Focus on Spring Planting and the Seed Library

Spring is coming and now is the time to think ahead and make the Royal Oak Public Library your resource for not only gardening information and advice but the actual seeds as well. Our seed library is in full bloom and we have a large array of vegetable, herb and flower seeds all for free. Gardeners may take up to five seed packets with the hope that they in turn will provide seeds from their own harvests to replenish the seed library’s stock. Also contributing to the seed library is the butterfly garden in front of the library. Volunteers will be needed and welcome in the spring for clean-up and planting in the butterfly garden. In conjunction with these services for gardeners, we offer related programs on the birds and the bees. And last but not least is our print book collection which has been beefed up to meet demand for tomes on gardening, landscaping and the like to make your garden grow and glow. Questions? Please contact an Adult Services librarian at 248-246-3727.

Focus on Seniors

Library managers are participating on the Royal Oak Senior Services / Aging in Place Task Force. The task force is broken down into six units and is based on the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Age Friendly Communities program and is the direct result of large projected demographic increases in the senior population. Our involvement with the task force is intended to help us provide better library services to mature residents and to help make Royal Oak more age-friendly. For more information, please visit www.romi.gov/1414/Age-Friendly-Royal-Oak or attend the following program:

Supporting Seniors, Caregivers and People with Disabilities

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B is a nonprofit serving older adults, people with disabilities and family caregivers in a six-county region of southeast Michigan that includes Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties. They help people access the services and programs they need to remain living independently and with dignity in their own home or with family caregivers. They offer many services directly, while also partnering with and providing funding to other community organizations in the delivery of senior services. Together with their community partners, they help build a strong local network of supports, resources and services for older adults in our region and help older adults get the care they need to stay living at home. Key Services include:

- **Free Telephone Help Line: 800-852-7795** Available 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Available to everyone, free-of-charge throughout the region
- **Government-Funded In-home Care Programs**: Direct care with activities of daily living to help people stay living independently in their own homes.
- **Meals on Wheels and Senior Nutrition Programs**: Home delivered meals and community dining sites managed in conjunction with 12 community partners throughout our region.
- **Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program**: Free and unbiased help with Medicare and Medicaid delivered through a corps of highly trained volunteers.
- **Health and Wellness Programs for Older Adults and Family Caregivers Other Contracted Program**: We provide funding for other community partners who provide services like Adult Day services, home injury control (installing grab bars or other safety devices to make sure a home is safe), legal services for seniors or grandparents raising grandchildren programs.

Tune in and find out what the AAA 1-B can do for you and your loved ones

**Monday, April 18 at 7:00 pm on Zoom** Please register HERE
Spring is Springing Up All Over

Birdwatching vs Birding

More and more people are enjoying bird feeding while close to home during the Pandemic. Greg Bodker’s beautiful photography will help you learn more about birds as he demonstrates the joys of birding you can have both in your backyard and in our area. Novice and aspiring birders will especially benefit from the program. Topics include the excitement and enjoyment of birding, how to attract more birds to your backyard, places to go birding in our area, stories from the field while birding and much more!

Greg Bodker has been a serious birder since 2006, combining his interest in birds, nature, and photography as often as possible. Greg has led birding trips for Michigan Audubon.

Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Seed Starting 101

From soil to seed to light and everything in between, MSU Tollgate Farm’s Sustainable Agriculture instructor, Darby Anderson, will dive into the basics of seed starting. Together we will explore the conditions needed to start seeds at home successfully and continue caring for them as they grow.

Monday, March 14 at 7:00 pm  Please register HERE

Everything You Learned About Landscaping is Wrong: An Ecological Approach to Landscaping

Pick up a gardening magazine or book, talk to your neighbor across the fence, consult with a landscaper, or visit your local plant supplier and much of the time the advice you will receive contributes to the biodiversity crisis and climate change. The traditional horticultural paradigm only considers the aesthetic qualities of landscapes and common practices including wasteful water usage, harmful chemicals, invasive species, and maintenance intensive practices that exterminate wildlife. With more residential land in the US than all the national parks combined, we can do better in our built landscapes. Professional landscaper, Drew Lathin, will talk about how to can create habitat in our front, side and backyards that attracts and supports pollinators, butterflies, birds, and myriad other forms of wildlife. Participants will learn how to avoid the use of invasive species, eliminate the use of supplemental water, eliminate chemicals, reduce maintenance, and use native plants that are beautiful to both people and wildlife.

Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 pm  Please register HERE

Small Scale Grain Growing for Homestead and Community Gardens

Discover how to grow grains on a home garden scale. Our speaker, Scott Hucker, will take us through a growing season step-by-step, sharing his personal experience with growing these wonderfully diverse and versatile staple crops. Emphasis is at a personal use level and topics include selection, planting, cultivation, harvest and processing to culminate in culinary uses. Wheat, barley, oats, rice, sorghum, triticale, millet, and amaranth are considered.

Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Let’s Go Birding

Let’s Go Birding is a followup to Greg Bodker’s well-received Birdwatching vs Birding program. This program gets the audience outfitted for a birding adventure before going into the field with more photos, videos, and stories that demonstrate the excitement of birding.

Bodker says “Most bird species are habitat specific. The process of seeing different birds allows me to see both the birds and all the amazing habitats around us. My goal is to convey my enthusiasm for the birds and the outdoors to the audience.”

Greg Bodker has been a serious birder since 2006, combining his interest in birds, nature, and photography as often as possible. Greg has led birding trips for Michigan Audubon and has birded in all of Michigan’s 83 counties and in most of North America. He is excited to report he saw his 344th Michigan bird species in August 2021, a Wood Stork, in Ludington, Mason County.

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Lilac Festival Comes to Life

Experience Mackinac Island’s Lilac Festival by way of a zoom presentation by author Sue Allen and photographer Jenifer Wohletz about their book, Lilacs: A Fortnight of Fragrance on Mackinac Island. They will discuss the history of lilacs on the island, why they thrive so well there and identify some of the many varieties found on Mackinac. “When the lilacs are in full bloom and the weather cooperates, the island is pure magic,” says Sue Allen.

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Honoring Our Veterans
Larry Martin’s WWII: In Their Own Words

This is a presentation of Larry Martin’s interview with Navy veteran, Robert Applegate, who had a unique story to tell about his time serving in WWII. He joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to a Naval Armed Guard which protected civilian ships that transported military supplies. Robert’s ship was called the SS Jean Nicolet. During July of 1944, Robert saw a civilian named Parker aboard the Nicolet signal a Japanese submarine the location of the Nicolet with a lighter in the dark which could be seen for miles. Within seconds two torpedoes hit the Nicolet forcing the crew to abandon ship… And then the story really becomes horrific.

This is but one example of the debt every American owes to our veterans for the ultimate sacrifices they made to secure our freedoms.

Monday, May 23 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Sharpen Your Skills
Free Introductory Coding Workshops

Partnering with Grand Circus in Detroit, 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 the 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. Don’t have your own laptop? You can borrow a Chromebook from the library. Hot spots are available too. Registration with GC is required.

Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE
Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE
Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 pm  Please register HERE

ESL Conversation Club

English as a Second Language Conversation Club is a community partnership with the Oakland Community College ESL program in Royal Oak. Participants include non-native speakers, as well as volunteer English speakers, who want to learn about other cultures and engage in interesting conversations. All levels welcome, and each person is encouraged to participate. The group leader is Susan Sheiner, Adult Services Librarian.

Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
**Forever Young Zoom Book Club**

This book club is for adults ages 17 and up who still love to read YA books. Join us on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm for a selection of diverse reads written for Forever Young young adults – but with adult appeal. First 15 registrants receive a free copy of the book or a librarian can help you find a copy through our digital collections or interlibrary loan. Books are available on the first of the month. Questions? Please contact Becca at 248-246-3736 or becca@ropl.org.

*They Went Left by Monica Hesse*

Three years ago, Zofia and her younger brother, Abek, were the only members of their family to be sent to the right, away from the gas chambers of Auschwitz Birkenau. The rest of their family were sent left. Now she must try to find her brother on a continent torn apart by war, just one of many searching for those they lost.

**Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

*Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson*

When legendary R&B artist Korey Fields spots Enchanted Jones at an audition, her dreams of being a famous singer take flight. Until Enchanted wakes up with blood on her hands and zero memory of the previous night. Who killed Korey Fields? And why do all signs point to Enchanted?

**Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

*The Beautiful by Renée Ahdieh*

After fleeing Paris to the safety of New Orleans, Celine Rousseau is taken in by the sisters of the Ursuline convent. She is enraptured by the vibrant city, stumbling into the city’s glitzy underworld – La Cour des Lions – and its enigmatic leader, Sébastien Saint Germain. When Sébastien is tied to a series of murders, Celine must battle her attraction to survive a serial killer with his sights set on Celine.

**Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

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**Third–Thursday Zoom Book Club**

Join us for a stimulating virtual discussion of books and ideas from the comfort of your own home on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Questions? Please contact the club leader, Rosemary Mirsky, at 248-246-3715 or rosemary@ropl.org.

*The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett*

Bennett’s novel features Black 16-year-old twins who run away from their 1950s Jim Crow south town and wind up taking different paths, with one passing for white. – Library Journal via NovelList

**Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

*The Shepherd’s Life: Modern Dispatches from an Ancient Landscape by James Rebanks*

The author details a life of hard work ruled by the seasons in the Lake District of Northern England, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

**Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

*The Night Always Comes by Willy Vlautin*

Vlautin’s haunting novels often tackle the deep challenges of the working poor, and here comes 30-year-old waitress Lynette trying to buy her mother’s house in Portland, where gentrification is making it hard for her to find a stable future in an America that is leaving her behind.

**Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Please register [HERE](#)

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**Let’s Get Crafty!**

Pickup make-and-take craft bags to make these engaging craft projects. All materials are provided (unless noted) and no registration is required. Craft bags will be available for pickup at the library Adult Reference Desk while supplies last. Then look for instructions on the ROPL YouTube channel.

**Questions?** Contact Gillian at gillian@ropl.org.

**Get Crafty: Yarn Birds**

As we move into Spring, bring your own teeny birds in to roost! These adorable birds are deceptively simple, for how detailed and round they look. They’d make an adorable addition to any windowsill, or as a gift to someone who just loves small things! **Craft bag pickup is April 16 – 23** (you will need to provide a pair of scissors). **Instruction video will be posted on the ROPL YouTube channel on Saturday, April 23.**

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**Get Crafty: Logo Print Glasses**

Have you ever come into the library and been instantly happier? Do you look upon the ROPL and proudly think “yes, this is MY library!” Have you ever imagined not only having drinkware that represents how much you love your library, but making it yourself? If you nodded your head to any of those questions, then this Get Crafty is for you! You’ll be painting the ROPL logo on your own pint glass, which once cured, is ready to hold any liquid yof your choice! **Craft bag pickup is May 13 – 21. Instruction video will be posted on the ROPL YouTube channel on Saturday, May 21.**
April is National Poetry Month
schema poetica with Cindy Frenkel and Dennis Hinrichsen

Cindy Frenkel is a poet, essayist and educator, living in Metro Detroit. Her recent book, *The Plague of the Tender-Hearted*, published in 2020, is both moving and magical. One reviewer writes: “She makes her way through the maze of family death, divorce, even a brother’s suicide without ever losing the ability to embrace joys small and large.”

Dennis Hinrichsen’s most recent book, *schema geometrica* by Green Linden Press, has received many acclaimed reviews. One writes: “The poems are wild and rigorous at once, joyful and irreverent, abundant with intellect, and sometimes, yes, driven by rage at the wreckage we have made around us. This is not a comfortable couch of a lyric vision. This is lyric determined to imagine a future, and I admire it deeply.” Another recent book, *This Is Where I Live I Have Nowhere Else To Go*, was the winner of Grid Poetry Prize for 2020. His other works include [*q / lear*], a chapbook from Green Linden Press (2019), and *Skin Music*, winner of the 2014 Michael Waters Poetry Prize from Southern Indiana Review Press.

Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Johnston & Percy: Writers in Love

Married writers Deborah Ann Percy (Johnston) and Arnold Johnston will read both individual and collaborative work, drawing from their fiction and drama, as well as Arnie’s poetry. They’ll also discuss the collaborative process and answer any questions the audience may have. The couple lives in Kalamazoo and South Haven, MI. Their plays have won over 300 productions and readings on stage, screen, and radio, as well as numerous awards and publications across the country and internationally. The two writers have written, co-written, edited, or translated some twenty books. Their award-winning poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and translations have appeared widely in literary journals and anthologies.

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

A Celebration of Poetry Featuring Joy Gaines-Friedler and Ken Meisel

Joy Gaines-Friedler is the author of three books of poetry, her most recent *Capture Theory* (Kelsay Books, 2018) is a Forward Review Indiefab Finalist, and an Edward Hoffer Award, Finalist. Her work has been published in over 80 books, anthologies and literary magazines including *The New York Quarterly, The San Pedro River Review, Rattle* and elsewhere. Her chapbook *Stone On A Stone* is a 2021 winner of The Friends of Poetry. Joy teaches creative writing for non-profits, and communities at risk in S.E Michigan.


Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Civil Rights & Inclusion

Alice’s Ordinary People

Alice’s Ordinary People is a documentary film about Alice Tregay – a woman who refused to stand still for injustice. Her remarkable story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama, and her unique contribution in the field of politics is the thread that connects the two. The film is available to watch for free through the library’s Kanopy streaming service: Click HERE

Attendees are encouraged to watch the film before the Zoom program, but the presentation can be enjoyed whether or not you’ve seen the film. This hour-long program is a presentation and discussion with independent filmmaker Craig Dudnick, who brought Alice’s story to life.

Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

The Detroit Race Riot of 1943: Who Were the People Who Lost Their Lives?

Thirty-four people died in the 1943 Detroit race riot. What can State of Michigan death records tell us about their complicated lives – and how they died? Join Dr. Thomas Klug, History Professor at University of Detroit Mercy, for this compelling presentation.

Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Hidden Wonders of Detroit
A Vision In Stone: The Detroit Masonic Temple

The Detroit Masonic Temple is the largest building of its kind in the world. At 210 feet tall and 550,000 square feet, it contains incredibly detailed craftsmanship, and a variety of architecture. Rob Moore, Executive Director of the Detroit Masonic Temple Library Archive and Research Center and Chief Temple Docent, will provide an overview of its history, design, and continued importance to metro Detroit.

Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Corrado Parducci: Works Near & Far

Join architectural historian Dale A. Carlson, author of Corrado Parducci: A Field Guide to Detroit’s Architectural Sculptor, for an hour-long keynote presentation featuring fine art photography of over 25 Parducci commission sites from New York to California, with a special emphasis on a handful right here in southeast Oakland County including his extensive work for Royal Oak’s National Shrine of the Little Flower.

Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Book Talk: Detroit Time Capsule

Detroit Time Capsule, by presenter Gregory A. Fournier, is a collection of seventy-five articles that first appeared as Fornology.com blog posts. The original posts have been revised and re-edited for inclusion in this anthology. Topics vary from significant historical events to biographical profiles of people who left their mark on Detroit history. Although this collection can be read from beginning to end, most chapters are self-contained with no narrative thread binding them. This eclectic collection makes a great springboard for readers interested in learning more about Detroit’s rich past.

Literary Classics gold medal award-winning author, Gregory A. Fournier, received his bachelor’s and master's degrees in Language Arts from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. A writer of creative nonfiction, his books include The Elusive Purple Gang, Zag Island, Terror In Ypsilanti, and The Richard Streicher Jr. Murder.

Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

For Old Times’ Sake

Soupy Sales and the Detroit Experience: Manufacturing a Television Personality

Author Francis Shor discusses his study of the content and context of Soupy’s time on WXYZ TV provides important insights into key threads of popular culture in the 1950s, including the role of television and its impact on the family and children, the influence of Cold War and consumerist ideology, Jewish-inflected humor, and jazz, especially as a component of the Detroit socio-cultural history in this period. All of these seemingly disparate topics, however, lead back to identifying the manufacturing of a television personality at a particular moment in time and in a specific location. Beyond the network of Soupy fans, anyone interested in how a television personality achieves local and national prominence should consider reading this book. Also, those who want to understand the role of the media and popular culture in the 1950s will be enlightened, and even entertained, by this exploration of Soupy Sales’ Detroit experience.

Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Classic, indie, documentary and DIY films are now available from Kanopy. Access Kanopy’s impressive variety of films from silent-era shorts to ground breaking documentaries for free with your Royal Oak Public Library card. Go to ropl.org for details.
Our Families, Ourselves
Child Custody: Complete Guide for Parents
When separating or divorcing, parents find themselves facing myriad issues: legal custody, physical custody, parenting time, psychological evaluations, and a host of others as they navigate the legal system. Those who have a better understanding of what to expect and the pitfalls they may encounter along the way will be better equipped to handle the process. Join Henry Gornbein, J.D. and Jack P. Haynes, Ph.D., whose new book, Child Custody: A Complete Guide for Parents, is based on the authors’ collective decades of experience working with child custody from the legal and psychological standpoints. Their ultimate goal is to help parents stay out of court while providing information and ideas about what is best for children from infancy to adulthood. Being informed means parents are in a better position to control their own destinies and shape a future that is best for their children – and themselves.

Monday, March 7 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Furry Family Members
Cat Behavior 101
Did you know that cats are 100% trainable? Dr. Akshay Verma and behavior technologist Danielle Bolm from Personalized Veterinary: Behavior and Rehabilitation will share some fun techniques to train your kitty. They will also address common behavioral concerns with cats and how to handle them. Forget the perception that felines are aloof. It just takes a bit of understanding for a pawsitive relationship.

Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

The Cultural Phenomenon of Home DNA Testing
This presentation by Libby Copeland will explore the extraordinary cultural phenomenon of home DNA testing, which is redefining family history. It will draw on Libby Copeland’s years of research for her new book The Lost Family: How DNA Testing is Upending Who We Are (Abrams, 2020), which The Wall Street Journal calls “a fascinating account of lives dramatically affected by genetic sleuthing.” With close to 40 million people having been tested, a tipping point has been reached. Virtually all Americans are affected whether they have been tested or not, and millions have been impacted by significant revelations in their immediate families.

Libby Copeland is an award-winning journalist and author who writes from New York about culture and science.

Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Michigan Drinking Water Awareness Week
Water Infrastructure 101: What You Need to Know Below and Beyond
Join Oakland Commissioner Jim Nash for a discussion of the county water infrastructure. Topics will include: water quality and PFOS, lead and copper, Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP), sewer and storm water and much more! City plans to implement stormwater utility charges will be covered too.

Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Expand Your Mind
Older Adults and Mental Health
Join us for a presentation by Leon Judd, President, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI Metro – Oakland Wayne and Macomb Counties, that reviews the human life cycle, defines mental illness, and personality disorder. Get the facts on older adults, elder abuse and competency. Learn about risk factors and symptoms of mental health conditions. Also covered are mental health goals, interventions, both individual and community integrated care models, and attitudes towards the elderly.

Monday, May 9 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Seeking the Sacred
Compare different ways people throughout the world and throughout time have used works of art to hold, communicate and reinforce ideas about religion, spirituality, and cosmology. This virtual program is brought to us by the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Virtual Monthly Makerspace for Teens Ages 11-18

These monthly programs offer various creative projects that include elements of the visual arts, technology and/or handicrafts. Registration is required. Limit 30 per program.

These projects are supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out more about how the National Endowment for the Arts grants impact individuals and communities, visit www.arts.gov.

Irish Soda Bread

If you're late to the bread making trend of 2020, join teen librarian Becca to make this yeastless traditional bread just in time for St. Patrick’s Day. Ingredient list will be provided.

Available on ROPL YouTube on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 PM
Please register HERE

Easter Egg Bath Bombs

Use fillable plastic Easter eggs to make colorful spring bath bombs. Just like Easter eggs, you can hide a surprise inside to find later! These make great gifts or great self-care for spring! Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link. Limit 30.

Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM
Please register HERE

Fantastic Beasts and How to Make Them

Just in time for Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore, learn how to make your own pet Bowtruckle, just like Newt Scamander’s friend, Pickett. Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link. Limit 30.

Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 PM
Please register HERE

Questions? Call Youth Services at 248.246.3725 or email becca@ropl.org
ROPL Celebrates March is Reading Month!

In March, the library will coordinate with Royal Oak elementary schools to create displays based around each of their March is Reading Month themes. Be sure to check out the display areas to find your school’s reading suggestions!

TALK

TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten sends fun activities parents can do with their babies and preschoolers to make any time learning time. Click on the QR code or visit texttolearn.com for further information and to sign up. TALK is available to all families in Michigan.

Spring Program Highlights

National Nap Day

Spring Forward (Sunday, March 13) and then take a nap on National Nap Day (Monday, March 14) to catch up on your sleep! Stop by the Youth Room for Spring Forward crafts, coloring sheets and crayons. Limit 100 (while supplies last).

Monday, March 14, all day

St. Patrick’s Day Scavenger Hunt

Everyone’s Irish on St. Patrick’s Day! Find all of the Pots of Gold around the lower level of the library and fill in the letters on your clue sheet. Once you have the answer, come to the Youth Services Desk for a prize!

For the whole month of March - All Day in Youth Services

Outdoor Story Adventures at Grant Park

Dress for the weather, bring one or more flashlights, and head outdoors for Adventurous, Sensory Story Time Activities! We’ll meet at Grant Park (598 E. Irving Ave., Royal Oak; limited parking on 4th Street between Kayser and Alexander Ave.). Youth Outdoor Adventurers will receive an activity goodie bag and treat at the program’s end. Children must be accompanied by their adult(s) at all times.

Tuesdays, March 1 and April 19 at 6:30 PM

See Tuesday Evening Family Programs on page 10 for details.
Tuesday Evening 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 and registration closes two hours before the program.** You may register in-person, online at ropl.org, or by calling the Youth Services Desk at 248-246-3725 during library hours.

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Rain dates for the program are **Saturday, March 5** and **Saturday, April 23** at 10:30 AM. Check ropl.org, ropl/Facebook, ropl/Instagram, or call the ROPL Youth Desk at 248-246-3725 for cancellation information.

**Clifford the Big Red Dog Party!**

Based on the books by author Norman Bridwell, and just in time for the movie release, join the fun for all things Clifford! What do you love most about this big red dog? We’ll read one of the books, sing, and dance, all with a fun craft to pick up. Registration is required to receive craft supplies and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 30.**

**Smart Money MI Kids Read**

Read along with this year’s **Smart Money MI Kids Read** book selection, *Count on Pablo! A Math Matters Book* by Barbara deRubertis. Learn ways to earn, spend, and save your money! Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book, activity sheets, cut and play money to keep, and the Zoom link. **Limit 30.**

**Paw Patrol Party**

Calling all “paws on deck” and get ready for some action-packed rescue fun! Celebrate Marshall, Chase, and all of your favorite Paw Patrol characters with a story and crafts. Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 30.**

**Story Times**

**Tuesday Evening Pajama Story Times Ages 5 and under**

Wear your PJs, bring a favorite stuffed animal and cozy up for stories, songs, movement and a craft. Recommended for ages 5 and under, but all are welcome. Registration is required to receive supplies and Zoom link.

**Select Tuesdays at 6:30 PM**

- Medtime Hugs: March 29  **Register HERE**
- Stars in the Sky: April 26  **Register HERE**

**Paula Messner and Six-String Stories Ages Birth – 12**

Help celebrate with **Miss Paula** and sing along to her latest release, *Six-String Stories!* Rock out to nursery rhymes with clapping, jumping, and dancing! Registration is required to receive craft supplies and the Zoom meeting link. **No limit.**

**Tuesday, March 22 at 6:30 PM**  
**Please register HERE**

**Smart Money MI Kids Read Ages 4 – 8**

**Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM**  
**Please register HERE**

**Paw Patrol Party Family**

**Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM**  
**Please register HERE**

**Zumbini® with Juliana from Nature’s Playhouse Birth – 4 years**

**Zumbini®** combines music and movement to create the ultimate bonding experience! Sing, dance, and play together while developing your little one’s social, cognitive, emotional, and motor skills. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. **No limit.**

**Thursday, March 31 at 10:15 AM**  
**Please register HERE**

**Baby Size! Birth – 15 months**

These story times are for the youngest children, infants to 15 months, and their caregivers. Literacy building activities for babies including songs, rhymes, and sharing board books. Older siblings may attend, but these sessions are designed for babies up through 15 months old.

**Select Thursdays at 10:15 AM**

- March 3  **Register HERE**  
- March 10  **Register HERE**  
- March 17  **Register HERE**  
- March 24  **Register HERE**

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Zumbini® combines music and movement to create the ultimate bonding experience! Sing, dance, and play together while developing your little one’s social, cognitive, emotional, and motor skills. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link. **No limit.**

**Thursday, March 31 at 10:15 AM**  
**Please register HERE**

**Monday Morning Family Story Times Ages 5 and under**

Enjoy Story Time from home every Monday morning with stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays and movement! Recommended for ages 5 and under, but all are welcome. Our recorded Story Times are uploaded on the library’s **YouTube** channel each week. **No limit.**

**Mondays at 10:15 AM, March 7 - April 25**  
**Click HERE for link**
**Book Clubs**

**Book Buddies Book Club**
Book Buddies is a book club for ROPL's youngest independent readers, kindergarten through grade 3. Each participant will get their own copy of the book to keep. Club meetings are 45-60 minutes and include activities and discussions based on the book. Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 25.**

**The Pod and the Bog (#5 in Zoey and Sassafras series) by Asia Citro**
Book and craft pickup begins
Monday, February 21 at Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Monday, March 7 at 4:00 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

An old friend visits Zoey at the barn with a curiously glowing…seed pod? Zoey, Sassafras, and Pip must work together to discover what this mysterious and rare magical plant needs to grow before all the seeds crumble to purple dust!

**Kids’ Book Club**
Join ROPL's new historical fiction book club for grades 2 - 5 based on the I Survived book series. Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 20.**

**I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980 (#14) by Lauren Tarshis**
Book pickup begins
Monday, March 14 at the Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Wednesday, March 30 at 4:00 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

It was one of the most beautiful mountains in America. But what many did not know is that this peaceful mountain had an explosive past. For more than a century, it had been quiet. But below ground, pressure had been building, and soon Kaboom! Mt. St. Helens would erupt with terrifying fury. Eleven-year-old Jessie finds herself in the middle of the deadliest volcanic eruption in U.S. history. Trapped on the mountain, she must escape clouds of poisonous gas, boiling rivers, and landslides of rock, glacial ice, and white-hot debris.

**Kids’ Book Club**
ROPL has a book club just for kids in grades 4-6! Join us for a lively book discussion and activities centered on the featured book. Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 20.**

**Roll with It**
by Jamie Sumner
Book pickup begins
Monday, March 14 at the Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Wednesday, April 13 at 4:00 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

The story of an irrepressible girl with cerebral palsy whose life takes an unexpected turn when she moves to a new town. Ellie’s a girl who tells it like it is. That surprises some people, who see a kid in a wheelchair and think she’s going to be all sunshine and cuddles. Ellie has big dreams, one day she’s going to be a professional baker. But when Ellie and her mom move so they can help care for her ailing grandpa, Ellie has to start all over again in a new town and at a new school; it all feels like one challenge too many until Ellie starts to make her first-ever friends.

**Graphic Novel Book Club**
ROPL has a book club just for kids in grades 4-6 who love graphic novels and lively book discussions about them! Registration is required to receive a free copy of the book and the Zoom meeting link. **Limit 20.**

**Green Lantern Legacy**
by Minh Lê & Andie Tong
Book pickup begins
Monday, April 4 at the Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Monday, April 25 at 4:00 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

Thirteen-year-old Tai Pham inherits his grandmother’s jade ring, discovering it is more than just a piece of jewelry. Suddenly, he is inducted into a group of space cops known as the Green Lanterns and Tai is about to learn that being a superhero takes more than just a ring.
New ROPL Hours

The recent library user survey about our hours revealed that most people were in favor of changing our open hours, with 88.4% of online responses and 71.4% of written responses saying YES. Therefore, our new open hours are:

- **Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 am - 8:00 pm
- **Friday - Saturday:** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- **Sunday:** 1:00-5:00 PM (during the school year)

Thank you for your feedback, and we look forward to better meeting your needs!

ROPL is Now Fully Accessible!

The Centennial Park completion has allowed the south entrance to be reopened to all patrons. Also, the 11 Mile Road entrance is now automated! Thanks to the Library Board for approving this upgrade, and for making the Library more accessible to all.

Michigan Activity Pass

Did you know that your library card can be your best travel companion? Discover hundreds of Michigan’s cultural destinations and natural attractions with your Michigan library card! You can “check out” FREE or discounted admission (or other exclusive offers) to hundreds of Michigan state forest campgrounds, parks, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more. Print out free or discounted one-day passes at home or the library. Click HERE for more information or call the Adult Services desk at 248-246-3727.