



Enriching the lives of children  
through the art and love of storytelling

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**September 8, 2011**

**9:30 AM-11:30 AM**  
**The Community House**  
**380 South Bates St.**  
**Birmingham, MI 48009**

**Ready, Set, Read!**

Come join us for our fall kickoff meeting. Bring a friend to hear Connie Ilmer, Youth Services Department Head at Baldwin Public Library. She will share some of the best new titles in children's literature. Everyone will receive a handout. Enjoy beverages and sweet treats as you visit with new and old friends.

**October 20, 2011**

**9:30 AM-11:30 AM**  
**Book Beat**  
**26010 Greenfield Rd.**  
**Oak Park, MI 48237**

**A Field Trip to Book Beat**

Colleen Kammer, owner of Book Beat, will be our hostess as we visit her special store featuring the best in children's literature. Colleen will share her knowledge and enthusiasm for children's books and then allow time for shopping. Colleen gives active storytellers a 20% discount on books for our schools. **R.S.V.P. to Marianne Boukamp, [mboukamp@aol.com](mailto:mboukamp@aol.com) or 248-646-2754.**

**November 10, 2011**

**9:30-11:30 AM**  
**The Community House**

**Lois Keel: Tell the World**

Lois Keel, a Michigan storyteller since 1970, will share her "Tell the World" program, which includes many culture influences united into one powerful message. A certified World Weaver, and former Head of Children's Services at Macomb Public Library, Keel loves to give voice to stories that had no voice, through the use of American Sign Language.

**December 15, 2011**

**9:30-11:30 AM**  
**Kathy Rice's Home**  
**141 Hupp Cross**  
**Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301**

**A Holiday Gathering**

The StoryTeller's Guild holiday gathering will be at Kathy Rice's home. Please bring a new wrapped children's book for our holiday exchange. **R.S.V.P. to Marianne Boukamp, [mboukamp@aol.com](mailto:mboukamp@aol.com) or 248-646-2754.**

**January 12, 2012**

**9:30-11:30 AM**  
**The Community House**

**Flip Side Stories with Amber Housey**

Amber J. Housey, a newly published children's book author and creator of Flip Side Stories™ LLC, will share her journey from teaching to Mompreneur. Her career as a teacher inspired her to write a children's book series that teaches children, and the adults who love them, how to see new perspectives and points of view. See you on the Flip Side!

**February 16, 2012**

**And the 2012 winners are...**

**9:30-11:30 AM  
The Community House**

Connie Ilmer of Baldwin Public Library returns bringing the 2012 children's award winners and honor books. Awards include Newberry, Caldecott, and Coretta Scott King.

**March 8, 2012**

**Story Be Told with Jenifer Stauss**

**9:30-11:30 AM  
The Community House**

Michigan tales and legends take center stage when Story Be Told Productions founder, Jenifer Stauss, joins us for a dynamic storytelling experience. For over a decade, Stauss, a former elementary teacher and current artist on the Michigan Great Outdoor Culture Tour, has been sharing her own unique blend of Michigan-centered storytelling. She will be sharing with us a personal story, a legend and an historic lighthouse piece, while describing the process she uses to craft and tell each story.

**April 19, 2012**

**The Best of China**

**9:30-11:30 AM  
The Community House**

Join Linda Sinclair, a retired Birmingham Teacher, as she takes us along on a whirlwind journey through China, including stops in the capital city of Beijing, the world-class city of Shanghai, historic Xian and Hangzhou and the scenic countryside around the southern city of Guilin. Linda will talk about the trip planning and share some of their personal experiences, including her visit to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at a Guilin primary school, a cooking class in the Hutong neighborhood of Beijing and their hike on The Great Wall.

**May 17, 2012**

**StoryTeller's Guild Fundraiser Luncheon**

**Time: TBA  
The Community House**

Watch for the announcement of our special speaker and additional luncheon information.

**June 14, 2012**

**Spring Salad Luncheon**

**10:00 AM  
Marianne Boukamp Home  
601 Harmon  
Birmingham, MI 48009**

Our end-of-the-year spring luncheon will be held at Marianne Boukamp's home. We will recognize active storytellers, present our annual report and elect officers. **R.S.V.P. to Marianne Boukamp, [mboukamp@aol.com](mailto:mboukamp@aol.com), or 248-646-2754.**