

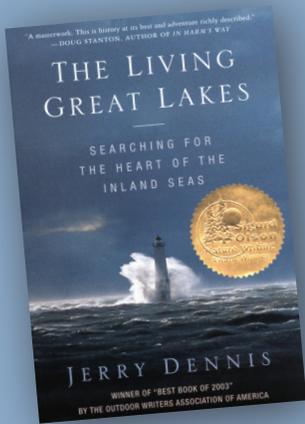
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MEET THE AUTHOR:
Jerry Dennis

Tuesday, March 3, 7 pm
Kalamazoo Central H.S. Auditorium

Set sail with Jerry Dennis, author of *The Living Great Lakes: Searching for The Heart of the Inland Seas*, this year's Reading Together book!



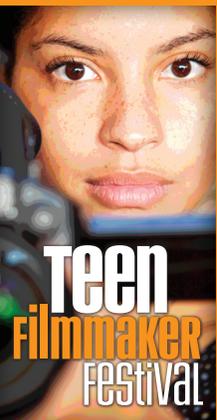
Your Central Experience – *Revitalized*

Changes are happening at Central to redefine your experience there.

The first floor is being revitalized with a fresh layout designed to make browsing the latest releases much more enjoyable. Rearranging the New Book shelving and refocusing the entire first floor space toward the discovery of great new books will both improve the experience for our patrons and help us better utilize the available space in our building.

Looking for a quiet space at Central for research or reading? Head to the second floor and try our new quiet zone. Study tables, comfortable seating, and our daily newspaper collection will be featured in this new area within the second floor nonfiction shelves. Just remember, “shhhh” definitely applies in this area.

We hope you like your new Central experience and enjoy a bookstore feel without the purchase pressure. Thank you for sharing a part of your day with us at KPL!



CALLING ALL TEEN FILMMAKERS!



Enter your films in the 12th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival, the best film festival for teens in Michigan!
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Don't miss Friends of KPL Annual Book Sale!
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events Adult

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BOOKS

ART HOP

Poetry Trunk Show

Fri, December 5, 6-8 pm, CEN

Meet local authors and hear readings by a variety of authors whose books were freshly published in 2013-2014. Book sale will offer great holiday shopping for your literary-minded friends.

Urban Fiction

Book Discussion

Tuesdays, January 27, 6 pm, POW

February 24, 6pm, POW

This popular street lit group will talk about *Kiss the Ring* by Meesha Mink in January and *Reverend Hype* by Deacon Raymond Ryan in February. Pick up copies of the novels at Powell desk.

HISTORY & GENEALOGY

R Genealogy Lock-In

Fri, January 16, 6-10 pm, CEN

After-hours event for genealogists. Explore genealogy databases like Ancestry and America's Genealogy Bank. Try out the new digital microfilm readers! Take advantage of free copying, printing, and scanning. Registration begins December 29; call 553-7808 or register online.

R Intro to Genealogy

Tues, February 10, 6 pm, POW

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through databases like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's index to local publications, plus important print sources, major collections, and more. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting January 19.

Picturing Kalamazoo's Past

Mon, February 23, 7 pm, CEN



Join local historians Sharon Ferraro, Lynn Houghton and Keith Howard for a look at more than 100 years of Kalamazoo's history through the work of six notable photographers: Schuyler Baldwin, Wallace White, Ward Morgan, George and Mamie Austin, and Lance Ferraro.

LEGAL

Ask a Lawyer

Thurs, December 11, 6 pm, CEN

Fri, December 12, 11:30 am, CEN

Thurs, January 8, 6 pm, CEN

Fri, January 9, 11:30 am, CEN

Tue, February 3, 6 pm, POW

Fri, February 13, 11:30 am, CEN

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law. For a free 20-minute appointment, call: Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

Free Tax Prep

Mon, February 9, 1:30-6:30 pm, OSH

Thurs, February 12, 10 am-3 pm, CEN

Tues, February 24, 2-7 pm, EAS

Thurs, February 26, 10 am-3 pm, CEN

Free tax preparation for those with household income under \$53,000 in 2014, prepared by IRS-certified VITA tax volunteers. By appointment only. Dial 211 to make appointment and for more info.



KPL's digital lab, The Hub,

offers patrons several opportunities for hands-on digital projects. Four PCs are set up for digital preservation. We have Canon 9000F scanners and templates for scanning slides and negatives which makes the process simple. Our VHS-to-DVD converter allows patrons to pop a movie in and record a digital copy in real time which can then be burned to a DVD or placed on a flash drive. Have some old mix-tapes on cassette? Bring them in to convert to mp3!

If digital production is more your gig, The Hub has four 27" iMacs loaded with amazing applications. Create and edit movies in Final Cut Pro, Premier Pro, or iMovie; use Anime Studio to create your own cartoon; for all the graphic designers out there, we also have Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign. Staff in The Hub can help you start your project.

The Hub is open Tuesdays: 3-8 pm, and Thursdays and Saturdays: 10 am-3 pm. Reserve a computer online at kpl.gov/hub, or walk in during open hours. You can also find a full list of hardware and software on our website, kpl.gov/hub. See you there!



Tuesdays: 3-8 pm

Thursdays: 10 am-3 pm

Saturdays: 10 am-3 pm

MUSIC

Jeff Dwarshuis

Wed, December 3,
7 pm, CEN

Jeff Dwarshuis is a classical guitarist living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has an extensive repertoire in Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern Music. Dwarshuis has performed throughout the midwest including the Grand Rapids Art Museum, the Cranbrook Art Museum, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Toledo Museum of Art, Kalamazoo Valley College, the All Saints' Summer Recital Series of Saugatuck, the Soul of The City Concert Series in Saint Paul's Church of Muskegon, the Barker Concert Series in Central Reformed Church of Grand Rapids and Christ Church Cranbrook's Salon Concert Series in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

www.jeffdwarshuismusic.com



Acclarion

Wed, January 21,
7 pm, CEN

Acclarion, Canada's premier accordion and clarinet ensemble, is giving classical music a makeover! Since 2003, with virtuosic flare and entertaining banter, accordionist David Carovillano and clarinetist Becky Sajo-Carovillano have charmed audiences with their unique arrangements of classical masterpieces, sultry tangos, popular folk tunes, and original compositions in concerts that are fun for all ages. In 2004, they recorded their debut self-titled album, featuring works by Handel, Faure, and Puccini, as well as original compositions by Carovillano, Charles Cozens, and Walter Buczynski. Regularly featured on CBC radio shows such as Disc Drive, the Vinyl Café, and Studio Sparks, the CD has sold in countries around the world, including Italy, Australia, and Puerto Rico and remains popular on iTunes. Acclarion's distinctive sound is perfectly suited to film music and has been featured in the Canadian-produced documentary *Sing Me to Sleep*.

www.acclarion.ca/



Olivia Mainville

Wed, February 18,
7 pm, CEN

An eclectic blend of indie-folk sounds, laden with infectious hooks, foot tapping rhythms, and memorable harmonies. This is the core of Holland, Michigan's emerging artist Olivia Mainville and her debut EP "Full Steam Ahead."

www.oliviamainvillemusic.com

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

Have a Favorite Author? Get KPL Author Alerts!



If you have often wished you could get your hands on the newest release by your favorite author as soon as it is published, sign up for KPL's Author Alerts. Just go to www.kpl.gov/author-alerts, provide your email address (or cell phone number for a text message) and an alert will be sent to you as soon as any item by that author has been ordered. Click on the link in your alert, and then select the Place Hold button to reserve your copy. It's that easy! A word of caution, however: be sure to check the edition information in the catalog entry to make sure you're placing a hold on the edition you want. We carry a variety of books, such as large print, Spanish, and graphic novels.

Attention: Book Club in a Bag Users!

If your book club is utilizing Book Club in a Bag, please remember when you check out a Book Club in a Bag, you are accepting responsibility for all ten copies of the title, which means you will return all ten copies in the bag at the same time, rather than people in your book group returning their copies independently. Borrowing guidelines for Book Club in a Bag can be found at www.kpl.gov/book-club-in-a-bag/guidelines.aspx.

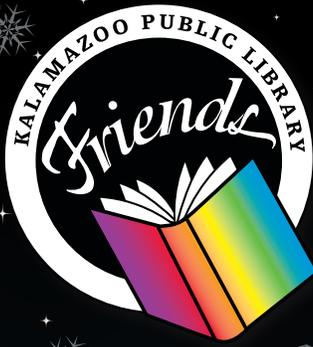


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Gift Book Sale

GOING ON NOW!

Like-new, gift-quality books
at a fraction of retail cost.

A book is the gift that is
opened again and again.

Bag-of-Books Sale

Sat, January 31,
9 am – 3:30 pm, CEN

All books are 10¢ each
or \$2.00 for a bag full.

Bring your own bag to fill with:
fiction, science fiction, romance,
assorted nonfiction, children's
books, videos, CDs and more!



THE FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE

Holiday Schedule

The Friends' Bookstore
will be closed on:

December 24 & 25 and
December 31 & January 1

& MORE

Tea 101

Tues, December 2, 6:30 pm, OSH

Kelly Zajac of Tudor House Tea & Spice will give a brief history of how tea was discovered and became part of everyday life for most people around the world. She will also talk about the different types of tea, how to prepare it, and its benefits. We'll sample three different teas!

Cheese 101 with the Cheese Lady

Tues, December 9, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Cheese 101 will walk you through seven families of cheese, with a general overview as to what makes each cheese and style unique. Enjoy a sampling of some of the styles, along with a look into the cheese-making and aging process.



R Beginning Yoga

Tues, December 16, 6 pm, EAS

Mon, January 19, 6 pm, OSH

Tues, February 10, 6 pm, WSQ

Join us for a beginning yoga class led by Bailey Mead, RYT. This gentle class will provide an introduction to the basics of yoga, focusing on simple stretching postures using breath and awareness while building strength and flexibility. The class will end with quiet guided relaxation. Bring a yoga mat or towel and dress comfortably. Registration required.

Hearty Soups for Cold Winter Nights

Tues, January 13, 6 pm, EAS

Stay warm this winter by making some stick-to-your-ribs soup that will warm your heart and soul.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



R Zumba

Tuesdays, January 20, 6 pm, WSQ

February 17, 6 pm, OSH

Zumba is a fun Latin-inspired dance class that incorporates hip hop, salsa, merengue, reggaeton, cumbia, soca, samba, and mambo. It is a great cardiovascular workout and also involves some resistance exercises like squats and lunges. Dress comfortably, bring water and a towel, and be prepared to party! Registration required.

R Food For Your Soul

Tues, February 3, 6 pm, POW

Learn how to make some healthy meals that comfort the soul with Keneisha Morgan-Darden, restaurant owner and author of *Cooking 'N Heelz*. Copies of her book will be for sale at the event. Registration required.

Kalamazoo Connect

Wed, February 11, 5pm, CEN

Kalamazoo Public Library and ONEplace unite to spotlight dynamic community building efforts in Greater Kalamazoo. These quarterly events feature three short presentations on innovative, engaging endeavors followed by an opportunity for informal discussions and networking. Locally-sourced refreshments will be served. Don't miss the inaugural Kalamazoo Connect.

10 Steps to Self-Publishing

Tues, February 17, 6 pm, POW

Sonya Hollins, a publisher and author, will show participants how to form the concept of your book, design it, and sell it. Other area self-published authors will also be on hand to answer questions.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

A definite highlight of this past year was the renewal of our second, smaller millage in May by a margin of 75/25%. This 20-year renewal, along with the larger one renewed in 2009, secures our funding through 2029. We appreciate the confirmation of our services by the voters.

Several changes to the Central Library were completed this year. The Story Place Activity Room provides a space adjacent to the Children's Room for programming for preschoolers through elementary-age children and complements our designation as a Family Place Library. The Hub, our digital lab, opened in the spring, and the Clarence L. Miller Family Local History Room was expanded. These projects were funded primarily by gifts and interest earned on our endowment. All three areas have been heavily used and appreciated by patrons.

Our strong partnership with Kalamazoo Public Schools continues to grow with all first graders visiting a library location three times during the school year, and our series First Saturday @ KPL focusing on family activities. Other programs focus on various grade levels, including Global Reading Challenge and J-Pop Club.

Library use is increasing. Circulation increased 2% this past year with heavy use of digital materials in a variety of electronic formats. Participation in summer reading was strong and attendance at library programs at all age levels increased, too.

As we look to the next year, we expect to rearrange the first floor rotunda at Central, replace the carpet in the children's area at Oshtemo, and revise our website for easier access on mobile devices. We will continue to focus our efforts on early literacy; reading, viewing, and listening for all ages; access to digital services; and local history.

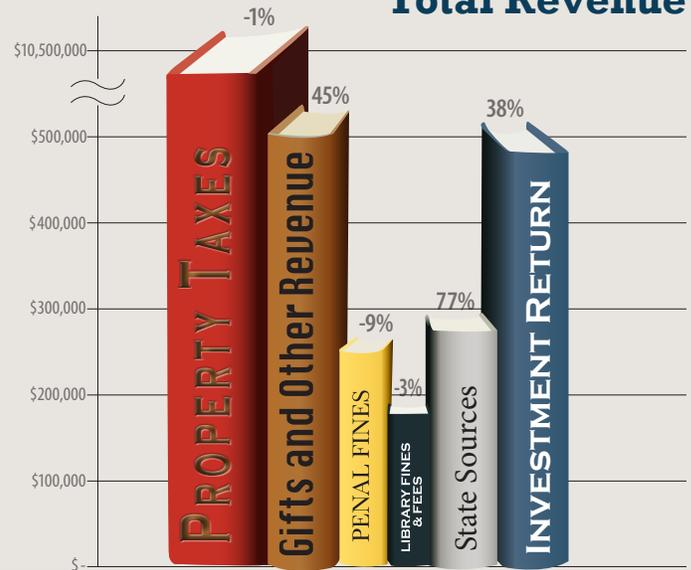
Come visit soon...one of our five locations or our website at kpl.gov.

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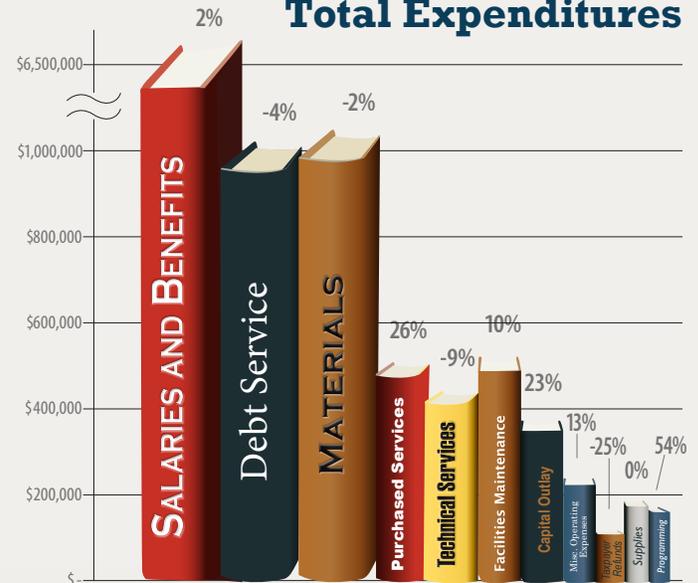
Population	123,979
Materials Circulated	1,765,835
Circulation per Capita	14
Programs Offered	1,535
Program Attendance	60,279

Total Revenue



Property Taxes	\$10,321,415
Gifts and Other Revenue	\$517,916
Penal Fines	\$254,027
Library Fines & Fees	\$176,721
State Sources	\$278,348
Investment Return	\$506,756
Total Revenue	\$12,055,183

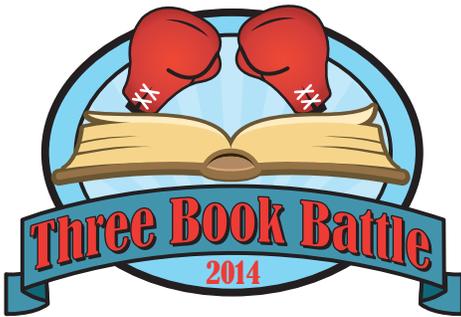
Total Expenditures



Salaries & Benefits	\$6,791,983
Debt Service	\$1,059,537
Materials	\$1,077,513
Purchased Services	\$523,031
Technical Services	\$465,325
Facilities Maintenance	\$536,589
Capital Outlay	\$381,814
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$246,536
Taxpayer Refunds	\$92,681
Supplies	\$198,263
Programming	\$171,034
Total Expenditures	\$11,544,306

Tween & Teen events

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2nd Annual Three Book Battle: May 2, 2015

2015 Three Book Battle titles will be announced on February 9. Registration and team sets will be available at the Central Library, Teen Area and the Oshtemo Branch Library from February 9 through April 30th. The 2nd Annual Three Book Battle will take place on Saturday, May 2. For details and official rules, please visit www.kpl.gov/tbb.



R Babysitting Workshop, Ages 12 & up



6-WEEK SESSION

November 11, 18 & 25 and
December 2, 9 & 16, 4-5:30 pm, POW

Be a safe and successful babysitter by attending a 6-week workshop.

Workshop presented by Veronica Bolhuis, MSUE Kalamazoo County 4-H Program Coordinator. Registration required, space is limited.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.), Gr 6-12

Mondays, December 1, January 5 & February 2, 3:30 pm, CEN

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun!

R Glass Arts, Gr 5-12

Thurs, December 4, 6 pm, CEN

Mon, December 8, 6 pm, OSH

Try out hands-on fusing glass with experts from the West Michigan Glass Arts Center. Cut, layer, and stack glass. Projects will be fired offsite and returned to the event location in approximately 10 days. Registration required, space is limited.

Gift Making, Gr 5-12

Thurs, December 11, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Thurs, December 18, 4:30 pm, EAS

Still need that perfect present? Stop by and make it a DIY holiday. Supplies and gift wrap provided for multiple projects.

J-Pop Club, Gr 6-12

Mondays, December 15, January 19 & February 16, 3:30 pm, CEN

Enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky, and food. Drop in any time during the event!

R Digital Filmmaking @The Hub, Ages 12 & up

December 17 & 18, 6 pm, CEN

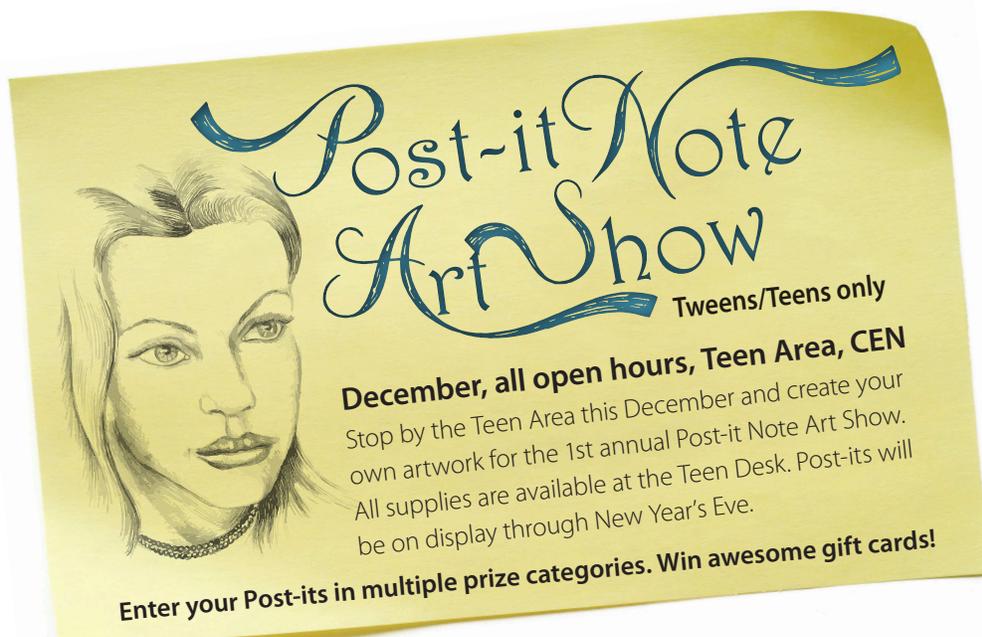
January 7 & 8, 6 pm, CEN

The Teen Filmmaker Festival is coming up and it's not too late to give your film the final polish it deserves! Learn about the craft of digital film editing in the Hub, KPL's digital creation lab. John Wagner from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts will show you what you need to get started editing your masterpiece.

Game Central, Gr 5-12

Sat, December 20, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun. Choose from our board, card, or video games, or bring your own!



Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mon, December 22, 1 pm, CEN,
Teen Area

Divergent factions. *Harry Potter* houses. *Marvel* comics. Drop in and make bracelets to match your favorite books. We'll have looms, yarn, and all the supplies you need. You bring the creativity.

Books to Movies, Ages 13-19

Tues, December 30, 1 pm, OSH,
The Fault in Our Stars

Fri, January 2, 1 pm, POW, *Divergent*

Great books keep leading to great movies. This winter break, hang out for movies and popcorn at the library. MPAA rating PG-13.

Flying Aces, All Ages

Mon, December 29, 2 pm, POW

Athletic, informative, and humorous fun with Frisbees! The Flying Aces will delight all with Frisbee history, technique and an audience participation contest.

R Martial Arts, Ages 8 & up

Tues, December 30, 6 & 7 pm, EAS

Learn self defense techniques with Charles Parker, 3rd degree Judo instructor. Registration required, space is limited. Please register for only one session.

Winter Warm-Up,

Tweens/Teens only

Thursdays in January and February,
4-6 pm, CEN Teen Area

Stop in and warm up with cider, hot chocolate, and snacks. Each week will feature different games, movies, or maker projects.

R Yoga for Teens, Ages 13-19

Thurs, January 22, 4:30 pm, EAS

Mon, February 2, 6 pm, OSH

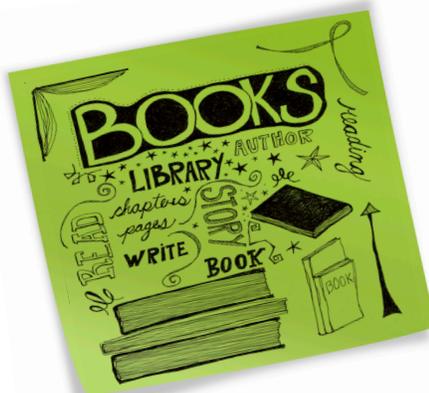
Have you ever wanted to try yoga? Yoga can improve your focus, relieve your stress, and make you stronger and more flexible. Join us for a fun and easy introduction to postures, breathing, and guided relaxation for teens. Dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat or large towel. Registration required.

Tape It!, Gr 5-12

Thurs, February 19, 4:30 pm, WSQ

We'll have a rainbow of colors, patterns, and sizes of tape. Washi Tape, duct tape, and packing tape, too! Bring your own inspiration and create with tape.

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



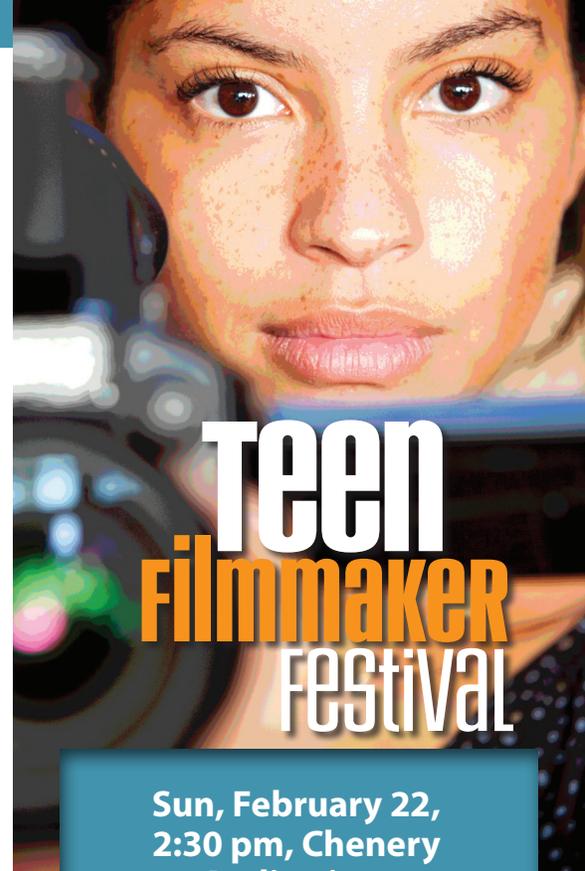
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EAS (Eastwood) 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970



TEEN Filmmaker Festival

Sun, February 22,
2:30 pm, Chenery
Auditorium

Films due by Sat,
January 17, 5 pm, CEN

CALLING ALL TEEN FILMMAKERS:

The 12th Annual Teen Filmmaker Festival is looking for the best teen-produced and teen-directed films! Three expert judges will award prizes for the best films in a variety of categories. Submit films and entry forms to the Teen Desk at the Kalamazoo Public Library by Saturday, January 17th. A jury will screen every film entered and select the finalists for screening at the festival. For a complete set of rules, format requirements, official entry form, and tips on making your film, visit www.kpl.gov/teenfilmfest.

Then, on February 22nd, come to Kalamazoo for the Filmmaker Festival at Chenery Auditorium! The finalists will be screened at this special event open to movie fans of all ages. Audience members will vote for a People's Choice award. Sponsored by Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Public Media Network, Alamo Drafthouse Cinema, and Campaign Pictures.

events Kids

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CEN (Central Library) 553-7800

EAS (Eastwood) 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.

T Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:15 am, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of parenting 1-3 year olds with a parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to age 1 year

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

LEGO at the Library, Family

Wednesdays, December 3

& January 14, 4:30 pm, POW

Saturdays, December 6, January 3,

& February 7, 10:30 am, OSH

Thursdays, December 11

& January 29, 4:30 pm, EAS

Saturdays, December 20, January 17,

& February 21, 10:30 am, CEN

Tuesday, December 23, 2 pm, CEN

Tuesdays, January 13 & February 3,
6:30 pm, WSQ

Friday, February 27, 2 pm, POW

Lego play time for preschoolers, kids, and caregivers.

First Saturday, Family

December 6, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

January 3, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

February 7, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! Hosted by local organizations supporting children and families in the Kalamazoo area. Enjoy stories, activities, guests, and door prizes! In December, our host will be KRESA. In January, Parents for Public Schools of Greater Kalamazoo will bring us some "Snow Day Fun"! In February, Communities in Schools will host.

R Holiday Crafts, Ages 6-11

Tues, December 9, 6 pm, EAS

Create some seasonal decorations, presents, ornaments, and more!

Registration required.

Reindeer Reign, Family

Sat, December 13, 10:30 am-12:30 pm,
OSH

Drop in and meet some friends from Reindeer Ranch. Make treats for reindeer visitors, crafts, and have fun! Reindeer will be outside and crafts and activities inside. Please dress accordingly and bring your camera for some photo-ops!

R Gingerbread Houses,

Ages 6-11

Mon, December 15, 4:30-6 pm, POW

Wed, December 17, 4:30-5:45 pm, WSQ

Create a masterpiece with graham crackers, frosting, and candies. Supplies provided.

Registration required.



Family Game Day, Family
Saturdays, December 20, January 17,
and February 21, 2-4 pm, OSH

Stop by and play some games from KPL's collection!

T Cup Stacking with Jim Merrills, Family

Mon, December 22, 2 pm, POW

"Mr. Jim" Merrills shows kids how to up-and-down stack cup pyramids at amazing speeds. Free ticket required.

T Bubbleman, Family

Mon, December 29, 3:30 & 4:30 pm, CEN

Ron Loyd, the Bubbleman, returns to delight and amaze us with bubble tricks and demonstrations! Free ticket required.

R Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Mon, December 29, 10:30 am, OSH

Tues, December 30, 3 pm, EAS

Fri, January 2, 10:30 am, WSO

Sat, January 3, 10:30 am, CEN

Movement, music, and dance for kids!

Wear comfortable clothing and socks.

Registration required.

R Yummy New Year's Hats, Ages 6-11

Mon, December 29, 2-3 pm, OSH

Drop in between 2-3 pm and decorate an edible New Year's Hat. Save it for January 1 or eat it as soon as you're done making it! Registration required.

Movie and Snacks: The Lego Movie, All Ages

Tues, December 30, 2 pm, WSO

An ordinary Lego construction worker, thought to be the prophesied 'Special,' is recruited to join a quest to stop an evil tyrant from gluing the Lego universe into eternal stasis. MPAA rating PG.

Movie and Snacks: Finding Nemo, All Ages

Wed, December 31, 2 pm, POW

After his son is captured from the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to find him. MPAA rating G.

R KSO Peter and the Wolf, Ages 6-11

Sat, January 10, 10:30 am & 12 pm, CEN

The well-loved family classic, *Peter and The Wolf*, written and composed by Sergei Prokofiev, comes to life as it is performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's Woodwind Quintet. Enjoy an Instrument Petting Zoo, meet the musicians, and create a craft based on the story. Fun for the whole family! Siblings welcome. This concert is part of the KSO Family Fun Chamber Series and has been sponsored in part by Biggby Coffee. Registration required.



KPL's Choice: Best Children's Books of 2014

Each year, the American Library Association recognizes the very best books for kids and teens during the organization's midwinter meeting. This year a wide variety of awards will be announced on February 2, 2015 from Chicago. While you may have heard of the Caldecott Award and the Newbery Award, there are a wonderful array of awards given to the very best books created for our children during the previous year. Here are some of the books that your KPL Youth Services staff will be cheering for as the awards are announced:

- *The Impossible Knife of Memory* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Skink... No Surrender* by Carl Hiaasen
- *The Book with No Pictures* by BJ Novak
- *Stories of My Life* by Katherine Paterson
- *Blood of Olympus* by Rick Riordan
- *It's Okay to Make Mistakes* by Todd Parr
- *"No Fits, Nilson!"* by Zachariah O'Hara
- *Telephone* by Mac Barnett
- *Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature* by Sarah C. Campbell
- *Gravity* by Jason Chin
- *Lord and Lady Bunny - Almost Royalty!* by Polly Horvath
- *Made by Raffi* by Craig Pomranz
- *Courage Has No Color* by Tanya Lee Stone
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Absolutely Almost* by Lisa Graff
- *Under the Egg* by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
- *Leo Loves Babytime* by Anna McQuinn
- *I'm Brave!* by Kate and Jim McMullan
- *The Contract* by Derek Jeter
- *Go, Shapes, Go!* by Denise Fleming
- *Winger* by Andrew Smith
- *Grasshopper Jungle* by Andrew Smith
- *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell
- *Empress of the Sun* by Ian McDonald
- *Andre the Giant: Life and Legend* by Box Brown
- *Girls Like Us* by Gail Giles
- *Through the Woods* by Emily Carroll
- *The Real Boy* by Anne Ursu

We'd love to hear from you about the books you think should have a big gold sticker on the cover! Tell us at: MAC@kpl.gov.

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Family Place Workshops

R 1,2,3 Play With Me: A Parent/Child Workshop, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, January 14, 21, 28,
February 4, 11, 10:30 – 11:45 am, CEN
Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March
2, 10:30 – 11:45 am, OSH

Spend time together, play, make friends,
and talk one-on-one with specialists on
child development during this enjoyable
5-week workshop. For children 1- to
3-years and their parents/caregivers.
Registration required. Infant
and preschool siblings may
attend with registered toddler.



Snowball Express, Ages 6-11

Thurs, January 15, 4:30 pm, EAS
Wed, January 28, 4:30 pm, POW

Listen to some snow stories, make a
snowflake craft, and enjoy a cool treat.

R “Drive in” Movie, Ages 3-6

Thurs, January 15, 10:30 am, WSQ
Mon, February 16, 10:30 am, CEN

Decorate a cardboard box “car” and
then enjoy a short film and snack.
For preschoolers and a caregiver.
Registration required.

Crybaby Concert with Fontana Chamber Arts, Birth-5

Sat, January 17, 11 am, OSH

Crybaby Concerts are FREE 45-minute
mini-concerts that give preschool children
and their caregivers a performance of
beautiful music in an open and flexible
environment - even if your little ones feel
like crying! Room to move and stroller
parking available. Nutritious, kid-friendly
snacks provided. No registration required.
Siblings welcome.

MLK Day Celebration, Ages 6-11

Mon, January 19, 4:30 pm, POW

Honor civil rights activist and Nobel Peace
Prize winner Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King,
Jr. Listen to a story, enjoy a short film, and
do some activities.

A Long Winter’s Nap, Ages 6-11

Tues, January 20, 6 pm, EAS

Learn about which animals hibernate
while doing some fun, warm activities!

R Registration required. Call location
listed or register online at kpl.gov
starting 30 days before event.

Bookworms, Family

Thurs, January 22, 4:30 pm, CEN
Thurs, February 26, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grown-ups.
In January we’ll read *Igraine the Brave* by
Cornelia Funke. In February we’ll read *The
Night Fairy* by Laura Amy Schlitz. Books
are available for participants the 1st of the
month preceding the meeting.

Half-Day Hootenanny, All Ages

Fri, January 23, 2-4 pm, CEN

Drop in and enjoy the half-day off of
school with crafts and LEGOs in the
Children’s Room.

Forecaster Phil: A Groundhog Program, Ages 6-11

Mon, February 2, 4:30 pm, POW

Celebrate Groundhog’s Day with stories,
fun facts, craft, and activities.

From the Heart, All Ages

February 9-11, Open Hours,
All Locations

Drop in during open hours at all branches
and make one, take one. Help us make
Valentines for residents of local nursing
homes and make an extra to give to your
special someone.

Valentine Fun, All Ages

Wed, February 11, 3-5:30 pm, POW

Thurs, February 12, 10-11 am

& 3-5:30 pm, EAS

Thurs, February 12, 4-5 pm,

WSQ & OSH

Drop in and make a Valentine’s day
card for someone special! Celebrate
by decorating a cupcake.

CEN (Central Library) 553-7800

EAS (Eastwood) 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

Fancy Pants Theater, Ages 3-6

Saturdays, February 14 & 28, 10 am, CEN

We will explore the very basic element of theater – pretend play. Using a combination of songs, stories, and games, we will be stirring up those budding imaginations, tuning our social skills, and most importantly...playing! For ages 3-6 with a caregiver.

Fancy Pants Theater, Ages 6-11

Saturdays, February 14 & 28, 11 am, CEN

We'll focus on play, using songs, stories, and games, while adding elements of script writing and producing. Each session will end with a short performance based on a book.

Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Thurs, February 26, 10:30 am, CEN

Early literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) for preschoolers. Read stories and practice narrative skills. Explore scientific vocabulary with crafts and activities.

Movie and Snacks:

***Muppets Most Wanted*, Family**

Fri, February 27, 2 pm, CEN

While on tour, the Muppets find themselves caught in a jewelry-heist scandal. MPAA rating PG.



storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.

Siblings may attend as guests.

R Yoga Storytime

**Mondays, December 22,
10:30 am, CEN**

January 12, 10:30 am, OSH

February 2, 10:30 am, CEN

Movement and literacy go hand-in-hand in this engaging storytime. We'll read great stories and pair them with yoga poses kids will love. Wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats or a towel welcome but not required. Registration required.

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN,

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Songs, movement, and stories for 2- and 3-year-olds.

Baby Lapsit, Birth-Walkers

Tuesdays, 9:30 am, CEN

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps,

Walkers-24 months

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

February 3, 10, 17, 24

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Musical Storytime, All Ages

Mon, January 26, 6:30 pm, CEN

Mon, February 23, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests with Mr. Bill.

Family Storytime, Birth-5

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

December 3, 10, 17, 31

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH

December 4, 11, 18

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

December 5, 12, 19

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27

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Director's Note

It's not quite year-end so too early to declare my favorite books for 2014, but I have certainly read some good books and might have trouble narrowing the list down to just a few by year-end.

I keep a list of books I've read and write a sentence or two as a reminder. As I look over my list, my reading this year has been about 60% fiction and 40% nonfiction, about a quarter of them on an e-reader.

As the 50th anniversary of the pivotal years of the '60s approaches, there have been several new books about that time. I particularly liked *Eve of Destruction: How 1965 Transformed America* and *Tomorrow-Land: The 1964-65 World's Fair and the Transformation of America*. I continue to read the many new books about Detroit and highly recommend *Arsenal of Democracy: FDR, Detroit, and an Epic Quest to Arm an America at War*.

Other nonfiction favorites include *Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*; *Assassination of the Archduke: Sarajevo 1914 and the Romance that Changed the World*; *Where Nobody Knows Your Name: Life in the Minor Leagues of Baseball*; and *The Living Great Lakes*, this year's Reading Together book.

Constellation of Vital Phenomena might be my favorite fiction title of the year closely followed by *Museum of Extraordinary Things*. Other favorites include *The Lowland*; *Guests on Earth*; *Love and Treasure*; *Invention of Wings*; *Burial Rites*; *Girl You Left Behind*; and *Americanah*.

All staff share their favorite books on "staff picks" on our website and displays in our buildings. Our favorites of the year are shared at kpl.gov/best and new books and reading kpl.gov/books. Many of the books I read are suggestions from friends and patrons. Send me your favorites at AnnR@kpl.gov.

I hope it has been a good year of reading for you, too. My list of books to read continues to grow – I'll never run out of good books to borrow from the library.

Best wishes for the New Year – good times, good health, good books.



Ann Rohrbaugh



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS




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