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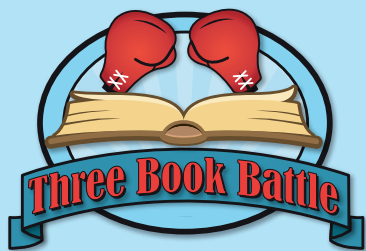
A FREE quarterly publication for KPL patrons and community members.

June, July, August 2023



Step up to the Challenge!

The KPL 2023 Summer Reading Challenge begins June 1! Win prizes for reading. Details and gameboard are inside. Visit kpl.gov/src to learn more.



10th Annual Three Book Battle For Middle & Highschool Students

Teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books for the championship! Visit kpl.gov/tbb to learn more.

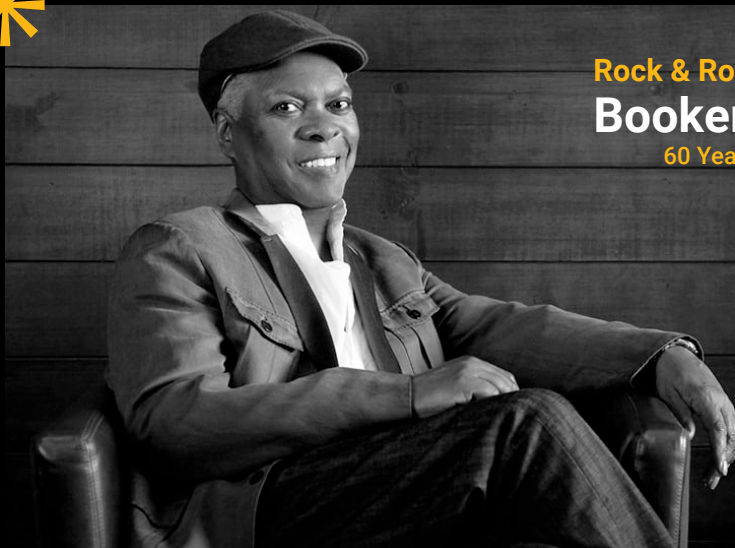


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KPL Current Hours

Alma Powell Branch (POW)

Monday, 1-6 pm | Tuesday, 1-8 pm
Wednesday, 1-6 pm | Thursday, 10 am-6 pm
Friday, 10 am-5 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm
Sunday, CLOSED

Central Library (CEN)

Monday-Thursday, 9 am-8 pm
Friday, 9 am-6 pm | Saturday, 10 am-5 pm
Sunday, 1-5 pm

Eastwood Branch (EAS)

Monday, 1-8 pm
Tuesday-Wednesday, 1-6 pm
Thursday, 10 am-6 pm | Friday, 10 am-5 pm
Saturday, 10 am-2 pm | Sunday, CLOSED

Oshtemo Branch (OSH)

Monday-Tuesday, 10 am-8 pm
Wednesday-Thursday, 10 am-6 pm
Friday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm
Sunday, CLOSED

Washington Square Branch (WSQ)

Monday-Tuesday, 1-6 pm
Wednesday, 1-8 pm | Thursday, 10 am-6 pm
Friday, 10 am-5 pm | Saturday, 10 am-2 pm
Sunday, CLOSED

Library Hours are subject to change.

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



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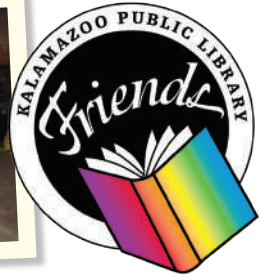
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FRIENDS Bookstore



Volunteers

The Friends bookstore wouldn't be the vibrant operation it is without volunteers. Many have helped in the store for many years. Janice Snell, for example, has been with the store for more than 35 years.

Janice was a volunteer when the Friends had three sales a year and then ran the bookstore when it was at the corner of Rose and Lovell. She spearheaded the store's 1998 move into the basement of the Central Library. Janice stepped down as coordinator in 2002. Since then she has spent countless hours volunteering in a number of capacities. Today, she takes care of the non-fiction books from sorting and pricing to shelving and has often served on the Friends Board of Directors.

Janice means a lot to the people she works with. Former Friends bookstore manager and current volunteer Carol Manstrom has known Janice for 20 years and says, "I learned so much from her. Janice is dedicated to the purpose and goals of FKPL. She is committed to providing affordable books to the community because she believes there is a need. She is committed to providing ongoing support to the library because she understands the value of the library."

Linda Kanamueller also has volunteered with Janice for many years. "Janice is the bookstore's 'book whisperer,'" Linda says. "She seems to have a sixth sense for valuable books that will appeal to our customers. Janice also has a phenomenal memory for which topics and authors her customers and her co-workers like."

"Janice is one of those people who truly walks the talk," Carol says. "She's a superstar volunteer in so many ways."

"The friendships I've made with volunteers and with our customers over the years has been very rewarding," Janice says. "Our loyal customers help make the store a success."

You can join Janice and the other folks who enjoy books and help support the library by becoming a Friends volunteer. Opportunities exist for those with varying interests, skills, and schedules. To apply, please email: Friendsbookstore@kpl.gov.



Members

Friends help fund a number of library programs. You can help by becoming a Friends member. To learn more about the Friends organization or to join or renew your membership, please go online to kpl.gov/friends, and click on "Join Friends" in the right column. You may pay either with a credit card or PayPal.



KPL thanks you for joining us in celebrating our 150 Years of Service to Kalamazoo. As we wrap up our commemorative year, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you some exciting upcoming events.



Celebrating Books While They are Still Legal! – A Talk with Jordan Klepper
Friday, June 30 | 7–9:30 pm | Miller Auditorium | [EVENT IS FULL!](#)

KPL is honored to have the opportunity to present comedian, "Daily Show" correspondent, star of KLEPPER, writer, producer, and Kalamazoo native, Jordan Klepper! This interactive program features Klepper talking about his Kalamazoo roots, his career in comedy, and in honor of the 150th Anniversary of KPL, the ever-increasing importance of trusted information.

The community response to Klepper's visit to Miller Auditorium has been both exciting and overwhelming. As a result, seating is no longer available. However, you still have an opportunity to meet Jordan Klepper and get a book signed by him!

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Booker T. Jones: 60 Years of Green Onions
Saturday, July 8 | 7 pm | Kalamazoo State Theatre | 404 S. Burdick St., Kalamazoo | Limited seating is available | Register at bit.ly/grnonion

A community event in celebration of the 2023 Black Arts Festival and the 150th Anniversary of Kalamazoo Public Library.

Join us for a free concert performed by this legend of Soul, Booker T. Jones!

Booker T. Jones is an American multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, record producer, and arranger. Best known as the front man of the band Booker T. & the MGs, he has worked with countless award-winning artists of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and has earned a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement. Along with the band, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992. Jones continues to record and tour internationally, both as a solo artist and as head of Booker T.'s Stax Revue. Check out Jones' 2019 memoir, *Time Is Tight: My Life Note by Note*, currently available at KPL for checkout.

This event is hosted by Kalamazoo State Theatre and presented by Kalamazoo Public Library, Black Arts & Cultural Center, and The Gilmore.

Events for CHILDREN



Tween Graphic Novel Club

Wednesdays, June 7, July 5, August 2

4:30–5:15 pm | OSH/Community Room

Come to the library each month to discuss the monthly graphic novel selection. Enjoy snacks, an activity, and a discussion with fellow comic lovers! Free copies to keep can be picked up at Oshtemo Branch Library one month prior to the discussion date. Ebook copies are also available. **Grades 3–6 only.**

June: *The Odyssey* by Gareth Hinds

July: *Dolphin Girl* by Zach Smith

August: *Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte

LET'S MAKE A HOUSE

FOR THE BEES!



Let's Make a House: For the Bees!

Tuesday, June 20

2–3 pm | EAS/Community Room

Learn about the backyard friends who pollinate our gardens, and build homes for them.

Let's Make a House: For the Butterflies!

Tuesday, July 11

2–3 pm | EAS/Community Room

Learn about local butterflies, and build a butterfly house to hang in the garden.

Let's Make a House: For the Birds!

Tuesday, August 1

2–3 pm | EAS/Community Room

Learn about our feathered friends and decorate a bird house.



Summer Slime

Wednesday, June 21

10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Community Room

Come make some summer-themed slime with us! All materials will be provided, while supplies last. **Best for ages 6 to 10.**



Move & Groove

Tuesdays, June 27 & July 11 through August 22

10–10:45 am | CEN/Children's Room

Young children and their caregivers are invited to join our music and movement fun with singing, dancing, scarves, shaky eggs, and instruments. Everyone dances in this program so come ready to groove! **Best for ages 18 months to 5 years old.**



Reading Rangers

Mondays, July 10, 24, August 7, 21

2–3 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Join our no-stress book club with no pre-reading required! We'll talk about what we're reading and then read a book together followed by crafts, activities, and games on our theme. **Best for ages 6 to 10.**



Build it!

Wednesdays, June 28, July 26, August 23

2–3 pm | CEN/Children's Room

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

Preschool Explorers

Thursdays, June 29, July 27, August 24

10–11 am | CEN/Children's Room

Explore the wonders of the world together with your child at these fun interactive stations. We'll start by discussing the theme together and then have fun exploring different related activities. **Best for ages 3 to 6 years old.**

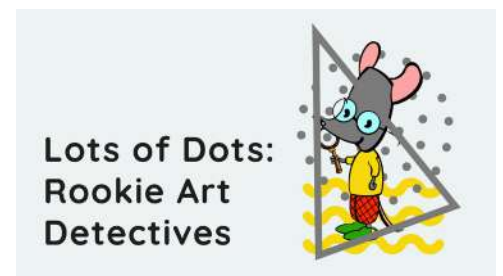


Creation Lab

Thursdays, June 29 through August 24

2–3 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Come do some awesome art or make a cool project at the library. We'll provide the materials; you provide the imagination. **Best for ages 6 and up.**



Lots of Dots: Rookie Art Detectives

Tuesday, July 11

10:30–11:30 am | OSH/Community Room

There are dots outdoors and dots on floors; dots can be merry or dots might be scary. Let's look for dots at the Oshtemo Library! The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts want you to be a Rookie Art Detective and seek out dots in art and in your own artwork. **For preschool-ages. Please register. R**



Preschool "Drive-In" Movie

Thursday, July 13

10–11 am | CEN/Children's Room

For this special event, we'll be making our own cars out of cardboard boxes before "driving" them up to the big screen in our play room and watching a short age-appropriate movie. Boxes and decorating materials provided. **Best for ages 3 to 5.**

Events for CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Nerf War

Monday, July 17
2–3 pm | WSQ/Outside
Monday, July 24
2–3 pm | OSH/Outside

Join in the NERF fun as you run, dodge, dive, and take down the competition! From "Capture the Flag" to "Eliminator" to "Zombies vs. Humans," players will put their physical and mental skills to the test. NERF blasters and darts will be provided, but you also can bring your own equipment. Are you NERF enough?

Stuffed Friend Sleepover

Thursday, August 10
6–7 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Bring a stuffed friend to the library to listen to bedtime books, stories, and songs. Your stuffed friend is welcome to spend the night at the library – you can pick them up the next morning. Don't forget to ask them about their adventures! **Best for ages 3 to 8.**



Art Detectives with the KIA

Wednesdays | 2–3 pm
July 26 | OSH
August 2 | CEN
August 9 | EAS
August 16 | WSQ
August 24 | POW

What will you be tomorrow? Will you be honest, brave, curious, or kind? Will you be any and all of those things? The KIA will explore how words can become art using the book *Tomorrow I'll be Kind* by Jessica Hische. Arty Mouse will then lead the Art Detectives through creating their own wonderful word.

Family:



Talk Read Sing Playgroup

Thursdays, June 1 through August 31
10:30am–12pm | WSQ

"Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" is a public awareness and action campaign that helps parents recognize their power to boost their children's early brain and vocabulary development. Come to the library for this drop-in event to connect and play with other caregivers and children in the community. **Educational toys will be available. Each month will have a topic and early literacy take-home kit.**



Family Storytime

Thursdays, June 1 through August 31
10:30am–11:30am | OSH/Community Room
Fridays, June 2 through August 25
10:30 am–11 am | CEN/Children's Room

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities.



First Saturday at the Alma Powell Library

Saturdays, June 3, July 1, August 5
10:30 am–2 pm | POW/Barnabee Gallery
Join us for the First Saturday of each month and enjoy fun for children and families at the Alma Powell Branch in KPL's First Saturday collaboration with KCReady4s. Visit with community organizations and enjoy crafts and activities along with special storytime guests. Any time is a great time to visit the Alma Powell Branch Library. First Saturdays are special!



Family Concert: Justin Roberts!

Saturday, June 10
10:30–11:30 am | CEN/Van Deusen

Join us for a fun-filled musical event with five-time GRAMMY Nominee Justin Roberts! For more than 20 years, Justin has been creating the soundtrack to families' lives with smart and funny songs about growing up that will get everyone dancing and singing along. Go to justinrobertsmusic.com or browse our catalog to learn more about the musician and listen to some of his songs before the show!

Please register. R



Movie Mondays

Mondays, June 12 through August 28
1:30–3:30 pm | EAS/Community Room
Beat the summer heat and enjoy snacks, crafts, and movies.



Dinosaur Escape Room

Wednesday, July 12, 19
1–7 pm | CEN/Children's Room
Can you find the clues, solve the puzzles, and escape the dinosaur enclosure before the volcano explodes? This special escape room is designed for kids and families to experience and solve together. Best for ages 6 and up. **Please call (269) 553-7804 to register your group (up to 8 people) for a time slot.**

Events for FAMILIES & ALL AGES



Bluey Party

Saturday, July 29

2-4 pm | OSH/Community Room

Wackadoo! Are you a fan of Bluey and the Heeler family? Come join us for keepy-uppy, dance mode, and fun crafts featuring the dogs from down under!




John Ball Traveling Zoo

Monday, July 31

12-1 pm | 1-2 pm | 2-3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Wednesday, August 9

1-2pm | 2-3pm | CEN/Van Duesen

Enjoy an up-close encounter with live zoo animals with friends from the John Ball Zoo. Registration opens online at kpl.gov on June 1. **Please register.** 



Music with Mr. Evan

Monday, June 26

10:30-11:30 am | Children's Nature Play-scape, Bronson Park

Monday, June 26

6:30-7:30 pm | Oshtemo Branch Library, West Lawn

Tuesday, June 27

10:30-11:30 am | OSH/Community Room

Touring musician Evan Haller of Music at the Blissful offers a fun-filled, interactive, movement-packed music experience for the whole family. Join the fun as we sing, jump, shake, laugh, and go slow and fast, with Music at the Blissful. Leave with a smile on your face and a song in your ear. Featuring songs from Mr. Evan's 2022 album, *Oh My Heaven! Look, it's Evan!* and the new 2023 album *It's Me, Evan*.



Magician Brad Lancaster

Friday, June 23

11 am-12 pm | WSQ

Tuesday, July 18

6:30 pm-7:30 pm | POW/Douglass CC

Come join us for a show full of magic, puppetry and storytelling with messages about kindness, friendship, unity, and the joy of reading.



Storytime with Wellspring

Thursdays, July 20, August 10, 24

10:30-11 am | OSH/Community Room

Join us for a storytime full of music and movement with our friends from Wellspring Dance Academy. No registration required.



End of Summer Party

Saturday, August 26

1-3 pm | CEN/Children's Room

Celebrate the great summer we had with crafts, snacks, games, and activities. This is a great time to pick up your prizes if you've completed Summer Reading!

All Ages:



Celebrate 50 years of Hip Hop Silent Disco with DJBoogie!

Tuesday, June 13

5:30-7:30 pm | POW/DCA Community Room

Fifty years ago, 18-year-old Jamaican American DJ Clive Campbell, aka DJ Kool Herc, hooked up two turntables and a microphone for a "Back to School Jam", hosted by Clive and his younger sister Cindy in Summer 1973, at Sedgwick Avenue in the Bronx. Join us for a silent disco party with Kalamazoo's own DJBoogie in the newly renovated Douglass Community Room. Refreshments provided!



Chalk It Out!

Saturday, August 19

11 am-1 pm | CEN/Portico

Have something to say? Feel the need to express yourself artistically? Come express yourself! We'll provide sidewalk chalk for patrons of all ages to leave their mark on the library sidewalks. Previously participated in the DIY Sidewalk Chalk program? Bring the chalk you made!

Friends 2023 June Bag of Books Sale

Saturday, June 3

10 am-3:30 pm | CEN/Parking lot on Rose & Lovell

The Friends biggest sale ever! A huge selection of adult fiction and nonfiction, mystery, romance, mass market paperbacks, youth fiction, children's picture books, youth and children's nonfiction. Books are 25c each or \$3 for a full bag. **Cash or check only. Please bring your own bags!**

Events and More for TEENS



Tiny Art for Teens

3–4 pm

June 5 | CEN/Teen Studio

June 6 | WSQ

June 13 | EAS/Community Room

June 20 | POW/Community Room

Come make your own tiny art to take home! No registration. While supplies last.



Acrylic Pour Painting

3–4 pm

June 7 | WSQ

June 8 | POW/Barnabee Gallery

June 12 | CEN/Teen Studio

June 15 | OSH/Community Room

June 22 | EAS/Community Room

Create your own unique artwork with this liquid painting method where paint is poured into each other or tilted onto the canvas and disseminated by tilting the canvas.

Anime in the Afternoon

Wednesdays, June 21 through August 23

2–4 pm | CEN/Teen Studio

It's the summer! That means Anime in the Afternoon will be every week! Come hang out with other manga, and comic book fans to chat about what we're reading, watch some anime, eat some snacks, and enjoy a craft or activity.

Mug Cakes

Wednesday, June 28

2–3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Come make a delicious cake at the library, using a mug, a few ingredients, and a microwave. Materials and ingredients provided, while supplies last.

Paper Lanterns

3–4 pm

July 10 | POW/Barnabee Gallery

July 11 | OSH/Community Room

July 17 | WSQ

July 18 | CEN/Teen Studio

July 21 | EAS/Community Room

Come make a Japanese-inspired lantern with lolly stick slats. While supplies last.



Masked and Unmasked with the KIA

Wednesdays | 2–3 pm

June 14 | CEN/Teen Studio

June 21 | OSH/Community Room

June 28 | EAS/Community Room

July 5 | POW/Barnabee Gallery

July 12 | WSQ

How can you explore your identity through the image of another person? Inspired by the KIA's work *Pocco* by Patrick Quarm, teens will create an original artwork exploring this question. We will use magazine images, patterned paper, jewels, washi tape, and more to artistically work through the idea of sharing something about ourselves without using our own likenesses.

DIY Sidewalk Chalk

3–4 pm

July 6 | CEN/Teen Studio

July 7 | WSQ

July 13 | EAS/Community Room

July 20 | POW/Barnabee Gallery

Give your sidewalk some flair with your own homemade chalk to make and take, or save it for our upcoming Chalk It Out Event. No registration. **While supplies last.**

Escape the Room

Friday, July 7

2–3 pm | 3–4 pm | OSH/Community Room

Can you find all the clues and solve the puzzles to escape within 60 minutes? Register for one of the two time slots. **Please register. R**



Science Crafternoon

Wednesday, July 19

2–3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Join us for an afternoon of science based crafts for grades 6–12.



Pocket Journals with KBAC

Friday, July 28

11 am–12:30 pm | OSH/Community Room

Learn basic bookbinding skills that are transferable to all book formats including folding paper into signatures and then basic stitching in order to hold the book together. This book has a hard cover but it does not require glue. It's a good first step into the world of book arts. All instruction and materials are provided. You will leave the workshop with a finished blank journal. In partnership with Kalamazoo Book Arts Center.

Please register. R

Boba Tea Keychains

Thursdays | 3–4 pm

August 3 | CEN/TEEN Studio

August 10 | OSH/Community Room

August 17 | EAS/Community Room

August 24 | WSQ

Enjoy all things boba? Come make a boba tea keychain! No registration. While supplies last.



STEM in Action: Make Boba Balls

Wednesday, August 2

11 am–3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Come participate in a STEM camp at the library. Make your own boba balls with alginate in this minicamp hosted by Western Michigan University faculty. Lunch will be provided. This session is for grades 6–12. **Please register. R**

Arts & Crafternoon

Wednesday, August 16

2–3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Join us for an afternoon of arts and crafts projects for grades 6–12.

Events and More for ADULTS



Adult Reading Challenge

Open Hours | All Locations

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

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



Creativebug Crafts for Adults

Create a Block Printed Monogram

Creativebug Crafts for Adults - Create a Block-Printed Monogram

Saturday, June 3

2-3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Tuesday, June 13

4-5 pm | WSQ

Monday, June 26

5:30-6:30 pm | EAS/Community Room

Create your own block-printed monogram or drawing using linocut tools and techniques! You will leave with several prints of your design, the block print itself, and an ink pad for future use. **Please register!**

Jordan Klepper Book Signing

Friday, June 30

4-5:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Come to KPL and have comedian Jordan Klepper sign your book prior to his appearance at Chenery Auditorium. No, he has not written a book, but if you come and buy a book at the Friends of KPL Bookstore (or bring your own), he'll sign it!



Quilt Making with Bette and Paralee

Monday, June 5

5:30-7 pm | EAS/Community Room

Bette Boulding and Paralee Harris, 2 of Kalamazoo's favorite quilt makers, will have their African American quilts on display May - June at Eastwood. See history depicted in these fantastic quilts that were made from the heart. On June 5 Bette and Paralee will demonstrate how to make quilt squares. They will show you some of their self-taught techniques.



Page Turners Book Club

Mondays, June 5, July 10, August 14

Tuesday, August 8

6:30-7:30 pm | OSH/Community Room & Online

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

June: *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

July: *The Boys* by Katie Hafner

August: *The Man Who Could Move Clouds* by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Reading Race Book Group

Tuesday, July 11

6:30-8 pm | SHARE Garden Atrium 471 W. South Street

This book club, co-sponsored by the Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE) and KPL's Antiracism Transformation Team, focuses on race and racism in American society. Join us for a discussion of *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward. **Please bring a chair.**



Rose Street Poetry Club

Saturday, July 8, August 12

10-11 am | CEN/Board Room

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



Music and Memories

Mondays, June 12, July 10, August 14

10:45 am-12 pm | OSH/Community Room

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

Coffee Talk

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, August 9

10:30-11:30 am | OSH/Community Room

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

June: *How video games can level up the way you learn* by Kris Alexander

July: *How to keep your hometown from becoming a ghost town* by John Paget

August: *What happens to gas stations when the world goes electric?* by Emily Grubert

Events and More for ADULTS

Born Free & Equal - Michigan's Colored Regiment

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Monday, June 12

6-7 pm | EAS/Community Room

"Let the black man get upon his person the brass letters U.S., let him get an eagle on his button, and a musket on his shoulder, and bullets in his pocket, and there is no power on the earth or under the earth that can deny that he has earned the right to citizenship" - Frederick Douglass, April 6, 1863.

Following the Emancipation Proclamation, the U.S. military formed the United States Colored Troops. Even as black soldiers fought and died, their citizenship status remained uncertain. Racist policies limited opportunities for black soldiers to become line officers and paid them lower wages than whites. Mr. Maurice Imhoff will cover the story of the 1st Michigan Colored Regiment, otherwise known as the 102nd United States Colored Troops; discussing its early authorization to present time remembrance.



Dungeons and Dragons Game Night

Thursday, June 22

5:30 - 7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Thursday, July 20

5:30 - 7:30 pm | CEN/Van Deusen

Wednesday, August 30

5:30 - 7:30 pm | WSQ

Let's play some Dungeons and Dragons! This is your opportunity to come together with other adults and play a real, live game. Players can choose between Beginners and Experienced tables, so all experience levels are welcome. Players can bring their own Level 5 character (no additional magic items) or use a pre-made character provided by Dungeon Master Amy. All other necessary equipment (character minis, dice, and dice trays) will be available to borrow, but players can bring their own if desired. This program is for adults 18+.

Please register. 

A Talk with Jordan Klepper

Celebrating Books While They Are Still Legal!

Free Entry



Celebrating Books While They Are Still Legal!

A Talk with Jordan Klepper

Friday, June 30

7-8:30 pm | Miller Auditorium | Event is Full

An interactive program with comedian Jordan Klepper about his Kalamazoo roots, his career in comedy, and, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Kalamazoo Public Library, the ever-increasing importance of trusted information. Jordan Klepper is a writer, producer, and comedian, perhaps best known for his segments as a correspondent on *The Daily Show with Trevor Noah*. He is the creator and star of the Comedy Central docu-series, *KLEPPER*. The show has been called "a fresh, powerful interpretation of news" (*Detroit Free Press*) that brings Klepper to "new comedic heights" (*Vanity Fair*). He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School and Kalamazoo College, and has fond memories of going to Kalamazoo Public Library as a child.



Creativebug Crafts for Adults - Ice Dyed T-Shirts

Tuesday, July 11


4- 5 pm | WSQ

Monday, July 17

5:30- 6:30 pm | EAS/Community Room

Saturday, July 22

2- 3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Remember tie-dyeing t-shirts as a kid? Take this summer staple a step further and explore the art of ice dyeing by creating your own ice-dyed t-shirt! **Please register. **




Chakradance- A Moving Meditation

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Tuesday, July 25

6-7:30 pm | OSH/Community Room

Chakradance is a free-form moving meditation, meaning there are no set steps to this dance and you can't get it wrong. In this opportunity to work with your chakra energy centers we will explore the base chakra, connecting with our roots where we feel a sense of safety, security and the energy of grounding calm. After the dance we will create mandala art to keep the energy of the class with us after we leave. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing they can easily move in. **Please register. **



Creativebug Crafts for Adults - Color Image Transfers on Wood

Tuesday, August 8


4-5 pm | WSQ/Community Room

Monday, August 21

5:30-6:30 pm | EAS/Community Room

Saturday, August 26

2-3 pm | OSH/Community Room

Did you know you can transfer color photos and images onto wood? Come explore gel medium transfers and create unique art to display or give. **Please register. **

Kalamazoo Puzzle Swap

Saturday, August 5

1-3 pm, OSH/Community Room

Stop by the Community Room at the Oshtemo Branch Library and swap puzzles! Puzzle enthusiasts join in for snacks, trading, raffle and more! Please swap only gently used puzzles with all the pieces and bring as many as you like. **A donation table will also be available to collect puzzles to give away.**

Events and More for ADULTS



Author Talk is a series of online presentations by bestselling authors and thought leaders brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Register online at

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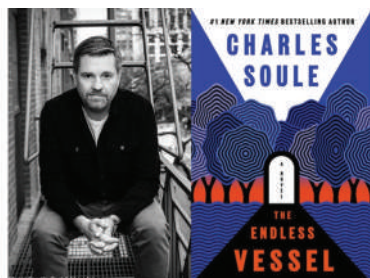
**Wednesday
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4 pm**



**Thursday
June 15
2 pm**



**Wednesday
June 28
8 pm**



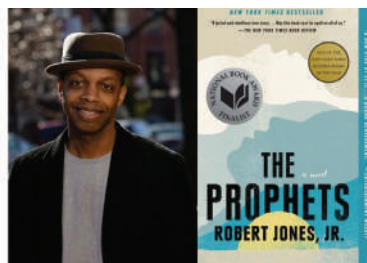
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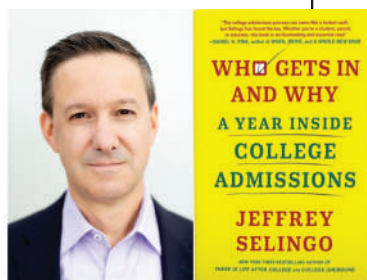
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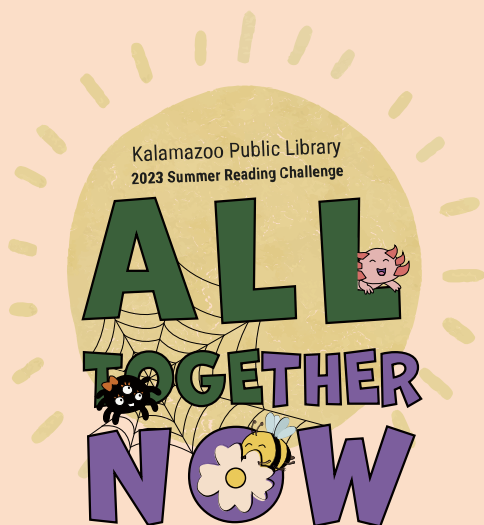
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**Wednesday
August 30
2 pm**

2023 Summer Reading Challenge Kick-off Party!

Saturday, June 3
10 am–2 pm | CEN/Portico



If you are planning on enjoying the festivities of JumpstART in downtown Kalamazoo on June 3, be sure to pop by KPL's Central Library and sign up for the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! We will have a table under the portico.

Friends 2023 June Bag of Books Sale!

Saturday, June 3
10 am–3:30 pm | CEN/Parking Lot

The Friends biggest sale ever! A huge selection of adult fiction and nonfiction, mystery, romance, mass market paperbacks, youth fiction, children's picture books, youth and children's nonfiction. Books are 25¢ each or \$3 for a full bag.

Cash or check only. Please bring your own bag!



KPL LOCATIONS:



Central Library (CEN)
315 S. Rose St.



Eastwood Branch Library (EAS)
1112 Gayle Ave.



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



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



Washington Square Branch Library (WSQ)
1244 Portage St.

**For more information,
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(269) 553-7800**

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Challenge is open from June 1 to September 2

Game details on the back



2023 Summer Reading Challenge

starts June 1st and ends September 2nd!

All Together Now: Let's start summer reading!

Did you know that reading for just 20 minutes a day can open up a world of adventure and earn you fabulous prizes? We invite youth from birth up to 12th grade, to record reading progress on the summer reading gameboard (download and print online, or pick up at your local branch).



After 20 days of reading, participants can stop by the library to claim a free prize book. After 40 days, you can get another prize book. Keep reading for 60 days, and you will win the final grand prize!

As a special bonus, you can get your first free book just for signing up, so what are you waiting for?

Earn even more prizes!

There are 3 collectible pins you can earn in addition to the reading prizes!



Discover

1) What did you discover this summer?



Create

2) What did you create?



Teamwork

3) What is an example of teamwork this summer?

