**Winter 2022**

**Programs and Information**

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**Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday,  
10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday, 
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**Holiday Closings**

For Christmas, the library is closed  
Friday, December 24 through Monday, December 27.

For New Year's, the library is closed  
Friday, December 31 through Monday, January 3, 2022.

For Martin Luther King's Day, the library is closed Sunday, January 16 and Monday, January 17.

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**From Us to You!**

The staff of the Royal Oak Public Library would like to wish all of you a happy and wondrous holiday season! In spite of the global pandemic and other serious problems, there is still so much to be grateful for. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you, our patrons, and share holiday cheer with you whether you access us virtually or visit us in person.

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**Little Known Treasures of Our Database Collection**

The Royal Oak Public Library has a wealth of online information available 24/7 on your device through our database collection. Your library card gives you unprecedented access to these vast but not well known resources. We will spotlight more in the future but the following three deserve special notice now:

- **News Bank** consolidates current and archived information from thousands of newspaper titles, as well as newswires, web editions, blogs, videos, broadcast transcripts, business journals, periodicals, government documents and other publications. Using these online resources, researchers in libraries around the world can easily explore tens of millions of current and archived news articles and obituaries in order to pinpoint information from primary sources at the local, state, regional, national and international levels.

- Use **Weiss Financial Ratings Series** to find information about budgeting, investing in stocks and mutual funds, and managing debt. Check the financial strength of your bank, credit union, or insurance company. Explore the Financial Literacy Tools section for valuable tips and information on buying a home, saving for your child’s education, planning for retirement, protecting yourself from identity theft, and more.

- Seniors can also research Medigap Plans and use the **Weiss Ratings Medigap Report** to build their own customized Medicare Supplement Insurance Planner with step-by-step guidance on how to select a Medigap insurance plan, which plans are right for you, and which insurance company has the lowest rates.
NEW! Get Crafty Series

Get Crafty: Book Page Wreaths
Make your own literary art out of book pages, just in time for the winter months! December might seem a bit dour at times, but you can spice up your home by decorating with a little bit of your local library. This program will be available to view on ROPL YouTube channel. Contact Gillian at gillian@ropl.org with any questions. Requires a hot glue gun or stapler and the rest of the supplies are provided! **Limit 30.**

Saturday, December 11  Please register HERE for craft pickup

Get Crafty: Tile Coasters
Great as a gift or to protect your own coffee table from harm, these tile coasters are extremely customizable with whatever images or pictures you’d like! We’ll provide the supplies to make two awesome tile coasters, so you can feel free to get crafty! This program will be available to view on ROPL YouTube channel. Contact Gillian at gillian@ropl.org with any questions. **Limit 30.**

Saturday, January 8  Please register HERE for craft pickup

Get Crafty: Cork Board String Art
String art has become an extremely popular DIY home decoration, from a child’s room to a cute kitchen decoration, the possibilities are endless! We’ll walk you through how to create one design pattern with all the supplies provided to create something beautiful. This program will be available to view on ROPL YouTube channel. Contact Gillian at gillian@ropl.org with any questions. **Limit 30.**

Saturday, February 19  Please register HERE for craft pickup

Reasons Behind the Season

Michigan Holiday Memories
It is time to remember all the holiday traditions Michigan has to offer as the holiday season comes upon us. It’s the perfect show for the holiday season – relaxing, fun, and stimulates great memories. We start with Detroit traditions, like Hudson’s and Crowleys, the Thanksgiving Parade, Festival of Trees, etc. Then we show some fun traditions around the state, like Holland, Frankenmuth and Rochester.

Monday, December 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Legends of Christmas and Winter Monsters
Santa and reindeer are not the only legends of Christmas time. Creatures such as the Krampus and Wendigo lurk in the shadows, too. Join author and cryptozoology researcher, Shetan Noir, as she discusses the lesser known legends of Christmas and winter.

Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Lessons Learned from The Long Winter
*The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder tells the story of her family surviving a horrific 8-month-long ordeal of blizzards, deprivation, and isolation in the winter of 1880-1881 on the sparsely inhabited Dakota Territory. Their story is one of perseverance and hope. Hear from Mrs. Wilder, as she reflects almost 40 years after those events, and shares what lessons she learned from that hard winter. These are feelings we can all relate to, perhaps now more than ever: dealing with uncertainty, social isolation, and anxiety about the future. And the lessons are just as true as ever: have faith, have hope, and ask for help when you need it.

Presenter Laura Keyes is the Director of the Dunlap Public Library in Central Illinois. She has been asked to speak twice for the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association, and she received the “Excellence in Performance” award from the Association of Lincoln Presenters in 2018.

Tuesday, January 4 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.
A New Year, A New You

What Food Labels Actually Tell Us: How to Be an Informed Eater

Grocery shopping has become a complex activity nowadays. We need to battle through countless labels and claims to try to arrive at the truth. Is it worth paying more for that bar marked “fiber + omega 3s” or the yogurt that promises to be more probiotic than its counterparts? Is that gallon of organic milk going to deliver on its promises? Join us to explore nutritional terms, marketing claims, and food staples, from keto to flexitarian. The next time you’re in a grocery store, you’ll be able to breeze through the aisles with confidence!

Presenter Lisa Howard is a cookbook author, food writer, and public speaker who loves to share her joy of cooking delicious and nutritious foods during her health talks and culinary classes.

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

Chef Val’s Sauces Cooking Class

Creating sauces on a plant based, whole foods diet can be challenging. Chef Val will teach how to make sauces that are creamy, full of flavor and easy to make to serve over pasta, whole grains or vegetables. Two organic vegan sauces will be the highlight of this class. Contact Susan Sheiner at susan@ropl.org for more information.

Monday, February 28 at 5:30 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Get Outdoors!

Owls of Michigan

Naturalist Andrew Nowicki will be giving a photo tour of owls commonly seen in Michigan. Learn about these birds’ incredible adaptations and how you can experience them around your own home. While it is true that many forms of wildlife will be hibernating, there is still lots to see during the winter months. Owls in particular will be entering their breeding season in late November and are more visible during this time.

Monday, January 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

The Solar System with Ethan Parington

Please join us for a virtual planetarium show! We are using Zoom to host a live planetarium show about the solar system. Our presenter, Ethan Parington, will guide you through a show about the night sky over Detroit. Then he’ll fly you to each planet (and Pluto) and teach you about what each world is like! At the end of the show we’ll give you the link to a half-hour long astronomical movie which you can watch at the time of the show, or save for another day.

Ethan is a PhD student in Physics at Wayne State University. There will be time for questions at the end of the program.

Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

February is Black History Month

No Justice, No Peace: The Failed Promise of Abolition

"No justice, no peace” is a political slogan which originated during protests against acts of ethnic violence against African Americans. In this timely program, Professor Dennis Fiems discusses how African Americans confront 300 years of violent power in their pursuit of equality.

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

Finding Black Ancestors

This presentation discusses the unique challenges of African American genealogical research, sharing some of the relevant history and resources available to research. It includes a case study of researching freedom seekers (Underground Railroad), free blacks and enslaved persons.

Rozlyn Kelly is an attorney with over 20 years of genealogical research experience focused on African American ancestry in Michigan, Canada, Southern Illinois, Kentucky, and Washington, D.C. She is currently President of the Farmington Genealogical Society and also serves on the executive board of the Michigan Genealogical Council as President.

Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Spotlighting Black History

1955: For Baby Boomers, the Roadmap to Their Lives


Monday, February 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

1957: Setting the Stage for the Swinging Sixties

School desegregation in Little Rock puts the cover off of Jim Crow because of TV. The Soviets get into space. Rock n’ roll entrenches itself in America and England. John Lennon meets Paul McCartney. Betty Friedan goes to a college reunion and finds out women are unhappy being housewives. Nat King Cole cannot get a TV sponsor and the frisbee becomes a fad. Presented by Evan Weiner.

Monday, February 21 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Chase the Winter Blues Away!

Tom Leeper: Every Linear Mile

In this heavily illustrated talk, artist/photographer Tom Leeper presents Every Linear Mile, his attempt to photograph every bit of art in Detroit from a bicycle. Tom's mission is to discover, document and map art. The official project began on February 20, 2017. He hopes by doing this, those who live in the Motor City will "be reminded of what beauty is around us.”

Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Please register HERE

Dot Painting Class

Join the Anton Art Center for this virtual workshop to learn how to create art pieces with dot painting. Follow along with instructor, Peggy DiMercurio, to learn the basic techniques and then let your creativity shine to design your own patterns. Art kits will be provided prior to the event with instructions, acrylic paint, dot painting tools, and pieces to decorate. Questions? Please contact Susan Sheiner at susan@ropl.org. Limit 20.

Thursday, January 6 at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Please register HERE

Behind the Seen: Cows at the Opera House and Other Museum Mysteries

A mystery is defined as something unexplained or inexplicable, or as a person or thing having qualities that arouse curiosity or speculation. The many mysteries of the Detroit Institute of Arts include stories and images, newly discovered meanings and issues of authenticity. This virtual program is part of the museum's Behind the Seen series.

Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Universal Sound Healing

This experiential workshop presents an exploration of the art of sound healing. Michael Feld will introduce participants to a “universe of sounds” and to techniques designed to bring people into harmony of body and mind, improve concentration, relieve stress and promote creativity. By focusing on the specific frequencies and tones known to have healing properties, participants will experience first-hand how these approaches are used effectively in sound and music. The program will explore examples of artists, including original work, that utilize these powerful tools. Participants will also receive a guide to continue their explorations in sound, meditative practices and healing techniques.

Monday, January 31 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Behind the Seen: In the Garden

This talk explores the hidden meanings behind the images of flowers, plants and gardens which are some of the Detroit Institute of Art’s most beloved works of art. A DIA volunteer will present the illustrated lecture.

Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Please register HERE

Royal Oak’s Main Art Theater: Its Past, Present, & Future

Join the newly-formed Friends of the Main Art group for a conversation about Royal Oak’s iconic Main Art Theater. The independent arthouse theater shuttered in 2021 after 80 years in operation. The Friends of the Main Art will discuss the theater's rich history, its closure, and the ongoing efforts to preserve and reopen the space.

The Friends of the Main Art is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Learn more about its efforts by visiting www.friendsofmainart.com.

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

The Good Old Days?

Hiroshima: Threshold of the Nuclear Age

How did the hidden power of the atom come to be scientifically understood and exploited as an energy source? How were scientific and industrial resources marshalled to create nuclear material? What political and military forces combined to use this material in creating new and extremely powerful weapons? Why were these weapons used to hasten the end of the war with Japan? What is the legacy of the two nuclear attacks?

These questions and more will be answered in this course presented by David Tarrant. Dave was educated in History of Technology and worked professionally in the truck industry throughout most of his business career, primarily for Ford Motor Company. Along the way he maintained a strong avocational interest in aviation, the automotive industry, military history, and contemporary developments in science and technology. He teaches in several venues, and is actively researching material for a book on postwar use of the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress.

Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE
To the Good Old Days!

The Middle Ages was the period in European history from the collapse of Roman civilization in the 5th century CE to the period of the Renaissance beginning roughly in the 14th century. The Middle Ages was defined by a Feudal system in much of Europe. This system consisted of kings, lords, knights, vassals, and peasants. The people who were part of the church played an important part too.

History professor Dennis Fiems discusses daily life in the Middle Ages in an informative and engaging presentation. Feudalism isn’t dead!

Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Please register HERE

Disruption in Detroit: Autoworkers and the Elusive Postwar Boom

In the popular as well as the political imagination, the 1950s were a golden age for American industrial workers, especially for the hundreds of thousands who toiled in Detroit’s auto factories. The story holds that lucrative contracts negotiated by the United Automobile Workers resulted in rising wages and improved benefits like pensions and health care.

But as a historian of Detroit’s autoworkers, Daniel Clark came to realize that no one back then saw things that way. The auto industry was always volatile, and auto work was always precarious. Throughout most of the 1950s, the big three automakers mostly earned hefty profits – but autoworkers themselves suffered from layoffs and insecurity beneath those numbers. Reality, in fact, directly challenges the existence of what is commonly thought to have been a golden age for American industrial workers at the heart of America’s postwar boom.

Daniel J. Clark is an associate professor of history at Oakland University, Michigan. He is the author of Like Night and Day: Unionization in a Southern Mill Town as well as Disruption in Detroit.

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

Cars ‘R Us

Becoming the Motor City: A Timeline of Detroit’s Auto Industry

Well over a century ago, a cadre of self-trained mechanics, machinists, and other tradesmen started tinkering in the small, cramped machine shops near downtown Detroit. Despite their varied technical ideas, professional ambitions, and personal temperaments, they worked towards a common goal: to revolutionize personal transportation by capitalizing on the recently developed internal combustion engine. The intercession of Providence determined that the likes of Henry Ford, Ransom Olds, John and Horace Dodge, and others called the same city home. None of them “invented” the automobile, but their shared imagination, grit, and persistence were responsible for giving birth to an industry arguably responsible for the most profound changes in twentieth-century American life. Their descendants maintained their legacy, and in so doing created the middle class, equipped the Arsenal of Democracy with the hardware needed for the Allied victory over the Axis, and set in motion the postwar suburban boom. Modern day Detroit is inseparable from its signature industry and still today continues to lead the world in charting the future of mobility. Becoming the Motor City: A Timeline of Detroit’s Auto Industry shares insights about how the industry and the city grew, prospered, and ultimately suffered together. Detroit author and historian Paul Vachon revisits the timeline format in this new exploration into the depths of Detroit’s automotive history. Through photos, stories, and history, he paints a vivid picture of the city’s past.

Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE

Electric Cars: Past, Present and Future with Russ Dore

Why did the early electric vehicles outsell gasoline powered vehicles? When and why were they overcome by cars with internal combustion engines? What caused the recent resurgence of the electric car? Who are some of the early as well as recent pioneers who developed electric cars? Who are the major electric car manufacturers today?

Hear about the early efforts by Henry Ford and Thomas Edison to develop an electric car. See how important the Detroit Electric company was in the early success of electric vehicles. Find out about the plans that major automotive manufacturers have for the growth of electric vehicles. See how the greater Detroit area is contributing heavily to this growth. Learn about self-driving electric vehicles, and how they are becoming a reality.

This program is presented by Russ Dore, a Board member of the MotorCities National Heritage Area, a member of the Northville Historical Society and a member of the Henry Ford Heritage Association.

Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm on Zoom  Please register HERE
Third–Thursday Zoom Book Club

Join us for spirited discussions of novels and non-fiction titles on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Questions? Please contact Rosemary Mirsky at 248-246-3715 or rosemary@ropl.org. Please note: the club does not meet in December.

Hamnet: a Novel of the Plague by Maggie O’Farrell
This historical novel depicts the early life and marriage of Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway (named Agnes in the novel), and what impact the death of the couple’s 11-year-old son Hamnet may have had on the creation of the famous play Hamlet. Ultimately, the book is an examination of grief and marriage as Shakespeare works in London and his family is left behind in Stratford. Reviewers praised O’Farrell for rich character development and the sensitive depiction of family bonds.

Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann
Grann’s book details the investigation into a string of murders among members of the Osage Indian Nation in Oklahoma in the 1920s. The victims had been enriched by the oil underneath the reservation. From 1921 to 1925, 18 Osage and three non-tribe members met suspicious deaths. An agent from the fledgling FBI investigated the killings, which were done to fleece tribe members out of “headrights” that could only be obtained through inheritance.

Thursday, February 17 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Local Author Book Talk

A Fight for Full Disclosure

In Stanley M. Berry’s new medical thriller, A Fight For Full Disclosure, a department head fights the hospital for full disclosure about the events that led to the death of Carla Williams after a routine surgery. Carla Williams, a mother of three and popular high school teacher, undergoes a routine surgery which does not go as planned. Department Chair, Harold Thompson, becomes an unlikely ally when he vows to find and share the truth about what happened to Carla. Thompson reassures Carla’s distraught physician as he becomes convinced that the surgeon did nothing wrong. Despite the hospital’s pledge of transparency, once the requisite investigation is completed, Thompson’s efforts to keep his word collide with the institution’s traditions of secrecy and finger-pointing. The Department Chair’s quest to reveal the truth results in accusations of unprofessional conduct, and he is targeted by the hospital’s power brokers who move to revoke his hospital privileges and fire him. What began as a fight for full disclosure also becomes a fight for Thompson’s career and his reputation.

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Wednesday, January 5 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

NEW! Forever Young Adult Zoom Book Club

Introducing a new book club 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 the 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.

Felix Ever After by Kacen Callendar
Felix Love is proud of his identity – Black, queer, and transgender – but he fears that his identity is keeping him from finding love. When another student begins harassing him with photos of himself pre-transition along with his deadname, Felix sets out for revenge. What he doesn’t count on is that while seeking revenge, he starts to find himself.

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE

Super Fake Love Song by David Yoon
When nerdy Sunny Dae meets super-cool Cirrus Soh, he can’t help but want to impress her. So when she sees his older brother Gray’s bedroom—with its electric guitars and rock posters—he lets her think that he’s the front man of a rock band. Before he knows it, the lie has gotten away from him, and now he has to keep up the act if he wants to keep the girl.

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NEW! Legal Series from the Oakland County Bar Association

Landlord Relations Law

In this presentation, Edward Olson of Olson Law Firm in Rochester will outline the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants in both commercial and residential property transactions.

Edward Olson is listed in Super Lawyers and has been practicing in Michigan since 1985. His specialty is business law, which includes real estate transactions and landlord-tenant relationships. This program is hosted in collaboration with the Oakland County Bar.

Monday, January 24 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please register HERE

Estate Planning, Wills & Trusts

When we talk about estate planning, it is important to understand what is meant by an estate. When the word “estate” is used, a lot of people may imagine a sprawling property or great wealth. This perception is incorrect. One definition of estate is “the whole of one’s possessions, especially all the property and debts left by one at death.” In reality, everyone has an estate and the need to plan that estate. Presented by R. Bradley Lambert of Lambert & Lambert PLC in Rochester. This program is hosted in collaboration with the Oakland County Bar.

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

Learn Urban Survival 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, December 8 at 6:00 pm Please register HERE
Wednesday, January 12 at 6:00 pm Please register HERE
Wednesday, February 9 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. The group does not meet in December.

Thursday, January 27 at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please register HERE
Thursday, February 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.

DIY Magic 8 Ball
Don’t have all the answers? With a few simple elements, you can create your own Magic 8 Ball using a small jar and some foam. Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link.

Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 PM
Please register HERE

Conversation Heart Hand Warmers
Use basic embroidery and sewing skills to turn flannel and rice into a reusable hand warmer to keep you cozy on cold winter nights. Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link.

Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 PM Please register HERE

Questions? Call Youth Services at 248.246.3725 or email becca@ropl.org
What’s New This Season?

Book Delivery to Teachers in Area Schools!

ROPL is launching a new book delivery to area schools! This school year we are bringing the library to the classrooms. The school book request form provides selections for the grade, teacher, special assignments, fiction or nonfiction, authors, reading levels and more. Delivery will be made within a few weeks of requests, so please plan in advance! Your book box delivery will circulate to your classroom for nine weeks (books must stay in the classroom). If you are interested in this new book delivery service, please contact Jennifer Ricken at jennifer@ropl.org or phone 248-246-3725 during regular library hours.

Introducing 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 HERE, or go to texttolearn.com for further information and to sign up. TALK is available to all families in Michigan.

Library of Things for Kids!

Use your ROPL library card to check out items from our Library of Things for Kids! Choose from Happy Kids hand puppets, Melissa and Doug Tabletop Puppet Theater, Beagle or Bagel game, Makey Makey Invention Kit and more!

Let’s Play!

We’re starting to bring back our play area incrementally. Stop by to play with the puzzles, a few toys, and crayons and coloring sheets with more to come soon! (The toys are cleaned throughout the day.)
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.

**Virtual A2 Magic Workshop**
Ages 6 -12
Learn some simple "sleight-of-hand," astonishing mind-reading stunts, and some very cool, rarely seen tricks with common items like ropes, rubber bands, cards, and money. Illustrated instructions are included. This class is great fun and a terrific confidence builder. Registration is required to receive magic instructions and the Zoom meeting link. No limit.

*Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE*

**The Detroit Zoo: City Critters**
Family
Learn about some of the wildlife who share your neighborhoods and how you can help them. Look around outside - can you find any animal tracks? Can you guess what animal they might be from? Presented by **Stephen Vrla**, Curator of Humane Education at the Detroit Zoo. Registration is required to receive craft supplies and the Zoom meeting link. No limit.

*Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE*

**Groundhog Day Story Time**
Family
February 2 is Groundhog Day, and if Punxsutawney Phil the groundhog sees his shadow, he’ll go back into his burrow and it will mean six more weeks of winter! If he doesn’t see his shadow, we might have an early spring! What is your prediction? Registration is required to receive craft supplies and the Zoom meeting link. No limit.

*Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE*

**Introduction to Theater**
presented by Open Spot Theater
Ages 5-12
Join us for an hour of singing, dancing, and acting! You'll learn the basics of the theatre through games and interactive activities. At the end of our time together students will perform a play that they themselves wrote. It's a ton of fun for all ability levels! Registration is required to receive the Zoom meeting link. Limit?

*Tuesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE*

**Valentine Grab & Go Crafts!**
Family
Stop by the Youth Services Room all day on Valentine’s Day (February 14) for some Valentine fun! No registration is required.

*Monday, February 14, all day  More information HERE*

**Crockpot Cooking with Kids**
Ages 8 - 11
Let’s learn to cook using a crockpot! This program will feature **Monkey Bread**, an easy but tasty recipe for kids to make with Pillsbury Grands biscuits! Supply pick-up will begin one week before the program. Please see the registration page for the shopping list (Pillsbury Grands provided). Supervision is suggested when using hot cookware. Registration is required to receive supplies and the Zoom meeting link. Limit 20.

*Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM  Please register HERE*
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 the supplies and Zoom link.

Select Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
All About Snow: January 25  Register HERE
I See the Moon: February 22  Register HERE

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, January 3 - February 28*
Click HERE for link
*No program Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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
January 6  Register HERE
January 13  Register HERE
January 20  Register HERE
January 27  Register HERE
February 3  Register HERE
February 17  Register HERE
February 24  Register HERE

Zumbini® with Juliana from Nature’s Playhouse Birth - 3 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, February 10 at 10:15 AM  Please register HERE

Book Buddies Book Club

Book Buddies is a book club for ROPL’s youngest independent readers, grades K-2. 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 the free book and the Zoom meeting link. Limit 25.

Nice Snowing You! (#4 in The Magic Bone series) by Nancy Krulik

Book and craft pickup begins
Monday, January 10 at Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Monday, January 31 at 4:30 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

Hoping to escape the cold in his backyard, Sparky chomps on his magic bone - only to find himself in snowy Zermatt, Switzerland. He befriends Lena, a Saint Bernard rescue dog with a terrible sense of direction. The two, in search of food, quickly get lost. But Lena and Sparky might just be in the right place at the right time for Lena to complete her first-ever rescue mission!

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.

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosemary Parry

Book and craft pickup begins
Monday, January 31 at the Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Wednesday, February 23 at 4:30 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

Swift, a young wolf cub, lives with his pack in the mountains learning to hunt, competing with his brothers and sisters for hierarchy, and watching over a new litter of cubs. Then a rival pack attacks, and Swift and his family scatter. Alone and scared, Swift must flee and find a new home. His journey takes him a remarkable 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest. Inspired by a true story of a wolf named OR-7 (or Journey).

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.

Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Book pickup begins
Monday, January 24 at the Youth Services Desk
Book Club Zoom meeting is
Monday, February 14 at 4:30 PM
Register HERE to receive book and Zoom link

Sanity & Tallulah live in a space station. An illegal 3-headed kitten threatens everyone’s gravitational pull, despite its purr. See how these friends work together no matter the time or the galaxy.
Friends of ROPL

The Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library are looking for a few good volunteers for the following positions:

**Donated book sorter**: Sort through donated books and media by category, determine what’s sellable, recycle outdated or damaged items

**Scanning donated books**: Use computer to determine internet salability

**Friends Shop stocker**: Stock shelves in Friends Shop, organize stock. Must be able to work alone

**Friends Shop**: Sales Selling used books, media in the shop. The shop is currently open 4 days per week; most volunteers are scheduled for 1 or 2 shifts per month

If you are interested in getting involved, please pick up a volunteer application from the Check Out Desk in the library or [Click HERE](#) to apply online.

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**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.

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**Construction Updates**

The south entrance of the library is still closed due to the construction of the Centennial Commons Park. Please park in the 11 Mile Parking Garage (the first two hours are free, no matter when you arrive) and use the north entrance of the library to come visit us.