

Each program focuses on one of four broad themes of human growth, and how science plays a part in this process in our day to day lives. Programs feature popular fiction and nonfiction titles that grapple with each theme. Two videos accompany each event: an interview with the book's author and a human interest video of real people, real stories and real science.

Preregistration is suggested.

All four programs are free and open to the public.

FREE copies of our featured books will be given to the first 5 people to sign up for each program.

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THE PROGRAMS

SURVIVAL

March 20th, 7-8:30 pm

Book: *Arctic Drift*

Author Video: Clive Cussler

Fans know Cussler writes about sea-going engineer-adventurers, but not all of them know that he is a marine archeologist. Cussler features people in extreme conditions — stranded on an arctic ice flow, adrift in a raft, or trapped in a sunken wreck. The author's attention to the scientific detail of cutting edge marine technologies woven seamlessly into speculative fiction keeps readers transfixed through to the triumphant end.

Human Interest Video: Shrum Farm

Newlywed's Julie & Cory work hard and play hard. Farming is in their blood and so are combine demolition derbies. Growing up as multigenerational cattle, wheat, and alfalfa farmers, they also engineer, decorate, & compete with their combines.



Presenter: Mark Horn, Teacher, Allegan Alternative High School for 23 years; BS from MSU and MA in Science Education from WMU.

CONNECTION

April 17th, 7-8:30pm

Book: *Thunderstruck*

Author Video: Erik Larson

Larson combines painstaking research into technology history with compelling characterizations and murderous twists. *Thunderstruck* fictionalizes the intersection of lives of the inventor of trans-Atlantic wireless and one of Britain's murderers during one of the greatest criminal chases of all time. Technology allows people on both sides of the pond to listen in as Scotland Yard tracks and captures the villain.

Human Interest Video:

Roxanne Swentzell

Swentzell was born having a hard time communication with the world around her, until she began to work in clay. A sculptor featured in museums around the world, she is also a founder of Flowering Tree Permaculture Institute. She and her children constantly endeavor to listen to the past and to leave an important message for the future, connecting generations across time.



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KNOWLEDGE

May 15th, 7-8:30 pm

Book: *The Land of Painted Caves*

Author Video: Jean Auel

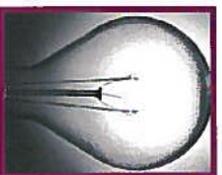
As author of The Earth's Children Series, Auel's love has been the time of Neanderthal and Cro-Magnon during the Paleolithic era. Her works build from more than thirty years of consultation with experts around the world, travel and meticulous research.

In her speculative world, genetic memory and experiential knowledge are combined to question which of the branches on the human tree will survive.

Human Interest Video: Sean Brock

This successful southern chef has restaurants, TV shows, two James Beard awards and The Culinary Preservation Award 2012 to his credit, but he's not satisfied. His restaurants are a means to pursue his ambition of revitalizing the culinary knowledge of Southern Cuisine by reviving heirloom crops, recovering rare livestock, and applying knowledge of molecular gastronomy in his recipes.

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NATURE

June 19th, 7-8:30 pm

Book: *When the Killing's Done*

Author Video: T.C. Boyle

Author of numerous highly acclaimed books, Boyle's fiction often focuses on complex questions where culture, ethics, and science intersect.

When the Killing's Done fictionalizes a conflict between the National Park Service's efforts to destroy an invasive species and animal rights activists' endeavors to save non-native black rats.

Human Interest Video:

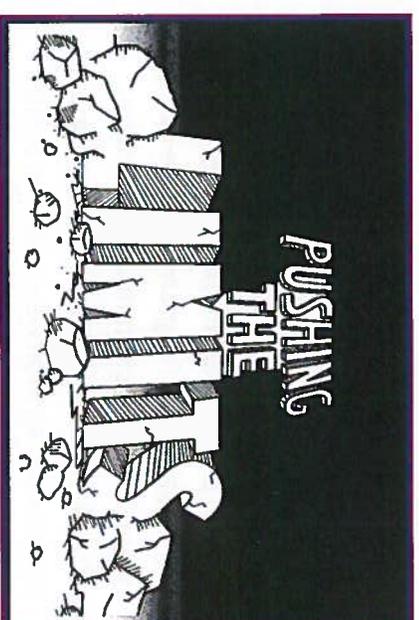
Cameron Clapp, Amputee Tri-Athlete

Cameron Clapp is an adrenaline junkie and risk taker who is trying to meld his nature with supposed limits of a triple amputee.

Losing his limbs in a train accident as a teenager, Cameron has never let his injuries stand in the way of his dreams to compete in a triathlon – a feat not easily undertaken when he can't feel the bike pedals strapped to his shoes.



Presenter: Linda Koch, Reference Librarian, MLIS; BA and MA in Biology



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