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from the **Romeo District Library**

Fall 2006

The Romeo District Library is pleased and excited to present

**THE 2ND ANNUAL  
MYSTERY COMES TO MICHIGAN  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**



**1:30 PM**

with

**Mitchell Bartoy, Barbara D'Amato,  
Libby Fischer Hellmann, Nancy Martin,  
Lee Meadows, Marcia Talley, & Nina Wright**

The afternoon's event will consist of two consecutive sessions where authors will talk with each other about their take on the mystery genre, and also take questions from the audience. The library will have books available for purchase, and the authors will sign them at the end of the program. The Romeo District Library is thrilled to bring these authors to the community, and we expect a large crowd. Registration is not required, although seating is limited.

## COMING SOON TO A BRANCH NEAR YOU

Keep your eyes open for something new at the Kezar Branch Library. As well as weekly story times (pg. 2), we will be adding DVD's to the collection thanks to a grant from The Suburban Library Cooperative. Featuring titles that will appeal to young and old, the DVD's will circulate for 7 days like the collection at the main library, they will be holdable, and there is no fee to check them out. The same late fees (.15¢ a day) will apply. These titles will join the VHS videos already in place at the Kezar Library.

Throughout the year, the Library will be adding additional titles to this new DVD collection. We are always happy to take suggestions for purchase, but due to budget constraints, availability, and collection policies, we are not always able to purchase your suggestions. If you find that a DVD you want is not available for you at either library, the librarians are always happy to search the Cooperative in an effort to locate that particular title.

## LANDSCAPING PROJECT



## UNDERWAY



When the new building was completed, the Board of Trustees thought the landscaping would be adequate. The thought was that the content of the library was more important than the exterior ambience. We have contracted for lawn service and fertilization, but replacement of landscape materials is just not in the budget. But as the years pass, more and more of the original landscape has not lived up to its potential (in some cases it has died) and none of it has been replaced. Yet watching the bottom line is the main concern of the Board of Trustees and landscaping is the very bottom line...


This June, one of the trustees wondered if local landscaping companies would be willing to re-landscape individual gardens surrounding the building, either with hard scape or soft scape materials, at no cost to the library. Letters were sent to local landscape companies asking if they were interested in this project. Their payment would be a sign in front of their garden indicating their name, address and telephone number (not large, just tasteful), and recognition in the Library Newsletter (with photographs) in the Spring Issue. The Friends of the Library agreed to pay for the signage if anyone came forward...well they did.

Presently Elite Lawnscape and Landscape Direct, Inc. have agreed to three gardens (out of seven) and work should start soon. We had only one requirement....low maintenance -- and these two companies have submitted spectacular plans that are low maintenance, yet beautiful.

We are looking forward to the new appearance of these three gardens and will keep the residents of Bruce, Romeo and Washington up-to-date if any other companies come forward with renovation plans for the remaining four gardens and native plant garden at the entrance to the Kezar Library. We hope that we can also include renovations to the garden area surrounding the Kezar Branch. Remember this is a very low cost (no cost project) and if any resident knows of a company that would like to sponsor a garden just let Helen Sergott (Treasurer--Board of Trustees) or Linda Feher (Administrative Assistant -- RDL) know.



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES FALL PROGRAMMING 2006

For additional information or to pre-register for any of the following Children's Services programs, please contact a librarian at (586) 752-0603, Ext. 1026. Look for this symbol  for programs that require pre-registration



## STORY TIMES

Registration begins Tuesday, September 5th  
Classes begin Tuesday, September 19th  
Classes end Wednesday, November 18th

### Lapsit

Stories, songs & rhymes.  
Ages 0-2 w/caregiver.  
Wednesdays at 9:30 am

### Toddler Time:

Stories, songs, rhymes & finger plays.  
Ages 2-3½ w/caregiver.  
Tuesdays, 9:30 am & 10:15 am  
Wednesdays, 10:15 am

### Preschool Story Time:

Story time in a classroom setting.  
Ages 3½-5. Tuesdays, 1:00 pm

### Drop-in Story Time

For all ages. Wednesdays 1:30 pm

### Pajama Story Time

Poems, lullabies, sleepy stories, milk & cookies.  
Wednesday, September 13th, 7:00 pm

### Stories You're Finally Old Enough For!

Longer stories, songs, & poems.  
Wednesday, Sept. 27th & Oct. 25th, 7:00 pm

### Kezar Story Times - They're Back!

Stories, poems, & fingerplays. Ages 2-5.  
Thursdays, Starting September 21st, 10:00 am  
at the Kezar Branch Library, Romeo.



## REPTILES Inc.



Wednesday, September 20th, 7:00 pm

Join us for live animals.



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## MURDER MYSTERY & PIZZA PARTY

Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 pm

Calling all sleuths! You must be at least 9 years old or in the 4th grade to play. Registration begins: September 18th.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 28th, 2:00 pm

Movies, craft and the infamous haunted cloakroom.  
Costumes encouraged but not required.

## JOEL TACEY

Wednesday, November 15th, 7:00 pm

Come see Joel Tacey a comedian, juggler and all-around fun guy.

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CRAFT

Saturday, Dec. 16th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Drop-in or carry out!

## HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Monday, December 18th, 7:00 pm

Holiday fun and treats for the whole family.

*Thank You Sponsors, for making the 2006  
Summer Reading Program a great success!*

Romeo McDonalds, Romeo Big Boy,  
Chili's Restaurant, Hungry Howies of Washington,  
Romeo Theatre, McMillan Tire & Auto Center,  
Romeo Ice Cream Parlor, & Mike's Comics.

# ADULT SERVICES FALL PROGRAMMING 2006

*For additional information or to pre-register for any of the following Adult Services programs, please contact a librarian at (586) 752-0603, Ext. 1021.*

*Look for this symbol  for programs that require pre-registration.*

## **PUTTING YOUR GARDEN TO BED WITH GEORGE PAPADELIS**

**Tuesday, September 26th, 7:00 pm**

Not sure which corner to tuck in first? How to best blanket your garden against the cold winter months ahead? We've got the answers right here at the Graubner Library, provided by favorite speaker George Papadelis of Telly's Nursery in Troy. George will speak about the best ways and means to put your garden to bed for the winter. Tips and tricks will be discussed so your yard and garden will hold up through the cold and be ready for you to easily swing into spring! Though the fall may be warm, the cold will come upon us soon enough, and with this program, at least your garden will be ready!

## **BREAKFAST WITH BOOKS**

**Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 am**

Fall into a good book with recommended new and old titles to read. Enjoy the colors of the season, but avoid the raking with some must-read-now books. For some great fall reading ideas, join us at the Graubner Library for this enjoyable adult reading program. Patrons come away with lists of books to read, and we encourage everyone to share good books they have read too. We will also have coffee, juice, bagels and doughnuts.

## **FINANCIAL CHOICES SERIES**

**Elder Law: Thursday, Oct. 19th, 10:00 am**

**Long-Term Care: Monday, Oct. 23rd, 7:00 pm**

*Elder Law: Everything You Need To Know and Planning for Long-Term Care: What Is It and How Do I Pay for It?* are two programs in our **FINANCIAL CHOICES SERIES** this fall. On Thursday morning Danielle Mayoras from the Center for Elder Law will talk in plain language about current Medicaid laws and their impact on estate planning, creating wills and trusts, advance directives and related topics. Then on Monday evening, Susan Myers, CPA and CFP, will address the financial aspects of planning for long-term care to ensure maximum independence and dignity.

## **COOKBOOK & CRAFTBOOK EXCHANGE**

**Saturday, November 18th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am**

Mark your calendars now! You don't want to miss Romeo Library's expanded Cookbook Exchange. This year, books about crafts will be added to the cookbooks on the exchange tables. To gain entrance to this exciting bargain fest, just drop off your gently used cookbooks and craft books at the Adult Services Information Desk starting October 9th. In return, you'll be issued tickets good for "shopping" on November 18th. The more tickets you collect, the more books you can take home!

## **2006 FALL MUSIC SERIES** **AT THE ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY**

**The Syreens: Sunday, October 15th, 2:00 pm**

The Syreens are a Detroit Band of four young women who play a combination of bluegrass and folk. If you liked the music from "O Brother, Where Art Thou", you'll enjoy this afternoon program. With Amanda Nygard on fiddle, Jennifer Bagwell on banjo, Angela Belanger on guitar, and Katie Skowronski on bass, the Syreens will delight you with sounds familiar and new.

**La Chorale du Tricentenaire: Sunday, November 5th, 2:00 pm**

La Chorale du Tricentenaire of Windsor will bring a French flavor to our library. The choir includes Mr. Robert Miller of Washington, former French teacher and local raconteur of the voyageur days. This choir was featured at Detroit's Tricentennial celebration.

**Romeo High School Jazz Band: Sunday, December 3rd, 2:00 pm**

Our own Romeo High School Jazz Band, outstanding teen musicians, will play favorites as well as a few holiday tunes to put us in the spirit of the season.

## **TUESDAY BOOK GROUP**

**Tuesday, December 5th, 1:00 pm: *Pride & Prejudice* \*\*\* Tea Party & Movie Showing \*\*\***


Please bring tea sandwiches, scones, or another dish to share while watching 2005's beautifully filmed adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved classic. We'll provide the tea. Discussion will focus on both the movie and the book. The Tuesday Book Group meets monthly. Please refer to the Fall Calendar (on back page) for meeting dates and times.



## Coming Attractions for Teens!

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*For additional information on the following Young Adult Services programs, please contact a librarian at (586) 752-0603, Ext. 1021. Pre-registration required for all programs, look for this symbol .*

### MEET MARISSA!



Marissa Goodell is thrilled to be the new Young Adult Librarian at the Romeo District Library. She received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Science Honor Society. She moved to Michigan last year from the southern coast of Maine with her husband and their dog. A member of Detroit Story League, she is an advocate for preserving the art of storytelling. Most of her free time is spent reading. The only thing she enjoys more than reading great young adult books is talking about them with other people!

### DANCE. DANCE REVOLUTION!

**Monday, September 25th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday, October 14th, 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Saturday, December 9th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Dance, Dance Revolution (DDR) is coming to Romeo! The video game that gets teens off the couch and onto their feet is sweeping the world, and Romeo is ready to join in on the fun. Teens in 6th - 12th grade are welcome to come show off current skills or learn how to play. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Look for tournaments to come in the spring. Sponsored by Romeo Parks and Recreation Department and the Romeo District Library.

### ANIME SHIROI MEYA

**Mondays 6:00 - 7:30 pm**  
**September 18th, October 16th, & November 20th**

Anime and Manga obsessed teens meet monthly to preview new anime, talk about favorite Manga series, and plan special events like cosplay parties and film festivals. New members are always welcome.

### TV SERIES MARATHON

**Friday, September 29th, 1:00 - 4:30 pm**

Celebrate your day off school by sleeping in and watching the first four episodes *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. Alternating comedy, love, and ... of course ... vampires, you'll be sure to leave at the end of the day a die-hard Buffy fan.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK DISCUSSION

Girls in 6th - 8th grade are welcome to attend this new book group alone or with their mothers, grandmothers, older sisters, or other favorite female adults. Discussion will take place monthly to share different points of view about young adult literature.

Saturday, October 7th, 1:00 pm :

*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares

We'll start off our book discussion with the beloved book that marked the beginning of the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series and inspired last year's hit movie. Four very different friends spend their first summer apart, united through letters, enduring friendships, and a magical pair of jeans.

Saturday November 18th, 1:00 pm:

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

Issues of popularity, nonconformity, and individuality are explored through the reactions of high school students to Stargirl Caraway, a teenage girl who stands out from classmates on many levels.

### HIGH SCHOOL

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Open to all high school students, this new group will meet once a month to discuss young adult literature.

Tuesday, October 10th, 7:00 pm: *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield

Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 pm: *Feed* by M.T. Anderson

### YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY BOARD

**Monday, November 13th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Hungry for new young adult programs and books?  
Stop by to share pizza and ideas.

### MOVIES & GAMES DAY

**Thursday, December 21st, 2:00 - 7:30 pm**

Kick off winter vacation with a day of games, movies, fun, and food.

# NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

## *From the Director's Desk...*

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, and I encourage everyone to stop in at the library and see what might have changed since you've last visited.

As a special incentive, we will have a special gift basket drawing---receive an entry form by getting (or showing) your library card. Had a card but lost it? For this September we've also declared it "Amnesty Month" and will, for September only, waive the \$3.00 lost card fee. If a late fee for books, DVDs, and/or other library materials is keeping you away, ask about a customized payment plan.

What changes might you notice? For those who have visited recently, you'll notice we have a new schedule of wonderful programs this fall, including a second Mystery Comes to Michigan panel of published mystery authors. This is such a wonderful opportunity to hear authors talk about their work, and enjoyable for mystery buffs and all readers. We have a new music series this fall for the whole family, and special story-based programs for children as well as our perennially popular story times.

If it has been a bit longer since you last visited, you may notice the new check-out machine which allows you to process your own check outs, or the "Bestsellers to Browse" which are current bestsellers on the shelf ready for drop-in customers. (We continue to buy at least one copy for our hold lists too so you can still reserve a copy in advance if you prefer).

This fall Polish and German language materials will join the Spanish ones.

However recently (or not!) you've visited the library, stop in during September, enter our basket contest, and remember all the reasons to love the library!

*Cindy Taskin*

## ***FRIENDS OF THE ROMEO DISTRICT LIBRARY***

The Friends support the Library through programs, fund-raising, advocacy, and gifts. Meetings are held at the Kezar branch on the third Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! If interested in becoming a member of the Friends please contact the Library at (586) 752-0603 ext. 1021. The application is also available from the Library's website at [www.libcoop.net/romeo/friends.htm](http://www.libcoop.net/romeo/friends.htm).

### **FRIENDS BOOK STORE**

Beginning October 2nd the Friends Book Store, located in the Kezar branch, will be open Mondays (9:30 am - 1:00 pm) and Saturdays (9:00 am - 1:00 pm). All proceeds benefit the Romeo District Library. Good used books are always needed. Donations can be brought to the Kezar Branch Library Monday through Thursday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm



## ***Memorials, Gifts & Donations***

### **DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS:**

*The Romeo High School National Honor Society  
Pat Dennert  
The Juliet Garden Club  
Romeo Area Kiwanis - Children's Story Time Rug*

### **DONATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF MEMORIAL BOOKS IN MEMORY OF:**

*Phillis Totten  
Presented by Connie Lieber  
Teddy Gondert  
Presented by WBRW/Channel 6*

## **THE SEPTEMBER PROJECT:**

### **A grassroots effort to foster public events in all communities on September 11th.**

Since 2004, more than 1,100 libraries in 34 countries have hosted free and public September Project events. Romeo Library is proud to participate in this public commemoration and conversation about September 11th, 2001 with a special display celebrating our First Amendment liberties. Look for it at the Graubner Library throughout September.

Come into the Graubner Library the week of September 11th and add to our *Wall of Freedom*. Tell us what freedom means to you here in America as part of the September Project. The comments will remain on display in the lobby for the month of September.

## **Did you miss the latest Washington Twp. Board of Trustees meeting?**

**Available in both VHS and DVD formats, pick up a copy  
at the Information Desk and check it out today!**

## ***\*\*\* Thank You! \*\*\****

Many thanks to the Master Gardeners who volunteered their time to plant and maintain our garden beds. The group was led by Julie Graser along with Teresa Fisher, Joyce Boehm, Carolyn Carol and Clare Carol.

**Romeo District Library**  
**65821 Van Dyke, Washington, MI 48095**  
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 1-877-270-1273

**Graubner Library Hours**  
 Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm  
 Friday & Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Sundays (starts 9/10/06) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Kezar Branch Library**  
 School Year Hours (begins Sept. 10th)  
 Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm  
 Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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**\* \* \* LIBRARY CLOSINGS \* \* \***

September 2nd, 3rd, & 4th in Observance of Labor Day  
 September 8th for Staff In-Service  
 November 11th in Observance of Veteran's Day  
 November 22nd Graubner closes at 5:00 pm, Kezar at 5:30 pm  
 November 23rd in Observance of Thanksgiving Day  
 December 24th in Observance of Christmas Eve  
 December 25th in Observance of Christmas Day  
 December 31st in Observance of New Year's Eve

# Library Patron

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## *Fall Calendar*

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| Sept. 5  | Tuesday Book Group 1:00 pm<br><i>Mysterious Flame of Queen Loana</i> by Umberto Eco                           | Oct. 23 | Financial Choices Series - Long-Term Care 7:00 pm   |
| Sept. 9  | Mystery Comes to Michigan 1:30 pm   | Oct. 25 | Children's Special Storytime 7:00 pm  |
| Sept. 13 | Children's Pajama Story Time 7:00 pm  | Oct. 28 | Children's Halloween Party 2:00 pm  |
| Sept. 18 | Teens' Anime Shiroi Heya 6:00 - 7:30 pm   | Nov. 6  | Fall Music Series: La Chorale du Tricentenaire 2:00 pm                                      |
| Sept. 19 | Children's Fall Story Time Begins   | Nov. 8  | Children's Fall Storytime Ends  |
| Sept. 19 | Supper Sleuths 6:30 pm <i>Shell Games</i> by Kirk Russell   | Nov. 13 | Young Adult Advisory Board 6:00 - 7:30 pm   |
| Sept. 20 | Children's Reptiles Inc. 7:00 pm  | Nov. 14 | Tuesday Book Group 1:00 pm<br><i>Last Days of Dogtown</i> by Anita Diamant                  |
| Sept. 25 | Teens' Dance, Dance Revolution 5:00 - 8:00 pm   | Nov. 18 | Middle School Mother/Daughter Book Group 1:00 pm<br><i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli       |
| Sept. 26 | Putting Your Garden to Bed 7:00 pm  | Nov. 18 | Cookbook & Craftbook Exchange 9:30 am - 11:30 am  |
| Sept. 27 | Children's Special Storytime 7:00 pm  | Nov. 15 | Children's Book Week Joey Tracey 7:00 pm  |
| Sept. 29 | Teens' TV Series Marathon 1:00 - 4:30 pm  | Nov. 20 | Teens' Anime Shiroi Heya 6:00 - 7:30 pm   |
| Oct. 3   | Tuesday Book Group 1:00 pm <i>Housekeeping</i> by Marilynne Robinson  | Nov. 21 | Teens' High School Book Group 7:00 pm <i>Feed</i> by M.T. Anderson                          |
| Oct. 5   | Children's Murder Mystery & Pizza Party 7:00 pm   | Nov. 21 | Supper Sleuths 6:30 pm: <i>Girl Sleuth</i> by Melanie Rehak                                 |
| Oct. 7   | Middle School Mother/Daughter Book Group 1:00 pm<br><i>Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</i> by Ann Brashares | Dec. 3  | Fall Music Series: Romeo High School Jazz Band 2:00 pm                                      |
| Oct. 10  | Teens' High School Book Group 7:00 pm <i>Uglies</i> by Scott Westerfield                                      | Dec. 5  | Tuesday Book Group 1:00 pm<br><i>Pride &amp; Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen Tea Party & Movie |
| Oct. 14  | Teens' Dance, Dance Revolution 1:00 - 4:00 pm   | Dec. 9  | Teens' Dance, Dance Revolution 11:00 am - 2:00 pm   |
| Oct. 14  | Breakfast with Books 10:00 am   | Dec. 16 | Children's Holiday Craft 10:00 am - 4:00 pm   |
| Oct. 15  | Fall Music Series The Syreens 2:00 pm   | Dec. 18 | Children's Holiday Reception 7:00 pm  |
| Oct. 16  | Teens' Anime Shiroi Heya 6:00 - 7:30 pm   | Dec. 19 | Supper Sleuths 6:30 pm <i>Murder Passes the Buck</i> by Deb Baker                           |
| Oct. 17  | Supper Sleuths 6:30 pm <i>O' Artful Death</i> by Sarah Stewart Taylor   | Dec. 21 | Teens' Games & Movies Day 2:00 - 7:30 pm  |
| Oct. 19  | Financial Choices Series - Elder Law 10:00 am   |         |   |

**Most programs are held in the Graubner Library Ford Learning Resource and Community Meeting Rooms**