

YOU WROTE A NOVEL...NOW WHAT? REVISION & MARKETING STRATEGIES

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 2 - 4 PM | PF
GRADE 9-ADULT**

Authors **Shutta Crum** and **Karen Simpson** offer some tips and tricks on revising your work and marketing it for publication. This event is held in conjunction with November's **NaNoWriMo** (National Novel Writing Month) activities for teens and adults. All aspiring authors are welcome!

LINOCUT PRINTING WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | PF | GRADE 6-ADULT

Try your hand at linocut printing. At this workshop, you will design, carve, and print your own linoleum block. All supplies and tools will be provided – just bring your creative ideas! We'll print on blank note cards and paper. No experience necessary!

STRUMMING IN CIRCLES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 1 - 2 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Head downtown for a strumming hootenanny! Bring your guitar, banjo, uke or any other tunable acoustic strumming stick and we'll play along together. An AADL staff member will lead the group through simple chord progressions. This event is for novice players looking for a chance to play some music with others.

CROCHET WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 | 6:30 - 8:45 PM | MC | GRADE 6-ADULT

Come to the Library for an evening of crochet and learn how to make a Möbius strip scarf. This class is for those who crochet at an intermediate to advanced level. All supplies provided. We'll have our "crochet cam" to show the instructor's hands up close.

MAKE JEWELRY FROM PAPER BEADS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 2 - 3:30 PM | TR | GRADE 6-ADULT

Have you ever tried making paper beads? Come and make some jewelry from paper! Supplies will be provided.

MINI MONSTER STUFFIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 | 6:30 - 8:30 PM | PF | GRADE 4-ADULT

Learn the basics of sewing while designing and making your own ugly little monster stuffed toy! All supplies provided.

CEREAL BOX SCRAPBOOKS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 2 - 3:30 PM | PF | GRADES 4-8

Bring photos, memorabilia, and creativity to create a few scrapbook pages. We will provide cereal boxes for cool covers and other scrapbooking supplies.

ORIGAMI BASICS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 | 7 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 4-ADULT

Learn the basics of the Japanese paper folding art and make geometric shapes. Experienced paper folders are encouraged to join us to share your skills, too!

SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP WITH MASTER LOCKMAN'S BLACK BELT ACADEMY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 | 10 - 11 AM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Using role-playing and other techniques, participants will learn mental and physical training for realistic self-defense situations. Gain greater awareness of how to avoid threatening situations, how adrenaline affects you physically and mentally, and which self-defense techniques are most effective in certain situations.

FABRIC PRINTING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 7 - 8:30 PM | PF | GRADE 6-ADULT

Learn how to screen-print on fabric and take home a tea towel printed by you! Use it in your own kitchen or give it as a gift. Ready-made linoleum blocks will be available for you to create your own vintage-inspired fabric. All supplies will be provided.

QUILLING PAPER CRAFT WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 3 - 4:30 PM | MC | GRADE 6-ADULT

Popular in Europe in the 18th century, quilling is an art form using strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Learn how to make unique cards or prints at this hands-on workshop.

COMIC ARTISTS FORUM SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 4, JANUARY 8 & FEBRUARY 5 | 1 - 3 PM | GRADE 6-ADULT

Come to the Forum to draw, learn, share, and to get fresh ideas for your next comics or graphic novel creation. Drawing supplies will be provided. Locations and guest artists include:

DECEMBER 4 | DT/MP

Ann Arbor cartoonist and teacher extraordinaire **Jerzy Drozd** (comicsaregreat.com, twitter.com/jerzy) presents an interactive discussion on using audio, video, and other exciting digital media to add extra layers of content to your comic's website so you can spread the word about your work.

JANUARY 8 | DT4MR

Rob Stenzinger (via Skype) shows you how to publish your serial comic one page at a time, keep your readers interested, and have it all link together as one story. Rob shares his comic storytelling techniques, the importance of the dramatic reveal, and why comics are the perfect home for your serial story. We'll even work as a group to chain together a few short comic strips into a serialized comic! Rob is the creator of *Art Geek Zoo: The Way of Sound*, a music fantasy adventure online (artgeekzoo.com), collected in print, and available as an eBook.

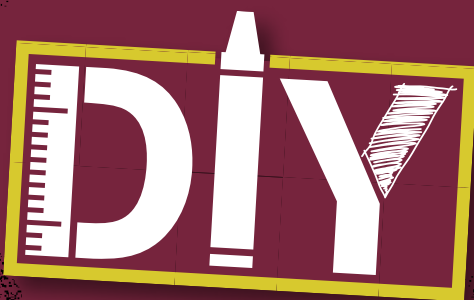
FEBRUARY 5 | DT/MP

Welcome cartoonists **Audra Furuichi** and **Scott Yoshinaga** from sunny Honolulu, Hawaii (via Skype), as they discuss how they work together to create comics and run their business. Audra and Scott are the co-creators of *nemu'nemu* (nemu-nemu.com), an original, online comic that has been running since 2006. Not only are they inspired by anime and manga, but the duo also strives to bring a touch of Saturday morning cartoons and Sunday funnies with a good dose of "small kid time" nostalgia to everything they do.

COMIC ARTISTS FORUM FOLLOW UP: PHOTOSHOP LAB WITH JERZY DROZD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | 1 - 4 PM | DT/CL | GRADE 6-ADULT

Clean up and finish your comics art using Photoshop Elements. Cartoonist and Photoshop expert **Jerzy Drozd** will be on hand to provide instruction for those who need it. Experienced users of Photoshop should bring scanned work on a USB drive (or scan it at the Library) and then get to work.



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ARCADE MASTER SERIES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 | DT/MP | ALL AGES

1 - 7 PM: QUALIFYING ROUND OPEN PLAY | 7 - 8:30 PM: FINAL ROUND

This is YOUR chance to demonstrate your prowess on the finest videogames of the '80s. Make it to the Final Round and get a chance to win an iPad2 with iCade mini arcade cabinet! Get the details inside this issue of AXIS or at aadl.org/gt

DECEMBER

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**MEET THE ANIMALS FROM THE
CREATURE CONSERVANCY**
Wednesday, February 22 | 7 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP
GRADE 6-ADULT

**SMASH BROS. MELEE ANNUAL
FAREWELL TOURNAMENT**
Friday, February 24 | 6 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP
GRADE 6-ADULT

DOUBLE DASH DUO DERBY DINNER
Saturday, February 25 | 1 - 4 PM | DT/MP
GRADE 6-ADULT

KEY TO LOCATIONS

DT - DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
DT/CL - 3RD FLOOR COMPUTER LAB
DT/4MR - 4TH FLOOR MEETING ROOM
DT/MP - MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
DT/YSC - YOUTH STORY CORNER
MC - MALLETT'S CREEK BRANCH
PF - PITTSFIELD BRANCH
TR - TRAVERWOOD BRANCH

HOMEWORK HELP is available at DT/YSC for Grades K-12 on:

Sundays: December 4 & 11 & January 22 - February 19 | 3 - 5 PM

Mondays & Wednesdays: December 5 - 14 & January 23 - February 22 | 4 - 8 PM

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

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

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RHYTHM MASTERS OPEN PLAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 | 3 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP
GRADE 6-ADULT

The basement of the Downtown Library will be louder than ever! We'll have rhythm games of all sorts pumping out the beats. This event is one more chance to earn Arcade Master points for the Jan. 6 Arcade Master Tournament!

ARCADE MASTER QUALIFYING ROUND OPEN PLAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 | 1 - 7 PM | DT/MP | ALL AGES

The Arcade Master Series is YOUR chance to demonstrate your prowess on the finest videogames of the '80s. Do you have what it takes to post a high score and qualify for the FINAL ROUND? Drop by this final qualifying opportunity to earn your spot in the finals!

ARCADE MASTER FINAL ROUND

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 | 7 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP | ALL AGES

The ARCADE MASTER SERIES wraps up with an exciting, shocking, illuminating evening of head-to-head battles on the best games of the '80s! Qualify at any AADL-GT event or from 1-7 PM on Jan. 6, then see if you can make it to the final round and win an iPad2 with iCade mini arcade cabinet! Live Chiptunes and food! DON'T MISS IT!

NATIONAL SMASH 5: SEASON FINALE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 | 1 - 4 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Wanna play some Smash Bros. Brawl? It's your last chance to help keep AADL on top of this season's national standings! This event will include both a national tournament against other libraries all over America and a house rules tournament. Prizes awarded to the top three finishers in both novice and pro brackets!

SMASH BROS. MELEE ANNUAL FAREWELL TOURNAMEnt

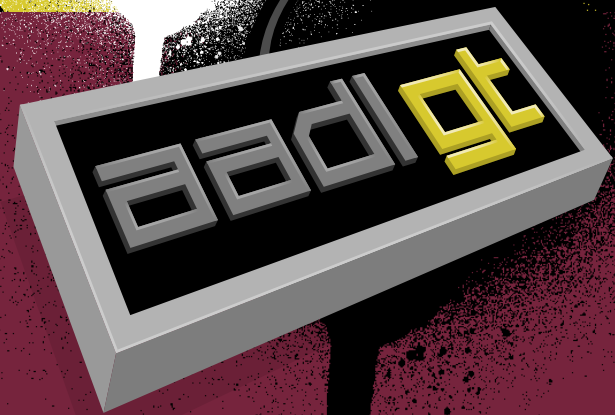
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 6 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

One last chance to play Super Smash Bros. Melee in tournament play! Come battle against the best in 3-stock, 5-minute rounds. Prizes awarded in novice and pro brackets.

DOUBLE DASH DUO DERBY DINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 1 - 4 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

It's the return of networked Double Dash gameplay. This team event lets you experience Double Dash the way it was meant to be played. Come with your cart-mate to enjoy some tense competition and a most elegant pizza dinner.



HOMEWORK HELP

SUNDAYS: DECEMBER 4 & 11 &
JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 19 | 3 - 5 PM
DT/YSC | GRADES K-12

Need help with homework? Volunteers from University of Michigan's **Operation: Educate Children**, a non-profit student organization, and the UM chapter of **Alpha Epsilon Delta**, the National Health Preprofessional Honor Society, are here to help! No appointment necessary - just drop by!



CIRCLE K HOMEWORK HELP

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 14
& JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 22 | 4 - 8 PM | DT/YSC | GRADES K-12

Need help with homework? Students in grades K-12 can get homework help at AADL, provided by volunteers from the University of Michigan chapter of **Circle K**. No appointment necessary - just drop by!

ANN ARBOR COOKS: SMALL DISHES WITH CHEF BRENDAN McCALL OF MANI OSTERIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 7 - 8:30 PM | TR | GRADE 6-ADULT

Chef Brendan McCall of Mani Osteria tells us the secrets of small dishes that pack big flavor and flair. Whether you're preparing for a holiday crowd or an intimate dinner, Chef Brendan's recipes are designed to make cooking fun and flexible with local, seasonal ingredients. Some of Mani Osteria's most popular dishes are sure to be showcased!

MINDO CHOCOLATES & THE USDA COCOA GENOME PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 | 7 - 8:30 PM | PF | GRADE 6-ADULT

Mindo Chocolate Makers of Dexter, Michigan, and Mindo, Ecuador, are "bean-to-bar" chocolate producers. Through their involvement with the Fine Chocolate Industry Association, Mindo is working on a special project with the USDA to help conduct a cocoa genome project to determine which "fine flavor" beans make the best chocolate. Learn more about this special project, and get a chocolate taste!

HOW TO ACHIEVE STUDENT SUCCESS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 | 7 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

It's that time of year - students are back at school and some may need to hone their learning strategies to succeed in the academic world. Get some tips to help middle and high school students with language-based learning disabilities, including dyslexia. Learn how students can improve the way they tackle reading and writing assignments, as well as organize themselves and prepare for tests. *Cosponsored by the UM Institute for Human Adjustment*

CELEBRATE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY WITH POETRY

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 | 2 - 3 PM | DT/MP | GRADES 4-12

Jeff Kass from Neutral Zone shares some poetry on Civil Rights, Equality, Peace and Justice in celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR CAROLE BOSTON WEATHERFORD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 | 2 - 3 PM | DT/MP | GRADES K-8

Acclaimed author **Carole Boston Weatherford** makes a special appearance in honor of **Black History Month** with a delightful presentation mix of storytelling, poetry and prose. Carole is the winner of a Caldecott Honor, the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration, an NAACP Image Award, and a Golden Kite Honor from the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

ANN ARBOR / YPSILANTI READS 2012 BOOK DISCUSSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 | 7 - 8 PM | TR | GRADE 9-ADULT

Join in the discussion of the book selected for Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads 2012, *Born On A Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind Of An Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tammet. The theme for this year's Read is **Language: How We Communicate**.

MARK'S CARTS: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW & TASTE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | 2 - 3:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Mark Hodesh, along with folks from the Lunch Room and San Street Carts, will talk about how things are going with Ann Arbor's first food cart courtyard. They will give us some food to taste, answer some questions, and let us know what we can look forward to, culinary and otherwise!

SPEED DATING FOR BOOKS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 7 - 8:30 PM | MC | GRADES 6-12

What better way to spend Valentine's evening: meet new books and new people! Bring your favorite book and find another great book. Introduce your book to another person in five-minute segments and see if you can match your book with a new reader.

MORGAN & YORK: INTRO TO ARTISAN CHEESE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 7 - 8:30 PM | MC | GRADE 6-ADULT

Have you ever wondered why a cheese looks or smells the way it does? Or why cheese has mold on it? Learn the answers when **Simone Jenkins** from Morgan & York Fine Wines & Specialty Foods tells us about traditional hand-made cheeses from around the world. You'll get to taste a selection of cheese to discover how great cheese is made and aged, learn how best to store it, and lots more. Bring your favorite cheese quote from a story to enter in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Morgan & York!

THE RHINO AND THE VALLEY GIRL: A WORKSHOP ON VOICE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 10 AM - 12 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

Growl, whisper, whine, mumble, bellow, sing - make a LOT of noise and explore the use of your voice! Want to learn to make sound effects? How about talking in alien languages? You'll be amazed at the sounds you make when **Willy Claffin**, musician/puppeteer/storyteller, leads this workshop on voice.

MEET THE ANIMALS FROM THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 7 - 8:30 PM | DT/MP | GRADE 6-ADULT

The Creature Conservancy returns for an evening with their wonderful collection of wild animals! Teens and adults will learn about the animals, see them, and get those wild animal questions answered!



CHESSTASTIC

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 11, JANUARY 15 &
FEBRUARY 19 | 1 - 4 PM | TR | GRADE K-ADULT

Challenge old friends and meet new ones when you come to the Library to play one of the world's most popular games. We'll provide the Chess sets.

LIBRARY LEGO LEAGUE: PROBLEM SOLVING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 OR & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 | 1 - 5 PM | DT/MP
GRADES 6-12

Explore the fundamentals of logic, programming, and robotics design in this LEGO NXT competition! You will BUILD, TEST, and TWEAK your robot, then it's time to COMPETE. Please choose one day to attend.

TEST TAKING 101 WITH KAPLAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 | 7 - 8 PM | TR
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Face the SAT and ACT with confidence. Learn test taking strategies presented by a top Kaplan tutor.

ACT PLUS WRITING TEST TIPS WITH KAPLAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 | 7 - 8 PM | TR | GRADES 9-12

A Kaplan expert will guide you through the process of preparing to write an essay for the March ACT Plus Writing.



"IT'S ALL WRITE!" SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

This annual AADL contest for middle and high school students includes generous prizes to be distributed among nine winners!

Contest guidelines will be available at aadl.org/events/contests or at any AADL service desk beginning **Monday, January 2, 2012**. **Only electronic submissions will be accepted.** Submissions will be accepted **Monday, January 30** through **Friday, March 16, 2012**. Email your story to: allwrite@aadl.org.

A panel of published authors will judge the stories. The **Awards Ceremony**, featuring author **Caitlin Horrocks**, a winner of the 1997 short story contest, will be held **Saturday, May 19, 2012**, at the Downtown Library.

"It's All Write!" is cosponsored by the **Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library** and **AADL**.

