A message from Holly Hentz, Library Director.

This June, the Library will be 40 years old. While we will not be celebrating with cake and ice cream, we will be remembering the past and the people who made the Hamburg Township Library the wonderful place it is today.

40 years ago, a handful of people thought it would be a nice idea to have a free, public library servicing the community. In January of 1966, Thelma Winkelhaus Dunning spearheaded the initiative to make the library a reality. In June, she was joined by John Magure, Marie Borner, Irene Janowski, Don Weed, and Mary Moore to form the first official Hamburg Township Library Board of Trustees, with Patricia Waters hired as the librarian. Pat guided the library with a gentle hand, sharp eye, and commitment to customer service for 32 years.

The library began, temporarily, on a card table in the old Township Hall on Stone Street while waiting to move into its new home next door. The building used as the office for the Hamburg Lumber Company was physically moved to the lot next to the Township Hall and was ready for the new library in April 1967. The building was 920 square feet, plus a full basement. The fines for late books were $0.05 a day and Doug Sheperdigan was the first person to receive a library card.

In May 1976, the library added the Charles Davis wing. Charles Davis was the Hamburg Postmaster and organizer of the volunteer effort to construct the new wing. The wing housed the adult book collection, librarian’s office, and service desk and doubled the size of the library.

In 1990, the library again grew to meet the needs of a growing community. The Township Hall moved out to its current location on Merrill Road and left the vacated building to the library. A hallway with skylights was added to join the two buildings and the library gained more office space, a meeting room, a second bathroom, and a reference room. This building continued to serve the community until 2001 when the new library was constructed on Merrill Road, next to the Township Hall, Senior Center, and Police Station.

In these 40 years, the library grew from a building of 920 square feet to 16,500 square feet, from a staff of 2 to 14, from a materials budget of $1,200 to $43,700, from a circulation of materials of 700 per month to 10,400 per month. Two things that have never changed: the late fine of $0.05 a day and the strong customer service Pat Waters has instilled in all of us. Remember, this is your library. Come and enjoy all it has to offer.
Hamburg Family Fun Fest

All activities are taking place on Merrill Rd. at Bennett Park East and West, Hamburg Library, and parking lots at Township Hall and Senior Center.

Schedule of Events

**Thursday, June 15**
- 12:00pm—11:00pm Wade Shows Amusement Rides
- 12:00pm—4:00pm Kid’s Day (Reduced admission on rides)
- 12:00pm—4:00pm Children’s Activity Booths
- 12:00pm—8:00pm Children’s Art Show @ Library
- 6:00pm—7:00pm Jason Abbott, magician

**Saturday, June 17**
- 10:00am—5:00pm Arts & Crafts and Business Expo
- 10:00am—5:00pm Buddy-Box R/C Plane Flying
- 12:00pm—11:00pm Wade Shows Amusement Rides
- 12:00pm—6:00pm Fire Safety House Demonstrations
- 12:00pm—1:00pm Dance Studio Performance
- 1:00pm—5:00pm Classic Car Show
- 1:00pm—5:00pm Antique Fire Truck Show
- 2:00pm—3:00pm Josh & Roy Vaudeville Show
- 3:00pm—6:00pm Bonnie Rockets Oldies Band
- 6:00pm—9:00pm Comedy Act Competition
- 9:00pm—12:00am Motown Review

**Friday, June 16**
- 12:00pm—11:00pm Wade Shows Amusement Rides
- 12:00pm—6:00pm Fire Safety House Demonstrations
- 12:00pm—6:00pm Children’s Art Show @ Library
- 7:00pm—10:00pm Country Western Jamboree
- 10:00pm—11:30pm Concert at Bennett Park-West
- 10:00pm—??? Fireworks Display

**Sunday, June 18**
- 8:00am—11:00am Pancake Breakfast
- 10:00am—5:00pm Motorcycle Show
- 10:00am—4:00pm Fire Safety House Demonstrations
- 11:00am—4:00pm Arts & Crafts and Business Expo
- 12:00pm—8:00pm Wade Shows Amusement Rides
- 12:00pm—4:00pm Buddy-Box R/C Plane Flying
- 12:00pm—12:00am Battle of the Bands (17 bands)

All activities are FREE, except for the Wade Shows Amusement Rides.

Genie's Book Club. Join friends and neighbors for refreshments and lively, informal adult book discussions. Anyone may join the group at any time. We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Contact the Library in person, phone, or website for a detailed listing of future titles. No registration or fees.

June 7, 2006 **A Very Long Engagement**
Sebastian Japrisot, Fiction.
Five soldiers reportedly killed in action in the last days of WWI were actually victims of a horrific miscarriage of military justice. Mathilde Donnay's fiancée, Manech, was one of those soldiers. Two years after the war, a dying officer suggests a different story. In spite of confinement to a wheelchair, Mathilde persistsently follows all leads to find the truth.

July 5, 2006 **Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea**
Gary Kinder, Non-Fiction.
In 1857, the SS Central America, carrying over 400 people and 21 tons of gold from the California gold fields, sank during a hurricane 200 miles off the coast of North Carolina. There it lay for 132 years until Tommy Thompson, an engineer from Ohio, thought to find it and salvage its cargo. This account of Thompson's quest describes how he put together a research team, got funding to establish a company, and ultimately came up with the technology to conquer depths never before explored.

August 2, 2006 **The Alchemist**
Paulo Coelho, Fiction.
This simple & eloquent parable celebrates the richness of the human spirit. A Spanish shepherd seeking his destiny travels to Egypt where he learns many lessons, particularly from a wise old alchemist. The real alchemy is the transmuting of youthful idealism into mature wisdom. The blending of conventional ideas with an erotic setting makes old truths seem new again. The shepherd learns to trust his heart and commune with it as a treasured friend. Enjoyable and easy to read, this timeless fantasy validates the aspirations and dreams of youth.
Summer Reading
Hamburg Township Library

KICK-OFF PARTY

June 23, 7pm
Register for summer programs
eat ice cream, enjoy magic and clowns
do crafts, have fun

ROCK AND READ
Programs & Crafts:
$1.50 per child/per activity
Will begin promptly on time
No Admittance after 5 minutes

Crafts:
July 11, 6:30pm   Bird Feeder
                 Ages 6+
July 13, 6:30pm   Mosaic Trivet
July 19, 10:00am  Mosaic Trivet
                 Ages 8+
July 25, 6:30pm   Tie Dying
                 Ages 8+
August 1, 6:30pm  Coin Purse
August 2, 10:00am Coin Purse
                 Ages 6+
August 8, 6:30pm  Sand Candle
                 Ages 6+

Programs:
June 23, 1:00pm  Jeff Wawrzaszek
July 12, 1:00pm  SpoonMan
July 26, 1:00pm  Field Day
August 9, 1:00pm  The Candy Band

End of the Summer Pizza Party
August 16, 1:00pm
Latest Oscar Notables on DVD Many of this year’s Oscar winners and nominees are based on true-life stories and widely popular novels. Why rent when you can get the movie, the book, and even the soundtrack free-of-charge at your Library?

Current additions include:
- Capote (DVD)
- Cinderella Man (DVD & Book)
- The Constant Gardener (DVD & Book)
- Crash (DVD & Soundtrack)
- Walk the Line (DVD & Soundtrack)
- Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (DVD & Book)
- Memoirs of a Geisha (DVD, Soundtrack & Book)
- North Country (DVD)
- Pride & Prejudice (DVD & Book)
- The Squid and the Whale (DVD)
- Good Night, and Good Luck (DVD & Soundtrack)

Grammy Winners Join Library Music Collection through the generous donations from the Borek Jennings Funeral Home.

Check out this year’s Grammy winners in a wide variety of categories:

- 30 (B.B. King & Friends)
- Beyond the Sound Barrier (Wayne Shorter Quartet)
- Blues to the Bone (Etta James)
- Brand New Strings (Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder)
- Breakaway (Kelly Clarkson)
- In the Heart of the Moon (Ali Farka Touré & Toumani Diabaté)
- Lonely Runs Both Ways (Alison Krauss and Union Station)
- Monty Python’s Spamalot (Broadway Cast)
- Returning Pieces for Guitars (Will Ackerman)
- Songs from the Neighborhood: the Music of Mr. Rogers (Various)
- Unspeakable (Bill Frisell)
- Eletroacustico (Gilberto Gil)

Story Hour Fall 2006 Registration

Registration for Preschool Story Hour will begin September 5, 2006. Sessions will begin on September 20 and are open to any child ages 3-5. Story hours are held each Wednesday and Thursday at 10am. To achieve our goal of promoting an appreciation of reading, our Storytellers will read for approximately 30 minutes, while children make simple crafts for the remaining 30 minutes. Parents and caregivers are asked to remain in the Library for the entire hour. Miss Genie and Miss Katherine look forward to seeing returning children as well as many new faces.

Surfing the new features of the Library’s Web Site

Online Registration for Programming. You can now register online for upcoming programs. Go to www.hamburghlibrary.org/programs/OnlineRegistration.htm and simply fill out the form. All you need is the name of the event, the name(s) of the person(s) attending, your phone number and your e-mail address. Once this information has been filled out, simply click the SEND button and you’re registered!

Online Renewing of Items—New Feature. You can now renew your library items without having to email the library. Go to www.hamburghlibrary.org and on the right side of the screen, you’ll see that it says, “Click HERE to renew books”. Once you’ve clicked, just fill out the form. You need to have your e-mail address, phone number, patron name and patron card number. After you’ve finished this simple step, click the Send button. The library will email you back your new due date and any other information you may need. Just remember, if you don’t hear back from us within two days, you might want to call us... we may not have received your renewal request due to computer issues (don’t worry, it doesn’t happen often).

E-Mail Mailing List. The library has begun an e-mail mailing list. Sign up at www.hamburghlibrary.org. When signed up for the mailing list, you can choose to receive individual mailings for: General Library News, Newsletters (3-4 times a year), Program Updates (at the beginning of each month), New Items at the Library (at the beginning of each month) or you can sign up to receive them all. Never fear, your e-mail addresses will not be sold or shown to anyone.
2006 Holiday Closings:
- May 29th, Monday, Memorial Day
- June 17th, Saturday, Hamburg Family Fun Fest
- July 3rd & 4th, Monday and Tuesday, Independence Day

Remember Book Drop and Renewals
- There is a 24 hour book return by the 5-minute parking area.
- Renewals can be done by phone, email, or in person.

MDOT's Lane Closure Web Site
The Michigan Department of Transportation has a Web site:
http://mdot.state.mi.us/public/LaneClosure
This will help give Michigan residents and visitors advance notice of roadwork and resulting lane closures. You can also access the Lane Closure Web site via the Library's home page, www.hamburglibrary.org!