

Museum Advisory Team Meeting

January 9, 2024

Meeting Agenda

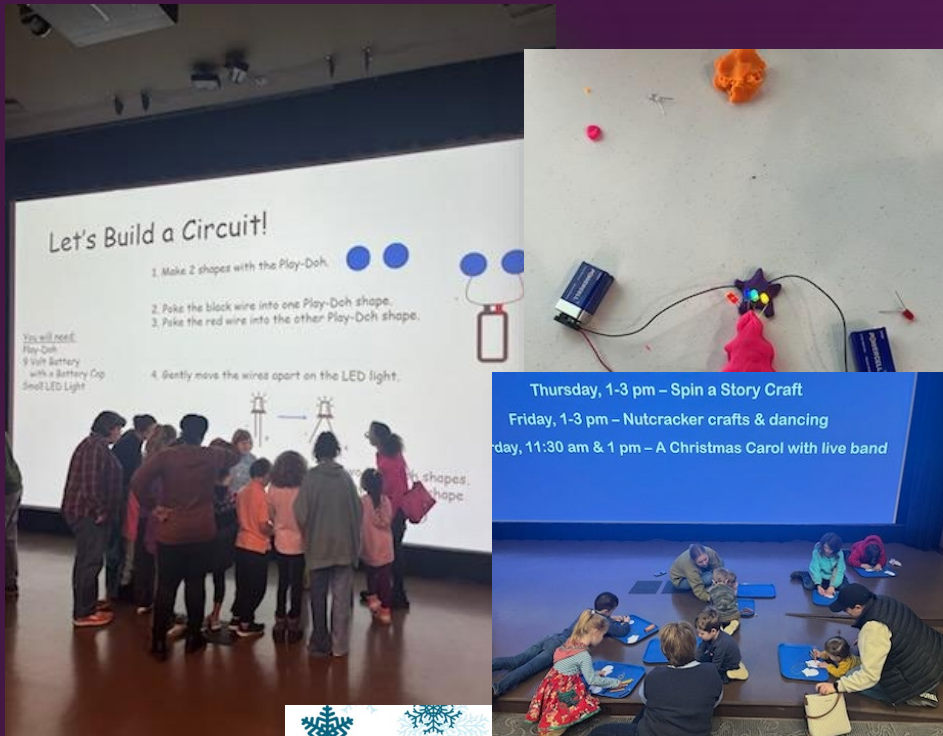
1. Acceptance of the Agenda
2. Acceptance of the Minutes – October 3, 2023
3. Informational Updates
 - 3.1 Strategic Planning Updates
4. Advisor Discussion
5. Next Meeting – April 2, 2024 @ 5:30 PM (Future Meeting – July 2, 2024)
6. Adjournment

WINTER BREAK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

December 27th – January 6th

“Stories We Share” Theme

Over 6,470 in attendance for 33 events/activities



Open Thru.
Dec. 2023



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Open thru. January 7, 2024



CLOSING SOON

Closes on January 21st



OFF THE SHELVES:

Exploring the Kalamazoo Valley
Museum's Furniture Collection

Console Television, Model 2U172L Run 2, Magnavox, c. 1960
Object #2003.10.1

NEW EXHIBITS COMING SOON!

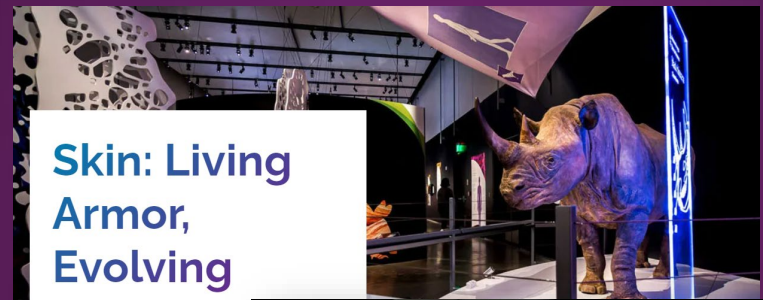
Open February 3, 2024 -
January 19, 2025

Kalamazoo State Hospital: 165 Years of Psychiatric Care examines the history of the patients, employees, and buildings on the campus of Michigan's longest-operating mental hospital.



Open February 10, 2024
- June 2, 2024

Explore the shape-shifting, color-changing and adaptable nature of skin and the technological innovations it inspires in the exhibit Skin: Living Armor, Evolving Identity.



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Additional Winter Events & Programs

Adult Discovery Series and Retro Café

- Connecting with Our Seniors



On Tuesday, January 9, at 2 p.m., we will explore our Cooking a Comet demonstration. Space is limited, and preregistration is required at kalamazoomuseum.org or 269-373-7990. This month's program will engage and visualize Cooking a Comet. It includes a \$3 planetarium show, *The Sky Above Us*, and ends with a gathering with light refreshments in the museum's pop-up Retro Cafe. The program will conclude at 4 p.m.

Additional Winter Events & Programs

FREE | Friday, February 2 | KVCC Texas Township
Campus Dale B. Lake Auditorium

Free Tickets are available through the KVCC Bookstore:
6767 West O Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
269-488-4030
bookstore@kvcc.edu

In partnership with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Kalamazoo Film Society, Kalamazoo Valley Community College Texas Township's Dale B. Lake Auditorium will host a conversation with Nationally Acclaimed Author Bonnie Jo Campbell and the Director of the award-winning film based on Bonnie Jo's book Haroula Rose. They will speak about the film adaptation of Campbell's book "Once Upon a River," a meandering story of survival.

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Additional Winter Events & Programs



The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is proud to host the FREE Chest/Breastfeeding Cafe in partnership with Kalamazoo County on the third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the museum's Children's Landscape. Children's Landscape is a space for hands-on learning fun for kids age 0-5 years. During the program, you will have the opportunity to connect with professional lactation consultants from the WIC program, socialize with other parents of young children, and engage with your child in enriching play. Light refreshments will be provided. Children's Landscape has new themes every three to four months filled with enriching play, sensory exploration, hands-on learning and a focus on early literacy. A new nursing and lactation lounge for chest/breastfeeding was added in 2020. No advance registration is required. For more info, please visit kalamazoomuseum.org.

Additional Winter Events & Programs

19th Annual Fretboard Festival



Visit

<https://kalamazoomuseum.org/events/fretboard-festival> to continue celebrating Kalamazoo's guitar history and legacy by taking a deeper look at past Fretboard Festivals, interviews from former Gibson employees, and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum's guest guitar features!

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Kalamazoo Foodways Outdoor Festival

Friday and Saturday, April 5 & 6, 2024
at Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Culinary Allied Health. This year's theme is African Heritage Foodways Symposium. We are currently collaborating with several community gardens to grow a variety of African heritage crops, such as millet, sorghum, eggplant, okra, beans and more. We hope to save seeds to share during the 2024 event, as well as use some of the preserved food in the cooking classes. Stay tuned for more information.



Collections Updates

- **Murphy Darden Collections Review Underway**
- **Collections “Blog” online resource being developed for the website**
- **Collections Deaccessioning Project Update**
- **High-Density Mobile Shelving Installation – Tentatively February**



Mr. Murphy Darden (1928-2023) – educator, artists and collector, working on a bust of Abraham Lincoln.

Collections By The Numbers

Argus Collections Database (access via Museum's Website)

- Here are the Argus Numbers for December.
- View Record 112
- Search 79
- Total 191

Inquiries

- Donation Offer
- Acquisitions: 5
- Research: 7
- Photo Reproduction: 2
- Total: 14

2023 Year-End totals
Acquisition: 130
Research: 132
Repro: 36
Total: 298



What's next? Updating the STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2023



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Approved on November 12th by Dr. Washington
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Strategic Plan's Five Strategic Initiatives

1. Review and update marketing plan to enhance the visibility of the KVM
2. Maintain and utilize a representative, authentic collection that is reflective of the heritage of the diverse audience served
3. Critically examine exhibits/programming and implement additional opportunities to engage the community in conversation, teaching, and learning
4. Actively assess all areas of the Museum's operations and pursue opportunities
5. Commit to becoming a more diverse, equitable, accessible, and inclusive museum

By The Numbers

- Since 1996 in the KVM current space - 2,669,867
- Since joining the college - 3,179,659
- This past fiscal year's total attendance nearly 82,000 guests! (this is more than tripled of last year's attendance)!
- Online collections records now over 22,100 searchable records!