



Comstock Township Library

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It doesn't matter if the average temperature in Kalamazoo in March is 38°F. In our book, it's time for daisies, sunglasses, and spring showers. We are pumped for the next few months ahead at the library and we have lots of fun planned, including opportunities to touch a firetruck, listen and speak to a criminal investigator, and free seeds to get your garden going for the warm seasons. We hope you'll stop in and see us this spring!



Announcements

Memorial Day Weekend Hours

The Comstock Township Library will be closed on Saturday, May 24th and Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. We will reopen for regularly scheduled hours on Tuesday, May 27th. Thank you and have a lovely, safe holiday!

Digital Resources

Discover the digital treasures available at the Comstock Township Library!

Did you know that your library card unlocks a world of digital resources, all for free? Whether you're looking for your next great read, education and job search support, creative inspiration, or entertainment, the library has you covered with a wide range of online services.

For book lovers, [Libby](#) provides access to thousands of ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. [Hoopla](#) offers instant access to ebooks, audiobooks, and media. So whether you're at home, on the go, or traveling, you can dive into your favorite stories anytime, anywhere.

Students of all ages can benefit from [Tutor.com](#), a live, online tutoring service that connects learners with expert tutors for one-on-one help on a variety of subjects. Whether it's homework help, test prep, or job search assistance you're looking for, this resource is a

valuable tool for success. Tutor.com is available every day from 9:00am to 12:00am.

Genealogy enthusiasts can explore their roots with [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com), available for in-library use. This well-known research tool provides access to historical records, family trees, and more, making it easier than ever to explore your family history.

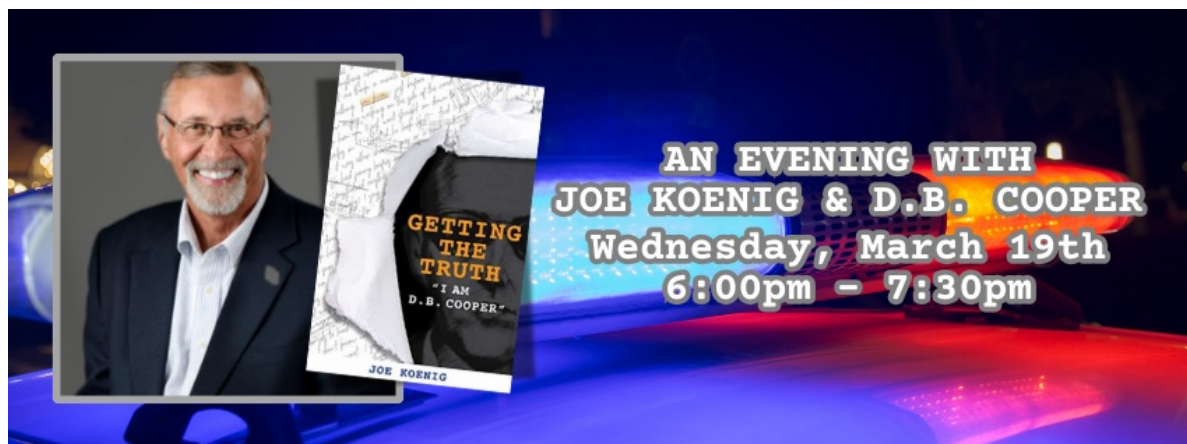
Creative-types will love [Creativebug](https://www.creativebug.com), a site filled with thousands of high-quality video tutorials on everything from knitting and sewing to painting, jewelry making, home décor, and much more.

We're also very excited to announce two new digital services in 2025!

[Transparent Language](#) is an interactive language-learning platform offering courses in over 100 languages, making it perfect for travelers, students, and lifelong learners. There's even a KidSpeak component created especially for young language learners.

For film buffs, [Kanopy](https://www.kanopy.com) provides free access to a vast collection of critically acclaimed films, documentaries, TV series (including many from BBC and PBS), and educational videos, all available for streaming with your library card.

Visit the [Digital Materials page](#) on the Library's website to find out more!



Author Visit

An Evening with Joe Koenig & DB Cooper

Wednesday, March 19th at 6:00pm

Michigan author Joe Koenig is a retired inspector of the Michigan State Police. Through his work, he has met a number of interesting people, but is it possible he discovered the true identity of the infamous D. B. Cooper, the daring man who hijacked flight NWA 305 and managed to parachute away with \$200,000 in exchange for the lives of the 36 passengers on board? Koenig will speak on his career and the identity of Mr. Cooper with his book *Getting the Truth: I am D. B. Cooper*. He will be selling and signing copies at the end of the evening. Registration opens on February 26th.

The Seed Library is now open!

On March 1st, the Comstock Township Library launches its brand new Seed Library for all of its patrons. We have a wide variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers to choose from. Each patron must fill out the request form with their name and CTL number and their selections, and they are allowed to take home five packs of seeds each week. At the end of the season, patrons are encouraged to harvest seeds from what they planted and bring them back to the library to continue distribution. Have any questions about the Seed Library? Feel free to contact Adrienne.

Special thanks go out to the following local greenhouses for their generous donations:

- Nally's Greenhouse
- Sportel Greenhouse
- Wedel's Greenhouse
- Wenke's Green House
- Westside Garden Center

Puzzle Exchange

Winter weather keeping you stuck inside? Sounds like the perfect time for a puzzle! Come check out our new Puzzle Exchange, located down in the Book Sale Room. Bring in your old puzzles (good condition and all pieces must be present) to donate, then take a new puzzle home. When you are finished, bring it back for someone else to try. And you don't even have to donate a puzzle to participate. Enjoy!



Buck-a-Bag Book Sale

It's time once again for our Buck-a-Bag Book Sale. From Monday, March 31st through Saturday, April 12th, each (typical-sized grocery) bag filled with books will cost just \$1.00, while oversized bags (such as Ikea bags) will cost \$5.00. Sales include adult, teen, and children's books. DVDs, video games, and audiobooks are \$1.00 each. Please note all items are sold in as-is condition. There will be no refunds, exchanges, or repairs.

Summer Reading Program 2025 is coming!

It's hard to believe, but the 2025 Summer Reading Program is right around the corner. The theme this year is Color Our World, so get ready for a rainbow of fun! Registration opens on Monday, June 2nd. Stay tuned for details!

Programming for All Ages

Paint a Book Brick! Wednesday, May 7th at 6:00pm

Want to help decorate the library's flowerbeds this spring? Then come paint a brick! Each patron will receive a brick to paint to look like their favorite book. Once



dried, the library will display it in our flowerbeds through the summer season, adding color to all our flowers and plants! Registration is required and opens on April 23rd. Come make our garden a literary masterpiece! Children are welcome to attend while supervised by a parent or caregiver.



Gone with the Wind A Two Night Event

Part 1 on Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30pm

Part 2 on Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30pm

Join us for the 1939 American film classic, *Gone with the Wind*, starring Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh, Olivia de Havilland, and Hattie McDaniel, who went on to win the first Academy Award by an African-American for her performance as Mammy.

On the eve of the American Civil War, rich, beautiful, and self-centered Scarlett O'Hara has everything she could want...except Ashley Wilkes. But as the war devastates the South, Scarlett discovers the strength within herself to protect her family and rebuild her life. Through everything, she longs for Ashley, unaware that she is already married to the man she really loves - and truly loves her - until she finally drives him away. Only then does Scarlett realize what she has lost...and decide to win him back.

Rated PG, children are welcome to attend with a parent or caregiver. Feel free to bring a blanket or a beanbag chair to stretch out on. Regular seating will be provided otherwise. Popcorn and snacks will be served during the showing. Registration opens March 26th.

Spoken Word & Poetry Night Friday, March 21st at 4:30pm

In honor of World Poetry Day, we'll be hosting a Spoken Word and Poetry Night! Patrons can come and share their favorite poems and pieces. Feel free to read a piece of your own, your favorite piece from another poet, or a piece you're currently working on. Don't feel comfortable in front of the crowd? You are more than welcome to simply listen in the audience and enjoy the words. This program is open for all ages, so please be mindful when choosing pieces to read and share. Thank you.



Fiber Arts Group

March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Feeling crafty? Then join us for our Fiber Arts Group! We meet the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:30pm to work on whatever project our yarn or thread take us to. Crochet, knitting, cross-stitch, macramé? All arts and skill levels are welcome! No registration is necessary and light refreshments are served. This program is open to all ages, but children must be supervised by a parent or caregiver.

Youth Programs - From Infants to High Schoolers

Multicultural Night

Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00pm



In honor of National Read Across America Day, Multicultural Night will showcase all the identities and people in America. There will be informational books about diversity, culture, and identity, as well as presenters and activities for participants, such as crafts and snacks. No registration is necessary.

If you are interested in being a part of the Multicultural Night presentation, please contact Chanda for more information.

Family Craft Night

Clay Mosaics: Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00pm

Rock Painting: Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:00pm

Children and their parents/caregivers are invited to come in and get crafty together! All supplies will be provided for an enjoyable evening. Please register each individual participant in your party, including adults. Contact our Youth Desk for more information.



Community Storytime

March 6th at 10:30am: Helping Hands Wellness Services

April 3rd at 10:30am: Local Poet Sarah Steele

May 1st at 10:30am: Fire Marshall Mike Kessler & His

Firetruck (Touch a Truck!)

Community Storytime is our new story hour on the first Thursday of every month. Different locals will present stories in order to promote different professions, identities, authors, and groups in our community. It's a fun way to show how everyone can be a reader! This story time is open for all youth ages, and registration is not required. Some weeks there may be interactive elements, activities, and more! Be sure to check with the library each month for details.

If you are interested in being a presenter, please contact Chanda, the Outreach Librarian.

Family Storytime Tuesday & Wednesdays at 10:30am

Instill a love of books and reading with your child and join us for Family Storytime, open to ages infant to five! Build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs, and play. Encourage a love of language and read while practicing listening and cooperative tasks. Every session is followed by a sensory toy play time. Sharing story time with young children helps them develop critical thinking and social skills, and is great for their brains' development! Plus, it's a wonderful way for caregivers to bond with their children.

Drop-In Playroom Thursdays from 10:30am to 4:00pm (through April 10th)

Every Thursday our Youth Playroom is open to the public. Children will have free use of puppets, houses, toys, and so much more. Be sure to stop in with your little one!

Pizza & Pages March 6th, April 3rd, & May 1st at 6:00pm

Join our theme-based book club! Participants in 3rd through 6th grade will eat pizza, discuss what they have read, and participate in an auction to end the hours. Check our online Calendar of Events for each month's theme. Registration is required each month, and each child must register individually. And as always, audiobooks, graphic novels, and juvenile fiction are all acceptable reads for this program.



Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00pm Wednesday, March 12th at 2:00pm Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00pm Wednesday, April 16th at 2:00pm

TAG! You're it! T.A.G. (our Teen Advisory Group) meets to brainstorm ideas for teen programs, suggest young adult books, graphic novels, and manga. Also, it's just a fun hang out, and great and easy way to earn volunteer hours. T.A.G. also helps develop marketable leadership skills, and gain experience you can use on your job, scholarship, and college applications. Bonus: T.A.G. Participants get to attend special after-hours teen only events. Sound interesting? Are you a teen in grades 8th through 12th? Then join us for our next meeting!

Adult Programming

Harry Potter Trivia Night Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00pm



Are you a Prefect, a professor, or a nasty Death Eater? Prove it by playing in our Harry Potter Trivia Night! You can play as a team (up to four people allowed per) or as an individual. Should you win, you get to take home the House Cup (which will consist of a \$100 worth of gift cards from Amazon). Space is limited and registration opens on May 14th, so don't delay to get your name thrown into the Goblet of Fire. Players are encouraged to dress up as this will be an evening of giggles, games, and bookish fun! Light refreshments will be provided by Honeyduke's Sweet Shoppe. Please note this program is open to those 13 years of age and up only. No children will be allowed as a guest or an attendee. Thank you.

Adult Take-Home Crafts

- Week of March 17th: Papier Mache Pots
- Week of April 7th: Seed Bombs
- Week of April 28th: Cross-Stitch
- Week of May 19th: String Art Keychains

Adult Book Club

Thursday, March 27th at 5:30pm
The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams
Registration opens on February 24th

Wednesday, April 30th at 5:30pm
The Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula Le Guin
Registration opens on March 24th

Thursday, May 29th at 6:00pm
Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger
Registration opens April 28th



Pride Book Club

Wednesday, March 26th at 6:00pm
The Price of Salt by Patricia Highsmith
Registration opens February 17th

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:00pm
Logical Family by Armistead Maupin
Registration opens March 24th

Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00pm
Summer Bird Blue by Akemi Dawn Bowman
Registration opens April 21st



CTL Writers Select Fridays at 10:00am

Hey writers! Come on out and join us for the next session of CTL Writers! We do writing sprints to get our work out on paper, look over another writer's work, and talk over all things writing and publishing. Need a little push to get your words out? Then look no further! Bring notebooks, laptops, whatever you need to get yourself writing. Please see our online Calendar of Events for upcoming dates!

For questions about program registration, our website, or anything else in this newsletter, please stop by the library, give us a call at (269) 345-0136, or send us an email at the link below. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up-to-date information.

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