

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Early Years Are Learning Years

APRIL 11 & 16, 2011

Entertaining and Educational events and activities for children, families, and caregivers.

Frisch Marionettes - *Peter and The Wolf* and *The Frog Prince*

Mon, April 11, 6:30pm – 7:30pm FREE

Ballroom - Oxford Community Arts Center

Beautiful, handcrafted puppets act out Sergei Prokofiev's musical tale of *Peter and the Wolf*, and *The Frog Prince* set to the lively music of Dmitri Kabalevsky. Presented by Lane Library as part of the Week of the Young Child Early Years are Learning Years celebration! A Lane Library and OCAC collaboration.

Week of the Young Child Celebration

Sat, April 16, 1pm – 5pm

Oxford Community Arts Center

FREE "WATCH ME LEARN" ACTIVITY BAGS TO THE FIRST 100 CHILDREN!

1 pm - "Good Mischief" Family Concert With Laz of Gemini in the Ballroom. Celebrate the fun, warmth, and humor of family life - rousing sing-alongs, international folk tales, lively tunes for movement and dancing, and Laz' award-winning original songs about the everyday experiences of childhood and growing up. Laszlo Slomovits ("Laz") is one of the twin brothers in Ann Arbor's nationally known musical duo, Gemini.
www.GeminiChildrensMusic.com

2 pm - A "Drumcommunity" Circle outside (or in the Ballroom if the weather doesn't cooperate). A high energy, fun, and empowering activity for children of all ages and their families. Lori Fithian brings her collection of hand drums and percussion toys from Ann Arbor to transform OCAC into a "Drumcommunity".

2 pm – Guest Story Reader: Pat Ormiston in the Theatre Story Space. Pat is a librarian at Kramer Elementary, and will entertain children with a selection of fun books!

2:30 pm – Miami University's Thrall Children's Theatre Puppet Extravaganza! in the Theatre Story Space. Howard Blanning, from Miami University's Theatre Department, is bringing some of his students and LOTS of his puppets for children and families to enjoy!

3 pm - Internationally acclaimed storyteller, Neeake, an Olammapise (Truth Teller) of the Shawandasse (Shawnee) in the Theatre Story Space. He holds the ancient and modern stories of his people as a sacred trust that expresses the balance of all life and the gift that each life is to the other.

3:30 pm – Guest Story Reader: Becky Howard, from Oxford Early Childhood Center, in the Theatre Story Space. Becky has been performing read alouds to Oxford preschoolers for over 30 years! She will invite listeners to help her bring to life some of her favorite picture books!

4 pm – Guest Story Reader: Tari Tharp, former children's librarian at Lane Library. Tari shared a long career at Lane Library with countless children during hundreds of story hours, and continues to enrich Oxford's families with her love of books!

All Afternoon – Oxford Literacy Team Reading Activities in the North Parlor.

All Afternoon – Music Making in the Ballroom with Kris Jacobson, lead teacher from the Tri Preschool program. Following the Gemini concert, Kris will help children, families, and friends explore a variety of percussion instruments.

All Afternoon – Creation Stations in the Art Room with Krista Yater (near the North Parlor). Local artist Krista Yater will help children create mini-masterpieces at one of the Creation Stations in the new Art Room.

All Afternoon – Early Childhood Information and Resource Display in the South Parlor. Local organizations and businesses will have information available for families.

Additional events/readers/performers may be added—more information will be available on the Oxford Community Arts Center website, at

www.oxarts.org

Sponsored by Oxford Community Arts Center, Lane Public Library, Oxford Literacy Team, and Oxford Early Childhood Center.