



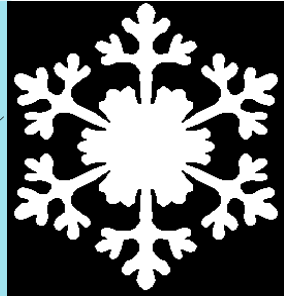
43 years of growth with the community

Hamburg Township Library

Newsletter for community residents and neighborhood friends.

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September - October November - December 2009
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Congressman Mike Rogers's Staff Visits the Library

The Congressman's staff will be available to you at the library the **third Tuesday of every month at 10:30am**. His full-time district staff will be available to help you successfully communicate with federal agencies. While Mike cannot promise a ruling in your favor, he can ensure that your issue will be heard with fair treatment. Here are some of the ways Mike's district representatives can help: Workers Compensation claims, federal unemployment benefits, SBA loan applications, technical assistance and interpretation of federal regulations, student financial aid, military academy appointments, FMHA, FHA and VA home loan application problems, Social Security, disability, SSI, Medicaid and Medicare benefit problems, IRS tax problems, disaster assistance, regulation compliance and federal grant application problems, assistance with immigration issues, INS, VA claims and military service problems, help with obtaining service medals.

Local Authors Visiting the Library



Meet these two local authors and hear stories of creativity, inspiration, and the process of writing a novel. They will be happy to answer all of your writing and publishing questions.

Jeff Hollobaugh

Fire, Barbed Wire & Tacks is a clever account of high school. The author successfully demonstrates the accuracy of student life highlighted by dark comedy throughout this novel. Mr. Hollobaugh is a creative writing and English teacher at Pinckney High School.

Wed., Sept. 23, 6:30pm-8:00pm.

J. Ryan Fenzel

Inherit All Things is a fictional account of a historical puzzle set in Michigan and the Great Lakes. Mystery and intrigue are eloquently woven into this well-written plot of lost treasure from a long-ago Great Lake shipwreck.

Tues., Nov. 10, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Hamburg Community Fine Art Fair

Sat., Oct. 17, 9:00am-4:00pm

This is a juried art fair.

Visitors will see art such as pottery, pen & ink, wood carving, sculptures, photography, textiles, jewelry, glass, and paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylics, and pastels. The Library is celebrating local artists and their varied talents. Please come to view and shop.




For complete information and entry application contact the Library at (810) 231-1771 or www.hamburglibrary.org. Entry fee is \$20 per booth and you must provide a table.

Additional fee of \$10.00 each for table rental & electrical.

Deadline for applications is Friday, September 18, 2009.

Adult Programs




Genie's Book Club

First Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm.
No Fee. No Registration.


Join your friends and neighbors for lively, informal book discussions. Anyone may join the group at any time. Additional meetings scheduled for film showings when applicable. Come to the Library to pick up a copy of the following titles before the scheduled discussion dates. The Library provides information about the authors whose books we discuss.


Sep. 2, 2009 *Carry Me Home* by Sandra Kring. Fic., 288 p.

Oct. 7, 2009 *The Class* by François Bégaudeau. Fic., 320 p.

Oct. 21, 2009 *The Class* (Entre Les Murs) (2008) 
 Color (PG-13) ; French with English subtitles ; 128 minutes.

Nov. 4, 2009 *The Man Without a Face* by Isabelle Holland. Fic., 160 p.

Nov. 18, 2009 *The Man Without a Face* (1993) 
 Color (PG-13) ; English ; 115 minutes.

 Dec. 2, 2009 POTLUCK CELEBRATION!
 Share a favorite book and bring a dish to pass.

Jan. 6, 2010 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Schaffer. Fic., 304 p.

LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

in conjunction with

SENIOR CENTER CRAFT SALE

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:00am-2:00pm

Book Sale

Donations being accepted beginning Monday, Oct. 12. Books should be gently used and in good, clean condition. Items that cannot be accepted for the sale are: Encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers' Digest Condensed books, and magazines.

Paperbacks
25¢ each

Hard covers
& AV
\$1 each

Fill your own grocery bag for \$2.00 each.

The Senior Center Craft Sale

The Senior Center's annual event helps to raise money for the kitchen renovations.

- Table space \$20
- New & Used sale
- Craft sale
- Donuts, coffee and hot dog lunch
- Bake sale
- Raffle items from local business

For more information contact Chris Hoskins, Director of the Senior Center at 810-231-1000 ext. 225.

Great Decisions

Mondays, Oct. 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9,
 1:30pm-3:00pm. No fee.
 Registration required.

Developed by the Foreign Policy Association, this is the oldest and largest grass-roots world affairs education program of its kind in the U.S. Discussion book and video are used to engage participants in lively conversation. *Optional:* Purchase your own discussion book for \$15.00.

GARDENING AT THE LIBRARY

Wintering Birds in Michigan Gardens

Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at 6:30pm.
Registration Required.
No Fee.

Program is being presented by Joyce Schuelke from the *Wilderness* store in Brighton. Help our feathered friends survive Michigan winters by learning about appropriate food, shelter, plants and water needs.


The Beautification Committee will have a drawing that evening for garden gifts. Proceeds go toward the maintenance of the Library gardens.



BULB BASICS

Thurs., Oct. 8, 6:30pm-8pm. Fee \$5
 Registration required.

Master Gardener Gary Burg will share expert advice on the easy task of recycling and propagation of bulbs.





Adult Programs



Registration required for all programs. Fees must be paid at time of registration unless otherwise noted. **Registration begins Monday, August 24, 2009.** Age requirement: **15 years and up.** All programs begin promptly at times indicated. Call 810-231-1771 for further information and registration.

Alexander Technique

Thursdays, 6:30-7:45, Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24.

Fee \$40 due at first class session.

Enjoy learning this gentle method of wholesome movement which enhances posture and will improve balance and coordination. This process will help free you from aches and pains. Wear comfortable clothing; floor mat is optional.

Résumé Writing Basics

Wed., Sept. 9, 6:30pm-7:45pm. No fee.

Michigan Works! Patty Sudbay will provide a step-by-step process in the proper form of résumé writing. Job networking information will be made available.

Weight Loss Challenge

Monday sessions: Sept. 14 through Dec. 7, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Wednesday sessions: Sept. 16 through Dec. 9, Noon-12:45

Fee \$35 due at first class session.

Lose weight with a team that provides support and counseling on nutrition, food label information, dining out sensibly, and many more topics which you can find on www.wlc101.net. You will have a private weigh-in each week. WLC promotes sensible foods and healthy nutrition. The product mentioned on the website is not a mandatory supplement for this program. Summer's group of 24 members, at week 8, has had great results with a total loss of 170 lbs.

Gifts From the Herb Garden – Part 2

Wed., Sept. 16, 6:30pm-7:45pm. No fee.

Coleen French will demonstrate handmade teas using herbs harvested from your garden. Participants need to provide their own herbs and containers. A complete material list is provided on the website and at time of registration.

Body Language

Tues., Sept. 29, 6:30pm-7:45pm. No fee.

Body Language is an important part of communication which can result in over half of what we are communicating. Detective Sergeant Sean Furlong, Michigan State Police Dept. will be demonstrating the skills necessary to detect certain characteristics of aggression and emotion.

Tee-Tote

Wed., Oct. 14, 6:30pm-7:45pm. No fee.

Did you come across that old tee shirt from vacation and just can't throw it out? Then reclaim and recycle it. Let Chris Cody demonstrate how to turn this tee into a tote, a no-sew project that's fun and clever. Materials needed: 1 pressed tee shirt, 1 roll of 2" width duct tape.

Unexplained Explained

Wed., Oct. 28, 6:30pm-7:45pm No fee.

Join Michael Pierce, paranormal specialist, for an evening of entertainment and wonder as he details his encounters of the unknown.

ART CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY

Fall Leaves Watercolor

Tues., Sept. 22, 6:30pm-7:45pm. Material fee-\$4

This class will provide an introduction to some basic watercolor terms and techniques. You will create a mixed media fall leaf using gold foil and watercolor paint. Come and have fun painting. No drawing skills are necessary.

Intro to Flameworked Glass

Sat., Sept. 26, 10:00am-11:30am. No fee.

Artist Charlie Shoulders will demonstrate the basic technique of flameworking with borosilicate glass. Charlie is a Brighton resident who has studied under several glass masters. He holds many public demos of this unique art form when exhibiting with his wife Paula (www.livingontheetch.com). This is a great opportunity to observe the skill required in creating a piece of art glass. Safety concerns dictate that this demo will be held outdoors in the library's Serenity Garden, weather permitting.

COOKING AT THE LIBRARY

Oktoberfest

Sat., Oct. 3, 10:00am-11:00am. No fee.

Interior Decorator Pat Allegra will show us how to entertain at low cost. Pat will provide delicious recipes and beautiful tablescapes.



Flavor-filled Fall Favorites

Tues., Oct. 6, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

Join local favorite food expert Renée Chodkowski from Pampered Chef as she presents her culinary skills by serving delicious selections intended for fall entertaining.



Cooking With Wine



Tue., Oct. 13, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

We are happy to host a Michigan based business by featuring Heather Price of Sandhill Crane Vineyards of Jackson. She will demonstrate wine-inspired recipes and welcomes you to enjoy the tasty results.

Al Dente Pasta

Tues., Oct. 27, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

Monique Deschaine of Whitmore Lake's Al Dente Pasta will be sharing recipes that feature delicious and nutritious pasta including one using smoked turkey and peas with many variations. She will also demonstrate a wonderful appetizer using Monique's Marvelous Marinara Sauce.

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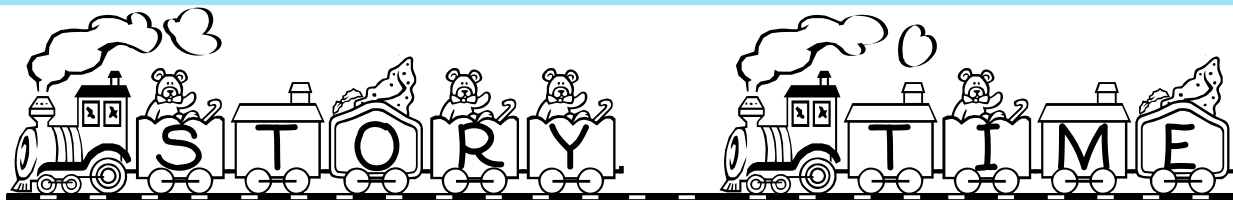
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FRIDAY: 10/30/09
7:00PM

**Pre-registration
required**

Registration begins September 1, 2009



Lapsit

Tuesdays @ 10am
Sept. 15th to Oct. 27th
Ages 18 to 36 months

Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays from the comfort of the parent/guardians' lap.

One child per parent please.

Winter session will start on January 12, 2010.

Storyhour

Wednesday & Thursday
@ 10am
Sept. 16th to Dec. 17th
Ages 3 to 5 years

Children enjoy 30 minutes of storytelling followed by a 30 minute theme-related craft. Parents are expected to stay with their children and assist with the craft.

Winter session will start on January 13, 2010.

FALL - REGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

WINTER - REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 28



Borek Jennings Funeral home, in conjunction with the Marine Corps of Livingston County, and your local library is holding their annual **Toys for Tots** toy drive.

Collection begins after Thanksgiving. Donations can be dropped off in the boxes in the lobby of the library. Toys should be brand-new and unwrapped.

Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of many Livingston County children.



Get those Christmas lists ready because Santa Claus will make his annual stop in early December.



Call or check the website in November for the date and time.



Food for Thought/ Fine Amnesty

November 2 - 28

Livingston Community Gleaners Food Bank

Gleaners Food Bank barrels will be located in the library lobby. Any non-perishable food items will be gladly accepted along with personal hygiene products and general cleaning products.

Suggested Items: Canned meals, soups and sauces, pasta, instant potatoes, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, and laundry detergent.

One item donated =
One person's fines removed
(please bring donation to
circulation desk for fine removal)

Summer in January

Wednesday, Jan. 20 6pm

Prepare for summer fun early by weaving your own jump rope and making sidewalk chalk.

What you'll need to bring:

- 1. 14 socks (old or new in varying colors --- at least mid-calf length)
- 2. Two cardboard toilet paper tubes.

Ages 6 to 14 (younger kids may need their parent's hand for the rope weaving)



Computer Classes



Registration required for all programs. Courses designed to introduce beginners to the basics of everyday computer use. Multiple sections of the same course will be offered to make sure you are able to reserve a space without difficulty. These courses are designed specifically for adults -- no registrants under 18, please. All classes are provided free-of-charge. Register in-person at the front desk, by phone 810-231-1771 or E-Mail: hamb@tln.lib.mi.us

Mousing Basics

This course is designed for those completely new to the world of computers. Instruction involves the very basics; from turning the computer on and off, to the simple mouse techniques necessary to work a desktop computer. An introductory mousing tutorial will provide plenty of opportunity for practicing your mousing skills in a low-pressure, low-intimidation environment. Perfect for seniors and absolute beginners!

Offering 1: Monday October 12 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 2: Monday October 26 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 3: Saturday November 7 1:00-3:00pm

You've Got E-mail

This course is designed for those with basic knowledge of the Internet, but have little to no experience with e-mail. Instruction is based on Microsoft Hotmail, its general use, basic features, and operation. Lesson includes : sending and receiving messages, files, photos, and even sound bytes! Message management, technical security, personal privacy, and general e-mail etiquette will also be covered.

Participants must know how to use a mouse!

Offering 1: Saturday October 10 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 2: Saturday October 24 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 3: Saturday February 27 1:00-3:00pm

Microsoft Windows Basics

This course is designed for those with basic computer skills, who would like to get more use out of their Windows operating system. Instruction is taught on a Windows XP platform, but will be general enough to apply to most versions of Windows. Exploration into some of the bells and whistles of Windows will also be covered. Participants must know how to use a mouse!

Offering 1: Saturday November 21 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 2: Saturday December 5 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 3: Saturday March 27 1:00-3:00pm

Basic Internet

This course is geared for beginners who are comfortable with the basic mechanisms of using a computer, but have little or no experience using the Internet. All instruction is based on Microsoft Internet Explorer, and includes everything you need to know about launching the Internet, navigating it, and keeping track of where you've been. If time permits, the anatomy of a web address and special features of Google will also be covered. Participants must know how to use a mouse!

Offering 1: Monday November 9 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 2: Saturday February 13 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 3: Saturday March 13 1:00-3:00pm

Shopping Online

This course is designed for those who want to take a well-informed approach to shopping via the Internet. Instruction includes basic lessons on information security, safe "store" selection, and shopping resources available on the Web. Students will also learn how to track their purchases, contact customer service personnel, and request store specials and catalogs electronically. (eBay will not be covered in this course.) Participants must have experience using the Internet.

Offering 1: Monday December 7 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 2: Monday February 1 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 3: Monday March 1 6:00-7:30pm

Basic File Management

This course is designed to help beginners understand the basics of file management in Windows XP. Participants will learn how to create, save and retrieve their files, as well as the various storage mediums available to the average consumer. Applications such as printing and moving files will be touched on briefly. Participants must know how to use a mouse!

Offering 1: Monday November 23 6:00-7:30pm
 Offering 2: Saturday January 30 1:00-3:00pm
 Offering 3: Monday March 15 6:00-7:30pm

THE GARDEN IN FALL AND WINTER by Judy Webber



Fall is here with winter fast approaching, so it will be time to look at the gardens in a different manner. We now see the mums, asters, goldenrod, sedums, and grasses providing color in the fall garden in addition to the trees and shrubs with their brilliant attire. These are soon followed by the serenity of the winter landscape.

We must look at the fall and winter garden through different eyes because it is mostly shapes and forms in addition to color that provide interest and beauty. The purple coneflower and black-eyed Susans bloom all fall and provide seeds for the birds in winter. The sedums, especially 'Autumn Joy', have flower heads that begin as burgundy red and slowly turn to bronze through the winter. They are beautiful seen against a background of snow.

Grasses provide wondrous color and texture in the fall and a delicate picture against the snow with their shadows and movement in the wind. The taller ones, such as feather reed grass (*Calamagrostis acutiflora*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) and Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) among others can be used with great effect. All these grasses are at least five to six feet tall and must be grown in full sun. All have interesting seeds that sometimes have beautiful colors too. The feather reed grass is an erect plant with arching leaves that turns red-bronze in the fall and becomes buff-colored in the winter. Little bluestem has grey-green leaves that turn copper-red in the fall and a golden-orange color in the winter. Big bluestem has purple flower heads and turns to a pale bronze-purple in the fall. Indian grass is grey-blue in summer and turns yellow or bright orange in autumn and winter. Imagine these planted in masses! Or, go in totally the opposite direction and put in just one as a specimen plant in a bed where the others have more substantial leaves. (In the spring cut the grasses back as close to the ground as possible; this will help prevent the doughnut shape they may develop. If this does occur, the plant

must be dug up and split). Shrubs also provide beauty in fall and winter with their color, shape, and berries. High bush cranberry (*Viburnum trilobum*) is a member of the honeysuckle family. It has beautiful, scarlet berries that develop in the summer and last into the winter, which provide food for birds. In order to get a lot of berries, you should plant at least two of these shrubs. Red osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*) is a member of the dogwood family and grows to a height of about six feet. It develops white berries, but it is the red stems that provide the beauty in fall and winter. It is best planted in masses and provides a lovely contrast of color against the whiteness of the snow. This plant will grow from very wet to extremely dry soil, thus making it very versatile indeed. Serviceberry or Juneberry (*Amelanchier* spp.) should be in everyone's garden. This member of the rose family can be grown as an under story tree or as a shrub, depending on the species. Its berries form in June (giving us that common name) and are a great treat for both birds and humans (they taste a little bit like blueberries). The leaves turn a beautiful apricot color on the fall, which contrasts with the grey smoothness of the bark and branches. The gracefulness and intricacy of the serviceberry look very serene in the snow in addition to providing a good place for the birds to perch. I planted three in my yard last fall, and chickadees were sitting in them as soon as I walked away.



These are just a few of the many plants that we can have in our gardens for enjoyment late in the season. They are easy to grow, are not invasive, and are pretty much disease-free. Many provide food and shelter for the birds, and in the spring and summer they provide blossoms. So, it is easy to see that gardening is meant to give us pleasure and enjoyment all year long, and if we plan carefully, it is not difficult to do. [Refer to *Manual of Grasses* by Darke and Griffiths and *Taylor's Guide to Shrubs* for more information on grasses and shrubs.]



Year Round Garden Fundraisers

The Hamburg Township Library's Beautification Committee has teamed up with Botanical Interest, Inc. and Breck's for the enjoyment of all flower, herbal and vegetable gardeners. Your purchase will support a donation back to the library.

Access these companies through the Library's website to have your purchase apply to the Library.

1. Go to www.hamburglibrary.org
2. Proceed to the lower left corner of the home page screen, click on one of the logo designs
3. Go shopping, place and pay online, then wait for delivery

Makes a great gift idea for birthday, anniversary, holiday or a gift for yourself.



BRECK'S.

Retire Online... ...with the Social Security Administration

It's so easy! Social Security has a new online retirement application that can be completed in as little as 15 minutes. The application is available online at www.socialsecurity.gov and can easily be completed at any of our library computers. A brochure on the subject can be viewed at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10522.pdf.



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Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am - 8pm

Friday 12 noon - 6pm

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Library Closings

Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 7, 2009

Thanksgiving

Thur - Fri., November 26th & 27th

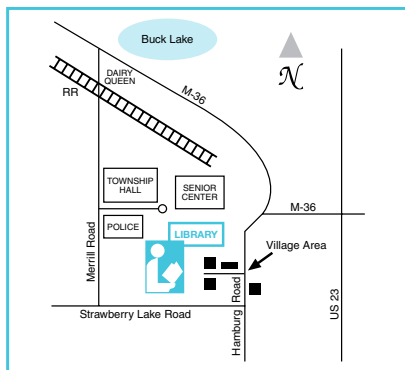
Holidays

Thur - Fri - Sat., December 24th, 25th, 26th

Thur - Fri - Sat., Dec. 31st, Jan. 1st & 2nd, 2010

MLK - Monday, January 18th

Presidents' Day - Mon., Feb. 15th



Recession Resources

Struggling during these tough times?

Need Help?



TOUGH TIMES

LIBRARY LIFELINES

There is information and services @ the library that can help you now.

- ✓ File for Unemployment
- ✓ Find Affordable Health Insurance
- ✓ Find a New Job
- ✓ Free photocopying, scanning, printing, and faxing of unemployment and job search related materials.
- ✓ www.hamburglibrary.org, click on JOB SEEKERS tab at top of screen to access more helpful resources.
- ✓ Utilities Assistance
- ✓ Food Bank Information
- ✓ Keep Your Home