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ADULT PROGRAMS

Please register in advance



CHAT & CRAFT Jan 5 @ 10AM

Chat a little, craft a little. This month we are making a large hanging snowflake with child-sized hangers and zip ties.

Please register in advance



ADULT YOGA Jan 7 @ 6:30PM

Join our community for a one-hour, gentle flow class with yoga teacher Jami Kok. This class is thoughtfully designed for all skill levels. Please bring your own mat or towel.

Please register in advance



CARD MAKING Jan 8 @ 1:30PM

Join us to make Thank You cards and Valentine's cards. Each person will leave with up to 4 cards. All supplies will be provided.

Please register in advance



BOOK SWAP Jan 8 @ 6:30PM

New Year, new read! Bring a book, take a book, and enjoy an easy, social swap for adults at the library.

Please register in advance



ZUMBA Jan 13 @ 9:15AM

Join Aimee for a total workout, combining all elements of fitness - cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility, boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you leave class.



CRIBBAGE CLUB Jan 13 @ 10:30 & Jan 28 @ 6

Drop in and play cribbage with the GTPL community. Cribbage began in 17th-century England and has relatively few rules. Each game is about 30 minutes. Beginners will be taught to play and experienced players are welcome.

Please register in advance



GROOVE DANCE FITNESS Jan 20 @ 9:15AM

Groove is a fitness class that will show you that dance is for everyone. Join Lindsay as she builds community through dance, fitness, and movement.



WRITERS GROUP Wednesdays @ 6PM

A casual setting to share your writing and receive encouragement and advice. Led by Jeremy Cook.



PINS & NEEDLES Thursdays @ 10AM

Come and spend time socializing, sharing crafting experience, and enjoying snacks. Please bring along everything you need for your own craft.

January SERIES Jan 19-30

Want to enjoy the phenomenal speakers at Calvin's January Series but don't want to drive to Grand Rapids? We will be showing the program each day at 12:30 PM. A schedule of speakers can be found on the library's events calendar or at calvin.edu/january-series.

the January Series

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Winter Reading is Back! Please see insert for details



Jan 12
10AM & 11:15AM

Each session will be based on a children's book and will include: story, finger plays, creative art experiences, and educational play. Each family will also receive a children's book to take home. Information on child development and reading readiness will be available for parents.



Jan 22 @ 6:30PM

Join us for an evening storytime of stories, songs, and fun! Sessions will be geared toward ages 0-6 but everyone is welcome.

Storytime Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Join Miss Liz for books, songs, fingerplays, and more!
All ages are welcome.

Wee Ones: Tuesdays @ 10AM
Preschool: Wednesdays @ 10AM



Purposeful Play Jan. 2 @ 10:30AM



Play is an important part of early literacy development. In this program, parents and caregivers will engage in purposeful play with their children! Activities are separated by development area. This is a drop-in program, come anytime during the hour. Ages 0-5 welcome!

Sensory Play Jan 16 @ 10:30AM

Touch, hear, see, and play! This drop in play time focuses on letting kids play and learn using their senses, using things like textured blocks, water, sound tubes, ball pit, and foam paint. Come and go as you please during the hour. Ages 0-5.



Movement & Music Jan 23 @ 10:30AM



A new kind of storytime! This program, geared for kids age 12 months to 5 years, offers early literacy benefits while focusing on music and movement. Perfect for kids who can't quite sit through a traditional storytime, or anyone who loves to move! Children of all ages welcome.

Teen Night

Jan 8 @ 7PM



Join us for Teen Night, a monthly gathering for those in 7th grade and up. Every month we will have a different activity, such as crafts, trivia, movies, video game hangouts, taste tests and more!

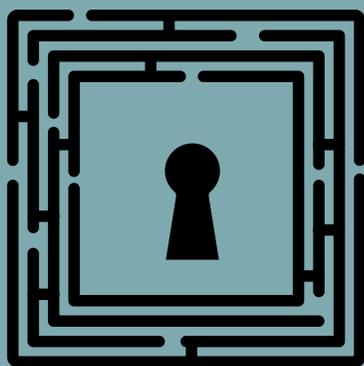
This month's activity is vision board collages. We will use magazines and other craft supplies to make a visual display of our goals for the New Year.

Registration appreciated to help plan for supplies.

Escape Room

Puzzle Challenge

for teens & tweens



Jan 10 10am-3pm

Gather a group of up to 4 and try to solve both the puzzle and the mystery within one hour. Multiple teams will compete throughout the day and the one who finishes with the fastest time will win a small prize!

For ages 10 and up. Registration required. Please only register one person per team.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



LEGO CLUB

JAN 5 @ 7PM

Kids ages 6 - 13 years old are invited to bring their building bricks to the Library. Each child will have 45 minutes to create something around the theme that will be announced that afternoon, or they can free-build. Please register in advance at gtpl.org or at the library.



BINGO BUDDIES

JAN 8 @ 10:30AM

Join us for Bingo Buddies! We will use Bingo boards that are easy for little ones to understand (more pictures than letters and numbers) and have fun prizes! We have a limited number of Bingo cards, so please be sure you're registering the correct number of children who will be playing.



SING SONG FAMILY YOGA

JAN 9 @ 9:30AM

Join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for Family Yoga and Literacy! Kids of all ages and their adults can join us for stories, songs, and yoga. All ages welcome. Families, please bring yoga mats or beach towels for each person.



POKEMON CLUB

JAN 12 @ 7PM

Join fellow Pokemon fans to show off and discuss your Pokemon card collection! Trading is optional. Some months we may also watch a Pokemon cartoon or make a Pokemon-themed craft. Please note that library staff are not responsible for any cards traded. Kids ages 7-12; registration required.



PLAY-DOH CLUB

JAN 15 @ 10:30AM

Join us for a fun hour of exploring with playdough! During this drop-in program, we'll have playdough, tools, and some other fun accessories for you to use.



S.T.E.A.M. CLUB

JAN 15 @ 6PM

Join us for STEAM Club, where we will experiment with different STEAM principles in a fun and exciting way. Each month we will complete a different science, technology, engineering, art, or math project; this month will be "snow much fun" science. For those in grades K-6th. Registration required.



U.S. EXPLORERS

JAN 19 @ 7PM

Kids ages 6-12. Explore the United States without ever leaving Michigan! Join us for our United States Explorers program for those in grades 1st-6th. Each month we will learn about a new state and enjoy fun games, crafts and other activities that are popular in that state. Registration required.



PIZZA & PAGES

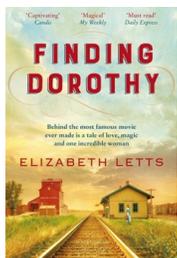
JAN 21 @ 4:30PM

Join our theme-based book club! Participants in 4th - 7th grade will eat pizza, discuss what they have read, and participate in a library auction to end the hour. Registration required.

book GROUPS

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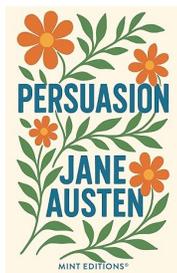
Finding Dorothy: Wednesday, January 14 @ 1:30PM



Maud Gage Baum, widow of the author of the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, met Judy Garland, the young actress playing the role of Dorothy on the set of *The Wizard of Oz* in 1939. At the time, Maud was seventy-eight and Judy was sixteen. In spite of their age difference, Maud immediately connected to Judy—especially when Maud heard her sing "Over the Rainbow," a song whose yearning brought to mind the tough years in South Dakota when Maud and her husband struggled to make a living—until Frank Baum's book became a national sensation.

This wonderfully evocative two-stranded story recreates Maud's youth as the rebellious daughter of a leading suffragette, and the prairie years of Maud and Frank's early days when they lived among the people—especially young Dorothy—who would inspire Frank's masterpiece. Woven into this past story is one set in 1939, describing the high-pressure days on *The Wizard of Oz* film set where Judy is being badgered by the director, producer, and her ambitious stage mother to lose weight, bind her breasts, and laugh, cry, and act terrified on command. As Maud had promised to protect the original Dorothy back in Aberdeen, she now takes on the job of protecting young Judy.

Persuasion: Monday, January 19 @ 1:30PM



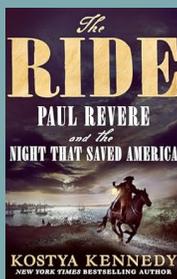
Delve into a story of love, regret, and second chances with *Persuasion*, Jane Austen's poignant final novel. Anne Elliot, a thoughtful and kind-hearted woman, was once persuaded to break off her engagement to the man she deeply loved, Captain Frederick Wentworth, due to his lack of wealth and status. Now, eight years later, Anne remains unmarried and quietly endures life with her snobbish family.

When Captain Wentworth returns, wealthy and successful, their paths cross again. Amidst the intricate social dynamics of Regency England, Anne must navigate her lingering feelings for him while grappling with the pressures of family, society, and her own sense of self-worth.

Austen's masterful exploration of resilience, maturity, and enduring love makes *Persuasion* a deeply moving and timeless classic. With its sharp social commentary and compelling characters, this novel is a treasure for lovers of romance, wit, and literary brilliance.

READ, WHITE, AND BLUE BOOK GROUP

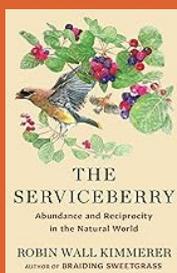
The Ride: Wednesday, January 21 @ 1:30PM



On April 18, 1775, a Boston-based silversmith, engraver, and anti-British political operative named Paul Revere set out on a borrowed horse to fulfill a dangerous but crucial task to alert American colonists of advancing British troops, which would seek to crush their nascent revolt. Revere was not the only rider that night, and indeed, he had completed at least 18 previous rides throughout New England, disseminating intelligence about British movements. But this ride was like no other, and its consequences in the months and years to come—as the American Revolution morphed from isolated skirmishes to a full-fledged war—became one of our founding legends.

Kostya Kennedy presents a dramatic new narrative of the events of April 18 and 19, 1775, informed by fresh primary and secondary source research into archives, family letters and diaries, contemporary accounts, and more. Kennedy reveals Revere's ride to be more complex than it is usually portrayed—a coordinated series of rides by numerous men, near-disaster, capture by British forces, and finally success. While Revere was central to the ride and its plotting, Kennedy reveals the other men (and, perhaps, a woman with information about the movement of British forces) who helped to set in motion the events that would lead to America's independence.

The Serviceberry: Tuesday, January 27 @ 1:30PM



As indigenous scientist and author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* Robin Wall Kimmerer harvests serviceberries alongside the birds, she considers the ethic of reciprocity that lies at the heart of the gift economy. How, she asks, can we learn from indigenous wisdom and the plant world to reimagine what we value most? Our economy is rooted in scarcity, competition, and the hoarding of resources, and we have surrendered our values to a system that actively harms what we love.

Meanwhile, the serviceberry's relationship with the natural world is an embodiment of reciprocity, interconnectedness, and gratitude. The tree distributes its wealth—its abundance of sweet, juicy berries—to meet the needs of its natural community. And this distribution insures its own survival. As Kimmerer explains, "Serviceberries show us another model, one based upon reciprocity, where wealth comes from the quality of your relationships, not from the illusion of self-sufficiency."

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Don't feel like driving to Grand Rapids for the Calvin University January Series? We will be showing each lecture here at CTPL. For a schedule of speakers, see our online Events Calendar. Also, sign up for our Winter Reading Program for all ages!





Jan 2- Feb 28

Join our 32 degree club and take our all-ages winter reading challenge! It's easy to participate. Ages 0-19, read in increments of 15 minutes and adults in increments of 30 minutes to win prizes.

Reading logs for all ages are available at the library or online at gtpl.org.

The first day to turn in log is February 2; the last day to turn in your reading log is Saturday, March 7.



FRIENDS OF GTPL BOOK SALE



**JAN 23: 10AM-7:30PM
JAN 24: 10AM-4:30PM
JAN 25: 10AM-2:00PM**

