

## Party in the Park

Wed, May 27,  
10 am,  
Bronson Park



Calling all child care providers, teachers, and parents: you and your preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring:

- A book for each child
- Healthy snacks and juice
- Costumed characters
- Lots of wonderful stories

This is a FREE event. **Please R.S.V.P. 553-7885 by May 22nd.**

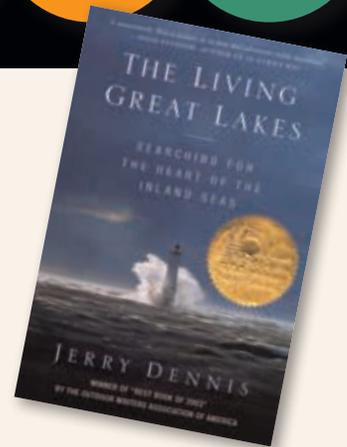
Bring a blanket to sit on. Portable toilets will be available at the park. Weather cancellations may apply.

## Library Snapshot Day

Wed, April 15, All day

April 13-19 is National Library Week. Celebrate by getting a behind the scenes look at your Kalamazoo Public Library during our third annual Library Snapshot Day. On April 14, KPL staff will take candid photos of all the behind-the-bookshelf activities at all five of our locations, all day long! You can follow the day's activities on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and of course, at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov)!

# 2015 Reading Together



## Meet Author Jerry Dennis

Tues, March 3, 7 pm, Kalamazoo Central High School Auditorium

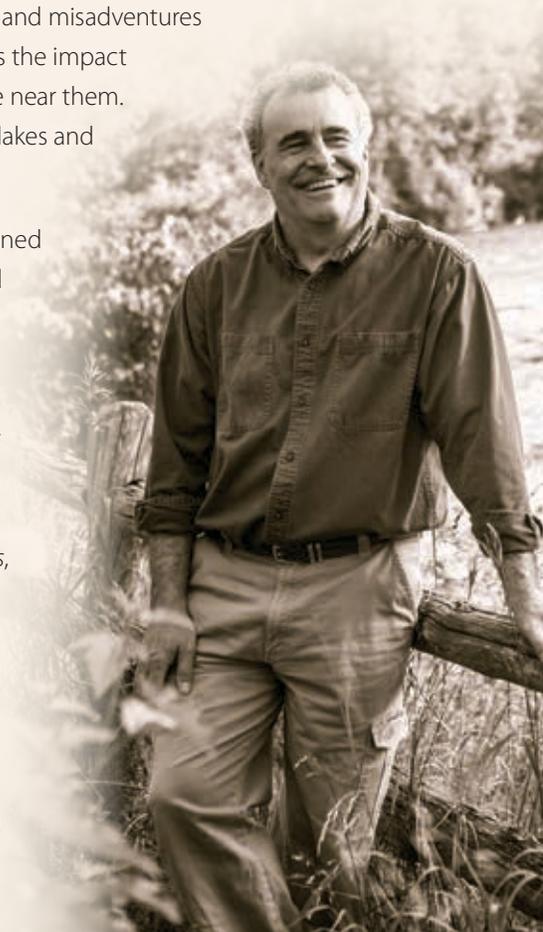
*The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas* is the most complete book ever written about the history, nature, and science of the Great Lakes.

Hear author Jerry Dennis share his adventures and misadventures while writing *The Living Great Lakes* and discuss the impact of the lakes on the lives of those of us who live near them. He'll also talk about the challenges facing the lakes and some of the steps being taken to meet them.

In the nearly 30 years that Jerry Dennis has earned his living as a freelance writer, he has emerged as one of America's most celebrated writers about nature and the outdoors. His essays in such publications as *Audubon*, *Smithsonian*, *Orion*, and *The New York Times* have won many awards and are frequently reprinted and anthologized. His eleven books, most recently *The Windward Shore: A Winter on the Great Lakes*, have appeared on national bestseller lists, have been translated into five languages, and are taught in many universities and high schools.

**Open seating, no ticket required.**

**Michigan News Agency will sell copies of *The Living Great Lakes* at the event.**



### ARE YOU A FRIEND?

Find out on page 4 why you should be.

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# events **Adult**

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## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

### Neighborhood Focus Series

This series honors the diversity and history of Kalamazoo's neighborhoods. In May, observe Preservation Month with a celebration of the historic Westnedge Hill neighborhood.

#### ■ Crane Park

Thurs, April 30, 7 pm, CEN

Located along the northern side of the Westnedge Hill neighborhood, Crane Park emerged from a gravel pit in the 1880s to a park with beautifully designed gardens. Natalie Patchell will present an examination of its history and transformation.

#### ■ Everyman's House

Mon, May 4, 7 pm, CEN

Former homeowner Wendy Mutch will present the story of the five-room Everyman's House on Westnedge Hill, designed by civic leader Caroline Bartlett Crane, which won the 1924 "Better Homes in America" contest.

#### ■ History and Architecture

Thurs, May 14, 7 pm, CEN

Lynn Houghton, co-author of *Kalamazoo: Lost and Found*, will offer an opportunity to examine more closely the history and architectural styles that are found in the Westnedge Hill neighborhood.

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

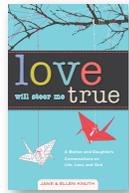
**T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free ticket at host location starting one week before event; one ticket per person. Call location with any questions.

## BOOKS

### Community Discussion on Climate Change

Thurs, April 9, 7 pm, CEN

All are welcome to join a community discussion facilitated by Western Michigan University faculty and students, on one of the most influential, recent books on climate change, best-selling author Naomi Klein's *This Changes Everything*. Discussion will explore the social causes and responses to climate change and provide an opportunity to learn about and connect with Kalamazoo climate leaders and initiatives. Light fare included.



### Authors Visit – Jane and Ellen Knuth

Tues, April 21, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Local authors Jane and Ellen Knuth will discuss their newest book *Love Will Steer Me True*. The novel is based on discussions between Jane and her daughter Ellen. Come hear how their mother/daughter relationship grew.

### Urban Book Discussion

Tues, April 28, 6 pm, POW

This popular street lit group will discuss *That Girl Is Poison* by Tia Hines. Pick up a copy of the novel at the Powell Branch.

## LEGAL

### Ask a Lawyer

Thurs, March 12, 6 pm, CEN

Tues, April 7, 6 pm, POW

Thurs, April 9, 6 pm, CEN

Thurs, May 14, 6 pm, 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

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

Tues, March 24, 2-7 pm, EAS

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

Thurs, April 9, 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 information.

## Live music...in the library?

When the Lansing-based band Steppin' In It took center stage in the Van Deusen Room back in June 2008, who would have thought that a half-dozen years later, the library would still be hosting (mostly) local and (totally) great free live music performances?! In fact, May 2015 marks the library's 100th live musical performance, a milestone we're incredibly proud of! Over the past seven years, KPL has hosted a wide variety of local, regional, and nationally recognized artists representing a broad spectrum of musical genres; from folk, roots, rock, and bluegrass, to classical, country, jazz, blues, worldbeat, Dixieland, children's, Native American, Celtic, Latin, African, you name it! KPL has even hosted a few nationally famous touring artists like Justin Townes Earle, Richard Shindell, John Wesley Harding, and Peter Mulvey! You can watch videos and listen to many of the past shows too. Just head to the Music section of the KPL website. Join us this month and every month for Concerts @ KPL!

[www.kpl.gov/concerts](http://www.kpl.gov/concerts)



## MUSIC

### GLAMA Community Sing

Tuesdays, March 10 & May 12, 7 pm, CEN

Come and sing with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga, and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts, Mike Siegel and Kathy Nichols. Lyric sheets are provided.

### GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Wednesdays, March 11 & April 8, 7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

### Whiskey Before Breakfast

Wed, March 18, 7 pm, CEN

Whiskey Before Breakfast performs music from the Celtic tradition including jigs, reels, hornpipes, and all manner tunes and songs.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Whiskey-Before-Breakfast](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Whiskey-Before-Breakfast)

### Earth Day with Earthwork Music Collective

Sat, April 25, 1 pm, OSH

The Earthwork Music Collective will present a family-friendly showcase of the Collective's musicians to celebrate Earth Day. The concert will feature some of the best in Michigan's blossoming roots music scene, including Red Tail Ring, Gifts or Creatures, Joe Reilly, Max Lockwood, Dede Alder, and Ian Gorman. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

[www.earthworkmusic.com](http://www.earthworkmusic.com)

### The Moxie Strings

Wed, May 27, 7 pm, CEN

The Moxie Strings is the electrifying combination of cellist Alison Lynn and fiddler Diana Ladio. With their feel-good melodies and foot-stomping, rock-influenced rhythms, this duo has put a fresh, enticing spin on Celtic and Americana music. Diana and Alison often join forces with dynamic drummer and world percussionist Fritz McGirr, who lends his spirited expertise of traditional music's percussion component and an engaging rhythmic energy to the show.

[www.themoxiestrings.com/the-band](http://www.themoxiestrings.com/the-band)

## TECHNOLOGY

### Visit the TECHBar

Visit [kpl.gov/techbar](http://kpl.gov/techbar) for dates, times and locations



Need help understanding your tablet, smartphone, or laptop? Having trouble trying to use social media or word processing programs? Do you want to learn how to use KPL's eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, streaming video, digital magazines, and downloadable music services? Visit the library and talk to our knowledgeable staff about these tech-related issues and more. KPL wants to help you get the most out of your technology!

## HEALTHY LIVING

### R Matter of Balance

Tuesdays, March 31 – May 26, (no meeting May 5), 1-3pm, OSH and Wednesdays, April 1 – May 20, 2-4 pm, WSQ

Many older adults experience a fear of falling and often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness. This 8-week workshop is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Refreshments included. Registration required, call location to register.

### R Chronic Pain - Personal Action Toward Health (PATH)

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 12, 19, 5 pm, OSH

This 6-week workshop is designed to help adults and their caregivers learn techniques and strategies for the day-to-day management of pain that lasts longer than 3-6 months, such as pain of the neck, back, and shoulder; fibromyalgia; repetitive strain injury; chronic pelvic pain; whiplash injuries and more. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Refreshments. Registration required, call 553-7984.

CEN (Central Library) ..... 553-7800  
EAS (Eastwood) ..... 553-7810  
OSH (Oshtemo) ..... 553-7980  
POW (Alma Powell) ..... 553-7960  
WSQ (Washington Square) ... 553-7970

## & MORE

### R Cheese 101 with The Cheese Lady

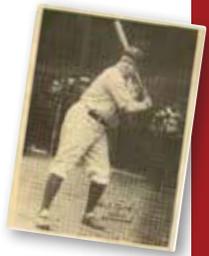
Tues, May 12, 6:30 pm, POW

Learn about the history of cheese and cheese making from Natalie Fuller, The Cheese Lady! All participants will be able to try three unique cheeses! Registration required

### What Vintage Sports Collectibles Are in Your Attic?

Tues, May 19, 6 pm, CEN

Michael Osacky of [baseballintheattic.com](http://baseballintheattic.com) will talk about his lifelong passion of collecting baseball memorabilia and discuss the vintage sports collectible industry. Osacky will also provide a free appraisal to attendees who bring in vintage sports collectibles.



### Spring in the Kitchen with the Organic Gypsy

Tues, May 26, 6:30 pm, EAS

Join Bridgett Blough, Certified Natural Chef and owner and operator of The Organic Gypsy, a Kalamazoo food truck. The presentation will include a recipe, demonstration, and tasting of a spring inspired dish.

### Waking Up Your Garden with Sarah Stewart

Tues, April 14, 6:30 pm, EAS



Sarah Stewart, respected author of *The Gardener* and *The Money Tree*, both illustrated by David Small, will give a writer's perspective of preparing your garden in the springtime. Books will be available for purchase.

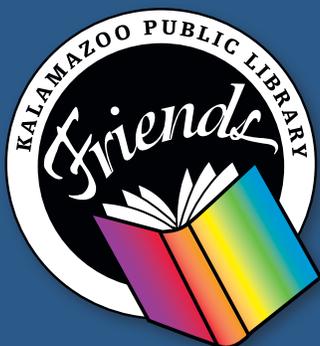
## Come on, Be a Friend!

During your visits to the Central Location of KPL, you may have noticed the quaint little bookstore located on the Lower Level. While the books inside are all a great deal, they are also a very big deal! Did you know sales from The Friends bookstore help fund some of your favorite KPL programs? In 2014, Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library fully funded or supported:

- Reading Together
- Summer Reading Games
- The Great Grown-up Spelling Bee
- Concerts and other programs

What would KPL be without these flagship programs? Supporting The Friends means you are also directly supporting KPL and making the continuation of these programs and events possible!

Your support can go so much further than hitting the Bag-of-Books sales! Become a Friend and sign up for a membership today. Membership is very affordable and there are plenty of perks with being a Friend of KPL, especially if you like deals and VIP treatment! For more information and to join, visit [kpl.gov/friends](http://kpl.gov/friends).



# 2015 Reading Together

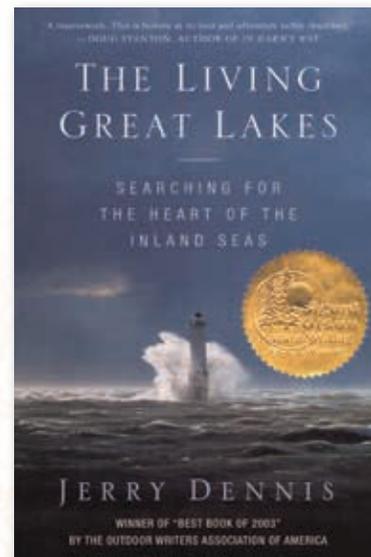
The purpose of Reading Together is to build a stronger community with deeper connections through the common experience of reading the same book and exploring its themes together. When we do that, we engage and learn, not only about ourselves, but more importantly, about each other and the world around us.

The 2015 Reading Together program features

*The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas*, by Jerry Dennis. *The Living Great Lakes* is the most complete book ever written about the history, nature, and science of these remarkable lakes at the heart of North America.

The book is also a personal narrative of Dennis' six-week voyage through the lakes and beyond as a crewmember on a tallmasted schooner, and a memoir of a lifetime spent on and near the lakes.

[www.readingtogether.us](http://www.readingtogether.us)



## EVENTS: All events are free and open to the public



### Meet the Author: Jerry Dennis

Tues, March 3, 7 pm,  
Kalamazoo Central  
High School  
Auditorium,  
2432 N. Drake Rd.

Dennis will share his adventures and misadventures while writing *The Living Great Lakes* and will discuss the impact of the lakes on the lives of those of us who live near them. He'll also talk about the challenges facing the lakes and some of the steps being taken to meet them.

### A Conversation About the Craft and Business of Writing

Wed, March 4, 2 pm, Davenport  
University, 4123 W. Main St.

Enjoy a more casual conversation with Jerry Dennis about how he got started as a writer, including some funny and thought-provoking stories.



### Art Hop Grayling Ceramics and Illustrator Glenn Wolff Music provided by Great Lakes Grass

Fri, March 6, 6 pm, CEN

Grayling Ceramics offers handmade ceramics that often feature graylings, a fresh water fish formerly native to Michigan waters. Artist Glenn Wolff is best known for his illustrations in the books of Jerry Dennis.

### Lake Effect Nature: Forecast of Rain Shadows and Glacial Deposits

Nate Fuller, SW Michigan  
Land Conservancy

Tues, March 10, 6:30 pm, OSH

Learn how over time, Lake Michigan shaped the forests, wetlands and other natural communities along its shores.

## World Café

*Mary Jo Asmus,*

*Aspire Collaborative Services*

Wed, March 11, 7 pm,

The Park Club, 219 W. South St.

Join Mary Jo Asmus as she hosts an intimate World Café discussion about *The Living Great Lakes*.

## Fish On!

*Shana Ramsey,*

*Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery*

Mon, March 16, 6:30 pm, OSH

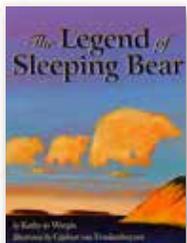
Discover how the DNR raises millions of fish every year to stock Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams.

## Biological Threats to the Great Lakes

*Jay Wesley, DNR*

Tues, March 17, 6:30 pm, EAS

Learn about the history of threats to the Great Lakes, as well as new biological threats through invasive species.



**R** Meet the Illustrator: **Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen**  
Thurs, March 19, 7 pm, CEN, Ages 6-11 (adults are welcome)

Celebrated illustrator Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen will demonstrate how easy it is to draw, through a step-by-step process using circles, squares and triangles.

## **T** Unsalted: A Great Lakes Experience

Tues, March 24, 7 pm,  
Alamo Drafthouse, 180 Portage St.

Vince Deur's film about Great Lakes surfers is a must see! (Free admission. Tickets available at all KPL locations March 2.)

## The Politics of the Great Lakes

*Cheryl Kallio, Freshwater Future*

Wed, March 25, 12 pm, (bring your lunch)

Kalamazoo Community Foundation,  
402 E. Michigan Ave.

An overview of the impact political financing has on environmental policies and protections, and thus the fate of the Great Lakes.

## Living Water Quality

*Anna Kornoelje,*

*Kalamazoo Nature Center*

Thurs, March 26, 7 pm, CEN

Learn about macroinvertebrates and how they affect water quality in the Great Lakes.

## Education for the Arts: Student Presentation

Mon, March 30, 7 pm, CEN

See videos and still digital imagery produced by EFA Advanced Multimedia Art Class students.

## Lost and Found: Legendary Lake Michigan Shipwrecks

*Valerie van Heest, Michigan*

*Shipwreck Research Association*

Tues, March 31, 6:30 pm, OSH

Learn about some of the most infamous Great Lakes shipwrecks.

## A 1000-Mile Great Lakes Walk

*Loreen Niewenhuis, Author*

Thurs, April 2, 7 pm, CEN

Author Loreen Niewenhuis shares her experience walking the perimeter of Lake Michigan.

## Great Lakes Trivia Night

Tues, April 7, 6 pm, Shakespeare's Pub,  
241 E. Kalamazoo Ave.

Think you know the Great Lakes? Prove it at trivia night!

# Patron Savvy

## Did you know?

- The Central Library has a document station, located on the 2nd floor, which allows patrons to scan documents then email or save to a flash drive or the cloud? And it's completely free!
- You can place holds on items with a catalog status of "being acquired by the library?" If there is a library record in our catalog, you can place a hold on that title!
- In order to keep our database accurate; your library card must be renewed once a year and all fines must be paid at time of renewal? We notify patrons in advance of their renewal date.
- When you don't find a title you are looking for in the KPL catalog:
  - You might be able to borrow it from another library in the state via MelCat? [kpl.gov/melcat](http://kpl.gov/melcat)
  - You can fill out an online form suggesting KPL acquire the item? Located within the KPL catalog
  - You might find it through one of our digital services like Hoopla or Freegal? [kpl.gov/download](http://kpl.gov/download)

Visit [readingtogether.us](http://readingtogether.us) for speaker biographies and full event descriptions

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# Tween & Teen events

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The Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) is undergoing changes.

Check [www.kpl.gov/tab](http://www.kpl.gov/tab) for more details coming soon.

## Game Central, Gr 5-12

Sat, April 4, 2 pm, CEN

From the newest favorites to old classics, it's an afternoon of strategy, skill, and fun.

Choose from our board, card, and video games, or bring your own!

## Maker Monday, Gr 5-12

Mon, April 6, 1 pm, CEN, Teen Area

Make art with a spinbot! Multiple pens combine with a robot to create amazing spinograph artwork.

## Books to Movies

Tues, April 7, 1 pm, CEN,

*The Maze Runner*

Wed, April 8, 1 pm, CEN,

*The Giver*

Great books keep leading to great movies. This Spring Break, hang out for movies and popcorn at the library. Rated PG-13.

2015  
SPRING  
BREAK  
PROGRAMS

## Under the Influence of Dance

Make plans now to attend this two-part program about the history and fundamentals of dance.

### **R** Part 1, Ages 7-18

Tues, April 7, 5:30-7:30 pm, POW

Learn break dancing from B-boy Index and hip-hop from Ananzi. There will be time for questions and a showcase of participant talent. Registration required; call 553-7960 to register.

### **T** Part 2, Ages 7-18

Fri, April 10, 4-7 pm, POW

Take what you learned, or just come to watch, at the first KPL dance competition. Open-style dance with head-to-head battles evaluated by three judges. First and second place prizes in multiple age categories will be awarded. Free ticket required.



## Tape It! Gr 5-12

Tues, March 10, 4 pm, EAS

Wed, March 25, 4 pm, POW

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.

## Mint Tin Tech, Gr 5-12

Wed, March 11, 4 pm, CEN, Teen Area

What can we turn a mint tin into? From USB drives and speakers, to catapults and survival kits...mint tins have many uses! Materials provided.

## Hip-Hop with Amy Baker

Ages 13 & up

Saturdays, March 14, 21 & 28,  
12:30 pm, CEN

Learn hip-hop from ZuCrew Instructor Amy Baker. Amy shares her passion for moving with a passion for purpose! Amy has years of dance experience, a teaching degree, and is a certified Zumba Fitness instructor. Beginners welcome!

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Sat, March 14, 2 pm, CEN

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

## J-Pop Club, Gr 6-12

Mondays, March 16, April 20 & May 18,  
3:30 pm, CEN

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

## Pizza & Pages, Gr 6-12

Thurs, March 26, 4:30 pm, CEN,  
*Looking for Alaska*

Thurs, May 21, 4:30 pm, EAS,  
*Paper Towns*

Stop by Central or Eastwood and pick up a copy of the location's featured John Green book. Take it home, read it, then discuss it over pizza! Space is limited!

**R** Registration required. Call location listed or register online at [kpl.gov](http://kpl.gov) starting 30 days before event.

## Going Medieval: Kings on the Run, Ages 10 & up

Mon, March 30, 6:30 pm, OSH

Learn about medieval board games and their popularity during the Middle Ages. Discover how Scandinavian warrior culture considered games important to learning skills useful in war and politics. Watch, learn, and play! Brought to you by the WMU Medieval Institute.

## **R** Jewelry Making with Meg Tang, Gr 5-12

Wed, May 6, 4:30 pm, POW

Thurs, May 21, 4:30 pm, EAS

Have fun learning how to make unique jewelry using jeweler's tools and techniques. Everyone will leave with a finished piece of jewelry. Tools and materials provided. Registration required, space is limited.

## **R** Glass Arts, Gr 5-12

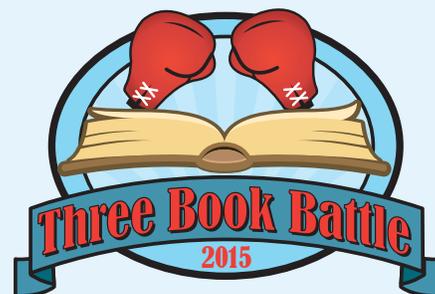
Thurs, May 7, 4:30 pm, WSQ

Try out hands-on glass fusing 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.

## Post-it Note Poetry

April, all open hours,  
Teen Area, CEN, Gr 5-12

Stop by the Teen Area this April and create your own poems. All supplies are available at the Teen Desk. Post-it notes will be on display all month. Each poem entered earns you raffle chances into a drawing for some very poetic prizes!



## Three Book Battle, Gr 6-8

Sat, May 2, CEN

Attention all area middle school students! It's time for the 2nd Annual Three Book Battle at Kalamazoo Public Library. Teams of three compete in three rounds of questions from three books to become the Battle Champion! Don't delay, grab three friends and register today! Here's the fine print:

- Teams of three
- 6th-8th grade only!
- Name your team, register online at [www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle](http://www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle) or call **553-7807** (you will need one contact email and team name when you register)
- Three books have been carefully selected by Teen Services staff. Each team may pick up one set of books to share.
- Team sets are available for pick up in the Teen Area at Central Library and the Children's Desk at Oshtemo Library from now until April 18
- Teams must register three participants with a valid team name and contact information to obtain the free set of team battle books
- All Battles (preliminary rounds and final battle) will take place on Saturday, May 2 at the Central Library
- Preliminary round times will be assigned after registration closes and posted online with team names at [www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle](http://www.kpl.gov/three-book-battle). The battle final will take place at 3 pm.

## Director's Note



We are always pleased when patrons talk about "their" library and often they are referring to one of our four branches. Here is a bit of history to share with you.



### WASHINGTON SQUARE (WSQ)

Washington Square started in a neighborhood school – the old Portage St. School in 1910, but eventually moved to the current building in 1927. Over 85 years later, the building is still in use with few changes.

In 1997, the building was extensively restored. The brick, roof, windows, and mechanical systems were all repaired or updated and the parking lot was paved.

Washington Square is fondly known as "the castle" by generations of Kalamazoo children, many who have returned with their grandchildren.



library locations and a new 18,000 square foot building opened in 1997.

### POWELL BRANCH (POW)

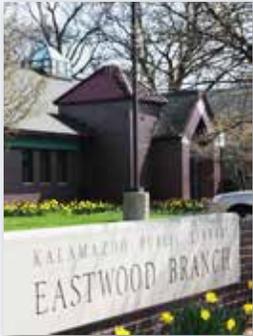
Powell Branch, now located in the Douglass Community Association, began in Lincoln School in 1969 with an anonymous gift of \$10,000, later revealed to be from Mrs. Dorothy Dalton. The branch was named in memory of Mrs. Alma Powell, a library staff member from 1946 to 1967, who was a noted storyteller and shared her rich African heritage and love for books with children.

Eventually the branch moved to 702 N. Burdick St. and in 1985 to the new Douglass Community Association building. After a decade of use, it was renovated in 1996 and today has a strong partnership with other services in the building and neighborhood.



### EASTWOOD BRANCH (EAS)

Eastwood opened in 1912 in the original East Ave. School and moved to East Main St. in 1940. It remained there until 1974 when the Eastwood Community Club donated its former community center on Gayle Ave, known as John Strand Hall, for a new branch.



Eastwood Branch opened there in July 1975.

In 1981 land adjacent to the branch was gifted to the library from the

Community Club and Eastwood expanded in 1996.

### OSHTEMO BRANCH (OSH)

Oshtemo began as a volunteer library in 1966 in the old Hurd School. In 1972, it moved across the street to the new Hurd School and a year later officially became a branch of KPL. As the township grew, library use did also. In 1995, voters approved funding for new or renovated facilities at all

More information about each of our branches is available on our website [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov) or even better, take a spring road trip and visit any that might be new to you.

*Ann Rohrbaugh*

Ann Rohrbaugh



### 2014 Library Board

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# events Kids

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## Family Place Workshops

### **R** 1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop,

Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:30-11:45 am, CEN

Mondays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11:45, OSH

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

### **R** Musical Storybooks: Berlioz the Bear

5 sessions! Ages 3-6

Tues, March 3, 9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN

Wed, March 4, 9:30 and 10:30 am, CEN

Thurs, March 5, 10:30 am, POW

Musical Storybooks features a story, craft, and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet, based on the book *Berlioz the Bear* by Jan Brett. Registration required. Groups and individuals can register online or, for more information, please call 553-7804.

### **R** Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays

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

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:15 am, OSH

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:15 am, OSH

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

### **R** Baby Talk, Up to age 1 year

Wednesdays

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

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30 pm, OSH

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:30 pm, OSH

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

### **R** LEGO at the Library, Family

Saturdays, March 7, April 4, May 2, 10:30 am, OSH

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7, May 19, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Thursdays, March 19, April 23, May 14, 4:30 pm, EAST

Saturdays, March 21, April 11, May 16, 10:30 am, CEN

Mondays, March 23, April 27, 4:30 pm, POW

Wed, May 27, 4:30 pm, POW

LEGO play time for kids and families. Duplo to Expert.

### **R** First Saturday, Family

March 7, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

April 4, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

May 2, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of every month! Enjoy stories, activities, guests, and door prizes! In March, we'll celebrate reading month with KPS, the NAACP, and the NMA. In April, learn to create on your feet with improvisation activities with the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. In May, we'll have activities and fun with the Kalamazoo Literacy Council.

### **R** Marble Run, Gr K-5

Thurs, March 12, 4:30 pm, EAS

Put your STEM building skills to the test by building your own marble run! Registration required.

### **R** Fancy Pants Theatre

Sat, March 14, CEN

Ages 3-6: 1 pm

Ages 6-11: 2 pm

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.

### **R** Maker Project: Squishy Circuits, Gr 1-5

Mon, March 16, 4:30 pm, POW

Drop in to explore electricity as you play with squishy circuits. Focus on the process, not the product, and learn that all of us are makers!

CEN (Central Library) . . . . . 553-7800

EAS (Eastwood) . . . . . 553-7810

OSH (Oshtemo) . . . . . 553-7980

POW (Alma Powell) . . . . . 553-7960

WSQ (Washington Square) . . . 553-7970

## Fish On! All Ages

Mon, March 16, 6:30 pm, OSH

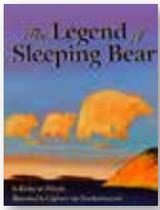
Come discover how the DNR raises millions of fish every year to stock Michigan's waterways. This interactive and hands-on presentation will include an up-close look at a living dinosaur: a lake sturgeon.

## St. Patrick's Day Crafts, Gr K-5

Tues, March 17, 3-7 pm, WSQ

Drop in to have fun creating some crafts in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

## R Drawing Made Easy with Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen,



Ages 6-11

Thurs, March 19,  
7 pm, CEN

Michigan illustrator  
Gijsbert van

Frankenhuyzen will lead

participants through several step-by-step drawing activities using circles, squares, and triangles, showing how easy it is to draw. Books for sale. Registration required.

## Bookworms, Family

Thursdays, March 26, April 23,  
May 28, 4:30 pm, CEN

A book club for kids and their grownups. In March, we'll read *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. In April, we'll read *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech, and in May, we'll read Newbery winner *Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo.

## T Binder Park

### Zoomobile, All Ages

Fri, March 27, 1 & 2 pm, CEN

See animals up close and personal with our friends from Binder Park Zoo! Space limited. Ticket required.

# Storytimes

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.

Siblings may attend as guests.

## Preschool Storytime,

Ages 3½-5

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
10:30 am, CEN

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

## R Yoga Storytime

Wed, March 11, 10:30 am, POW

Thurs, April 16, 10:30 am, EAS

Thurs, May 14, 10:30 am, WSQ

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.

## Musical Storytime, All Ages

Mondays, March 23, April 20,  
May 18, 6:30 pm, CEN

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

## Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28,  
10:30 am, CEN

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

## Baby Lapsit, Birth-Pre-walkers

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26,  
9:30 am, CEN

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

## Baby Steps,

Walkers-24 months

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26,  
10:30 am, CEN

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

## Family Storytime, Birth-5

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

May 7, 14, 21, 28

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

May 8, 15, 22, 29

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.

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## Little Scientists

### **R** Little Scientists: Magnets, 3-6 years

Mon, March 9, 10:30 am, CEN

Let's explore magnets together through stories and hands-on activities. Registration required.

### **R** Little Scientists: Color, 3-6 years

Mon, March 23, 10:30 am, CEN

Let's explore color together through stories and hands-on activities. Registration required.

### **R** Little Scientists: Shadows, 3-6 years

Mon, May 11, 10:30 am, CEN

Let's explore shadows together through stories and hands-on activities. Registration required.

## Spring Break at KPL

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

Fri, April 3, 10:30 am, WSQ

Mon, April 6, 10:30 am, OSH

Tues, April 7, 1 pm, CEN

Wed, April 8, 10:30 am, POW

Thurs, April 9, 10:30 am, EAS

Movement and stories for kids!  
Wear comfortable clothing.  
Registration required.

### **Western Dance Project, Family**

Wed, April 8, 11 am, CEN

Stunning modern dance performed by WMU students in the library's dramatic rotunda. All ages.

### **Around the World in 60 Minutes, Ages 6-11**

Wed, April 8, 2 pm, POW

Thurs, April 9, 2 pm, OSH

We'll use hands-on activities using large maps of the world, the U.S., and Michigan to travel to places near and far with local geography experts, Carol and Phil. Kids will take home maps of their own.

### **Let's Make a Stink About Skunks! All Ages**

Thurs, April 9, 11 am, WSQ

Through hands-on activities, stories, science experiments, and a visit by a live skunk, kids will discover fun facts about this misunderstood animal.

### **T** Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary, Family

Thurs, April 9, 2 pm, EAS

Live alligators with facts and fun from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary in Athens, MI. Space limited. Ticket required.

### **T** Fizz, Boom, Soar, Gr K-5

Fri, April 10, 1 pm & 2 pm, CEN

Discover how people learned to fly by studying birds and experimenting with kites, gliders, and planes! Kids explore the science and history of flight by building real flying machines (they can take home) while learning how to control them, just like the Wright Brothers did! Ticket available prior to event.

### **Crybaby Concert with Fontana Chamber Arts, Birth-5**

Sat, April 18, 11 am, CEN

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. Nutritious, kid-friendly snacks provided. No registration required. Siblings welcome.

### **R** Read with Bailey, Family

Wednesdays

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 4-5:30 pm, POW

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 4-5:30 pm, OSH

Enjoy a “pawsitive” reading experience. Read to Bailey, the loveable Schnoodle dog. Registration required. Call location to register.

### **R** Under the Influence of Dance

Part 1: Tues, April 7,

5:30-7:30 pm, POW

Part 2: Fri, April 10, 4-7 pm, POW

Make plans now to attend this two-part program about the history and fundamentals of dance. Details on page 6 in Tween/Teen.

### **Spring Fling Crafts, Grade K-5**

Wed, April 8 and Thurs, April 9,

1-6 pm, WSQ

Drop in to have fun creating some spring-themed crafts.

### **Tinker Tots, Preschool**

Mon, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, drop-in,

10:30-11:30 am, CEN

Drop-in time for tinkering with new materials and concepts to explore each week. Wear your messy clothes just in case. For preschoolers and a caregiver.

- April 13 – Block Party
- April 20 – Kinetic Sand Sculptures
- April 27 – Watercolors
- May 4 – Bubbles

### **R** “Drive in” Movie, Preschool

Thurs, April 23, 10:30 am, EAS

Wed, May 13, 10:30 am, POW

Decorate a cardboard box “car” and then enjoy a short film and snack.

For preschoolers and their caregivers. Registration required.

**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.

### **Earth Day with Earthwork Music Collective, Family**

April 25, 1 pm, OSH

The Earthwork Music Collective, a Michigan-based, grassroots organization that seeks to foster both community and self-awareness through original music, will present a family-friendly showcase of the Collective’s musicians to celebrate Earth Day. The concert will feature some of the best in Michigan’s blossoming roots music scene. Details on page 3 in Adult.

### **Maker Project: Paper Circuits, Gr 3-5**

Thurs, April 30, 5:30-7 pm, CEN

Drop in and create a paper circuit with LEDs and batteries or make a card.

### **R** Stop Motion Animation, Gr 3-5

Wed, May 6, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN

Use apps to create a stop motion film. Registration required.

### **T** KSO Carnival of the Animals, All Ages

Sat, May 9, 10:30 am & noon, CEN

Explore animals through music! A well-loved family classic comes to life as it is performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra’s Brass Quintet. Enjoy an Instrument Petting Zoo, meet the musicians, and create a craft based on the movements of these lively animals.

### **Maker Project: Buttons, Gr 1-5**

Mon, May 11, 4-5:30 pm, POW

Design and create a wearable pin.

### **R** Light Painting, Gr 3-5

Wed, May 20, 4:30-5:30 pm, CEN

Use a digital camera to create an awesome light painting.

### **Washington Square Spring Fling, Family**

Tues, May 12, 5-6:30 pm, WSQ

Join us for drumming with Dunuya Drums, the Fresh Food Fairy, and crafts for kids as we celebrate our neighborhood and the start of spring!

### **Powell Spring Celebration**

Tues, May 19, 6-7:30 pm, POW

Let’s celebrate our neighborhood and spring with DJ Adam Bayliss, the Fresh Food Fairy, and other fun activities.

### **Party in the Park, All Ages**

Wed, May 27, 10 am, Bronson Park

Calling all child care providers, teachers, and parents! You and your preschool children will enjoy this very special story hour featuring:

- A book for each child
- Healthy snacks and juice
- Costumed characters
- Lots of wonderful stories

This is a FREE event. Please R.S.V.P. to 553-7885 by May 22. Bring a blanket to sit on. Portable toilets will be available at the park. Weather cancellations may apply.

