



Winter/Spring 2010

Programs and Special Events

JANUARY 10 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Jan. 10, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult
Challenge old friends and meet new ones when you join us for one of the world's most popular games with players of all ages and abilities! Chess sets are provided.

JANUARY 10 • BETSY-TACY MEMORY LANE PARTY

Pittsfield Sun. Jan. 10, 2-3:30 PM • Grade K-Adult
Celebrate the re-issue of the Betsy-Tacy high school stories the old-fashioned way! With games, a craft and a reading, we'll recall the turn of the century in small-town Minnesota.

JANUARY 17 • SENEGAL FAMILY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

DT MPR Sun. Jan. 17, 2-3 PM • All Ages
This celebration features the Akanni Omowale African Drummers and Dancers, a delicious treat, and a craft that the whole family will enjoy! The Library's Family Cultural programs highlight the communities from around the world that live in Ann Arbor.

JANUARY 18 • DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNITY COLLAGE

DTYD Mon. Jan. 18, 10 AM-8 PM • Grades K-8
Help create a Unity and Diversity Collage on the Youth Department bulletin board! Put together photos of famous civil rights leaders with notes from speeches by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or pictures of people and animals from all over the world, and create a huge display.

JANUARY 18 • ANN ARBOR YOUTH CHORALE MLK DAY PERFORMANCE

DT MPR Mon. Jan. 18, 4-5 PM • Grades K-5
The Ann Arbor Youth Chorale will perform songs from the civil rights era.

JANUARY 22 • THE AADL KID-I-COTTS

DT MPR Fri. Jan. 22, 6:30-8 PM • Preschool-Grade 3 with Adult
It's an evening of creative family fun! Enjoy a storytime presentation of the just-announced 2010 Caldecott Medal winner, and then we'll all work together to illustrate a story!

JANUARY 23 • DANCING BABIES WITH ANUJA RAJENDRA

Malletts Creek Sat. Jan. 23, 11-11:40 AM • 0-5 years
The founder of BollyFit and BollyFit Kids presents a dance and musical activity for families with babies and children under 5 years.

JANUARY 24 • DESCENT INTO BOARD-DOM WITH VAULT OF MIDNIGHT & ANN ARBOR GO CLUB

DT MPR Sun. Jan. 24, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult
We're teaming up with the Vault for family-friendly board games and Euro-style strategy games! The Vault crew always brings new games. Members from the Go Club will be here to teach and play the ancient strategy game Go. Come by for snacks and game play!

JANUARY 30 • PETER MADCAT RUTH PRESENTS FOLK MUSIC FOR KIDS!

DT MPR Sat. Jan. 30, 10-10:45 AM • Grades K-5
This award-winning musician presents a concert of great American folk music played on harmonica, guitar, ukulele, banjo, penny-whistle and jaw-harp...sing-alongs, too! Madcat's kids' concerts are "kid tested and approved."

FEBRUARY 5 • KINDERCONCERT: MUSIC AND MOTION

DT MPR Fri. Feb. 5, 9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM • 2-5 Years
Learn about the trumpet from Jason Bergman, the piano from Kathryn Goodson, and hear a story from Gari Stein. Dance to the music of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra!

FEBRUARY 6 • WILD SWAN THEATER PRESENTS DRUM ME A STORY

DT MPR Sat. Feb. 6, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 3
Celebrate Black History Month with a collection of lively African folktales featuring authentic African music and drumming performed by the Wild Swan Theater.

FEBRUARY 11 • PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS MOVIE PARTY

Traverwood Thurs. Feb. 11, 7-8:30 PM • Grades 4-8
Celebrate this amazing series of books and the release of the movie based on the first book in the series, *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. Come dressed as your fave Greek god or monster, play games, munch on lightning snacks and more!

FEBRUARY 13 • CREATE A VALENTINE!

Malletts Creek Sat. Feb. 13, 2-4 PM • Preschool-Grade 5
Create a Valentine's Day card for friends, family, or your sweetie!

FEBRUARY 13 • CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT CHINESE LANGUAGE STORYTIME!

Traverwood Sat. Feb. 13, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 3
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes to celebrate Chinese New Year. 2010 is the Year of the Tiger! HongMei Delosh of the Ann Hua Chinese School presents this program in Chinese.

FEBRUARY 14 • DANCING BABIES WITH MONICA HIGMAN

Malletts Creek Sun. Feb. 14, 1-1:40 PM • 0-5 Years with Adult
Monica Higman, who is affiliated with First Steps Washtenaw, will lead a music and movement program for families with babies and children under 5 years old.

FEBRUARY 20 • TAKE A HIKE! @ STAPP NATURE AREA

Traverwood Sat. Feb. 20, 2-3:30 PM • All Ages
Dress warmly and join Natural Area Preservation (City of Ann Arbor) staff outside of the entrance to Traverwood Branch for a winter walk through Stapp Nature Area. A staff naturalist will discuss native plants and trees, ecological restoration, and responsible use of public lands. After the hike, we'll warm up with hot drinks in the Library!

FEBRUARY 21 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Feb. 21, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult • See Jan. 10

FEBRUARY 22 • AUTHOR JOHN PERRY DISCUSSES THE BOOK THAT EATS PEOPLE

Malletts Creek Mon. Feb. 22, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 3
How can a book eat people?! Find out when this author reads from his amazing new book!

FEBRUARY 23 • BENTO BOX BONANZA

**Pittsfield Tues. Feb. 23, 11 AM-12:30 PM • Grades K-3
& 2-3:30 PM • Grade 4-Adult**
Bento boxes are a traditional Japanese way of holding lunch, but there's also an art to packing a nice bento. In recent years, bento has become an art form. We'll provide the food and box, and you provide the imagination to design your own creative bento box.

STORYTIMES & PLAYGROUPS

JANUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 26 MARCH 15 - APRIL 30

BABY PLAYGROUPS • 0-2 Years

Fifteen minutes of stories, rhymes and songs followed by open playtime. No older siblings please.
Downtown Mondays 10:30-11:30 AM
Malletts Creek Tuesdays 10-11 AM & Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM
Pittsfield Wednesdays 11 AM-Noon
Traverwood Fridays 10:30-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES • 2-5 Years

Downtown Tuesdays 10-10:30 AM & Wednesdays 11-11:30 AM
Malletts Creek Wednesdays 10-10:30 AM
Pittsfield Thursdays 7-7:30 PM & Fridays 10-10:30 AM
**Traverwood Tuesdays 11-11:30 AM,
Wednesdays 6-6:30 PM & Thursdays 10-10:30 AM**

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



Programs & Special Events • *continued*

FEBRUARY 24 • TRIPLE A ADVENTURE WILDLIFE PROGRAM

DT MPR Wed. Feb. 24, 2-2:45 PM • Grades K-5

Here's your chance to meet an African crow, an Asian python and an Australian kangaroo right here in Ann Arbor!

FEBRUARY 24 • BLACK HISTORY MONTH: ACTIVITIES WITH PATRICIA POLACCO'S JANUARY'S SPARROW

Pittsfield Wed. Feb. 24, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

Experience the moving story of a family's flight from slavery to the safety of Marshall, Michigan. We'll also create a take-home craft.

FEBRUARY 24 • BEATLEMANIA: THE BEATLES ROCK BAND

Malletts Creek Wed. Feb. 24, 6-8:30 PM • All Ages

Dream of playing your guitar on a stage to thousands of fans? Get the true feeling from playing The Beatles Rock Band. Show us your skills on the guitar, bass, drums or wow us with your vocal prowess. Get a band together or come and join one on the spot. Mop Tops optional.

FEBRUARY 25 • PL²: PUBLIC LIBRARY POKÉMON LEAGUE

Malletts Creek Thurs. Feb. 25, 1-5 PM • All Ages

Bring your Nintendo DS and Pokémon Pearl or Diamond game to battle your way through the ranks at our first tournament! Prizes will be awarded to the top two finishers.

FEBRUARY 25 • BOOK BINGO!

Pittsfield Thurs. Feb. 25, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

Come play Bingo – with books for prizes!

FEBRUARY 26 • CUP STACK ATTACK!

Pittsfield Fri. Feb. 26, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

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

FEBRUARY 27 • WII SPORTS RESORT TEAM TOURNEY

Traverwood Sat. Feb. 27, 1-4 PM • All Ages

Join us on a family vacation to Wuhu Island and the Wii Sports Resort! Bring friends, parents, grandparents, cousins, or whatever to play your way through Wii Sports Resort's 12 awesome games. Prizes for the winning teams!

FEBRUARY 27 • SOARING STORIES WITH THE ANN ARBOR CIVIC BALLET

Pittsfield Sat. Feb. 27, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

Listen as storyteller Laura Pershin Raynor reads an enchanting story; then watch as the Ann Arbor Civic Ballet brings the story to life!

MARCH 2 • MERRY MAKING WITH MOTHER GOOSE

DT YSC Tues. Mar. 2, 10-10:30 AM • 2-5 years

Come enjoy the rhymes and engage in stories of Ann Arbor's own Mother Goose, Trudy Bulkley.

MARCH 7 • PRESCHOOL EXPO AT PALMER COMMONS

Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Ave. Sun. Mar. 7, 1-4 PM • Parents/Caregivers

Wondering what child care best suits your family's needs? Representatives from local child care centers and preschools will discuss their services and answer your questions. Held on UM's campus, this event is sponsored by AADL, Washtenaw Success by Six, Child Care Network, and UM Work/Life Resource Center. Parking is available at no charge in the garage across from Palmer Commons.

MARCH 11 • HANDS-ON SCIENCE WITH THE SOCIETY OF HISPANIC PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

DT MPR Thurs. Mar. 11, 6:30-7:30 PM • Grades K-5

Don't miss this science experiment workshop, presented by the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) and Proyecto Avance: Latino Mentoring Association (PALMA) from UM.

MARCH 13 • SPEECH & LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT OF INFANTS & TODDLERS

Malletts Creek Sat. Mar. 13, 10:30-11:30 AM • Parents/Caregivers

Patricia Milgrom, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair of the Board of Directors, Lamaze Family Center of Ann Arbor, will discuss a child's milestones in speech and language development, early interventions and how parents are the best advocates for their children. Young children are welcome; toys will be available.

MARCH 13 • MUSEUM DISCOVERIES! FAMILY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Traverwood Sat. Mar. 13, 2-3:30 PM • Grades K-5

Learn how historians and scientists who work for museums collect, study and exhibit their discoveries. What is a museum collection for, anyhow? Dig it up, date it, and create your own exhibit to display your discovery and its importance. Cosponsored by the UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History.

MARCH 14 • CHESSTASTIC

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MARCH 21 • DANCING BABIES WITH ROBIN ROBINSON

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Robin Robinson, director and teacher of Ann Arbor's Robinsongs for Kids, presents a program of music and movement for families with babies and children under 5 years.

MARCH 28 • SEVEN NIGHTS TO READ WITH TWO OF A KIND

DT MPR Sun. Mar. 28, 2-2:45 PM • Grades K-5

Two of a Kind is an award-winning, nationally touring husband-wife duo specializing in interactive music for children and families. They'll share their sense of humor and variety of musical styles at this event; be ready for fun audience participation!

APRIL 6 • ELLIE MCDODDLE SERIES AUTHOR RUTH MCNALLY BARSHAW

Pittsfield Tues. Apr. 6, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5 with Adult

Learn about cartooning, journaling, and being an author with Ruth McNally Barshaw.

APRIL 7 • CREATIVE CRAFTS

Malletts Creek Wed. Apr. 7, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

Use your imagination – and our many shapes and sizes of craft supplies – to create a unique masterpiece!

APRIL 8 • PL²: PUBLIC LIBRARY POKÉMON LEAGUE

Pittsfield Thurs. Apr. 8, 1-5 PM • Grades K-5 • *See Feb. 25*

APRIL 8 • NAIL ART FUN

Traverwood Thurs. Apr. 8, 2-3 PM • Grades 4-8

Try a mani/pedi! Use decals, stencils and polishes to decorate your fingernails and toenails.

APRIL 10 • RETRO OCTATHLON

Malletts Creek Sat. Apr. 10, 1-4 PM • All Ages

Play eight fantastic pre-1990 videogames for all ages in our tournament. Rotate through games, and stick around to improve your score. Prizes for the top finishers!

APRIL 11 • WII SPORTS RESORT TEAM TOURNEY

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APRIL 11 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Apr. 11, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult • *See Jan. 10*

APRIL 11 • FESTIFOOLS CRAFTS

DT MPR Sun. Apr. 11, 2:30-3:30 PM • Grades K-5

We are teaming up with 826michigan for a robot invasion and then joining the foolishness on Main Street with giant puppets, music and more!

APRIL 17 • DANCING BABIES WITH ANUJA RAJENDRA

Traverwood Sat. Apr. 17, 11-11:40 AM • 0-5 years with Adult • *See Jan. 23*

APRIL 17 • NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK EVENT: STAN SAKAI

DT MPR Sat. Apr. 17, 12-1 PM • All Ages

Come meet the Eisner Award-winning creator of USAGI YOJIMBO, the legendary graphic novel series about a Rabbit swordsman wandering 17th-century Japan.

APRIL 25 • EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS CULTURAL CELEBRATION

DT MPR Sun. Apr. 25, 1:30-4:30 PM • All Ages

The Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti District Libraries will once again join forces to offer a celebration of El Día de los Niños, El Día de los Libros for families. Come for dancing at 1:30 PM, traditional crafts from 2-4 PM, and mariachi music and dancing from 3:30-4:30 PM!

MAY 1 • MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Pittsfield Sat. May 1, 11 AM-12 PM • Preschool-Grade 5

Make a card for mom, grandma, or a special someone. All materials will be provided.

MAY 2 • DEEP FRIED PICKLE PROJECT INSTRUMENT CRAFT

DT MPR Sun. May 2, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5

Make crazy instruments out of wacky materials and then have a musical parade! The Deep Fried Pickle Project is a family-friendly band that has wobbled their magical musical gypsy wagon from one end of the country to the other to make music!

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