

# events

## @ YOUR LIBRARY

Programs based on the library's many strong collections. Got an idea? Call 553-7809.

### Ask a Lawyer



Free legal clinic with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, government benefits issues, divorce and family law. For more info or to schedule a 20-minute appointment, call 553-7920.

**September 13, October 11, November 8**  
**6:00-8:00 pm, Central, Law Library**  
**September 14, October 12, November 9**  
**11:30 am-1:00 pm, Central, Law Library**  
**October 3, November 7, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Powell Branch Library**

### Grant Seeking Tips



Discover tools to help you develop and manage your nonprofit organization. Locate and evaluate grant sources. Explore the library's

resources with an expert in this fact-filled workshop. Call 553-7844 to register.

**September 18, October 16, November 13**  
**2:30-3:30 pm**  
**Central, Van Deusen Room**

### Can We Talk?



Are the neighbor's barking dogs driving you crazy? Can't get your security deposit back from the

landlord? Learn how a mediator can help with these and other common conflicts. For info or to schedule a 20-minute appointment call 553-7920.

**September 20, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Central, Law Library**

### At Home in the World



Kalamazoo College students returning from study abroad in Latin America, Europe and Asia will share insights about food issues of

concern to their host countries. Offered in partnership with Eat Local, Kalamazoo, a week-long celebration about food matters for anyone who eats, September 23-30. Learn more at [www.fairfoodmatters.org](http://www.fairfoodmatters.org).

**September 27, 7:00 pm**  
**Central, Van Deusen Room**

### After Dinner Discussion



Western Michigan University chemistry professor Steve Bertman, co-director of Bronco Biodiesel, will talk about an innovative project

to fuel Metro Transit buses with recycled restaurant grease. Learn more about their partnership at [www.wmich.edu/biodiesel](http://www.wmich.edu/biodiesel).

**October 17, 7:00 pm**  
**Oshtemo Branch Library**

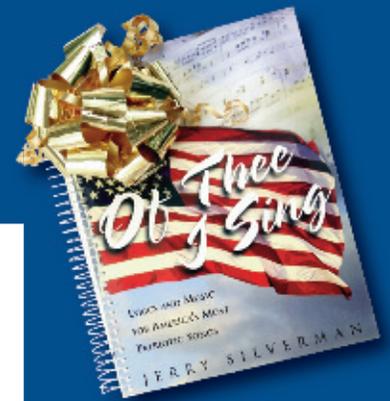
### Small Business Essentials



Learn what to include in an effective business plan, how to structure and finance a company, marketing, sales, and more. A free workshop

to help anyone thinking about starting a business or who needs more insight into business basics. Presented by members of SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, [www.score.org](http://www.score.org). For more information or to register, call 381-5382.

**November 3, 9:30 am-12:00 noon**  
**Central, Van Deusen Room**



## Gift Book Sale

Shop the Gift Book Sale starting Friday, November 23! All year, the Friends of the Library save hundreds of high quality books for this special sale; most in mint condition. Sale will continue as long as supplies last, so shop early for the best selection.

This year's stock includes a beautiful edition of *The Birds of Michigan, Great Stories of the Sea and Ships* by N.C. Wyeth, and Baxter Black's *Cactus Tracks and Cowboy Philosophy* for the man who's impossible to buy for. Books never go out of style. They're the gift that can be opened again and again.

### Store Hours

Wednesday	12 noon - 7 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Friday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm

Located on the lower level of the Central Library at 315 S. Rose St. 553-7820

## Order Today!

Hot off the press — a new edition of KPL's *Directory of Local Organizations* — an invaluable resource for schools, counselors, human resources personnel, and many others. The directory lists 972 human services agencies, churches, service, social and special interest clubs, self-help organizations, neighborhood groups, and more. Call 553-7808 to order your copy for \$15, plus shipping; order multiple directories for one organization at \$14 each.



## Free Computer Classes

KPL offers fifteen different classes in the Central Library Computer Lab each month. Find a class that fits your needs! Choose from multiple sessions each of computer, email and internet basics; advanced web search; Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint. Speciality group classes can also be arranged. For a schedule or to register for a free class, call 553-7862.

## Clases de Computadora

¡Aprenda a utilizar las funciones básicas de la computadora con la ayuda de un traductor! Temas a discutir incluyen el uso del teclado, del ratón y del Internet y a como enviar correos electrónicos. Estas clases son gratis. Para más información llame al 553-7996.



## Live Homework Help

Get help online from real tutors! Free tutoring in English, math, science, and social studies for students in grades 4-12 plus college intro. Every day from 3:00 to 10:00 pm. [www.kpl.gov/homework](http://www.kpl.gov/homework).

## Tienes Tareas. Tenemos Ayuda.

¡Recibe ayuda gratis de tutores profesionales a través del Internet! Tutorías gratuitas de matemáticas y ciencias para grados 4-12. Ayuda disponible de domingos a jueves de 3:00 hasta 10:00 pm.

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553-7810

### Oshtemo

7265 W Main St, 49009  
553-7980

### Alma Powell

1000 W Paterson, 49007  
553-7960

### Washington Square

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553-7970

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## Centennial Celebration!

For 100 years Kalamazoo Public Library has been a Federal Depository, storing federal, state and local government publications. Help KPL celebrate providing free access to government information at a very special anniversary party.

Take a 'backstage' tour of the Central Library. See displays of rare and unique books. Enjoy hands-on activities. Meet government officials. Raffle drawings all evening; the grand prize will be a U.S. flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. Cake, punch and other goodies!

Join us on Tuesday, October 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Central Library, downtown. Tours start at 6:15 pm, reception at 7:30 pm. For more information or to sign up for a tour, call 553-7838.

## See the Bee

Ready to Read celebrates its tenth birthday as it prepares for the annual Great Grown-up Spelling Bee on November 14. This wild, wacky event raises money to buy gift books for children. Last year, we gave almost 20,000 storybooks to children throughout the county!



*Pfizer Einstein spelling champs.*

KPL leads Ready to Read, a community collaboration that encourages parents to read aloud to children, beginning at birth. By sharing the joy of reading, parents help prepare their children to learn to read.

Join the fun at the Bee! Sponsor a team or come as a spectator for just \$25. To learn more about the Bee, see Bee photos, or to buy a ticket online, visit [www.kpl.gov/r2r](http://www.kpl.gov/r2r). To learn more about sponsoring a team, call Andrea Enyedi, Ready to Read coordinator, at 553-7803.



*WKZO's Lori Moore emceed the Bee.*

*The colorful Breakfast Optimist Club cheerleaders.*



## HISTORY GIFT

Thanks to Miller-Davis Company for entrusting their extensive corporate photo collection to KPL's Local History Room.

Founded in 1909 in Kalamazoo, the company has completed projects in 17 states, including the 1959 and 1998 Central Library buildings. The collection encompasses their work on many important structures.

President Rex Bell will present the collection to the library's Board of Trustees. Local History librarian Beth Timmerman will describe the work to preserve the collection and make it available to the public.

Join us for a "historic" reception. See a sizable display of the photos.

**September 24, 5:30 pm  
Central Library**



# events

## Books & More

Enjoy an array of programs for the whole family at KPL. Check online calendars at [www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov) for a complete schedule of events.



*Legs* by Rose Swartz. Oil, ink, string on wood panel, 2006

### Art Hop

Rose Swartz combines photography, poetry, found objects, and paint in her creations. She leaves Kalamazoo to pursue an MFA in Poetry at Arizona State University this fall. Enjoy music and treats as you browse.

**October 5, 5:00-9:00 pm, Central**

### Oshtemo Book Group

Discuss best-sellers and little known gems. All meetings at **Oshtemo Branch Library**.

- **Plainsong, Kent Haruf**  
September 11, 1:00 pm
- **The Historian, Elizabeth Kostova**  
October 9, 1:00 pm
- **Citizen Vince, Jess Walter**  
November 13, 1:00 pm

### Come to Zakland

Zak Morgan uses music, theater, and comedy to encourage children to read and exercise their imaginations. He's received rave reviews for his two award-winning CDs. Pick up free tickets starting September 14.

**September 20, 6:00 pm, Oshtemo**

### Mr. Steve & Friends

Family storytime with celebrity readers, musical guests, and zany crafts. Expect the unexpected! Call 553-7804 to register.

**September 13, 7:00 pm, Central**  
**October 10, 6:30 pm, Washington Square**  
**November 7, 7:00 pm, Central**

### Poetry Feast

- **The Blue Sandbox Reading**  
Experience the fruits of the summer's poetic labors under the tutelage of Di Seuss, Poet in Residence at Kalamazoo College. Local literati Bonnie Jo Campbell, Di, and others will read their works.  
**September 17, 7:00-8:00 pm, Central**

- **Teach Kids to Write Poems**  
Help students learn the joys of poetry! Learn how to use poetry across the curriculum. Workshops led by veteran poets and teachers. Resources provided.  
**October 17, 4:00-6:00 pm, Central**

- **David James Visits**  
Oakland Community College professor will conduct a workshop on using humor in poetry and will read from his works.  
**November 13, workshop 4:30 pm, reading 7:00 pm, Central Library**

### Classics Revisited

These book-lovers say classics keep talking so you have to listen. All at **Central Library**.

- **The Magic Mountain, Thomas Mann**  
**September 20, 7:00 pm**
- **The Turn of the Screw, Henry James**  
**October 18, 7:00 pm**
- **All the King's Men, Robert Penn Warren**  
**November 15, 7:00 pm**

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



# CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

## Meet Plenty Authors



Hear J. B. Mackinnon and Alisa Smith, authors of *Plenty: One Man, One Woman, and a Raucous Year of Eating Locally*, share inspiring stories of their continuing effort to support sustainable farming and live more lightly on the earth. For one year, they vowed to eat only food grown and produced within a 100 mile radius of their home. Their experiment attracted media and grassroots attention across the globe. Learn how they transformed from supermart shoppers to self-sufficient urban pioneers. Interested? Visit [www.100milediet.org](http://www.100milediet.org) to join them.

**September 25, 7:00 pm**  
Central Library, Van Deusen Room

## Reality Check

Explore everything from current issues to intriguing memoirs to compelling history. All discussions at **Central Library**.

- ***Freakonomics*, Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner**  
October 2, 7:00 pm
- ***Into the Wild*, Jon Krakauer**  
November 6, 7:00 pm

## Rock Out @ Oshtemo

You don't need a concert ticket to see these documentaries about music greats.

Oshtemo Branch Library

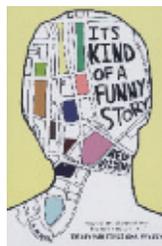
- ***Don't Look Back*** follows 23-year-old Bob Dylan on a 1965 tour of England.  
September 29, 1:00 pm.
- ***Heart of Gold*** captures the unique energy of a live concert by Neil Young.  
November 24, 1:00 pm

## Freedom to Read

As an American citizen, you have the right to decide for yourself what you read, listen to or view. Learn who challenges books and why. Hear from authors of or characters in banned books. Co-sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. Refreshments. Door prizes!

**October 4, reception at 6:30 pm**  
followed by program at 7:00 pm  
Central Library, Van Deusen Room

## Meet Ned Vizzini



Vizzini's latest, *It's Kind of a Funny Story*, takes a heartfelt and surprisingly humorous look at the serious topic of depression. "Insightful and utterly authentic" – *The New York Times Book Review*.

**October 20, 1:00-3:00 pm**  
Central, Van Deusen Room

## Meet Monica A. Harris

What happens when Henry is SO loud that he wakes the dead? Harris shares her madcap, pun-filled picture book, *Wake the Dead*.

**October 22, 7:00 pm**  
Central, Children's Room

## Meet Delia Sherman

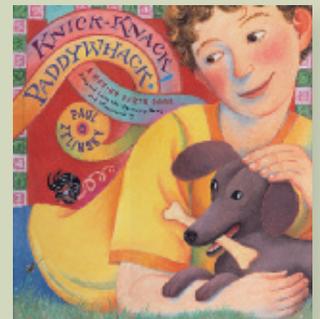
Award-winning fantasy writer Sherman set her novel, *Changeling*, in "New York Between," a world she created in short stories. Learn more at [www.michfest-sacredmusic.org](http://www.michfest-sacredmusic.org).

**November 6, 6:30 pm**  
Central Library, Van Deusen Room

## Meet Maris Soule

The author of 25 romance and romantic suspense novels introduces her newest book, a mystery titled *The Crows*.

**December 19, 7:00 pm**  
Oshtemo Branch Library



## Meet Paul O. Zelinsky

**November 8, 7:00 pm**  
Central, Van Deusen Room

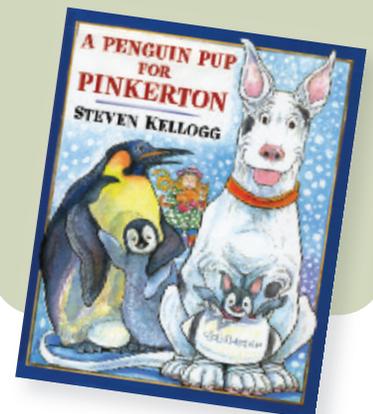
## Books Tell the Story

KPL's 30th annual Children's Literature Seminar features two award-winning children's book authors and illustrators, Steven Kellogg and Paul Zelinsky. Both have made significant contributions to the canon of children's literature; their work is loved by children and respected by adults. Registration required; \$35 fee includes lunch, college students, \$15. Call 553-7804 or register online, [kpl.gov/childlit](http://kpl.gov/childlit).

Fetzer Center,  
Western Michigan University  
November 9, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

## Meet Steven Kellogg

**November 10, 10:00 am**  
Central, Van Deusen Room



## HISTORY & GENEALOGY

*The Local History Room designs programs for those interested in regional or family history.*

### Genealogy Lock-In

Enjoy an after-hours event for genealogists! Learn about KPL's unique resources and use equipment. Free reserved parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808.

**September 28, 6:00-10:00 pm**  
Central, Local History Room

### Ghost Towns of Michigan

Hundreds of 'ghost towns' dot our landscape and still appear on state maps. Many sprouted in logging, farming and mining areas. Learn why these towns faded into history.

**October 3, 7:00 pm, Central Library**  
and **November 5, 6:30 pm**  
Oshtemo Branch Library

### Michigan's Ghostly Lights

Lighthouse keepers were known to be dedicated to their profession – it seems that many stayed on, even after death. Hear about Michigan's haunted lights.

**October 11, 7:00 pm, Central Library**  
and **October 29, 6:30 pm**  
Oshtemo Branch Library

### Women's Writing Group

A woman's story is her legacy to following generations. Explore ways to share those valuable memories in this series.

#### ■ Memoir Writing

Learn how to gather personal memories and family tales plus techniques for focusing a memoir with Donna Odom, Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

**October 17, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
Powell Branch Library

#### ■ Speak Easy with Poetry

Learn how Toi Derricotte, Lucille Clifton and others have expressed their stories through poetry. Denise Miller will read her work and lead the group in writing poetry.

**November 14, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
Powell Branch Library

### This Old Building

This series offers a closer, insider's look at intriguing historical buildings in Kalamazoo.

#### ■ Gate Cottage

Sharon Ferraro, City of Kalamazoo Historic Preservation coordinator, will reveal the history and plans to preserve the Kalamazoo State Hospital's Gate Cottage, at the entrance to the hospital grounds.

**October 17, 7:00 pm**  
Central Library

#### ■ Everyman's House

Home owner Wendy Woltjer will talk about Everyman's House, the first place winner in the 1924 "Better Homes in America" contest. Civic leader Caroline Bartlett Crane designed the five-room cottage.

**November 12, 7:00 pm**  
Central Library

### Intro to Genealogy

Start compiling your family tree! Learn the basics from Beth Timmerman, KPL's Local History librarian. Includes hands-on searching in Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers and magazines, featuring information going back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7980.

**November 28, 1:00 pm**  
Oshtemo Branch Library

### Hospital History

Dr. William Decker worked at the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital from 1953-1987, the last twelve years serving as the medical superintendent. Dr. Decker will introduce his book, a new history of the hospital. Books for sale and signing.

**November 5, 7:00 pm**  
Central Library

