



# Kalamazoo VALLEY Museum

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## DIGITAL PROGRAMS

### Kalamazoo VALLEY Museum

#### GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS!

- Musical performances
  - Storytelling
  - Cooking demonstrations
  - Lectures from topic experts
  - Chemistry experiments for kids
  - Live tours of the night sky
  - Investigate the museum's collections
  - Learn about rain gardens
  - And so much more!
- Visit [kalamazoomuseum.org/education](http://kalamazoomuseum.org/education) for more information.

### DID YOU KNOW?



The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and governed by its Board of Trustees, which means every time you visit the museum in person or access its virtual programs, you are also visiting the college!

From its beginning in 1881 as a collection of curiosities in the public library basement, the museum has always been a tax-funded museum. Until 1984, the museum remained a department of the Kalamazoo Public Library. From 1984 to 1991, the museum received its operating support from the Kalamazoo City School District. In 1991, the museum became part of Kalamazoo Valley Community College and gained the support of the community through a charter millage.

In February 1996, the current 60,000 square foot facility was opened on the college's Arcadia Commons Campus. It was funded by a \$19.6 million private capital campaign that included contributions ranging from \$10 to \$4.5 million.

In cooperation with the college, museum staff work to develop cultural, historical and scientific literacy through innovative exhibits, special exhibitions, planetarium programs, educational programs and family events. As a point of pride, the museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

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## MUSEUM CONTINUES TO ADAPT TO OFFER A SAFE EXPERIENCE

While the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic has changed the world for everyone, the museum has begun the process of safe reopening for public visits through online registration. Please visit [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org) to preregister and for more information on other museum activities.

Convenient online preregistration for all guests visiting the museum is required to enjoy the exhibits and "read and see" KVM experiences. This spring and summer, the museum welcomes special exhibits "Giants, Dragons & Unicorns," "The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality" and "Filling the Gaps: The Art of Murphy Darden." The second-floor exhibit "Kalamazoo Direct to You" has

been modified with looping video content, touchless QR codes you can scan with your mobile device for additional web-based content like videos and images, and "I Spy Challenge" activities for safe interaction. This challenge will really test your power of observation to discover the hidden gems known as "artifacts" in the exhibits. Kids, see if you can outsmart your grown-ups!

**2021's virtual Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom will be taking place Saturday, June 19, 1-3 p.m. Join us on the Soul Artistry LLC or museum Facebook page to experience the art, music and culture of our local Black community.**

Please visit the museum website at [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org) for current public hours, signup for the museum's e-newsletter, virtual exhibits, activities and preregistration details.



Chef Cory Barrett

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

### Kalamazoo Valley Community College FOUNDATION KV

#### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENT VIRTUAL BAKING SHOW May 13, 2021 | 7 p.m.

*A sweet way to help students succeed!*

On May 13 at 7 p.m., Cory Barrett, co-director of Kalamazoo Valley Community College's culinary arts program and the 2019 Food Network Spring Baking Champion, will team up with college President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., to present a virtual baking demonstration to help raise funds for student scholarships. This professionally produced, engaging program will feature the two hosts creating a delicious sweet potato and chocolate tart.

Individual tickets are now on sale! Even with one of the lowest costs in the state, some Kalamazoo Valley students still need assistance paying for college. Purchase your ticket for the virtual baking show and help a student's dream of a college education become a reality.

Go to [kvcc.edu/foundation](http://kvcc.edu/foundation) to purchase your \$40 ticket today!

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation provides broader support for college activities, including student scholarships, special college projects and a variety of museum initiatives.

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# Explore Mysterious, Mythical Creatures and Elegant Hats and Headdresses at the Museum This Summer

## Giants, Dragons and Unicorns Come to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum This Summer

June 15 - Sept 12

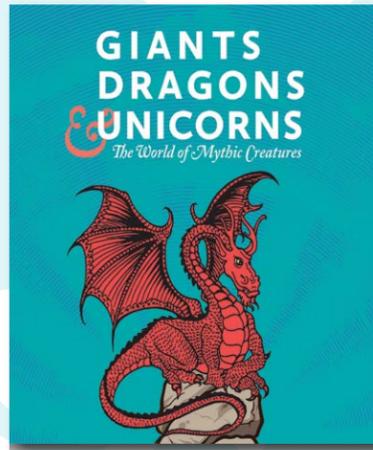
Giants, Dragons & Unicorns: The World of Mythic Creatures, on display at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum from June 15 to September 12, features unique cultural objects to highlight the surprising similarities and differences in the ways people around the world envision and depict mythic creatures.

The exhibition includes models and cast fossils of prehistoric animals to investigate how they could have — through misidentification, speculation, fear or imagination — inspired the development of several legendary creatures.

There are also numerous interactive stations throughout the exhibition. Visitors can rearrange scale models of mammoth bones to look like a human skeleton, digitally build their own dragon and watch it come alive in a virtual environment, as well as have an opportunity to take a fun photo with three dragons.

Kalamazoo Valley Museum Director Bill McElhone said the exhibit should be the perfect summertime diversion. "The exhibit will have wide appeal, especially for those interested in learning more about how real marine animals were mistaken for sea monsters," McElhone said. "It will provide some insight and background on how these mythical creatures came to be in so many of the world's cultures. The exhibit is visually stimulating as well. It's a great escape."

*Giants, Dragons & Unicorns: The World of Mythic Creatures is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (amnh.org).*



**Preregistration is required at [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org) for all museum guests.**

## The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality

July 17-Oct 24

The museum will host the exhibit The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality from July 17 to October 24.

Perched atop the most prominent part of the body, hats announce where we live, who we are, what we believe and where we fit into our communities. This exhibition brings into brilliant focus the differences and similarities that define countries and cultures.

This exhibition takes the viewer on a journey around the world. The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality presents 89 hats and headdresses carefully selected from a private collection consisting of more than 1,300 pieces of international headwear. From beliefs and traditions to gender roles and social status, headwear is the guide. Beyond their aesthetic properties, the hats reinforce cultural ties and, in doing so, provide a sense of who we are and how we fit into the world.

"This exhibit is a visually stunning and culturally rich gathering of hats and headdresses from 42 countries across Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North and South America," said Kalamazoo Valley Museum Director Bill McElhone. "The exhibit demonstrates how culture, creativity and skills went into the creation of each piece. Through these amazing pieces of art, visitors will explore many world cultures."

*The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality is jointly organized and toured by Stacey W. Miller and International Arts & Artists.*



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# Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom

Saturday, June 19, 1-3 p.m.

Live Virtual Event at

SoulArtsyLLC and  
 KalamazooMuseum

This annual celebration to commemorate the history of Juneteenth, organized by Soul Artsy LLC, features some of Kalamazoo's most prominent Black creatives with dance, music, poetry and more.

*Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to June 19, 1865, Juneteenth was established by African Americans and is observed annually in remembrance of emancipation.*



# CAREER EXPLORATION AT EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE CAMPS

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's popular Early/Middle College Explore Your Future Careers Summer Camps return in July. The camps explore career paths on the college's four campuses for students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade.



**July 12-15 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$75/camper  
1000 WORDS — THE ART OF THE STORY**

Learn how illustration lends to a story. Campers will explore how illustrations can lead to a different conclusion than what is heard. Draw your own images to match the story YOU want to tell!

**July 12-15 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$75/camper  
SHORT SHORT STORIES!**

This camp emphasizes creativity as well as the process and craft of writing. You will find inspiration from published authors, unique writing prompts, the world around you, and a virtual trip to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

**July 12-15 | 1-4 p.m. | \$75/camper  
POETRY IN MOTION — DIGITAL PAINTING**

Campers will have the opportunity to learn to paint and animate digitally. Artwork will be stored on a flash drive sent home with campers at the conclusion of camp.

**July 12-15 | 1-4 p.m. | \$75/camper  
STENCIL ME IN!**

Turn your selfie into a painted stencil. Campers will use Photoshop to capture their image and turn it into a stencil and a painted impression using detailed cardboard cutouts.

**July 21 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$25/camper  
COLLECTIONS PROTECTIONS**

Do archaeology and history fascinate you? Then working in a museum might be the career for you. Virtually explore the Collections Department of the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Participate in an online scavenger hunt to examine some of the KVM's artifacts. Campers will receive a t-shirt and Kalamazoo Valley Community College swag. Each camper will need a computer and internet access.

**July 26-29 | 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | \$75/camper  
URBAN FARM EXPLORERS**

Campers will explore the greenhouses, plant a salad in a tray to take home, learn about microgreens, see what is in bloom and much more!

*Program details and registration at [www.kvcc.edu/earlycollege](http://www.kvcc.edu/earlycollege). Limited scholarships available.  
Contact Dr. Deborah Coates at [dcoates@kvcc.edu](mailto:dcoates@kvcc.edu) for more information.*