

Newsletter for community residents and neighborhood friends.

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45 years of growth with the community



Author Fair

Saturday, September 24 10:00am-1:00pm No fee. Over 10 local authors will be sharing experiences in writing, publishing, and marketing as they meet and greet the community. Their books will be available for sale and signing.

This is a good opportunity to learn first hand the art of writing and publishing. Adult and children, fiction and nonfiction will be represented.

Hamburg Community Fine Art & Craft Show Saturday, October 15, 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Library is celebrating local artists and their varied talents.

Visitors will see art such as pottery, pen & ink, wood carving, sculptures, photography, textiles, jewelry, glass and paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylics and pastels. Refreshments will be available. Please come to view, shop, and eat. No admission fee.

For complete information and entry application contact the Library at (810) 231-1771 or www.hamburglibrary.org. Juried art & craft show.

Deadline is September 24, 2011 to apply.

Electronic Resources



MeL Databases allow you instant access to full-text articles from tens of thousands of magazines and newspapers. Databases are available for kids, adults, and on specialized topics such as car repair, practice tests and art images. Unlimited information is at your fingertips, whether you're at the library or in your home office. Just visit www.mel.org and follow the link for Databases.

MeL Database Spotlight - Michigan History

Michigana (Sabin Collection)

This digital archive documents state history. Drawn from the Sabin collection and other Gale sources, the archive provides access to a wide variety of documents such as: personal narratives and memoirs, pamphlets and political speeches, sermons and songs, legal treatises and children's books.

Library Lands Grant for New Public Computers

The Federally funded Broadband Technology Opportunities Program has provided Hamburg Township Library with 16 new desktop and 4 new laptop computers for public use.

Stop by and test-drive our new streamlined desktop stations with larger flat-panel displays, or try a sleek new laptop in our lounge area. Extra stations mean less waiting and more convenience. All computers are available on first-come, first-served basis. Laptops can be checked out for in building use with a valid driver's license. If you would like to learn more about our computer services, please ask at the front service desk, or visit our web site: www.hamburglibrary.org.

Free e-books by Project Gutenberg

The Library is excited to announce the arrival of e-books to our collection. Made possible by Project Gutenberg, the first producer of e-books, this new and growing collection will be available to patrons at no charge. These e-books are free in the United States because their copyright has expired.

Classic titles such as: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, War and Peace, Grimm's Fairy Tales, and Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* will be appearing in the Library's online catalog in formats that are downloadable to PCs, Kindles, iPads, iPhones, Androids, and other portable devices. Audiobook downloads will also be available for many incoming e-books.

If you would like to learn more about Project Gutenberg and explore the many titles available through this wonderful service, please visit their web site: http://www.gutenberg.org

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Website: **www.hamburglibrary.org** Visit the website to register for classes and events, use the online catalog to search for materials, renew your materials, and put materials on hold, find links to helpful resources such as job searching and recession resources.



Facebook: The Library is now on Facebook, search Hamburg Township Library. Become a fan and get event information, library updates, and news when you want it.

Email lists: From the library's website, you can sign up for four different email lists: general library news, newsletter (sent three times a year), program updates (sent monthly), new materials at the library (sent monthly).

Other Events & Happenings

Genie's Book Club—Fall Selections

Join in the fun with your friends and neighbors for lively, informal book discussions. Anyone may join at any time. The book club meets at 1:00pm every first Wednesday of the month; additional meetings may be 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. No registration required or fees. September 7 - *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Movie showing on Sept. 21.

October 5 - **Owe It To The Wind** by J. R. R. Armstrong.

November 2 - *Map of True Places* by Brunonia Barry.

December 7 - Pot Luck - Bring your own book to share and discuss and a dish to pass.

Public Faxing Now Available at the Library

The library now has faxing services available for public use. Faxes (sending and receiving) cost \$1.00 per page. Faxing for job searching and unemployment claims are still free. The library's fax number is 810-231-1520.



The mission of the CRSO is to maintain and enhance existing programs and facilities, and to introduce new programs and facilities that will service a broad group of interests and ages.

New services that have been recently introduced include: an ice skating rink, development of a bluebird trail & bird sanctuary program that runs behind the library and senior/community center, and a volleyball court. A committee will be forming soon to investigate the inclusion of a butterfly and hummingbird garden in and around the bluebird trail and the possibility of a nature trail. CRSO is also partnering with the Library, Police and Fire Departments to bring a Halloween Party to the children of Hamburg Township. It is set for Friday, Oct. 28. Check our website for complete details on these and other programs.

All inquiries should be directed to either Jim Neilson, Clerk at 810-222-1121 or Deby Henneman, CRSO Coordinator at 810-222-1124. Inquiries can also be sent to dhenneman@hamburg.mi.us or check us out on the web at www.hamburg.mi.us under Parks & Recreation.

Registration begins August 29, 2011. Age requirement 15 years and up unless otherwise indicated.

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Lunch & Learn Series

Bring your lunch and learn something new. The first Thursday of the month at 11:00am to 1:00pm. Registration is required.

September – No Programs.

October 6th

Halloween Centerpiece

Experienced crafter Chris Cody is demonstrating a sweet arrangement that will be the centerpiece of your spooky décor. Material list will be available at sign-up. Must pre-register. No Fee.

November 3rd

Simple Figures in Watercolor

Julie Woodard will teach how to incorporate your family and friends in your paintings fashioned by paint drops. Turn these fun figures into cards, "family portraits", and other crafty ideas. No drawing skills are necessary. Must pre-register. Fee - \$8.00

December 1st

Beeswax Candles

Marilyn and Holly will instruct how to roll and cut beeswax into pretty holiday candles. All materials are supplied.

Must pre-register. Fee - \$5.00

January 5th **Staging Your Antiques** and Collectibles

Hamburg Historical Museum's Suzanne Hines will have suggestions on how to display and use items from your collection of antiques. Bring a small, favorite antique with you for ideas. Must pre-register. No Fee.

Cooking Series

Free Basic Sausage Making Tuesday, October 4, 6:30-7:45pm Observe Gary Radtke of Great Lakes Butcher Supply of Howell as he demonstrates the steps involved in making and stuffing sausage. You might become inspired to develop your own recipes after you try Gary's creations. Must pre-register. No Fee.

Free From Vine to Wine Tuesday, October 11, 6:30-7:45pm Heather Price from Sandhill Crane Winery will unravel the mystery of wine, educating us on locally grown grapes and the different wines derived from them. We will learn food pairing for reds, whites, and lovely dessert Must be at least 21 to attend. wines. Must pre-register. No Fee.

Basic Canning

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30-7:45pm Liz Matthews will demonstrate basic canning techniques. Salsa will be the featured food item that you can sample as you learn skills of canning which can be applied to other vegetables and meats.

This is not a hands-on class. Must pre-register. Fee - \$12.00

Sled Dog Skills Wednesday, September 21, 6:30-7:45pm



Hamburg resident Patty Lorandos and her loyal canine teammates will be

sharing their talents and anecdotes of recreational dog sledding. Patty has been skijoring and dog sledding since 1992. We will meet indoors and later move outside; dress accordingly. All ages are welcome to attend. No Fee.

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Pay at time of registration unless otherwise noted. Class fees are non-refundable.

Enrichment Series

Minimal Garden Maintenance

Thursday, September 8, 6:30-7:45pm Your garden does not need to overpower you. Join Gary Burg for a lesson on how to simplify gardening. Gary will offer tips on managing your garden that will result in sensible solutions for a better harvest. This program will benefit fall garden clean-up and preparation for next spring. Must pre-register. No Fee.



Basic Photography

Tuesday, September 13, 6:30-7:45pm Local photographer Kay Ann Schuck will instruct photo techniques that are required to make a work of art. Must pre-register. No Fee.



Climb the Branches of Your Family Tree

Tuesday, September 27, 6:30-7:45pm Deb Biggs-Thomas, MeL coordinator at the Library of Michigan, will demonstrate all you can do using online resources when researching family history. Come and find out how the resources in the Michigan eLibrary's Genealogy Gateway can help you get started or keep you on your quest.

Must pre-register. No Fee.

Great Decisions

Mondays, Oct. 3 - 24 at 1:30pm - 3:00pm This discussion group focuses on global current event topics. Each class presents a video followed by discussion using a workbook as a guide for each week's topic. You may purchase a book for \$15.00 from the library. Must pre-register.



Weight Loss Challenge

Mon., Sept. 12 - Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30pm Wed., Sept. 14 - Dec. 7, Noon-1:00pm Fee - \$35 @ first class session to instructor. Lose weight with a team that provides support and counseling on nutrition, food label information, dining out sensibly and more. Private weigh-in is each week. Check out www.wlc101.net for more details.



Bringing Health Home

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30-7:45pm Mela Belle of BeWelle Wellness Consulting and Education will be sharing five important steps you can take for improved health and vitality by using simple, nourishing foods and local plants. She will also share how you can reduce your healthcare costs. Must pre-register. No Fee.

Introduction to Pilates

Mondays, Oct. 3 - Nov. 21, 6:30-7:30pm Fee-\$56 @ first class session to instructor. Instructor Gwyn Jones will once again teach this program which maintains flexibility and conditioning and is a refreshing mind-body workout. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Self Defense Know-How

Free Thurs., Oct. 13, 20, 27, 6:30 - 7:45 Learn to prepare yourself to perceive possible threats, avoid threatening situations, and to physically defend yourself. Participants will be introduced to and practice a few basic physical defense techniques. The M.A.D.S. method connects mindset, awareness, decision, and skills. Plan to attend all three classes.

Must pre-register. No. Fee.





Registration begins August 29

Lapsit

Tuesdays @ 10am September 20 to November 15 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.

Storyhour

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 10am September 21 to December 15 Ages 3 to 5 years

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

Food for Thought /



November 1 - 19

Livingston Community 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 item's fines removed. (Please bring donation to circulation desk for fine removal)



Join us to decorate two Christmas ornaments ... one to take home and one to decorate the library Christmas tree. No Fee.

Wednesday, November 30 6:30pm

Ages 4 to 16

Pre-registration required



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 November 26th. 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.

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~ Book Sale ~ Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9:00am to 2:00pm.

All hardcovers and AV are \$1.00 each, softcovers are \$0.25 each, or bring a grocery bag and fill it for \$2.00.

The library will begin accepting donations for the sale beginning **Saturday, Oct. 29.** Items not accepted: Readers Digest condensed books, magazines, encyclopedias, text books, or anything musty, dirty, or damaged. Receipts will be given if requested.

Adopt a Magazine

An Easy & Affordable Way To Support Your Library.

For more information on this low-cost, tax-deductable opportunity, please stop by or give us a call at (810) 231-1771.

A full list of adoptable subscriptions is available online: http://www.hamburglibrary.org/Materials/MagazinesNewspapers.htm

The Library will mark all issues of your adopted title with a Label of Recognition – an affordable and effective way to promote your business or organization, or as a memorial to remember someone special.

A special Thank You to the following library patrons for adopting magazines:

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