

APRIL 2025

LIBRARY LINKS

The latest news from the Georgetown Township Public Library



Seed Library
starts April 1st



GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS

Please register in advance



ADULT YOGA April 2 @ 7PM

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.



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST April 1-18

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Be a part of our Amateur Photography Contest! More info available on the newsletter insert.



CHAT & CRAFT April 14 @ 10AM

Chat a little, craft a little. Come to the library and chat with other adults. April's project will be decorating pysanky eggs.

Please register in advance



GROOVE DANCE FITNESS April 15 @ 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.

Please register in advance



PERSONAL FINANCE 101 April 15 @ 6:30PM

Austin Smith from Evergreen Capital Management will be teaching a class on personal finance and investments, designed to help individuals build a strong foundation for financial success.



HOME BUYER SEMINAR April 24 @ 6PM

Are you in the market for a new home? Come hear experts discuss tips and tricks for buying a house in the current market.



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.



WRITER'S GROUP Wednesdays @ 6:30PM

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



CRIBBAGE CLUB TWICE A MONTH

Beginners will be taught to play and experienced players are welcome. We will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM and the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7 PM.

1956 Tornado

Presentation by the Jenison Historical Association

April 30 @ 7PM

Did you know that in 1956 a tornado ripped through Hudsonville, Jenison, and Standale? Join the Jenison Historical Association for a documentary about this local history event.



Library Campout

April 8 @ 2PM

Join us upstairs in the second floor reading room, where we will get cozy by the fireplace for a library campout!

Bring some blankets and pillows from home, build a comfy fort, grab a book, and then settle in for an afternoon of reading. Campfire snacks will be provided.

Teen & Tween Oil Pastels Class

April 17 @ 6PM

Join us for an oil pastels class for Tweens and Teens, led by local artist Lauren Pung. No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided.

For those in 5th grade & up. Registration required.

Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

April 10 @ 2PM

Gather a team of up to 4 people and join us at the library for a Spring Break Scavenger Hunt! Use riddles and clues to solve a puzzle that is hidden throughout the library. The first team that finishes will get a prize!

For those in 5th grade and up. Please register just one person per team.



AMERICAN GIRL HISTORY CLUB

APRIL 3 @ 4:30PM

Each session will focus on a specific doll and we will talk about what was going on in history during their different eras. We will have a variety of activities each session, such as playing historical games, trying snacks, or making crafts.



LEGO CLUB

APRIL 7 @ 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.



KID'S ART CLUB

APRIL 10 @ 6PM

Join us for a kids art class! Each month will focus on a different style of art. Kids will learn about and create art that they can take home! Registration required. Ages 6-12 welcome!



POKEMON CLUB

APRIL 14 @ 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. Kids ages 7-12; registration required.



PIZZA & PAGES

APRIL 16 @ 4:30PM

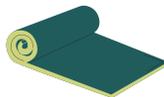
Join our theme-based book club! Participants in 4th - 7th grade will eat pizza, discuss what they have read, and participate in a Library auction to end the hour. Registration required.



PLAY-DOH CLUB

APRIL 17 @ 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.



SING SONG FAMILY YOGA

APRIL 18 @ 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.



LITTLE GLOBAL CITIZEN

APRIL 21 @ 7PM

Kids ages 6-12, join us as we learn about a new country each month! We'll read a book and then have stations with some fun games, activities, and crafts based on the culture of the country. Registration required.



MAD SCIENTIST CLUB

APRIL 24 @ 6PM

Fun with science! Come experiment with different scientific principles in a fun and exciting way. Each month is a different STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based activity. Ages 6 - 13 welcome! Registration required.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



April 14
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.



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Storytime



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

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

Preschool Bingo

April 3 @ 10:30AM

Join us for Preschool Bingo! We will use BINGO boards that are easy for little ones to understand (more pictures than letters and numbers) and have fun prizes!



Purposeful Play

April 4 @ 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

April 11 @ 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.



Music & Movement

April 25 @ 10:30AM

This program, geared for kids ages 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 story time, or anyone who loves to move! Children of all ages welcome.



Cookbook Club for Kids

April 5 @ 1PM

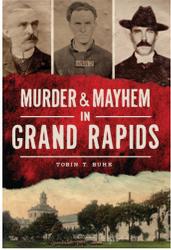
Join us for our very first Cookbook Club for Kids! Kids, with grownup help, prepare a tasty dish from a favorite cookbook and bring it to the library to share with other junior chefs. Bring the recipe too! Copies will be made and you can create your own special cookbook.



BOOK GROUPS

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Murder & Mayhem in Grand Rapids: Wednesday, April 9 @ 1:30PM

While the River City is known for its history of furniture making, it also has a sinister side. Jennie Flood was a widow with a get-rich scheme that involved a shotgun and an insurance application. Reverend Ferris went undercover in his war against the city's purveyors of vice. The police rounded up the usual suspects in an attempt to solve the infamous 1921 bank heist that led to the slaying of two detectives. And the death of a teenager exposed "Aunty" Smith and her dangerous side business conducted in the shadows. Author Tobin T. Buhk delves into the colorful characters of Grand Rapids' past and the heinous crimes they committed.

READ, WHITE, AND BLUE BOOK GROUP

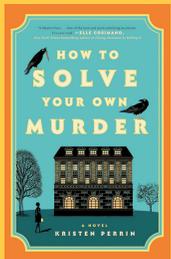
First: Sandra Day O'Connor: Wednesday, April 16 @ 1:30PM



She was born in 1930 in El Paso and grew up on a cattle ranch in Arizona. At a time when women were expected to be homemakers, she set her sights on Stanford University. When she graduated near the top of her class at law school in 1952, no firm would even interview her. But Sandra Day O'Connor's story is that of a woman who repeatedly shattered glass ceilings—doing so with a blend of grace, wisdom, humor, understatement, and cowgirl toughness.

She became the first-ever female majority leader of a state senate. As a judge on the Arizona State Court of Appeals, she stood up to corrupt lawyers and humanized the law. When she arrived at the Supreme Court, appointed by Reagan in 1981, she began a quarter-century tenure on the court, hearing cases that ultimately shaped American law. Diagnosed with cancer at fifty-eight, and caring for a husband with Alzheimer's, O'Connor endured every difficulty with grit and poise.

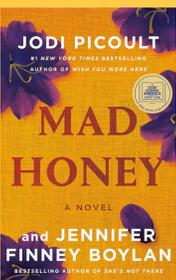
How to Solve Your Own Murder: Monday, April 21 @ 1:30PM



It's 1965 and teenage Frances Adams is at an English country fair with her two best friends. But Frances's night takes a hairpin turn when a fortune-teller makes a bone-chilling prediction: One day, Frances will be murdered. Frances spends a lifetime trying to solve a crime that hasn't happened yet, compiling dirt on every person who crosses her path in an effort to prevent her own demise. For decades, no one takes Frances seriously, until nearly sixty years later, when Frances is found murdered, like she always said she would be.

In the present day, Annie Adams has been summoned to a meeting at the sprawling country estate of her wealthy and reclusive great-aunt Frances. But by the time Annie arrives in the quaint English village of Castle Knoll, Frances is already dead. Annie is determined to catch the killer, but thanks to Frances's lifelong habit of digging up secrets and lies, it seems every endearing and eccentric villager might just have a motive for her murder. Can Annie safely unravel the dark mystery at the heart of Castle Knoll, or will dredging up the past throw her into the path of a killer? As Annie gets closer to the truth, and closer to the danger, she starts to fear she might inherit her aunt's fate instead of her fortune.

Mad Honey: Tuesday, April 22 @ 1:30PM



Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising a beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in, and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to Adams, New Hampshire, for her first year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start.

And for just a short while, these new beginnings are exactly what Olivia and Lily need. Their paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can't help but fall for him, too. With Ash, she feels happy for the first time. Yet at times, she wonders if she can she trust him completely . . .

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she would be lying if she didn't acknowledge the flashes of his father's temper in him, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he's hidden more than he's shared with her.

APRIL MOVIES

for adults



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FILMS & FOOD: *CONCLAVE* (PG)

Cardinal Lawrence has one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, participating in the selection of a new pope. Surrounded by powerful religious leaders in the halls of the Vatican, he soon uncovers a trail of deep secrets that could shake the very foundation of the Roman Catholic Church.



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FILMS & FOOD: *THE UNBREAKABLE BOY* (PG)

When Scott and Teresa learn that their son, Austin, is autistic and has brittle bone disease, they initially worry about his future. However, with Scott's growing faith and Austin's incredible spirit, they become unbreakable as they find joy, gratitude and courage in the most trying times.



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DOCUMENTARIES & DONUTS: *UNBROKEN* (PG-13)

The daughter of a Holocaust survivor embarks on an international quest to uncover answers about the plight of her mother and her six siblings who, as mere children, escaped Nazi Germany relying solely on their own youthful bravado and the kindness of German strangers.



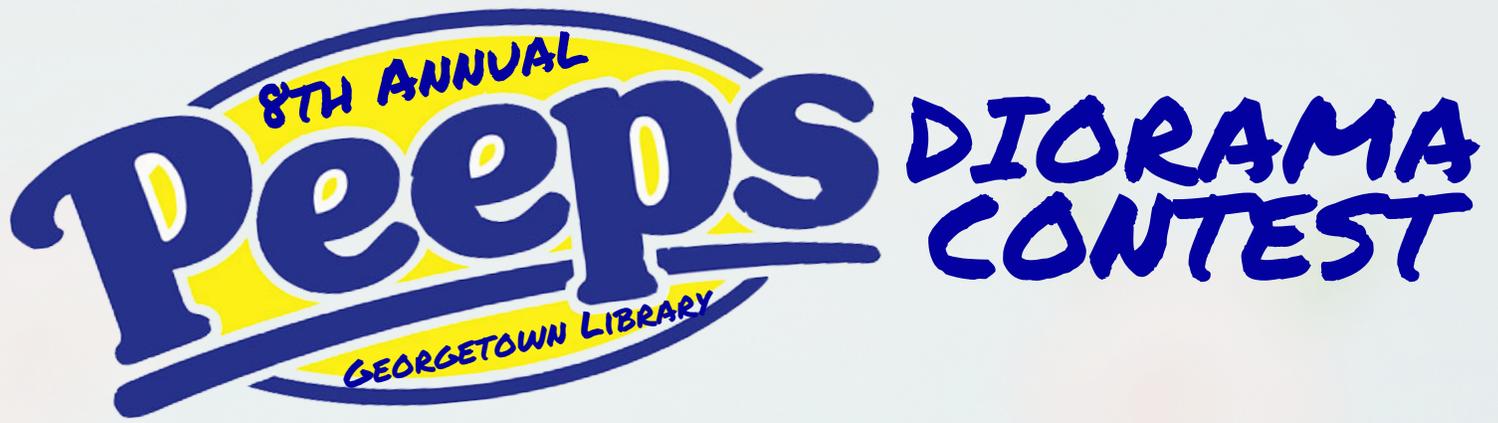
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FILMS & FOOD: *HOLLAND* (R)

In this wildly unpredictable thriller, Nicole Kidman is the meticulous Nancy Vandergrout, a teacher and homemaker whose picture-perfect life with her community pillar husband and son in tulip-filled Holland, Michigan tumbles into a twisted tale. Nancy and her friendly colleague become suspicious of a secret, only to discover nothing in their lives is what it seems.

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Movies will be shown in the lower level program area

The logo features the text "8TH ANNUAL" in yellow on a blue curved banner at the top. Below it, the word "Peeps" is written in a large, blue, bubbly font with a yellow outline. Underneath "Peeps", the words "GEORGETOWN LIBRARY" are written in blue on a yellow curved banner. To the right of this graphic, the words "DIORAMA CONTEST" are written in a blue, hand-drawn, blocky font.

8TH ANNUAL Peeps DIORAMA CONTEST

GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

Create a diorama of anything you like (scene from a book or movie, historical event, etc.) with marshmallow Peeps and drop off at the Georgetown Township Public Library by 6PM on Friday, April 4.

Voting by library patrons will run from April 7-9.

One entry per person please. Age categories are 6 & under, 7-12, and 13 & up. Winner of each age group will receive a prize.



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CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to amateur photographers of any age.
- Each participant may submit one photo.
- All photos must be submitted in 8 x 10 print form. Photos may be mounted, matted, or framed but are not required to be.
- All entries must be original, unpublished, and the work of the person who submits it.
- The photographer is responsible for obtaining a written release for public use of the photo from all identifiable individuals in the photo and accepts all liability for the use of a photo where this release has not been obtained.
- Photo submissions will be accepted April 1-18 and displayed throughout the month of May.
- By entering the contest, you acknowledge that the library may use your photo to promote and publicize library events.
- Entries will be exhibited publicly, so they must be appropriate for family viewing.

VOTING

Voting will be done by library patrons and winners will be announced in each of the three age groups: (12 & under, 13-17, and 18+)

PRIZES

Winner of each of the three age groups will receive a \$25 gift card.