



AXIS

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THE ART OF TRIBAL TATTOO WITH LEO ZULUETA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 7:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 9-ADULT

Meet Leo! Known as the father of modern tribal tattooing, Leo is the owner of the tattoo studio Spiral Tattoo in Ann Arbor. He'll show us some of his work and talk about the process of getting a tattoo.

LIVE ONLINE HOMEWORK HELP

Here's a great, new service from AADL: chat online with live tutors for Homework Help. Available in English or Spanish, from 2–11 pm, 7 days a week, tutors will:

- Help you understand homework problems.
- Help you build skills.
- Critique your writing.

Homework Help, powered by Brainfuse, is available at any Ann Arbor District Library location, or from home with your AADL library card. Check it out: aadl.org/homework



CIRCLE K HOMEWORK HELP

Homework help is also available in person at the Downtown Library on Wednesdays from 4-8 pm. In partnership with AADL, college students from the University of Michigan's Circle K chapter provide drop-in homework help for students of all grades. Circle K is an international co-ed service organization that is sponsored by Kiwanis International.

LAUGHTER BLAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 2:00-2:45 PM

DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Come and laugh for no reason and discover all sorts of good reasons to laugh! Drama teacher **Phil Walker** and storyteller **Badria Jazairi**, Laughter Yoga leaders and Fun Specialists, will lead this program based on laughter yoga and theater games.

TEST TAKING 101 WITH KAPLAN EXPERTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 | 7:00-8:00 PM | PF | GRADES 9-12

Learn how to approach ACT or SAT test day with confidence. Kaplan instructors will lay out strategies and suggestions for preparing. They will also step you through some questions showing you how you can best arrive at the correct answer.

ACT PLUS WRITING TEST TIPS WITH KAPLAN EXPERTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 | 7:00-8:00 PM | TR | GRADES 9-12

Faced with a question and just 30 minutes to think, organize, and write a short essay, it's no wonder that the ACT Plus Writing test is one of the most feared. But fear not! Kaplan instructors will provide you a road map for getting ready to write a dynamic response in a short amount of time. This session will set you on course to a successful test experience in March.

ACT/SAT TEST PRACTICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 | 10:30 AM-12:00 PM | PF | GRADES 9-12

Signed up to take the SAT and/or the ACT? LearningExpressLibrary, available at aadl.org, can help you prepare. Take a practice test and then find out how you did.

CAPOEIRA MANDINGA MICHIGAN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 2:00-3:00 PM

DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Enjoy Afro-Brazilian dance and martial arts! Discover Capoeira, an art form and self-defense, and watch performers incorporate aerobic and dance moves to be as graceful as a panther or as treacherous as a snake.

CHEESE TASTING WITH MORGAN & YORK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 | 7:00-8:00 PM

MC | GRADE 6-ADULT

Join the staff of Morgan & York: Fine Wines and Specialty Foods as they teach us how to evaluate the flavors of cheese. We'll taste some of the finest cheeses that Europe and America have to offer. Come hungry – we'll be doing a lot of tasting!

CHESSTASTIC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 1:00-4:00 PM | TR | ALL AGES

Local chess experts **Jennifer Skidmore** and **Ron Finegold** will provide key tips to master the chess board battlefield. Then, play some chess with other participants to see how these strategies work.

GO!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 2:00-4:00 PM | TR | ALL AGES

Learn to play the board game Go or test your skills against enthusiasts from the Ann Arbor Go Club. Also known as Baduk or Weiqi, Go is an ancient strategy board game that originated in China and is now played around the world.

CHESSTASTIC

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 14, JANUARY 11 & FEBRUARY 8

1:00-4:00 PM | TR | ALL AGES

Join us on the second Sunday of each month to play one of the world's most popular sports with players of all ages and abilities. Chess sets will be provided. Challenge old friends and meet new ones!

GAME ON WITH THE VAULT

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 6:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 | 1:00-4:00 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

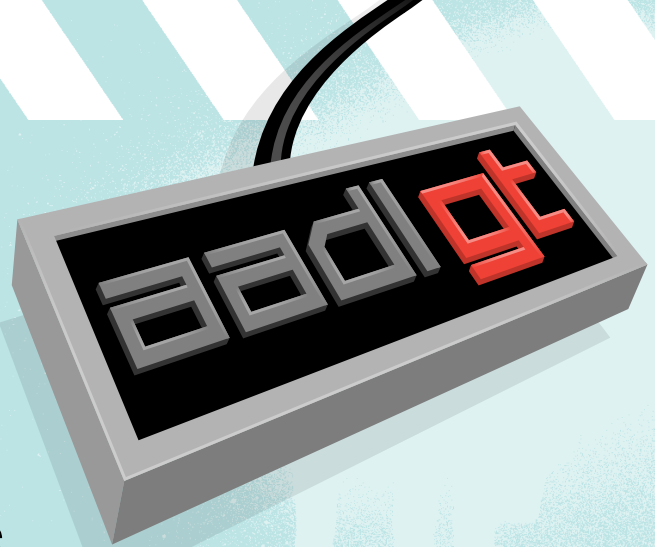
We're teaming up with Vault of Midnight, Ann Arbor's favorite comic and game store! Staff from the Vault will teach and play popular European-style family games. No experience necessary! You bring the gang, we'll bring the games. As always, refreshments will be served to fuel the game play.



REVOLUTION HERO

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 6:00-8:30 PM
DT/MP | ALL AGES

Dance away on our Cobalt Flux DDR pads or play your heart out on Guitar Hero. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each tournament.



AADL-GT SMASH KART GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 12:00-5:00 PM | DT/MP

The hottest tournament in town concludes with the Grand Championships, to be televised on CTN. Grand Prizes will be awarded for Super Smash Brothers Melee and Mario Kart Double Dash team and single player events. Visit the AXIS blog at axis.aadl.org for constant updates. Didn't qualify for the Grand Championships during the season? Come right at noon for the Wildcard tournament and one last shot at making it into the big show!

2ND ANNUAL GT AWARDS AND GRUDGE BANQUET

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 | 6:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP

Come for open play, People's Choice Awards, Hall of Fame inductions and the end-of-season wrap-up. This event will include score-settling match-ups between the players you most want to see battle it out, and will also include token awards for distinctive achievements throughout the season. Refreshments will be served.

DS FEST FOR ALL AGES!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 1:00-5:00 PM | PF
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 1:00-5:00 PM | MC

Bring your Nintendo DS and favorite games for a DS Fest!

ROCK BAND STAR JAMS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 1:00-4:00 PM | DT/MP | ALL AGES

Dream of playing your guitar on a stage to thousands of fans? Get the true feeling from playing Rock Band. Show us your skills on the guitar, bass, drums or wow us with your vocal prowess. Get a band together or come join one on the spot. Rocker gear is encouraged. Prizes will be awarded to the top three bands.

GAME AND PLAN MEETUP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 3:00-6:00 PM | DT/MP

Where should the GT Tournament Season go in 2009? We're asking YOU! Come for some open play and a spirited discussion about what's next for AADL-GT. Is Double Dash finally done? Want to argue more about items in brawl? Show up and let your opinions be heard.

SUPER SMASH BROTHERS REGULATION THROWDOWN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 6:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Ready for a no-items throwdown? Take a break from those pesky smash balls and all those fast-moving stages and really take on your opponents on the levelst of playing fields. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

LITTLEBIGPLANET TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 6:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP

LittleBigPlanet is the hottest thing for PlayStation 3; it's a fast-moving, breathtaking platform race for 4 people where the players can make the levels! Prizes will be awarded to the top three finalists.



**THURSDAYS, JANUARY 22 & FEBRUARY 12 | 6:30-8:30 PM
DT/MP | GRADE 9-ADULT**

The following films are cosponsored by the UM Michigan Community Scholars Program and Michigan Television. Discussions will be led by the MCSP faculty and students.

LOST BOYS OF SUDAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Lost Boys of Sudan is the story of two young men out of the thousands of young Dinka boys and girls who were orphaned and made refugees by Sudan's brutal 20-year civil war. Their journey to America is one of good fortune, but also one of cultural, spiritual and even physical vertigo, revealing both social divisions and remarkable human links in the 21st century global village.

A post-film discussion will include **Jacob Atem**, one of the many lost boys who started a non-profit medical relief organization in Sudan, the Southern Sudan Healthcare Organization.

REFUSING TO BE ENEMIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Refusing to be Enemies – The Zeitouna Story profiles a self-formed group of six Arab and six Jewish women in the Ann Arbor area, who call themselves Zeitouna, the Arab word for olive tree. Filmmaker Laurie White, a founding member of the group, documents the special bond which grows between the members of her Zeitouna dialogue group as they share cultural food and personal narratives.

A post-film discussion will include members of Zeitouna.

MOTAWI TILEWORKS: TILE-MAKING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7:00-8:30 PM

PF | GRADE 6-ADULT

Is high firing an extreme sport? Is double dipping ever ok? Make your own impressed art tile, using Motawi's clay and tools. The nationally-renowned sibling duo of **Karim and Nawal Motawi**, co-owners of Ann Arbor-based Motawi Tileworks, will share their expertise about art tile and tell the story of the Boy Reading tile mural at the Pittsfield Branch. Your original art tile will be fired, glazed and available for pick up at Motawi Tileworks on December 22. Tiles make great gifts! There is no charge for this event.



DUCT TAPE DO-OVER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 7:00-8:30 PM | DT/MP

We provide the tape – from camouflage to the elusive plaid and everything in between – and some basic instructions. You do the rest!

SHRINKY DINK NATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 | 7:00-8:00 PM | PF

Create custom accessories using Shrinky Dink material – in clear, white, brown or black! Start large by stamping or coloring on the thin plastic material – put it in the oven for one minute and it shrinks down to a cool, thick, durable plastic. Make pendants, zipper pulls, key chains, pins or pet tags!

AXIS COFFEEHOUSE

FRIDAYS, JANUARY 9, 16, 23, 30 & FEBRUARY 6, 13

6:30-8:00 PM | MC

Take the stage at the AXIS Coffeehouse. Perform your own poetry or monologue, or maybe a favorite by someone else. If you prefer to watch, just sit back, sip on a hot drink and enjoy the performance.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS WITH KNIT A ROUND

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 | 6:30-8:30 PM | TR | GRADE 6-ADULT

Knitters of all levels are welcome to an evening with the experts from Knit A Round Yarn Shop. Learn creative ways to use leftover yarn – how to cast off and choose from a variety of simple projects. Yarn will be supplied. Bring needles if you have them.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 7:00-8:30 PM | MC | GRADE 6-ADULT

February is Mardi Gras month! Make masks, necklaces and more while learning about the origins and meaning of this international event – just in time for your own Tuesday, February 24, Mardi Gras celebration!

THE ART OF GOURMET PIZZA MAKING WITH COTTAGE INN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 7:00-8:00 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Join us for an evening of pizza learning and pizza tasting with experts from Ann Arbor's own Cottage Inn! Get some pizza history, hear tales of recipe-making, what makes a good crust, and much more.

YO-YO WOW DEMO

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 2:00-3:00 PM | DT/MP

Chris Fraser, 15 year-old yo-yo champion, will demo his mad yo-yo skills, teach tricks and offer tips on becoming a yo-yo champ. Chris is the current Michigan yo-yo champ, as well as the U.S. Mid-East Regional Champion. He has also competed in the National and World Championships.

“IT’S ALL WRITE!” SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

This annual AADL contest for middle and high school students will include generous prizes to be distributed among nine winners! A panel of published authors will judge the stories. The Awards Ceremony will be held during the Ann Arbor Book Festival, **Saturday, May 16, 2009**.

Contest guidelines will be available beginning **Friday, December 19** at aadl.org or at any AADL information desk.

Submissions will be accepted **Friday, January 23** through **Friday, March 20**. Submitting by email at allwrite@aadl.org is preferred, but submissions may also be dropped off at the Downtown Youth Desk or at any AADL location. “It’s All Write!” is held in conjunction with the Ann Arbor Book Festival, May 14-17.



DECEMBER

CHES STRATEGIES & TIPS

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KEY TO LOCATIONS

DT/MP – LOWER LEVEL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

MC – MALLETT'S CREEK BRANCH

PF – PITTSFIELD BRANCH

TR – TRAVERWOOD BRANCH

FASTAXISCALENDAR

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For more information about programs,
collections and services for teens at the
Ann Arbor District Library, please call
734-327-8301.

All Library buildings and program spaces are accessible
to the physically disabled.