February 2
5-9 p.m.

In 1912, Ella Sharp willed her property to the City of Jackson for residents to enjoy. In that spirit, please join us at the museum on February 2 to celebrate the halfway point from the winter solstice to the spring equinox. Enjoy a mix of activities—there’s something for everyone. For Game of Thrones fans… ever wonder about the strange seasons of Westeros? Why some summers can be so long, but always that “Winter is coming?” Dive into a different world with Hurst Planetarium! Live music and snowshoes will fill Farm Lane as you enjoy Vito’s Espresso, cash bar, bonfires, dog sledding, and more.
Ella Sharp Museum is one of 18 organizations in the state to receive a "Third Coast Conversations" grant from the Michigan Humanities Council. These grants foster conversation about how the people of Michigan connect with water. Join us to share your experiences, stories, and memories and help us shape a community-based exhibit. Light refreshments will be provided.

Stroller Tours

2 p.m., Saturday, February 16
$4 per family/free for members and JDL cardholders

It's never too early to start visiting museums! Bring the little ones for a 15-minute visual tour of our galleries and story time on-site with the Jackson District Library. This experience is specially designed for infants to 18 months. The tour will be followed by a make & take keepsake.

"First Fridays"

Every First Friday of the Month
7–9 p.m., March 1–December 6
$10 per person, $15 per couple free for members

We are excited to announce a new series called "First Fridays" that showcases the wonderful and varied resources the museum has to offer, including the Hadwin Center galleries at the Ella Sharp Museum, the Hurst Planetarium, and Cell Block 7. Starting in March, join us on the First Friday of the month to enjoy a special program along with a chance to socialize over light snacks and a cash bar. Programs will include lectures on telescopes around the world in the Hurst Planetarium, artist talks and hands-on exploration of new exhibits in the galleries, and the chance to learn more about the history of our surrounding community. So mark your calendars for every First Friday in 2019!
Be Like Ella!

More than 100 years ago Ella Sharp willed her home to the people of Jackson to become a museum. Sustaining her legacy requires ongoing dedication and resources. Your generosity now helps ensure that Ella’s gift will last into the future. Show your commitment to Jackson by donating to the museum today!

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2019 Planetarium Public Shows

Sundays at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., & Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Perseus and Andromeda
Sundays at 1:30 p.m.
now-March 1

Experience the ancient legends of the night sky! Perseus & Andromeda is a fun-filled retelling of the legendary Princess Andromeda and Perseus, as they try to escape the great sea monster set upon Andromeda by her mother, Cassiopeia. Recommended for Ages 5-13.

Chasing the Ghost Particle
Sundays at 2:30 p.m. & Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
now-February 14

Deep in the ice at the heart of Antarctica, the biggest and strangest detector in the world waits for mysterious messengers from the cosmos. Chasing the Ghost Particle will take you on a journey, from the South Pole to the edge of the universe, that you will never forget.

The Sun: Our Living Star
Sundays at 2:30 p.m. & Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
February 17–April 30

The Sun has shone on our world for four and a
half billion years. The light that warms our skin today has been felt by every person who has ever lived. Discover the secrets of our star in this planetarium show and experience never-before-seen images of the Sun’s violent surface in immersive fulldome format.

EXHIBITS at the ELLA

IMAGE AS IDEA
Now–March 3, 2019

PETTICOAT PATRIOTS
December 21, 2018–March 3, 2019

THE LIVING WILDERNESS
January 11–June 30, 2019