Your Millage Dollars at Work

Township residents passed an 8 year millage in August 2014 with the promise of new and updated services. The library staff has been hard at work throughout the fall months to develop and test out several new programs. New online services will be added in the summer months, and we will be sure to update you when that happens. We hope you take advantage of these new services and that they meet your needs, both educational and recreational. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the library for complete information and assistance.

Staffing
We look forward to welcoming two additional staff members, with a start date of early February.

The Library Clerk will be working primarily at the front service desk, supporting library patrons of all ages with their informational needs. Whether it’s help finding a good book to read or help with accessing email, this person will be there to assist everyone.

The Outreach Services Clerk will be developing adult programming, representing the library at area events, and be available for speaking engagements for your group.

Outreach Services
Homebound Services: Are you homebound or know someone who is? Will you be undergoing surgery that will keep you off your feet for a period of time? The library is starting a monthly homebound delivery service in January to bring materials (books, movies, music, and magazines) to anyone in Hamburg Township who cannot make it to the library. Enjoy the library brought to your doorstep and a visit from one of our friendly volunteers. Call: 810-231-1771.

Storytellers Services: Storytelling at Headstart and pre-school programs within our community.

Baby Story Time
Got a little one in your life? Babies, newborn to 18 months, are welcome to join Lil’ Wiggles which meets Wednesdays at 11:00am with Miss Carol. This is a time for babies and their caregivers to bond with each other and meet new people. Age-appropriate stories and activities are scheduled around a central theme. Call or stop in to register.

Online Services
The library is striving to bring high quality and useful online services to library patrons. Beginning in January, you will be able to learn a new language with Mango Languages and research your family tree with Ancestry.com. We will be looking into several more services that will start in the summer months, so stay tuned. We are also adding downloadable audiobooks to our e-book service Axis360 (http://hamburg.axis360.baker-taylor.com/). Because these audiobooks are expensive, please understand that collection-building will be slow.

Movies at the Library
If you don’t want to pay the high prices at the ticket booth or missed the movie at the theater, don’t worry. The library is now showing new releases twice a month: Thursday Matinee, the third Thursday of the month at 1:00pm and Saturday Family Cinema, the first Saturday of the month at 1:00pm.

Check out the winter/spring selections on page 3.
Join us for an evening of music at the Library
Friday, April 3 @ 6:00pm. Registration Required

Celebrate Spring with a select group from the Ann Arbor Symphony.

Enjoy the evening with this select group from Michigan’s premier regional orchestra. The quartet musicians are as follows:
- Oboe by Timothy Michling
- Violin by David Ormai
- Viola by David Ford
- Cello by Jacob Wunsch

Both events on this page are FREE thanks to the generous sponsorship of Richard Truxall of Invest Financial Corporation, member FINRA/SIPC, www.truxall.com

Antiques Appraisal Show and Tell
Saturday, March 28 Registration Required.

Darlene Hines, ISA Certified Appraiser and President of Nostalgia Antique Appraisal Services will present the Antique Appraisal Show & Tell. Do you have a small antique at your home and would like know if it is worth something? Come to this event and watch how the appraisal process works on your special item.

You will be limited to one item for each person. You must be able to carry your item in. Items that cannot be appraised at this event are jewelry/watches, picture art, military items and money due to the lengthy time of research involved.

This takes part in two steps.
1. Bring your small antique item to the Library between 10:00-11:00am to get your item checked in with the appraiser.
2. The appraiser’s program will begin at 1:30pm with each item being discussed and the appraisal value.
Genie’s Book Club
Join your friends and neighbors for a lively, informal adult book discussion on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. Pick up a copy of the books before the discussion dates.

Jan. 7, 2015
Waiting to Exhale
by Terry McMillan
FIC: 480 pp.

Feb. 4
The Hot Zone
by Richard Preston
NF: 304 pp.

Mar. 4
LIVINGSTON READS 2015 SELECTION
Bitter Brew
by William Knoedelseder
NF: 416 pp.

Apr. 1
The Whip
by Karen Kondazian

May 6
The All-Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion
by Fannie Flagg
NF: 368 pp.

MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY
All showings are free and require no registration. Drop in and enjoy yourself. All movies will begin promptly.

Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00pm.
Bring a snack; the library will provide beverages.

(PG13) Jan. 15: Magic In The Moonlight
(R) Feb. 19: Gone Girl
(R) Mar. 19: Jersey Boys
(PG) Apr. 16: The Hundred-Foot Journey

Every 1st Saturday of the month at 1:00pm.
Bring a snack and a blanket and enjoy yourself.

(PG) Jan. 3: Dolphin Tale 2
(PG) Feb. 7: Earth to Echo
(PG) Mar. 7: The Boxtrolls
(PG) Apr. 4: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Personal Financial Series
Registration required.

Ken Jackson, AAMS, Financial Advisor from Edward Jones, will have a series of programs on investments and financial strategies:

- Wednesday, Feb. 25
  5 Questions for Women Investing, Rules of the Road, and Taking Stock in the Market.
- Wednesday, March 25
- Wednesday, April 22
  Retirement Has Changed: What’s Your Next Move.
- Wednesday, May 20
  Standing Guard: Protecting What You’ve Worked For

Free

TAX ASSISTANCE @ THE LIBRARY
Professional tax assistants, sponsored by the AARP, will help you prepare your tax returns and file online. The assistance is free. The library will be scheduling appointments beginning January 6 for the 2014 tax season. Call 810-231-1771 to schedule your appointment.

Assistance is by appointment only.

Appointments are scheduled every hour, 9am-5pm, except 12:30pm to 1:00pm.

Tax appointment dates: Thursdays: February 12 & 26
Thursdays: March 12 & 26
Thursdays: April 9

Michigan DNR Approved Course
Registration required.

Boating Safety Education Certification Course
Saturday, May 30, 9:00am to 4pm.
Fee $10 payable to the instructor day of program.

This course is for all adults and children 12 years and up who want to operate a personal watercraft on Michigan lakes and streams. Students will receive Boater Safety Certification upon successful completion of course & test. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Bring your own lunch and snacks, water will be available.

Livingston Reads 2015

BITTER BREW:
The Rise and Fall of Arheuser-Bush and America’s Kings of Beer
by William Knoedelseder

Registration required for all programs.

Check out your copy at the front desk

Wed., March 4 @ 1:00pm
Genie’s Book Club
Discussion of Livingston Reads book.
(See Genie’s Book Club, p. 3 for full description)

Wed., March 11 @ 6:30pm
Livingston Reads book discussion.
Join other adults in a lively discussion of this fact-filled book and enjoy some beer related treats.

Sat., March 14 @ 12:00pm
Genealogy: Beginning
Sarah Hatter guides you on techniques to help you begin your genealogy search.

Wed. March 18 @ 6:30pm
Top Hops Farm
Sean Trowbridge will discuss the many varieties of hops, how to grow, harvest and use the hops.

Free

Sat., March 21 @ 12:00pm
Genealogy: Advanced
Sarah Hatter will teach you advanced techniques to further your research journey.

Free

Thursday, April 2 @ 12:00pm
Hamburg during the Prohibition
(See Lunch & Learn, p. 5 for full description)

Free

Tue. April 14 @ 6:30pm
Cooking with Beer
Join Renee Chodkowski the Great Foodini for a food demonstration in cooking with beer.

Fee $ 5

Thu. April 16 @ 6:30pm
Everything Beer
Dayna Tran from Eternity Brewing will be teaching us what goes into making beer, different types of beer and how to taste beer. Samples of Eternity Brewing company’s beer will be available, along with some tasty beer-themed snacks. Must be 21 years or older.

Free
Feb. 5  Creative Card Making Class  Fee $10
Joan Sanders will guide you through the paper techniques of layering your designs to create 3 one-of-a-kind cards. Bring your scissors and acid-free adhesive glue stick.

Mar. 5  National Parks Travelogue  Free
Virginia Maturen will take you traveling through some of our national parks with a focus on Yosemite and Point Reyes National Seashore.

April 2  Hamburg During Prohibition  Free
Join Suzanne Hines of the Hamburg Historical Society as she talks about the Hamburg area during this exciting time of speakeasies and rum runners.  Inconjunction with Livingston Reads 2015.

May 7  Language of Flowers Tea Party  Fee $5
As every flower lover knows, flowers have a language of their own. Every sentiment is expressed in one form or another by these fragile blooms. Learn the language of flowers and enjoy a tea party with scrumptious goodies.

Celebrate the Great Outdoors - In Michigan

Tue. Apr. 28 @ 6:30pm  Kayaking the Great Outdoors  Free
Mike Greshock, manager of Summit Sports in Brighton, will talk about and demonstrate kayaks, equipment, safety tips, and adventures on rivers and lakes.

Sat. April 18 @ 1:00pm  What Every Bicyclist Must Know  Free
Kyle Kirby from the League of Michigan Bicyclists will discuss Michigan laws pertaining to bicyclists, safety rules on roadways and trails, and review the booklet “What Every Michigan Bicyclist Must Know”. She will also talk about the 2015 Ride Calendar with over 300 events taking place in Michigan. Youth are welcome accompanied by an adult.

Wed. April 29 @ 6:30pm  Bicycling the Great Outdoors  Free
Mike O’Donnell, manager of D & D Bicycles in Brighton, will discuss bicycling in Michigan, equipment, maintenance, and safety tips along with his adventures riding the trails.

Tues. May 12 @ 6:30pm  Great Lake to Lake Trail  Free
Discover Michigan with Nancy Krupiarz, Executive Director of Michigan Trail and Greenway Alliance, who will discuss the Great Lake to Lake Trail, the Governor’s Showcase Trail from Detroit to Wisconsin, and other happenings on Michigan trails.

MICHIGAN RAIL TO TRAIL FACTS:

- 119 Total number of rail-trails open in Michigan (81 in USA)
- 2,712 Total number of miles open rail-trail
- 6.6% The percentage of USA rail-trails located in Michigan
- 12.4% The percentage of USA rail-trail mileage located in Michigan
- 109 miles Longest Rail-Trail in Michigan. The Slate Lake Trail in the Upper Peninsula
- 1083 First rail-trail opened in Michigan. The Paint Creek Trail
- 640 feet The longest rail-trail bridge in Michigan. Mill Creek Trestle on the Wadhams to Avoca Trail
- 105 feet – Highest rail-trail bridge in Michigan. The bridge on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River at Agate Falls on the Bill Nichols Trail
TEEN EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

TEEN CRAFT
Saturday, January 24 @ 1pm
Ages 10-14
Join Christie and Chris for a crafty kind of afternoon.
We’ll be making a finger weave necklace and a travel cup photo sleeve.

Cinco de Mayo
Saturday, May 9, 11am-1pm
Ages 11-16
Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us. First, help make a festive lunch of various Mexican foods from scratch, then stay and eat it all up!
Bring a friend! Bring an appetite! Remember to pre-register!

First Aid/CPR Training
Ages 12-17
Saturday, May 16, 10am-2pm
$10 per child, pre-registration required.
Lunch provided
Have your child learn how to administer first aid and CPR on infants, children, and adults.
Hamburg Township Fire Department will be offering training and certification in first aid and CPR for children ages 12 to 17.
**StoryTimes**

Watch Facebook for weather cancellations

**Lil’ Wiggles Baby Time**
Wednesdays @ 11am
Jan. 14 to April 29

Geared towards newborn to 18 month olds. Parent and child will interact while participating in stories, songs and fingerplays for 20 minutes in a format designed especially for babies. Followed by 40 minutes of free play with age appropriate toys and socialization for babies and caregiver.

**Lapsit**
Tuesdays @ 10am
Jan. 13 to April 28

Geared towards 18-36 month olds.
30 minutes of parent and child interaction through stories, songs, and fingerplays all from the comfort of the caregiver’s lap.

**Storytimes**
Mondays @ 1:30pm
Thursdays @ 10am
Jan. 12 to April 27
Jan. 15 to April 30

Geared towards 3-5 year olds.
Children will enjoy 30 minutes of storytelling followed by a 30 minute theme-related craft, with parent/caregiver participation.

**Kids Craft Fair**
Saturday, April 25, 9am-12pm

Come to the library to view and buy crafts made by the kids of Hamburg Township. Everything will be handmade out of a variety of items such as duct tape, beads, rope, yarn, and metal.

Crafters (17 and younger):
For more information and an application, contact the library at 810.231.1771 or www.hamburglibrary.org

**Summer Reading 2015**

This year’s theme is **ART**
and we want your help thinking of a slogan.

Use your creativity to come up with a phrase to use on our flyers, t-shirts and billboard. Remember to include something about reading, books or the library.
If you include art work with your slogan, we may use your design as well!

Ideas must be submitted to the library by February 28.

**Peeps Diorama**

1. Think of a scene from a book. Make your diorama using a shoebox or comparable item of reasonable size and keep it clean.
2. Turn in your finished diorama between March 16 to March 21.
3. Dioramas will be voted on by patrons from March 23 to April 4.
4. The top 3 voted dioramas will receive prizes.
5. The one rule is that all the characters in the diorama MUST be played by Peeps (any type of Peep will do).

**Kids Ceramic Painting**
Wednesday, April 15, 6:30pm
Ages 4+

The Ceramics Studio of Howell will instruct and provide a fun-filled evening with your child by painting on pottery.

Bring your imagination and wear your painting clothes. After the items are fired, they will be available for pick-up the following week at the library.
A great gift for parents, grandparents, or friends.

pre-registration required

**Shadow the Therapy Dog**
Have a struggling reader?
Come read with Shadow the Therapy Dog!
Children are able to practice their reading skills, building their self-esteem in a non-judgmental and supportive manner.

Drop-in for a ten minute session, the first and third Mondays of the month, between 4-5pm, beginning in January 5.
Library Closing Dates
Thursday, January 1 New Years Day
Monday, January 20 MLK Day
Monday, February 16 Presidents’ Day
Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Book - Bake - Craft Sale
@ the Library
Saturday, April 25 ~ 9:00am to 2:00pm

Book Sale
All hardcovers and AV are $1.00 each, softcovers are $0.25 each, or $3.00 for a grocery bag. We will supply the grocery bags. The Library will begin accepting donations for the sale April 4 - 22.

Items not accepted:
Reader’s Digest condensed books, magazines, encyclopedias, text books or anything musty, dirty or damaged. Receipts will be given if requested.

Bake & Craft Sale
Come shop for hand-sewn items and delicious bake goods from the Scrap-A-Holics quilting group.

The Scap-A-Holics meet Tuesdays noon-3pm at the library. All are welcome to join. For more information call Pat Shinn 810-231-1767. The group accepts donations of cotton fabric, yarn, thread, sewing notions, and money. Your donations help make a difference to the following charities: St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Pregnancy Help Line, Motts Children’s Hospital, the American Red Cross, and the Hamburg Fire Department for victims of house fires.

In a year, this group of quilters have supplied 196 quilts, 25 pillow case and 33 Alzheimer’s activity mats.

Thank you for your generous donations over the past year.