

umr

Fun stuff just for kids

Ann Arbor District Library
Winter / Spring 2011



Programs & Special Events

JANUARY 8 • DANCING BABIES WITH DENISE OWENS

Malletts Creek Sat. Jan. 8, 11-11:40 AM • 0-5 Years
Denise Owens of Kindermusik presents a program of music and movement.

JANUARY 9 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Jan. 9, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult
Players of all ages and abilities are invited to play Chess! Chess sets are provided.

JANUARY 15 • SCHOOL READINESS

Malletts Creek Sat. Jan. 15, 10:30-11:30 AM • Parents & Caregivers
Michelle Pagliano of the Ann Arbor Preschool and Family Center discusses skills and abilities that will be needed as young ones prepare to enter school.

JANUARY 15 • THE AADL KID-I-COTTS

DT MPR Sat. Jan. 15, 1-2:30 PM • Preschool-Grade 3 w/Adult
Have some family fun! Enjoy a storytime presentation of the 2011 Caldecott Medal winner, and then make your own artistic masterpiece!

JANUARY 16 • BRAZIL FAMILY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

DT MPR Sun. Jan. 16, 2-3:30 PM • All Ages
Learn, share, and enjoy treats and music from Brazil! The celebration will begin with the music of Vencedores and conclude with a craft that the whole family will enjoy. AADL's Family Cultural programs highlight the communities from around the world that live in Ann Arbor. *Cosponsored by the UM Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

JANUARY 17 • MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY EVENT: PAULA YOUNG SHELTON DISCUSSES HER BOOK

DT MPR Mon. Jan. 17, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5
Paula Young Shelton, daughter of civil rights activist Andrew Young and author of *Child of the Civil Rights Movement*, brings a child's unique perspective to an important chapter in America's history. This event includes a book signing with books for sale.

JANUARY 29 • HANDS-ON FAMILY WORKSHOP: WHAT IS WATER?

Malletts Creek Sat. Jan. 29, 10-11 AM • Grades K-5 w/Adult
DT MPR Sat. Jan. 29, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5 w/Adult
Water is amazing! It is the only thing on this planet that can exist in all three states (solid, liquid and gas) under normal conditions. How is this possible? The UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History will explore how two hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom combine to make plants grow and paperclips float.

JANUARY 30 • EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS AT THE PRESCHOOL EXPO

Palmer Commons, UM Campus Sun. Jan. 30, 1-4 PM • Parents & Caregivers
Looking for a preschool but don't know where to start? The Preschool Expo brings representatives from area preschools to one location, on one date. Gather information, get your questions answered, and find the best fit for your child. The Expo will be held at Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Avenue. There is free parking across the street. *Cosponsored by AADL, Washtenaw Success By Six, Child Care Network, and the UM WorkLife Resource Center*

JANUARY 30 • CUDDLE UP! FAMILY STORYTIME

Pittsfield Sun. Jan. 30, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 3 w/Adult
Don't hibernate! Come and hear some winter stories and warm up with hot chocolate.

FEBRUARY 4 • KINDERCONCERT MUSIC & MOTION

DT MPR Fri. Feb. 4, 9:30-10 AM OR 10:30-11 AM • 2-5 Years
Learn about conducting with Maestro Aric Lipsky of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, dance to music performed by pianist Kathryn Goodson, and hear a story from Gari Stein.

FEBRUARY 5 • IT'S GO TIME!

Traverwood Sat. Feb. 5, 3:30-5:30 PM • Grade K-Adult
Before Chess, Go was the strategy game of choice. A game of harmony, balance and concentration, Go may be the purest strategy game on earth. New and experienced Go players are invited to explore and play this ancient game with the Ann Arbor Go Club.

FEBRUARY 6 • DANCING BABIES WITH ARON KAUFMAN

Pittsfield Sun. Feb. 6, 1-1:40 PM • 0-5 Years
Aron Kaufman, teacher, percussionist and composer, leads an event of music and movement.

FEBRUARY 11 • JUST BABIES!

Pittsfield Fri. Feb 11, 6:30-7:10 PM • 0-2 Years w/Adult
Join Denise Owens of Kindermusik for music and movement activities JUST for babies! This new program is best suited to babies who enjoy stretching, rolling, creeping, and crawling, and have their special adult along. No older siblings, please.

FEBRUARY 12 • MAKE A VALENTINE!

Pittsfield Sat. Feb. 12, 1-2 PM • Preschool-Grade 5
Have fun creating your own Valentine!

FEBRUARY 12 • LET'S GET READY FOR LANTERN FESTIVAL!

Traverwood Sat. Feb. 12, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 3
Make two very easy crafts – a paper lantern and a dancing dragon – for Lantern Festival, the final celebration of Chinese New Year.



FEBRUARY 12 • AFRICAN DRUMS & DANCE

DT MPR Sat. Feb. 12, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5
Celebrate Black History Month with the Akanni Omowale African Drum and Dance Ensemble in a lively performance with audience participation!

FEBRUARY 13 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Feb. 13, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult
See Jan. 9, Chesstastic

FEBRUARY 13 • 826MICHIGAN ROBOT WORKSHOP

DT MPR Sun. Feb. 13, 1-4 PM • Grades 4-12
The robot wizard from Liberty Street Robot Supply & Repair will show you how to create your own robot. You may even get to use some of the Better Bot's Repair Co. products, including Positronic Brains, (Replacement) Robot Larynxes, and Grasping Appendages (two varieties!). We provide the robot supplies; you provide the inspiration!

FEBRUARY 19 • HANDS-ON FAMILY WORKSHOP: WATER CREATURES

Malletts Creek Sat. Feb. 19, 10-11 AM • Grades K-5 w/Adult
Pittsfield Sat. Feb. 19, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5 w/Adult
Water is essential for all life, but different organisms use it differently. Some things have adapted to living in it. Some (like us) use it in our cells. The UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History staff will be here to explore the ways water affects life on Earth.

Storytimes & Playgroups

JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 25

MARCH 14-APRIL 29

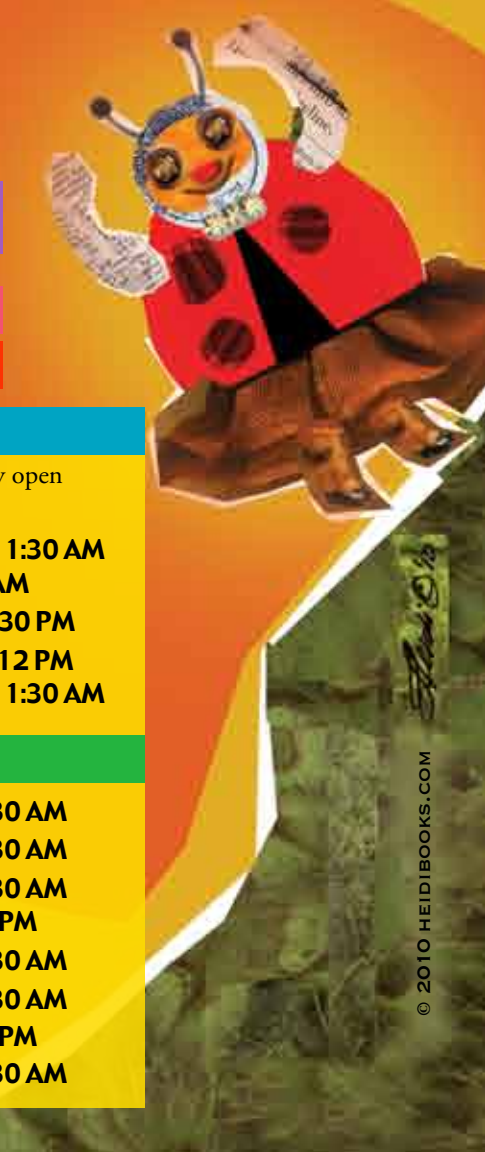
BABY PLAYGROUPS • 0-2 YEARS

Fifteen minutes of stories, rhymes and songs followed by open playtime. No older siblings, please.

	Downtown	Malletts Creek	Pittsfield	Traverwood
Mondays	10:30-11:30 AM			
Tuesdays		10-11 AM		
Thursdays			6:30-7:30 PM	
Wednesdays			11 AM-12 PM	
Fridays				10:30-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES • 2-5 YEARS

	Downtown	Malletts Creek	Pittsfield	Traverwood
Tuesdays	10-10:30 AM			
Wednesdays		10-10:30 AM		
Thursdays			7-7:30 PM	
Fridays			10-10:30 AM	
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

FEBRUARY 19 • JOE REILLY: ENVIRONMENTAL SONGS

Pittsfield Sat. Feb. 19, 10-10:45 AM • Grades K-3

Join Joe for fun interactive environmental songs about ecology, the Huron River, and caring for all living creatures.

FEBRUARY 20 • WII SPORTS RESORT TEAM TOURNEY

DT MPR Sun. Feb. 20, 1-4 PM • All Ages

Take 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, with prizes for the winning teams!

FEBRUARY 21 • POKÉMANIA!

DT MPR Mon. Feb. 21, 1-5 PM • All Ages

Bring your DS or DSi and a copy of Diamond, Pearl, Platinum, HeartGold or SoulSilver! You'll also need to have some Pokémon under level 30 for the Union Room qualifying round.

FEBRUARY 21 • SHRINKY DINK CRAFT SENSATION

Malletts Creek Mon. Feb. 21, 7-8:30 PM • Grade 4-Adult

Have fun shrinking plastic into whatever you want with this retro craft! Make jewelry, keychains, zipper-pulls, pins, pet tags, and more.

FEBRUARY 22 • SNIP & SHRED: SERIOUSLY GEEKY CRAFTS!

DT MPR Tues. Feb. 22, 1-3 PM • Grade K-Adult

Join David Erik Nelson, author of *Snip, Burn, Solder, Shred: Seriously Geeky Stuff to Make with Your Kids*, for an afternoon of making some cool geeky stuff of your own!

FEBRUARY 23 • LIBRARY LOVER'S BOOK COLLAGE

DT MPR Wed. Feb. 23, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 5

Use your imagination and create a colorful collage or a cover inspired by your favorite book. We'll supply the paper, sparkles and stickers so you can give it pizzazz!

FEBRUARY 24 • DOUG SCHEER: THE LAUGH FACTORY

Pittsfield Thurs. Feb. 24, 2-3 PM • Preschool-Grade 5

DT MPR Thurs. Feb. 24, 7-8 PM • Preschool-Grade 5

Doug presents a show that's guaranteed to tickle the funny bone of one and all – with wacky jokes, off-the-wall games, insane contests, and even a few magical surprises.

FEBRUARY 26 • BLACK HISTORY PUPPET SHOW

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

Deborah Ellis-Hawkes, owner of Detroit's Puppets and Stuff, presents heroes and sheroes in Black History!

MARCH 2 • IN LIKE A LION...OUT LIKE A LAMB

DTYSC Wed. Mar. 2, 11-11:30 AM • 2-5 Years

Mary Roderique and her Service Dog Colby present catchy canine tales, songs and a demo of Colby's talents.

MARCH 5 • BOLLYFIT FAMILY

Malletts Creek Sat. Mar. 5, 1-1:45 PM • Grades K-5

Experience fitness through dance when Anuja Rajendra, creator of BollyFit Kids, leads a musical dance activity.

MARCH 8 • MERRY MAKING WITH MOTHER GOOSE

DTYSC Tues. Mar. 8, 10-10:30 AM • 2-5 Years

Ann Arbor's own Mother Goose, Trudy Bulkley, and her very fine gander bring us rhymes and engaging stories!

MARCH 12 • HANDS-ON FAMILY WORKSHOP: HOW WE USE WATER

Malletts Creek Sat. Mar. 12, 10-11 AM • Grades K-5 w/Adult

DT MPR Sat. Mar. 12, 2-3 PM • Grades K-5 w/Adult

All the water on the planet is all there ever will be. The UM Exhibit Museum of Natural History staff will explore ways we use water every day and provide tips on how to be more responsible stewards of this precious resource.

MARCH 13 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Mar. 13, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult

See Jan. 9, Chesstastic

MARCH 13 • SOARING STORIES WITH THE ANN ARBOR CIVIC BALLET

Pittsfield Sun. Mar. 13, 2-2:45 PM • Grades K-5

Stacie Barrett and young dancers from the Civic Ballet will interweave storytelling and movement.

MARCH 13 • A FAIRY SOPHISTICATED AFTERNOON OF FAIRY FUN

Malletts Creek Sun. Mar. 13, 2-3:30 PM • Grade 4-Adult

Wear your fairy finest, nosh on some fairy tasty fairy treats, and make some lovely fairy crafts. We'll have a wicked lovely time!

MARCH 19 • LA'RON WILLIAMS

DT MPR Sat. Mar. 19, 2-2:45 PM • Grades K-5

Enjoy stories from Ann Arbor's own La'Ron Williams, a nationally-acclaimed storyteller with a music-spiced, highly participatory performance and a dynamic blend of original and traditional tales.

MARCH 20 • DANCING BABIES WITH ROBIN ROBINSON

Traverwood Sun. Mar. 20, 1-1:40 PM • 0-5 Years

Robin Robinson, director/teacher of Ann Arbor's Robinsongs For Kids, leads a program of music and movement.

MARCH 26 • SIGN LANGUAGE FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS

Traverwood Sat. Mar. 26, 10:30-11:15 AM • 0-2 Years w/Adult

Learn to sprinkle American Sign Language (ASL) into songs and play, and make signing easy, fun, and successful! Certified ASL Instructor Kathy Brady of Signing Smart will show you how. This program is designed for hearing infants and toddlers, 6-24 months, with adult. No older siblings, please.

APRIL 3 • FESTIFOOLS!

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

We'll team up with 826michigan to make a robo-sea creature, and then join the foolishness on Main Street with giant puppets, music and more!

APRIL 5 • JENGA TOURNAMENT

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

Don't let your tower fall! It's a fun Jenga Tournament – with prizes for the winners!

APRIL 7 • FROG AND TOAD WITH WILD SWAN THEATER

DT MPR Thurs. Apr. 7, 2-2:45 PM • Grades K-3

Two of Arnold Lobel's most beloved characters, Frog and Toad, show how good friends help each other through thick and thin, cheering each other through the hard times and celebrating life's joys. They'll greet spring, plant a garden and share a basket of cookies.

APRIL 9 • POKÉMANIA

DT MPR Sat. Apr. 9, 1-5 PM • All Ages

See Feb. 21, PokéMania

APRIL 10 • MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

DT MPR Sun. Apr. 10, 1-4 PM • All Ages

It's our Mario Kart Wii Tourney for players of all ages and all skill levels!

APRIL 10 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. Apr. 10, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult

See Jan. 9, Chesstastic

APRIL 16 • JUGGLING & JOKES WITH JOSH CASEY

DT MPR Sat. Apr. 16, 10-10:45 AM • Grades K-5

Pittsfield Sat. Apr. 16, 1-1:45 PM • Grades K-5

Celebrate National Library Week with Josh's mix of comedy, juggling, outrageous stunts and audience participation.

APRIL 17 • DANCING BABIES WITH DIANNE DUDLEY

Malletts Creek Sun. Apr. 17, 1-1:40 PM • 0-5 Years

Dianne Dudley of Music Together will lead music and movement activities.

APRIL 17 • EL DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Ypsilanti District Library Sun. Apr. 17, 1:30-4:30 PM • All Ages

AADL and YDL join forces and offer a celebration of El Día de los Niños / El Día de los Libros for families, with music, crafts and more! Ypsilanti District Library is located at 5577 Whittaker Road in Ypsilanti.

APRIL 30 • MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE'S PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN

DT MPR Sat. Apr. 30, 11-11:45 AM • Grades K-5

The Pied Piper is hired by the Mayor of Hamelin to rid the town of rats. The piper does what he's asked, but is denied payment. In revenge, he lures all of Hamelin's children out of town until the Mayor of Hamelin "pays the piper." After the piper is paid the children return to their families and joy and peace are restored to Hamelin.

MAY 6 • KINDERCONCERT MUSIC & MOTION

DT MPR Fri. May 6, 9:30-10 AM & 10:30-11 AM • 2-5 Years

Learn about the bassoon with Nathaniel Zeisler of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, dance to music performed by pianist Kathryn Goodson, and hear a story from Gari Stein.

MAY 7 • MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Pittsfield Sat. May 7, 11 AM-12 PM • Preschool-Grade 5

Make beautiful Mother's Day cards and flowers!

MAY 13 • JUST BABIES!

Malletts Creek Fri. May 13, 6:30-7:10 PM • 0-2 Years w/Adult

See Feb. 11, JUST Babies!

MAY 14 • BOLLYFIT FAMILY

Traverwood Sat. May 14, 1-1:45 PM • Grades K-5

See March 5, BollyFit Family

MAY 15 • CHESSTASTIC

Traverwood Sun. May 15, 1-4 PM • Grade K-Adult

See Jan. 9, Chesstastic

MAY 22 • DANCING BABIES WITH MONICA HIGMAN

Malletts Creek Sun. May 22, 1-1:40 PM • 0-5 Years

Have fun with music and movement activities for families with young children! Monica is affiliated with First Steps Washtenaw.

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
---	---	--	--	--

HOURS AT ALL LOCATIONS • MON: 10 AM-9 PM • TUES-FRI: 9 AM-9 PM • SAT: 9 AM-6 PM • SUN: NOON-6 PM • VISIT US ONLINE AT AADL.ORG