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## **Attention All Bookworms! New Story Festival Comes to Ford House**

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES, MI (Aug. 24, 2021)** – Families will be immersed in a day of spectacular stories, creative activities and fun performances at our first-ever Story Festival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 25 at Ford House.

The event, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public Library and the ECHO Library Resource Center, promises to be a fun day out with a lot of learning mixed in!

The festival will feature performances from witty children’s singer-songwriter Jim Gill, Company One from Wayne State Dance, and Brenda Ban of Built to Thrive. In addition, Detroit’s Arts & Scraps will lead creative hands-on activities.

Visitors will roam the grounds and gardens to visit stations with fun and immersive activities for the whole family, all meant to spark a love of reading. Story themes draw from the lakeside estate, and include the water cycle, gardens and sustainability, art, home, nature and transportation.

“Ford House provides the perfect storybook setting for the festival,” says Emily Sullivan, Education Programs Coordinator. “When families enjoy reading activities together, children are more likely to become lifelong lovers of books and stories. This will be a fun way to introduce children to new books, and have stories come alive through our activities and performances.”

“This event embodies everything ECHO was created for: bridging education, fun and community with the emphasis on early childhood individuals and their families,” said Cate Williams, of ECHO and a pre-school prep teacher at Trombley Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park. “As we kick off the new school year and the beginnings of educational careers, this Story Festival will be one for the books, literally, by meshing stories and reading with hands on and movement activities creates fun for the whole family!”

Story Festival tickets are available online at [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) or by calling (313) 884-4222. Tickets are FREE for kids ages 5 and under, and \$5 for everyone ages 6 and up. The festival will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 25, 2021.

**About Ford House**

Ford House is located at 1100 Lake Shore Rd. in Grosse Pointe Shores. The historic lakeside estate was the family home of Edsel Ford – Henry and Clara Ford’s only son – where he lived with his wife Eleanor and their children beginning in 1928. Since 1978, Ford House has welcomed hundreds of thousands of visitors to share in Eleanor Ford’s vision of preserving the estate for future generations to enjoy through interpretive tours, family activities, lectures, exhibits and gardens and grounds events. Ford House was named a National Historic Landmark in 2016. For more information, visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) or call (313) 884-4222, and connect with the Ford House on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.