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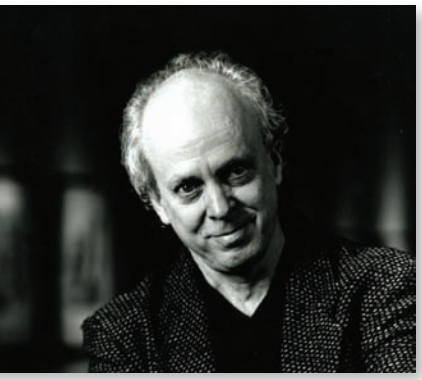


world premiere

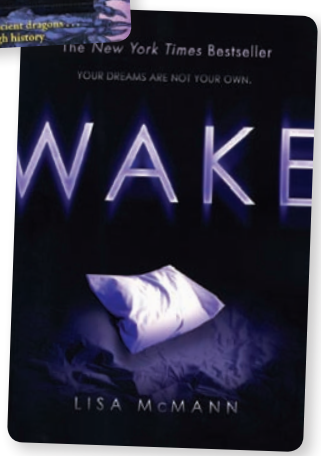
Kalamazoo Public Library is thrilled to host David Small as he begins a book tour introducing his riveting new memoir, *Stitches*, on September 10, 2009. Widely acclaimed as an illustrator, Small has won virtually every medal or award that the world of children's literature has to offer. Now, he turns for the very first time to an adult audience in his extraordinary and unforgettable graphic novel, *Stitches.*

Stan Lee, co-creator of Spider-Man, heralded *Stitches* as a "groundbreaking work [that] has elevated the art of the graphic novel and brought it to new creative heights." Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Jules Feiffer said his first reading of *Stitches* left him "speechless, and in awe. David Small presents us with a profound and moving gift of graphic literature that has the look of a movie and reads like a poem."

In this brilliant, searing work, Small shares the bizarre and deeply disturbing story of his childhood in a family where abuse was both emotional and physical. He survived by withdrawing into himself then fleeing at age 16 to finish high school in inner-city Detroit living alone in a one-bedroom apartment before going to college, earning an MFA at Yale, teaching art at Kalamazoo College, then, finally, to a rewarding career writing and/or illustrating more than three dozen picture books, many of them award winners.

explore new worlds:
escape reading for teens

To C.S. Lewis, "writing fantasy stories was a way to break out of the narrow, cramped, 'real' world into the spacious, and just as real, world of imagination." In response to critics who disparaged fantasy as entertainment, J.R.R. Tolkien asserted "escapism had an element of emancipation in its attempt to figure a different reality." When teens escape to literature they enter realms of heroic quests, brave companions and brutal villains, and enjoy tales of friendship, courage, and epic battles that can inspire their own search for a better reality.



The 32nd annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar on November 13 will feature bestselling authors Lisa McMann and James A. Owen, whose fantastic worlds engage young minds and encourage imagination. *Booklist* praised McMann's *Fade* as "a great blend of mystery, romance, and supernatural elements" and Owen's *Red Dragon,* "strong mystery elements, lots of action, and an irresistible sense of fun." Learn more about this daylong seminar or register online at www.kpl.gov/teen-lit.

art contest

To celebrate Banned Books Week, artists of all ages are invited to create original art inspired by one of these five frequently challenged books.

- ***The Kite Runner*** by Khaled Hosseini
- ***Song of Solomon*** by Toni Morrison
- ***Animal Farm*** by George Orwell
- ***And Tango Makes Three*** by Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell
- ***Harry Potter*** (any book in series) by J. K. Rowling

All submitted art work will be displayed at KPL from October 3-9. A cash prize of $150 to the show winner and several honorable mentions will be awarded by the ACLU of Michigan SW Branch.

Artwork should be delivered by 5 pm on Friday, September 25, to Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St. Learn more at **www.kpl.gov/banned-books**.

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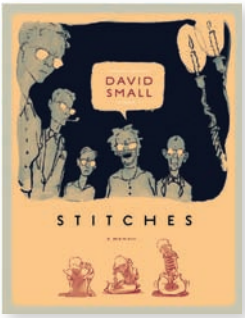
books & more

author visits

Books for sale and signing at all author visits.

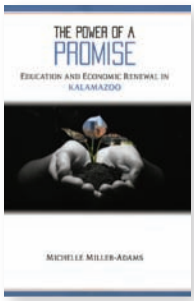
David Small
World premiere of *Stitches*
September 10, 7 pm, Central

In a broad departure from his children's storybooks, Small pens a memoir through a haunting graphic novel. The stark illustrations depict a life story that might have been imagined by Kafka. In this event, Small will take us into his studio through personal interview, show clips of movies that inspired him, and share riveting visuals from the book.



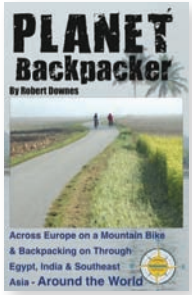
Michelle Miller-Adams
September 30, 7 pm, Central

In *The Power of a Promise,* Miller-Adams combines insights from cutting-edge research in education and economic development with an unparalleled understanding of the Kalamazoo Promise. She reveals the fascinating genesis of the Promise, the community's response, and its impact —real and anticipated— on Kalamazoo's students, schools, social fabric, and economic future.



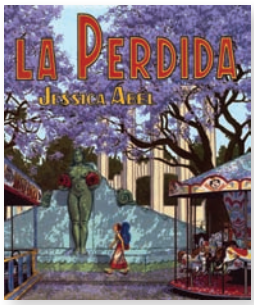
Bob Downes
October 5, 7 pm, Central

Bob Downes took four months to backpack his way through Europe, Egypt, India, and southeast Asia, sleeping in a small tent or the occasional hostel. He recounts his travels in *Planet Backpacker,* part travelogue, part guide for would-be travelers in the developing world.



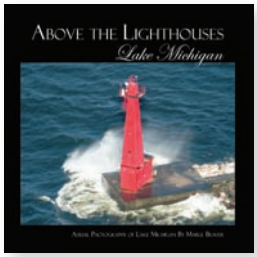
Jessica Abel
November 4, 7 pm, Central

Cartoonist/writer Jessica Abel's work includes the graphic novel *La Perdida,* a tale of finding yourself by getting lost, and *Drawing Words & Writing Pictures: Making Comics,* a textbook with website, www.dw-wp.com. In 1999, she created a 32-page comic for *This American Life,* a Public Radio Int'l. program, with host Ira Glass. Abel teaches at New York's School of Visual Arts. www.jessicaabel.com



Marge Beaver
November 11, 7 pm, Central

Getting high is the only way to go for photographer Marge Beaver, who has been taking aerial shots of Michigan, Chicago, and other lovely places for some 25 years. Her works have been compiled into the coffee table books *Above the North, Above West Michigan,* and the forthcoming release *Above the Lighthouses—Lake Michigan.*



Four Conversations About Forgiveness
September 15, 22, 29, and October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm, Central

The Fetzer Institute encourages meaningful change in individuals and society through the Campaign for Love and Forgiveness.

Explore how love and forgiveness can help heal anger and grief in this four-week series of facilitated conversations. Receive a handbook with essays and home practices to encourage reflection and action. Participants must attend the first session on September 15 to take part in the remaining sessions.

Registration required; email drsmediate@hotmail.com or call 552-3434 to register.

www.loveandforgive.org

Art Hop

October 2, 6-8 pm, Central

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees your right to decide for yourself what you read, listen to, or view. Since 1982, libraries, booksellers, and publishers have reminded us not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted during Banned Books Week, September 26-October 3. This special Art Hop celebrates your freedom to read with an art exhibition based on five frequently challenged books and a program of short readings from books that have been banned. Cosponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union. Refreshments. Door prizes!

concerts

Eastern Blok

September 16, 7 pm, Central

The pan-cultural ensemble, Eastern Blok (Goran Ivanovic, Doug Rosenberg, Matthew Ulery, Michael Caskey), blends jazz, classical, and Balkan folk music. Since 2004, they've packed venues and taught workshops across the U.S., garnering critical acclaim from Downbeat, Acoustic Guitar, and others.

Blue Moon Blues Band

October 21, 7 pm, Central

Bryan Michael Fischer, Bill LaValley, Danny Diaz, Dale Hein, Dave Carambula, and Eric Richter, West Michigan musicians of varied musical backgrounds, found common ground in the Blues. As Blue Moon Blues Band they offer spine-tingling harmonies and boundless energy. They released their fourth CD, Live at Billy's, in 2008.

Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart

November 1, 2 pm, Central

Armed with clever acoustic guitar interplay, autobiographical songwriting, lovely harmonies, and humorous storytelling, Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart captivate from the moment they arrive onstage. Based out of Tennessee, they draw from blues, pop, country, rock, and more in their heartfelt music.

Nervous But Excited

November 18, 7 pm, Central

The pleasantly aggressive folk duo Nervous But Excited features Kate Peterson and Sarah Cleaver, two guitars, a mandolin, a violin, a few harmonicas, dead-on harmony, some vaguely choreographed dancing, and lots of laughs. They've released two full-length albums and three EPs since 2004.

Southern Straight Singers

November 21, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, Central

People of the Three Fires—the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bode'wadmi tribes of Michigan—present Pow Wow music and dancers in regalia representing their sacred and social traditions. The program includes informative commentary. Sponsored by the 2009 Michigan Festival of Sacred Music.

& music

Acoustic Slow Jam

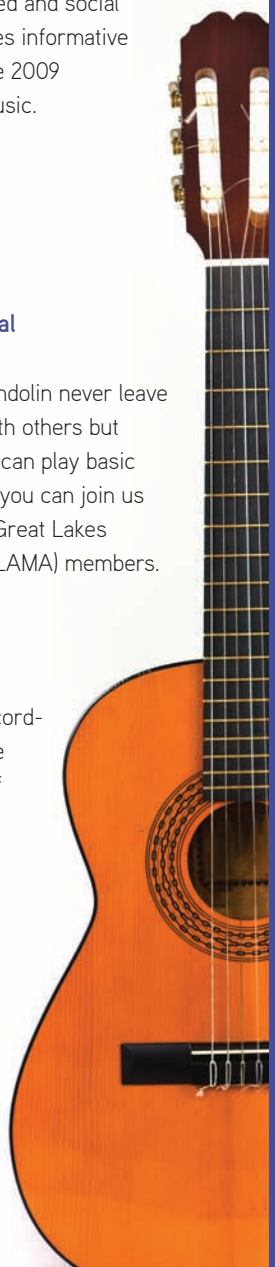
September 23, 7 pm, Central
October 14, 7 pm, Central

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, or A, then you can join us for a slow jam. Sponsored by Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association (GLAMA) members.

Listening to Music

October 1, 7 pm, Central

Combining discussions and recordings, this program will enhance your ability to enjoy all types of music—from classical to rock and everything in between. It's like a tune-up for your ears. Presented in partnership with Fontana Chamber Arts.



book groups

Discuss classics, best-sellers, and little-known gems.

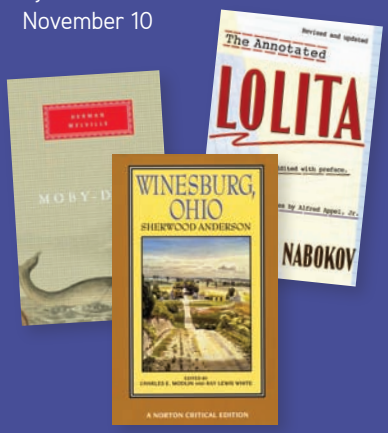
Oshtemo

Second Tuesday
Oshtemo, 1 pm

Same Kind of Different as Me
by Ron Hall
September 8

The Other Boleyn Girl
by Philippa Gregory
October 13

The Reader
by Bernhard Schlink
November 10



Classics Revisited

Third Thursday
Central, 7 pm

Moby Dick
by Herman Melville
September 17

Winesburg, Ohio
by Sherwood Anderson
October 15

Lolita
by Vladimir Nabokov
November 19

@ your library

craft couture

Local artist and crafter Jessica Aguilera will lead adults in three very cool crafts. Materials provided. Space limited. Registration required; call 553-7880.

Never Felt Better

September 17, 6:30 pm, Central

Turn a plain piece of felt into an adorable cell phone/gadget cozy.

Button Up!

October 15, 6:30 pm, Central

Learn how to cover buttons with fabric then turn them into wearable works of art.

Have a (Beaded) Ball!

November 19, 6:30 pm, Central

Transform felted wool beads into gorgeous beaded earrings.

law library

Ask a Lawyer

September 2, October 7, November 4, 6 pm, Powell
September 10, October 8, November 12, 6 pm, Central
September 11, October 9, November 13, 11:30 am, Central

Free legal clinic for low-to moderate-income persons with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, divorce, and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment.

eat local kalamazoo

Programs cosponsored by Fair Food Matters.

Sleep Tight, Sweet Garden

September 14, 7 pm, Oshtemo

Having a successful, healthy garden entails work year-round. The growing season may be over, but there are some things we can do to give it a nice winter rest, and to prepare it for next spring's activities. Farmer Bruce Schultz will share his experiences and suggestions.

Better Than Store-Bought

November 3, 6:30 pm, Central

Homemade condiments are easy to prepare and store—even the kids can help make them. Explore chutneys, ketchups, and other tasty accents with Food Dance owner and chef Julie Stanley.

poetry feast

Vine-Ripened

September 28, 7 pm, Central

Area writers read from the fruits of their summer labors, selected by Di Seuss for ripeness and digestibility. Other readers include Bonnie Jo Campbell, Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Nina Feirer, the usual suspects, and a scarecrow.

Lori Wilson

October 7, Workshop, 4 pm; Reading, 7 pm, Central

Lori Wilson took first place in the 2001 West Virginia Emerging Poetry Writers Competition. Her work has appeared in *5am, Poet Lore, The Comstock Review, Along These Rivers,* and other publications. In her workshop, Facing the Blank White Page, Lori will talk about some general strategies for stimulating the poet's mind. Participants will take home the beginnings of two or three new poems. At 7 pm, Lori will read from her book, *House Where a Woman.* No registration necessary for workshop.

A Writer's Place

October 27, Workshop, 4 pm; Reading, 7 pm, Central

Author Dale Kushner, a Madison, Wisconsin, community activist visits Kalamazoo. Founder of A Writer's Place in Madison, Kushner has traveled and published widely, as well as taught both children and senior citizens. No registration necessary for workshop.

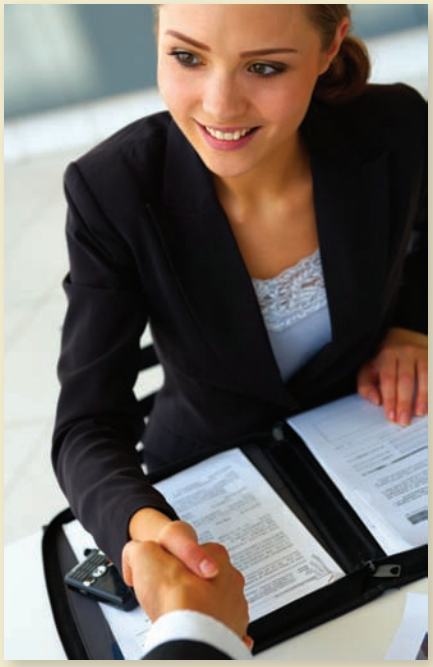
Planting Words, Harvesting Snow

November 10, 7 pm, Central

Jennifer and Chad Sweeney read from their new books: *How to Live on Bread and Music* by Jennifer K. Sweeney (winner of the 2009 Perugia Press Prize) and *Arranging the Blaze* by Chad Sweeney from Anhinga Press.

finding a job

In these three sessions, discuss and review necessary skills, determine your individual needs, then practice what you've learned with guidance from KPL's computer trainer and a reference librarian. Learn what great materials and resources are available at KPL and within the community. Registration required; call 553-7862.



Job Seeking Tips

September 15, 10 am-12 pm, Central
October 14, 10 am-12 pm, Eastwood
November 10, 2-4 pm, Powell

Laid off? Just out of school? Looking for work after an extended absence? Learn where to find job listings, about job and career sites and resources, and how to apply for a job and submit a resumé in the digital age.

Resumés & Cover Letters

September 22, 10 am-12 pm, Central
October 21, 10 am-12 pm, Eastwood
November 17, 2-4 pm, Powell

Discuss the ins and outs of resumé and cover letter writing, then create and/or revise these documents. Bring your current resumé for review and suggestions. Microsoft Word experience helpful.

Interviewing Skills

September 29, 10 am-12 pm, Central
October 28, 10 am-12 pm, Eastwood
November 24, 2-4 pm, Powell

Learn how to present yourself, what to wear, how to answer questions, and what information you should and shouldn't discuss in a job interview. Increase your confidence by rehearsing. Registration required; call 553-7862.

computers

Back to School @ Your Library

September 23, 6-8 pm, Central

Kids aren't the only ones heading back to school! If you're a new student, or doing any kind of research, but don't know where to start, learn how to find quality information at KPL. Start in the computer training lab for database and web search techniques. Then, tour Central Library's second floor for a wealth of helpful resources. Adults. Registration required; call 553-7862.

business resources

Programs especially designed for small business owners and managers.

Business Research Essentials

September 9, October 14, 7 pm, Central
September 17, 3-4 pm, Oshtemo

Find print and online information to help you start and manage a successful small business. Identify elements of a business plan, legal business structures, industry trends, licensing, marketing, and more. Learn about industry associations that can help. A free workshop by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center. Registration required; call 387-6004 to register for the session at Central. Call 553-7844 to register for the Oshtemo session.

genealogy

Genealogy Lock-In

September 11, 6-10 pm, Central

After-hours event for genealogists. Explore databases and Kalamazoo County vital records, learn how to use the microfilm reader/scanner/printer, save images to CD or flash drive—or just take advantage of free copying and printing. Free parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning August 24.

Intro to Genealogy

October 2, 1:30-3:30 pm, Computer Lab

Start compiling your family tree at this workshop in the library's computer lab. Learn how to search Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers featuring vital statistics back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning September 14.

history

Your House's History

November 2, 7-8:30 pm, Central

Want to know more about your house? Learn techniques and resources that will help answer questions about origin, style, past owners, and events associated with a building. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning October 12.

grateful comments

You are a wealth of information. Thank you for talking with me.
— Jill, January 2009

The Grant Seeking Lab was very helpful. What great resources!
— Sue, March 2009

You gave me a good sense of direction in how to research grants.
— Dwayne, March 2009

Great ONEplace website! Thank you so much for your help.
— Shaun, June 2009

I appreciate your candid thoughts and thought-provoking ideas.
— Nancy, June 2009

I look forward to more ONEplace events. Thanks for doing this.
— Ellen, July 2009

I found the webinar interesting and informative. It will be useful to our work. Thank you!!
— Jane, July 2009

nonprofit resources

ONEplace offers nonprofit support

ONEplace @ kpl, the new management support center for nonprofit organizations in Kalamazoo County, opened at Kalamazoo Public Library earlier this year. ONEplace—which stands for Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence—offers information, technical assistance, referrals to targeted resources, training, and support through workshops, webinars, and peer-learning gatherings.

Since opening in March, more than 700 representatives of area nonprofits have attended events or sought advice from Bobbe Luce, who directs ONEplace. Can ONEplace help you? Check our online calendar for complete descriptions of the following capacity-building events. All these programs require online registration and are free of charge. You can also subscribe to ONEplace enews and alerts online. Visit www.kpl.gov/ONEplace for more information.

Grant Seeking Lab
September 1, October 6, November 3, 2-3 pm, Central
Explore KPL's powerful grant seeking resource for nonprofits, the Foundation Directory Online.

Fundraising Skills Webinars
September 2, 17, 1-2:30 pm, Central
Increase your fund development knowledge and skills to secure financial sustainability.

IT Tools & Databases
September 9, 9 am-12 pm, Central
Examine practical, free IT tools, management and donor databases for small nonprofits.

Nonprofit Roundtables
September 10, 14, October 8, 28, November 12, 12-1:30 pm, Central
Discuss role-related issues, solutions, and trends at these informal skill-building and networking sessions.

Employment Law
September 23, 9:30 am-12 pm, Central
Review current laws affecting nonprofit employees and independent contractors.

Grant Writing Basics
September 24, November 11, 12-1:30 pm, Central
Step-by-step procedures for writing powerful proposals that meet funders' requirements.

Presentation Skills: Q&A
September 29, 1:30-4:30 pm, Central
Learn how to elicit questions, address audience challenges, and gracefully close Q&A.

Communications Plans
October 15, 9:30-11:30 am, Central
Build a plan that includes goals, key messages, timelines, budgets, evaluation, and more.

Effective Partnerships
October 22, 9:30-11:30 am, Central
Discover how the Formal Consensus Process helps create results-oriented partnerships.

Legal Issues for Nonprofits
November 10, 9:30-11:30 am, Central
Learn about tax-exempt requirements, little-known laws, unrelated income, and more.

ONEplace @ kpl
Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence

tween/teen

Ⓡ = **Registration required;** sign up in advance at the location where the event will be held. All programs for grades 5-12, unless noted. Teen-only events are for teens in grades 7-12. Tween-only events are for tweens in grades 5-8. Questions? Call Teen Services 553-7807.

Join T.A.B.

September 2, October 7, November 4, 3:30-5 pm, Central

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great teen programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music, and web sites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumés, job and college applications. Must be in grades 7-12!

Galley Review Group

September 3, October 1, November 5, 4-5 pm, Central

Be the first to read new, unpublished teen books! Give feedback to publishers and talk about books with other teens. Pick up advance reader copies at each meeting. Bring a friend. **Teens only.**

Cartooning With Kenjji

September 5, October 3, November 7, 2-4 pm, Central

Now 33% more Kenjji! Expanded for three monthly workshops, comics artist Kenjji Jumanne-Marshall demonstrates tips and techniques to take your cartooning to the next level.

Poetry Slam

September 8, October 13, November 10, 4 pm, Central

Monthly series by Poets Anonymous K'zoo. Poetry slam experts will coach teens to write, revise, and perform poetry. Leave your ego at the door, bring your creativity with you! Each session will include a workshop and performance time.

Drop Zone

September 9, October 14, November 11, 4-5 pm, Eastwood

September 23, October 28, November 25, 4-5 pm, Washington Square

Drop in downstairs @ your library for some after-school festivities! Enjoy games, crafts, and fun. We'll break out the Wii and games, and of course there will be FOOD! **Tweens only.**

Hip Hop Mystery Ⓡ

September 23, 6-7 pm, Powell

Which rapper or pop star dunnit? Follow the clues to solve the mystery. You could win an iPod, music downloads, and other prizes. Food and drinks provided!

Your Digital Life:

Tech Skills for Teens
6-8 pm, Central

Back to School Ⓡ

September 17

Get a jump on the school year with KPL! Learn all about our online databases, homework help, test prep, and more. Take a tour of the Teen area and see how we can help you succeed!

Express Yourself Ⓡ

October 15

Twitter, Flickr, Tumblr? MySpace, LinkedIn, Blip.fm? Learn all about how to express yourself safely online with this look at the latest ways to communicate including microblogging, podcasting, tweeting, blipping, and more.

Get a Job Ⓡ

November 19

Go beyond burger flipping and lawn mowing! Learn tips and techniques to make your resumés and job applications stand out, brush up your writing skills, and maybe land that dream job. We'll also help with college applications and essays!

Central Library
Teen Services
315 S Rose St
553-7807

Eastwood
1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo
7265 W Main St
553-7980

Alma Powell
1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

Washington Square
1244 Portage St
553-7970

teen read week

october 18-24, 2009

Sci-Fi Reader's Theater

October 22, 5-7 pm, Central
Rehearsal October 19, 6 pm, Central

Do you like to read aloud? Are you a sci-fi fan? If you answered yes to one or both of those questions, you'll enjoy this opportunity to participate in an "open mic" type of program, with pre-selected sci-fi passages provided. Don't miss this chance to be both audience member and performer.

Read-a-thon

October 24, 10 am-4 pm, Central

Feed your love of reading and help Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes feed the hungry! The 8th annual TAB sponsored Read-a-Thon will help tackle the issue of hunger in the greater Kalamazoo area through this all-day reading event. The Read-a-Thon is held every year during national Teen Read Week to encourage teens to read for the fun of it and to use the love of reading to support local charitable organizations. Learn more when you pick up a Read-a-Thon registration form at the Central Library Teen Desk.

J-Pop Club

September 28, October 26, November 23, 3-5 pm, Central

Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. Manga, anime, and Pocky for all. Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next! If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club. Stop in any time during the event! **Teens only.**

Gamers' Arena

October 17, 2-4 pm Central

Join other game loving teens for an afternoon of strategy, skill and fun. Gamers of all levels are welcome. Choose from one of our many board, card, Wii or PS2 games, or bring one of your own. **Teens only.**

Teen Halloween

October 30, Doors open 6:30 pm, Performance 7 pm, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

So much fun it's scary! Get freaked out with a performance by All Ears Theatre, dress up and win great prizes in the costume contest, and dance to a DJ spinning your favorites. Best of all, eat candy that you didn't have to collect! Co-sponsored by KPL, the KIA, and KRESA/Education for the Arts. Get a FREE ticket at the KIA or Central Library's Teen Desk. **Teens only (ages 13-18).**

ALA National Gaming Day @ your library

November 14, 1-4 pm, Central

Come celebrate National Gaming Day with hours of nonstop game fun! Compete in special tournaments for prizes and qualify for the chance to bring your game online against other teens from libraries across the country! We'll have all KPL console systems available as well as our huge selection of board and card games. Snacks provided! **Teens only.**

authors @ the zoo

November 12, 6:30 pm, Central

Your Dreams Are Not Your Own

Lisa McMann, author of *The New York Times* bestsellers *Wake* and *Fade,* has wanted to be a writer since 4th grade in Holland, Michigan. She likes to cook, swim, read, and hang out with her kids. She also loves watching reality TV shows, even the sappy ones that make her cry, and she says, "I'm not afraid to admit it." She came up with the idea of a girl getting sucked into other people's dreams when she "dreamed that I was in my husband's dream, watching what he was dreaming about." She's written one more title about Janie, the Dream Catcher, and her boyfriend, Cabe—*Gone,* due in February 2010.

Magic Is Real

Illustrator and storyteller James A. Owen was best known for his Starchild comics and books before publishing *Here, There Be Dragons,* the first in the Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica. He's a big fan of mingling the fantastic with real history and describes his life as "Always moving forward to build a New Mythology." He says, "I am a voracious reader, and consume print by the truckload. Fiction, comics, nonfiction, graphic novels... I love it all." His favorite authors include Ray Bradbury, Madeleine L'Engle, Lloyd Alexander, and Orson Scott Card. *The Shadow Dragons* comes out in October.

news

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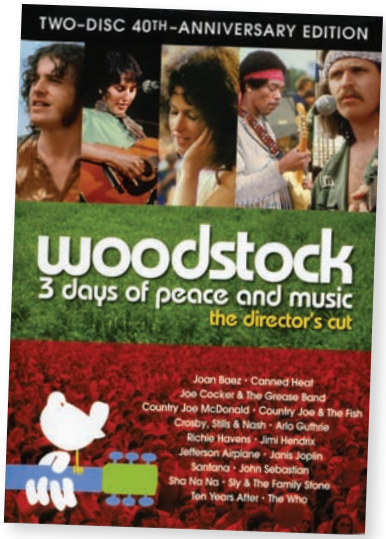

See what's happening at KPL! Megan Dooley and Dooley Noted recorded their library concert on August 19 for release on their upcoming CD. You'll find their concert, plus photos and video of many recent KPL events at www.kpl.gov/channel.

Learn what KPL staff like to read, listen to and view in Staff Picks blogs, also linked on the KPL Channel. Recent reviews cover such diverse selections as Bonnie Jo Campbell's newest, *American Salvage,* to the 40th anniversary of "Woodstock: Three Days of Peace and Music"—as Arlo Guthrie says in a linked video, "people as far as the eye could see." Library director Ann Rohrbaugh covers local, state, national library news and literacy in her director's blog. Tune in!

new site for bee

The ninth annual Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee moves to the Kalamazoo Radisson on November 18, from 6-9 pm. This wild and wacky event raises funds for Ready to Read, KPL's early childhood literacy program. 100% of the Bee's net proceeds are used to purchase gift books for children. Last year, the Bee realized $35,546 and R2R gave away 19,500 books.

Join the fun! Ready to Read is now enlisting corporate sponsors to field teams of two intrepid spellers and six enthusiastic cheerleaders. Can't sponsor a team? Be a spelling judge or timekeeper, make a Book Pledge, or sponsor a letter of the alphabet. Each $3 raised at the Bee buys a gift book for a child. Learn more at www.kpl.gov/ready-to-read.

new tool for genealogists

Four centuries of fragile, rare newspapers, books, and documents are now open to KPL patrons at home! America's GenealogyBank combines a wealth of data from various resources, including genealogies, obituaries, marriage notices, local histories, casualty lists, and other documents from 1652 to the present day, much of it unique online.

Reviewers praise GenealogyBank's navigation, ease of use, and digital image download times. Genealogists ready to venture beyond basic marriage certificate and census records will find it an excellent resource, especially for early Colonial research. Each of GenealogyBank's five historical or modern collections is updated with new content on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis.

Best of all, you can use it from your home computer! Visit www.kpl.gov/genealogy.

going green

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kalamazoo: then and now

Local History staff regularly add new stories, blogs, and photos to www.kpl.gov/local-history.

One new page features scanned letters to the library from such literary notables as Carl Sandburg, W.E.B. DuBois, and Rex Stout.

Western Michigan University students contributed many new photographs of historic buildings, for a then-and-now gallery.

New essays in the All About Kalamazoo History collection cover plank roads, rural schools, the Burdick Hotel fire, and the Duplex Phonograph Company.

Missed an event that you planned to attend? See the video online! You'll find segments about Rose Place Project, Vine Neighborhood Architecture, the State Hospital, and Mark Sahlgren displaying his vintage Gibson guitars.

www.kpl.gov/local-history/video

friends

giving to KPL

Over the years, gifts and bequests have helped Kalamazoo Public Library to purchase items or expand services outside the regular operating budget.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Van Deusen gave Kalamazoo its first library building with a gift of $50,000 in 1890. Since then, donations have equipped a room for the blind/visually impaired, enhanced the Local History Room, and restored stained glass windows from the 1890 building.

A very substantial bequest from an anonymous donor enabled KPL to install RFID to better manage the collection this year. The bequest will also fund this fall's remodeling of the Central Library checkout desk.

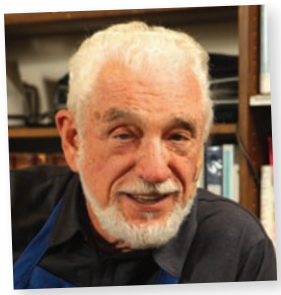
Miss Lillian Anderson, longtime librarian, used Oshtemo Branch Library after she retired from KPL. She left KPL $39,000 to benefit Oshtemo. Part of her gift refurbished an outdoor seating area in the courtyard this summer.

To learn more or to make a gift online, visit www.kpl.gov/support.

friends celebrate 50 years

In the fall of 1959, about 60 booklovers formed the Friends of the Library to facilitate the "advancement of all phases of the library—physical, educational, cultural." Fifty years later that goal still motivates the 300–350 Friends members who recognize the importance of our library to the community.

Mrs. Margery Batterson joined the Friends during their first membership drive. She soon began to sort books for the Friends' book sales in the basement of the old library building. Fifty years later, she continues to sort books every Monday morning. When asked about her years of dedication, Marge says, "The library is so important to me because I love books. I don't know what I'd do without books. That's just a given."



Bob Griffin, a member for a mere 25 years, takes the thought one step further. He likes books AND people who like books. Bob volunteers in the Friends Bookstore every Wednesday to meet "the interesting book-people" who provide a continuous learning experience. Bob joined the Friends at the invitation of a fellow bibliophile at Western Michigan University.

Janice Snell joined when she saw an ad in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* seeking volunteers to work on a book sale. She thought it would be "a good service to put books out into the community" and began to help with the occasional sale in the early '80s. Occasional help turned into sorting, pricing, and managing sales, as well as a stint as bookstore manager. Tuesdays and Saturdays still find Janice sorting and pricing books for the Friends.

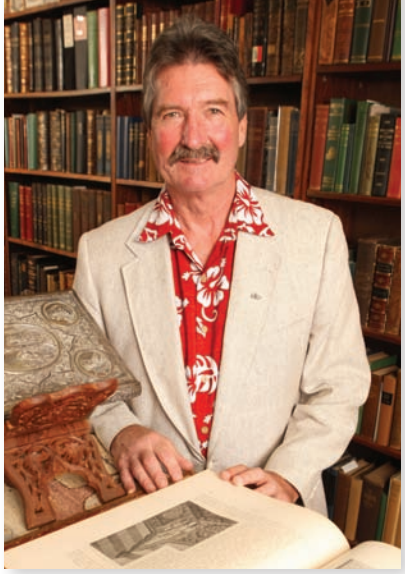
SORTING FOR SATURDAY'S SIDEWA SALE — Members of the Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library and Museum ta break during a recent sorting session as they books ready for Saturday's annual Side Book Sale. The sale, the largest ever by organization, will run from 9 a.m. to 4 Books will be sold on the portico, parking lot second floor auditorium at the library, 3 Rose. Hardbound books will sell for 40 cents

— Gazette photo by Jerry Campbell

Library book sale next Saturday

Charlie Venema hefts an overflowing box of books as preparations continue for the annual book sale Saturday sponsored by the Friends of the Kalamazoo Public Library and Museum. Other members of the book sorting crew are Sue Husband (center), who is in charge of the sale, and Cindy Vreeland. Venema and Miss Vreeland are members of the Young Peoples Library Organization. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside Van Deusen Auditorium on the second floor of the main library at 315 S. Rose. The event, formerly held outdoors, was moved inside this year. Proceeds from the sale of the books donated by area residents help fund projects to aid the library. Prices for hardbound books are 40 cents each or three for $1. Paperback books will be sold for 25 cents apiece or five for $1. Special books will be individually priced.

Books, book-people, libraries—they add up to a Friends group that's still going strong in its 50th year. We are grateful to all of the past and present volunteers who have helped us on our way to this milestone. To honor and thank them, and all who support our library and the importance of reading, the Friends will offer a free program about old books to the community in October.



old books: trash or treasure?

October 10, 2 pm, Central

Hear popular Michigan historian Larry Massie reveal what makes one old book a valuable collector's item and another practically worthless. Massie will illustrate his points with a large display of books from his own 35,000-volume collection. Following his talk, Massie will evaluate books, pamphlets, or other printed material brought in by audience members. Limit of two items per person, please.

A researcher, historian, writer, old book appraiser, museum consultant, and dynamic storyteller, Larry Massie travels both Michigan peninsulas to share his enthusiasm of Michigan's heritage. His colorful telling of true stories will entertain anyone who's felt the lure of glorious Lake Michigan. He has authored 22 popular Michigan history books; the most recent is *The Allure of Michigan's Past*, a collection of Michigan anecdotes.

This free presentation celebrating the Friends 50th anniversary is open to the public. Seating is limited so registration is required. Please call 553-7821 by Friday, October 9, to reserve a seat. Only those who have registered can be admitted on the day of the program.

what's new on the site?

Do you love to read? Have you visited the Friends Bookstore? If you haven't, now you can take a trip online. A new video on the Friends' website shows where to find the store, what a wealth of books and other items are on its shelves, and how to get involved as a volunteer.

Also on the site, the weekly blog lists specials, news, and more, written by Carol Manstrom, the bookstore coordinator. As we go to press, Carol reminds mystery fans of the great authors of the 1940s, 50s and 60s—Raymond Chandler, Agatha Christie, Dashiell Hammett, Rex Stout, and many others. Find gently-used paperbacks by your favorite authors for just 25¢ each!

www.kpl.gov/friends

fall book sales

Save your quarters for the Friends' fall sales! Bargain hunters, don't miss the annual 10¢ sale on Saturday, September 19, from 9 am-3:30 pm. Fiction, non-fiction, romance, and children's books will all be sorted onto tables for your shopping pleasure. The annual holiday gift book sale begins the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 27, at 10 am, with a special preview sale on Tuesday, November 24, 3-5 pm, for Friends members ONLY. Books are saved all year for this event; all are in mint condition. Prices are a fraction of retail cost. Choose from a large selection of fiction, nonfiction, and children's books.

membership application

- ❑ Student $5
- ❑ Individual $10
- ❑ Family $15
- ❑ Supporter $25
- ❑ Patron $50
- ❑ Benefactor $100

Name _____

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List all included on membership.

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❑ *Check if OK to send Friends notices via email.*

Dues are tax deductible. Please send form and check, payable to Friends of the Library, to:

Friends of the Library
Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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. Questions? Call 553-7820.

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director's note

to serve you better

Thank you, again, for renewing KPL's 20-year operating millage on May 5! Unfortunately, as I mentioned in the previous issue of *Link,* your approval of the same rate doesn't guarantee the same revenue to the library. Indeed, property tax values remained flat in KPL's district this year and experts estimate that statewide values will drop 4.5% next year and another 9% in 2011.

Expenses, however, continue to rise. We're challenged to cut costs; as we do, we're trying to affect our service to you as little as possible. You'll see some big changes at the Central Library this fall—that will allow us to utilize funds better—ending with the remodeling of Central Library's checkout desk.

A generous anonymous bequest allowed KPL to install a modern inventory system using Radio Frequency Identification from 3M Library Systems. With RFID, patrons can quickly and easily check out their own items. RFID means convenience, speed, and self-sufficiency for patrons.

RFID also means fewer staff will be needed at the checkout desk. Instead, they'll be freed to more quickly check in materials and put them back on the shelves for you to borrow. This change will help KPL manage our ever-growing circulation. Last year, KPL loaned 29% more DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and 9% more books—a total increase of 14% more than last year, to almost a million items.

We'll be remodeling this fall to: set up three checkout stations in a new location; replace the old desk with two streamlined staffed stations; and build an open shelving area for patrons to pick up their own holds. We'll also install a computer so patrons can apply for a library card online. Demolition starts in October—read my director's blog for updates.

Meanwhile, if you want to try checking out your own items, you can find new checkout kiosks at Oshtemo and in the Children's Room at Central. Need help or prefer to be served? Don't worry! KPL staff will still be available to answer your questions and help you when needed. Come visit soon!

Ann Rohrbaugh
Library Director

Central Library
315 S Rose St, 49007
342-9837

Friends of the Library Bookstore
315 S Rose St, 49007
553-7820

Bookmobile
Call 553-7991 for complete schedule.

Eastwood
1112 Gayle Ave, 49048
553-7810

Oshtemo
7265 W Main St, 49009
553-7980

Alma Powell
1000 W Paterson St, 49007
553-7960

Washington Square
1244 Portage St, 49001
553-7970

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Autumn Fun

Preschool Players Ⓡ
September 17, 10 am, Central
October 16, 10 am, Central
November 13, 10 am, Central
Join Mr. Steve to explore stories through reading, acting, and creating scenes out of play dough. Ages 3-5.

Garden Guards Ⓡ
October 7, 6:30 pm, Washington Square
Who's guarding your garden? Scarecrows – that's who! Stuff yourselves with fun stories, games, and a craft. Best enjoyed by families and children 3 years and older.

Along Came a Spider
October 14, 6:30 pm, Washington Square
Join the Kalamazoo Nature Center and dispel fears while exploring the amazing lives of spiders through props, theatrics and a live spider. Enjoy eight legged fun for the whole family!

Music and Make Believe (M&Ms) Ⓡ
October 20 & 21, 9:30 & 10:30 am, Central
October 22, 10:30 am, Eastwood
Explore the book *Mole Music* along with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet. Program for children ages 4-6, accompanied by an adult. Groups welcome. Registration required. Call the participating library to register.

Joel Tacey's Spooktacular
October 20, 6:30 pm, Eastwood
Joel Tacey will have kids and parents laughing out loud during this hilarious Halloween show that features costumes, comedy, juggling, magic and more. Nonstop Halloween themed jokes and visual surprises highlight this fun, interactive performance. You'll laugh, cheer, scream, and have a great time!

Sweet and Spooky Ⓡ
October 21, 6:30 pm, Washington Square
Create a creepy candy house to frighten friends and family. Halloween gingerbread houses. Grades 2-6.

Mask Making
October 28, 6 pm, Powell
Make something spooky or something strange. Use your imagination and create something unique. Grades K-6.

Pumpkin Parade Ⓡ
October 28, 6:30 pm, Washington Square
Celebrate pumpkins! We'll share stories, a craft and a snack all with a focus on the fun of the big orange gourd. Best enjoyed by families and children 3 years and older.

Movie & Popcorn
***Coraline*, October 31, 2 pm, Powell**
***Bedtime Stories*, November 27, 2 pm, Powell**
Enjoy a good movie and yummy popcorn!

Storytimes

Storytimes for children from birth to 5 years! Librarians consider children's developmental stages when planning stories, fingerplays, and craft activities. An adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers up to 3½ years. Questions? Talk to your children's librarian.

Baby Lapsit, birth-walking Ⓡ
15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books followed by a chance to talk and bond with other caregivers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Thursdays, 10 am, Eastwood
September 3, 10, 17, 24

Mondays, 9:30 am, Central
October 5, 12, 19, 26

Fridays, 10:15 am, Washington Square
November 13, 20, 27

Baby Steps, walking-2 years Ⓡ
15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books that give your little one a chance to try the newly learned skills of walking, clapping, jumping, and dancing. Siblings may attend as guests.

Thursdays, 10:45 am, Eastwood
September 3, 10, 17, 24

Mondays, 10:30 am, Central
October 5, 12, 19, 26

Fridays, 11 am, Washington Square
November 13, 20, 27

Toddler Storytime, 2-3½ years Ⓡ
Toddlers and caregivers will enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities. Siblings may attend as guests.

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Eastwood
October 7, 14, 21, 28

Mondays, 10 am, Central
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Ⓡ **Registration required.** Registration begins 30 days before program. Please call the library location to register.

Preschool Storytime, 3½-5 years Ⓡ
This first "on your own" storytime for preschoolers includes stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities.

Fridays, 10:30 am, Washington Square
September 4, 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
October 1, 8, 15, 22

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Eastwood
November 5, 12, 19

Family Storytime
Storytime for the whole family! If storytime is at noon, feel free to bring a lunch.

Mondays, 10 am, Central
September 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays, 12 noon, Powell
September 8, 22

Tuesdays, 12 noon, Powell
October 13, 27

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
November 4, 11, 18, 25

Tuesdays, 12 noon, Powell
November 10, 24

Baby Storytime, birth-2 years
Circle time with plenty of movement for caregivers and baby. 15-30 minutes of songs, rhymes, books and more! Older siblings may attend with care-givers to learn songs and rhymes to share with their dolls and stuffed animals.

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Central
September 2 – October 7

Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends
A storytime for the whole family. Expect the unexpected when Mr. Steve gets a little help from his friends.

All held in the Van Deusen, Central
Thursday, September 24, 6:30 pm
Monday, October 26, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 pm

kids

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Southern Straight Singers
Saturday, November 21, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, Central
People of the Three Fires - the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bode'wadmi tribes of Michigan - present pow wow music and dancers in regalia representing their sacred and social traditions. The program includes informative commentary. Sponsored by the 2009 Michigan Festival of Sacred Music.

Young Reviewers Talk Back
One cool aspect of this summer's reading game will continue this fall – book reviews by KPL's youngest patrons. By mid-July, kids from 6-16 years had submitted more than 60 reviews of books they read.

Kids write and submit their reviews through a form on KPL's website. Many also choose to audio record their review with their own voices when they visit the library. Reviewing gives kids a great way to interact with the library and tell others about books they've loved – or found "so-so."

Find the link to "Your Own Book Reviews" at www.kpl.gov/kids and www.kpl.gov/tweens.

Locations

Central Library Children's Room
315 S Rose St
553-7804

Alma Powell
1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

Eastwood
1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo
7265 W Main St
553-7984

Washington Square
1244 Portage St
553-7970

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September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs*	3 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10 am, EAS, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:45 am, EAS, *walking-2 yrs*	4 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, WSQ, *3½-5 yrs*	5
7 **Labor Day** Library Closed	8 **Family Storytime** 12 noon, POW, *family*	9 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs*	10 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10 am, EAS, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:45 am, EAS, *walking-2 yrs*	11 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, WSQ, *3½-5 yrs*	12
14 **Family Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *family*	15	16 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs*	17 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10 am, EAS, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Preschool Players** 10 am, CEN, *3-5 yrs* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:45 am, EAS, *walking-2 yrs*	18 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, WSQ, *3½-5 yrs*	19
21 **Family Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *family*	22 **Family Storytime** 12 noon, POW, *family*	23 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs*	24 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10 am, EAS, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:45 am, EAS, *walking-2 yrs* **Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends** 6:30 pm, CEN, *family*	25 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, WSQ, *3½-5 yrs*	26
28 **Family Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *family*	29	30 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs*			

October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *3½-5 yrs*	2	3
5 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 9:30 am, CEN, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:30 am, CEN, *walking-2 yrs*	6	7 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *2-3½ yrs* **Baby Storytime** 6:30 pm, CEN, *birth-2 yrs* Ⓡ **Garden Guards** 6:30 pm, WSQ, *family*	8 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *3½-5 yrs*	9	10
12 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 9:30 am, CEN, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:30 am, CEN, *walking-2 yrs*	13 **Family Storytime** 12 noon, POW, *family*	14 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *2-3½ yrs* **Along Came a Spider** 6:30 pm, WSQ, *family*	15 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *3½-5 yrs*	16 Ⓡ **Preschool Players** 10 am, CEN, *3-5 yrs*	17
19 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 9:30 am, CEN, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 10:30 am, CEN, *walking-2 yrs*	20 Ⓡ **M&M's** 9:30 am & 10:30 am CEN, *4-6 yrs* **Joel Tacey's Spooktacular** 6:30 pm, EAS, *family*	21 Ⓡ **M&M's** 9:30 am & 10:30 am CEN, *4-6 yrs* Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *2-3½ yrs* Ⓡ **Sweet & Spooky** 6:30 pm, WSQ, *gr 2-6*	22 Ⓡ **M&M's** 10:30 am, EAS, *4-6 yrs* Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *3½-5 yrs*	23	24
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November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *2-3½ yrs*	3	4 **Family Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *family*	5 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *3½-5 yrs*	6	7
9 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *2-3½ yrs*	10 **Family Storytime** 12 noon, POW, *family*	11 **Family Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *family*	12 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *3½-5 yrs*	13 Ⓡ **Preschool Players** 10 am, CEN, *3-5 yrs* Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10:15 am, WSQ, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 11 am, WSQ, *walking-2 yrs*	14
16 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *2-3½ yrs*	17 **Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends** 6:30 pm, CEN, *family*	18 **Family Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *family*	19 Ⓡ **Preschool Storytime** 10:30 am, EAS, *3½-5 yrs*	20 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10:15 am, WSQ, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 11 am, WSQ, *walking-2 yrs*	21 **Southern Straight Singers** 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, CEN
23 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *2-3½ yrs*	24 **Family Storytime** 12 noon, POW, *family*	25 **Family Storytime** 10:30 am, OSH, *family*	26 **Thanksgiving** Library Closed	27 Ⓡ **Baby Lapsit** 10:15 am, WSQ, *birth-walking* Ⓡ **Baby Steps** 11 am, WSQ, *walking-2 yrs* Ⓡ **Movie & Popcorn** ***Bedtime Stories*** 2 pm, POW, *family*	28
30 Ⓡ **Toddler Storytime** 10 am, CEN, *2-3½ yrs*					

Key to Locations

- **CEN** Central
- **EAS** Eastwood
- **OSH** Oshtemo
- **POW** Alma Powell
- **WSQ** Washington Square
- Ⓡ Registration Required