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Grand Rapids Public Library Events for December 2019

Holistic Job Seeking

Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 7:00 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Study the job seeking process and build your understanding of yourself to create solid job seeking processes that will keep you on track. Walk away with a better understanding of the job seeking process and gain the confidence that comes with knowing what questions to ask, and how a good job seeker asks them.

1,000 Photographs: A Visual Journey of Family Roots

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 1:30 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

In the mid-1980s, art collector George Bayard was amazed to find boxes upon boxes for family photographs his grandmother had squirreled away for years. He became interested in connecting the thousands of images to the names on his family tree. Out of all the photographs, only 100 were identified in the pictures. George began his journey to give the diverse group of images some context within his own family genealogy and folklore. He will share some of the incredible breakthroughs and roadblocks he encountered in this ongoing adventure exploring his family roots. Co-sponsored by the Western Michigan Genealogical Society.

Internet Safety Bootcamp

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7:00 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Each year, millions of people are victims of identity theft. While there is no way to ensure all of your data is completely safe, you can minimize the risk and contain data breaches by developing good online habits. Attendees will have a chance to test their passwords, sign up for an online password manager, and enable two factor authentication on their accounts. Bring any personal smartphones, laptops, email addresses, and passwords you will need to use in securing your online profile.

Music in the Stacks: Perren

Thursday, December 12, 2019, 7:00 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Perren is some guitars, a snare, a bass drum and a hi-hat. Sometimes Perren is three brothers from Michigan, sometimes it's just Jonah Yoshonis and some weird wires and a computer and a red keyboard. And sometimes Perren is three friends from the midwest playing their respective instruments, not saying much to each other

but maintaining continuous eye contact for 20 or 30 minutes. Perren is *My Friend's House*. Perren is *As You/Perren*. Perren is *Apples and Peanut Butter*. Perren's got a music video, a repertoire of smooth dance moves, a pair of PF Flyers (size 11, black) and a bunch of old merch that got stolen and never came back. Perren is music better seen than explained.

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Main Library

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f. 616.988.5419

Madison Square Branch

1201 Madison SE
Grand Rapids MI 49507
p. 616.988.5411
f. 616.245.1403

Ottawa Hills Branch

1150 Giddings SE
Grand Rapids MI 49506
p. 616.988.5412
f. 616.241.1460

Seymour Branch

2350 Eastern SE
Grand Rapids MI 49507
p. 616.988.5413
f. 616.241.1445

Van Belkum Branch

1563 Plainfield NE
Grand Rapids MI 49505
p. 616.988.5410
f. 616.365.2615

West Leonard Branch

1017 Leonard NW
Grand Rapids MI 49504
p. 616.988.5416
f. 616.301.9438

West Side Branch

713 Bridge NW
Grand Rapids MI 49504
p. 616.988.5414
f. 616.458.0103

Yankee Clipper Branch

2025 Leonard NE
Grand Rapids MI 49505
p. 616.988.5415
f. 616.235.8349

Social Justice Begins with Me: A Book Club for Kids

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 10:30 am

Main Library – 111 Library St NE

Children ages 4-11 can explore social justice topics that impact their daily lives through children's literature. GVSU, GRPL and community volunteers will read children's books on that month's social justice topic (e.g. celebrating diversity, gender, equity, disability). After the book readings, we discuss the month's social justice topic in small groups and enjoy a snack and themed craft activity. This program is a partnership between the Grand Rapids Public Library and the School of Social Work at Grand Valley State University. This month's topic: Poverty and Hunger.

DIY@GRPL: Felt Garlands and Wood Ornaments

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1:00 pm

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Join us for two DIY crafts this month: felt garlands and wood ornaments! Supplies are provided and space is limited.

Yoga Time

Saturday, December 21, 2019, 11:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Bend and breathe in this yoga class for kids, led by an instructor from AM Yoga. Mats will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. For ages 4-11.

Let's Play!

Children 0-5 are invited to a playdate at the library! Let's Play focuses on child-driven play using STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) toys to ignite the imagination. Caretakers are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee while meeting new people and learning helpful early literacy tips. Drop in for an hour of friends and fun.

Mondays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16

6:30 pm West Leonard Branch - 1017 Leonard NW

Tuesdays, November 26, December 3, 10, 17

11:00 am Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Wednesday, November 27, December 4, 11, 18

10:30 am Seymour Branch - 2350 Eastern SE

11:00 am West Side Branch - 713 Bridge NW

All Aboard! Friday Mornings at the Ford Roundhouse

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, January 3, 9:30 am

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum - 303 Pearl St NW

Bring your junior conductors to the Ford Museum to enjoy the Breton Village train display. A train-themed story time with crafts and activities will be held at 10:00 am, 10:30 am, and 11:00 am. Free admission to the museum for families with children attending the program. Presented in partnership with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation.

Mindstorm Saturdays

Saturdays, September 7 - May 30, 2020, 10:00 am

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Kids ages 10 and up can explore robotics every Saturday at the library. Using Lego Mindstorms EV3 kits, these hands-on robotics teach essential coding skills, problem solving, and more. This is a self-guided, drop-in event.

Lego Block Party

Saturdays, September 7 - November 30, 2019, 1:00 pm

Main Library - 111 Library St NE

Kids 6 and up can explore engineering, art, math, and other core concepts using Legos and other building blocks. Each month will feature a building challenge to teach critical thinking, problem solving, decision making and more. This is a self-guided, drop-in event. This month's challenge: Create a marble maze.

All library events are free and open to the public. Visit www.grpl.org or call 616-988-5400 for branch hours and locations. The Grand Rapids Public Library connects people to the transforming power of knowledge.

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