



PROGRAM / MEETING SCHEDULE

September 20, 2018

The Community House 380 South Bates Birmingham, MI 48009

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Six Quick Steps to Storytelling Success!

Join us as we kick off our program year with an interactive workshop that will give you the confidence to bring children's literature to life! With the guidance of award winning storyteller Judy Sima, winner of the Distinguished National Service Award from the National Storytelling Network, we'll learn how to use props, participation and song to get children actively involved in stories – and have them rushing to library bookshelves. An extensive handout will help you on your storytelling journey.

October 18, 2018

Book Beat Bookstore 26010 Greenfield Oak Park, MI 48237

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Book Talking at Book Beat

This morning, we'll gather at Book Beat, to visit with owner Colleen Kammer. She will present some of her favorite new titles for young readers. A 20% discount is given to all **active** StoryTellers on books purchased for their schools during October or November, February or March. **If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. – contact Lee by October 11, 2018 at 248-594-6414 or ltrumbull@communityhouse.com.**

November 15, 2018

The Community House

10:00 a.m. – Noon

The Secret Meanings of Nursery Rhymes e.g. Why is Humpty Dumpty an Egg?

From the cat and the fiddle to Jack and Jill, we're all familiar with the classic nursery rhymes of childhood. But do we really know them? Returning speaker Kerri Dettmer, adjunct instructor of English at Macomb Community College, will share interesting information we never knew about our beloved nursery rhymes.

December 13, 2018

250 Martin Street Condos, Suite #2 Birmingham, MI 48009

10:00 a.m. – Noon

StoryTellers Annual Holiday Gathering

This year's festive gathering will once again be hosted by member Marianne Boukamp. Please bring your favorite **breakfast specialty** to share with the group. Hot and cold beverages will be provided. If you would like to participate in our **holiday gift exchange**, please bring a **new, wrapped children's book**. **Please RSVP to Marianne by December 6th at 248-229-6087.**

January 17, 2019

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10:00 a.m. – Noon

Children's Book Illustrations

As Alice said near the start of *Alice in Wonderland*, "What is a book without pictures or conversations?" Some of our best-loved illustrations are in books for children. We'll explore contemporary award winners like Ezra Jack Keats, Jerry Pinkney, Maurice Sendak and Mo Willems. Then we will look back at 19th and 20th century artists alike Randolph Caldecott, John Tenniel, E.H. Sheperd and Beatrix Potter. Our presenter is Wendy Evans, art historian, teacher, and volunteer docent at the Detroit Institute of Arts, for 32 years.

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February 21, 2019

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10:00 a.m. – Noon

Wonderful Read-Alouds!

Looking for some great new titles to add to your storytelling repertoire? Who better to get them from than master storyteller, Stephanie Klimmek, Youth Services Director at the Baldwin Public Library! We've changed things up this year by asking Stephanie to present outstanding fiction and nonfiction "read-alouds" for grades pre-K through 5. Most will be recently published titles, but not all will be award winners. Prepare yourself for "read-aloud" fun!

March 21, 2019

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10:00 a.m. – Noon

Picture Books to Inspire Environmental Action

In this presentation, we will explore picture books that promote an awareness of our environment. We'll look at books that will inspire children to actively care for our planet. These books are perfect to use for Earth Day, (April 22), and with the new school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) curriculum. Dynamic returning presenter Dr. Jacqueline LaRose, professor in the Department of Education at Eastern Michigan University, will share her knowledge of books to inspire us and our students.

April 25, 2019

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10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

StoryTellers Guild Annual Fundraiser Luncheon

Please join us for our annual fundraiser and enjoy a dynamic presentation by our **keynote speaker, author Laurie Keller**. Her books for young readers include: *The Scrambled States of America*, *Potato Pants*, *Arnie the Doughnut* and the 2017 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award Winner: *We Are Growing!* Mark your calendars NOW for this fun-filled program, luncheon, raffle and silent auction.

May 16, 2019

The Community House

10:00 a.m. – Noon

Welcome to the C, C & U Variety Show

Cindy and Carol will share their combined 50+ years of information, ideas and books to use with your students. Then it is Ur turn. Share **your** talents, favorite books, props, tips, helps, personal story. "Everyone has a story to tell, or a talent to share." It's time to "show off." We'll end the school year sharing all our successes. Everyone will learn something to use with their classes next year. We will motivate and inspire each other!

June 20, 2019

Location and Hostess TBA

11:30 a.m. – ?

Season Finale: Potluck Salad Luncheon

We'll gather at the home of a member for our final meeting of the season. **If you would like to host this event...please e-mail Carol Spears at cspears45@comcast.net as soon as possible!** Please bring a favorite salad to share. Beverages, rolls and dessert will be provided. Election of officers will be held. Please join us for fun, food and conversation as we close out another great year of storytelling. **If you are attending, we must get your RSVP by June 13, 2019.**