

Build A Better World!

2017

Teen & Adult Performance Schedule

These programs available free at the public libraries in Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative, Northland Library Cooperative and other libraries around the state of Michigan.

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2017 Teen & Adult Program Performance Schedule*

January, 2017

Tuesday	January 10	Alex Thomas & Friends	Community District Library - Corunna Branch	2:30 p.m.
Saturday	January 21	Ming the Magnificent	North Branch Township Library	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 24	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Community District Library - Bancroft Branch	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	January 26	Joel Tacey	Community District Library - Morrice Branch	3:30 p.m.

February, 2017

Thursday	February 9	Painterly Pottery	Community District Library - Corunna Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 15	Gemini	Frankenmuth Wickson District Library	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 28	Anshu Varma	Community District Library - Bancroft Branch	5:00 p.m.

March, 2017

Wednesday	March 1	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Community District Library - New Lothrop Branch	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 7	Painterly Pottery	Community District Library - Byron Branch	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 8	Catbird Seat	Community District Library - Lennon Branch	4:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 18	Painterly Pottery	North Branch Township Library	11:00 a.m.
Monday	March 20	Ming the Magnificent	Community District Library - Perry Branch	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 21	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Headquarters Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 23	Ming the Magnificent	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 26	Joel Tacey	Chippewa River District Library - Veterans' Memorial Branch (Mt. Pleasant)	2:00 p.m.

April, 2017

Saturday	April 1	Phoenix Freerunning	Genesee District Library - Fenton Branch	11:00 a.m.
Saturday	April 1	Phoenix Freerunning	Genesee District Library - Grand Blanc Branch	2:30 p.m.
Sunday	April 9	Gemini	Chippewa River District Library - Veterans' Memorial Branch (Mt. Pleasant)	3:00 p.m.

May, 2017

Saturday	May 13	Thornapple Woodlands Beekeeping	North Branch Township Library	11:00 a.m.
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June, 2017

Wednesday	June 14	Anshu Varma	Capital Area District Library - Webberville Branch	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 15	Joel Tacey	Community District Library - Byron Branch	5:00 p.m.
Monday	June 19	Alex Thomas & Friends	Capital Area District Library - Okemos Branch	1:00 p.m.
Monday	June 19	Thornapple Woodlands Beekeeping	Genesee District Library - Fenton Branch	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 20	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Bay County Library - Pinconning Branch	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 20	Joel Tacey	Dryden Township Library	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	June 21	Laurel Zoet	Chippewa River District Library - Veterans' Memorial Branch (Mt. Pleasant)	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Gemini	Flint Public Library	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Montrose Branch	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Linden Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Andrew & Wendy Mutch	Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library-Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Jim Perkins	Bay County Library - Auburn Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 22	Joel Tacey	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	3:30 p.m.

Saturday	June 24	Joel Tacey	Genesee District Library - Beecher Branch	1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 27	Andrew & Wendy Mutch	Genesee District Library - Fenton Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 28	Ming the Magnificent	Community District Library - Lennon Branch	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 28	Ming the Magnificent	Capital Area District Library - Webberville Branch	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	June 28	Anshu Varma	Frankenmuth Wickson District Library	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 29	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Flint Public Library	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 29	Anshu Varma	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 29	Anshu Varma	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	3:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 29	Anshu Varma	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	6:00 p.m.

July, 2017

Thursday	July 6	Painterly Pottery	Capital Area District Library - Stockbridge Branch	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 8	Joel Tacey	Capital Area District Library - Lansing Main	11:00 a.m.
Monday	July 10	Gemini	Goodland Township Library	6:00 p.m.
Monday	July 10	Organization for Bat Conservation	Genesee District Library - Fenton Branch	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11	Rick Kelley	Boyne District Library	2:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Pinconning Branch	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 11	Joel Tacey	Chippewa River District Library - Veterans' Memorial Branch (Mt. Pleasant)	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 12	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Clio Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 12	Alex Thomas & Friends	Harrison District Library	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	Ming the Magnificent	Chippewa River District Library - Veterans' Memorial Branch (Mt. Pleasant)	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 13	Alex Thomas & Friends	Pere Marquette District Library - Clare	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 15	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Genesee District Library - Flint Township Branch	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 15	Thornapple Woodlands Beekeeping	Genesee District Library - Goodrich Branch	12:00 noon
Saturday	July 15	Thornapple Woodlands Beekeeping	Genesee District Library - Davison Branch	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 15	Laurel Zoet	Capital Area District Library - Holt Branch	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	July 18	Ming the Magnificent	Bay County Library - Auburn Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 19	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 19	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 19	Ming the Magnificent	Public Libraries of Saginaw - Butman Fish Branch	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	Andrew & Wendy Mutch	Flint Public Library	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Auburn Branch	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 20	Alex Thomas & Friends	Genesee District Library - Grand Blanc Branch	3:30 p.m.
Friday	July 21	Joel Tacey	Goodland Township Library	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	July 22	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Genesee District Library - Beecher Branch	12:00 noon
Saturday	July 22	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Genesee District Library - Swartz Creek Branch	2:30 p.m.
Monday	July 24	Painterly Pottery	Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library-Imlay City	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	July 25	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Grand Blanc Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 26	Rick Kelley	Frankenmuth Wickson District Library	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 26	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Davison Branch	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 27	Andrew & Wendy Mutch	Capital Area District Library - Stockbridge Branch	6:30 p.m.
Thursday	July 27	Alex Thomas & Friends	Flint Public Library	3:30 p.m.
Saturday	July 29	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Beecher Branch	3:00 p.m.

August, 2017

Tuesday	August 1	Joel Tacey	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	2:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 2	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	3:30 p.m.
Wednesday	August 2	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Genesee District Library - Burton Branch	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Genesee District Library - Montrose Branch	5:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Painterly Pottery	Flint Public Library	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 3	Alex Thomas & Friends	Bay County Library - Wirt Branch	2:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 5	Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries	Capital Area District Library - Holt Branch	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	August 9	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Clio Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 9	Joel Tacey	Bay County Library - Sage Branch	2:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 10	Ming the Magnificent	Genesee District Library - Baker Park Branch	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 10	Painterly Pottery	Bay County Library - Auburn Branch	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 16	Michelle Bommarito	Dryden Township Library	5:00 p.m.

Program Descriptions

Michelle Bommarito

Professional Chef

Michelle Bommarito's name is synonymous with Food Network Cake Challenges, however the energetic entrepreneur has boldly stepped out of the pastry world and is now focusing on her true passion...sharing Culinary techniques on how to prepare energizing super power foods.

*Recipes will be provided via email after each class, yet pen and paper is a must for notes.

1. **Culinary Workshops: These workshops include food samples. Classes are limited to 25 participants.**
 - a. **A Building and Constructing....Building Pizza with Delicious Toppings**

Catbird Seat

Musical Program

The Catbird Seat is Wanda Degen & Kay Rinker-O'Neil. Wanda & Kay combine rich vocal harmony with a lively blend of instruments - autoharp, dulcimers, flute & guitar. "*Educational & Entertaining Performances*"

A Celtic Kaleidoscope – Traditional and contemporary music from Ireland, England and Scotland. Presenting both the softer side of Celtic music in arias, waltzes, and ballads, along with the livelier side through upbeat jigs and songs.

Dancing Crane Soaps & Sundries

Soap Making, Lotions & Lip Balms

1. Basic Soap Making Workshop: Natural ingredient soap making class: This soap class includes all necessary molds, ingredients, handouts and utensils. Not only will your patrons learn how to make soap from scratch (this is a lye based soap) but they will learn about the scientific processes oils and lye undergo to become soap as well as how common store bought soaps can be damaging where natural soaps promote healthy skin. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords and access to a microwave.

2. Scrubs, Lip Balms and Bath Salts Workshop: Pinterest style class with 3 mini lessons in one: Similar to the natural ingredient soap class, this class will teach patrons how to make sugar or salt scrubs, lip balms, and bath salts from common household ingredients that you can pick up at many grocery stores. Patrons will be educated in which oils are better for which types of skin to promote healthy skin all summer long. Instructor provides all ingredients, containers, handouts, and utensils needed for the class. This trio can be broken up into individual classes upon request. Library will need to provide electricity, extension cords and access to a microwave.

3. Native American Style Choker Making Class: In this class students will learn how to make a 3 or 4 strand choker; including cutting the leather and sinew, selecting the beads and laying out the designed pattern. Instructor provides all supplies; hair pipe beads (bone or horn), crow beads (ceramic or glass), artificial sinew and leather spaces & ties. Students will need to be careful as we will be using sharp needles and scissors!

4. Dream Catcher Making Class: In this class students will learn how to make a dream catcher; including wrapping hoop (choice of leather or embroidery thread), cutting leather & sinew, selecting beads & feathers and learning how to weave the pattern of the dream catcher. Students will need to be careful as we are using sharp scissors!

Each class limited to 20 participants. Geared for patrons 15 years of age and older.

Gemini

Musical Program

1. Those Were the Days - Songs of the 1960's Folk Revival: This show features the classic songs of Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul and Mary, Joni Mitchell, Joan Baez, Simon and Garfunkel, etc. Gemini sing "If I Had a Hammer," "Blowin' in the Wind," "Where Have All the Flowers Gone," "Big Yellow Taxi," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and many more, and invite the audience to sing along with them. For extra spice, the twin brothers add in traditional songs associated with the era, as well as a Capella versions of a Motown song, one by the Beatles, and even one by Janis Joplin!

2. Poetry Into Song - Classic Poems Set to Music: Gemini has set to music a wide range of poetry — from the lyrics of the 13th and 14th century Sufi mystics, Rumi and Hafiz, to the American greats, Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost, to more recent poets such as e. e. cummings and William Stafford, as well as the contemporary Naomi Shihab Nye. In addition, this program includes traditional song settings from Shakespeare and Robert

Burns, as well as the poetry of current Michigan poets, Linda Nemeč Foster and Jennifer Burd. Set to soaring melodies, these poems-now-songs leap off the page!

Rick Kelley

Musical Program

Rick's energy is contagious. His songs are memorable. And as always, there will be tons of audience participation.

Rick Kelley's Basic Song Construction: - a workshop for teens where teens are given a chance to perform songs they have written, critique their efforts, discuss basic songwriting techniques and music business 101, and we will actually write a song together.

Ming Louie

1. Ming the Origami Meister: Build paper figures and enjoy the serenity and meditative aspects of Origami, an ancient Asian activity. Marvel at the scientific uses of Origami today from the Hubble Telescope to the airbag in your car. Along the way, enhance your motor skills and make useful items for decorating and gift giving. Ming will accommodate the skill level of your patrons, all material is supplied. The classic paper crane and other figures are taught. Participants must be sitting at tables. **Limited to 50 participants.**

2. Ming's Hands-on Cooking Programs: Build a better diet-learn how to make Chinese Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls or Sushi. A unique hands-on cooking program in which your patrons actually make their own Chinese Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls or Sushi Roll and then eat it! All material and recipes are supplied along with chop sticks, instructions for their use and entertaining cultural anecdotes. Ming and his family have been in the Chinese restaurant business for over a hundred cumulative years. Other dishes available on request. Participants need to be sitting in chairs auditorium style. **Limited to 50 participants.**

3. Ming's Demonstration Cooking Program: Watch, learn, smell and taste popular *Chinese Restaurant Food* as served in Ming's restaurant for over 30 years and the Chinese restaurants of his grandfather and uncle. Choose from one of these popular classes:

- Stuffed Tomatoes

- Sweet and Sour Chicken

- Chicken Fried Rice

- Mushroom Chow Mein

- Chinese/Italian Bolognese meat sauce: Enjoy a Bolognese sauce made from Italian and Asian ingredients resulting in a unique interpretation of an Italian favorite. Ming first learned to make Bolognese while taking a cooking class in Florence, Italy. He has, over the years, tweaked the recipe, to include Asian ingredients while still remaining clearly Italian. The recipe has been kitchen and taste tested over the years among his Italian friends and family and judged delicious! This item has never been featured in our restaurant. The protein is ground chuck.

Each cooking program lasts about an hour and all items are provided including chopsticks with live instruction, recipes and basic food etiquette lessons in Chinese and Japanese with relevant phrases. Your patron will exercise all their senses: smelling, seeing, touching, tasting, and hearing in hands-on cooking. Participants need to be sitting in chairs auditorium style. **Limited to 50 participants.**

Andrew & Wendy Mutch

Michigan Kit Houses

Starting in 1906, dreams of homeownership for thousands of Americans begin on the pages of a mail order catalog. With an order from Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, Aladdin and others, these prospective homeowners embarked on the ultimate DIY project – a kit house! These can-do customers transformed a boxcar full of building material (up to 30,000 pieces) into a home using only a set of blueprints and a 75-page instruction manual. Andrew and Wendy Mutch share the story of their 1926 Sears Hamilton to illustrate the history of kit and catalog houses and the pivotal role that Michigan played in the industry. Attendees of this lively presentation will learn how to identify kit homes, see a variety of vintage catalogs and promotional materials, and go on a photographic tour of kit houses of all sizes and styles found in Michigan and throughout the United States.

Organization for Bats

Live Bat Program

These are not hands-on presentations.

Bat House Building Demonstration: In this demonstration program, you will learn how to build your own bat house from scratch. You will also learn about the types of bats likely to find in your bat house, as well as, tips to attract bats. Plans will be available for participants to take home.

Painterly Pottery

Pottery to Go

1. Teen & Adult Pottery Classes: Skylines will be painted along the bottoms of an all new selection of mugs and bowls. This easy to follow step-by-step process will be explained and demonstrated as painters construct their own city silhouette.

Limited to 25 participants.

2. Mosaic art: Build a structure from over 20 different colored mosaic pieces. This “make and take project” is full of possibilities for any age. This summer, new shapes and sizes of mosaic tiles will be available allowing for a variety of unique building in every group. **Limited to 25 participants.**

3. Watercolor Basics & Techniques: Painters will learn about introductory watercolor painting materials and techniques, while they create a small city scene in a unique way. By utilizing the artistic skill of perspective, painters will learn to paint a building(s) as they create a one point perspective scene lead by an instructor. By applying this perspective technique painters will create the illusion of distance as buildings become smaller in the background. Painters also have the option to treat this as an open class and experience the fun of watercolors while exploring and creating their own imaginative designs. Watercolor painting is available for both teen and adult groups. **Limited to 25 participants.**

Phoenix Freerunning

Strength & Conditioning Demonstration

Phoenix Freerunning Academy is a training facility for all aspects of movement, specializing in parkour and freerunning. It is our goal to help educate, promote and unify the parkour and freerunning communities of Michigan and to teach both children and adults how to practice the growing sport of parkour in a fun and safe manner. Freerunning is an acrobatic and athletic discipline using movement that developed from military obstacle course training. Practitioners aim to get from one point to another in a complex environment, without assistive equipment and in the fastest and most efficient way possible. It is our goal to help educate, promote and unify the parkour and freerunning communities of Michigan and to teach both children and adults how to practice the growing sport of parkour in a fun and safe manner. Train hard, train safe, but above all, never stop moving!

Don Snoeyink

Thornapple Woodland Beekeeping

1. Through an entertaining honey bee educational seminar, the audience will:

- Learn about the three types of bees in a hive and their respective roles.
- Understand the life cycle of a honey bee from egg to larva to capped brood to adult bee.
- Appreciate the process of pollination and the importance of honey bees to our food supply.
- Understand how bees find nectar and process it into honey.
- Realize how honey is harvested.
- Learn of the nutritious and medicinal qualities of honey.
- Discover the uses for beeswax.
- Participate in a question and answer session.

After the presentation, at three stations, the audience will:

- Examine live bees in an observation hive.
- Taste honey from our hives.
- Craft a hand rolled beeswax candle

Joel Tacey

Duct Tape Program

1. Mobile NERF Games: *ALL NEW* Patrons will run, dodge, and dive as they try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during Mobile NERF Games! From 'Capture the Flag' to 'Eliminator' to the 'Zombie Strike Gallery,' players will put their physical and mental skills to the test with several game styles perfect for any size group or

venue, indoors or out. We provide all NERF equipment including blasters, darts, team vests, safety goggles, obstacles, and targets along with a friendly Host who will set-up, tear-down, and referee all of the exciting NERF action! **Limited to 50 attendees.**

2. Extreme Duct Tape workshop: Our friendly Host makes it easy for *All-Ages* ages to make & take incredible duct tape creations! Patrons will create colorful bookmarks, bracelets, wallets, purses, pouches, and more. We provide all necessary supplies including 50+ colors & prints of duct tape, custom templates, kid-safe scissors, and duct tape door prizes which are given throughout. I tape, you tape, we all LOVE to duct tape! **Limited to 60 attendees.**

Alex Thomas

Animation & Caricatures

Pixilation Workshop: Pixilation is a live-action, experimental form of animation involving the manipulation of real people or object to achieve surrealistic movement. Participants will work together to create a live-animated video, in which everyone is starred. Each participant will receive a DVD of the finished video.

Stop-Motion Animation Workshop: This workshop begins with a brief overview and demonstration of the different types of stop-motion animation mediums. Participants will then be given step-by-step instructions to build their very own custom, stop-motion puppet and bring it to life using the art, and the magic of stop-motion animation.

Anshu Varma

Culture of India Workshop

Temporary Body art from India. Anshu Varma has been teaching the Art of Henna at Michigan Libraries for the past 12 years! This program teaches each participant how to create their own Henna tattoo. A Henna applicator, a variety of traditional and contemporary designs and personalized instruction is provided. Anshu also includes a talk about the traditional and cultural origins of henna.

Anshu uses all natural ingredients to create her Henna applicators. Henna leaves are blended with brewed black tea and eucalyptus oil as color enhancers. This paste is filled in hand made Henna applicators. The Henna applicator is then used to decorate hands & feet. Henna dyes the outer layer of the skin by staining it a bright red/burgundy color. The Henna tattoos can last up to two weeks. The Henna paste needs to stay on the skin for several hours after application for optimal color. Participants will escape the ordinary and encourage the attendees to express their artistic selves to make original henna art. The instructor will also instruct these "artists" in making their own applicators. It is safe, clean, creative fun.

Each session will be limited to 30 participants.

Laurel Zoet

Nature on the Go

1. The Nature of Chocolate - Prior to becoming a naturalist, Laurel spent 8 years working as a professional pastry chef. This 90-minute program combines knowledge from my past career with my current passion of nature education. I share the ecology, history and manufacturing techniques of one of our favorite treats and also provide an 8 sample chocolate tasting as part of the program.

Key to Locations:

Alcona County Library (Harrisville; Alcona County)
Almont District Library (Lapeer County)
Bay County Library System (Bay City; Bay County)
Boyne District Library (Charlevoix County)
Capital Area District Library (Lansing; Ingham County)
Charlevoix District Library (Charlevoix County)
Chippewa River District Library (Mt. Pleasant; Isabella County)
Community District Library (Shiawassee County)
Crooked Tree District Library (Walloon Lake; Emmett County)
Dryden Township Library (Lapeer County)
Elk Rapids District Library (Antrim County)
Flint Public Library (City of Flint)
Frankenmuth Wickson Memorial Library (Saginaw County)
Genesee District Library (Genesee County)
Goodland Township Library (Lapeer County)
Grand Ledge District Library (Eaton County)
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library (Midland; Midland County)
Harrison District Library (Clare County)
Holly Township Library (Oakland County)
Jordan Valley District Library (East Jordan; Charlevoix County)
Kalkaska County Library (Kalkaska County)
Lapeer District Library (Lapeer County)
North Branch Township Library (Lapeer County)
Oscoda County Library (Mio, Oscoda County)
Otsego County Library (Gaylord; Otsego County)
Pere Marquette District Library (Clare; Clare County)
Petoskey Area District Library (Emmet County)
Presque Isle District Library (Presque Isle County)
Public Libraries of Saginaw (Saginaw County)
Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library (Imlay City; Lapeer County)
Shiawassee District Library (Shiawassee County)
Suttons Bay District Library (Leelanau County)