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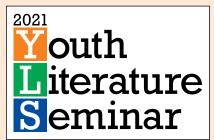




Meet the Author: Thi Bui
Author of The Best We Could Do

Save the Date:

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 7 pm | Chenery Auditorium

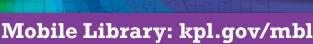


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Dates and times for programming may change due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Please visit **kpl.gov** for up-to-date information.

# **KPL Fall Hours Begin September 7**

### 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.

# **Introducing KPL Live!**

KPL has made it easier than ever to attend our online programming with KPL Live! No more searching your email for links or worrying if your registration went through. Just visit **kpl.gov/live** to view a list of our online events occurring that day and click to join at the program start time! That's it! If you can't make it, no worries, many of our online programs are recorded and posted on KPL TV at **kpl.gov/kpltv** so you can watch at your convenience.

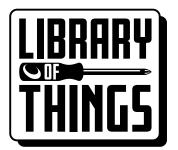


# Library of Things

Have you ever needed a tool for one project or wanted to try a cooking appliance before investing in it and thought, "Gee, I wish I could just borrow one"?

Well, now you can at Kalamazoo Public Library!

Our new Library of Things has an assortment of tools, kitchen appliances, photography equipment and much more! Browse our catalog at kpl.gov/things.





# **KPL Mobile Library**

Since 1956, KPL has utilized many types of vehicles to bring the library to you and this past summer, we were excited to reveal our newest and best version yet, the KPL Mobile Library! Our new mobile library is a sleek and sophisticated mode of delivering the latest books, movies, music, technology, programming and more to the Kalamazoo community. It's not just a bookmobile; it is our sixth branch on wheels ready to deliver everything KPL has to offer right to your neighborhood! Learn more and see our upcoming schedule of stops at kpl.gov/mbl.



# Help us Fund the Future of Librarianship!

# **Amanda Green Scholarship Fund**

Named after a former library assistant in teen services at KPL, the Amanda Green Scholarship Fund was created by Kalamazoo Public Library to address the overall lack of diversity in librarianship. In June, KPL was honored to announce the recipient of the first Amanda Green Scholarship, Theodore Gill. Gill was awarded \$2,500 per semester and is currently enrolled at Wayne State University and is working towards his Masters of Library and Information Science degree. Help us fund the future of librarianship by donating to the Amanda Green Scholarship Fund at kpl.gov/donate. To learn more about the Amanda Green Scholarship Fund, visit kpl.gov/amandagreen.

# Idea Lab-Bring Your Ideas to Life!

Right before the pandemic hit, KPL was thrilled to open the doors of our newly remodeled Idea Lab (formerly The Hub) located on the third floor



of Central Library. On September 7, the Idea Lab will reopen to the public and we are excited to introduce you to this amazing new design space where you can bring ideas to life! We have a new maker lab that includes a Nomad 883 Pro CNC mill, a FormLabs 3D Resin Printer, and a Snapmaker 3-1. We also have added additional services such as Animaker: DIY Animation Software and Arturia music keyboards to our Video and Audio labs. Best of all, the Idea Lab features plenty of space to gather and collaborate on your ideas with others. See everything the Idea Lab has to offer and make a reservation at kpl.gov/idealab.



# ONEplace@KPL Is Growing

ONEplace is excited to welcome Stacy Salters Jackson to the team as a result of receiving a generous grant from the Stryker Johnston Foundation. Stacy is a lifelong resident of Kalamazoo, a mother, grandmother, and wife who is heavily invested in the success of our community. Stacy brings extensive skills in a variety of areas including facilitation, board



leadership and social emotional learning and will use her skills to support anti-racism and equity programming and training in the non-profit sector.

The grant will allow for additional staffing and increased programming at ONEplace. One example will be a new training for nonprofit boards of directors focused on anti-racism organizing, created in collaboration with ERACCE.

ONEplace is a free capacity building center for Kalamazoo County nonprofits. ONEplace serves more than 3,000 people annually through a variety of free professional development training, an emerging leader academy, peer learning groups, and more. For upcoming events visit: kpl.gov/events/category/oneplace/.

ONEplace services are supported by Kalamazoo Public Library and funded by the philanthropic community including the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, Kalamazoo Community Foundation, Dorothy U. Dalton Foundation, Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation, and Marvin and Rosalie Okun Foundation. Follow ONEplace@kpl on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter for more information!"



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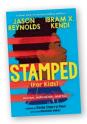
# **Events and More for CHILDREN, FAMILY, & ALL AGES**

# **Parenting** and Birth-5

# **Family Storytime**

Thursdays, OSH/Outside-weather permitting & Fridays, CEN/Alice Room | 10:30-11:30 am Starting September 9, an in-person storytime option returns! Virtual storytimes will still be available. Enjoy stories, songs, and fun - live at the library! Designed for birth-5 and their families.

# **Grades K-5**







### **Bookworms**

Saturdays, September 11, October 16 & November 13 | 4-4:30 pm | Zoom + Pick-up Join us online for this book club aimed at readers grades 3-5. Read the book and then join us on the date listed for discussion. Books are available for pick up one month prior to the discussion date. This event will be hosted on Zoom. Please register to receive the Zoom link, a copy of the book and select your preferred KPL pickup location. (R) September: Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X Kendi and Jason Reynolds adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul October: The Fabulous Zed Watson by Basil Sylvester

**November:** Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids ed. by Cynthia Leitich Smith

# #bewhovouareday

### Thursday, September 30 OPEN HOURS | Pick-up

Be Who You Are Day is all about celebrating what makes you special. Created by beloved children's author, Todd Parr, #bewhoyouareday is filled with funtivities that make childhood special. Stop by any KPL location starting on September 23 to pick up a special KPL@Home bag filled with goodies and a Todd Parr book to keep. Books will vary in each bag and are available while supplies last.

For events marked KPL Live, visit kpl.gov/live on day/time of the event to join.

# **Family**

### **Books and Bellies**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of September, October, & November | 10:30-11:30 am | KPL TV Join Healthy Babies Healthy Start and Kalamazoo Public Library for book talks for expecting parents. Receive books for baby before baby arrives and start reading. This is a great way to connect with parenting resources in our community.



# Party in the Park on the Road!

Wednesday, September 22 | 10-11 am Vicksburg Historic Village 300 N. Richardson St. vicksburglibrary.org

Wednesday, September 29 | 10-11 am **Galesburg Charleston Library** 188 East Michigan Ave.

### galesburgcharlestonlibrary.org

Did you know that KPL works on a County wide early literacy initiative called Ready to Read? We do and we are excited to share a smaller version of our beloved Party in the Park with communities this fall when we take Party in the Park On the Road! We'll be visiting Vicksburg and Galesburg.

Calling all childcare providers, teachers and parents! You and your preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring: a book for each child, costumed characters, wonderful stories, a healthy snack and juice. This is a FREE event. Bring a blanket to sit on.

Weather cancellations may apply. Please register with the host library. (R)



# Don't Be Afraid of the Library!

Every Thursday in October | 5-5:30 pm | KPL TV Inspired by the popular TV show, Don't Be Afraid of the Dark, librarians will record themselves reading ghost stories aloud, just in time for Halloween.

# **All Ages**

# **Second Annual Virtual Geek Fest Kick Off!**

Begins Friday, October 1 | KPL Live + Pick-up Get ready for the Second Annual Virtual Geek Fest! Check the event listings for all Geek Fest digital content this year. To say thank you to our

community and to keep them in the Geek Fest spirit, we are offering

swag bags with free goodies at all KPL locations. One bag per patron, while supplies last. Pickup must be completed between Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 30th.



## **Inside the Artist's Studio**

Thursday, October 7 | 5-6 pm | KPL Live Join us for a special online tour of a local artist's studio! You'll get the inside scoop on what it's like being a professional artist and see how some of their work gets made. Program will be held virtually!

### Can Poetry Be Funny?

Wednesday, October 20 6:30-7:45 pm **CEN/Van Deusen** 

An evening of humor with actual poets and well-known community members.

# **KPL Presents Halloween:** A Haunted History by Dustin Pari

### Monday, October 25 | 5:30-6:30 pm CEN/EAS/OSH/POW + KPL Live

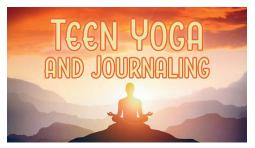
Ah, Halloween. Autumnal breezes, crisp leaves, and pumpkin flavored everything! What is it about this time of year that is so enchanting, so mystifying? In this lecture, Dustin sheds some light on the spooky shadows of Halloween history and lore. Ghost stories? Oh yeah, he has some of those too. Join us for simultaneous viewing parties at CEN, OSH, POW and EAS (Halloween costumes encouraged!) or watch at home at kpl.gov/live.

# **Events and More for TEENS**



# Read Along! — Heroes of Olympus Begins Wednesday, September 1 4-5 pm | KPL TV

Read-Along! is an online, daily program for kids and caregivers. Join Miss Natalie as we finish book 4, The House of Hades, and book 5, The Blood of Olympus, by Rick Riordan, the exciting conclusion of the Heroes of Olympus series! Chapters from the selected book will be released on KPL TV Monday through Friday at 4 pm until the book is finished. Excluding weekends and holidays.



# Teen Yoga and Journaling

### Saturdays, September 4, October 23 & November 20 | 11 am-1 pm CEN/Teen Studio

Feeling stressed out? Have a lot on your mind? Come to the library and get it all out with a yoga and journaling session! A certified yoga instructor will teach gentle yoga positions and breathing techniques to promote stress relief and stimulate your mind in between journal prompts, followed by a healthy snack. Yoga mats provided, for yogis of all experience levels. For grades 6–12, please register. ?

# Where You Were When: Remembering 9/11 Twenty Years Later

Saturday, September 11 | 3-3:30 pm | KPL TV Todays teens have only lived in a post-September 11th world. Now we will connect the past to the present by offering vignettes of KPL staff and community members recounting their experience during that fateful day. The video series will be posted to KPL TV on September 11, 2021. Due to the sensitive topic, viewer discretion is advised. For ages 11 and up.

# So You Wanna Play Dungeons & Dragons...

Mondays, September 13, October 18 & November 8 | 6–8 pm CEN/Teen Studio

We'll have a one-shot campaign for all skill levels, led by Dungeon Master Miss Natalie. No dice or other supplies necessary, just bring your imagination and a sense of adventure. **Grades 6–12.** 









### Pizza and Pages

Tuesday, September 14 | 6–7 pm OSH/Community Room Tuesday, October 12 | 6–7 pm CEN/Teen Studio Tuesday, November 9 | 6–7 pm

Tuesday, November 9 | 6-7 pm EAS/Community Room

Please register to receive a free copy of the book and to reserve your place for free pizza at the library and to discuss the book. **Grades 6–12 only.** ?

September: Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas October: Legendborn by Tracy Deonn November: The Weight of Our Sky

by Hanna Alkaf



## **Comic Book Club**

Thursdays, September 16, October 21 & November 18 | 3:30-4:30 pm CEN/Teen Studio

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

# Welcome Back to the Teen Studio at Central Library!

# Saturday, September 18 | 11 am – 3 pm CEN/Teen Studio

You've missed the Studio and the Studio has missed you! To celebrate the reopening of in-person program at Central, we are inviting all teens to stop by and leave their mark on the Studio wall in the form of a handprint and signature. We'll provide snacks and special KPL@Home bags for each participant. No registration required. For grades 6th through 12th only. Please note that we are using acrylic paints for the party, for those who may have a sensitivity. Aprons and hand-washing station provided onsite.

# Lunch with Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower

Saturday, October 2 | 12-1:30 pm | POW

Teens (grades 9–12) join us for a delicious lunch and a lively discussion of Octavia Butler's *Parable of the Sower*. Each participant will receive a free copy of the graphic novel. This program will be presented by Read and Write Kalamazoo (RAWK) and KPL

PARAPLE OF THE SOWER

Alma Powell Branch staff. Please register, as seating is limited. 

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### **Haunted Dollhouses**

Monday, October 11 | 5:30-7 pm OSH/Community Room

Wednesday, October 13 | 5:30-7 pm WSQ/Community Room

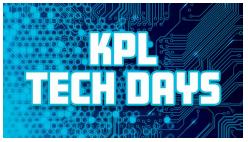
Thursday, October 14 | 5:30-7 pm CEN/Teen Studio

# Monday, October 18 | Open Hours EAS/Pick-up

From cute to creepy, let's transform some regular dollhouses into haunted dollhouses! A Take-Home version of this program will be offered at the Eastwood Branch.

Please register. Grades 6-12. (R)

# **Events and More for ADULTS**



### **KPL Tech Days**

Wednesdays and Saturdays Beginning September 1 | 10 am−2 pm CEN/Second Floor Rotunda

Our goal is to empower you in the world of technology. A Technology Specialist can help you learn and troubleshoot all sorts of devices such as laptops, smartphones and tablets, and they can answer a wide variety of tech questions.

# **Reading Race Book Group**

Tuesday, September 14 & Tuesday, November 9 | 6:30-8 pm | KPL Live

This book club, co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism Transformation Team, focuses

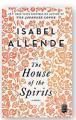




on race and racism in American society. **September:** Children of the Land
by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

November: Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid







### Classics Revisited

Thursdays, September 16, October 21 & November 18 | 2:30-4 pm | CEN/Board Room Join us for lively discussions of a variety

of classic titles, antique to modern. **September:** *David Copperfield* 

by Charles Dickens

October: The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende

**November:** Love in the Time of Cholera

by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

For events marked KPL Live, visit kpl.gov/live on day/time of the event to join.

# Emergence Program Series: Patrese Griffin on the Kalamazoo Housing Crisis

Friday, September 17 11 am-12 pm CEN/Van Deusen Room + KPL Live

Kalamazoo Vice Mayor Patrese Griffin will provide insight to the city's housing crisis and discuss her work to combat housing injustice. This program is a part of the Kalamazoo Nature Center's *Emergence Program Series* and will also be available for viewing virtually. On-site seating is limited, please register. (?)



# Dance and Movement with Heather Mitchell

Mondays, October 18 & November 15 6–7 pm | EAS/Community Room

Join us at the Eastwood Branch where Heather Mitchell from Rootead will lead us in 3 sessions of movement through a combination of Zumba and dance. Heather is an Education for the Arts dance instructor and she also teaches West African dance at WMU and GVSU. Join us and get moving!







### **Urban Fiction Book Club**

Tuesdays, September 28, October 26 & November 30 | 6-7 pm POW/Barnabee Gallery

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

September: The Games We Play

by Lorrain Allen

October: Tove: No Ordinary Love by Neyrey

November: A Dream Worth Having

by Nichole DeCari

# Meet the Fantasy Author: M.J. Kuhn

Tuesday, September 28 | 6-7 pm CEN/Van Deusen Room

Michigan native M.J. Kuhn's debut fantasy novel Among Thieves will be released on September 7. The tale is a high-stakes heist novel and perfect for fans of Six of Crows. Think Lord of the Rings meets Ocean's 11! Hear Kuhn talk



about crafting a fantasy novel as well as her many inspirations. Come meet M.J. in person and hear about the inspiration and work that went into her first fantasy novel. Books will be for sale for signing.



# Michigan, My Michigan: Michigan During the Last Half of the Twentieth Century

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

Lynn Houghton will conclude Michigan's colorful history with this session spanning from World War II through the 20th century, highlighting changes that tremendously impacted our state. The course continues to look at its residents, institutions, economy, and the events and issues that have shaped it through the years.



# Tiny House Living Monday, October 4 | 6-7:30 pm EAS/Community Room

After the National Solar Homes Tours,
Ben Brown will join us at the Eastwood Branch
to talk about his experience as the first tiny
house owner on the Eastside of Kalamazoo.
He will tell us how to make tiny house living
comfortable and productive while doing your
part in minimalizing and helping to save the
environment.

# **Events and More for ADULTS**

### **Page Turners**

Mondays, October 4 & November 1 6:30-7:30 pm | KPL Live

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



October: The Women Who Flew for Hitler

by Clare Mulley

**November:** Lincoln in the Bardo

by George Saunders

# **KPL Digital — How To**

Tuesday, October 5 & 19 | 6-7 pm CEN/Van Deusen Room

Tuesday, November 2 | 6-7 pm | KPL Live Hoopla? Libby?

Freegal? What does it all mean? I just want to listen to audiobooks on my phone! If you have questions about using KPL's digital collections (ebooks, eaudiobooks, emusic, evideo, emagazines) or would

titles a breeze!



just like to hear more about what is available to all KPL patrons online, this program is for you. We'll talk about the strengths of each of our digital platforms and give a basic how-to for finding and accessing the titles you are interested in. The focus will be on the "best practices" that make checking out digital



# Wild Honey Yoga: Into Being

Thursday, October 7 | 10-11 am OSH/Community Room

Monday, October 11 | 6:30-7:30 am EAS/Community Room

An accessible, gentle practice that encourages softening, listening and healing. In this practice, based on the wisdom of yoga, we begin with appreciation for the breath. Then we add a little movement and get friendly with the body. Yoga mats provided. **Please register.** •



# It's Crime We Talk: a True Crime Book Club

Tuesday, October 12 6:30-7:30 pm | KPL Live

Join your fellow true crime enthusiasts and murderinos for this true crime book club where we'll talk about our favorite books, television series, and podcasts of the genre. Join us virtually for a discussion of Last Call: a True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York by Elon Green.

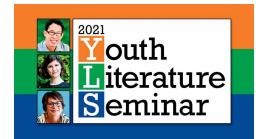
# Meet the Author: Caitlin Horrocks

Tuesday, October 19 | 6-7 pm | OSH/Lobby

Michigan native Caitlin Horrocks has been called a "literary phenomenon," a "master storyteller," and "one of America's finest story writers." Hear Horrocks read from her newest short story



collection *Life Among the Terranauts* which was selected an Editor's Choice by the *New York Times Book Review*. Horrocks will also speak to how she is able to craft such powerful stories examining the stark realities of human experience. Books will be available for sale and signing. You can discover more information about Horrocks' books at caitlinhorrocks.com.

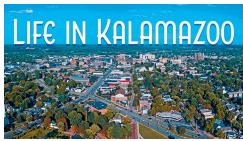


# 44th Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar

Friday, November 12 | 8:30 am-3:30 pm | Zoom Featuring award winning authors Gene Luen Yang, Betsy Bird and Meg Medina.

Please register at kpl.gov/yls. 

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## Life in Kalamazoo

Saturday, November 13 | 11 am-12 pm CEN/Van Deusen Room

Join your fellow residents for the first in a series of facilitated conversations about life in our community. Local guests will be invited to join in the conversation and the series will rotate between library branches.



### **Arcomusical**

Saturday, November 20 | 2-3:30 pm CEN/Van Deusen Room

As part of the *Connecting Chords Music Festival*, experience the unique, beautiful sound of this Afro-Brazilian berimbau musical bow ensemble.

### It's a David Small World! Exhibit

October 1-28 | CEN/Van Deusen Room Monday-Thursday; 10 am-12 pm & 3-5 pm

Join KPL in celebrating Western Michigan University's acquisition of the archives of award-winning artist, David Small, with a special month-long exhibit. Over 60 pieces of original art will be on display for families to view in October.



There will be special activities and storytimes scheduled during the showcase of Small's work.

The event will kick off with a very special Art Hop on October 1.

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# **Note from the Director**



Ryan Wieber KPL Director

Beginning on September 7, Kalamazoo Public Library is expanding its open hours with a weekly schedule that includes earlier opening and later closing times at the Downtown Central location, and a later closing on certain weekday evenings for all other branches. Sunday hours of 1–5 pm return to Central starting September 12. In case you missed it, there is a complete list of Fall hours for all KPL locations on page 2.

Disability Network Southwest Michigan presented KPL with its 2021 Community Inclusion Award at their year-end celebration on July 23, which also recognized the 31st anniversary of the Americans

with Disabilities Act. The award recognizes KPL's efforts in making the library and its services more accessible, and for playing a role in training staff and the public on issues that impact persons with disabilities. Over the past several years, our partnership with Disability Network has included their staff providing staff trainings, ONEplace programs, adaptive technology advice, and a comprehensive accessibility audit of all library locations that have led to site improvements. We treasure our partners and friends at Disability Network for the incredible role they have played in making KPL a more accessible and inclusive place.

Metro Transit now provides bus service to stops near every library location. Service to the Oshtemo Branch begins Monday, August 30 with service Monday–Friday and stops every hour between 10 am–6 pm. Metro eventually plans two stops per hour there, and the new route also includes service to Walmart on 9th Street.

Kalamazoo recently lost an instrumental figure in the history of KPL. Longtime director Saul Amdursky passed away July 30, 2021. Saul brought significant, positive changes in library service to Kalamazoo, and his efforts led to the library forming as a district library, the eventual construction and renovation of all KPL locations in the 1990s, and acclaim as the National Library of the Year in 2002. Saul graduated with a library degree from University of Kentucky, and embarked upon a career that also included stops at libraries in Virginia, Wisconsin, Illinois, British Columbia, and Iowa. He advocated enthusiastically for great public library service here in Kalamazoo and nationally, and the passion for his profession was evident in every conversation. We will miss him, yet his memory and contributions to Kalamazoo and the library world remain!

# **The Friends Bookstore Bag Sale!**

Saturday, September 18 | 9:30 am-3:30 pm | CEN Parking Lot Shop from an excellent selection of thousands of books, movies, music and more! Please bring your own bag or purchase a Friends tote bag for \$2 to carry your purchases. Cash only please. Learn more at kpl.gov/friends or email friends@kpl.gov. Can't wait for the Bag Sale? Shop online at your convenience at https://shop.friendsofkpl.org.



# **KPL LOCATION INFO:**







OSH...... 553-7980 Oshtemo Branch Library 7265 W. Main St.



POW ...... 553-7960 Alma Powell Branch Library 1000 W. Paterson St.



WSQ ...... 553-7970 Washington Square Branch Library 1244 Portage St.

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