

RCL *Review*



MARCH, APRIL & MAY

SPRING 2026



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:



What's New Since November

Just some of the updates since the passing of the millage three months ago.

Added Kanopy - a new digital service that allows patrons to stream free movies & tv shows.

Added ComicsPlus - a new digital service with access to thousands of kid, teen & adult comics & manga titles.

Increased the number of Hoopla borrows for each patron.

Upgraded staff computers to faster process patron requests

What We've Been Doing

Just some of our updates since creating our Strategic Plan in 2021

Created an official Library of Things with over a hundred items including STEM Kits, video games and more!

Increased programming for kids, teens, adults & families

Started a quarterly newsletter to keep our patrons informed of new materials, events and goings-on

Increased our collection & programming around Disability thanks to a grant from the ALA

Thank You Richland for Your Support!

On November 4, 2025, the residents of Richland Township voted to increase funding to the library. This outcome allows the library to plan long-term and preserve a valued community asset that has served Richland for over 50 years.

The library will continue to evolve and provide services that meet the needs of all community members, now and for future generations to come.

What's

Opening Mondays for the first time, ever! Starting March 2, we will be open every Monday from 10 AM - 6PM

We will also be staying open later on Saturdays. Our new hours will be from 10 AM - 3 PM

Coming

More staff to better serve our patrons, including a new Library Outreach Coordinator position

Continue to increase the variety & diversity of programming for all ages

Up

Official Space Study & Master Plan to see how we can use our facilities to better serve our patrons

Reduce the cost of copying/printing service to a flat rate of \$0.10

Family Programs

Make sure to note the programs that require pre-registration. These events are marked with a "SIGN UP" You may register via our website, phone, or in-person.



Art & Writing Contest

All Ages Welcome

March 2 - 28 / April 1-30

Submit your piece in March.
Voting goes through April.
Winners announced in May.



Blanket Making

All Ages Welcome

March 4 @ 6 PM

Create handmade, no-sew fleece Comfort Blankets for new organ and tissue donor families through Gift of Life Michigan.



Live Celtic Music

with Living Room Musicians

All Ages Welcome

March 14 @ 11 AM - 1 PM

Live celtic music just in time for St. Patrick's Day.



Smarter Theme Park Travel

Presented by Travel with Nikki

Focus on Adults, but All Ages Welcome

April 30 @ 7 PM

An informative session focused on helping families plan Disney World and Universal trips more efficiently.



May the 4th Be With You

All Ages Welcome

May 4 @ 5 PM

Join us for a celebration of all things Star Wars, including crafts, trivia, and some surprise appearances by special guests from across the galaxy!



Book Bedazzling

Ages 10+

May 15 @ 4 PM

Drop in and add some sparkle to your bookshelf with rhinestones. Bring your own book or pick one up from our annual Friends Book Sale!

SIGN UP



Roots & Recipes: Cultural Cooking in America Series

All Ages Welcome

April 15 / May 14 & 28 @ 6 PM

Ancestral & cultural heritage can play a huge part in our lives, especially in the kitchen! Sharing recipes throughout generations is how we can pass down history, knowledge & traditions.

In this three-part series, we invite you to learn from local chefs & cooks about how their heritage is expressed through their cooking... with live demonstrations & yummy samples.

This event is a collaboration between the Richland Community Library & the Richland Area Community Center. It is made possible through a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council & the Great Michigan Read.

*This event series will be held at the
Richland Area Community Center - 9400 CD Avenue, Richland*



Children's Programs

Make sure to note the programs that require pre-registration. These events are marked with a "SIGN UP" You may register via our website, phone, or in-person.



STORY TIME @ RCL



Baby Time
Every Monday @
10:15 AM
Intended for
infants 0 -
6 months



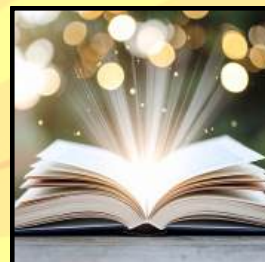
**Preschool
Workshop**
Every Tuesday @
10:15 AM
Intended for ages
3-5



**Wednesday
Wigglers**
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**
Mar. 21 / Apr. 18 /
May 16 @ 10:15 AM
Intended for ages
2-7



SIGN UP

Youth Book Group

Grades 1st-5th
March 5 @ 1 PM
The Strangers by Margaret
Peterson Haddix.



SIGN UP

Print Making on Canvas Bags

Grades 1st-5th
March 26 @ 4 PM
Use craft foam to create your
own stamps and learn the
process of printmaking while
decorating a canvas bag.



LEGO Challenge:

Youth and Teens
March 11 @ 2-5:30 PM
April 15 @ 2-5:30 PM
May 13 @ 2-5:30 PM
Join us for this drop in
afterschool STEM program and
create a build based on the
theme of the month. Your
creation will be displayed all
month long and voted on.
Winner receives a small prize.



SIGN UP

Kids & Canvas

Grades 1st-5th
April 23 @ 4 PM
Join us for this Spring Birds
acrylic painting class.



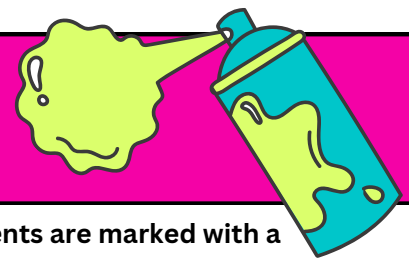
SIGN UP

Youth Book Group

Grades 1st-5th
June 3 @ 1 PM
*Wildflower Emily: A Story
About Young Emily*
Dickinson by Corry Lydia



Teen Programs



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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:



March

Polymer Clay



April

Embroidery



May

Foraged Crafts

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.

Must register before meet-up.



SIGN UP

Edible Fruit Bouquets

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

March 13 @ 3 PM

Create a beautiful (and delicious) bouquet of fruit - fun to make and fun to eat!



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

Spring Resin Jewelry

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

March 20 @ 3 PM

Craft and pour your own custom spring-themed resin jewelry to keep.

Stop in and pick up a
Final Exam Survival Kit!
MARCH 2 - MARCH 7

Teens only.

Limit 1 per person.

Available while supplies last.



SIGN UP

Blood on the Clocktower: Wanted Dead or Alive

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

April 17 @ 5-9 PM

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



Teen Advisory Board

Grades 6-12 -OR- Ages 11-17

March 6, April 3, & May 1 @ 3 PM

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



Adult Programs

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Sit N' Stitch

Every Friday @ 10 AM - 12 PM

Join fellow crafters for a relaxing time of stitching, chatting, and sharing projects in a welcoming space.



D&D: Bravo Team

Intended for Adults

Mar. 11 / Apr. 29 / May 13 @ 5 PM

Mar. 25 / Apr. 15 / May 20 @ 3 PM

Heed the Call, Brave Adventurers! An exciting new crusade every month.

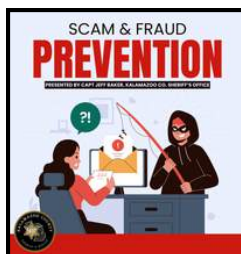


Introduction to A.I.

Ages 16+

March 3 @ 6 PM

What exactly is AI and is it really that intelligent? This presentation will include both the benefits & risks of Artificial Intelligence.



Scam & Fraud Prevention

Intended for Adults

March 11 @ 6 PM

Education & awareness of what different scams look like & how to avoid falling victim to these predatory attempts.



Watercolor Painting

with Gina Stevens

Ages 16+

The Rhythm of the Season

March 12 @ 7 PM

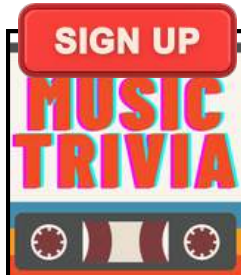
Where the Rain Can't Reach

April 8 @ 6 PM

Roots & Blooms

May 6 @ 6 PM

We ask that participants only register for one of the three classes.



Music Team Trivia

Ages 16+

March 24 @ 7 PM

From One-Hit-Wonders to MTV and more test your team's music knowledge.

Held at the First Pres Church



Seed Starting 101

Ages 16+

March 25 @ 6 PM

Author & seed saver Bevin Cohen returns to share insight, tips & tricks for starting your garden.



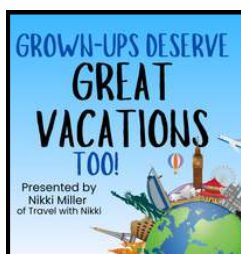
Sports Team Trivia

Ages 16+

April 21 @ 7 PM

From Board Games to Baseball, test your team's knowledge of sports & games!

Held at the First Pres Church



Grown-Ups Deserve Great Vacations Too!

Presented by Travel with Nikki

April 23 @ 7 PM

Explore family-free travel styles that focus on comfort, culture, and connection.



Nature Printing

with Kalamazoo Book Arts

Ages 16+

April 28 @ 6 PM

Make beautiful nature prints from fresh plant materials.



Michigan Team Trivia

Ages 16+

May 19 @ 7 PM

From symbols to music, test your team's knowledge of Michigan!

Held at the First Pres Church

Adult Programs



Bad Books Theatre Trip

May 7 starting at 11 AM

Take a trip to see *Bad Books* at the Williamston Theater. This is a collaboration with the Richland Area Community Center. *There is a cost for this event*

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER WITH THE R.A.C.C.



Cookbook Club

Ages 14+

Mar. 10 / Apr. 14 / May 12 @ 6 PM

Select a recipe. Make it. Bring it.



RCL Book Club

Intended for Adults

Mar. 19 / Apr. 16 / May 21 @ 6 PM

Book discussion & conversation.



Between the Pages

Intended for Adults

Mar. 25 / Apr. 22 / May 27 @ 6 PM

Held at NEDS on Gull Lake.



March

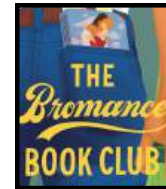
Easy Affordable Tasty
Frankie Celenza



March

Take My Hand
Dolen Perkins-Valdez

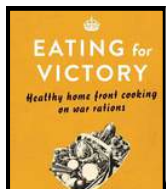
Reading Together Kalamazoo Public Library



March

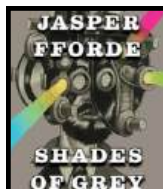
Bromance Book Club
Lyssa Kay Adams

Find me on **libby**



April

Eating for Victory
Healthy Home Front
Cooking on War Rations
Jill Norman



April

Shades of Grey
Jasper Fforde

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April

Before I Let Go
Kennedy Ryan

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May

Sweet Enough
Alison Roman



May

The Secret Hours
Mick Herron

Find me on **hoopla**



May

To Be Determined
Stop in closer to May to find out the selection.

Meet Michigan Authors
Spring 2026
series

Angie Jackson Returns! / March 17 @ 6 PM

Drink the Wild author & master mixologist Angie Jackson returns.

In Our Own Words: Gateway Poetry Night / April 29 @ 6 PM

Join us for an inspiring evening celebrating the voices of young poets.

Robin Mather / May 26 @ 6 PM

Author of *The Feast Nearby: How I lost my job, buried a marriage, and found my way by keeping chickens, foraging, preserving, bartering, and eating locally (all on \$40 a week)...* enough said!

Friends of the Library

Next Meeting

April 11 @ 10 AM

See you there!



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

NEW HOURS

Richland Community Library

Mondays	10 - 6	NEW
Tuesdays	10 - 6	
Wednesdays	10 - 6	
Thursdays	10 - 7	
Fridays	10 - 5	
Saturday	10 - 3	NEW



2025 Library Statistics

478
People became library card holders

2,077
Items ordered through MelCat

3,673

New items were added to the collection



82,803
Items were checked out from the library

505
Programs held at the library

21,140
Digital items checked out

51,936
People stopped into the library

7,445
People attended library programs