Library Renovations

As stated in our renewed millage plan, library renovations have gotten underway. You will be seeing many improvements around the building, including:

- New carpet in the Children’s area and quiet study rooms
- New study areas and seating near the back of the library
- New DVD shelving for easier access and more titles
- New shelving and seating in both the Children’s and Youth areas
- Staff office updating to include new carpet, shelving, and workspaces

Lucky Day

Looking for a popular title? Don't want to wait weeks to read it? Feeling lucky?

The new Lucky Day Collection (shelved by our new items) are popular books that have longer wait lists; if you get lucky, you'll find a copy ready to check out on the Lucky Day shelves.

- No holds, no renewals
- 7-day loan period
- Limit of two lucky day items at a time

TumbleBooks are a collection of over 1400 titles, including:

- Picture books: animated, talking fiction, non-fiction, and foreign language titles
- Read-Alongs: chapter books with sentence highlighting and narration but no animation
- Videos: from National Geographic
- TumbleTV: pre-set playlists of a sequence of books
- Tumble Puzzles & Games

Scan to start tumbling or download the app
## Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs and crafts.  
*Registration begins online December 13*

Registration is required for all programs to ensure access to program and crafting supplies.  
Age requirement is 15+ years.

You can register for programs by calling 810-231-1771 or visiting hamburglibrary.org

### Adult Pick-Up Crafts

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.

#### Week of January 29:
**Valentine’s Wood Pallet Heart**
Valentine themed wood pallet heart décor crafted with decoupage napkins.

#### Week of March 4:
**Felt Embroidered Eggs**
Create 3-D felt eggs with embroidered sides to brighten up your home.

#### Week of April 8:
**Pressed Flower Votives**
Welcome flowers into your home before your garden starts to grow with these lovely pressed flower votives.

#### Week of May 6:
**Wrapped Fabric Wreath for Spring**
Add more color to your home with this whimsical spring wreath.

### Music Series

#### Sounds of Mardi Gras with The Paxton/Spangler Band
**Saturday, January 27, 2pm**
To get in the mood for Mardi Gras, we present RJ Spangler & Tbone Paxton and their band as they perform great music from New Orleans. Both artists have traveled to NOLA to perform and learn about this unique style.

#### Phil Hale Jazz Quartet
**Saturday, February 24, 2pm**
The Phil Hale Jazz Quartet will bring their traditional jazz, interspersed with bebop & post-bop styles (think Miles Davis in the 50s & 60s) to the library. The Quartet consists of Phil Hale on keys, John Douglas on trumpet, John Barron on bass and Djallo Djakate on drums.

#### LL7 Latin Jazz Group
**Saturday, April 27, 2pm**
Let’s get into the Cinco de Mayo mood a little early with the LL7 Latin Jazz group. They feature authentic Afro-Cuban Jazz, New York Salsa, and other Latin inspired jazz styles pioneered by greats like Poncho Sanchez, Tito Puente, and Horace Silver.
Mother’s Day Craft

Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30pm
Ages 3-13
*Registration begins December 13

Come create a beautiful wreath with clothespins, paint, and add-ons.

It will make the perfect gift for your mom, your grandma, your aunt, or another special someone.

Tiny Art Show

March: Canvas pick-up/drop-off
April: Visit the Tiny Art Show!
May 1-14: Pick up your Art
(art will be discarded after May 14)

Join your fellow artists in our tiny art show!

Pick-up your 4” x 4” canvas at the front desk anytime in March. Decorate them (family-friendly), then return them (by March 31) for display in April.

All ages welcome to participate.
The more, the merrier!

Friday Night Movies

Fridays @ 6:30pm
*Registration preferred but drop-ins welcome

All movies rated PG -- Movies are free and will begin promptly @ 6:30pm

January 26  February 16  March 8  April 19

Valentine’s Day Craft

Tuesday, February 6 @ 6:30pm
Ages 5 and under
*Registration begins December 13

Join Ms. Christie and Ms. Meghann in making a special Valentine for your mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt or uncle ...

or just your favorite person in the whole wide world.

Little Yogis Preschool Yoga

Thursdays @ 11am
February 8, 15, 22 & 29
Ages 2-6
*Registration begins December 13

Come stretch, breathe, move, dance, relax, create, and have FUN! These classes will include age-appropriate yoga and movement; breathing, poses, games, stories, music, relaxation, meditation, and more. Your little yogi will get to practice fine and gross motor skills, social and group skills, and begin to learn mindfulness and breathing/calming tools.

*Bring yoga mats or beach towels for both you and your child
*registration is for the four-class session

Kids Craft Fair

Friday, June 7
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.

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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
Grand River Ave: From Detroit to Lake Michigan
Thursday, January 11, 6:30pm (virtual)

Gail Offen & Jon Milan will discuss Grand River Ave. Originally a Native American trail, it has served as a footpath, horse trail, wagon rut, stagecoach route, planked road, and ultimately a two-lane highway that gave some of America’s earliest motorists their first taste of long-distance automobile travel.

The Forgotten Iron King: Eber Brock Ward
Tuesday, January 23, 6:30pm (virtual)

Eber Brock Ward began his career as a cabin boy, but when he died in 1875 he was the richest man in Michigan. This presentation will look at his vast business empire, the scandals, family squabbles and the national conflict that overshadowed his legacy.

Dr. Ransom’s Voyage Around the World That Never Happened
Tuesday, January 30, 6:30pm (virtual)

Dr. W.C. Ransom of New Haven, Michigan concocted a scheme in which he would helm the schooner ‘George L. Wrenn’ in an around the world trip that would take three years. He enticed investors and crew alike, but when the day came to depart, Dr. Ransom mysteriously disappeared.

Old Chicago Road: US-12 From Detroit to Chicago
Thursday, February 8, 6:30pm (virtual)

Gail Offen & Jon Milan will be back to take us through a pictorial history of another iconic Michigan road, US-12, also know as the ‘Old Sauk Trail’ and the ‘Old Chicago Road’.

A Native Voice at the Table: Cora Reynolds Anderson
Thursday, February 22 6:30pm (virtual)

Find out more about Cora Reynolds Anderson. Not only was she the first woman to have served in the Michigan House of Representatives, she was a suffragist, public health advocate, and Ojibwe tribe member.

Body by Fisher
Monday, March 4 @ 6:30pm

The Fisher Brothers opened Fisher Body in Detroit in 1908, producing auto bodies for Cadillac, Buick & Ford before GM purchased the company in 1919. Learn more from Bill Pringle of the Detroit Historical Society about the business that evolved into a central pillar of GM.

Hardships & Rewards: Women at Sault Ste. Marie Missions
Monday, March 11 @ 6:30pm (virtual)

The heyday of missions in Sault Ste. Marie was from the 1820s to 1871. Find out about the sixty-nine female missionaries of differing backgrounds who faced similar challenges in their religious and domestic roles.

Josephine Gomon: The Conscience of Detroit
Monday, March 18 @ 6:30pm (virtual)

Join Michelle McClellan (U of M Bentley Historical Library) as she discusses Josephine Gomon, who was a social and political activist, mayoral secretary, labor leader, and schoolteacher. She is noted for her contributions to Detroit through city politics, civil service, and activism from the 1920s to her death in 1975.

Born of Hope and Indignation: The Michigan Female College
Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30pm (virtual)

Find out more about the Michigan Female College, founded in 1855 by Abigail Rogers. By 1867, she had helped educate over 1,000 women who had no previous access to higher education. It was not until 1869 and 1870 that MSU and U of M respectively admitted their first female students.

Discovering Stained Glass of Detroit
Monday, April 22 @ 6:30pm

Join historian and author Dale Carlson as he discusses significant stained-glass installations throughout metro Detroit, with a close look at a handful of prominent makers.

Edsel Ford: the Man & the Car
Monday, April 29 @ 6:30pm

Edsel Ford was the only son of Henry Ford. In many ways he was the complete opposite of his father, but was very involved in the operations of the auto giant. Learn about his life and contributions, how his name would later grace one of the most infamous lemons, and why the Edsel wasn’t all that bad!
Story Hour

***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

Lil’ Wiggles Baby Time

Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am  January 11 to May 2

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 8 to April 29

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 8 to April 29

Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am  January 11 to May 2

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 9-15

*Registration for each program begins December 13

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 17 @ 6pm  “Book Folding: Elephant”
- Wednesday, February 14 @ 6pm  “Painted Fairy Light Bottles”
- Wednesday, March 20 @ 6pm  “Clothespin Flowers”
- Wednesday, April 17 @ 6pm  “Rope Baskets”

Lego Club

Tuesdays, 3-5pm  
1/9; 2/13; 3/12; 4/16; 5/14

Ages 5-12 -- Registration required

You provide the imagination, we’ll provide the legos.

We’ll designate a theme every month, but it’s merely a suggestion for those who aren’t sure what they want to build. Your creations will stay at the library on display until the next Lego Club.

**We ask that parents stay with their younger kids
**You must be here before 4:30pm

Family Fun Concerts

@ 2|42 in Brighton
Families with children 5 and under
No Registration Required

Jim Gill
Friday, January 19 @ 6pm

Beverly Meyer
Saturday, March 9 @ 10:30pm

Sponsored by Great Start Livingston in collaboration with Livingston County Libraries
This winter, there will be a mixture of in-person and virtual programming. Please read the descriptions carefully. All virtual adult programs will be presented via the downloadable app ZOOM. Program links will be sent by email to those who have registered.

All in-person programming is subject to change to virtual if necessary.

Age requirement is 15+ years.

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Registration begins online Wednesday, December 13

Adult Programs

Recurring Programming

Great Decisions

Mondays, 1:30-3pm
Feb. 12; Mar. 11; Apr. 8; May 13; June 10

Join the Library’s Great Decisions group. Discussion is about world affairs and is facilitated by The Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org). Our website will have more details about topics.

HTL Spice Club

Tuesdays @ 1pm, Virtual
Feb. 20; Mar. 19; Apr. 16; May 21

Spice Club is for experienced and new cooks. So whether you want to try a new flavor or are just in a cooking rut, the HTL Spice Club is the group for you.

You pick up your spice kit on the 1st of the month and then we will meet on the 3rd Tuesday, where we will discuss the pros and cons of the recipes/spice and share cooking tips and ideas.

February: Cinnamon
March: Mustard (ground or seed)
April: Sesame Seeds
May: Coriander/Cilantro (ground/fresh)

Genealogy Walk-in Assistance

Tuesdays @ 1-4pm
Jan. 9; Feb. 6; Mar. 5; Apr. 2; May 7

No Registration Required - Free Service

A volunteer from the Livingston County Genealogical Society with experience in Ancestry, MyHeritage, and FamilySearch will be on-hand to provide free basic and continuing research genealogy help.

These sessions are for both the experienced with detailed questions and the newcomer wanting to start their own tree. This is not a class, just one-on-one help on a first come, first served basis.

Cooking Demos with Mary Spencer

Mary Spencer has been a culinary instructor for over 20 years and she will share her expertise in these hour-long cooking demonstrations of two recipes with samples given to attendees.

Cooking Demo: Stews
Saturday, February 17 @ 1pm

Cooking Demo: Soups
Saturday, March 9 @ 1pm

Cooking Demo: Herbs
Saturday, April 20 @ 1pm

Cooking Demo: Salads
Saturday, May 11 @ 1pm

Drop-In Chess Club

Thursdays @ 4-7:30pm

Interested in playing chess? We are looking for players in search of a casual game. Drop-in for a match or two. Bring your own standard/tournament chess set with you. We will have a few sets on hand for patron use, but cannot guarantee their availability.

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February 7
The World According to Fannie Davis
By Bridgette Davis

In 1958, the very same year that an unknown songwriter named Berry Gordy borrowed $800 to found Motown Records, a pretty young mother from Nashville, Tennessee, borrowed $100 from her brother to run a numbers racket out of her home. That woman was Fannie Davis, Bridgett M. Davis’s mother. Part bookie, part banker, mother, wife, and granddaughter of slaves, Fannie ran her numbers business for thirty-four years, doing what it took to survive in a legitimate business that just happened to be illegal.

March 6
Murder at the Book Club
By Betsy Reavley

Imagine nine women meeting. Tea and cake are on the coffee table. They’ve come together to share their love of books. They are friends. They trust each other. It’s a happy gathering. What could be more harmless?

But look closer. One is lonely. One is desperate. And one of them is a killer. When the body of a woman is discovered on a Cambridge common, DCI Barrett and DI Palmer are called in to investigate. But the motive behind the crime isn’t clear—and it all leads back to a book club. As the lies, volatile friendships, and tension among the group rise to the surface, Barrett and Palmer must work out the motive and track down a cold-blooded killer.

April 3
The Many Daughters of Afong Moy
By Jamie Ford

Dorothy Moy breaks her own heart for a living.

As Washington’s former poet laureate, that’s how she describes channeling her dissociative episodes and mental health struggles into her art. But when her five-year-old daughter exhibits similar behavior and begins remembering things from the lives of their ancestors, Dorothy believes the past has come to haunt her. Fearing that her child is predestined to endure the same debilitating depression that has marked her own life, Dorothy seeks radical help.

Through an experimental treatment designed to mitigate inherited trauma, Dorothy intimately connects with past generations of women in her family, including Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set foot in America.

May 1
The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake
By Aimee Bender

On the eve of her ninth birthday, unassuming Rose Edelstein bites into her mother’s homemade lemon-chocolate cake and discovers she has a magical gift: she can taste her mother’s emotions in the slice. To her horror, she finds that her cheerful mother tastes of despair. Soon, she’s privy to the secret knowledge that most families keep hidden: her father’s detachment, her mother’s transgression, her brother’s increasing retreat from the world. But there are some family secrets that even her cursed taste buds can’t discern.

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)

Gardening Series
with Barbara Gregerson, MSU Extension

Wednesdays @ 10am

Cost: $15 for full series or $5 each
**pre-register but pay at the door**

April 24: Planning the Garden and Seed Starting (may include some hands-on learning)

May 1: Transplanting (may include some hand-on learning)

May 8: Preparing the Garden

May 15: Maintaining the Garden: Planting, Watering, Fertilizing, Protecting from Wildlife

**fundraising programs for Friends of the Hamburg Twp. Library**
The Hamburg Township Library Friends are a volunteer organization dedicated to fundraising, library advocacy, and community involvement. They are always looking for members to help with hosting fundraising events, working with the community, and other volunteer opportunities.

Benefits of being a member include early access to book sales, discounts in the library ongoing sale room, and more.

Contact them at info@friendsofhtl.org or visit their website.

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Mailing: PO Box 247, Hamburg, MI 48139
Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-8
        Friday: 12-6  Saturday: 9-5

Dates Closed:
January 1 & 2: New Year’s
January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19: Presidents Day
March 29: Good Friday
May 27: Memorial Day

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Friends of HTL Book Sale
@ the Library
Monday, April 8 - Saturday, April 13

Friends members pre-sale:
April 6 (9am-12pm)

All hardcovers and AV are $1.00 each, softcovers are $0.25 each, or $8.00 to fill a grocery bag. We will supply the grocery bags.

The Friends will accept donations
Wednesday, April 3 - Saturday, April 6.

Items not accepted:
Reader’s Digest condensed books, magazines, encyclopedias/reference titles, textbooks, VHS, cookbooks, bibles, or anything musty, dirty or damaged.

Receipts will be given if requested.

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