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New City Manager: Community Voice is Key to Making GR a Great Place for All



I am grateful to be your new City Manager and to call myself a Grand Rapiidian. This is a wonderfully diverse city with a beautiful community spirit. The history of strong resident engagement and our community's commitment to making Grand Rapids a great place for everyone are a few of the reasons I am here.

Our community is addressing complex issues, including economic development, mobility, housing affordability, community and police relations and equitable outcomes. However, we are uniquely positioned to address these issues because of the wonderful collaborations that exist among government, business, community and educational systems. Our schools are important places to cultivate minds and thinking but also institutions that help our students create leadership attributes and civic identity.

I am spending the next few months meeting with the elected officials, city staff, residents, partners and

other community stakeholders to listen to their ideas and concerns around these issues and others. I also am visiting each of the three wards with Commissioners to get to know the areas of the community they represent and the issues that are important to the public. I am committed to making sure our city organization is value-driven and responsive to the needs of the public as we provide the highest-quality services in the most effective, efficient and equitable way to you and your family. Equity is an important value for our community, and I am a champion of making sure everyone has an opportunity to achieve and live to their fullest potential.

Community engagement is key to our work. You have a right to know what your local government is working on and to hold us accountable, and we have a responsibility to be open and transparent. As we prepare for the budget process, I am looking for opportunities to engage the community more in this important work. I am committed to continuously improving our community engagement across the organization. I also am committed to making sure that people who want to live in Grand Rapids are able to do so and that our community's growth does not marginalize residents.

Like many of you, I have school-aged children. My oldest daughter is a high school senior and my youngest daughter is in sixth grade. They are finishing the school year in Austin, Texas – where I previously served as Assistant City Manager – so my oldest daughter can graduate with her friends. My wife and youngest daughter will join me in Grand Rapids this summer. My daughter looks forward to becoming a GRPS student next fall.

I have worked in local government for nearly 23 years, and I realize that I would not have the opportunity to lead this community as City Manager if not for my educational experience in the public school system.

In partnership,

Mark Washington, DEd
City Manager

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Don't Forget November 6 is Election Day



The polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, November 6 for the general election. Offices on the ballot are governor/ lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, U.S. senator, U.S. representative,

state senator, state representative, state board of education members, University of Michigan regents, Michigan State University trustees, Wayne State governors, county commissioner, Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges, Circuit Court judges, Probate Court judges, District Court judges, Grand Rapids Community College board trustees, local school board members, three statewide proposals and one

Kent County proposal. You needed to be registered by October 9 to vote in this election.

The “vote straight party” option has been removed this year. In order to vote for all races, you need to vote under each heading. You may vote for candidates of any party and you do not have to vote every position.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/vote. On this website, you can:

- View your sample ballot for the election
- Track your absentee ballot
- Verify your voter registration
- Find your polling place
- Contact your local election official
- Find answers to frequently asked questions

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 616.456.3010 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m weekdays.

We Need You to adopt a hydrant



Do you want to make a difference in your neighborhood? The Grand Rapids Water System and Fire Department have just the job for you.

The Fire Department's emergency response time improves when fire hydrants are visible and clear of snow and ice during the winter months. As a volunteer, you're needed to ensure hydrants are clear of snow and vegetation. Through this work, you are eligible for My GR City Points that can be redeemed for free stuff in and around Grand Rapids.

To sign up or learn more about how to adopt a hydrant, go to grandrapidsmi.gov/services/adopt-a-hydrant or call 616.456.3000.

Do You Need Help Paying Your Water Bill?



The City of Grand Rapids is proud to offer water assistance to eligible households struggling to pay their residential water bill. Funding is limited and restrictions are in place. Learn more at grandrapidsmi.gov/payments/watersewer-bill-payment/water-payment-assistance or call 616.456.3000.

Shoveling Out Refuse and Recycling Carts

Three Ways to Improve Chances of Uninterrupted Winter Pickups

Want to make sure we're able to pick up your trash and recycling this winter? Follow these three tips:

1. Clear a path 3 feet wide from your refuse and recycling cart to the alley or street. Make sure they can be moved freely.
2. Make sure to shovel out your refuse and recycling carts the night before your collection day.
3. A heavy snowfall within 48 hours of your collection day may make it impossible to shovel out in time. We understand, but please make sure to shovel out your cart by the following collection day.



Christmas Tree Recycling a "Mulch" Better Option

Free drop-off sites

Grand Rapids offers free drop-off sites for Christmas trees after the holidays. The sites, open December 27 to February 1, are located at:

Riverside Park (north entrance)
2001 Monroe Ave. NE

MacKay-Jaycees Park
2531 Kalamazoo Ave. SE

Lincoln Park
231 Marion Ave. NW

Huff Park
2286 Ball Ave. NE

Fee-based curbside pickup program

The alternative method for disposing of your tree is to attach a \$2.50 City bulk yard waste tag (purple

tag) to the Christmas tree and place it in your pickup area by 7 a.m. on the regular refuse collection day.



Bulk yard waste tags may be purchased at City Hall, 300 Monroe Ave. NW, in the customer service lobby. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8

a.m. to 5 p.m. Some local retailers may also have the tags in stock.

Christmas trees placed in the trash pickup area must be tagged for collection. The tag must be visible at the time of collection. Ornaments and other decorations (tinsel, nails, tree stands and any plastic bags) need to be removed before collection. Make every effort to be sure the tree is able to be collected (not buried in the snow) and the tag visible.

What happens if I place the tree out without tag?

If not tagged, the property owner is subject to a notice of violation and possible fine. Lost or stolen tags are the responsibility of the property owner to replace.

Parking Heads-up: Restrictions on Neighborhood Streets Begin November 1



A sure sign of the coming winter – sorry, warm weather fans – begins Thursday, November 1 with street parking restrictions across the city.

Odd-even and same-side parking restrictions take effect at 12:01 a.m. November 1 of each year. They last until 11:59 p.m. April 1 of the following year. Streets with restrictions have odd-even or same-side parking signs posted.

Odd-even parking restrictions mean that, on each even numbered day starting at 1 a.m. and until 6 p.m., you cannot park on the odd numbered side of the street. On each odd numbered day, starting at 1 a.m. and until 6 p.m., you cannot park a vehicle on the even

numbered side of the street. However, from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. each day, you can park on both sides of the street unless posted signs indicate restricted parking.

Same-side parking restrictions require you park only on the designated side of the street from November 1 to April 1. On some of the city's narrowest of streets, there may be no parking allowed at all.

To avoid a \$20 parking ticket, please comply with the posted signs. Our police department will begin enforcement of winter parking regulations whether or not there is snow on the ground.

Snow Shoveling



Sidewalks

The clearing of ice and snow on sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. The full width of the sidewalk should be cleared within 24 hours of accumulation of snow or ice. City ordinance requires that sidewalks be

cleared of all snow and ice down to the concrete. Shoveled sidewalks contribute to the livability of our neighborhoods by providing year-round mobility options for all residents, particularly those who are not able to drive. Clear sidewalks keeps our pedestrian network safe and accessible in the winter months,

particularly for seniors, children and those with disabilities. Properties remaining in non-compliance after City notification may be cleared by a City contractor at the property owner's expense.

Shoveling and other techniques

The City's primary objective is to remove snow from the streets. There are a few ways residents can assist with this process. If you have a driveway, please park in the driveway and leave the road clear to be plowed. If on-street parking is your only option, try to change where you park throughout the week and obey all odd-even parking restrictions. This will help allow snow to be removed by the plows and not packed down by cars. The City also asks that residents refrain from shoveling or blowing snow into the streets. Department of Public Works plow trucks will end up pushing it back into driveways the next time they pass. Instead, shovel the snow into your yard.

We understand it can be frustrating when plows push snow into driveways, sidewalks, fire hydrants and mailboxes. Again, the City's primary goal is to clear the street. One technique that can help keep driveways from being blocked is by shoveling a "corner" of the right-of-way free of snow in the area several feet before the driveway. Clearing an area large enough to hold the snow coming off the plow may help reduce the need to shovel a second time.

The City does not provide snow removal services for driveways or sidewalks. Individuals needing assistance with snow removal should contact a private snowplowing company or seek out possible alternatives via United Way (2-1-1) or your neighborhood association. Other resources such as your local church, neighbor or family member could be of assistance as well.

Snow Plowing

Here is How We Clear Snow Across the City



Weather conditions sometimes force snow plows from local roads back to first-attention streets.

When do plows go onto secondary streets and alleys?

City officials monitor weather conditions. We clear first-attention routes when there are more than 3 inches of snow on the streets. We may send plows into local roads, depending on temperature and weather forecast. De-icing material (salt) is typically not applied to local streets. We may salt these streets if there are hills, severe road curvature or special circumstance in the city.

Plowing techniques clear roads faster

We continue to enhance our winter operations program. Our goal is to deliver the highest level of service to the community. Plow operators will continue to use deicing materials in combating snow and ice. We will apply calcium chloride to bridges, hills and curves before a snow event when conditions warrant.

Plow trucks have liquid storage capabilities. This allows pre-wetting of salt as plows spread on street surfaces.

This pre-wetting method allows material to stick to road surfaces. Where distributed, it reduces a bouncing effect, resulting in quicker activation. Pre-wetting salt has proven to reduce the amount of salt used by as much as 30 percent.

Less salt used during the winter furthers the City's sustainability goals.

The environmental impact is lower on our rivers and streams when salt isn't used. The City has installed side wings on many of its snow plow trucks. These wings extend off the right side of the truck. When stretched out, these wings plow an additional half lane of snow. This has further improved snow plowing efficiencies.

Priority plowing on first-attention routes

First-attention streets are the major high-volume streets in the city. We apply salt to first-attention streets. These include:

- Leonard Street
- Fulton Street
- Burton Street
- Monroe Avenue
- Division Avenue

Secondary streets include local roads such as:

- Side streets
- Cul-de-sacs
- Alleys



Be in the know of what's happening in YOUR city and YOUR ward with GR Connect. Each month, GR Connect will be your source of news and activities from City Hall and your Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation departments as well as other City departments.

Subscribe to one or more GR Connect e-newsletter Ward editions at grandrapidsmi.gov/GRConnect

Avoid Frozen Pipes

Keep Your Pipes Warm this Winter



Want to avoid frozen pipes? Want to keep pipes warm this winter?

Here are tips:

- Identify your water main shutoff valve
- Know where your main water shutoff is inside your home
- The water shutoff valve is located near the meter where the water line enters the home or building

Knowing where your shutoff valve is located when a pipe bursts anywhere in the house ensures you can turn the

water off at the valve. Be sure everyone in the family knows where it is and what it does. This will allow you and others to find the valve in an emergency.

Protect your water meter

- The water meter is installed by the Water System. It is the property owner's responsibility to protect the meter from damage.
- The space where the meter is located must be heated to protect it from freezing
- If the meter is frozen or damaged, there is a charge to the property for replacement
- Take extra precautions during extreme temperatures
- Pipes located next to an outside wall are most susceptible to freezing temperatures
- The same is true for pipes located in a garage or another unheated building

- Exposed pipes in these areas should be wrapped, insulated, or shut off and drained before winter
- Open cupboard doors under sinks and pipe chases
- Where plumbing is in an exterior wall, access to interior heat helps to heat warm the pipes
- Keep a steady but slow drip of cold water at an inside faucet farthest from the meter
- Keep water moving – it's less likely to freeze
- If you're away for more than a day, shutting off your water and leaving the thermostat at 55 degrees or higher



City Opens First Fully Inclusive, Universally Accessible Play Space



A new playground for children of all ages and abilities is now open at Ottawa Hills Park. The \$765,000 construction project includes a new fully universally accessible playground with areas for older and younger children, a new picnic area, benches, lighting, shade trees and improved basketball courts.

Universal playground design goes beyond minimum accessibility standards

to create a space where all features are usable by everyone rather than have separate features that are distinctly accessible. In addition to play features for children with physical mobility challenges, the inclusive design also creates play

features for children with sensory, social and cognitive challenges.

This park space is new to the Grand Rapids parks system thanks to a longstanding partnership with Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS). It became park space as a result of a \$1 asset swap between the City and GRPS. In exchange for the parkland, the City paid \$1 and then decided the former Grand Rapids Public Museum facility at

54 Jefferson Ave. SE to GRPS for \$1 for its new Museum School.

Other parks that celebrated improvements this fall include Bike, Coit, Cheseboro, Huff, Mooney and Roosevelt parks.

“The finished projects being celebrated this month show how important community partnerships are to our success,” said David Marquardt, the City's director of parks and recreation.

“We continue to leverage funding opportunities to support critical park millage investments. We are thrilled to provide a place in our park system where children of

all ages and abilities can play and learn together.”

These park improvement projects and those completed since 2015 were made possible thanks in part to a dedicated 0.98-mill parks measure approved by Grand Rapids voters in 2013. The seven-year millage provides roughly \$4 million annually for repairs, rehabilitation and new improvements to parks, pools and playgrounds.



RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT FEES

You are a resident if you reside within the City of Grand Rapids' boundaries. Nonresidents are welcome to participate but are charged a slightly higher fee.

REFUND POLICY

A full refund is granted until the early bird registration deadline. A \$5 cancellation fee will be charged if the refund is requested after the early bird registration deadline but prior to the first session of a class. If a refund is granted to a participant who registered online, the convenience fee will not be refunded.

A pro-rated refund will be granted when a program participant is unable to complete a program due to illness, injury or relocation.

A full refund is granted when Parks and Recreation cancels a class due to low enrollment. However, the online convenience fee is non-refundable.

CANCELLATIONS

If a class or program is cancelled due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, an announcement will be made on the recreation program update/cancellation line at 616-456-3699. Please call this number if you have any question as to whether classes will be held. This line is updated on a regular basis so call before you head out to any class or program.

FEE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Reduced fees are available for Grand Rapids residents who qualify. Applications may be obtained by visiting www.grandrapidsmi.gov or by calling 616-456-3696. Applications must be submitted prior to the deadline for processing.

CLASS LOCATIONS

- City Hall, City Commission Chambers** - 300 Monroe Ave NW
- City High Pool** - 1720 Plainfield Ave NE
- Crane Room at Coldbrook** - 1101 Monroe Ave NW
- Garfield Park Gym** - 2111 Madison Ave SE
- KEC Oakleigh** - 2223 Gordon St NW
- Kent County Health Department** - 700 Fuller Ave NE
- McKay Tower Ballroom** - 146 Monroe Center NW
- N. Park Presbyterian** - 500 North Park St NE
- Ottawa Hills HS** - 2055 Rosewood Ave SE
- Palmer Elementary** - 309 Palmer St NE
- P&R Cycling Studio** - 201 Market Ave SW
- P&R Fitness Studio** - 201 Market Ave SW
- West MI Fencing Academy** - 1111 Godfrey Ave SW

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Register online: recreationgr.us

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	REG #
<p>THREE WORDS TO LIVE BY (AGES 18+)</p> <p>The beginning of every new year gives us an opportunity to start fresh. Many people set resolutions, write down fitness goals, or attempt to change old habits, and many fail after a month or so. Instead of the same old/same old, how about choosing three words to shape your year, guaranteeing you success by empowering you to say 'yes' and 'no' to the right opportunities. Make 2019 your best year yet while growing positively in the direction you desire.</p> <p>Resident: \$15, Non: \$25</p>	THU, JAN 10	6:30 - 8:00 PM	201 MARKET	467600A
<p>PASSION MINING (AGES 18+)</p> <p>This process helps us sort through what matters most and gives us permission to realign our priorities if we find them out of whack. How great would it be to let go of the obligations that weigh us down and open up our lives to what brings us the greatest joy? Once uncovered, you will have a road map to inner peace and greater happiness. It will shine a light on what motivates, energizes and makes YOU happy.</p> <p>Resident: \$20, Non: \$30</p>	THU, JAN 24	6:00 - 8:00 PM	201 MARKET	467600B
<p>I AM VISION BOARD (AGES 18+)</p> <p>This unique self-discovery process utilizing the law of attraction is centered around you and what you need in your life to be the best version of yourself. What makes you tick? What fuels your soul? Answer questions like these created specifically to bring about personal clarity and a greater sense of purpose, then after some reflection time, you will pull out pictures and words from magazines to create your I AM Vision Board.</p> <p>Resident: \$25, Non: \$35</p>	SAT, FEB 2	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	201 MARKET	467600C
<p>SELF-CARE FOR THE HIGHLY AWARE (AGES 18+)</p> <p>While everyone has to uncover their own special recipe to thrive, taking time to understand our highly sensitive personalities and arm ourselves with self-care techniques to utilize when needed can help keep us peace-filled and positive.</p> <p>Not sure you are an HSP (as defined by Elaine Aron in the book: The Highly Sensitive Person)? There is a free online test you can take on her website. Whether you are an HSP, think you might be, live with or love an HSP or just want to know more, this class is for you. Find out how to reclaim your peace from the inside out.</p> <p>Resident: \$15, Non: \$25</p>	THU, FEB 21	6:30 - 8:00 PM	201 MARKET	467600D

Three ways to register



ONLINE
recreationgr.us



BY PHONE
616-456-3696, option #1



IN PERSON
201 Market Ave SW

Fitness Class Demo Nights

Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation is hosting a demonstration for a variety of fitness classes. This is a great opportunity to come try out a class before you register.

FREE

November 26, 27 & 28 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
P&R Fitness Studio - 201 Market Ave SW

A detailed schedule will be available online at grandrapidsmi.gov/parks and on the Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page November 1.



Parks and Recreation
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General Information

- Ages 18 & up - all fitness levels welcome
- Classes begin the week of January 6 and run for 10 weeks
- We suggest bringing a Yoga mat and water bottle to each class
- Cancelled classes will be announced on the recreation update line at 616-456-3699 and/or on our Facebook page
- You are encouraged to consult with a physician prior to beginning an exercise program

Three ways to register



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201 Market Ave SW

Two ways to save

- 1) Multiple classes equal a reduced rate
- 2) Early bird registration Nov 5-Dec 20

Register between Nov 5-Dec 20*

	Resident	Nonresident
1 class per week	\$55	\$65
2 classes per week	\$85	\$95
3 classes per week	\$115	\$125

*online registration closes December 20

Register on December 21** or after

	Resident	Nonresident
1 class per week	\$65	\$75
2 classes per week	\$95	\$105
3 classes per week	\$125	\$135

**online registration not available

Looking for flexibility?

Adult Fitness Punch cards

Purchase a punch card and attend any of the classes listed with the symbol. You may also use a punch to bring along a family member or friend to try a class as long as you are present. Cards cannot be transferred, and all attendees must sign a waiver before participating.

Reg #	# of Classes /Punches	Fee Resident	Fee Nonresident
466000A	5	\$40	\$50
466000B	10	\$70	\$80
466000C	20	\$100	\$110
466000D	30	\$130	\$140

*online registration closes December 20. To register after this date, call 456-3696, option 1.



CYCLING

Register online: recreationgr.us

CLASSES RUN FOR 10 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6


CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	REG #
CYCLE & STRENGTH A combination of high-intensity cycling intervals followed by strength exercises that target the arms, abs and lower back.	MON	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R CYCLING STUDIO	SADIE R.	466402A
CYCLING Reach your fitness goals while building leg and core strength. Powerful music and pace-setting instruction helps you climb steep hills, move across flat road and master intense intervals.	MON TUE TUE WED WED THU SAT	5:30 - 6:15 PM 6:00 - 6:45 AM 6:30 - 7:15 PM 4:30 - 5:15 PM 5:30 - 6:15 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM 8:00 - 8:45 AM	P&R CYCLING STUDIO	CAROL S. CRYSTAL C. STEVE C. JOAN O. JOAN O. JULIE S. CAROL S.	466401A 466401B 466401C 466401D 466401E 466401F 466401G

DANCE











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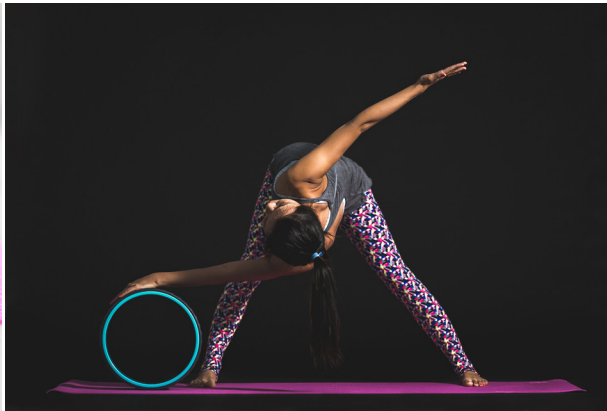
CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	REG #
BALLROOM DANCING Learn the Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, East Coast Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba, and Tango.	MON	7:30 - 8:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE G.	466800A
BALLROOM DANCING: THE NEXT STEPS A follow-up to Ballroom Dancing. Continue practicing basic dances and learn new moves to add flair.	FRI	4:30 - 5:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE G.	466811A
ZUMBA A fusion of Latin and International music. This class combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations.	MON THU	5:30 - 6:25 PM 6:30 - 7:25 PM	GARFIELD PARK GYM P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K. AMY K.	466803A 466803B
GROOVE Sweat away stress and dance some joy into your heart while following simple steps and easy toning moves. Groove is perfect for anyone who wants to add some fun into their current workout routine. If you like to move to a variety of great music, this class is for you.	MON WED	6:30 - 7:25 PM 5:30 - 6:25 PM	KEC OAKLEIGH KEC OAKLEIGH	TERRI S. TERRI S.	466804A 466804B

CARDIO & STRENGTH


Register online: recreationgr.us 

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CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	REG #
CARDIO & CORE  This class combines a variety of strength and aerobic conditioning exercises followed by Pilates-based core work and stretching. Utilizing a variety of equipment and unique training circuits, participants will work all major muscle groups and stay inspired and energized.	WED	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	ZIYAH D.	466501A
KICKBOXING  Mix up your routine with balance, coordination and strength-building moves. Strengthen your legs, upper body, abs and burn calories.	MON	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	SADIE R.	466303A
POUND®  Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable, and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeals to men and women of all ages and abilities. POUND® approved sticks required for everyone. Punch card holders must have their own Ripstix®. Ripstix® available at registration for \$20.	THU	5:30 - 6:15 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KRISTIN P.	WITH STIX: 466406A WITH-OUT: 466406B
STRONG BY ZUMBA  A non dance-based workout combining high intensity interval training (HIIT), body-weight exercises and cardio moves. In every class, music and moves sync in a way that push you past your limits and reach your fitness goals.	WED	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K.	466507A
WATER AEROBICS  Build core strength, conditioning, endurance and all-over toning. Class features deep and shallow water exercises. A great low/non-impact workout. Float belts are available.	TUE THU SAT	6:30 - 7:25 PM 6:30 - 7:25 PM 9:00 - 9:55 AM	CITY HIGH POOL CITY HIGH POOL CITY HIGH POOL	KATHLEEN H. KATHLEEN H. KATHLEEN H.	466702A 466702B 466702C
PILATES  Tone muscles, improve posture, and learn flexibility and balance. Focus on moving as one unit with control and grace. Improve circulation, endurance, and reduce stress..	MON	6:00 - 6:55 PM	OTTAWA HILLS HS	ZIYAH D.	466200A
BOOT CAMP  Get ready to push yourself harder than you would on your own. With a mix of strength and cardio, this class is developed to help you improve your body composition, strength and endurance. Each week's workout will vary, challenging your body in different ways.	TUE	6:00 - 6:55 PM	THE CRANE ROOM AT COLDBROOK	JULIE B.	466403A
TABATA  This high-intensity strength and cardiovascular training class will utilize a variety of exercises in timed intervals. The four minute intervals include 20 seconds of work and 10 seconds of rest, repeated eight times. Expect to sweat, burn a ton of calories, get stronger, leaner and overall healthier.	TUE	6:30 - 7:15 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	CRYSTAL C.	466404A
HULA HOOP FITNESS  Learn creative movement that goes beyond waist hooping. Bring the hoop up, down, and off the body while moving to music. Burn calories, tone your body, increase rhythm and learn to move with a hoop. No experience necessary. Hula hoops provided and available for purchase.	WED	6:00 - 6:55 PM	THE CRANE ROOM AT COLDBROOK	AUDRIA L.	466805A
CORE CAMP  Incorporate weight training and cardio blast intervals to keep your muscles and heart pumping. Combined with today's hottest music, this class is as much fun as it is effective.	TUE	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KRISTIN P.	466504A



YOGA

Register online: recreationgr.us 

CLASSES RUN FOR 10 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	REG #
BASIC YOGA  Discover your inner yogi in a class that builds strength and body awareness. Begin with gentle stretching and move to flowing through and holding poses. Class will come to a restful end.	MON	12:15 - 1:00 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KAYE E.	466100A
	MON	6:30 - 7:25 PM	GARFIELD PARK GYM	AMY K.	466100B
	MON	5:30 - 6:25 PM	KEC OAKLEIGH	TERRI S.	466100C
	TUE	6:00 - 6:55 PM	N. PARK PRESBYTERIAN	BETH H.	466100D
	WED	5:30 - 6:25 PM	K.C. HEALTH DEPT	KRISTA D.	466100E
	WED	6:30 - 7:25 PM	KEC OAKLEIGH	TERRI S.	466100F
	WED	6:00 - 6:55 PM	PALMER ELEMENTARY	KATHY W.	466100G
	THU	12:15 - 1:00 PM	CITY HALL	KAYE E.	466100H
	SAT	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	SARA R.	466100I
GENTLE YOGA  A balanced practice that will center you, leaving your body feeling open and relaxed. Basic poses and a slower flow unlock body tension, strengthen your core and help you tune into personal peace.	TUE	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.	466101A
	THU	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.	466101B
RESTORATIVE YOGA  Using breath work, props and holding simple poses this "mindful yoga" class will help you achieve a deep level of relaxation. The slower pace will help you disconnect from your busy life and tune into you, creating mind and body awareness.	SUN	6:00 - 6:55 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KRISTA D.	466105A
TAI CHI EASY™  A gentle standing meditation, designed to encourage energy flow throughout the body. You will learn total-body movements that can be combined into forms that are unique to your needs. This practice is accessible to anyone wanting to invite calm and clarity into their life.	SUN	4:30 - 5:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	ALESHEIA H.	466600A
QIGONG  Pronounced "chee kung", this qigong practice will be a very gentle movement class, focusing on harnessing the power of our own mind, correcting postural imbalances, and combining movement with breath. We will practice standing, seated, and/or lying down. This practice is accessible to anyone seeking to bring healing energy into their life.	WED	10:00 - 10:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	ALESHEIA H.	466108A

FREE COMMUNITY YOGA CLASS

This class is offered free of charge to everyone ages 18 & up.



MCKAY TOWER

FREE COMMUNITY CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
BASIC YOGA Discover your inner yogi in a class that builds strength and body awareness. Begin with gentle stretching and move to flowing through and holding poses. Class will come to a restful end.	WEDNESDAYS JAN 9 - FEB 27	12:15 - 1:00 PM	THE BALLROOM AT MCKAY TOWER

ADULT FITNESS MINI-SESSION

CLASSES RUN FOR 3 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	REG #
BASIC YOGA P	MON	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.	666102A
	WED	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K.	666102B
	SAT	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	SARA R.	666102C
GENTLE YOGA P	TUE	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.	666101A
	THU	9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.	666101B
KICKBOXING P	MON	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	SADIE R.	666801A
CYCLE & STRENGTH	MON	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R CYCLING STUDIO	SADIE R.	666402A
CYCLING P	THU	6:00 - 6:45 PM	P&R CYCLING STUDIO	JULIE S.	666401A
BOOTCAMP P	TUE	6:00 - 6:55 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE B.	666406A
WATER AEROBICS P	TUE	6:30 - 7:25 PM	CITY HIGH POOL	KATHLEEN H.	666100A
	THU	6:30 - 7:25 PM	CITY HIGH POOL		666100B
STRONG BY ZUMBA P	WED	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K.	666507A
POUND® P Punch card holders must have their own stix.	THU	5:30 - 6:15 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KRISTIN P.	666103A

Mini-Session Fees

Registration Fee	Resident	Nonresident
1 class per week	\$18	\$28
2 classes per week	\$28	\$38
3 classes per week	\$38	\$48

P Mini-Session Punch Card

Purchase a punch card and attend any of the mini-session classes listed with the **P** symbol. You may also use a punch to bring along a family member or friend to try a class as long as you are present. Cards cannot be transferred, and all attendees must sign a waiver before participating.

Reg #	# of Classes/Punches	Resident	Nonresident
666000A	3	\$22	\$32
666000B	6	\$32	\$42
666000C	9	\$42	\$52

Online registration closes November 30. To register after this date, call 456-3696, option 1.

ADULT WELLNESS MINI-SESSION

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	REG #
MINDFULNESS EXPLORATION LET PEACE BEGIN WITHIN YOU P Be the best you this holiday season by making time to tune in. What better way to de-stress and soothe your jangled nerves than to practice some mindfulness? Take some well-deserved quiet time mid-week to meditate, tune-in, and connect to your inner peaceful center so the crowds, noise, and overall busyness of the season do not overwhelm your holiday cheer. Class includes breath work, chair stretching, guided meditations, and affirmations. Ages 18+ Resident: \$10 per class or \$25 for all 3 Non: \$20 per class or \$35 for all 3	WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 5 DECEMBER 12 DECEMBER 19	6:30 - 7:30 PM	201 MARKET	467309A 467309B 467309C

ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 50+ AT GARFIELD PARK GYM

These activities are suitable for ages 50+, however, everyone is welcome to participate. In addition to these classes, monthly community activities such as card games, book club and knitting are available. Stop in to pick up a monthly calendar of activities or to check out any of our classes. Find more information at www.grandrapidsmi.gov or by calling 616-456-3696, option 1.

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	PRICE
STRETCH AND FLEX Stretch and flex is focused on increasing strength, balance and flexibility. The class begins with chair exercises and light hand weights. A great class for men and women. Classes are drop-in and ongoing - try your first class for free. Mondays in January are free.	MONDAYS WEDNESDAYS	10:00 - 11:00 AM 10:00 - 11:00 AM	\$3/class
ACTIVE ADULTS FITNESS Come join the fun - class includes a warm-up, standing cardio and strength training. Classes are drop-in and ongoing - try your first class free.	TUESDAYS THURSDAYS	11:30 AM - 12:25 PM 11:30 AM - 12:25 PM	\$3/class
WALKING CLUB Walk your way to health and meet new friends. You can walk in the Garfield Park Community Gym or in the park. Children are welcome to walk with adults and strollers are permitted.	MON THROUGH THU	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Free
BASKETBALL Grab your friends and head to the gym for drop-in basketball (half-court). Begins January 14.	MONDAYS	12:00 - 1:30 PM	Free
PICKLEBALL Come play or learn Pickleball. Don't have equipment? No problem, there is some available at the gym for you to use and free instruction is also available. Begins January 16.	WEDNESDAYS	12:00 - 2:00 PM	Free

SWIM LESSONS

Resident Non
Registration Fee \$38 \$48

SESSION I: CLASS MEETS ONCE PER WEEK FROM JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 23	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	REG #
PRESCHOOL LEVEL I (AGES 3-5) Orients children in the pool and helps them gain basic aquatic skills.	TUE SAT	5:00 - 5:30 PM 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CITY HIGH POOL	421101C1 421101C2
PRESCHOOL LEVEL II (AGES 3-5) Kids gain greater independence in their skills and get more comfortable in the water.	TUE SAT	5:00 - 5:30 PM 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CITY HIGH POOL	421102C1 421102C2
LEVEL I (AGES 6+) Helps kids feel comfortable in the water.	TUE SAT	5:45 - 6:30 PM 10:30 - 11:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431101C1 431101C2
LEVEL II (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level I. Class builds on fundamental skills.	TUE SAT	5:45 - 6:30 PM 10:30 - 11:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431102C1 431102C2
LEVEL III (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level II. Builds on the skills in Level II through more guided practice in deeper water.	TUE SAT	6:45 - 7:30 PM 9:30 - 10:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431103C1 431103C2
LEVEL IV (AGES 6+) Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills. Must have passed Level III or demonstrate the skills required for Level III to participate.	TUE SAT	6:45 - 7:30 PM 9:30 - 10:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431104C1 431104C2

SESSION II: CLASS MEETS ONCE PER WEEK FROM FEBRUARY 24 - APRIL 13 (NO CLASSES FROM MARCH 31-APRIL 6)	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	REG #
PRESCHOOL LEVEL I (AGES 3-5) Orients children in the pool and helps them gain basic aquatic skills.	TUE SAT	5:00 - 5:30 PM 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CITY HIGH POOL	421101C3 421101C4
PRESCHOOL LEVEL II (AGES 3-5) Kids gain greater independence in their skills and get more comfortable in the water.	TUE SAT	5:00 - 5:30 PM 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CITY HIGH POOL	421102C3 421102C4
LEVEL I (AGES 6+) Helps kids feel comfortable in the water.	TUE SAT	5:45 - 6:30 PM 10:30 - 11:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431101C3 431101C4
LEVEL II (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level I. Class builds on fundamental skills.	TUE SAT	5:45 - 6:30 PM 10:30 - 11:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431102C3 431102C4
LEVEL III (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level II. Builds on the skills in Level II through more guided practice in deeper water.	TUE SAT	6:45 - 7:30 PM 9:30 - 10:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431103C3 431103C4
LEVEL IV (AGES 6+) Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills. Must have passed Level III or demonstrate the skills required for Level III to participate.	TUE SAT	6:45 - 7:30 PM 9:30 - 10:15 AM	CITY HIGH POOL	431104C3 431104C4

FENCING

Resident Non
Registration Fee \$79 \$89

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	REG #
YOUNG SQUIRES (AGES 5-7) Great for beginners. Plastic weapons will be used in this class.	WEDNESDAYS JAN 16 - FEB 20 WEDNESDAYS MAR 6 - APR 17	4:30 - 5:15 PM 4:30 - 5:15 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY	434101A 434101B
BEGINNER FENCING (AGES 7-13) Great for beginners. All equipment is provided and no prior experience needed.	THURSDAYS JAN 17 - FEB 21 MONDAYS MAR 4 - APR 15	5:30 - 6:30 PM 5:30 - 6:30 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY	434102A 434102B
FENCING (AGES 7-13) All equipment is provided. Must have completed at least one 6-week class or camp.	MONDAYS JAN 14 - FEB 18 THURSDAYS MAR 7 - APR 18	5:30 - 6:30 PM 5:30 - 6:30 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY	434103A 434103B
BEGINNER TEEN/ADULT (AGES 14+) Great for beginners. All equipment is provided and no prior experience needed.	THURSDAYS JAN 17 - FEB 21 THURSDAYS MAR 7 - APR 18	6:30 - 7:30 PM 6:30 - 7:30 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY	454100A 454100B
CONTINUING TEEN/ADULT - BEGINNING SABRE AND EPEE (AGES 14+) All equipment is provided. Must have completed a beginning Foil class.	THURSDAYS JAN 17 - FEB 21 THURSDAYS MAR 7 - APR 18	7:30 - 8:30 PM 7:30 - 8:30 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY	454101A 454101B



DANCE & GYMNASTICS

CLASSES RUN FOR 5 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 13

Registration Fee Resident Non
 \$42 \$52

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	REG #
GYMNASTICS - LEVEL I (AGES 4-6) Learn tumbling and balancing with emphasis on strength and flexibility movements.	MON SAT	5:00 - 5:45 PM 1:00 - 1:45 PM	THE CRANE ROOM AT COLDBROOK	410000A 410000B
GYMNASTICS - LEVEL II (AGES 5-8) Builds upon the basic skills taught in Level I.	MON SAT	5:45 - 6:30 PM 1:00 - 1:45 PM	THE CRANE ROOM AT COLDBROOK	410001A 410001B
CREATIVE MOVEMENT (AGES 3-4) Explore movement through ballet, fun games and exercises on the gymnastics mat. Designed for kids' first dance class experience.	SUN TUE THU	1:00 - 1:45 PM 4:30 - 5:15 PM 10:15 - 11:00 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	418632A 418632B 418632C
HIP HOP (AGES 6-12) Learn the fundamentals of hip hop movement and develop body control in an upbeat and high-energy environment.	SUN	2:00 - 2:45 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	418627A
PRINCESS BALLET (AGES 3-5) Stretch your imagination as well as your toes in the storybook dance class based on dances from your favorite fairy tales and ballet stories. This class will teach your child how to "tell a story with their body" and ends with a recital. Each session will focus on fairy tales that have been turned into a ballet, as well as some that are just children's classics. Your child will explore elements of creative movement, ballet and jazz in this delightful trip to an enchanted kingdom.	THU	11:15 - 11:45 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	418650A

KARATE

Registration Fee Resident Non
 \$60 \$70

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	REG #
SHORIN RYU KARATE (AGES 12-17) Shorin Ryu Karate is one of the major modern Okinawan martial arts and is one of the oldest styles of karate. Instructor Frank Coronado has 27 years of martial arts experience and is a fourth degree black belt in Shorin Ryu Karate. In these classes students will be instructed, how to properly make a fist and how to properly punch. The 15 basic techniques, which include blocking, punching and kicking, will also be part of the training. Self-defense techniques will also be included in the training sessions. Students should wear loose clothing or clothing that they feel comfortable in.	MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS JAN 14 - MARCH 7	6:30 - 7:30 PM	THE CRANE ROOM AT COLDBROOK	411124A

LOCATIONS & HOURS

Main Library

111 Library Street NE • 49503
616.988.5400

M-Th 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM
F-Sat 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sun 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
(Sunday hours Labor Day
to Memorial Day)

Madison Square Branch

1201 Madison SE • 49507
616.988.5411

T-W 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Th 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
F-Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Ottawa Hills Branch

1150 Giddings SE • 49506
616.988.5412

T 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
W 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Th-Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Seymour Branch

2350 Eastern SE • 49507
616.988.5413

M-T 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
W-Th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Van Belkum Branch

1563 Plainfield NE • 49505
616.988.5410

T 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
W 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Th-Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

West Leonard Branch

1017 Leonard NW • 49504
616.988.5416

M-T 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
W-Th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

West Side Branch

713 Bridge NW • 49504
616.988.5414

T-W 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Th 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
F-Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Yankee Clipper Branch

2025 Leonard NE • 49505
616.988.5415

M-T 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
W-Th 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM



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Día de los Muertos:

A Community Exhibit Honoring Day of the Dead

Día de los Muertos is a Mexican holiday that honors family and friends who have passed on. Loved ones come together to build an altar, or ofrenda, that celebrate the life and memory of the dead. The day is a time of celebration and joy, filled with talk and memories of those who have died. Many significant objects are placed on the ofrenda as gifts to the deceased loved ones. The altar holds four important elements: water, wind, fire and earth. These are represented by a pitcher or glass, candles, papel picado (punched paper) and food, usually pan de muerto. Other items seen on altars include sugar skulls, flowers, photos and religious items.

The altars, built by local residents who want to share memories of their family and friends, will be on display October 31 to November 4 at the Main Library. Every altar is unique and creates a fascinating portrait of what Grand Rapids residents hold dear.

The library will host a Family Day during Día de los Muertos on November 4 from 1 to 4:30 pm. There will be educational activities for families, including a bilingual story time, live music from Gabriel Estrada III, crafts and face painting. Food will be provided

by El Granjero and Tamales Mary. Pan de Muerto will be provided by Panaderia Margo.

The library will also host a free movie screening of Pixar's *Coco* on October 27 at 10:30 am. Families can relax and enjoy the film at the Main Library. It will be played in English with Spanish subtitles.

An exhibit of the work of Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada (1852-1913) will be on display at the Main Library through November 11. Posada was a printmaker and engraver who lived and worked during a period of Mexican history characterized by social and political upheaval. He illustrated historic scenes, board games and commercial items, religious images, various books and newspapers. He is most famous for his use of calaveras (depictions of skulls and skeletons) to satirize and mock corruption of the wealthy and political elite. The exhibit includes 20 of his prints from the GVSU Print and Drawing Cabinet.

To learn more about Día de los Muertos and related programming, visit www.grpl.org/dayofthedeath.



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One of the great benefits of having a Grand Rapids Public Library card is all the free digital resources available for free. Download the RBdigital app, enter your library card and start streaming these great programs:



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Free Classes at the Library

Computer Classes

Discovering the internet

Using the internet can be an intimidating experience for many people. In this class, you will learn how the internet works and basic definitions for the most common internet terms. Discover tips and tricks on how to protect your information and identity while searching, shopping and surfing the web.

Tuesday, November 27
1 p.m. – Main Library

Exploring Social Media and Email

The internet and social media have made it easier than ever to keep in touch with friends and family. Beginning with a brief introduction to email, this class will teach you how to communicate with others online and offer tips on how to be safe while doing so. You will learn the basics about Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Find out what you need to get started with Skype, Google Hangouts and other video calling services.

Tuesday, December 4
1 p.m. – Main Library

Managing Your Digital Footprint

Have you ever forgotten a password? Do you wish you had a plan to manage your online information and protect your privacy? Managing your digital footprint may seem intimidating but, with a plan and the right tools, you can stay safe and get the most out of your experience online. This class offers methods and tools you can use right away to begin managing your online profiles, passwords, and information.

Monday, October 25
11 a.m. – Main Library

Tuesday, December 11 – 1:00 pm
1 p.m. – Main Library

Basic Computer Maintenance

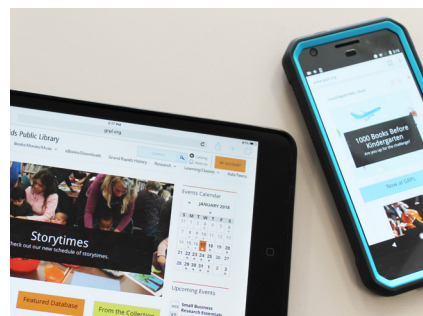
Have you noticed your computer is slowing down? Have you had a virus or malware infect your machine? In this class, learn a few basic things you can do to keep your desktop, laptop or mobile device running smoothly. We will discuss various problems and threats that can disable or reduce the lifespan of your machine.

Monday, November 5
11 a.m. – Main Library

Social Media Privacy: Taking Control of Your Profiles

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have revolutionized how we communicate and relate to one another. But at what cost? In this class, we cover how social media uses personal information and how you can regain some control over your online profiles. We also discuss important settings and features that help you control your social media profiles and online identity.

Thursday, December 6
11 a.m. – Main Library



Open Lab

Need help with your computer, tablet or smartphone? We're happy to help. Stop by during our bilingual drop-in computer help sessions.

Wednesdays through December 12
1 to 3 p.m. – Main Library

(No Open Lab on October 31 or November 21)

Comprenew Connect

Bilingual computer training sessions. During Open Lab sessions, GRPL is partnering with Comprenew to offer computer literacy training designed to help members of our community learn to operate technology and acquire a home computer. Those who complete at least eight sessions will have an opportunity to receive a discounted or free warrantied computer from a Comprenew store. To enroll in the Comprenew program, stop by one of our Open Lab sessions.

Speak to a Geek: One-on-One Computer Sessions

Are your relatives tired of you asking for computer help? Are you hoping to boost your resume with new computer skills? The library offers individual assistance in learning: basic computers, basic internet, email, word processing, spreadsheets, eBooks and library resources. From getting acquainted with your computer or device to training in spreadsheets or internet navigation, we can help.

Call one of our seven branches to schedule an appointment at 616.988.5400 to sign up.

For more information on computer classes, visit www.grpl.org/computer.

Small Business Resource Center Classes

Holistic Job-Seeking at Your Library

Let's admit it: Job searching is hard. Decisions are maddening, research is a grind and resume writing is no cakewalk. So if we can't make the search for a career fun, how can we at least make our search effective? Come to a seminar from the Business Librarian to find out exactly how to think about job search research, how to present yourself in person and in writing and, most importantly, how to plan for future work that might not yet exist.

Wednesday, November 14
7 p.m. – Main Library

Grant-seeking Basics for Nonprofits

Designed for beginner fundraisers, this brief course shows how your organization can identify potential funders and prepare to seek grants. Using the Foundation Directory Online Platinum, a database of 140,000 funding sources, students will compile a list of foundation prospects that match their organization's needs. We'll also briefly touch on other grant sources, such as government and business, and learn about various guidelines to proposal writing.

Wednesday, November 28
7 p.m. – Main Library

Proposal Writing Basics for Nonprofits

You've found a possible foundation to fund your new project. That's excellent. Now, the real work begins: Writing a proposal that will put your program on the path to success by telling your story well to the people who matter most. To learn how to do just that, join the Business Librarian for a session on proposal writing. Learn the key components of a proposal that a nonprofit foundation is looking for and how you can make your proposal as effective as possible.

Wednesday, December 5
7 p.m. – Main Library

How to Use the Library to Write a Business Plan

One of the first rules of marketing is "go where your customers are." Where are your customers and what stories will you tell them? How do you stand out from the crowd and know if you are successful in reaching them? Join the Business Librarian for an informative session on how to use modern tools and timeless tactics to engage customers, and start and grow your business.

Wednesday, December 12
7 p.m. – Main Library

For more information on the Small Business Resource Center, visit www.grpl.org/sbrc.



STEAM at GRPL

Science, technology, engineering, art and math

Science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) are important areas for children to learn and grow. The Grand Rapids Public Library offers fun, hands-on STEAM classes for all ages. All classes are free.

Mindstorm Saturdays

Kids ages 10 and older can explore robotics every Saturday at the library. Using LEGO Mindstorms EV3 kits, these hands-on robotics teach essential coding skills, problem solving and more. This is a self-guided drop-in event.

Saturdays at 10 a.m. – Main Library

Block Party

Kids 6 and older can explore engineering, art, math and other core concepts using Legos and other building blocks. Each month will feature a building challenge to teach critical thinking, problem-solving, decision-making and more.

This is a self-guided drop-in event.

Saturdays at 1 p.m. – Main Library

CHAOS Lab

Toddlers and preschoolers will explore the world through merry mess-making. Each month, there will be a new set of activities to make kids squeal with glee! Create some chaos in the library, not in your home. Dress for a mess!

Tuesdays, November 6, December 11
6:30 p.m. – Main Library



STEAM Ahead Storytime

Children ages 3-5 can discover the world around them through science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Join us for a 20-minute storytime followed by 25 minutes of hands-on activities.

Tuesdays through November 6
6:30 p.m. – Yankee Clipper Branch

Wednesdays through November 14
11 a.m. – Main Library

Thursdays through November 15
11 a.m. – West Leonard Branch

Evening Explorers

Do you like to build and discover how things work? Kids in grades 1-5 can have a unique hands-on STEAM experience each month. Take part in science experiments and activities to learn how things work and explore the world around you.

Thursdays, November 8, December 13
6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Fall Storytimes

For ages 0 – 5 years

Baby & Me Storytime

Bring your babies and bounce along to fun stories, songs and rhymes. Baby & Me is a 15-minute storytime followed by a relaxed playtime where baby and you will meet new friends.

Mondays through November 12
12:30 p.m. – West Leonard Branch
6:30 p.m. – Main Library

Wednesdays through November 14
11 a.m. – Yankee Clipper Branch

Thursdays through November 15
10:30 a.m. – Seymour Branch

Toddler Time

Bring your toddlers to share fun stories, songs, rhymes and learn together! Toddler Time is a 25-minute storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime designed to help your child's brain grow.

Tuesdays through November 6
11 a.m. – Main Library

Wednesdays through November 14
10:30 a.m. – Seymour Branch
11 a.m. – West Leonard Branch

Thursdays through November 15
11 a.m. – Yankee Clipper Branch

Pajama Time

Come explore learning through fun stories, movement and music activities. Pajama Time is a 30-minute storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime. Wear your pajamas and get those wiggles out before bed!

Tuesdays through November 6
6:30 p.m. – Seymour Branch

Thursdays through November 15
6:30 p.m. – Madison Square Branch

Bilingual Pajama Time

Join us for a bilingual storytime and share stories, rhymes, movement and music with the whole family. The 30-minute English & Spanish Storytime is followed by a hands-on activity and playtime.

Mondays through November 12
6:30 p.m. – West Leonard Branch

Let's Play

Let's Play is a four-week program for children 0-5 and their parents or caregivers and focuses on child-driven play. Children will explore different types of play. Each week, an early childhood specialist will be available to answer questions parents may have about their child's development. Families are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

Tuesdays, November 27 – December 18
11 a.m. – Main Library
6:30 p.m. – West Leonard Branch

Wednesdays, November 28 – December 19
10:30 a.m. – Seymour Branch
1 p.m. – West Side Branch

Ride to Read

Getting to the library has never been easier! Ride to Read gives you a free round-trip pass on The Rapid bus just for using the library.

1. Visit any GRPL location and read, use our computers or wifi, attend a program, study or borrow books, movies and music.
2. Show your GRPL library card or school ID at a GRPL desk to get a Ride to Read pass. Ride to Read is for students younger than 18 and caregivers with their children.

3. Swipe the Ride to Read pass on any Rapid bus line to go home or to school.
4. Use the second ride on the ticket to come back to the library.

Ride to Read is made possible through the generous support of:



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Branching Out at GRPL:

Spotlight on the Madison Square Branch



November 1989

Aaron Cohen Associates publishes a master plan recommends that the Grand Rapids Public Library open a permanent branch in the Madison Avenue SE and Hall Street area since the Madison Square business district is a busy and important hub of the city.

May 1991

Plans begin for the branch. Commissioners budget nearly \$100,000 for the project, citing private funds also must be raised to aid the effort.

October 1991

The Ryerson Library Foundation (now the Grand Rapids Public Library Foundation) coordinates fundraising for the new building alongside a Madison Square neighborhood committee, which was championed by community activist Ella Sims and former Mayor Christian Sonneveldt. The group raises more than \$125,000.

Fall 1992

The library opens with 9,000 books in the Madison Square Co-Op space at 1167 Madison Ave. SE. The space known as the McCrath building — has an interesting history. At various times, the building has housed dentists, an architect, a grocer, a hair salon, a television repair shop, a record store, apartments and even an undertaker.

At the 1201 Madison Ave. address, various businesses also occupied a building there through the early part of the 20th century. McWilliams Five, Ten, and Dollar Store occupied 1201 Madison Ave. SE from the mid-1940s until 1968. Based on city directory data, however, the building at 1201 Madison Ave. SE appears to have been vacant and/or razed at some point by the late 1960s; the lot appears to have been empty until the library branch is built there in 2000.

1990s

Two millages are passed for the Grand Rapids Public Library, which help a new and bigger Madison Square Branch to be built at 1201 Madison Ave. SE.

July 13, 2000

Ground is broken at the site of the new branch.

July 2001

The newly constructed branch opens at its current location, 1201 Madison Ave. SE.

Fast facts:

- Located at 1201 Madison SE on the corner of Madison and Hall
- Rapid bus route #3
- Hours: Tue – Wed 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thurs 12 Noon to 8 p.m.
- Fri – Sat 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Free wifi and public computers
- Children’s library with play area

January 1969

A semi-permanent mobile branch is placed at the intersection of Madison Avenue SE and Pleasant Street. The adapted mobile home holds approximately 5,000 volumes. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the area is served primarily through mobile branches and bookmobile stops.

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SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Saturday, November 17, 2018 - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Main Library - 111 Library St NE

After the Santa Claus Parade, stop by the library to warm up with some holiday cheer.

- Light the library tree
- Holiday crafts
- Hot chocolate
- Storytime with Mrs. Claus at 10:30 am
- Visit with Santa at 11:00 am
- Free!



Thanksgiving Day Closings

All GRPL locations will be closed Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

Holiday Closings

All GRPL locations will be closed December 23 – 25.

The Madison Square, Ottawa Hills, Van Belkum and West Side branches will be closed December 29.

All GRPL locations will be closed December 30 and January 1. All open locations will close at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve.



ICE SKATING

AT ROSA PARKS CIRCLE

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2018/19 SEASON: NOVEMBER 23 - FEBRUARY 24

OPEN SKATE HOURS

Monday - Saturday: 10:00 am - 9:45 pm

Sunday: 11:00 am - 8:45 pm

ADMISSION*

Youth (17 and under): \$1

Adult (18 and up): \$3

*Admission includes hockey skate rental.

Sizes range from youth 8 to men's 15.

SEASON PASS

Youth (17 and under): \$20

Adult (18 and up): \$50

PUNCH CARDS*

12 punches: \$10

24 punches: \$18

*Youth admission is 1 punch, adult admission is 3 punches.

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