The Hamburg Township community chose to invest in the Library when passing the operating millage in 2016. As that millage comes to a close, we’d like to let you know how your investment has paid off. Overwhelmingly, you shared that you wanted more of what you love: more e-services, more community services, more enrichment, more ways to make your life easier.

MORE E-SERVICES:

**Axis360:** We have partnered with Pinckney Library to add more eBook and eAudio titles.

**PressReader:** Offers over 3,000 eMagazines and eNewspapers.

**Tutor.com:** Online homework assistance.

**Ferguson’s Career Guidance:** All ages can find very useful information and assistance in researching careers and finding jobs.

**InfoBase Learning Cloud:** Accredited courses for barrier-free professional development.

**Ancestry:** All ages can enjoy thousands of genealogical documents to help in developing their family tree.

MORE ENRICHMENT:

**Library of Things:** To support community enrichment, the library now offers binoculars, board games, book club kits, children’s learning & activity kits, cookie cutter sets, musical instruments, a projection screen, and a digital camera for check-out.

**Literacy Computers:** We now have two computers for our younger patrons to help with their literacy skills.

MORE COMMUNITY SERVICES:

**Homebound Delivery:** Any township resident who can’t make it into the library can have the library come to them.

**Curbside Service:** Available to anyone who would rather not enter the library building; the staff is happy to deliver items to your vehicle.

**Virtual programming for all ages:** Allows patrons to stay home and stay healthy while still learning and engaging with their neighbors and community.

**Drop-in tech and genealogy help:** Currently suspended due to Covid, drop-in help sessions have proven to be very popular and will resume soon.

**AARP Tax Assistance:** Helping at least 180 households a year in preparing and filing their taxes and will resume soon.

**WiFi System:** Upgraded to reach the library’s outdoor facilities.

MORE WAYS TO MAKE LIFE EASIER:

**Fine Assistance:** Fine eliminations for senior residents and ‘Read away your Fines’ for kids.

**Online Registration:** Program registration has been streamlined.

**Library Floor plan:** The library was rearranged to enhance popular materials and create individual study rooms.

**Student Library Cards:** In partnership with Pinckney Library, all PCS students automatically receive a student card that allows them to use all services at both libraries.

**Health and Safety:** UV air purifiers were added to the HVAC units. Updates throughout the building and sidewalk to keep in line with new handicap codes.

**Tax Savings:** Tax payers are saving almost $8000/year in energy costs after updating the HVAC as well as converting all lighting on the building and grounds to LEDs.

The library board and staff work diligently every day to fully serve the community while watching millage dollars carefully. We sincerely hope we have provided services to meet your needs.

With the new millage election upon us in August 2022, we will be hosting several Q&A meetings where we hope to see you and hear your ideas. Please watch the library’s social media for locations, dates, and times.

You can always reach us via email: hamb@tln.lib.mi.us, phone: 810-231-1771, or in person.

It’s been an honor to serve you,

*Michaelene Farrell, President, Library Board & Holly Hentz, Director*
Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs and crafts.
Registration begins online December 20

Registration is required for all programs to ensure access to program and crafting supplies.
Program/Craft fees must be paid within TWO business days of registration or you will lose your spot.
Fees are non-refundable. Age requirement is 15+ years.
You can register for programs by calling 810-231-1771 or visiting hamburglibrary.org

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Great Decisions
2nd Monday of the Month @ 1:30pm
Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. For more information & to order the booklet go to www.fpa.org. Virtual.

February 14
- Topic: Changing Demographics

March 14,
- Topic: Outer Space

April 11
- Topic: Climate Change

May 9
- Topic: Russia and the U.S.

June 13
- Topic: Myanmar and Asean

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HTL Spice Club
Tuesdays, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17 @ 1pm
Virtual in winter months

Do you love to cook? Do you like to try new flavors and recipes? Or maybe you are in a cooking rut and don’t know how to start expanding your cooking repertoire. Then we have got just the club for you! The HTL Spice Club.

Pick up your spice on the 1st of the month and receive a history about the spice as well as a few different recipes. We will meet later and discuss the pros and cons of the recipes/spice and share cooking tips and ideas.

**go to our website to find out the spice**

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Hamburg Library's Write Club

Saturdays - January 22, February 12, March 5, March 26, April 16, May 7 @ 1pm-3pm
Virtual in winter months

Writing is typically a solo endeavor, but finding a community of writers that support one another can be a great source of inspiration and encouragement. Whether you’re a published author or want to start crafting your first book, come and join our fledgling writers group, offering a supportive environment of people who share a passion for telling stories.
Tea Rex Tea Party
Saturday, February 19 @ 1pm
Ages 4-10
*Registration begins December 20
Come have a roaring good time at our ‘Tea Rex Tea Party’

Learn some dino facts, drink some dino tea, make some dino crafts, eat some dino treats.

Peeps Diorama
Diorama Submission: April 2-9
Diorama Voting: April 11-16
Ages 17 and under

No Registration Required
1. Think of a scene from a book then make your diorama using a shoebox
2. Submit your diorama to the library
3. Patrons will vote in-person & on Facebook
4. All characters in the diorama MUST be played by Peeps
5. Looking for inspiration? Google ‘Peep Diorama’
6. Winner receives $10 DQ Gift Card

Food for Thought
March 1 to March 31
Please donate non-perishable food, hygiene, and cleaning products for Gleaners Food Bank in the barrel in the front lobby.

Bonus:
One item donated = One item’s fines removed
Bring your donations to the front desk to receive your fine amnesty. (Does not cover cost of lost/damaged items)

Mother’s Day Craft
Wednesday, May 4 @ 6:30pm
Ages 12 and under
*Registration begins December 20

Make something from the heart for your mom, your grandma, your aunt, or another special someone.
Join us in crafting a colorful flower vase and a bouquet of yarn flowers to put in it.

Kids Craft Fair
Friday, June 3
7pm-8pm

Come to the Library during our Summer Reading Kickoff Party 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.

Calling all 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
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Valentine Craft
Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:30pm
Ages 5 and under
*Registration begins December 20

Come celebrate Valentine’s Day with Miss Carol and Miss Christie. You will do a craft, eat a snack, and have a ton of fun.

Story Hour
January 10 through May 26
*Registration begins online December 20

***Attendance Policy: if you miss more than 3 story hours without notification to the library, you will be removed from story hour so the spot can be filled by another child.

Story hour will be in person this winter and we would like to share a few things: our readers will not be wearing masks, class sizes will be smaller, and crafts will be take home.

Lil’ Wiggles Baby Time
Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am January 13 to May 26

Geared toward newborn to 2 year olds.
Join us for 45 minutes of fun! Caregiver and child will interact while participating in stories and songs in a format designed especially for babies. Free play will follow with age appropriate toys and socialization for babies and caregivers. Toys will be disinfected after each use.

Lapsit
Mondays: 10am - 10:30am January 10 to May 23
Geared toward 2 and 3 year olds.
Enjoy up to 30 minutes of stories and songs, all from the comfort of the caregiver’s lap, followed by a take-home craft.

Story Hour
Mondays: 1:30pm - 2:15pm January 10 to May 23
Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am January 13 to May 26
Geared toward 3 to 5 year olds.
Children will enjoy up to 45 minutes of storytelling followed by a take-home craft.

Get ‘Crafty’ at the Library
Ages 9-14
*Registration for each program begins December 20

Come and get crafty at the library on select Wednesdays this winter.

We’ll provide the materials and the space and you provide the ‘craftiness’! :)

Wednesday, January 19 @ 6pm
“Hemp Wrapped Mason Jar”

Wednesday, February 23 @ 6pm
“Book Page Flowers”

Wednesday, March 23 @ 6pm
“Prism Light Mason Jar”

Wednesday, April 20 @ 6pm
“Lightbulb Terrariums”

Family Game Nights
Wednesdays @ 6pm All ages
No Registration Required

Bring your family and friends and come on in to play the variety of games we have on hand.

January 12
February 16
March 16
April 13
May 18

Valentine Craft
## Adult Programs

### April

- **Monday, April 25, 6:30pm, In-Person**
  - **Michigan Aviation: People and Places that Changed History**
  
  Join author Barry Levine as he discusses the history and human-interest stories of the three former Michigan Strategic Air Command bases - Kincheloe, K.I. Sawyer, and Wurtsmith.

- **Wednesday, April 27, 6:30pm, In-Person**
  - **Disaster At Fort St. Joseph: Pontiac’s Rebellion**
  
  In 1761, ensign Francis Schlosser arrived to lead the British 60th Regiment at Fort St. Joseph (where Niles, MI is now located). He lost no time offending nearly everyone. Learn how his inexperience, incompetence, and arrogance ended in disaster two years later.

### May

- **Saturdays, May 14 and May 21, 9:15 am**
  - **Nature Walk w/Naturalist Andrew Nowicki**
  
  Join a guided nature hike led by naturalist Andrew Nowicki. Spring is in full gear and we’ll be looking out for migrating birds, calling frogs, and other animals hiding out along the trail. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Maximum number of people 12. Please only sign up for one date.

- **Monday, May 16, 6:30 pm, In-Person**
  - **Nature Getaways with Ron Rademacher**
  
  This program will discuss some of the most overlooked nature areas in Michigan. Local attractions are discussed near each nature center to plan a great day trip.

### Stay at Home & Read Fundraiser

- **WHO:** Anyone can participate and/or donate*

- **WHAT:** Read a book, listen to a book, watch a movie that you have checked out from the Library (or use your own). You are encouraged to share what you are enjoying on our Facebook page. Then consider a donation to the library.

- **WHERE:** The comfort of your home with your family, a pet in your lap, a hot drink, good music in the background or just by yourself cuddled up on the couch.

- **WHEN:** February 1 - 28

### Virtual Author Events

- **Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:30pm**
  - In Conversation with Michigan Author, Jerry Dennis, *Up North in Michigan*

- **Thursday, February 17 @ 6:30pm**
  - In Conversation with Michigan Author, John Smolens, *Day of Days*

- **Thursday, February 24 @ 6:30pm**
  - In Conversation with Michigan Author, Tracy Gardner, *Shepherd Sisters Mysteries*

- **Saturday, February 26 @ 1pm**
  - In Conversation with Young Adult Author, Frank Morelli, *On the Way to Birdland*

*For more information and how to donate, please visit www.hamburglibrary.org after January 20

*you must be 18 years or older to donate*
Jackie's Book Club

To participate, please complete a one-time registration so the library has your email address.

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively, informal adult book discussion at 1pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussions will be an in-person/Zoom hybrid. Pick up a copy of the book before the discussion dates.

February 2

Love Lettering
By Kate Clayborn

Meg’s hand-lettering skill has made her famous as the Planner of Park Slope. She can also read signs that other people miss. Sitting across from Reid Sutherland and his fiancée, she knew their upcoming marriage was doomed to fail. Weaving a secret word into their wedding program was a little unprofessional, but she was sure no one else would spot it. She hadn’t counted on sharp-eyed, pattern-obsessed Reid.

March 2

American Heiress
By Jeffrey Toobin

On February 4, 1974, Patty Hearst, a sophomore in college and heiress to the Hearst Family fortune, was kidnapped by revolutionaries calling themselves the Symbionese Liberation Army. Ultimately, the saga highlighted a decade in which America seemed to be suffering a collective nervous breakdown. American Heiress portrays the electrifying lunacy of the time and the toxic mix of sex, politics, and violence that swept up Patty Hearst and captivated the nation.

April 6

Lady Sunshine
By Amy Mason Doan

For Jackie Pierce, everything changed the summer of 1979, when she spent three months of infinite freedom at her uncle’s sprawling estate. Jackie and her cousin Willa fell into a fast friendship, testing their limits along the rocky beach and in the wild woods ... until the summer abruptly ended in tragedy, and Willa silently slipped away into the night. Twenty years later, a piece of the past resurfaces and sparks new questions about Willa’s disappearance.

May 4

Speaking of Summer
By Kalisha Buckhanon

On a cold December evening, Autumn Spencer’s twin sister, Summer, walks to the roof of their shared Harlem brownstone and is never seen again. The door to the roof is locked, and the snow holds only one set of footprints. Faced with authorities indifferent to another missing Black woman, Autumn must pursue the search for her sister all on her own.

*Registration begins December 20

Adult Pick-Up Crafts

To ensure your kit is reserved, payment must be made within TWO business days.

A craft kit will be provided via curbside or in-library pickup for those who have registered. A tutorial link will be included so you can learn and complete the craft at your own speed.

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<td>This wreath offers a soft Valentine pallet of color that you could keep up year-round.</td>
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<td>Let the short winter days be lightened by this unusual sun catcher.</td>
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<td>Felt &amp; yarn combine to make a simple wreath for St. Patrick’s Day but also something to welcome spring into your home.</td>
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<td>Who can resist a bunny, much less more than one? Enjoy making different size bunny heads for your holiday décor.</td>
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<td>Washi Tape and clothespins will magically become a beautiful wreath to brighten up anyone’s day.</td>
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<td>Get ready to ring in summer with a colorful wind chime to enhance your garden.</td>
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Friends of the Hamburg Township Library

The Hamburg Township Library Friends are a volunteer organization dedicated to fundraising, library advocacy, and community involvement.

Once the Friends are officially established, they will be looking for members, hosting fundraising events, and working with the community.

Stay up to date through the library’s social media, website, and future newsletters.

Friends of HTL Book Sale @ the Library

Monday, April 4 - Saturday, April 9

All hardcovers and AV are $1.00 each, softcovers are $0.25 each, or $5.00 to fill a grocery bag. We will supply the grocery bags. The Library will accept donations Thursday, March 24 through Thursday, March 31.

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