## check it out

Spring 2015 read I watch I listen I research I create I experience

# Celebr Spring



Revive your home and garden and celebrate American farming traditions in the past and present. Most programs take place in the Meeting Room. Register.

### America's Barn Stories

Tuesday, March 10, 7 PM lconic American barns are part of our rich heritage and barn lovers are passionate about their stories. Historian and barn connoisseur Tom Laughlin, producer of the PBS show *America's Barn Stories*, shares some of the tales he's gathered in his travels through the Heartland.



### Building Backyard Biodiversity With Trees

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM
Create a beautiful sanctuary for wildlife in your own backyard using native trees and plants. Join BACT's Conservation@Home Coordinator Beth Adler, along with ISA-certified arborist Charlie Keppel from The Care of Trees, for this informative program about incorporating trees into your landscape. As an Arbor Day treat, free oak saplings will be provided to everyone who attends!

### Chalk Talk

Tuesday, May 12, 7 PM
Breathe new life into that old chair or dresser hiding in your basement!
The staff of family-owned Tattered Tiques in Lake Barrington is here to lead the resuscitation. Learn about trendy Chalk Paint techniques, the art of reclaimed furniture DIY, and what it takes to jump-start all those projects you've got stashed in your garage.

### **Picture Perfect Interiors**

Thursday, May 14, 7 PM
Field editor Hilary Rose has been location scouting for over 30 years, and her work has been featured in the likes of Better Homes & Gardens, Traditional Home, Veranda, House Beautiful, and countless other publications. Enjoy her carefree and humorous approach to design, travel, and photography, as her ideas inspire you to give your home that glossy magazine look. Zimmerman Room.

### The Gentleman Farmer and his Family Share

Tuesday, April 14, 7 PM
No pesticides? No herbicides?
No synthetic fertilizers? Here
in Barrington? Yes, please!
Barrington's very own Gentleman
Farmer, Dominic Green, discusses
the Slow Food movement and
his family's decision to get back
to basics on their local, five acre
farm. Learn about his passion, his
perseverance, and what keeps
him excited five years into this
rewarding experiment.



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## local author fair

### **Local Author Fair**

Saturday, April 18, 2 PM

Barrington is full of amazing authors and storytellers: meet them at our first annual Local Author Fair! Author readings, book signings, and keynote speaker Sonali Dev. Refreshments. Meeting Room.



### Calling all Barrington area authors!

Have you written a book and want the chance to promote it at the library? We are hosting a Local Author Fair and hope you will join us. Bring your books for purchase, prepare a five minute book talk, and be ready to network! Contact Community Librarian Ashley Johnson before March 21, 2015, for more information and to reserve your spot! Email: ajohnson@balibrary.org





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### Socialize, Share, and Celebrate **Barrington History**

Sunday, April 26, 2 PM Remember the school History Fair? Here's a fun, grown-up way to relive those days! Share your Barrington area photos and memorabilia: anything related to Barrington area history. Individuals, families, and organizations are encouraged to participate. Reserve a table to display your materials in advance by contacting Rose Faber, rfaber@balibrary.org, 847.382.1300 x3000. Refreshments. Brought to you by the Sesquicentennial Tour Committee and the Barrington Area Library.



### An Evening with Eleanor

Tuesday, March 24, 7 PM In recognition of Women's History Month, solo dramatist Roberta Randall portrays powerful, independent Eleanor Roosevelt. Follow her life from a shy and lonely childhood to first lady, UN delegate, and Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights. Register. Meeting Room.



### Dr. Who-Palooza

Sunday, March 8, 1:30 PM All ages

The TARDIS is landing at the library! Let's celebrate the worldwide phenomenon that is Doctor Who. This family-friendly event will include crafts, trivia, a costume contest, and the best part - photos with the TARDIS itself. Come in costume for a chance to win prizes and bring a camera to capture your oncein-a-lifetime moment to stand next to the TARDIS. Allons-y! Refreshments. Register. Meeting Room.

### Digital Gardening

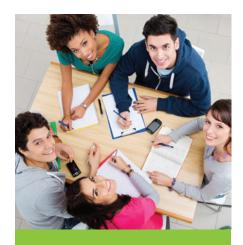
Tuesday, April 20, 7 PM It's finally spring! Get ready for gardening with this class on handy tools to plan and manage your garden. Learn about a variety of apps to plan your landscaping and identify plants, as well as websites to inspire and inform. Demonstration. Conference Room. Register.



### Frugal Travel

Monday, May 4, 7 PM Gone are the days when you needed to spend a ton of money to go somewhere fabulous! Discover a variety of websites and apps to help you get terrific vacation ideas, plan an itinerary, and save lots of money. Demonstration. Conference Room. Register.

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### Finals Café

Dates TBA Grades 9 - 12

Study for finals at the library. We'll open up the meeting room for extra group study space and provide snacks to keep you energized. And... they're back: those awesome therapy dogs! Let the cuddling take your stress away. Meeting Room.

### **Free Comic Book Day**

Saturday, May 2 All ages

Drop by the main library or the South Branch to pick up a free comic. One per person as quantities and selection are limited. Drop-in. Atrium.







### World Read Aloud Day

All ages

Wednesday, March 4 Youth Services librarians share favorite stories throughout the day. Celebrate with us by picking your own story to read aloud to someone at the library or at home!

### Librarian Puppet Show

Wednesday, March 25, 10 &11 AM

All ages w/caregiver Join our Youth Services librarians and their puppets as they share some favorite stories. Program Room. No registration required.



### KidFest at Citizen's Park

All ages

Saturday, May 2, 11 AM – 3 PM Get outside and have some family fun at Citizen's Park with activities from the library and other Barrington area organizations.

### **Moon Over Barrington**

All ages

Tuesday, May 26, 7 – 9 PM Families can stop by to view the night sky with the help of professional telescopes and volunteers from the Lake County Astronomical Society! Weather permitting.





Please bring your Barrington Area Library Card for admission. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Patrons from other library districts are admitted as space is available. No registration required. Story Room.

### mondays

### **Family Story Time**

Ages 2 – 5 (siblings welcome) March & April, 1:30 PM

### tuesdays

### **Just for Babies**

up to 12 months March 3, 17, & 31, 9:30 AM April 14 & 28, 9:30 AM Learn songs, rhymes and stories while making new friends in this cozy story time.

### **Little Wigglers**

12 - 24 months March 10 & 24, 9:30 AM April 7 & 21, 9:30 AM Wiggles welcome in this active story time created just for this fun age.

### **Nursery Rhyme Play** Time

up to 24 months March & April, 10:15 AM We'll bring the toys and books, you bring the wiggles and giggles.

### Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 (siblings welcome) March & April, 11 AM

### wednesdays

### Family Story Time

Ages 2 – 5 (siblings welcome) March 4, 11, 18, 10 AM & 11 AM April, 10 AM & 11 AM



### saturdays

### **Nursery Rhyme Play Time**

up to 24 months March & April. 10 AM We'll bring the toys and books, you bring the wiggles and giggles.

### **Family Story Time**

Ages 2 - 5 March 21 & April 18, 11 AM

## **Special Story Times**



Interested in one of our special story times? Sign up online, as space is limited. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

### Toddler Time

Ages 2 & 3 Friday, March 6, 10 AM & 11 AM Friday, March 20, 10 AM & 11 AM Friday, April 3, 10 AM & 11 AM Friday, April 17, 10 AM & 11 AM Play and explore with stories, songs, art, and more in this energetic class for toddlers. Dress for a mess! Story Room. Register.

### **Interactive Story Time**

Ages 3 - 5 Friday, March 27, 10 & 11 AM Friday, April 24, 10 & 11 AM Books, apps, songs, and games encourage interactivity and participation in this fun story time. Story Room. Register.

### Story Time Lab

Ages 2 - 6 Thursday, March 12, 10 & 11 AM Thursday, April 9, 10 & 11 AM We blend music, art, science, and stories for hands-on, sometimes messy, fun! Story Room. Register.

# time for tech



### Minecraft Club

Calling all Minecraft fans! Come and play Minecraft with the library's accounts. Experienced and new players are welcome. Program Room. Register.

Grades 2 - 4

Mondays, March 2, April 6, May 4 4:15 – 5:15 PM

Grades 5 - 8

<u>Tuesdays, March 3</u>, <u>April 7</u>, <u>May 5</u> 4:15 – 5:15 PM

### Lego WeDo Robots

Grades 2 - 4

Wednesdays, March 11 & April 8 4:30 PM

LEGOs come to life when you build and program robots in this introductory class. Program Room. Register.

### **Lego Mindstorms**

Grades 5 - 8

Thursdays, March 19 & April 16 6 – 7 PM

We provide the basics for budding engineers to create custom robots. Program Room. Register.

#### **ArtBots**

Grades 2 – 4
Friday, March 20, 2 PM
Create a robot that moves and draws on its own. Program Room. Register.

### MakerKids

Grades 5 – 8

Tuesdays, March 24 & April 21 4:30 PM

Whether it's crafting, coding or inventing, we will have a DIY, STEM-based maker project for you to try! MakerLab. Register.

### **Light Painting**

Wednesday, March 25 2 PM, Grades 2 – 4 4 PM, Grades 5 – 8

Use flashlights and cameras in the dark to create original pieces of art. Zimmerman Room. Register.

### WeDo Together

PreK – 1st grade w/caregiver Saturdays,

March 28, 11 AM, 1:30 PM & 3 PM April 25, 11 AM, 1:30 PM & 3 PM May 30, 11 AM, 1:30 PM & 3 PM Kids team up with their adults to build and code a working LEGO robot! Program Room. Register.







## Full STEAM Ahead!



### Afterschool STEAM

Grades K - 3 Tuesdays, March 17 & 31 Tuesdays, April 14 & 28 4:30 PM

Join us for fun, hands-on activities that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art, or math (STEAM). Dress for a mess. Program Room. Register.

### Drop-In Art Play

All ages w/caregiver Monday, March 23, 10 – 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 24, 1 – 2:30 PM Thursday, March 26, 10 – 11:30 AM Thursday, April 16, 10 – 11:30 AM Wednesday, May 6, 10 - 11:30 AM Thursday, May 14, 1 – 2:30 PM Use your imagination, experiment, and create works of art together in this messy, multi-sensory art play time! Program Room. No registration necessary.

### Mario Kart Tournament

All ages

Monday, March 23, 3 – 5 PM Challenge fellow library-goers to a lively game of Mario Kart on the library's Wii! Meeting Room. No registration necessary.

### **Book Spine Poetry**

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday, April 15, 4:30 PM Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating original poems using the titles of library books. Program Room. Register.

### Writers Club

Grades 3 – 5 Wednesday, April 22, 4:30 PM Grades 6 - 8 Wednesday, April 22, 6 PM Brainstorm story ideas through activities and prompts, then start writing your very own book! Register. Program Room.

### **Printmaking Lab**

Grades 2 - 4, Friday, March 27, 2 PM (45 min) Grades 5 - 8 Friday, March 27, 3 PM Thursday, May 7, 6 PM Drop in and make unique and artistic prints using a variety of techniques. Program Room. No registration necessary.

### **Imagination Playtime**

Ages 2 – 6 w/caregiver Wednesday, May 13, 10 AM & 11 AM Tuesday, May 19, 10 AM & 11 AM The ceiling's the limit when we move our blue Imagination Playground blocks into their own room for this special playtime! Program Room. No registration required.



### Page Turners Book Club

We'll provide the books, the pizza, and a few surprises. You provide the ideas for our book group discussions led by Librarians Allison and Mitch. Story Room. Register.



### Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 PM

Grades 4 – 5

So much is strange for a young Sudanese refugee in his new Minnesota home, until he finds comfort in caring for a cow in this verse novel.



### Hurricane Dancers by Margarita Engle

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 PM

Grades 6 - 8

In this novel-in-verse, a young slave on a nefarious pirate's ship survives his captor's cruelty and a terrible hurricane that leaves the crew shipwrecked on a Caribbean island.

# around town story times

#### **Cookie Monsters**

4 – 6 years w/caregiver
Mondays, March 9, April 13 &
May 11, 11 AM
Join the Barrington Area Library
at Whole Foods Market in Kildeer
for a cookie-making and storytelling class. Each month we will
feature seasonal stories paired
with a complimentary recipe.

Whole Foods Market 20281 N Rand Road Kildeer, IL Register by calling 847-726-4601. Registration starts the first of the month.

### Cookies and Milk Story Time at Panera Bread

Mondays, March 16, April 20 & May 18, 10:30 AM 2 – 5 years w/caregiver Meet us at Panera Bread in The Arboretum for stories and a snack. Register.



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### **Direct Numbers**

Adult Services: 847-382-1300 x1 Youth Services: 847-382-1300 x2 Circulation: 847-382-1300 x3 South Branch: 847-381-2534

### **Library Closings**

Sunday, April 5, Easter Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

## book discussions with Lanny Ori

open your eyes. enrich your mind. expand your horizons.

Enjoy engaging conversations with professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori and other discerning readers. Reserved books are available at the second floor Reference Desk on a first come, first served basis. Adults, young adults. Register. Meeting Room.

### Home by Marilynne Robinson

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 PM or Thursday, March 19, 2 PM Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robinson presents a moving and healing book about families, family secrets, and the passing of the generations in this elegant variation on the parable of the prodigal son's return.

### My Ántonia by Willa Cather

Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 PM or Thursday, April 23, 2 PM This classic work poetically embraces the hard life of the pioneer woman on the prairie, and is a moving portrait of an entire community. Rediscovered by scores of readers every year, it remains a powerful ode to the pioneer spirit.



### Comedy in a Minor Key by Hans Keilson

Tuesday, May 19, 7:30 PM or Thursday, May 21, 2 PM A penetrating study of ordinary people resisting the Nazi occupation, and a dark comedy of wartime manners. Wim and Marie, a Dutch couple, hide a Jewish man they know as Nico, but then must dispose of his body when he dies of pneumonia.



### Reception for Richard J. Ryan President Emeritus, **Library Board of Trustees**

Sunday, May 3, 2 PM

Please join us for light refreshments as we thank Richard J. Ryan for his many years of service. Mr. Ryan is stepping down from the library's Board of Trustees after more than 35 years, including 25 years as Board President. We are grateful for all he has done for the library and the Barrington community.



Join librarians Liz and Sam upstairs at The Annex (next to McGonigal's) in downtown Barrington to discuss new and popular titles. We provide some appetizers—other food and drinks available for purchase. Register.

### Monday, March 16, 7 PM

Strings Attached: One Tough Teacher and the Gift of Great Expectations by Joanne Lipman

### Monday, April 13, 7 PM

All My Puny Sorrows by Miriam Toews

#### Monday, May 11, 7 PM

Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart by Carol Wall

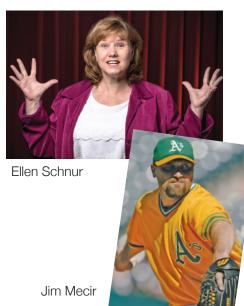
## business: it's better in barrington

### **Create A Podcast:** For Beginners

Tuesday, March 3, 7 PM You don't have to be a major radio personality to broadcast your message - learn how to podcast. This beginner class shows you how to easily create audio recordings to promote your business, share expertise, or talk about your favorite hobby for free. Register. Conference Room.

### **Improv Your Presentation &** Communication Skills

Monday, March 9, 7 PM Join Team Improv Talk — former MLB pitcher Jim Mecir and Second City trained improv pro Ellen Schnur for a laugh-on-your-feet workshop! Learn secrets from the mound and the stage to improve your presentation and communication skills. Engage your audience in exciting new ways and create stronger, collaborative teams like a pro! Register. Meeting Room.



### LinkedIn Networking and **Prospecting for Small** Business

Wednesday, March 25, 7 PM Invaluable for job searches, LinkedIn can also help market your business to consumers and other businesses. Michael Yublosky reviews the top benefits of LinkedIn and immediate action steps to build your brand, expand your network, increase your visibility, and find qualified prospects. Co-sponsored with SCORE Chicago. Register. Meeting Room.

### **Network to Success**

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 PM Business owners, job seekers, entrepreneurs: network to success! Join Bob Podgorski, Director of the Schaumburg Township Employment Support Center, in a guided course to develop your one-minute elevator speech or pitch. Afterwards, network and practice with fellow workshop attendees — bring your business cards! Register. Zimmerman Room.

### **Federal Taxes for Your** New (or Existing) Business

Thursday, April 23, 7 PM Get money smart and learn the five different forms of business organizations and the non-tax advantages and disadvantages for each type.

Joel Shabsin (of Joel Shabsin & Associates) discusses recordkeeping requirements, general income tax deductions, and other important information for business owners. Co-sponsored with SCORE Chicago. Register. Zimmerman Room.

### The Keys to Building **Trusted Relationships**

Monday, May 11, 7 PM Creating credibility and trust makes customers see you as a valuable resource. Bob Lambert, founding partner of the Samurai Business Group LLC, explains the six keys to building trusted relationships, including thirteen key behaviors of successful businesspeople. Co-sponsored with SCORE Chicago, Register, Zimmerman Room.

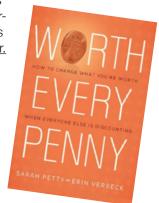
### Create Your Own **Business Video**

Wednesday, May 20, 7 PM Videos are a great opportunity to share the story, message, and mission of your business with clients and community. Learn the equipment, software, and process for creating a video that will meet your business needs. Register. Conference Room.

### **Networking Book** Discussion

Wednesday, May 27, 7 PM Business professionals and job seekers: join us at Cooper's Pizza to discuss Sarah Petty's best-selling book Worth Every Penny. Meet new people, share ideas, and have fun! We provide some appetizers — other

food and drinks available for purchase. Space is limited. Register.



## MakerLab

### MakerLab Open Shop

Thursdays, March 5 - May 28 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Drop into the MakerLab to work on self-guided projects, ask questions, and learn about the equipment. It's a perfect opportunity for first-time makers or those looking to collaborate on projects. You will have access to the library's 3D printing machine, laser cutter, and MakerKits. You must have a Barrington Area Library card. Material fees apply. Drop in. MakerLab.

### Make It Sundays

### Meet the 3D Printer

Sunday, March 15, 1 – 4:30 PM See our 3D printers at work in our Atrium! We'll explain how prints are made and what software must be used. We'll also provide examples to take home. Drop in. Atrium.

### **Historic Photo Bombing**

Sunday, April 12, 1 – 4:30 PM Celebrate Barrington's Sesquicentennial by becoming part of history literally! Learn how to use Studio 1 to superimpose, or "Photoshop," vourself into historical events and familiar places! We'll provide digital images from our Local History Collection. Drop in. Studio 1.

### **Laptop and Tablet** Decals

Sunday, May 24, 1 – 4:30 PM Embellish your favorite devices with custom decals made on our Silhouette Cameo. Drop in. Atrium.

### Maker Mondays Inspiration begins in our MakerLab.

### Laser Cut Puzzles

Monday, March 9, 10 AM Learn how to use our Laser Cutter to make puzzle pieces. Each participant will leave with a basic "Tangram" puzzle. Register. MakerLab.

### **Upcycling Your Bakeware**

Monday, April 20, 10 AM Bring your own glass bakeware and learn how to etch a custom design. Register. Meeting Room Side A.

### Meet the 3D Printers

Monday, May 4, 10 AM & 7 PM A short introduction to the fundamentals of using the library's new 3D printers. We'll go over how prints are made and what software must be used. We'll also provide examples of what the 3D printer can do. Register. MakerLab.

### **Party Decorations With** the Silhouette

Monday, May 18, 10 AM Whether it's a family BBQ, birthday party, or graduation, we have the Pinterest-inspired decorations you need. See examples of items you can make in the MakerLab. Cut your own unique designs on our Silhouette Cameo. Register. Conference Room.

### **Community Makers**

A new series highlighting local makers.

### 3D Prosthetic Devices

Tuesday, March 31, 7 PM The e-NABLE volunteer community develops and produces 3D-printed

prosthetic devices for local residents in need. Jeremy Simon, founding partner of 3D Universe (3duniverse. org), gives an overview of this new medical technology and his involvement in e-NABLE. Register. Conference Room.



Tuesday, April 28, 7 PM Kevin McQuown, founder of Windy City Lab, provides basic examples of how Arduino, an open source electronics platform, can quickly and easily automate processes in your home, like monitoring the temperature throughout the day, making coffee in the morning, watering plants, and more! Barrington Area Library cardholders are invited to make a project in our MakerLab using SparkFun kits any time the library is open. Register. Conference Room.

# craft of the month

### March

### **Squishy Circuits**

Create light-up sculptures using LEDs, batteries, and conductive dough.

### **April**

### **Blackout Poetry**

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating poems from book pages.

### Mav Windchimes

Upcycle old keys from our library construction to make a colorful wind chime.



### Web Design Basics

Monday, April 27, 6 PM Learn the basics of setting up a web page. We'll cover HTML basics and get you started on other languages like CSS and Python. We'll also provide lots of resources to build on your new skills. Conference Room.

### Social Media **Business Blitz**

Wednesday, April 29, 7 PM We get it – time is tight when you own a business! Come to this quick and informative class on the top social media skills you need to get your business noticed online. We'll cover Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and more. Demonstration. Conference Room.

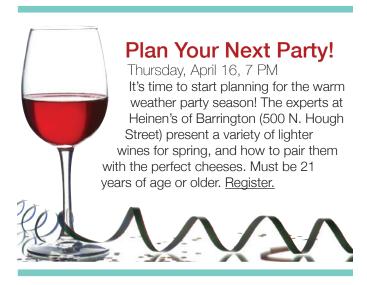
Please register to attend.

### **Etsy and Pinterest**

Wednesday, May 6, 7 PM Learn about Etsy, an online marketplace where you can have fun, make money, and indulge your passion for arts, crafts, vintage finds, fashion and more. See how to set up a business on the Etsy web site, then showcase your treasures and grow your business on Pinterest, Demonstration, Conference Room.

#### Reddit

Thursday, May 21, 7 PM As one of the largest and most well-known online communities, Reddit is an amazing way to connect with others over hobbies, opinions, news - just about anything. In this class, learn how to search, post to, and navigate the website and app. Demonstration. Conference Room.



### **About Library Programs**

Register for programs at balibrary.org, by phone at 847.382.1300, or in person.

Programs require registration unless otherwise indicated. ADA accommodations are available with at least 48 hours notice.

The library reserves the right to take photographs and video of program participants. Photos and videos are for library use and may be used in publicity materials. Patrons who do not wish to be part of photographs or videos should notify staff.



Thursday, March 12, 6:30 PM Let the pros at Jennifer Michaels (located at 421 N. Northwest Hwy.) teach you tips and tricks to renew your look for spring. Check out new products and enjoy hands-on lessons. Register.

### Find Your Next Great Book

Thursday, April 9, 7 PM

Night School comes to the library stacks! Sometimes it's hard to choose something new to read. We understand! Enjoy snacks as Librarians Liz and Lizzy talk about new and popular titles and provide personalized recommendations. Meeting Room. Register.



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**Closing Dates** 

Sunday, April 5, Easter Monday, May 25, Memorial Day Nonprofit Organization U.S. POSTAGE PAID Barrington, Illinois Permit No. 127

## Second Fridays

Our live performance series has been bringing the best in entertainment to Barrington for more than 20 years. Refreshments. Register. Meeting Room. Please note: seating is first come, first served.



### **Small Potatoes**

Friday, March 13, 8 PM

Put a spring in your step with Chicago folk duo Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso and their "Celtic to Cowboy" repertoire. Superb musicianship and showmanship, award-winning songwriting, and lively music.



### Saraswathi Ranganathan

Friday, April 10, 8 PM

In celebration of Holi, the Hindu festival of colors, Saraswathi Ranganathan entertains with a melding of classical Veena sounds and Indo-Flamenco fusion. Tabla drum, Flamenco guitarist, and Bharatanatyam dance accompaniment weave a tapestry of global musical colors and flavors.



### Mission IMPROVable

Friday, May 8, 8 PM

The agents of MISSION IMPROVable Comedy Team take audience suggestions, then create a brand new, original show that's all about your ideas! The Mission IMPROVable team pretends to be agents, just like the old "Mission Impossible" show. Audience members are co-agents, participating in the hilarious theater games or "missions" by yelling out suggestions. Entertainment that is utterly unique, and very often hysterical!