



52 years of growth with the community

Hamburg Township Library

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What's New @ HTL

Haven't stopped by in awhile? Things are always growing and changing at the Library. Here's what we've added in 2017:

- New LED lighting throughout the Library to save energy and money
- New WiFi system for improved capacity and speed
- RB Digital Magazines has increased from 50 magazines to over 175 popular titles
- New Hoopla service offering e-books, movies, music & more for free
- More locations added to Michigan Activity Pass for discounted admission to popular attractions
- No late fines for Seniors age 60 and older
- Shopping cart available for convenient browsing
- Children's early literacy computers for ages 2-8
- STEAM programs for kids
- Staff Pick table with recommendations from our staff
- Lobby TV showcasing new services and upcoming programs
- Ukulele Kits available for check-out

Come see what else is new in 2018!

Needs Assessment Survey

There is still time to complete the Needs Assessment Survey that was mailed to you in our Fall newsletter. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete. Feedback will be used to shape our new Strategic Plan which will outline decisions regarding the future of the Library and patron services for the 2020 millage.

The survey is available at:

- the front desk of the Library
- www.hamburglibrary.org, click on "Survey" tab



Thank you to all those who have completed the survey! We appreciate your feedback!



Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 24
12:00 - 2:00 pm**



- Come support the Library and enjoy delicious chili from your friends and neighbors, then vote for your favorite in both categories (Kids ages 10-17, Adults 18 and up). \$3 per person will get you samples of each chili and all proceeds will benefit the Library. Beverages will be provided.

To enter your chili in the cook-off, you must pre-register. Kids over 10 and adults are welcome to participate. Bring your chili in a slow cooker 11:30am -12:00pm with any accompanying toppings you wish. Prizes will be awarded to winners in both categories.

Livingston Reads:

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

By Agatha Christie

March - April 2018

Registration required for all programs except movies.

LIVE MUSIC

Music of the 1920s & 30s

Monday, March 19, 6:30pm, Free

Join local musician Eric Shore for an hour-long solo piano concert focused on popular American standards of the 1920s and 1930s which were popular during the time period of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. The concert will be accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation with historical information and a display of period sheet music and 78 RPM records.

MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

Last Stop: Murder

Friday, March 23, 7:00pm, \$5/person

You're invited to a Murder Mystery Party! You are a passenger on the luxurious Oriental Express, along with several unsavory characters, almost certainly up to no good. Unexpectedly, the train is snowed in and one of the passengers is murdered. With the help of your fellow passengers, you must work to identify the murderer before the police arrive. Can you discover "who done it"? Pre-registration is required. Characters will be assigned upon arrival, based on the order in which you registered. A variety of appetizers, desserts, and beverages will be served.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Travel Your Tastebuds on the Orient Express

Monday, April 16, 6:30pm, \$10/person

Join Renee Chodkowski, The Great Foodini, for a cooking demonstration which will take you on an entertaining and delicious journey along the path of the Orient Express, where you will sample regional delights along the way. Doors open at 6:15.

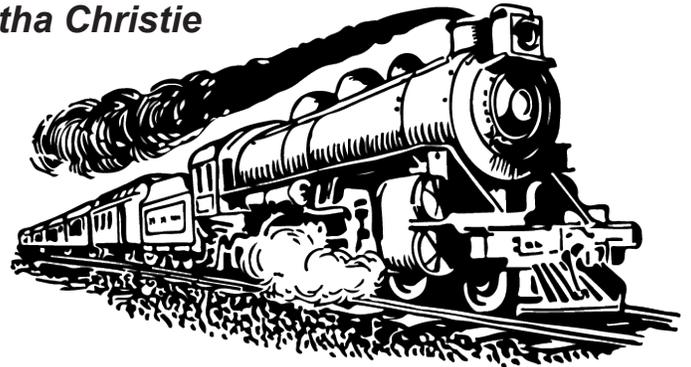


BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively book discussion on *Murder on the Orient Express*, by Agatha Christie.

Book Club: Wednesday, April 4, 1:00pm

Evening Book Discussion: Wednesday, April 11, 6:30pm



HISTORY PROGRAMS

Railroad History

Tuesday, March 13, 6:30pm, Free

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True Crime Michigan

Tuesday, April 10, 6:30pm, Free

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MOVIES

Movies @ the Library

1:00pm, Free

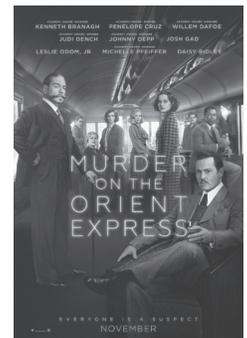
Wed. April 18: *Murder on the Orient Express* (1974 version)

Thurs. April 26: *Murder on the Orient Express* (2017 version)

Movie @ the Historic Howell Theater

Friday, April 20, 7:00pm, Free

Join all 6 Livingston County Libraries for a viewing of the new remake of *Murder on the Orient Express* (rated PG-13). Admission is first come-first served. You must present your library card. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



Storytimes

** If Pinckney Schools are closed, there are no storyhours that day **
** Registration for storytimes begins Monday, December 18 **

STORYTIME

Mondays @ 1:30pm
1/8 - 4/23
Thursdays @ 10:00am
1/11 - 4/26

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.

LAPSIT

Mondays @ 10:00am-10:45am
1/8 - 4/23

Geared towards 2-3 year olds. Parent and child will interact through stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft, all from the comfort of the caregiver's lap.

LIL WIGGLERS BABY TIME

Thursdays @ 10:00am-10:45am
1/11 - 4/26
NO CLASS:
2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5

A storytime designed for babies, newborn to 2 years old. Parent or caregiver and child will interact while participating in stories and songs. Free play will follow with age appropriate toys and socialization for babies and caregivers.

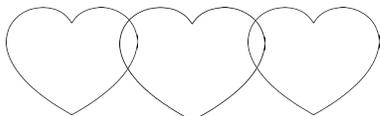
Children/Teen Events

Valentine Craft

Tuesday, February 6
6:30pm
Ages 5 and under



Join Miss Carol and Miss Christie for a crafty evening as well as a snack.



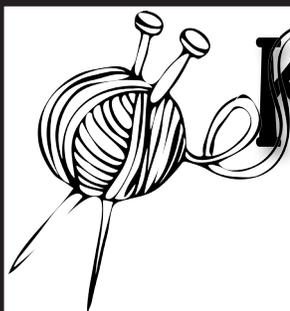
Pre-registration required.

Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday, May 9
6:30pm
Ages 10 and under

Come decorate a flower pot for Mother's Day and fill it with flowers.

Pre-registration required.



Kids Craft Fair

Saturday, April 21
9:00am - 12:00pm



Come to the Library to view and buy crafts made by the kids of Hamburg Township. Everything is handmade and past items have included hand-knit scarves, soaps, pillowcases, pet toys, flower pots, and bowls.

Crafters (ages 17 and under):

If you would like to sell items, pick up an application from the front desk or online at hamburglibrary.org

Read It To Eat It

Earn Free Food by Reading

School Ages Only

1/11 - 3/31

Read 12 library books ...

record them on a bookmark from the front desk ...

get the front desk to stamp it ...

take it to participating restaurants for your free reward !!

Peeps Diorama

1. Think of a scene from a book. Make your diorama using a shoebox and keep it clean.
2. Turn in your finished diorama between March 24 and March 31.
3. Dioramas will be voted on by patrons between April 2 and April 14.
4. The top 3 voted dioramas will receive prizes.
5. The one rule is that all characters in the diorama **MUST** be played by Peeps (any type Peep will do).
6. Looking for inspiration? Google 'Peep Diorama'

S.T.E.A.M. @ THE LIBRARY

Join the S.T.E.A.M team to do several hands-on, fun science projects with household items and science-y type gadgets to amuse and amaze.

Kids 5 and under and their families are invited to attend.

Registration Required



Every child is born a scientist ...

Come to the Library and help your child be one ...

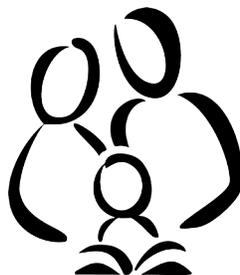
Thursdays

May 10, May 17, May 24
10am

Family Literacy Celebration

The Livingston County libraries will be holding a joint celebration of early literacy with music, crafts, characters and free books in early March.

Please be on the lookout at the Library for further information.



Chili Cook-off for Kids

Saturday, February 24

12-2pm

Do you make the best chili in the known universe?

Are you ages 10 - 17?

Want to see if you can win first prize in a chili cook-off?



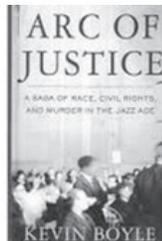
If you've answered yes to these questions, give us a call to register and then drop off your chili in a crockpot between 11:30-12pm on the day of the cook-off.

Pre-registration required to cook.

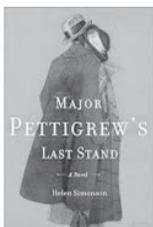
Jackie's Book Club

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.

February 7
Arc of Justice
 By Kevin Boyle
 Non-Fic: 415p



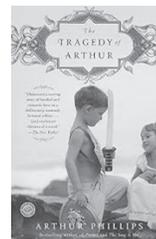
March 7
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand
 By Helen Simonson
 Fic: 358p



April 4
Livingston Reads:
Murder on the Orient Express
 By Agatha Christie
 Fic: 245p

Movie: April 18
Murder on the Orient Express
 (1974 version)

May 2
The Tragedy of Arthur
 By Arthur Phillips
 Fic: 368p



Thursday Matinee Movies

All showings are free and require no registration. Bring a snack and enjoy the show. All movies will begin promptly at 1:00pm.

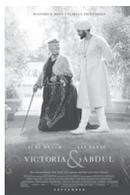
January 18
The Zookeeper's Wife
 PG-13
 126 minutes



February 15
The Glass Castle
 PG-13
 127 minutes



March 15
Victoria and Abdul
 PG-13
 111 minutes



April 26
Murder on the Orient Express
 (2017 version)
 PG-13
 114 minutes



May 17
Dunkirk
 PG-13
 107 minutes



Library Happenings

Services for Seniors

No Fines for Seniors

New at Hamburg Township Library: If you are 60 years or older, you no longer have to pay late fines that accrue on your library card.

To be eligible, show your Michigan Driver's License at the front desk, so we can update your status.

Please note, you will still receive reminders when items are due, and you will still need to pay for any lost or damaged items.



Free TAX ASSISTANCE @ THE LIBRARY
 Sponsored by **AARP**

AARP tax assistants will help you prepare your tax returns and file online. **By appointment only.**
Call for your appointment date and time at: 810-231-1771.

Appointment dates and times as follows:
Thursdays, February 8 & 22, March 8 & 22, April 5, 9:30am – 3:00pm. 1 hour appointment.
 You must pick up an information packet at the front desk prior to your appointment date.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS to insure

Free programs can be registered online at www.hamburglibrary.org. Programs with fees must register in

Age requirement is 15 years and up unless otherwise indicated. If registering a group of more than 2 p

Call 810-231-1771 for further

Local History

Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Registration Required. All programs are free.

Detroit Hustle, January 23

Author Amy Haimerl will discuss her book *Detroit Hustle: A Memoir of Love, Life & Home*, the story of how she and her husband bought an abandoned 1914 Georgian Revival house in Detroit, the challenges they faced in restoring it, and the community they discovered along the way. Her book will be available for sale and signing.

Detroit's Movie Palaces, February 13

Just in time for Oscar season, take a look back at Detroit's majestic movie palaces that surrounded Grand Circus Park. Author Michael Hauser will talk about the heyday of movie viewing in downtown Detroit, including the architecture, programming, concessions, specialty venues, and changes over time. His book will be available for sale and signing. Come early to peruse photos and artifacts 6:00 – 6:30pm.

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Historic Hamburg Walking Tour, May 8

Join the Hamburg Historical Society for a guided tour of the historic sites of downtown Hamburg, with lots of fascinating facts and stories along the way. Meet at the Hamburg Historical Museum and wear comfortable shoes. The tour will leave promptly at 6:30pm and will last approximately one hour, followed by refreshments and Q&A at the Historical Museum.

Weather permitting. Rain-out date is May 15.



Lunch & Learn

Thursdays, 12:00pm

Bring your lunch and learn something new. Drinks provided.

Examples of crafts will be in the lobby showcase.

Registration Required. Space is limited.

Loom Knitting, January 11, Free

Baby it's cold outside! Keep warm by learning how to knit a winter hat for you or a loved one using a circular loom, ranging in size from baby to adult hats. No knitting experience is necessary for this simple process.

Valentines for Veterans, February 1, Free

Help thank and celebrate our United States veterans by crafting cards to send them for Valentine's Day. We'll provide basic supplies, but feel free to bring additional card-making or scrapbooking supplies you may have to share.

No experience necessary!

Paperclip Bookmarks, March 1, Free

Kick off Reading Month by creating 2 bookmarks out of giant paper clips and scrapbook paper. These cute bookmarks are perfect to give as gifts or keep for your own reading!

Book Publishing, April 12, Free

Local author and publisher Melissa Keir will explain how she got started in writing and how she created her own publishing company from the ground up. She will also discuss the five different paths you can take to get your own writing published. A great discussion for aspiring writers and book-lovers alike!

Tea at the Grand, May 3, \$5/person

Enjoy afternoon tea, including sweet and savory treats, while learning about the history of Mackinac Island, including the famed Grand Hotel, which has been charming guests for over 130 years.

GREAT DECISIONS

Mondays, 1:30pm

**January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14,
September 10, October 8, November 12**

New for 2018! Great Decisions will take place once per month throughout the year. Please join us for discussion and video that will highlight topics of universal interest from around the world. Purchase your optional workbook at: www.fpa.org/great_decisions

available seating and supplies. **Registration begins Monday, December 18, 2017.**
 -person at the front desk. *Class fees are non-refundable.* All programs begin promptly at time indicated.
 people, you must provide names and phone numbers for each person - registration is non-transferable.
 r information and registration.

The Great Outdoors

Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Registration Required. All programs are free.

Native Plants, March 27

The Royal Gardeners are back to discuss native plants in Michigan, including which plants are readily available and how to incorporate them into different garden designs that work for all types of yards. They will also discuss how to perform landscape restoration and reconstruction using native plants.

Great Lakes Invaders, April 24

There are over 180 non-native species now in the Great Lakes. Come learn about who these invaders are, how they got here, the damage they are doing ecologically and economically, and what we can do about it, with 2017 Michigan Notable Book Award winner, William Rapai. His book will be available for sale and signing.

Michigan Road Trips, May 22

Come rediscover Michigan's back roads! Join author Ron Rademacher for a rollicking road trip across Michigan to more than a dozen unique destinations most folks have missed, including historic sites, nature areas, and scenic drives. His books will be available for sale and signing.

Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesdays, 4:00 - 7:00pm
February 21, March 21, April 25

National Honor Society students from Pinckney High School will be on-hand to provide free basic tech help.

Bring in your phone, tablet, or laptop, or use one of the library computers. Get help using apps, email, internet, Microsoft Office, and electronic library resources, like e-books.

No registration required.

Adult Programs

Early Childhood Development

Mondays, 6:30pm

Join Courtney Aldrich from MSU Extension for some interactive workshops. Great for parents, grandparents, and caregivers of young children! Registration Required. Both programs are free.

Positive Discipline, January 29

Learn how to create appropriate environments and experiences to help strengthen the development of self-control in young children through positive discipline.

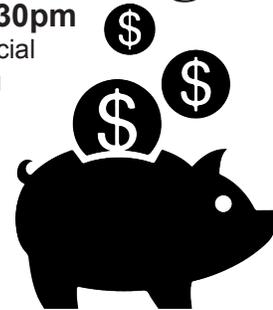
Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children, February 26

Learn tips and tools to help young children develop critical social-emotional skills through daily routine, language, and play, which will help them adapt in school and build successful relationships.

Financial Planning

Mondays, 6:30pm

Jonathan Strong from UBS Financial Services will present the following topics. He will also hold a Q&A session after each seminar to answer any financial planning questions you may have. Registration Required. Both programs are free.



Basics of Investing, May 7

Learn how to develop a successful long-term investment program using a consistent approach. Jonathan will discuss several different key investment programs, current investment opportunities, and economic/market updates.

College Savings Plans, May 21

It's never too early to start saving for college. Get an overview of Michigan college savings plans and programs to consider, and learn how to start a program for your children or grandchildren, with tax free withdrawals for educational use.



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Dates Closed:

Jan. 1-2 - New Year's

Jan. 15 - MLK Day



Feb. 19 - Presidents' Day

May 28 - Memorial Day

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Spring Sale @ the Library

Saturday, April 21, 2018 9:00am - 2:00pm

Book Sale

Book Sale Prices:

- Hardcover \$1.00 each
- Paperbacks \$0.25 each
- AV \$1.00 each
- Fill a grocery bag for \$4.00. (Library supplies the grocery bags.)

The Library will accept donations Monday, April 2 - Wednesday, April 18. Contact the Library for complete details on what will be accepted. Receipts will be given upon request.



Bake Sale



Shop delicious baked goods from the Scrap-A-Holics quilting group to support their charitable efforts. Contact Pat Shinn at 810-231-1667 for more information.

Kids Craft

Fair

9:00am - 12:00pm

Come to the Library to view and buy crafts made by the kids of Hamburg Township. Everything is handmade, and past items have included hand-knit scarves, soaps, pillowcases, pet toys, flower pots, bowls, and more.

Kids: See page 7 for full details about how to participate in this fun event.

