

Bemidji Public Library – Kitchigami Regional Library System

Legacy Amendment Funds Program Schedule 2012

These Legacy Programs are free and open to the public, funded by the State of Minnesota with Legacy Amendment Funds that were dedicated by Minnesota voters to preserve our arts and cultural heritage.

- Tuesday January 10,**
3:30 p.m.
Dog Sledding with Charlotte Wolf
In addition to talking about the history of dog sledding, Charlotte and her team of dogs will offer sled rides. Attendees at the event will learn about the dogs, the equipment, the history of dog sledding in Minnesota, and the commands to direct the dogs in their trail runs, and stops. For all ages, preregistration is suggested.
The event is located at Calvary Lutheran Church, 3508 Washington Ave SE.
- Saturday January 21,**
4:00 p.m.,
In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre.
This theater treat is sure to delight all ages with unique puppets made from scratch, and stories that come from many Indigenous cultures. Drawing inspiration from the world's traditions of puppet and mask theatre and its lively roots in transformative ritual and street theatre, HOTB creates vital, poetic theater for all ages and backgrounds.
- Saturday February 18,**
4:00 p.m.
David Treuer
His recent book Rez Life just came out and will be available for sale. In Rez Life, his first full-length work of nonfiction, Treuer brings a novelist's storytelling skill and an eye for detail to a complex and subtle examination of Native American reservation life, past and present. With authoritative research and reportage, Treuer illuminates misunderstood contemporary issues of sovereignty, treaty rights, and natural-resource conservation.
- Tuesday February 28,**
12:00 noon
William Kent Krueger
Krueger writes a mystery series set in the north woods of Minnesota. His protagonist is Cork O'Connor, the former sheriff of Tamarack County and a man of mixed heritage—part Irish and part Ojibwe. The eleventh book in the Cork O'Conner series, "Northwest Angle", was released on August 30, 2011. Feel welcome to bring a bag lunch – beverages will be provided.
- Saturday March 3,**
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Writers workshop with Jess Lourey
Lourey is the author of the Lefty-nominated Murder-by-Month mysteries set in Battle Lake, Minnesota, and featuring amateur sleuth, Mira James. Her most recent book, October Fest, was released in 2011. Lourey has been teaching writing and sociology at the college level since 1998 and will lead this writers workshop. Pre-registration is required with limited seating available.
- Monday March 19,**
12:00 noon
MN History Players: Virginia Mae Hope
Take a step back in time with Virginia Mae Hope, portrayed by Melissa Friedmann of the Minnesota History Players. Virginia was a pilot and a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots. Her life was short but exciting. Learn what it was like growing up on a farm in Winnebago, Minnesota during the Depression and serving as a female pilot during World War II. Bring a bag lunch – beverages will be provided.
- Thursday April 12,**
7:00 p.m.
Cheryl Sawyer
Multi-talented storyteller, Cheryl Sawyer, will share many stories, including the Three Bears in the Finnish language. She weaves in magic and balloon art, and enthralls crowds of children of all ages with her skill at speaking Finnish. She infuses humor and creative sound effects in the story telling and uses the art of storytelling to impart both traditional stories with moral lessons, and adapted stories with family value entertainment at heart.
- Monday April 16,**
7:00 p.m.
Cal Rice
Take a trip half way around the world to Bhutan, in this slide show depicting the beautiful landscapes and the beautiful people amidst massive changes. The Kingdom of Bhutan is a landlocked state in South Asia, located at the eastern end of the Himalayas.

**Wednesday May 9,
10:30 a.m. for her
children's books & at
12:00 noon for her
adult books**

Catherine Friend

As an author of children's books she draws on her farm life for her story book characters. She will present a storytime program at 10:30 reading from her books and an adult program will follow at noon. "The Compassionate Carnivore" won the Minnesota Book Award in general adult nonfiction. She joins us again after a very popular visit to the 2011 Bemidji Library Book Festival.

**Thursday May 17,
7:00 p.m.**

The Okee Dokee Brothers

The Okee Dokee Brothers have a mission to remind children – and adults – of their intrinsic ability to discover, imagine, and create through music. By appealing to the musical needs of the entire family and recognizing that kids deserve quality music, they are working full-time to regain the integrity of the children's music genre. They believe that music should be an energetic, interactive, and fun experience where kids can enjoy dancing, singing, and playing instruments with their families. This event is for all ages.

**Tuesday May 29,
7:00 p.m.**

Dr. Anton Treuer

Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University, Dr. Treuer is also the author of eight books, including "The Assassination of Hole in the Day" and "Ojibwe in Minnesota", which was recently named "Minnesota's Best Read for 2010" by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. He recently released a children's book "Awesiinyensag", and is coming out soon with "Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid To Ask".

All Week June 11 – 16

The Bemidji Library Book Festival

The Bemidji Library Book Festival is a weeklong series of events with author presentations and a writers workshop every day. Each weekday morning at 10:30 a children's author reads to children (and adults) at a special storytime at the Library. Venues vary for evening author presentations. The Book Fair featuring local authors is tentatively scheduled for 5:00 – 7:00 on Friday June 15 along with the keynote event at 7:00 – both Friday events to be held at the Bemidji High School.

**Thursday June 21
7:00 p.m.**

Café Accordion Orchestra

"Berets and Bongos" describes the Café Accordion experience. A loungy, eclectic mix, full of French flare, Latin heat and Bohemian attitude. The heart of the Café Accordion repertoire is the romantic, gypsy-influenced valse-musette. The group complements the musettes with swing, ballads, tangos, cha chas, rumbas, and cumbias to create a wonderfully varied show. They inject their music with good humor and expressive abandon. Location of event to be determined.

**Thursday July 12,
7:30 p.m.**

Curtis & Loretta

Curtis Teague's & Loretta Simonet's music comes straight from the heart. The husband and wife duo's extraordinary harmonies and proficiency on a parade of stringed instruments create an alluring frame for their poignant original songs, and carefully chosen traditional pieces from the British Isles, America, and beyond. The current menagerie of instruments includes Celtic harp, mandocello, mandolin, guitars, claw hammer banjo, and National steel ukulele, plus a bit of kazoo, harmonica, and shakers.

**Monday July 23,
7:00 p.m.**

Pint Size Polkas

Mike Schneider has created a one man band teaching the fun of polkas for all ages. He says, "I was just five years old when I heard polka music for the first time. As a child, the music's bouncy beat drew me in, leaving an impression that will last a lifetime. It's no secret that polka music is the happiest form of music on the face of the earth. My vision is to help children and their families discover the good, clean fun that you will experience with polka music."

**October date to be
determined (note the
change of the month)
All day event**

Minnesota History Center Tour

Time to take a little trip to St. Paul, MN for fun and learning at the Minnesota History Center. The feature display is Minnesota's Greatest Generation with lots of hands on interplay for kids of all ages. It's a great opportunity for grandparents to take their grandkids and show a bit of their growing up years. Then, there are many other exhibits at the History Center to explore, have fun and learn about this great state.

**Monday October 15,
7:00 p.m.**

Woody Remembered

*100 yrs of Woody Guthrie performed by Charlie McGuire, Pop Wagner, Tony Glover
Location and other details of the event to be announced.*

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