



The YLI Leader

December 2009

The YLI Arts Class

On November 13, YLI students studied the arts in our community. First on the agenda for the day was MD Isley of Bravo Des Moines. MD spoke about the importance of art in a community, and about his position with Bravo promoting the arts and artists in Des Moines. Next,



Drumming with Fons Koster

students visited the Salisbury House to participate in an African Drumming workshop with Fons Koster of Earth Rhythms. Fons is a professional drummer who has studied and played not only in the United States, but also in Africa where she spent time with a native African Drummer performing for weddings and various local ceremonies. She now takes drumming to the schools, following her passion of teaching and drumming. After learning about the construction of the drums and some of the cultural significance of drumming, Fons taught the group some basic rhythms and let the group jam together. A student later commented, "I enjoyed the drumming session with Fons. It was fun, a little challenging, and I learned something." Afterwards, YLI traveled to the Gateway Dance Theatre in the East Village to get the students up and on their feet. Penny Furgerson, Artistic Director, led the activities and taught the students about dance and creative movement.

Sculptor John Brommel Visits YLI

For the afternoon session of the Arts Class, YLI students traveled to the Des Moines Central Library where they were met by local sculptor John Brommel. Docents from the Des Moines Art Center led students on a tour of the Western Gateway public art installation, giving students a first-hand look at some impressive sculpture art. Finally, John Brommel led students in a wire sculpting activity to give students the opportunity to express themselves visually. One student remarked what they liked most about the day was "visiting the sculpture garden and then building our own sculptures. I plan to get more involved in my community with art related events!"



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Upcoming YLI Events

Mark these dates on your calendar now!

December 11, 2009	Law & Order No Processing Session	7:30 am
January 18, 2009	Diversity	7:30 am
January 25, 2009	Processing Session	5:30 pm
February 19, 2009	Greater DM Leadership	7:30 am
February 22, 2009	Processing Session	5:30 pm
March 5, 2009	Entrepreneurship	7:30 am
March 8, 2009	Processing Session	5:30 pm

All classes begin and end at the United Way Building at 1111 9th St in Des Moines. Please contact Program Director at director@youthleadershipdm.org or by phone at 779-0362 with any questions or concerns. All classes and processing sessions are required; please have a parent or guardian notify the Program Director ASAP if you cannot attend a class. The December Law & Order Class may require us to pass through security checkpoints. Please do not bring anything extra with you in order to help move us through the metal detectors more quickly.

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep."
- Scott Adams, "Dilbert" cartoonist

Individual Service Project due in February

During the November Processing Session, the Individual Service Project requirements were outlined:

1. Decide on your individual service project. We ask that you find a project that aligns with your personal leadership passion.
2. You will need to make three service visits to your organization. If the first visit is an orientation, that DOES count as one visit. You are not limited to only three visits – if you want to continue serving that organization, PLEASE DO!
3. Complete your project and have the person who is supervising you sign indicate the dates when you were on site. Please make sure their phone number is also recorded on the form.
4. Turn in your form to the Program Director before or on the evening of the February Processing Session.

Download the form using the following web link:
http://youthleadershipdm.org/files/ind_service_proj.pdf



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The next class is Friday, December 11: Law & Order