



☆☆☆ **Block Party!** ☆☆☆

with Sarah Rydecki and Doni Smith

Saturday, May 14th

at the South Haven Memorial Library

PreK-2nd grade, 11:00-12:00

3rd to 5th grade, 12:30-1:30

6th to 12th grade, 1:30-2:30

**A time for art, play, telling your story,
leaving your mark, & community-building!**

Use colored pencils, markers, paint pens, collage, and more to design a toy wooden block...the kinds kids build with! ALL of the wooden blocks from MANY community Block Parties will be assembled in the end to form three big block sculptures, one at South Haven Memorial Library, one at the The Mitten children's museum, and one at the South Haven Center for the Arts.

These organizations are the direct collaborators in a project called Create and Connect. This project has been made possible through a Community Partners grant from a partnership between the Michigan Arts and Culture Council and Arts Midwest. The grant asks communities to use arts and cultural projects to foster partnerships and to tackle problems important to the community. We have chosen to focus on community healing after two years of pandemic stress and isolation, as well as from trauma. We are exploring storytelling, art, and play as tools for mental health and well-being. Our hope is to include as many members of our community as possible.

We invite you to join us!

