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**Title: Relax at Rosa – The Crane Wives**

**Description:** Relax with Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. at their free lunchtime entertainment series for the Downtown community. Live Music: The Crane Wives. Participating Food Trucks: Patty Matters - Food Truck, Gettin' Fresh, Blue Spoon Catering & Event Planning, What The Truck, Moochies Dream Cream, A Moveable Feast Truck, Two Scotts Barbecue, Daddy Pete's BBQ.

**Date: Thursday, June 1**

**Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Location: Rosa Parks Circle  
Monroe Center  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Cost: Free**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/relax-at-rosa-the-crane-wives/50462/>**

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**Title: Uptown Grand Rapids Eat Shop Rock**

**Description:** Join us in Uptown each Thursday throughout the month of June for four exciting fun-filled evenings. Uptown's Eat Shop Rock will feature free entertainment in each of the four business districts. Walk around, groove on the live music, grab some food, head to your favorite shop - experience all that Uptown has to offer! Dates and Live Music Venues: June 1: East Hills (ICCF- 920 Cherry), June 8: Easttown (Easttown Veterinary Clinic parking lot - 1350 Lake Dr. SE), June 15: Wealthy Street (The Winchester - 648 Wealthy), June 22: East Fulton (900 Block of East Fulton).

**Date: June 1, 8, 15 and 22**

**Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: Uptown Grand Rapids  
1451 Lake Drive Southeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49516**

**Cost: Free**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/uptowngr/events/>**

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**Title: Movies in the Park – Zootopia & Star Trek**

**Description:** 6-7pm Pre-Movie Entertainment Includes: Host Gabriella de la Vega of El Mundo Musical and DJ Adrian Butler. 7pm Zootopia, 9:30pm Star Trek. The movies will be played in English with Spanish subtitles for our Spanish speaking community. Zootopia and Star Trek Programming Programming: Free games and activities with opportunities to win prizes.

**Date: Friday, June 2**

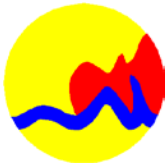
**Time: 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM**

**Location: Ah-Nab Awen Park  
220 Front Avenue Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504**

**Cost: Free**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/215933298908116/>**



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**Title: Festival of the Arts**

**Description:** year, Festival presents the best performers in West Michigan on six stages, inside and outdoors! Music, dance, theatre arts, and much more – all presented free of charge.

**Date:** Friday, June 2 – Sunday, June 4

**Time:** Varying Times

**Location:** Downtown Grand Rapids  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://festivalgr.org/>

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**Title: Local First Street Party**

**Description:** Dance, eat, drink, listen, and create at this celebration of all things local. The 14th annual Street Party, presented by Founders Brewing Company, will feature a wide array of talented Michigan musicians and performers, plus activities for kids of all ages. Hungry? Food trucks and local restaurants will be serving up their finest fare. Thirsty? Enjoy the best local brews and ciders from Beer City. Energetic? Ride your bike to the party, do some yoga, and dance all day. Crafty? Decorate the streets with sidewalk chalk, blow bubbles, and create masterpieces out of recycled materials.

**Date:** Saturday, June 3

**Time:** 3 PM – 12 AM

**Location:** Bistro Bella Vita  
44 Grandville Avenue SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.localfirst.com/events/street-party#.WShPpevyuCg>

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**Title: Free Women's Self Defense Class**

**Description:** Come join us at our Standale location for our free to the public women's self defense class. All women 13+ invited. No signup required. Wear comfortable clothing. Taught by two female black belts.

**Date:** Saturday, June 3

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Location:** Standale Karate  
4073 Lake Michigan Drive  
Grand Rapids, MI 49401

**Cost:** Free

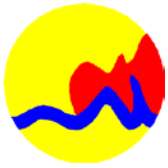
**RSVP:** No Signup required. This is limited to the first 50 women who arrive and no spots can be saved. Please arrive early (doors open at 9:30am) to ensure your spot.

**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-womens-self-defense-class/51469/>

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**Title: Learn to Row in Grand Rapids**

**Description:** The Grand Rapids Rowing Association has planned a great season of sweep rowing and sculling for community members. No experience is necessary - we have classes to fit your level of knowledge and technique. Come join the fun on the river! Our LTR Days are Open House style so be sure to carve out an hour of your day to row with the best group of people in GR! Learn safety, technique



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then spend some time on the beautiful Grand River.

**Date:** Saturday, June 3  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
**Location:** Riverside Park  
2001 Monroe Avenue Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/learn-to-row-in-grand-rapids/51786/>

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**Title:** Sing Song Yoga at the GRCM

**Description:** Made by moms, Sing Song Yoga® is a kids' musical yoga program in which song lyrics instruct children how to get into the poses. The music holds the children's attention for longer periods of time allowing the kids to more thoroughly enjoy the natural benefits of yoga.

**Date:** Saturday, June 3  
**Time:** 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Children's Museum  
11 Sheldon Avenue Northeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sing-song-yoga-at-the-grcm-tickets-34335078143?aff=es2>

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**Title:** Rickhouse Sunday Movie Matinee – Dirty Dancing

**Description:** Join us for Dirty Dancing for our 4th and final movie matinee before our summer break. Bring your own chair and enjoy the movie for free, or watch like a baller in a Comfort Research Big Joe bean bag, while our staff brings you bag service of four Plot-tails (Long Road cocktails based on the movie plot), refills your popcorn while you watch this classic movie. This is a 21+ event

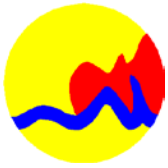
**Date:** Sunday, June 4  
**Time:** 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM  
**Location:** The Rickhouse at Long Road Distillers  
537 Leonard Street Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Free - \$15  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://longroaddistillers.com/event/rickhouse-sunday-movie-matinee-dirty-dancing/>

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**Title:** Tuesday Matinee: Suddenly (1954)

**Description:** Join us for a Tuesday Matinee screening of the classic crime film noir, Suddenly (1954). Starring Frank Sinatra, Sterling Hayden, and James Gleason. In the city of Suddenly, three gangsters trap the Benson family in their own home, at the top of a hill nearby the railroad station, with the intention of killing the President of the United States.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 6  
**Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM



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**Location:** Grand Rapids Art Museum  
101 Monroe Center Street Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** \$2 Seniors, \$4 Adults, Free for GRAM Members

**RSVP:** None. Purchase tickets online or at the door

**Information:** <http://www.artmuseumgr.org/2017/01/31/tuesday-matinee-suddenly-1954/>

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**Title: Yoga Under the Whale**

**Description:** Join the GRPM and Amber Kilpatrick's Mindful Vinyasa School of Yoga for Yoga Under the Whale, which incorporates mindfulness into a smooth, deliberate and accessible yoga flow. All levels are welcome and no experience is necessary. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle and a friend. Sessions will be held under the Museum's Fin Whale on the first floor.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 6  
**Time:** 6:30 PM – 7:45 PM  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Public Museum  
272 Pearl Street NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**Cost:** Free, with a suggested donation of \$8

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.grpm.org/explore/calendar-list/>

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**Title: Avenue for the Arts: Open Studio Night**

**Description:** Open Studio Night is a gathering sponsored by the Calvin College Art Department. This event is open to any artist, creator, or maker. We meet the first Wednesday of the month to discuss, explore, and participate in art-making together. Bring yourself and bring a current project, handcraft, or artwork. Snacks and conversation provided!

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
**Location:** 307 Division Avenue South  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

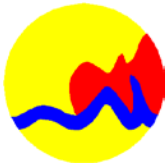
**Information:** Facilitated by Paula Manni, Questions? Contact Paula directly at [pcm2@calvin.edu](mailto:pcm2@calvin.edu)

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**Title: 2017 SpringGR Graduation & Pitch Night**

**Description:** Spring GR invites you to attend the network wide Graduation and Pitch Night consisting of entrepreneurs from 5 sites, Restorers Inc, The Other Way Ministries, Roosevelt Park Ministries, Streams of Hope and the new spanish speaking site from The Hispanic Center! Networking time to meet the entrepreneurs following the event at 8:30. Come show your support to Spring GR's 2016 Spring class; Grand Rapids' newest entrepreneurs! Spring GR entrepreneurs will pitch their businesses to a group of judges (think a kind version of ABC's "Shark Tank") and you, as the audience will also have a vote to help determine the People's Choice winner. Refreshments will be served

**Date:** Thursday, June 8  
**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM  
**Location:** Downtown Market Grand Rapids



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**435 Ionia Avenue SW**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2017-springgr-graduation-pitch-night-tickets-34420475569?aff=es2>

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**Title: Grand Rapids Lids for Kids**

**Description:** Lids for Kids is a free bike helmet giveaway and bicycle safety event for children and their families. The program emphasizes the importance of bike safety and gives children the most important tool in preventing brain injury while riding a bike: a properly fitted helmet. Children who attend can meet local firefighters and tour a fire engine. There will also be a bike raffle and drawings to win passes and certificates to local restaurants and entertainment venues.

**Date:** Saturday, June 10  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Garfield Park  
Corner of Jefferson Dr. and Burton St.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.therapidian.org/grand-rapids-lids-kids>

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**Title: 2017 Grand Rapids Asian Festival**

**Description:** We would like to invite you to Grand Rapids' very first Asian Festival. This inaugural one-day spectacular event will showcase the different cultures, food, arts, music and more that Asia has to offer. Guests will have the chance to join origami and chopsticks workshops as well as interactive dance performances representing cultures from Bollywood to Laos! The Philippines, Korea, India, China, Thailand, Vietnam and other Asian countries will be featured. It will be a melting pot of everything Asian! There will be a large variety of entertainment from lion dances, martial arts demonstrations, singers, a local celebrity hairstylist, and a live Asian band.

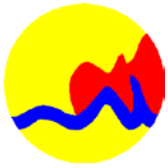
**Date:** Saturday, June 10  
**Time:** 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
**Location:** Rosa Parks Circle  
Monroe Center and Monroe Avenue  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://grasianfestival.com/>

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**Title: Construction Truck Petting Zoo**

**Description:** Is your child in awe of construction trucks? Would they like to see them up close and in-person? Come explore our petting zoo of real construction trucks on display in the streets in front of the Main Library and the Grand Rapids Children's Museum. A variety of trucks will be on display from the Kent County Road Commission and the cities of Grand Rapids, Walker, Kentwood, Wyoming, Grandville, and East Grand Rapids. Hands-on activities and delicious snacks for the whole family! Kids who sign up



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for the Summer Reading Challenge at the event will receive their free beginner swag bag.

**Date:** Saturday, June 10  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Public Library – Main Library  
(Sheldon Avenue and Library Street)  
111 Library Street Northeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.grpl.org/summerreading/events/>

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**Title: Loving Day Family Block Party & Film Festival**

**Description:** It's a full day of fun with lots of activities for the whole family! Outdoors there will be food, vendors, children's activities, a stage with music, and inside the church, there will be film viewings from The Mosaic Film Experience, workshops and a voice box from Wrinkle Creative to capture your stories! This festival is a part of West Michigan's Loving Day Celebration during the weekend of June 9-June 11, 2017. The celebration observes the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision in Loving vs. Virginia that struck down anti-miscegenation laws that prohibited interracial marriage and cohabitation in the state of Virginia.

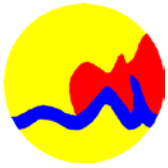
**Date:** Saturday, June 10  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Location:** First Park Congregational Church  
10 East Park Place Northeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/loving-day-family-block-party-film-festival-tickets-34582428976?aff=es2>

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**Title: Rock the Block**

**Description:** A celebration of good food, local talents and the arts - Rock the Block is an event for your entire family. Rock the Block began in 2011 as a place where residents were connected to resources and offered a community space for a day of fun together. Over the years Rock the Block has evolved to become a large street fair with vendors, resources and entertainment where residents can listen to great bands, sample local food, connect with local non-profits and businesses and take in Madison Square's rich cultural history.

**Date:** Saturday, June 10  
**Time:** 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
**Location:** LINC UP  
1167 Madison Avenue SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rock-the-block-2017-tickets-29795256414>



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**Title: 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming of the Three Fires Pow Wow**

**Description:** This is an outdoor celebration featuring Anishnabek (Three Fires American Indian/Native American) music, dance, art, food and crafts. Public welcome, free admission, free parking; please no pets and absolutely no drugs or alcohol!

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 – Sunday June 11

**Time:** Saturday: 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM; Sunday: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location:** Riverside Park  
2001 Monroe Avenue Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49501

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/38th-annual-homecoming-of-the-three-fires-pow-wow/51559/>

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**Title: Pulse Nightclub Candlelight Vigil**

**Description:** Candlelight vigil in honor of the lives lost at Pulse Nightclub or Orlando. This is a free and family friendly event.

**Date:** Monday, June 12

**Time:** 9:00 PM – 9:30 PM

**Location:** The Apartment Lounge  
33 Sheldon Avenue NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.grpride.org/pride-festival-events>

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**Title: Free Ballroom Dancing on the Blue Bridge**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with DGRI to offer free outdoor classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Join the growing West Michigan ballroom dance community. Learn the most popular dances including Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, East Coast Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba, and Tango.

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 19 and 26

**Time:** 7:30 PM – 8:15 PM

**Location:** The Blue Bridge  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-ballroom-dancing-on-the-blue-bridge/51160/>

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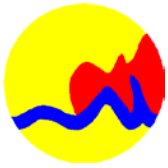
**Title: Free Zumba at Rosa Parks**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with DGRI to offer free outdoor fitness classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and Yoga mat.

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 19 and 26

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM

**Location:** Rosa Parks Circle  
Monroe Center and Monroe Avenue



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**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-zumba-at-rosa-parks/51067/>

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**Title: Family and Children Story Time at Books & Mortar**

**Description:** Fun for the whole family! Bring the kids for story time at Books & Mortar. Attendees will receive a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream at Furniture City Creamery!

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Books & Mortar Bookstore  
955 Cherry Street Southeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.grpride.org/pride-festival-events>

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**Title: Free STRONG by Zumba on the Blue Bridge**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with DGRI to offer free outdoor classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Strong by Zumba is a non-dance based workout that combines high intensity interval training (HIIT), body weight exercises, and cardio moves with the science of synced music motivation. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and Yoga mat.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 20 and 27  
**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM  
**Location:** The Blue Bridge  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-strong-by-zumba-on-the-blue-bridge/51161/>

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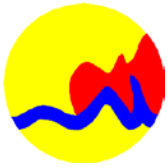
**Title: 123 Andrés**

**Description:** Latin Grammy award-winning Andrés Salguero, better known as 123 Andrés, is one of the most exciting new voices on the family music scene. Called “a rockstar for little language learners” by Billboard Magazine, Andrés brings joyful sounds, passion for bilingualism, and a high-energy love of music to audiences. A native of Bogotá, Colombia, Andrés gets kids singing and dancing in Spanish and English.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14  
**Time:** June 13: 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM. June 14: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Main Library, West Leonard Branch, Seymour Branch, Yankee Clipper Branch  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.grpl.org/summerreading/events/>

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**Title: Renew Mama at the GRCM: Yoga for Caregivers & Tots**

**Description:** Join us for the latest installment of yoga at the GRCM. Bring your little ones and enjoy yoga, bonding, activities, and songs. Newborns are most welcome to join in on the fun.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13

**Time:** 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

**Location:** Grand Rapids Children's Museum  
11 Sheldon Avenue Northeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/renew-mama-at-the-grcm-yoga-for-caregivers-tots-june-tickets-34333946759?aff=es2>

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**Title: Free POUND on the Blue Bridge**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. to offer free outdoor fitness classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. A limited number of Ripstix® will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and Yoga mat.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14, 21 and 28

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:15 AM

**Location:** The Blue Bridge  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-pound-on-the-blue-bridge/51163/>

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**Title: Free Yoga at Sixth Street Park**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. to offer free outdoor fitness classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Experience stress relief and greater body awareness in this class combining stretching and mindfulness. Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and Yoga mat.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 14, 21 and 28

**Time:** 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

**Location:** Sixth Street Bridge Park  
647 Monroe Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

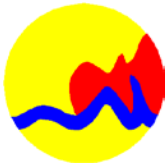
**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-yoga-at-sixth-street-park/51162/>

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**Title: Fiber Jewelry Making (for Adults)**

**Description:** Participants will be introduced to the art of needle felting and use this process mixed with embroidery techniques to create a brooch or another piece of jewelry to take home with you. All supplies are included.

**Date:** Thursday, June 15



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**Time:** 6 PM – 7 PM  
**Location:** Kent District Library – Gaines Township Branch  
421 68<sup>th</sup> Street Southeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** Pre-registration required  
**Information:** <http://www.kdl.org/events/gaines-township-branch/2017-06-15/fiber-jewelry-making>

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**Title: Intro to Coding Workshop in Grand Rapids**

**Description:** This Intro to Coding workshop is a *free* workshop designed for folks who are curious about coding, but who have little to no experience. This workshop is the perfect class to learn the programming foundations needed to *eventually* build a website or mobile app. While you won't leave the workshop a developer, you will leave with an understanding of code needed to learn any programming language. Come with a laptop and ready to learn!

**Date:** Thursday, June 15  
**Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Women's Resource Center  
678 Front Avenue, Suite 180  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** Space is limited, RSVP as soon as you can  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/intro-to-coding-workshop-in-grand-rapids-tickets-34570349847?aff=es2>

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**Title: Free Kickboxing on the Blue Bridge**

**Description:** Parks & Recreation has teamed up with DGRI to offer free outdoor fitness classes to the Grand Rapids community once again! Participants are encouraged to bring a water bottle and Yoga mat.

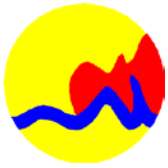
**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 22 and 29  
**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM  
**Location:** The Blue Bridge  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/free-kickboxing-on-the-blue-bridge/51164/>

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**Title: Movies in the Park – Willy Wonka & Pan's Labyrinth**

**Description:** 6-7pm Pre-Movie Entertainment Includes: Host Gabriella de la Vega of El Mundo Musical and DJ Adrian Butler. 7pm Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory, 9:30pm Pan's Labyrinth. The movies will be played in English with English subtitles for our community with hearing impairments.

**Date:** Friday, June 16  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM  
**Location:** Ah-Nab-Awen Park  
220 Front Avenue Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Free



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**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/193307594523189/>

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**Title: Curiosity Lab: DNA Extraction**

**Description:** All living things store their genetic identity in DNA and RNA. In this Curiosity Lab, kids will get hands on with DNA from fruit! Using a lab setting, breakers and pipets, kids will isolate DNA to visualize the cellular structure. 11 AM: Family Lab: This lab will be focused on family learning. 1 PM: Kids Only! Lab: For those 8 years and older.

**Date:** Saturday, June 17  
**Time:** 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Public Museum  
272 Pearl Street NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Tickets are \$4/child (includes general admission to the Museum)  
**RSVP:** Yes, limited tickets available  
**Information:** <http://www.grpm.org/explore/calendar-list/>

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**Title: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pre-Pride Rally: Hand-in-Hand, hosted by Dave Watt**

**Description:** Please join us for the GR Pride Festival's kick-off, followed by a symbolic march to the start of pride. Hosted by Dave Watt of Mr. Friendly and special guests. This is a free and family friendly event.

**Date:** Saturday, June 17  
**Time:** 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
**Location:** Ah-Nab-Awen Park  
220 Front Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.grpride.org/pride-festival-events>

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**Title: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Rapids Pride Festival**

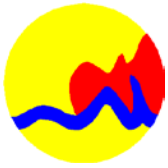
**Description:** Featuring Billy Gilman, Bonnie McKee, Lipstick Jodi, DJ Keller Shaw, Dymond Denae, the Rumors House Divas, and more.

**Date:** Saturday, June 17  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM  
**Location:** Calder Plaza  
300 Ottawa Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** \$8 entry  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://www.facebook.com/greatergrandrapidspride/>

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**Title: Pride Block Party/Family Day**

**Description:** Join us for our second annual Pride Block Party/ Family Day right outside our door. We've teamed up again with the Grand Rapids Children's Museum and Grand Rapids Pride Festival for this special day. After you've had your fun during all the neat and fun events planned for Pride Week, end your week with us. We will have DJ Keller Shaw spinning your favorite jams and food on the grill. Adult



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side will be 21+, but food and soda and snacks are welcome to all!

**Date:** Sunday, June 18  
**Time:** 2 PM – 8 PM  
**Location:** Apartment Lounge  
33 Sheldon Boulevard Northeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <https://goo.gl/rIrBHA>

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**Title: Creative Mini-Golf: Build a Game Together**

**Description:** This Father's Day, come build your own creative mini-golf game with upcycled materials! Swing by GRAM to create your own hole complete with all the obstacles you can envision, then add it to the course we're building in our Pocket Park and play a round (or more).

**Date:** Sunday, June 18  
**Time:** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Location:** Grand Rapids Art Museum  
101 Monroe Center Street NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.artmuseumgr.org/2017/02/02/creative-mini-golf-build-a-game-together-for-ng/>

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**Title: Baffling Bill the Magician**

**Description:** Be astounded when Baffling Bill the Magician wows you with magic! With help from Gus the Bunny and his assistant Kym, Baffling Bill will perform tricks to make you ooh and aah. See Kym disappear and reappear before your eyes!

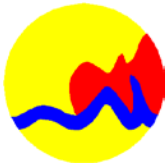
**Date:** Tuesday, June 20 and Wednesday, June 21  
**Time:** June 20: 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM. June 21: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Main Library, West Leonard Branch, Seymour Branch, Yankee Clipper Branch  
**Cost:** Free  
**RSVP:** None  
**Information:** <http://www.grpl.org/summerreading/events/>

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**Title: The Cutting Edge – Woodworking for Beginners**

**Description:** Tell me - have you ever seen a cutting board in the shape of a pig, swan, or an apple and are all like, "I HAVE to have that". Well. Want no more! Denny, with assistance from the Woodshop Mentors, will be teaching the art of cutting boards.

**Date:** Session 1: Tuesday, June 20. Session 2: Tuesday, June 27  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
**Location:** Samaritas Senior Living  
Terraces Workshop  
2000 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Southeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49508  
**Cost:** Free



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**RSVP:** Register Online  
**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-cutting-edge-woodworking-for-beginners-tickets-32898641723>

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**Title: Food from the Heart 2017**

**Description:** Join Heart of West Michigan United Way in making Food from the Heart! Volunteers will assemble ready-to-prepare meals that will be distributed through Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank to food pantries across the county. In two 2-hour shifts, over 1,000 people will package 200,000 protein-enriched meals for local families.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:** Van Andel Arena  
130 Fulton Street West  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** Sign up for one of two shifts: 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm.

**Information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/food-from-the-heart-2017-tickets-34047596277?aff=es2>

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**Title: Yoga at GRAM**

**Description:** The Grand Rapids Art Museum and AM Yoga present Yoga at GRAM. Join us on Thursday evenings for exceptional Vinyasa-style yoga classes with instructors Ashley Yost and Mali Jane.

**Date:** Thursday, June 22

**Time:** 5:45 PM – 6:45 PM

**Location:** Grand Rapids Art Museum  
Cook Auditorium  
101 Monroe Center Street NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Cost:** Donation based

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.artmuseumgr.org/2017/01/17/yoga-at-gram-25/>

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**Title: Longest Day 5K**

**Description:** 2017 marks the 6th year of Blandford Nature Center's fundraising trail run/walk! Join us on Friday, June 23rd for an evening of fitness, food and fun. Run or walk the trails through Blandford's 143 acre property. Afterwards, celebrate the summer solstice with us at our Summer Celebration! This event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels.

**Date:** Friday, June 23

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

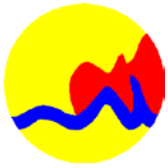
**Location:** Blandford Nature Center Trails  
1715 Hillburn Avenue  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**Cost:** Non-members: \$3/person, Members: Free

**RSVP:** Registration now open

**Information:** <http://blandfordnaturecenter.org/event/longest-day-5k/>

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**Title: Art Day**

**Description:** Join us with our team of local artists to celebrate and learn about the arts! Feel like taking a class but don't have the time? No worries, Lions & Rabbits will be doing an art pop-up day. Start by taking an introduction class and see where the possibilities lead you! Classes that will be offered- this list will keep growing! Screenprinting, Abstract Painting, Jewelry Making, Macrame, Figure Drawing, Collage, Hand Building Clay, Spray Paint, Acting. Feel free to experience any adult class while your children explore. There will be activities for them all day. Don't have kids? You're still invited :)

**Date: Sunday, June 25**

**Time: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Location: Lions & Rabbits**  
**1264 Plainfield Avenue Northeast**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49505**

**Cost: \$10/class**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/art-day/51430/>**

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**Title: Sustainability Series – Composting 101**

**Description:** Green Michigan.org along with Harmony Hall hosts a monthly workshop series on various sustainable topics. This month we will be discussing Composting. Join us to learn helpful tips and tricks for starting and maintaining a healthy composting operation. Ken Freestone a certified Master Composter will be on hand to show you all of the tips and tricks for your greens and browns. Space is limited and beer and sodas are available for purchase. Presentation starts at 6 but show up early to network and grab a bite or pint.

**Date: Tuesday, June 27**

**Time: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Location: Harmony Hall**  
**401 Stocking Avenue Northwest**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Cost: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainability-series-composting-101-tickets-33296455595>**

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**Title: Meet the Machines**

**Description:** Fire up those sirens! Stop by the Downtown Market and Meet the Machines! We'll have emergency vehicles, construction equipment and everything in between. Bring the kids by to see the machines up close.

**Date: Tuesday, June 27**

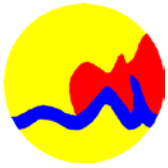
**Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Location: Downtown Market Grand Rapids**  
**435 Ionia Avenue Southwest**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

**Cost: Free**

**RSVP: None**

**Information: <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/meet-the-machines/50521/>**



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**Title: Cirque Amongus**

**Description:** Discover the “big top” within you. Cirque Amongus will surprise and delight audiences with a combination of comedy, circus skills, and audience participation. Come join us for the fun and joy of the circus without the animals.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 27 and Wednesday, June 28

**Time:** June 27: 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM. June 28: 10:30 AM, 3:00 PM, 6:30 PM

**Location:** Main Library, West Leonard Branch, Seymour Branch, Yankee Clipper Branch

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.grpl.org/summerreading/events/>

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**Title: Standale Summer Concert Series – Great Scott**

**Description:** Join us at the Walker Community Park (700 Cummings Avenue) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater! Performance by: Great Scott. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of music, food vendors, and kid's face painting.

**Date:** Thursday, June 29

**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Walker Community Park  
700 Cummings Avenue Northwest  
Grand Rapids, MI 49534

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <https://www.experiencegr.com/event/standale-summer-concert-series-great-scott/50505/>

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**Title: Community Farm Open House and Free Meal**

**Description:** Join the Madison neighborhood for an afternoon of building community, working together on the Community Farm, and sitting down together for a farm fresh meal. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able, dinner served at 6:30pm

**Date:** Friday, June 30, 2017

**Time:** 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Urban Roots  
1316 Madison Southeast  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** None

**Information:** <http://www.urbanrootsgr.org/events/2017/6/30/last-friday-drop-in-volunteer-day-and-free-farm-meal>