

2024 Featured Speakers

Presenter



Sarah Wood - REMC 8-

Sarah is an Educational Technology Consultant for Kent Intermediate School District. She had previously worked as a K-12 Technology and Media Integration Specialist. She has a love for photography, graphic recording, being creative, crafts, and anything learning-related – if it involves making and creating, you will find her part of it! As an educator, Sarah strives to provide unique learning experiences for students that not only engage them in the learning but leave students with a story to share about their learning.

Project Manager for [Doodle for Your Noodle](#) - Highly recommend signing up for her next cohort!

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Amy Dirlam - REMC 11 -

Amy is a Technology & Innovation Consultant at Berrien RESA. She is a former English teacher, school librarian, district instructional technology coordinator and school administrator. Amy is passionate about helping teachers integrate technology effectively, digital citizenship and media literacy. Amy is also the immediate Past-President of MACUL. She has two grown sons and enjoys spending time with her husband and boys on Lake Michigan, the golf course or on the ski slopes.

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Judy Bowling-REMC 20 -

The awardee of the MACUL 2024 President's Award Judy is passionate about instructional technology & believes that library media centers should be the learning hub of each school. Judy is a project leader for *Promoting STEM Through Literature*. This project is designed to get students excited about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) by actively involving them in the design thinking process through the use of literature. She is also serving as the REMC 20 Director and has written for numerous publications and presented at too many events to count! Judy truly believes that integrating technology into the classroom amplifies the learning experience for all students.

Project Manager for [Promoting STEM Through Literature](#) - These books are free to checkout from your local REMC.

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Katie Butzu - REMC 6 -

Katie Butzu is a Bay Arenac ISD Occupational Therapist working primarily in the area of early childhood. She has been practicing occupational therapy for over 9 years in a variety of settings including hospital based, outpatient pediatrics and school based. In addition, Katie Butzu serves as the BAISD Assistive Technology (AT) and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) coordinator while helping to lead the BAISD AT Team. Katie has additional experience and training in the areas of assistive technology, feeding therapy, sensory integration and neurodevelopmental techniques. Katie serves as the Michigan chapter leader for Makers Making

Change, a non-profit organization focused on developing and providing low cost assistive technology to its users.

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Mark Lyons - REMC 9

Mark is the Instructional Technology & STEM Integration Program Director for Saginaw ISD. He also serves as the Region 9 Director of the Regional Educational Media Center ([REMC](#)). Mark taught 14 years as a Special Education teacher, and he holds his endorsements in Autism & Emotional Impairment. Mark works as a Chapter Leader for [Makers Making Change](#), the vision at M.M.C. is to achieve economic and social inclusiveness for all people with disabilities.

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Michael Roof

1st Lieutenant Michael Roof has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol since March of 2020. Originally intending to join to share his I.T. and cyber security skills to the Unit, he's fulfilled with mentoring cadets into the leaders of

tomorrow, providing fun STEM activities, and participating in Emergency Service training exercises. On March 17th, 2022, he accepted command of the Tri-City Composite Squadron, with the goals of growing the Unit and C.A.P. presence in the Tri-City area and support our local communities. He has completed Level 2 and Level 3 of senior member professional development program.

1st Lt. Roof graduated from Saginaw Valley State University in 2018 with a bachelors degree in Computer Science. He's led a Google grant-funded extracurricular STEM program middle and high school students in the Saginaw area in 2017 and 2018, with tremendous success in exposing youths to the variety of focuses in the Computer Science field. Professionally, he is a Cyber Security Analyst for a local insurance company since 2017.



John Bellsmith

I am a cartoonist on a wildly creative journey that has me looking forward to what each day may bring. My drawing style and content delivery is heavily influenced by "Calvin and Hobbes", and "Peanuts". Both of which are still part of my daily reading. As a teenager was extremely fortunate to have a one on one conversation with Peanuts creator Charles Schultz, and elements from that talk continue to inspire today.

In 2020 I opened "Hey Guy! Studio and Publishing" and released my first illustrated book "[Lunchbox Doodles®](#)". Since then I have self published several nationally distributed books including multiple children's activity books and additional books in the "Lunchbox Doodles®" book series.

In 2022 I began visiting classrooms to share the story behind the "Lunchbox Doodles" books focusing on the joys of drawing and how it helped me through difficult times in my childhood. Realizing the mental health benefits of "doodling", I developed a unique version of "repetitious doodling", which I have found to be very helpful with my own daily struggle with anxiety and stress. I now have the honor of visiting classrooms and boardrooms alike sharing the "Doodling Through Difficult Times®" process with people of all ages.

Radio Show "Hairball John Radio Show"

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