

Kalamazoo

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# PARENT

Where Southwest Michigan Looks for Family Fun!

Serving  
Kalamazoo &  
Battle Creek

2012  
Camp  
Guide

Little Chefs,  
Big Benefits:  
Cooking with  
Children

CSA's:  
A Great Choice for  
Eating Local



**Enrollment Information Meeting - 6:00 p.m. -****Paramount Charter Academy**

Learn about our no cost public charter school  
[www.ParamountCharterAcademy.org](http://www.ParamountCharterAcademy.org)

**Yoga: level I - 6:00 p.m. - Kalamazoo Nature Center**

A rejuvenating evening of Iyengar-based yoga  
[www.naturecenter.org](http://www.naturecenter.org)

**24 Tuesday****Arbor Week Celebration Festivities - Leila Arboretum & Children's Garden**

[www.lasgarden.org](http://www.lasgarden.org)

**Flick's Family Film Festival - Celebration! Cinema Crossroads**

Puss in Boots  
[celebrationcinema.com](http://celebrationcinema.com)

**Birding with the Stars - 8:00 a.m. - Kalamazoo Nature Center**

Join experts for morning hikes where we will learn birding techniques  
[www.naturecenter.org](http://www.naturecenter.org)

**Kite Day: Storytime - 10:00 a.m. - Barnes and Noble - Battle Creek**

[www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com)

**Preschool Story-time - 10:00 a.m. - KPL - Central Library**

Stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities for the 3½-5 year old.  
[www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov)

**Preschool Story-time - 10:30 a.m. - Portage District Library**

Preschool age children will build language skills while listening to stories  
[www.pdl.lib.mi.us](http://www.pdl.lib.mi.us)

**Preschool Pals Storytime - 1:00 p.m. - Parchment Community Library**

Stories, songs, fingerplays  
[www.parchmentlibrary.org](http://www.parchmentlibrary.org)

**Family Story-time - 2:00 p.m. - KPL - Washington Square Branch Library**

Stories, songs, finger plays, and fun activities  
[www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov)

**Kindergarten Readiness Workshop - 4:00 p.m. - Endeavor Charter Academy**

A community event for parents with children going into kindergarten Fall 2012  
[www.endeavorcharteracademy.org](http://www.endeavorcharteracademy.org)

**Open Skate - 6:00 p.m. - Rollerworld**

[www.rollerworld.net](http://www.rollerworld.net)

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**Birding the Kleinstuck Preserve - 8:00 a.m. - Kalamazoo Nature Center**

Join KNC research staff as they record the spring migrants that stop over in this city woods  
[www.naturecenter.org](http://www.naturecenter.org)

**Toddler Talk - 10:00 a.m. - KPL Oshtemo Branch Library**

Toddlers play while adults share joys and challenges of the 1-3 year old.  
[www.kpl.gov](http://www.kpl.gov)

**BOOKS, MUSIC, ETC.**

By Vicki Girard

**Music Play for Folks of All Stripes: CD Plus Bonus DVD**

By Jim Gill

Award winning musician, author and child development specialist Jim Gill's sixth playful recording for young children and the adults who care for them. **Music Play for Folks of All Stripes** is a fun CD that encourages play and movement with the child. Be sure to watch the DVD interview about the song "Living Inside A Jar", a song with musicians that blow, pluck and strike glass bottles is quite interesting and entertaining. The DVD provides inspiration while watching others play/dance/jump along to the music.

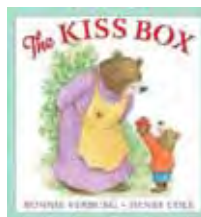


[www.jimgill.com](http://www.jimgill.com)

**The Kiss Box**

By Bonnie Verburg & Henry Cole

**The Kiss Box** is a cute story about Mama Bear having to go away for a little while and Little Bear did not like that idea at all. He wants to know when she will be back and she explains to him that she is always with him and that she will send him kisses every minute they are apart. She tells him she will give him a special jar with a hundred kisses in it and every time he needs a kiss, just open the jar and he will get a kiss from Mama. This is a great story that will help little ones with the sadness that sometimes comes from being separated from Mom or Dad.

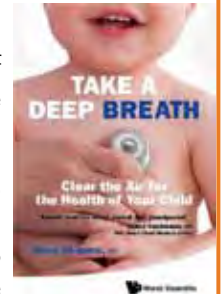


[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)

**Take a Deep Breath**

By Nina Shapiro, MD

About 80 to 90% of children, at some time or another will have a breathing problem. **Take a Deep Breath** offers a very well organized, easy to read book about the things that can cause breathing problems in your child and should be on every parent's bookshelf. Dr. Shapiro has broken up the book by the child's age and is written in an easy question and answer type format, letting you easily scan the pages for the topic you are most interested in at the time. She includes in each section what you should and should not worry about and resources for further reading. She answers questions such as Can a Newborn Have Asthma?, Nebulizers: What's in Them?, and Choking Hazards: What is Safe to Eat? This book is a great resource for the parents, grandparents and caregivers of children newborn – school age.



[www.drninashapiro.com](http://www.drninashapiro.com)

**Thomas & Friends: Engine Activities**

Callaway Digital Arts, Inc.  
 iPhone and iPad App

**Thomas & Friends** interactive app will have little engineers entertained as they do puzzles, color pages and match their favorite train engines. This app is rated for ages 4+, but it entertained both by 2 and 5 year old with two different puzzle levels, as well as two levels of difficulty while playing the matching game.



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