



# GAMIFY THE COMMUNITY SCAVENGER HUNT: ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE

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# AGENDA

## • GDL Road Trip Adventure

- The Why
- Trivia Questions
- Trading Cards

## • What's Next?

- Game ideas
- Summer Reading Inspiration
- Digital options



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# THE GAME



- Community-wide, family-friendly scavenger hunt!
- Visit all 19 GDL libraries to discover local history, trivia, and library lore.
- Seek answers to questions about our 19 libraries to solve a secret message.
- Each library features its own trading card. Find the answer to get the card.
- Collect all 19 trading cards and get a bonus 20th card when you complete the hunt.

Visit [thegd.org](http://thegd.org) for more info

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# THE WHY

- Increase awareness of 19 branch libraries across Genesee County
- Recognize that each branch is special
- Encourage patrons to visit multiple branches
- Reinforce the idea that the libraries are welcoming places to come for help



# TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- Find that special something about each library location
- Highlights included:
  - [Lend-a-Pet program](#) in the 80s (01:28 timestamp)
  - Red Squirrel Invasion
  - Book parade

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<b>3. Burton Memorial Library</b> This library has a beloved puppet used by storyteller, Joanne Ladd, on display in the Children's area. Mrs. Ladd performed for years as Mother Goose at Burton Memorial. What is the puppet's name?	_____
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# TRIVIA QUESTIONS

## Nutty

### Squirrel assaults force Montrose Library to close

By DAWSON BELL  
Journal staff reporter

**MONTROSE** — The Montrose Library has been closed indefinitely in the wake of an assault on a librarian by a band of marauding red squirrels.

"Yes, that's right," said Montrose Township Clerk Jackie Grice. "We've been trying to get rid of them since last year. But now they're getting to the point that they're charging people.

"We've called lots of agencies ... but no one will come out. I guess they're a bilger to get rid of."

The squirrels — officials guess they number about a dozen — have been in residence at the library, 126 E. Hickory, for more than a year. Until recently, though, they lived comfortably in the attic and walls of the converted one-room schoolhouse.

It was, Grice said, an annoying but not a serious situation.

**THE CRISIS** came to a head Saturday when 29-year-old librarian Jane Orewiler was surprised twice by charging squirrels.

Orewiler said she and a library volunteer, concerned over increasing rodent activity, were examining the building's exterior for openings when several young reds appeared, apparently became confused and charged them in the yard.

The two women were startled but managed to retreat without being harmed, she said.

An hour later, however, Orewiler was back inside at her desk when "one came out of the storage room and came at me.

"It was definitely charging at me," she said.

What followed was, by library standards, pure pandemonium.

"I had something in my hand and I went after him," Orewiler said. "I'm afraid I scared the patrons, too, because I yelled."

Orewiler's counterattack won the day. She chased the renegade squirrel back into the storage room, slammed the door and called police.

By the time help arrived, the squirrel had disappeared, literally into the woodwork.

In the words of Grice, "They're kind of out of control at this point."

**BECAUSE OF** their concern squirrels may pose a health hazard to library patrons, many of whom are children, township and library officials decided Saturday to close the branch.

Orewiler has been reassigned temporarily to another branch of the Genesee District Library system.

The township, which owns the library building, is investigating options on removal of the pesky squirrels.

## 'Bug bombs' latest hope in squirrel war

**MONTROSE** — A resolution to the squirrel invasion at the Montrose Library, which forced its closure last week, may come as soon as today, a library official said Sunday.

Library volunteer Nancy Shook said library officials intend to douse the building with "bug bombs," force the squirrels into the street, then close off all openings before re-entry is gained.

Grates have already been placed at suspected squirrel entryways on the building's foundation, she said.

The library, a branch of the Genesee District Library, has been closed since June 2, when young red squirrels charged at people on two occasions.

Library and township officials were concerned that the squirrels, which have been in residence for about 18 months, might be diseased and could infect library patrons.

Shook said several methods of removal, including live trapping and mothballs, have been used unsuccessfully. Township officials also tried and failed to find a contractor who could remove the squirrels without killing them, which Shook said is required by the state Department of Natural Resources.

"Nothing else is working, so we're going to try bug bombs," she said.

Meanwhile, library patrons, including dozens of youngsters who signed up for a summer reading program Saturday, can't get to the books, she said.

"(The squirrels) have to go," Shook said. "We have no choice in the matter."

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LIBRARY

**GDL ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE 2023** When Baker Park offered a Lend-a-Pet Program, patrons were able to borrow animals including parakeets! **???**  
COLLECT ALL 20!

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-VERA B. RISON  
LIBRARY

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LIBRARY

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-JENNINGS  
LIBRARY

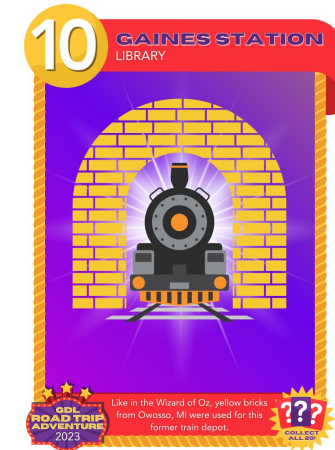
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# TRADING CARDS



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- [Reading Dragons](#) from Dover Public Library in Dover, OH has tutorials and templates!
- [Reading Dragons Google Drive](#)
  - Mallory Thompson: [mthompson@doverlibrary.org](mailto:mthompson@doverlibrary.org)
  - Liz Strauss: [strausel@doverlibrary.org](mailto:strausel@doverlibrary.org)



**1** **BAKER PARK LIBRARY**

When Baker Park opened a Land-a-Park Program, parakeets were able to flourish, thanks to lighting standards!

**2** **WATER WISE LIBRARY**

In 1983, a tornado destroyed the Beachfront Mausoleum Library.

**3** **BURTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Library for people that have used for their services could be paid for their performance in Woodstock.

**4** **CLIO AREA LIBRARY**

Clio Area Library is home to a registered butterfly garden.

We collected all the cards and played the scavenger hunt game.

**5** **DAVISON AREA LIBRARY**

Davison Area Library has a mural featuring a dragon reading a book called Dragon.

**6** **FENTON WING GARDEN LIBRARY**

Fenton Wings has a mural that is based on the movie Star Wars. The mural is called "The Force is with us".

**7** **FLINT TOWNSHIP FIREARTY LIBRARY**

Before 1914, Flint Township distributed books to residents via school buses.

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6. Fenton-Wing Garden Library	The LIBRARIAN
7. Flint Township-McCarty Library	BOOKMOBILE
8. Flushing Area Library	TREES
9. Forest Township Library	GRANDSLAM
10. Gaines Station Library	YELLOW

**8** **FLUSHING AREA LIBRARY**

Inside the Flushing library there are three cartoon trees that look like trees.

**9** **FOREST TOWNSHIP LIBRARY**

There are two amazing historical murals in the Forest Township Library system, which are the "The Grand Slam" and "The Yellow".

**10** **GAINES STATION LIBRARY**

Lies in the World of Clio, a cartoon type of book called Clio. It was used for the former train depot.

**11** **GENESEE JOHNSON LIBRARY**

This library has a hawkery bird on display called a Cooper's Hawk.

**12** **GENESEE VALLEY CENTER LIBRARY**

The Genesee Valley Center Library has a guitar on display called a Gibson Les Paul.

**13** **GOODRICH LIBRARY**

History of many students from Goodrich Township is displayed in the Goodrich Library.

**14** **GRAND BLANG LIBRARY**

Recently, GDL opened a Story Book Trail in Sun Park in Grand Blang.

SO MUCH FUN

11. Genesee-Johnson Library	HAWK
12. Genesee Valley Center Library	UKULELE
13. Goodrich Library	PARADE
14. Grand Blang-McFarlan Library	RUST
15. Linden Library	FISHING
16. Montrose-Jennings Library	SQUIRREL
17. Mt. Morris Library	BUTTERFLY
18. Swartz Creek Perkins Library	LVAN
19. William F. Delaney Headquarters Library	TALKING

**THE ONLY THING THAT YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO KNOW, IS THE LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY.** - Albert Einstein

**15** **LINDEN LIBRARY**

At Linden Library you can bring your rod and reel and do a little fishing.

**16** **MONTROSE JENNINGS LIBRARY

Squirrels inhabit the Montrose-Jennings Library and are busy in the summer of 1991.**

**17** **MT MORRIS LIBRARY**

The Mt. Morris Library has a mural featuring a butterfly in the library nearby.

**18** **SWARTZ CREEK PERKINS LIBRARY**

Look in the library at Swartz Creek. Who looks like a grand?

**19** **WILLIAM F. DELANEY HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY**

The Headquarters Library has a great story called "The Sound of Music".

**20** **BONUS CARD!**

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# GDL ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE STATS

## 2023 Stats

- 1,396 Library branch trading cards picked up.
- 222 Bonus 20 cards picked up.
- 1,618 Total cards distributed to patrons.

## 2023 Takeaways

- All ages loved the program, particularly senior citizens and families with young children
- The game increased attendance stats at several of our smaller branches
- Multiple kudos from patrons through the summer and they are now anticipating the 2024 version

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# WHAT'S NEXT: GAME IDEAS



Trivia games



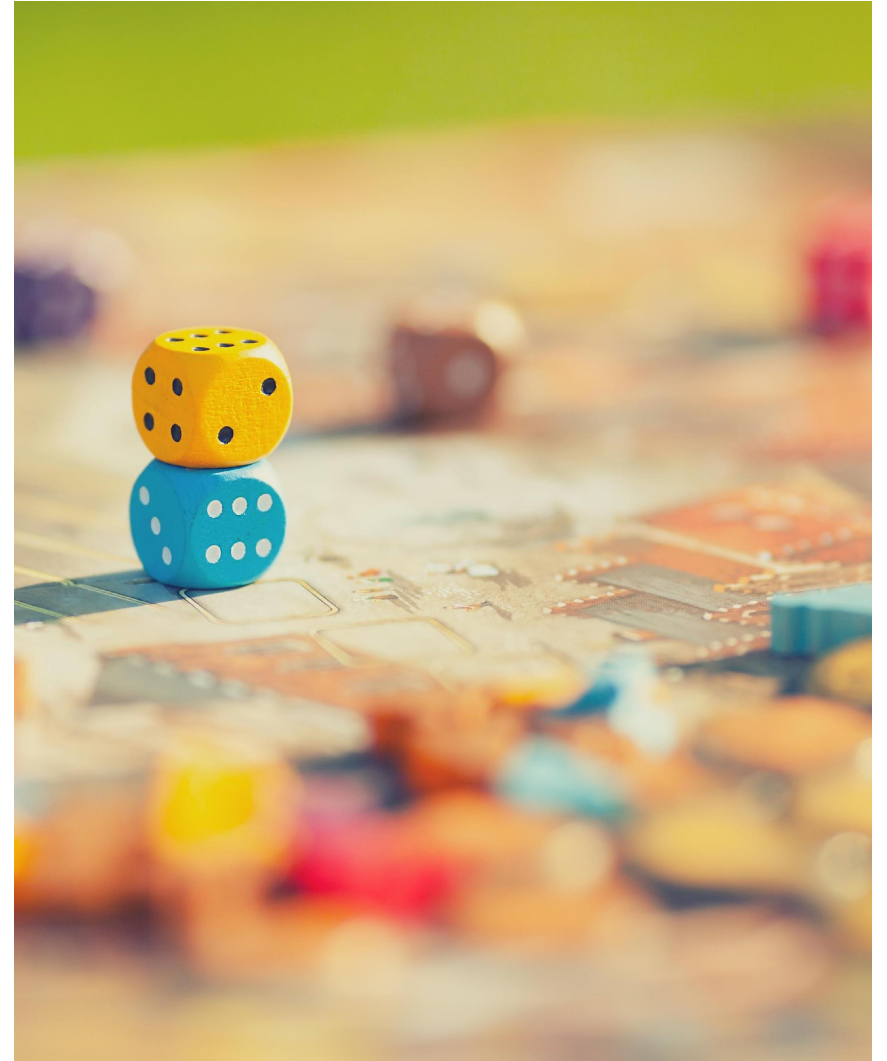
Seek-and-Find scavenger hunts



Solve a code



Breakout boxes



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# WHAT'S NEXT SUMMER READING INSPIRATION

## Adventure Begins at Your Library

- Explore different genres
- Adventures in nonfiction
- Decipher codes

## Color Our World

- Painting styles
- Art media
- Famous artists

## Unearth a Story

- Dinosaurs
- Archaeology
- Geology
- Ancient history

# ADVENTURES IN BABYSITTING



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## 2024 ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE

Adventures in the library collection,  
services, programs

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# ADVENTURES IN...

Magic



Cooking



Gardening



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# 2024 ROAD TRIP ADVENTURE

## Crossword Game



## Patrons will

- Solve 19 clues in a crossword puzzle
- Each clue will feature a different part of the library collection
- Each library will have its own trading card to collect
- Highlighted letters in the puzzle will spell out a secret message: “A library card is the start of a lifelong adventure.” Lilian Jackson Braun



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# WHAT'S NEXT: DIGITAL GAME VS IN-PERSON



Accessibility



More ways to play equals more fun

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**BONUS CARD!**



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# THANK YOU

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