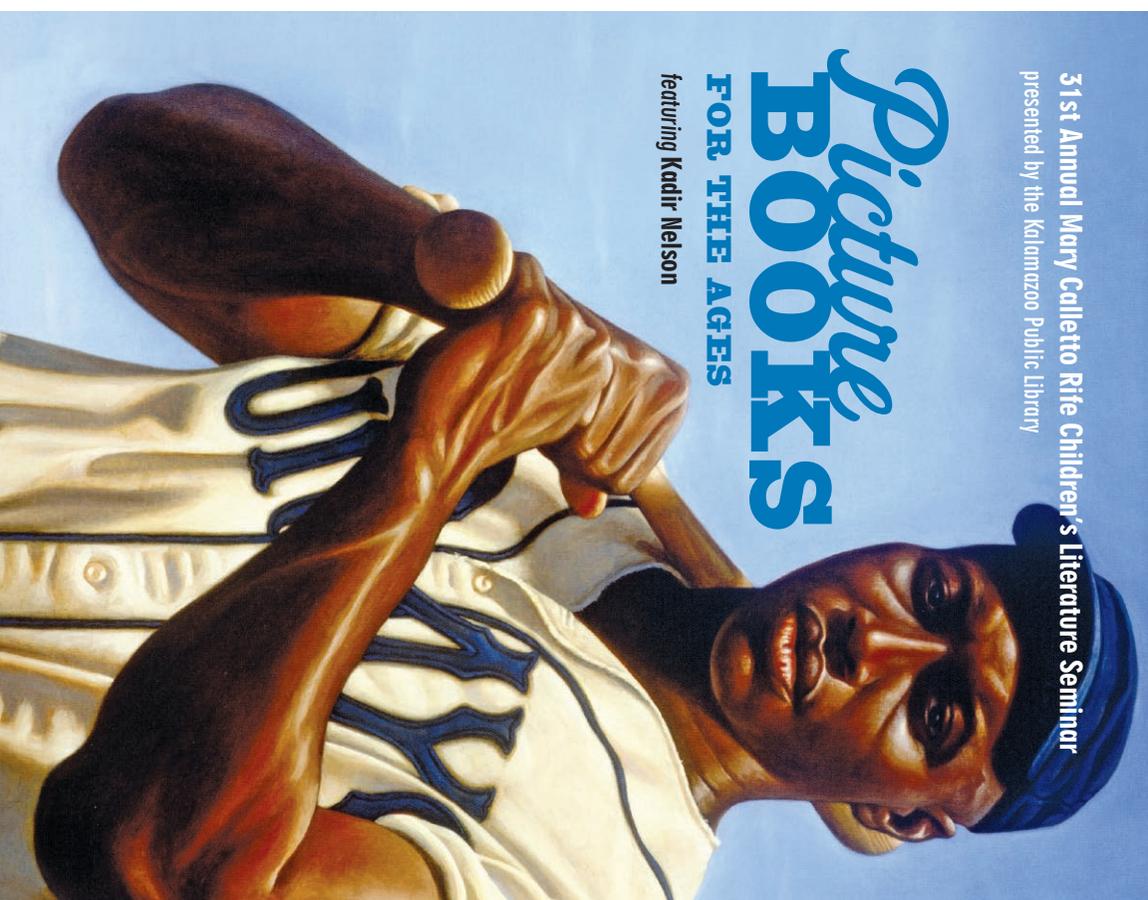




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Illustration by Kadir Nelson from *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*  
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31st Annual Mary Calletto Rife Children's Literature Seminar  
presented by the Kalamazoo Public Library

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**BOOKS**  
FOR THE AGES  
featuring Kadir Nelson

**Meet Author/Illustrator Kadir Nelson**

Kadir Nelson attributes his early success as an artist to lessons learned from his mother—to visualize his success and then practice for it. A poster in his high school math class, “Wish upon a star but do your homework, too,” affirmed and encouraged him. Hear Nelson describe how he made his dreams a reality and hear the stories behind his stunning illustrated history, *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*. Books for sale and signing. Refreshments.

**Thursday, November 13, 7 pm**  
**Eastwood Branch Library, 1112 Gayle Ave.**

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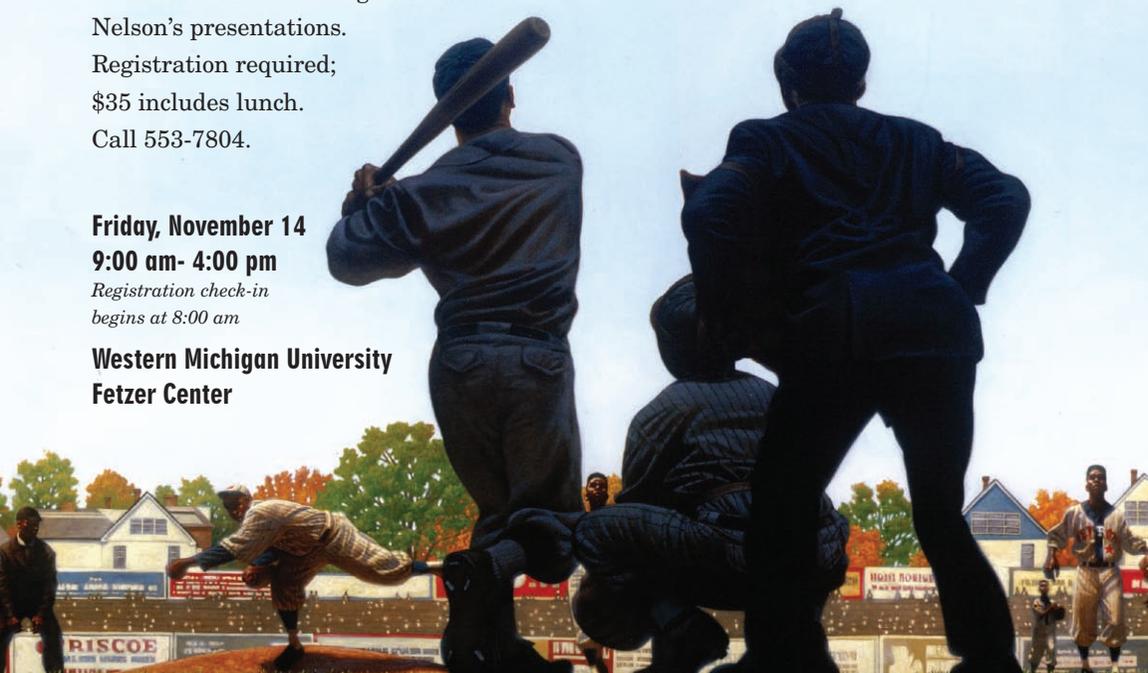
**Illustrating Essential Human Truths**  
*featuring Kadir Nelson*

As he developed as an artist, Kadir Nelson learned to use his talent to share African American history and transcend gaps in the written record by painting human emotion revealing essential human truths, a process he describes as didactic artistic development. With picture books about Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. Du Bois, Duke Ellington, Michael Jordan, and Henry Brown, the slave who literally mailed himself to freedom, Nelson brings history to life for readers of all ages. A review of recent illustrated books for older readers will augment Nelson's presentations.

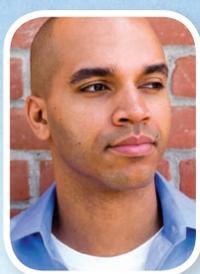
Registration required;  
\$35 includes lunch.  
Call 553-7804.

**Friday, November 14**  
**9:00 am- 4:00 pm**  
*Registration check-in*  
*begins at 8:00 am*

**Western Michigan University**  
**Fetzer Center**



# Seminar SPEAKERS



## Kadir Nelson

"I have always been an artist," Kadir Nelson explains. "It's part of my DNA." Nelson started drawing at the age of three. With encouragement from his uncle, an artist and art instructor, he experimented with different media, including painting in oils at sixteen. He won an art scholarship to Pratt Institute and upon graduating with honors, Nelson launched his career as an artist.

Two weeks after graduating from the Pratt Institute, Nelson was invited to work with Dreamworks on the production of *Amistad*. In 1999, he began to collaborate with several notable authors, illustrating such award-winning picture books as *Ellington Was Not a Street* and *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*.

Nelson spent seven years researching, writing an oral narrative, and creating handsome paintings for his brilliantly illustrated tribute, *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*, which *The New York Times* review called "riveting" and "absolutely gorgeous."

### FRIDAY Schedule

- 8:00 am** Registration Begins
- 9:00 am** Welcome
- 9:15 am** More than Meets the Eye
- 10:30 am** Finding Beauty with Kadir Nelson
- 11:30 am** Book Signing
- 12:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:15 pm** International Art from Picture Books
- 2:30 pm** Prose, Pictures, and Process with Kadir Nelson
- 3:30 pm** Book Signing



## More Than Meets the Eye Picture Books for Older Readers

María Pérez-Stable has evaluated literature for children in grades K-9 since the late 1980s, resulting in two books, numerous journal articles, and workshops for teachers and librarians. Elizabeth Amidon has taught children's literature for 20 years and is an expert in the field. Their visual presentation will review recent picture books published with older readers in mind. Topics such as history, war, folklore, poetry, social issues, biography, and the arts will be discussed. Pérez-Stable is professor, University Libraries, and Amidon is master faculty specialist, English Department, Western Michigan University.

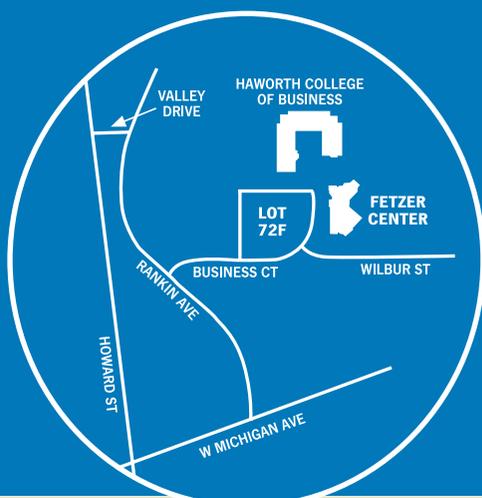
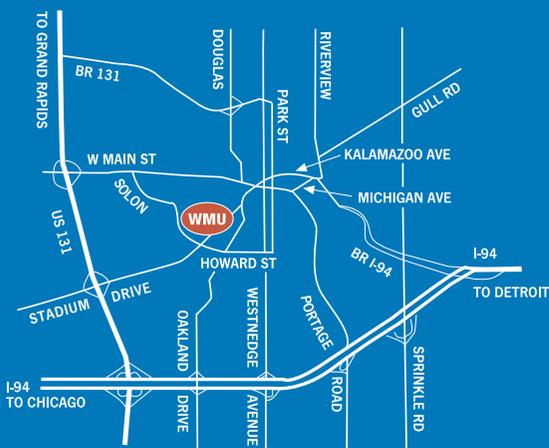


## International Art from Picture Books

The Mazza Museum is the world's first and largest teaching museum devoted to literacy and the art of children's picture books. Launched in 1982 with four original works of art, today the museum has over 3,800 works of art from artists from all over the world. Take a slide tour through the museum, look at original works of art, and learn about the 29 educational programs the museum offers for all ages. Presenter Benjamin E. Sapp directs the Mazza Museum and also teaches in the college of education at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

## FETZER CENTER Western Michigan University

Participants may park free at the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F. No permit is required. Turn onto Business Court from Rankin Avenue to reach Lot 72F.



## REGISTRATION FORM

**Registration is required by Friday, November 7, 2008.** Complete the form below and send with payment. The full \$35 seminar fee includes lunch. College students may attend the seminar ONLY for just \$5 or attend seminar plus have lunch for \$15. Questions? Please call 269 553-7804.

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