

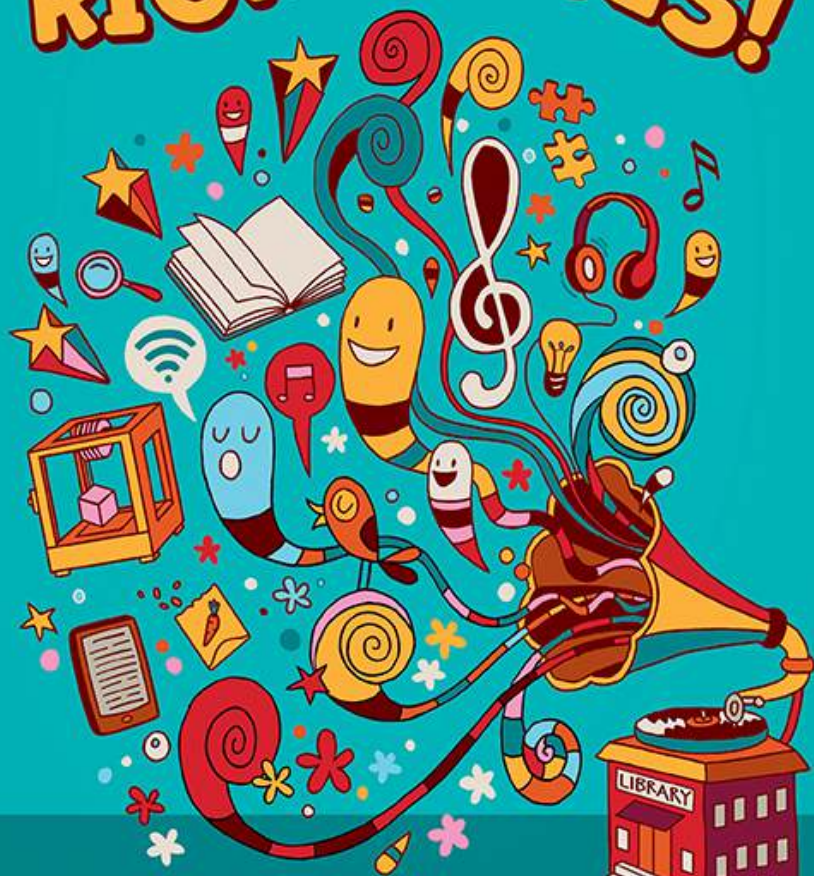
RCL *Review*



September, October & November

Fall 2026

A library card HITS ALL THE RIGHT NOTES!



Richland
Community Library

**8951 Park Street
Richland, MI 49083**

richlandlibrary.org
(269) 629.9085

Hours of Operation:

Monday	10 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 6 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 7 PM
Friday	10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 3 PM
Sunday	Closed

RCL's Vision

Welcoming, inspiring, and connecting our community.

RCL's Mission

We serve as a community hub by connecting our patrons to all forms of literacy, lifelong learning, and growth.

Follow us on social media:



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YEARS

For the past 10 years, "Miss Carrie" has been the heart behind so many of the smiles, stories, and memories made in our Children's Library. From story times and Summer Reading Adventures to countless fun programs, she has inspired generations of young readers and families.

Her incredible creativity and artistic talent shine through in everything she touches, making the library a place full of wonder and imagination. We are so grateful for her dedication and our community is so lucky to have her.

Thank you for 10 wonderful years, Miss Carrie!



Carrie Dunn
"Miss Carrie"
Children's Librarian

It is hard to believe it has been 10 years. I am so grateful to RCL and the Richland community for the opportunities this job has provided, the friendships I have made, and the chance to contribute to something meaningful every day. I love working here and getting to see families and children grow up through our programs. That is truly the best part. - Carrie



A Note From The Director

Libraries are built with books, but they're brought to life by the people who walk through their doors. Every conversation, every connection, and every familiar face helps make the Library a true gathering place for our community.

We have the privilege of getting to know our patrons by name, celebrating milestones, watching children grow up, and seeing familiar faces both in the Library and around town. Those everyday interactions are what make a small community library so special.

They are also made possible by a dedicated staff who have chosen to make Richland Community Library their home for many years. This fall, we're proud to recognize **Carrie Dunn**, our Children's Librarian, for 10 years of service, along with **Anna Merritt** (8+ years), **Heidi Lawver** (7+ years), and myself (6+ years). We are grateful for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community and for the relationships we've built along the way.

Thank you for making the Library such a welcoming place. Whether you're visiting for a book, a program, or simply to say "Hello!", we look forward to seeing you this fall.

-Anne Richards, RCL Director

Library Statistics

January - June 2026



2,322

New items added to our collection

28,362

People came into the library



41,580

Physical items checked out

11,851

Digital items checked out



321

New library cards

kanopy

Stream **THOUSANDS** of movies & TV shows for **FREE** with your library card!



September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with us!
Featuring music-inspired programs, activities & displays.
Participate in our Bookmark Contest for a chance to get your bookmark professionally printed!

Program & Activity Highlights:



Craft & Jam **Ages 16+**
September 9 @ 6 PM
Tune out the world. Listen to music. Create. This crafting series is for the introverted creator.



Irish Songs & Stories **All Ages!**
September 24 @ 7 PM
Let the wonderful songs of Ireland take you across the Atlantic through the voice of Enda Reilly.



Musical Instrument Extravaganza! **All Ages!**
September 12 @ 12-2:30 PM
Test out our musical instruments collection, including Banjo, Bongo Drums, Karimba and more!



Children's Pop-Up Program
Ages 1-6
September 19 @ 1:00PM
Explore our rhythm instruments, and make an egg shaker of your own to take home!



Children's Craft **All Ages!**
During September*
Visit our maker station and create a harmonica.
*while supplies last.

BOOKMARK

DECORATING Contest

Want to artistically express your love for the Library?

Enter our Bookmark Design Contest for a chance to have your artwork featured on official RCL bookmarks!



Pick up a design template at the front desk.

Bookmarks can be submitted during the entire month of September.

KIDS & FAMILY Programs



Baby Time
Every Monday
@ 11:00 AM
Intended for
infants



Preschool Workshop
Every Tuesday
@ 10:15 AM
Intended for ages
3-5



Wednesday Wrigglers
Every Wednesday
@ 10:15 AM
Intended for infants 6
months and up &
toddlers



Family Story Time
Every Friday
@ 10:15 AM
Intended for all
ages



Once Upon a Story Time
Sept. 19 / Oct. 17 /
Nov. 21 @ 10:15 AM
Intended for ages
2-7



Homeschool Meet Up

All Ages Welcome

Mondays @ 1-2:30 PM

Homeschool families are invited to come together for games & learning stations.



LEGO Challenge

All Ages Welcome

Sept. 23 & Oct. 28 @ 2-5:30 PM

Nov. 25 @ 10-2 PM

Create a LEGO build based on the theme of the month.



SIGN UP

Kids & Canvas Pointillism

Grades 1st-5th

September 24 @ 4 PM

Make a pointillism painting using cotton swab tips and create a masterpiece!



SIGN UP

Book Cover Creation

Grades 1st-5th

October 22 @ 4 PM

Create a new book cover for your favorite book! Bonus-when finished it acts like a dust jacket for your book.



SIGN UP

Youth Book Club

Grades 1st-5th

November 19 @ 1 PM

Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly. Snacks, Craft and Discussion.

*1 free copy of the book per family.

* While supplies last.



SIGN UP

Youth Keepsake Box

Grades 1st-5th

November 25 @ 10 AM

Paint and decorate a wooden keepsake box to keep your treasures in.

TEEN Programs



SIGN UP

Maker Mondays

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

Mondays @ 3-5 PM

Get creative! Join us every Monday to get crafty and make something fun. Check out our upcoming monthly mediums:



September

Watercolor Paint



October

Acrylic Paint



November

Oil Pastels

Check our online calendar to see each week's specific project!



SIGN UP

Weekly Gaming

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

Tuesdays @ 3-5 PM

Come play games and eat snacks! Each week will highlight a varying selection of featured board games and video games.



Teen Advisory Board

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

Sept. 4 / Oct. 2 / Nov. 6 @ 3 PM

Lend your voice, volunteer, and help us decide what goes on at the library!



SIGN UP

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

Wednesdays @ 3-5 PM -OR-

Thursdays @ 4:30-6:30 PM

Come join DM Erica for a 2-hour fantastical adventure of mystery and intrigue!

Must register for each session a week before.



SIGN UP

Int'l Cheese Taste Test

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

September 11 @ 3 PM

Taste cheeses and throw darts at a world map to guess their countries of origin.



SIGN UP

Blood on the Clocktower: Better Together

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

September 25 @ 5 PM

Catch a demon and save the fjords from evil - with friends or family! Details online.



SIGN UP

Blood on the Clocktower: Pitfalls & Perils

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

October 23 @ 5 PM

Catch a demon and save the town of Ravenswood Bluff from evil.



SIGN UP

Tea Cups & Tea Candles

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

November 13 @ 3 PM

Make your own custom tea candles and enjoy cozy cups of tea from The Village Tea.

ADULT Programs

WEEKLY



Sit N' Stitch

Every Friday @ 10 - 12 PM

Bring your stitch project, sit & socialize with fellow crafters & creators.

NEW



One-on-One Tech Help

By Appointment

Get one-on-one assistance with your tech questions. Contact the library for details.

BOOK CLUBS

NEW



Book Chat Café

Sept. 12 / Oct. 10 / Nov. 14 @ 10 AM

Talk about what you've been reading and exchange book recommendations.

Java Jones Roasters - 8885 N. 32nd

SIGN UP



Between the Pages

Sept. 23 / Oct. 28 / Nov. 20 @ 6 PM

Enjoy drinks & appetizers while talkin' romance reads.

NEDS on GL - 15450 M-43

Sept: *Lady Chatterly's Lover*
by D.H. Lawrence

Oct: *First Witches Club*
by Maisey Yates

Nov: *Court of Throne & Roses Book 6*
Release Party at Gull Lake Distillery!



RCL Book Club

Sept. 17 / Oct. 15 / Nov. 19 @ 6 PM

Just a classic book discussion.

Sept: *Lilac Girls*
by Martha Hall Kelly

Oct: *Weyward*
by Emilia Hart

Nov: *Wisdom Corner*
by David Heska Wanbli Weiden

MONTHLY

SIGN UP



Adult D&D: Bravo Team

Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 @ 3-6 PM

Sept. 24 & Oct. 8 @ 5-8 PM

An exciting new crusade every month. See D.M. Jason for details.



Cookbook Club

Sept. 8 / Oct. 13 / Nov. 10 @ 6 PM

Pick a recipe. Make it. Bring it. Share it. Then taste your way through everyone else's creations!

NEW



Craft & Jam

Sept. 9 / Oct. 14 / Nov. 11 @ 6 PM

Tune out the world. Listen to music. Create. This crafting series is for the introverted creator in all of us.

SERIES

Meet Michigan Authors

The programming series is a collaborative effort between the Richland Community Library, the Friends of the Library & the Gull Lake Area Rotary Club.



James Elsener

September 2 @ 6 PM

Retired journalist & author, James's book *Sirens in the Loop* examines the history of the Chicago News Bureau.



John Wemlinger

September 15 @ 6 PM

Army veteran & fiction author John will talk about his newest book *Finding Innocence*.



Nicole Lintemuth

October 21 @ 6 PM

Author & independent bookstore owner, Nicole will discuss dealing with banned & challenged books.

STAND ALONE PROGRAMS



Doing 100 on Route 66

September 1 @ 6 PM

Celebrate 100 years of "America's Main Street" by taking a pictorial journey across the heartland. Presented by John Lacko.



SIGN UP

Retro Team Trivia

September 22 @ 7 PM

Step back in time with questions from across the 20th century.
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Irish Songs & Stories

September 24 @ 7 PM

Let the wonderful songs of Ireland take you across the Atlantic through the voice of Enda Reilly.



Medicare 101: Understanding Your Options

October 1 @ 6 PM

This seminar will cover the ins & outs of Medicare. Hosted by SWMI Financial.



SIGN UP

Vintage Halloween Bucket DIY

October 5 & 6 @ 6 PM

Create a vintage-inspired Halloween bucket with this two-night craft tutorial.



SIGN UP

Horror Movie Trivia

October 20 @ 6 PM

Test your horror movie knowledge, from classics to modern hits! Play solo or with a partner for prizes.



SIGN UP

Tunnel Book DIY

November 3 @ 6 PM

Create a unique 3-D visual display using printed images or your own drawings. Presented by Kalamazoo Book Arts.



SIGN UP

Charcuterie Board 101

November 5 @ 7 PM

Learn how easy it is to create a show-stopping charcuterie board. Just in time for the holidays!



SIGN UP

Forest Bathing 101

September 3 @ 7 PM

Learn about the physical & mental benefits from spending time in nature.

Presented by Jodi Heaney.



Peace of Mind Life Planning

September 23 @ 6-8 PM

For class details, please visit our website.
Presented by Hilary Kerr of Bronson Health.



Take Control of Your Financial Future

September 30 @ 6 PM

For class details, please visit our website.
Presented by Rebecca Artz of Kiss Financial.



SIGN UP

80s Murder Mystery Party

October 3 @ 3-6 PM

This interactive murder mystery will like, totally be so rad! Dress in your best 80s gear & join the fun! Hosted by The Murder Mystery Co.



Haunted Lighthouses of MI

October 8 @ 7 PM

Hear stories about some of the ghostly beacons of Michigan. Presented by Dianne Higgs Stampfler.



SIGN UP

Fandom Team Trivia

October 27 @ 7 PM

Think you know pop culture? Test your knowledge of movies, TV, video games & more!

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SIGN UP

Hidden Life of Trees

November 4 @ 6 PM

This talk explores some of the most surprising questions about trees. Presented by Ellen Holste of EnviroSpeak.



Holiday Trivia BINGO

November 17 @ 7 PM

Trivia + Bingo = A great way to kick off the holidays!

First Presbyterian Church of Richland



SEPTEMBER 7
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

STAFF TRAINING
SEPT. 18
CLOSED ALL DAY

SORRY WE'RE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Hours
Nov. 25 10 – 2 PM
Nov. 26 & 27 Closed

Gull Lake High School
HOMECOMING
Closing at 3 PM



BEYOND BOOKS

Saturdays
12-2:30 PM

The Library is more than just books!
Drop in the 2nd Saturday of the month to test out
things from our *Library of Things* collection.

12
SEPT

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Test out our musical instruments collection, including Banjo, Bongo Drums, Karimba and more!

10
OCT

OUTDOOR GAME DAY

Join us in the Village Square and play some larger-than-life games, such as Ladder Ball, Mini Golf, Jumbo Checkers and more!

14
NOV

SEWING & MENDING HOW-TOS

Get a hands-on demonstration of our sewing machine, along with helpful mending tips for sewing buttons, hemming clothes, & more!

12
DEC

ORGANIZATION FOR THE OFFICE

Try out our collection of office gadgets. Bring some documents to scan, papers to shred, items to laminate and more! (Limitations apply)

eBooks & Digital Content



eBooks & Audiobooks
Unlimited monthly checkouts!



eBooks & Audiobooks.
Plus movies, music, comics & more!



Language Learning App
with over 70 to choose from!



Art & Craft Tutorials
from professional creatives!



Movie & TV Streaming
right to your smart TV



Digital Comics
Thousands of manga & graphic novels for all ages.

Business Services



Curbside Pick Up
We'll bring the books to you!

Call or visit our website for details



Copying, Scanning, Faxing & Printing

One-stop business center!



Notary Public Service

Free to the public!



Meeting & Tutoring Space

Community Space & Local History Room