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What’s your story?
Here’s a chance to share your story. Enter the Write Michigan Short Story Contest, now in its eighth year. There are categories for adults, teens, youth and Spanish language stories. And winners will receive cash prizes and be published in an anthology! Check out anthologies from previous years at any KDL location or purchase them from our friends at Schuler Books. The Judges’ Choice winning story can be found within the pages of this edition of Kaleidoscope.

I had the honor of digging a shovel into the dirt for the groundbreaking of the Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center in Ada. This will be the 21st KDL branch (the Bookmobile is the 20th). The project is growing and blossoming into a wonderful hub for the community, which has been made possible by the support of community leaders. This is truly a library for the people, as all KDL branches are. Watch for updates in the KDL Facebook page and join us for the opening in 2020!

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Workforce Development
Employers and individuals have more opportunities than ever to educate, expand and explore. To support this growth, Kent District Library offers a new suite of services for workforce development. Our team will help match resources with your specific needs. To learn more, email workforce@kdl.org or call 616.784.2292.

Employment
kdl.org/job-seeking
Collection of community resources for employment assistance
National databases of job postings
Training in work-related skills that employers look for when hiring
kdl.org/careerskills
kdl.org/job-seeking

Adult Education
kdl.org/adult-education
Career Online High School (COHS) gives adults age 21 and up the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma (full scholarships are available)
General Educational Development (GED) resources
Language and literacy resources
Tutoring
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kdl.org/careerskills
kdl.org/adult-education

Entrepreneurship
kdl.org/business
Connections to the business community and resources for entrepreneurs
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She acted very quickly. She scooped the water into her saucepan, a Talent for finding it. All she ever needed to do was extend a little bit of kindness, and the magic usually revealed itself.

On such an occasion, Chloe was playing in the open brook behind her house. She was splashing with her feet when she noticed a little black speck dangling over the running water. It was a spider. A tiny black spider was hanging from a broken branch over the brook. And what was only running water for Chloe was a frightening torrent for the creature! It was struggling to climb its way back up to the brush, but the water kept washing over it. Finally, the spider was so overcome that it could hold on no longer. Its silk line was lapped away, and it fell into the water!

Chloe acted very quickly. She scooped the water into her hands and rested the spider on her dry towel nearby. The spider looked soaked through, and Chloe was worried she hadn't saved it in time—but to her surprise, the spider began to move, and even speak!

"Oh, thank you so much!" cried the spider, drying its little body. Chloe folded one pair of arms in thought. "...what if I offered you some wishes?"

"Wishes?"

"I have enough magic to give you eight wishes!" he generously offered. "My power is limited, but I will do the very best I can to fulfill your request! What do you say?"

It seemed like a lot of wishes, but Chloe’s mother had once told her that it was good to accept gifts every now and then, and this was a talking spider—just to mention he was very polite. So, she thought this time it would be alright.

"Okay Cleveland," Chloe agreed, "I accept your gift."

"Marvelous!" exclaimed Cleveland. "I’ve always wanted to try my tarsus at wishes! Now, I am unexpectedly healed of my leg, of what is your first wish?"

Chloe thought hard. Overall she was generally happy, but there was one thing that always bothered her…she had terribly crooked teeth. Her parents couldn’t afford braces, and she always kept her mouth closed when she smiled in pictures. But oh! How nice it would be to have straight teeth! Deciding, she looked back down at Cleveland. "Do you think you could give me perfect teeth?"

"Oh definitely!" cried Cleveland. He was so excited he danced around a little. "I'll need some time to prepare my magic, but when you wake up tomorrow, I promise you will have the most perfect teeth that anyone could ask for!"

Chloe was so excited for her new teeth that she could hardly wait to go to bed that night. She rushed through the rest of her day in a manner that rivalled the vivacity of an Olympic runner! Dinner was devoured, teeth were furiously scrubbed, and she was in pajamas and in bed before her parents could ask her for a goodnight kiss.

The next morning took a very long time in arriving, but once Chloe felt the sun on her face, her eyes sprang open and she ran out of bed—then to the bathroom—to admire her new smile in the mirror.

Her shriek that followed was ear-splitting. For under her horrified eyes and in the place where a regular human mouth should have been was sitting an enormous pair of bulbous black fangs.

"How do you like it?"

Startled, Chloe looked and saw Cleveland sitting at the edge of the sink. His little legs were tinkling by her, giddy with some wild glee.

"I make them quite handsome, I think," chimed Cleveland, apparently unaware of Chloe’s revulsion as she leaned in closer to her reflection, inspecting it carefully.

"So… you are finished with your wishes?"

He sounded very pleased, and he did seem to think he’d done a good job. But Chloe couldn’t go out looking that way. She couldn’t even go downstairs to see her parents looking that way! Oh, but she didn’t want to injure his pride…what would she tell him? Well, she would just have to be honest.

"Water Spider—Cleveland—" she stuttered, amazed to watch her reflection as her clacking pincers made way for human speech. "—I’m very grateful… but I asked for perfect teeth!"

Cleveland tilted his head. He glanced at her reflection, then back to her. "Aren’t they?"

"Well I’m sure they are, but for a spider!"

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Fall Reads

Check out more recommended reading for kids at kdl.org/recommendations

Why are some cookies soft while others are crunchy? How does the type of sugar affect a recipe? Junior chefs can make their own good eats and get a healthy side of science. Video tutorials and bonus materials offer an augmented reality experience through the free 4D app.

Elmore Green likes being an only child, so when his parents bring a new small person, his baby brother, into the house he is not pleased and does his best to keep the new small person out of his life.

Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, eleven, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through emails.

The author meditates on the search for an idea and the wonderful feeling when the right idea comes along, unleashing the creative process.

Jammin' with Wendy & DB

Join out to interactive and upbeat tunes with award-winning children's musicians Wendy & DB! http://wendyanddb.com/

Saturday, September 14, 10:00 AM to noon, Alba
Monday, September 23, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township
Monday, September 23, 11:00 AM, Caledonia Township
Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 PM, Tyrone Township
Wednesday, September 25, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township
Friday, September 27, 10:00 AM, Caledonia Township
Friday, September 27, 11:00 AM, Caledonia Township
Saturday, October 5, 1:00 PM, Walker
Saturday, October 5, 10:30 AM, Wyoming
Friday, October 18, 10:30 PM, Wyoming
Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 PM, Wyoming
Thursday, October 31, 10:00 AM, Englehardt
Friday, November 1, 10:30 AM, Wyoming
Saturday, November 16, 2:00 PM, Krause Memorial

Fall Fest

Celebrate the season with autumn crafts, games and process art activities that focus more on the process and less on the final product.

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Halloween Hyjinx!

Thursday, October 31
Halloween fest at the Pavilion, 6:00 PM, Tyrone Township
Halloween at the Library, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Alba
KDL Kids’ Picks

The Baby-Sitters Club
by Raina Telgemeier
Picked by Maeli at Meadow Brook Elementary

“I’m recommending the Baby-Sitters Club books because there are lots of different kinds of families with problems. The babysitters react to the problems in interesting ways. They never give up even though they are only 12 or 13 years old.”

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan
Picked by Andrew at Meadow Brook Elementary

“Kids rule! They take down a bunch of monsters and go down into the underworld to receive very important valuable items to help them save the world. It’s funny and serious at the same time. It has a lot of adventure and it has so much mythology in the series.”

Orphan Island
by Laurel Snyder
Picked by Stella at Meadow Brook Elementary

“I like adventure books where there are rules and people break them. It’s suspenseful seeing them in trouble. I think people who really like suspense will like Orphan Island.”

Dragon Slayer Academy: The New Kid at School
by Kate McMullan
Picked by Morgan at Kentwood Elementary

“Have you ever felt lonely or discouraged? Or are you the middle child? Then this is the book for you! Wiglaf is a kid who one fine day a minstrel approached his door and asked if he could stay. Before he left, he told Wiglaf’s fortune and said he would be a hero! Another few days passed and Wiglaf saw a sign that said DRAGON SLAYER’S ACADEMY! Can he convince his dad to let him go? Can he afford to go? Can Wiglaf be a true dragon slayer and be a hero with his sidekick Daisy, that speaks Pig Latin? To find out, read this book!”

Cleveland coughed. “Well naturally, I—” But just as soon as he’d gotten started, his sentence fell flat. “…Oh.” Once more, he exchanged glances with the mirror before turning back to her. “Oh I am so sorry!” cried the spider, finally realizing his blunder. “It’s—it’s alright, Cleveland—” choked Chloe, her eyes still fixated on the reflection. “But… can you change me back?”

“Absolutely!” exclaimed the spider, sounding apologetic. Then he scratched a tarsus on the top of his head. “Though… it would have to count as another wish… ”

“Thank you! I don’t mind!”

“Very well!”

Then, miraculously, Cleveland the Spider clicked his pincers together twice, and Chloe’s own hideous pair vanished before her eyes. She breathed a sigh of relief through her own familiar crooked teeth.

“I am so sorry about that,” said Cleveland again. “Would you like me to try again? I promise to do better this time.”

Chloe considered it, but she just couldn’t be sure that he would or could ever get a human’s mouth right. She decided it might be best not to trouble him with another request like that one. Perhaps he might be better with something… less complicated? “That’s alright, Cleveland… actually, I think I like my smile this way,” she answered, kindling a new fondness for her crooked teeth in the mirror. “Why don’t we try something different instead?”

“Okay!” The spider perked up at this suggestion. He seemed happy that he could still grant her some wishes after all. “What can I do for you?”

“Well, I didn’t sleep very well last night. Maybe my bed is too uncomfortable.” (This was a half lie, since the reason she hadn’t slept was due to her excitement over the wishes.) But Chloe smiled sweetly down at Cleveland. “Could you make a more comfortable bed for me?”

Cleveland made a joyful hop on the sink. “Of course! That’s something I know how to do very well!” Already he was scurrying off. “Go about your day! When you return to bed, it’ll be like sleeping on a cloud!”

Chloe smirked to herself in the mirror, for she had managed to rescue herself from the fate of looking like a spider and managed not to offend her new friend all at once. From now on, she would just have to make wishes that were simple. Cleveland obviously possessed enough magic to do impressive feats—such as create a new face—but those sorts of things weren’t to be meddled with. Chloe had learned her lesson. Or so she’d believed.

When Chloe returned to her bed that night, her mattress was entirely lost behind several thick sheets of white silk.

“Isn’t it beautiful?” cried Cleveland, scurrying out of the entanglement to greet her. “My mother once spun a retreat like this for me and my siblings—it was the most comfortable thing I’ve ever slept in! I made it just the way she did—but well—you Spider Wishes, continued

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KDL Lab Experience: NASA @ My Library

3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF! Come down to your local library and learn all about the world outside of our own! Learn about the other planets that make up our solar system, UV rays from the sun and how the tiny moon is able to block out the entire sun.

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 AM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake
Wednesday, November 13, 4:00 PM, Walker
Thursday, November 14, 2:00 PM, Byron Township

KDL Lab Experience: Cubelets, Robots in Disguise

No heavy lifting required for these robots. Cubelets are robot blocks that connect together to create quirky little robots. Come and explore these bots to see what cool tricks and moves you can make the bots do by combining different cubes.

Tuesday, August 6, 2:00 PM, Byron Township
Saturday, September 14, 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Wyoming
Saturday, September 16, 10:30 AM, Nelson Township / Sand Lake

KDL Lab Extravaganza

Have hands-on fun at the KDL Lab Extravaganza! KDL Lab will be showcasing a variety of STEAM experiences and partnering with local STEAM experts to provide hours of challenges and pure STEAM fun.

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Kentwood (Richard L. Root)

Build a Batman Cowl

Holy cosplay craftiness, Batman! Teens will use hot glue guns and foam to create their very own Batman mask just in time for Halloween.

Saturday, October 12, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Cascade Township
Spider Wishes, continued

are considerably larger, and it took me a lot of magic to produce this much silk."

When he saw the worry on Chloe’s face, his sentence trailed off. “…I’ve been

uncomfortably, Chloe nodded. Cleveland glanced from her to the silk retein. “…I don’t understand…" he said, purely confused. “It is the softest material you’ll ever sleep on… All you have to do is crawl inside and fall asleep!"

“It’s a very good bed for a spider, Cleveland!” Chloe sighed in exasperation. “But I’m not a spider! I’m a human girl!”

Cleveland said nothing. With his many eyes he glanced at the silk bed… then at her… then at the floor… and his posture drooped in defeat. “…I suppose you’d want me to put it back the way it was?" His voice resembled a grumble.

The sound of his default made Chloe wince, but she couldn’t sleep in a sticky, silky tunnel… “Yes, please, Cleveland.”

“It’ll cost another wish.”

“That’s fine.”

So Cleveland clicked his pincers as he had done that morning, only this time with a morose air about him. Chloe saw her bed magically reappear as the silk faded away into nothing, and once it was all gone, Cleveland scuttled up to the window and settled himself into one of its nooks. Facing its corner, he spoke.

“…If you do think of something else, please let me know," he muttered sadly.

Chloe felt bad seeing him that way, but she knew now that whatever she wished for—he would certainly offer her its equivalent from a world of spiders. And Chloe did not want a spider body, or a spider bed, or a spider food, if she dared wish for dinner. But he did seem to do anything right! he wept, hiding his sad eyes behind two of his many, many eyes. The whole cocoon was like a horrible, shifting prison to him, and she frantically crawled about the tunnels, desperately trying to find Cleveland there as he was stringing up the last piece—the rodent’s tail.

Cleveland paused when he noticed her, and her hustled sneer was the first thing he noticed this time. Angerly, he threw the tail down and bounced on the flat web. “Well what have I done wrong now?" he demanded crossly.

“…It’s very… "Chloe struggled to find good manners this time. “…I was… inappropriate…”

Cleveland sounded very impatient with her. “…But…" he pressed.

“Well…” she couldn’t find a way to decorate it. "I’ve tried so hard—but I really can’t seem to do anything right!" he wept, hiding his sad eyes behind two of his many eyes. "You’ve been so good to me—even when I got your wishes wrong! No one had ever been so nice to me before—but—you really hate me just as much as everyone hates a spider, don’t you?"

“Oh—no Cleveland that isn’t true! "You don’t need to lie to me!" he cried. "I’ll just go… like you wish… at least I can do that right?"

And with a miserable snip of his pincers, he vanished.

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“Really?" And Cleveland did an incredibly peculiar thing for a spider to do. He shrugged. "Why don’t I just catch the nightmares for you?"

Chloe smiled. "You can do that?"

"Sure. They don’t taste as good as flies do, but I don’t mind them."

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Chloe laughed too, and then cried with relief. “Then please accept my apology! I’d like for you to stay with me, Cleveland!"

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But how do I do that?" cried Chloe. She was very upset. “I’ve washed him away!”

Chloe’s mother only shrugged, and smiled wisely at her. “You have one wish left, don’t you? Wish him back.”

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79 Teen Zones in ten locations!

Teen-only fun for you and your friends can be found at the library! Stop by for activities that may include board games, food and more. Visit kdl.org/events for details. Examples include Duct Tape Creations, Gaming Nights, Sharpie Creations, Escape Room, Candle Making, Button/ Pin Making, Jewelry Making and more!
**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses**

Author visit and book signing

Michigan is home to more lighthouses than any other state, and more than 30 are rumored to be haunted by the spirits of former keepers, mariners and others with ties to these historic beacons. Dianna Stampfler, long-time writer and promoter of all things Michigan, will share stories from her recently published book, *Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Plainfield Township

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Alpine Township

Thursday, September 12, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Tyrone Township

**Holocaust Survivor Martin Lowenberg**

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 PM, Wyoming

Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg spent his teenage years forcibly separated from his family and sent to five different concentration camps during World War II. He would never see his parents and younger twin brothers again. Lowenberg will share his story of life in Nazi Germany and his compelling message of combating hate.

**Bombs over Michigan: WWII Japanese Balloon Attacks**

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM, Byron Township

Join us for a remote viewing of the lecture *Bombs over Michigan: WWII Japanese Balloon Attacks* sponsored by The Historical Society of Michigan’s History Hounds and the Byron Township Historical Society. Discover the fascinating story of the “aerial armada” (9,000 balloons) launched against the United States and Canada during World War II.

**Where Else but Gaslight? A look back at places and faces through the years**

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
East Grand Rapids City Commission Chambers

Travel the business district of East Grand Rapids from 1914 to 2019 with Mary Derick, curator of the East Grand Rapids History Room. The program features photographs and memories.

**101 Things that Happened on the Mackinac Bridge**

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Plainfield Township

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 PM
Byron Township

Join Cheryl Blackington of the Grand Rapids Center for Mindfulness as she shares alternative ways of relating to everyday life experiences, including thoughts, emotions, physical sensations and events.

**The Faygo Book**

Monday, November 11, 6:30 PM

The Faygo Book is the story of a pop, a people and a place. Its stories will tickle the taste buds and memories of Detroiters and Faygo lovers everywhere.

**Fall Tales for the Adult Audience**

Monday, October 7, 6:30 PM

The Story Spinners bring a mixture of personal tales, traditional tales and music designed for an adult audience around the “campfire.” Your own stories are welcome!

**Coping with Separation**

Monday, October 14, 6:30 PM

Join Tracey Whiting, MSW, for an informational session and discussion of ways to cope and move forward.

**Practicing Mindfulness**

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Are You Scared, Darth Vader?

by Adam Rex

“What is Darth Vader scared of? Anything? This hilarious and fantastically illustrated book is sure to delight young and old Star Wars fans alike!” — Melissa at Krause Memorial

From Crook to Cook

by Snoop Dogg

“Tasty recipes include: Not Ya Momma’s Corn Muffins, Spaghetti de-la Hood and Ain’t No Jive Herbed Turkey and Gravy.” — Shaunna at Alpine

Race to Hawaii

by Jason Ryan

“What is now a flight of a few hours was once only traversed by steamship. A thrilling tale of aviation between WWI & WWII. Dead reckoning, danger and 2,400 miles of the vast Pacific Ocean.” — Graham at KDL’s Service Center

Fire and Blood:

300 Years Before A Game of Thrones

by George R. R. Martin

“During my period of Game of Thrones withdrawal waiting for the conclusion of Fire and Ice, it has been a long wait, because I am one of those who read the books, the series of books, the UNFINISHED series of books, but I’m not bitter! Fire and Blood by George R. R. Martin has eased my withdrawal by filling me in on the Targaryen’s backstory. It is a prequel that starts with the time of Aegon the Conqueror and tells the story of the Dragon-rider rulers in gory detail.” — Penni at Cascade

White Fragility:

Why It’s So Hard to Talk to White People About Race

by Robin Diangelo

“This book made me think and I keep talking about it with people!” — Michelle at KDL’s Service Center
Welcome to KDL!

We’re pleased to introduce some of our newest team members!

- **Jenny Savage-Dura**
  - Youth Librarian @ East Grand Rapids
  - Recently read Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro

- **Cathy Rinzema**
  - Circulation Assistant @ Plainfield Township
  - Recently read A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

- **Heather Blake**
  - Shelver, Plainfield Township

- **Ben Brugger**
  - Circulation Assistant, Cascade Township

- **Alyssa Coe**
  - Circulation Assistant, Plainfield Township

- **Shea Johnson**
  - Outreach Specialist, Service Center

- **Molly Marshall**
  - Circulation Assistant, Cascade Township

- **Tabitha Schaub**
  - Circulation Assistant, Wyoming

- **Jake Wunderink**
  - Circulation Assistant, Plainfield Township

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**#10** We have an elephant costume you can wear. Who else can say that?

**#9** Free prescription drug benefit plan! (Yes, we’re serious.)

**#8** Like to sniff books? We’ve got books.

**#7** Matching retirement savings.

**#6** A whole new bunch of friends that you’ll love working with.

**#5** Student Loan repayment program.

**#4** The ability to contribute to the greater good in our community. In this economy, you can work for anyone, but if you choose wisely, you can make a difference in your community, as a member of the library team.

**#3** Wellness initiatives and free telemedicine with medical doctors to cure what ails you.

**#2** Fun, team building programs brought to us from a designated fun committee called Team KDL.

**#1** We’re committed to a place of employment where everyone feels like they belong. We simply want you, your whole self, to be part of us, because together, we’re unstoppable!

Now that you know how awesome it is to work at KDL, check out our current job postings @ kdl.org/jobs

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**Ladies Nights**

Eat, drink and socialize! Bring your girlfriends and join us. Create your very own gift bags from recycled paper.

**Kombucha, Cheese and Chocolate Tastings**

Kombucha tastings provided by Sacred Springs Kombucha. Cheese and chocolate tastings provided by The Cheese Lady.

- **Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**, Caledonia Township
- **Thursday, October 3, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**, Byron Township
- **Thursday, October 10, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**, Walker
- **Wednesday, October 14, 6:30 PM**, Alpine Township
- **Thursday, October 17, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**, Englehardt (teens welcome)
- **Tuesday, November 19, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**, Cascade Township

**Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tastings**

*Wine tastings provided by The Crushed Grape and chocolate and cheese tastings will be provided by The Cheese Lady.

Wine Ladies Nights are for adults only, 21 and older.

- **Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**, Plainfield Township
- **Thursday, October 3, 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**, Krause Memorial
  (*partnering with local vendors*)
- **Friday, October 11, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**, Grandville
- **Tuesday, October 22, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, East Grand Rapids

**Wise Men Distillery Tour**

- **Monday, September 16, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**
  Join us for a tour of the new Wise Men Distillery at 4717 Broadmoor Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Learn how Wise Men distills their Red Tape series. Pre-registration required at kdl.org/events.
Friends of the Library Book Sales

Alto Harvest Festival
Saturday, September 21, 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Caledonia Township
Monday, September 2 and Friday, September 6, during open hours

Cascade Township
Saturday, September 24, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, September 25, noon to 3:00 PM
Friday, November 1, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday, November 2, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday, November 3, noon to 3:00 PM

East Grand Rapids
Saturday, November 5, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday, November 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Kentwood
Saturday, October 26, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Krause Memorial
Saturday, September 28, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Three Bucks-a-Bag special from 2:00 PM. Donations are welcome and may be dropped off at the library during open hours.

Plainfield Township
Thursday, September 5, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Friday, September 6, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, September 7, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday, September 8, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Handcarts for $3, large paperbacks for $3, small paperbacks and all kids’ books for $2! Friday: Stuff-a-bag for $5.00
Saturday and Sunday: 1.5 bags of books for only $10

Spencer Township
Saturday, October 5, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sunday, October 6, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wyoming
Saturday, October 12, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Bag sale begins at 2:00 PM. $5.00 stuffs a purchased bag for only $3!

BRANCH HOURS

ALPINE TOWNSHIP
4001 Alpine Dr. SE, Comstock Park 49341

KDL Service Center
421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

REDWOODS
For a complete schedule of bookmobile visits or to request a visit, go to kdl.org/bookmobile.

BYRON TOWNSHIP
KDL Byron Center Ave. SE, Byron Center 49315

KENTWOOD (RICHARD L. ROOT)
4055 Maple St. SW, Grandville 49418

CASCADE TOWNSHIP
4216 Shady Dr. SE, Comstock Park 49341

KENTWOOD MEMORIAL
140 E. Bridge St., Rockford 49341

KALAMAZOO COUNTY
5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49341

KDL SERVICE CENTER
421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids 49548

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5255 Alpine Ave. NW, Comstock Park 49341

WILLOWBROOK AND THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED
1081 Breton Rd. SE, Grand Rapids 49506

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WRITE MICHIGAN
SHORT STORY CONTEST

Writers of all ages are invited to enter the 8th Annual Short Story Contest, with separate categories for youth, teens, adults and Spanish language. Winning entries will be published and receive cash prizes.

DEADLINE: November 30 at noon.

For more information:
WriteMichigan.org

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