ROPL’s youngest independent readers, ages 5-8 in grades K-3. Book club meetings include activities, book discussions, and a craft based on the book. Contact barbara@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. Limit 25 per session.

Monsters and Mold (#2 in the Zoey and Sassafras series) by Asia Citro

Book and craft pickup begins on Tuesday, September 15
Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, October 12 at 4:30 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule free book and craft pickup.

When a forest monster shows up looking for help with an embarrassing problem, Zoey is sure it will be a simple fix. But her first two tries at helping him fail and she has a sobbing monster on her hands! Will Zoey and Sassafras solve the problem in time for Gorp to go to the annual Monster Ball?

Fly Guy Presents: Sharks by Tedd Arnold

Book and craft pickup begins on Monday, October 12
Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, November 16 at 4:30 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule free book and craft pickup.

Award-winning author/illustrator Tedd Arnold brings nonfiction to life with the help of his very popular main character, Fly Guy! This engaging nonfiction reader combines the kid-friendly humor of Fly Guy with the high-interest topic of sharks! Fly Guy and Buzz introduce young readers to sharks with straightforward fun facts, humorous asides, and colorful photographs throughout.

Kids’ Book Club

ROPL has a book club just for kids ages 9-11 in grades 4-6! Join us for a lively book discussion and activities on the featured book. Contact emilycrosby@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. Limit 15.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Book pickup begins on Tuesday, September 8
Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, October 5 at 4:30 PM
Please register HERE to receive Zoom link and schedule free book pickup.

Eleven-year-old Delphine has it together. Even though her mother, Cecile, abandoned her and her younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern, seven years ago. Even though her father and Big Ma will send them from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to stay with Cecile for the summer. And even though Delphine will have to take care of her sisters, as usual, and learn the truth about the missing pieces of the past.

Kids’ Graphic Novel Book Club

ROPL has a book club just for kids ages 8-12 who love graphic novels! Lively book discussions and activities are all part of the fun. Contact tracy@ropl.org to schedule your book pickup. Limit 15.

Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick

Book pickup begins on Monday, October 19
Book Club Zoom meeting is on Monday, November 9 at 4:30 PM
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Funny, full of action, robots and friendship, Hilo’s soon to be friend, D.J., discovers him after seeing and hearing a loud explosion, leaving a gashing hole in the ground. When D.J. gets closer to take a look, he sees Hilo in his silver underwear! And it is there where the adventure begins! Trying to discover who Hilo is and how exactly he got into this hole are the first questions to be tackled. Helping D.J. and Hilo on their quest for answers is D.J.’s good friend, Gina.
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