

Fun stuff just for kids

Ann Arbor District Library

FALL-WINTER 2008

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 6 • SIGN LANGUAGE FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS

Malletts Creek Sat. Sept. 6, 10-10:45 AM ●♥
 Instructor Kathy Brady will introduce the Signing Smart method of Sign Language for Infants and Toddlers through songs, games, and other activities. With Kathy's guidance, you will have the opportunity to practice signing with your infant or toddler.

SEPTEMBER 7 • CONCERT: CANDY BAND

Downtown MPR Sun. Sept. 7, 2-3 PM ▼■
 In 2003, four Detroit area stay-at-home moms wanted more than whiny music for children—and Candy Band was born! *The Detroit Metro Times* says, "These... moms have nine kids among them and share a mutual desire to start a mini-mosh revolution one jacked-up nursery rhyme at a time."

SEPTEMBER 9 • MICHIGAN READS! AN EVENING WITH AUTHOR NANCY SHAW

Traverwood Tues. Sept. 9, 7-8 PM ▼♥
Raccoon Tune, Nancy Shaw's story of a family of raccoons, is the book chosen for this year's Michigan Reads. Nancy will read from the story and talk about early literacy and Michigan Reads. We'll have a raccoon craft, too!

SEPTEMBER 14 • CHESSTASTIC

Pittsfield Sun. Sept. 14, 1-4 PM ■◆♥
 Join us on the second Sunday of each month to play one of the world's most popular games with players of all ages and abilities. Chess sets will be provided. Challenge old friends and meet new ones.

SEPTEMBER 18 • EASY KNITS WITH EXPERT JILLIAN MORENO

Traverwood Thurs. Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30 PM ◆♥
 Knitters of all levels: Jillian Moreno, author of *More Big Girl Knits*, will demo stitches and share patterns for scarves, mittens and hats. Yarn will be supplied — bring needles if you have them!

SEPTEMBER 19 • REVOLUTION HERO

Downtown MPR Fri. Sept. 19, 6-8:30 PM ■◆♥
 Dance away with Dance Dance Revolution on DDR pads or play your heart out on Guitar Hero. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each tournament.

SEPTEMBER 21 • PL²: PUBLIC LIBRARY POKÉMON LEAGUE

Downtown MPR Sun. Sept. 21, 1-4 PM ■◆
 Bring your Nintendo DS and copy of Pokémon Diamond or Pearl and join our Pokémon League. The top three finalists will be awarded prizes.

SEPTEMBER 23 • TWEENSACE: PAPER MACHE PIZZAZZ

Traverwood Tues. Sept. 23, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Make a sticky, artistic creation with a balloon, tissue paper and string.

SEPTEMBER 28 • COMMUNITY SING ALONG

Malletts Creek Sun. Sept. 28, 1-2 PM ◆♥
 Talented musicians Betsy Beckerman and Sara Melton Keller lead an old-fashioned community sing along.

SEPTEMBER 30 • TWEENSACE: PLAY BALL!

Traverwood Tues. Sept. 30, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Play tabletop game versions of your favorite sports and make a craft in support of your sports teams.

OCTOBER 7 • TWEENSACE: FELT FRENZY

Traverwood Tues. Oct. 7, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Make cool felt pouches for your precious and high-tech treasures.

OCTOBER 10 • MUSIC & MOTION

Downtown MPR Fri. Oct. 10, 9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM ●▼
 Learn about the saxophone, hear a story from Gari Stein, and dance to music from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.

OCTOBER 12 • CHESSTASTIC

Pittsfield Sun. Oct. 12, 1-4 PM ■◆♥
 See Sept. 14 Chesstastic

OCTOBER 12 • HUNGARY FAMILY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Downtown MPR Sun. Oct. 12, 2-3:30 PM ●▼■◆♥
 Learn, share, and enjoy treats, music and crafts from Hungary.

OCTOBER 14 • TWEENSACE: MAD BOWLING

Traverwood Tues. Oct. 14, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Getting strikes and spares will be that much sweeter playing our wacky version of bowling. Gutterball pros welcome!

OCTOBER 17 • REVOLUTION HERO

Downtown MPR Fri. Oct. 17, 6-8:30 PM ■◆♥
 See Sept. 19 Revolution Hero

OCTOBER 18 • TODDLER BITING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Pittsfield Sat. Oct. 18, 10-10:45 AM ●♥
 Bring the children to play while Early Childhood Consultant Kathy Sims discusses how to deal with toddler biting and other conflict resolution issues.

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OCTOBER 19 • GO!

Traverwood Sun. Oct. 19, 2-3:30 PM ■◆♥
 Learn to play Go or test your skills against Ann Arbor Go Club players. Also known as Baduk or Weiqi, Go is an ancient strategy board game that originated in China and is now played around the world.

OCTOBER 21 • TWEENSACE: BUILDING EXPO

Traverwood Tues. Oct. 21, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Recycle items like balloons and CDs to make a giant creation.

OCTOBER 23 • CONCERT: BEVERLY MEYER, THE MUSIC LADY

Malletts Creek Thurs. Oct. 23, 7-8 PM ▼
 Ready for some lively music, laughter and movement? Beverly presents an interactive evening filled with familiar songs and catchy originals.

OCTOBER 26 • COMMUNITY SING ALONG

Malletts Creek Sun. Oct. 26, 1-2 PM ◆♥
 See Sept. 28 Community Sing Along

OCTOBER 26 • WEIRD SCIENCE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Pittsfield Sun. Oct. 26, 3-4 PM ◆
 Join us for wacky science experiments, an alien autopsy and spooky snacks.

OCTOBER 28 • TWEENSACE: AHOY MATE!

Traverwood Tues. Oct. 28, 4-5:30 PM ◆
 Make your own pirate attire and treasure map. Then attempt a treasure hunt!

OCTOBER 31 • HALLOWEEN PARTY

Downtown MPR Fri. Oct. 31, 9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM ●▼■
 Come for stories, songs and trick or treats before Main Street's Treat Parade at 11 AM.

STORYTIMES & PLAYGROUPS

SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 17
NOVEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 12

No Storytimes or Playgroups on Tues., Nov. 11 and Thurs., Nov. 27

PLAYGROUPS ●
 15 minutes of stories, rhymes & songs followed by open playtime. No older siblings please.

Downtown YSC Mondays 10:30-11:30 AM
Malletts Creek Tuesdays 10-11 AM & Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM
Pittsfield Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 PM
Traverwood Fridays 10:30-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES ▼■
Downtown YSC Tuesdays 10-10:30 AM & Wednesdays 11-11:30 AM
Malletts Creek Wednesdays 10-10:30 AM
Traverwood Wednesdays 6-6:30 PM & Thursdays 10-10:30 AM & 11-11:30 AM
Pittsfield Thursdays 7-7:30 PM & Fridays 10-10:30 AM

KEY TO AGE GROUPS: ● BABIES 0-2 YRS ▼ PRESCHOOL 2-5 YRS ■ GRADES K-3 ◆ GRADES 4-5 ♥ ADULTS

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS • *continued*

NOVEMBER 1 • EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS: A FAMILY CELEBRATION OF DAY OF THE DEAD

Downtown MPR Sat. Nov. 1, 1-2:30 PM ■ ◆ ♥

Celebrate the Day of the Dead! El Ballet Folklórico Estudiantil will also demonstrate traditional Aztec folk dances, and teach us some of the steps.

NOVEMBER 2 • ELECTION CONNECTION

Pittsfield Sun. Nov. 2, 1-2 PM ■

Make a "Celebrate Freedom" hat and a colorful link to the voting chain to elect your favorite jungle animal.

NOVEMBER 2 • TOTE YOUR VOTE

Traverwood Sun. Nov. 2, 4-5 PM ◆

Celebrate the right to vote by decorating a tote. We'll also make an apple crisp.

NOVEMBER 8 • FAMILY CONCERT: AFRICAN DRUM MUSIC WITH MUSICIAN KEVIN COLLINS

Malletts Creek Sat. Nov. 8, 2-3 PM ▼ ■ ◆ ♥

Explore the sounds of African drums at this fantastic demonstration and concert!

NOVEMBER 9 • CHESSTASTIC

Pittsfield Sun. Nov. 9, 1-4 PM ■ ◆ ♥

See Sept. 14 Chesstastic

NOVEMBER 10 • SUPER SKILLS! USING THE LIBRARY FOR HOMEWORK

Downtown YD Mon. Nov. 10, 7-8 PM ■ ◆ ♥

Do some hands-on activities and learn about Library print and electronic resources to make homework much easier.

NOVEMBER 15 • NATIONAL GAMING IN LIBRARIES DAY: DDR AND BRAWL

Malletts Creek Sat. Nov. 15, 1-5 PM ■ ◆ ♥

Compete in the Dance Dance Revolution beginner/light or standard/heavy brackets on Cobalt-Flux pads simultaneously with other gamers at libraries around the country! Show off your Super Smash Brothers Brawl skills! Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each category.

NOVEMBER 16 • TELLEBRATION

Pittsfield Sun. Nov. 16, 2-3:30 PM ■ ◆ ♥

Storytellers will entertain families with lively tales from folklore and personal experience. This annual event is part of a nationwide storytelling tradition.

NOVEMBER 23 • COMMUNITY SING ALONG

Malletts Creek Sun. Nov. 23, 1-2 PM ◆ ♥

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NOVEMBER 25 • HANDS-ON SCIENCE WITH THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Downtown MPR Tues. Nov. 25, 6:30-7:30 PM ■ ◆ ♥

This workshop is full of science experiments and cool demonstrations based on traditional and new concepts in science and engineering. All kids (by age or at heart) are welcome! It's a night guaranteed to make you want to be a scientist or engineer. Presented by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Proyecto Avance: Latino Mentoring Association (PALMA) from the University of Michigan.

NOVEMBER 26 • THANKSGIVING CENTERPIECE

Pittsfield Wed. Nov. 26, 2-4 PM ▼ ■

Drop in and make a gorgeous table centerpiece for Thanksgiving dinner.

NOVEMBER 28 • CUP STACK ATTACK

Traverwood Fri. Nov. 28, 2-3 PM ■ ◆

Learn how to cup stack, or work at beating your best time. Prizes will be awarded to the top three stackers in two divisions.

NOVEMBER 28 • REVOLUTION HERO

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DECEMBER 6 • SNOWFLAKES ARE FALLING!

Malletts Creek Sat. Dec. 6, 11 AM - 12 PM ▼ ■

Create works-of-art snowflakes!

DECEMBER 13 • CLASSICAL BELLS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Downtown MPR Sat. Dec. 13, 1-2 PM ▼ ■ ◆ ♥

Enjoy the beautiful sounds of English handbells at this annual concert.

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DECEMBER 23 • HOLIDAY CRAFT 2008

Traverwood Tues. Dec. 23, 10-11:30 AM ■ ◆

Create Coupon Books using envelopes, ribbon and calligraphy pens to give as New Year's gifts!

DECEMBER 27 • LAUGHTER BLAST

Downtown MPR Sat. Dec. 27, 2-2:45 PM ◆ ♥

Come and laugh for no reason and discover all sorts of reasons to laugh! Drama teacher Phil Walker and storyteller Badria Jazairi, Laughter Yoga leaders and Fun Specialists, lead this workshop with exercises based on laughter yoga, creative play and theater games.

DECEMBER 28 • DANCING BABIES

Traverwood Sun. Dec. 28, 4-4:30 PM ◆ ▼

Join Betsy Beckerman and Sara Melton Keller for dancing and singing!

DECEMBER 29 • SHAKER SALT DOUGH CHARMS

Malletts Creek Mon. Dec. 29, 10-11:30 AM ■ ◆

Show your hospitality by making a Shaker door or window charm. Create an ornament and take it home to slow bake.

DECEMBER 29 • DS FEST FOR ALL AGES!

Pittsfield Mon. Dec. 29, 1-5 PM ■ ◆ ♥

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

DECEMBER 30 • SILLY STORIES WITH LAURA PERSHIN RAYNOR

Downtown MPR Tues. Dec. 30, 10-10:30 AM ▼ ■

Listen to tales filled with colorful characters!

DECEMBER 30 • DS FEST FOR ALL AGES!

Malletts Creek Tues. Dec. 30, 1-5 PM ■ ◆ ♥

See Dec. 29 DS Fest for All Ages

JANUARY 2 • SNOW PEOPLE

Traverwood Fri. Jan. 2, 2-4 PM ▼ ■ ◆

Drop in and create snow people out of socks!

JANUARY 3 • CIRQUE AMONGUS

Downtown MPR Sat. Jan. 3, 11-11:45 AM & 1:30-2:15 PM ■ ◆

This big top performance combines comedy, circus skills, and audience participation.

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
343 S. FIFTH AVENUE
ANN ARBOR, MI 48104
734.327.8301

MALLETTS CREEK BRANCH
3090 E. EISENHOWER PKWY.
EAST OF STONE SCHOOL RD.
ANN ARBOR, MI 48108
734.327.4200

PITTSFIELD BRANCH
2359 OAK VALLEY DRIVE
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
734.327.4200

TRAVERWOOD BRANCH
3333 TRAVERWOOD DR.
ANN ARBOR, MI 48105
734.327.4200

WEST BRANCH
2503 JACKSON AVENUE
WESTGATE SHOPPING CTR.
ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
734.327.4200

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KEY TO DOWNTOWN LIBRARY (DT): MPR / MULTIPURPOSE ROOM • YSC / YOUTH STORY CORNER • YD / YOUTH DEPARTMENT • ALL LIBRARY VENUES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED.

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