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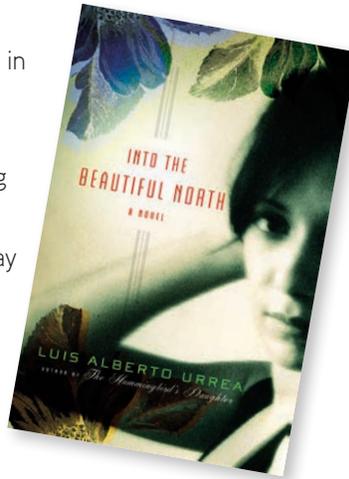
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## reading together

What if the entire community read and discussed the same book at the same time? To find out, join thousands of people throughout Kalamazoo County in reading Luis Alberto Urrea's *Into the Beautiful North*, selected for Reading Together's tenth year.

The critically acclaimed and best-selling author of 13 books, Luis Alberto Urrea has published extensively in all major genres and won numerous awards for his poetry, fiction, and essays. He will visit Kalamazoo on March 6, 2012, to launch Reading Together.



Reviewers especially note Urrea's characters, storytelling, and humor in praising *Into the Beautiful North*:

"Sardonic humor, rugged details of the working-class poor, and the exotic, often bizarre characters all contribute to an outstanding reading treat." —*Booklist*

"A surprising, inventive, and very funny novel populated by an array of quirky characters." —*Library Journal*

"The colorful characters, strong narrative and humor carry this surprisingly uplifting and very human story." —*Publishers Weekly*

Book discussions and a wide variety of special events will take place in March and April of 2012.



## website wins award

Kalamazoo Public Library recently won a State History Award for the All About Kalamazoo section of KPL's Local History website in the category of Communications: Newsletters and Websites.

The section features nearly 600 interconnected web pages and covers more than 20 categories. The pages include information about people and places from Kalamazoo's past, researched and written by members of the Kalamazoo Public Library staff.

The award citation proclaimed KPL's Local History website "an invaluable resource for researchers

ranging from middle school students competing in History Day to genealogists."

Who was that "gal in Kalamazoo"? How did Kalamazoo help define public school education in the U.S.? What company shipped a "Kalamazoo Direct to You"? Discover the history of these people, events, businesses, and more in almost 250 vignettes about Kalamazoo at [www.kpl.gov/local-history](http://www.kpl.gov/local-history).

## ebooks @ kpl

Just get an ereader? Maybe you're thinking about giving one as a gift? Wonder how they work with library books? Find out at these events.

### Ereader Petting Zoo

December 6, 6 pm, OSH  
January 5, 6:30 pm, CEN

Get hands-on experience with a variety of ereading devices, including Kindle, Nook, iPad, and others. Learn about the library's ebook services. Find out which devices can access the library's digital titles.

### Ebook How To

December 13, 6:30 pm, CEN  
January 10, 6 pm, OSH

Learn how to check out and download audiobooks and ebooks from KPL, including how to find titles and get needed software. Can't wait for these events? Visit [www.kpl.gov/ebooks](http://www.kpl.gov/ebooks).

Downloadable titles available only for KPL district cardholders.



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# november & december events

## books & more

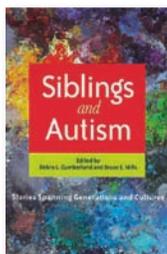
### what we're reading...

...listening to, viewing, and doing at Kalamazoo Public Library—see it all on our home page, [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov), especially in the bottom right corner, Blogs, News & Reviews.

In recent blog posts, cataloging librarian Dan Hoag reveals his "most anticipated pop culture event of 2011 is the forthcoming movie *The Muppets*." Adult Services head Michael Cockrell reviews the novel *Ten Thousand Saints*, "A great debut that will leave you waiting to see what Henderson produces next." Director Ann Rohrbaugh reminds us celebrate our freedom to read in her report on the Banned Books Art Hop and Read Out.

Subscribe to any or all of our blogs through RSS feed. Get staff recommendations, see what's highlighted in the Friends Bookstore, follow ONEplace, Reading Together, Local History, kids, tweens, teens, and more!

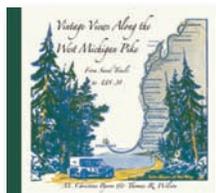
### authors



#### Bruce Mills

November 9, 7 pm, CEN

Until very recently, one perspective has often been missing from the numerous books published about autism: the sibling's story. Bruce Mills will read from *Siblings and Autism: Stories Spanning Generations and Cultures*, an essay collection he co-edited with Debra Cumberland, and from his own writing on his daughter's experience with her brother.



#### Chris Byron & Tom Wilson at Art Hop

December 2,  
6-8 pm, CEN

*Vintage Views Along the West Michigan Pike* depicts the adventure and romance of motoring on Michigan's most prominent early highway, M-11, the first continuous, improved road between Michigan City and Mackinaw City. Vintage postcards, photographs, maps, and ephemera illustrate this journey recreated by Chris Byron and Tom Wilson. Classical guitarist Jeff Dwarshuis will play through centuries of guitar virtuosity and beauty—from beautiful Renaissance lute transcriptions to modern day masters.

### discussions

#### Reading Range

November 9, 6 pm, CEN

December 7, 6 pm, CEN

Bring a brown bag meal (optional) then talk about *A 1,000-Mile Walk on the Beach* by Loreen Niewenhuis in November and Tracy Chevalier's *Remarkable Creatures* in December. RSVP—call 568-8004 or online at [readingrange.wordpress.com](http://readingrange.wordpress.com).

#### Classics Revisited

November 17, 7 pm, CEN

December 15, 7 pm, CEN

Join lovers of classic literature to discuss Thomas Wolfe's *Look Homeward Angel* in November and selected poetry from *The Complete Poems and Plays of T. S. Eliot*. [www.classicbookgroup.blogspot.com](http://www.classicbookgroup.blogspot.com)

## history & genealogy

#### Intro to Genealogy

November 8, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Learn how to start compiling your family tree through online products like Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, KPL's own index to local newspapers, plus important print sources, major genealogical collections, and more. Registration required; call 553-7808 or register online starting October 24.

## & more

### **Ask a Lawyer**

November 10, 6-8 pm, CEN

November 11, 11:30 am-1 pm, CEN

December 6, 6-8 pm, POW

Free legal clinic with Bar Association lawyers. Call 553-7920 for a 20-minute appointment.

### **Holiday Crafts and Tasty Treats**

November 29, 6:30 pm, EAS

Chef Bryan Hageman will make three delicious treats, to give as holiday gifts or serve to guests: cashew brittle, chocolate fudge, and peppermint bark. Crafter Andrea Liedeke will show how to create a handmade deco box, a poinsettia display for centerpiece or mantle, and a smaller piece with winter greens in a glass bowl. Adults and teens 13 years or older.



## music

### **GLAMA Slow Jam**

November 1, December 6, 7 pm, CEN

Does your guitar, fiddle, or mandolin never leave home? Want to make music with others but think you can't keep up? If you can play basic chords, like G, C, D, and A, then join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for an acoustic slow jam. Using a slow tempo, GLAMA leaders focus on well-known songs with lyrics that help make chord changes clear. Learn about jamming etiquette—how to enter a jam, song, tune and key choice, body language, and lead breaks.



### **In Concert: Midnight Cattle Callers**

November 16, 7 pm, CEN

MCC transports listeners to an earlier time.

Their songs evoke the lyrical sensibilities of wandering cowboy poets, but with a swingy hint of the big band era. Their first album won the GLAMA band competition, earning rave reviews at Cooper's Glen Music Festival 2011.



### **In Concert: Sacred Flutes**

November 19, 2 pm, CEN

Performance by Native American flutist Juan Manuel Cruz, ordained as a flute maker by Tunbuot Toki of the Kiowa Nation, and Michael Chikuzen Gould, master of the Shakuhachi, a Japanese end-blown bamboo flute. Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, sponsor.



### **In Concert: Shelagh Brown**

December 14, 7 pm, CEN

While singer/songwriter Shelagh Brown loves country music, she takes

advantage of her vocal training in classical, jazz, and music theatre styles to create a one-of-a-kind sound. She won a contest to record a duet with Josh Gracin earlier this year.



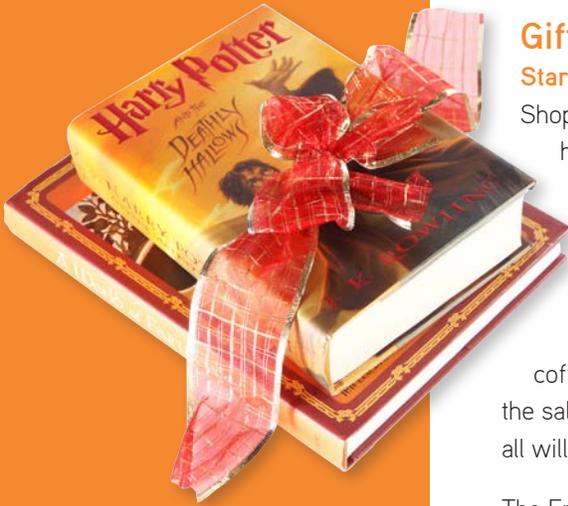
## now read this

Do you love to hear about great books from friends, people who read books you like, too? Then you'll love this new service from KPL! We'll help you find titles that match your unique reading interests. All you need to do is fill out the form on this page: [www.kpl.gov/books/now-read-this](http://www.kpl.gov/books/now-read-this).

Tell us about books or authors you love, titles that you enjoyed or didn't enjoy, genres you read or those you avoid (mystery, romance, fantasy, etc), or nonfiction subjects that interest you. The more you tell us, the better!

Submit the form and you'll receive a list of five titles within seven work days. This service available to KPL district residents only.

# news



## Gift Book Sale

**Starts November 25, 10 am, CEN**

Shop the Friends Gift Book Sale for holiday gifts! All year, the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library save hundreds of high quality books for this highly anticipated event. Children's books, mysteries, biographies, novels, and beautiful coffee table books are all represented in the sale collection. All are in mint condition; all will be sold at a fraction of the retail price.

The Friends like to say that books make the perfect gift since one size fits all plus books can be opened with pleasure again and again. Friends members get first pick of the bargains at the members-only sale on Tuesday, November 23, before the Gift Book Sale opens to the public on November 25, so now's the time to join the Friends! Sale continues while supplies last.

Visit the Friends Bookstore on Wednesdays, from 12-7 pm, and Thursdays through Saturdays, from 10 am-4 pm, on the lower level of the Central Library. Questions? Call 553-7820 or visit [www.kpl.gov/friends](http://www.kpl.gov/friends).

## Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

**November 16, 6-9 pm**

**Bernhard Center, WMU**

Now you can join the fun even if you aren't a team sponsor or member! Buy a spectator ticket to the Bee online for just \$35. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar from 6-7 pm, then root for your favorite team during the spelling and cheering competition from 7 pm.

Kalamazoo Public Library hosts the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee to benefit Ready to Read, our early childhood literacy program. 100% of the proceeds from this wild and wacky event are used to purchase books for at-risk children in Kalamazoo County.

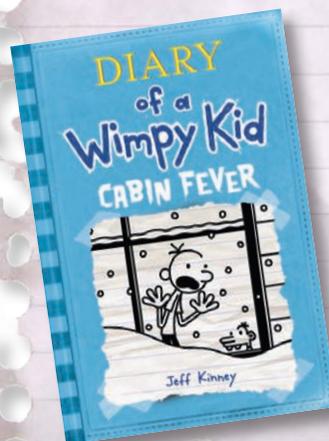
See Bee highlights from past years and buy your ticket at [www.kpl.gov/spelling-bee](http://www.kpl.gov/spelling-bee).



## deduction disappears

Charitable contributions to nonprofits, like Kalamazoo Public Library, were eliminated in Michigan's tax reforms for 2012. This is the last year that your cash donation to the library could earn up to a 50% Michigan tax credit.

Currently, a maximum gift of \$400 to an eligible charity by a married couple filing jointly earns a Michigan tax credit of \$200. With the similar federal deduction, the actual cost of that \$400 gift is just \$76. Please consider a gift to the library in your year-end giving.



## Wimpy Kid Release Party

**November 15, 6-7 pm, OSH**

When a blizzard hits, the Heffleys are trapped at home. What could be worse than being stuck with your family for the holidays? Celebrate the release of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever* with games, crafts, and prizes. All ages.

# tween/teen



## Bingo

**November 1, 4-5 pm, EAS**

Old fashioned fun with a library twist! Play Bingo and win books! Bingo cards and daubers provided. Snacks. Gr 5-12.

## Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.)

**November 2, December 7, 3:30-5 pm, CEN**

Plan programs and service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, eat snacks, play games, and have fun! Gr 7-12.

## Gamers' Arena

**November 8, 6-7:30 pm, POW**

Accept the challenge! Play one of our many board, card, role-playing, or video games, or bring your own. Strategy, skill, fun @ kpl. Gr 5-12.

## National Gaming Day

**November 12, 10 am-12 pm, WSQ  
1-3 pm, OSH, and 1-4 pm, CEN**

Play hours of non-stop games! Compete for prizes in console system tournaments, board or card games. Snacks! Gr 7-12.

## J-Pop Club

**November 28, 3:30-5 pm, CEN**

Drop in and enjoy Japanese Anime, manga, Pocky and food. Gr 7-12.

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

## **R** Art Attack: Holiday Style

**December 15, 4-5 pm, EAS – Ornaments**

**December 20, 6-7:30 pm, CEN – Gifts**

Reuse, recycle, redecorate! We supply materials, you supply creativity. Keep your creations or give them as gifts! Registration required. Gr 5-12.

## Pizza & Pages

**December 13, 6-7 pm, POW**

Get Stephanie Perry's *Prime Choice* at the checkout desk. Take it home, read it, then join us to talk about it and other books you've read! Gr 7-12.

## The Experience

**December 21, 4-5 pm, EAS**

Dance like you've never danced before! Compete for prizes playing *Michael Jackson: The Experience* for Wii. Gr 5-12.

## Movie and Popcorn

**December 29, 2 pm, POW**

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*

**December 30, 2 pm, POW**

*Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2*

Enjoy the exciting conclusion to the Harry Potter movie series! All ages.

## Authors @ the Zoo

**November 3, 6:30 pm, CEN**

Meet Holly Black, creator of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and the *Curse Workers* series, and Robin Wasserman, author of the *Seven Deadly Sins* series and *Cold Awakening Trilogy*. Ask Holly and Robin questions about their books, their lives, and their work as writers. Hear how they create their fantastic and horrifying worlds.

Bookbug will sell Holly's and Robin's books at the event.



## call for entries!

## 9th Annual Teen Filmmaker Fest

Teen film directors and movie makers—create a film to enter in the biggest and best film festival for teens in Southwest Michigan! Juried films will be shown at the Film Festival at Rave Cityplace 14 on February 26, 2012. Expert judges will award prizes for the best films in a number of categories. One of last years' award winners was invited to screen his film at the Traverse City Film Festival! Films due January 21, 2012. Learn more at [www.kpl.gov/teens/filmmakerfest](http://www.kpl.gov/teens/filmmakerfest).



# kids

## ® LEGO at the Library

November 5, 10:30-11:30 am, OSH

November 26, 10-11 am, CEN

December 3, 10:30-11:30 am, OSH

Build, create, race, imagine with other LEGO fans. All bricks provided, from Duplo to Expert Builder. Registration required. All ages welcome!

## Toddler Talk

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,

10 am-12 pm, OSH

December 7, 14, 21, 28,

10 am-12 pm, OSH

Toddlers play while adults share joys/challenges of the 1-3 year old. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## Baby Talk

November 2, 16, 23, 30,

1:30-3:30 pm, OSH

December 7, 14, 21, 28; 1:30-3:30 pm, OSH

Talk about care of babies up to 1 year with other parents/caregivers. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

## ® Reading with Bailey

November 2, 9, 16, 30,

3:30-5:30 pm, WSQ

Enjoy a "pawsitive" experience reading to Bailey the loveable Schnoodle (Schnauzer/Poodle mix). Call 553-7970 for an appointment.

## ® Music & Make Believe (M&Ms)

November 15, 9:30 am & 10:30 am, CEN

November 16, 9:30 am & 10:30 am, CEN

November 17, 10:30 am, WSQ

Storytime, craft, and music by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra string quartet, based on the book *Mole Music* by David McPhail. Ages 3-6. Groups welcome. Register online at [www.kpl.gov/m+m](http://www.kpl.gov/m+m) or call CEN at 553-7804 or WSQ at 553-7970.



## Teddy Bear Tales

November 15, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Kids, wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed friend. Enjoy stories about bears (but not scary!), sing songs, and make a simple craft project. Family.

## Craft Time

November 21, 22, 23, 1-5 pm, EAS

Thanksgiving crafts. Gr 1-6.

December 6, 6:30-7:30 pm, EAS

Holiday crafts. Gr 1-6.

December 22, 4-5:30 pm, POW

Make a gift for a loved one! Gr 1-6.

December 28, 3 pm, POW

Decorate holiday cookies. Sweet fun for the holidays. Gr 1-6.

## Movie and Popcorn

November 25, 2 pm, POW, *Mars Needs Moms*

December 27, 2 pm, EAS, *Cars 2*

January 6, 2 pm, CEN, *African Cats*

Looking for a fun family outing? Enjoy a free movie and yummy popcorn. Adult must accompany young children.

## ® Yummy New Year's Hats

December 29, 1-2 pm, OSH

Decorate an edible New Year's Hat. Keep it until January 1 or enjoy eating it after you finish being creative. Please register so that we will have enough sprinkles for all! Family.



## D.I.Y. Baby Food

November 9, 1:30 pm, OSH

Making your own baby food is economical and surprisingly easy! Learn about the benefits of homemade food for your baby, the supplies you'll need to get started, and how to store the foods you've prepared.



## Children's Room Birthday!

December 30, 2011

2 pm, all KPL locations

Celebrate 115 years of children's services at Kalamazoo Public Library with treats, fun, and a special present for young children!

## 📌 Sport Cup Stacking

January 5, 2 pm, WSQ

Awesome! Unbelievable! "Mr. Jim" Merrills shows kids how to up and down stack a series of cup pyramids at amazing speeds. Fun for all ages.



## storytimes

*Librarians consider developmental stages when planning stories, songs, fingerplays, and crafts.*

### Family Storytime

Stories and activities designed for preschoolers, from birth to age 5, but younger and older siblings welcome. Drop in at any location, on the day and time that's best for you and your baby, toddler, or preschooler. Librarians select the best books for the group that attends.

**Mondays, 10 am, CEN**  
November 7, 14, 21, 28  
December 5, 12, 19

**Tuesdays, 2 pm, WSQ**  
November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
December 6, 13, 20, 27

**Wednesdays, 10:30 am, POW**  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
December 7, 14, 21, 28

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS**  
November 3, 10, 17  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Thursdays, 10:30 am, OSH**  
November 3, 10, 17  
December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Baby Lapsit

November 1, 8, 22, 29, 9:30 am, CEN  
For babies from birth through walking.

### Baby Steps

November 1, 8, 22, 29, 10:30 am, CEN  
For walking babies up to two years.

### Toddler Storytime

December 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, CEN  
Stories, songs, simple crafts for 2-3½ year olds.

- 📌 Registration required. Call location listed or register online starting 30 days before event.
- 📌 Space limited; ticket required. Pick up FREE ticket one hour before event; one ticket per person.



## Aerial Angels

December 28, 11 am, CEN  
You've seen them in the air, conquering fairy tales and pirates! This holiday season, grab your scuba gear and prepare for a deep sea adventure with the high-flying Aerial Angels. Featuring new, fun characters, feats of grace and beauty in the air, and plenty of laughs; we'll see you "Under the Sea."

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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER

# director's note

## KPS First Graders Visit KPL



Since Dr. Michael Rice began leading Kalamazoo Public Schools, collaboration between the library and KPS has grown in both depth and breadth. He truly believes

what I've heard him often say, "If we're going to become a literate community, we have to become a reading community."

We launched another joint endeavor this fall to ensure that all KPS first graders experience what Rice proclaims a life milestone. Each will receive his or her own library card,

will visit a KPL location, enjoy a library storytime, find, check out and return a library book. The effort seeks to encourage library use by children and their families.

KPL's Susan Warner, head of Youth Services, and Kevin King, head of Patron Services, worked with KPS's Dr. Zaheerah Shakir-Khan,



director of Elementary Education, to arrange library visits for all first grade classrooms in all 17 KPS elementary schools. More than 1,200 students have visited one of KPL's locations in the past two weeks!

I helped with visits to two locations. What fun—beginning with a bus ride with the enthusiastic first graders, some for their first ever library visit, and ending with high fives and waves.

Some found the concept of borrowing a book new and exciting, others were quite experienced. One boy told me he had been to the library "thousands of times;" he showed a classmate where to find the best books.

Seeing the library through the eyes of first graders reminded me yet again of the wonders of a public library. My favorite comment was from a young boy who said as he got off the bus "this is a magic place."

We hope we will see these first graders and their families again as they become regular library users. We truly appreciate our strong relationship with Dr. Michael Rice and KPS.

*Ann Rohbaugh*

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553-7800

**Friends of the  
Library Bookstore**

315 S Rose St, 49007

553-7820

**Eastwood – EAS**

1112 Gayle Ave, 49048

553-7810

**Oshtemo – OSH**

7265 W Main St, 49009

553-7980

**Alma Powell – POW**

1000 W Paterson St, 49007

553-7960

**Washington Square – WSQ**

1244 Portage St, 49001

553-7970

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