Main Library Site Dedicated

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library received the deed to the future Main Library property in a special ceremony held on November 5th. Clinton Township Supervisor Robert J. Cannon handed the deed to Library Board President Donald W. Green, opening the way for construction to begin on the new facility. The property now has the above sign marking the site and an official groundbreaking will be held in the spring.

At its completion, planned for 2003, the new library will occupy 9.3 acres on the west side of Romeo Plank, just south of Canal Road, adjacent to and north of the Clinton Township Civic Center. The library will be a brick and glass building with a metal, pitched roof and, at 82,000 square feet, will be the largest library in Macomb County. Special features of the building include three meeting rooms, five study rooms, a fireplace with casual seating area, a puppet stage, a children’s story time alcove and craft area, and a Friends of the Library book store and gift shop.

Used Book Sale  January 24th - 27th

The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be held this winter in the meeting room of the North Branch located at 16800 24 Mile Road (west of Romeo Plank).

**Thursday, Jan. 24th**  7 - 9 PM  Friends Only Preview Night.

Memberships are available at any time in the library or at the door for a donation of at least $5.

**Friday, Jan. 25th** from 9:30 AM - 7 PM and

**Saturday, Jan. 26th** from 9:30 AM - 5 PM

Paperbacks priced 50¢, hardcovers $1, quality books, videos, CDs, audiobooks $2 and up

**Sunday, Jan. 27th** from 1 - 3 PM

Bag Sale - $4 per bagful

Calendar of Free Events

**Author Visit**

January 12th at 1 PM  North Branch
Paul Kavieff discussing “The Violent Years” and “The Purple Gang”

**Book Bunch Reading Club** (see page 5)

Thursdays at 4 PM  Main Library
January 31st, February 28th, March 28th

**Book Discussion Group** (see page 4)

1st Saturdays Monthly at Noon  South Branch
January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd

**Caregiver Institute** (see page 6)

Mondays at 6 PM  North Branch
January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd

**Children’s Character Programs** (see page 5)

March 9th at 11 AM  South Branch
March 9th at 2 PM  North Branch

**Computer Seminars** (see page 7)

January 17th & February 28th at 7 PM  South Branch
February 7th at 7 PM  North Branch

**Craft Programs**

For Children:  (see page 5)
February 9th at 11 AM  North and South Branch

For Adults:  (see page 2)
March 6th at 7 PM & March 16th at 1 PM  South Branch
March 10th at 3 PM & March 23rd at 1 PM  North Branch

**Finance Seminars** (see page 7)

February 13th at 6:30 PM  North Branch
February 21st at 2 PM  South Branch
February 26th at 7 PM  North Branch

**Read Across America** (see page 5)
March 1st from 6:30-9  North and South Branch

**Teen Events** (see page 7)

February 1st at 7 PM  South Branch
February 8th at 7 PM  North Branch
March 16th at 2 PM  North Branch

**Teen Movie Nights** (see page 7)

January 18th at 6:30 PM  South Branch
January 19th at 6:30 PM  North Branch

**Travel Program** (see page 6)

January 30th at 7 PM  North Branch

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Volunteer Spotlight

If you thought that the only types of volunteer work you can do at the library involves handling books, then think again! We are always looking for people interested in presenting programs at the library. Whether you garden or cook, travel or do crafts, have a hobby or skill, or are a scholar or expert on a topic, there may be opportunities to share your interests. If you have a talent or an area of expertise you’d like to share with the community, then be sure to contact Community Relations Specialist Jodee Roberson at (586) 226-5013 to discuss your turn in the spotlight!

When volunteer Marilynn Heleski told us about her craft skills at tea bag folding, most of us in the library had a blank look on our faces. Tea bag folding? What is that all about? Marilynn was kind and patient enough to explain this fascinating craft, which is similar to origami and involves folding tiny squares of paper into intricate designs. When she brought in some of the greeting cards and ornaments she’s made, we were intrigued and thought our customers would be too! So we convinced Marilynn to take a few hours out of her busy schedule and demonstrate tea bag folding at the library. About a dozen adults and children stopped in to learn about this craft and went home with a festive Thanksgiving decoration. The library has ordered some how-to books available for checkout and now everyone in the community can try their hand at a new hobby. A small commitment by a library volunteer has resulting in introducing a relatively unknown skill to many. This winter, CMPL will present two more programs presented by volunteers from local crafter’s groups; read below for more details.

Handicrafts: History and Hands-On

In honor of Women’s History Month this March, CMPL presents two special programs highlighting the role crafts have played in women’s lives. Throughout history, women have expressed their creativities and abilities through handicrafts; fashioning clothing and household goods out of thread and fabric. More than just utilitarian goods were made; art was also created. Join us at the North Branch for an exploration of two handicrafts, quilting and lacemaking, and hear of the traditions and techniques involved. Then try your hand at the South Branch, creating two contemporary craft projects of your own.

At the North Branch
“Quilting in Women’s Lives” on Sunday, March 10th at 3 PM presented by the Faithful Quilters Group
“Lacemaking and Tatting” on Saturday, March 23rd at 1 PM presented by the Great Lakes Lace Group

At the South Branch*
“Hands-On Papermaking” on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 PM presented by library staff
“ Scrapbooking Seminar” on Saturday, March 16th at 1 PM presented by Kathy Geise from Creative Memories

* Registration is required for the South Branch programs. Space is limited. Register by calling (586)226-5073 after February 6th.

friends fundraisers

Quilt Raffle

Our library supporters also donate more than just their time to the library. One very talented volunteer has generously donated a gorgeous hand-made bedside quilt that the Friends of CMPL will raffle off for a fundraiser this winter. Who wouldn’t want to snuggle up on a cold winter day with a colorful quilt and a good book?

The quilt will make its public debut at the Used Book Sale beginning on January 24th at the North Branch and then will be on display at all three libraries through April. Visit the Main Library in February, the North Branch in March and the South Branch in April to see the quilt, pick up a quilter’s resource list and check out some quilting books too.

Tickets are only $1 each or 6 for $5. The drawing will be held on May 8th, just in time for Mother’s Day.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND HELP YOUR LIBRARY

Drop off your used computer inkjet and laser printer cartridges at any of the CMPL libraries and help us get points towards new equipment for the library!
From the Director

by Christine Lind Hage

Did you know that you are part of history in the making? You are what has made this an incredible year at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! That is because our customers—that’s you—borrowed over 500,000 books this year from us, which is more than twice the number you borrowed last year. This makes your library one of, if not the busiest library in Macomb County!

In July we opened our new North Branch; if you haven’t seen it you should take some time to visit this friendly facility on 24 Mile Road just west of Romeo Plank Road. This 14,000 square foot library has a contemporary feel and features bright and colorful neon signs, splashy graphic decorations, and a world clock that lets you know the time all around the globe.

But what makes your library a great place isn’t just the decorations. The library saw tremendous growth in titles available for you this year. We purchased 41,791 new books, CDs, videos and DVDs bringing our collection up to over 110,000 items. The nice part about our materials collection is that most of the items have been purchased within the last three years so you’re getting the latest information on topics that interest you the most such as computers, home decorating, crafts, great fiction, travel, etc. We are seeing increased interest in DVDs, so we are purchasing more to make sure that we have what you want on the shelf. If you receive a DVD player for Christmas, make sure to check out our free DVD collections. In fact, everything is free at your library. You can borrow the most recent best-selling novel, CD, book on tape or CD, video or DVD. There are no rental fees.

You are probably wondering how we accomplished so much. Our success is due to your support and our wonderful staff and board. We currently have over 65 people working to serve you. Our goal is always to find the books and other media that we know you want to read, listen to or view. Our dedicated staff is focused on making your library visit enjoyable and productive. We have librarians with master’s degrees in library science, technicians that keep our equipment user-ready, high school students who shelve books, and other friendly folks working around the building to help you find what you need. Our board of trustees contributes countless hours of service to the library and community. In fact, Board President Don Green recently was recognized for his library leadership. Take a moment to read the article to the right for the details.

We are all looking forward to making 2002 our best year ever. One of our goals is to double our circulation so that we can hit the million items borrowed mark. If you are a Clinton or Macomb Township resident and you have yet to visit your library system, you can be the important spark that helps our community make history by coming to one of our three libraries and to get your library card and start borrowing materials. The more items you check out, the more space we’ll have on the shelves for new materials. If you don’t have a library card, the process of getting one is simple and quick. All you need is some ID showing that you live or work in Macomb or Clinton Township and you’ll be able to borrow materials on your first visit. Your library is working hard to make Clinton and Macomb Townships great places to live. We invite you to join us at the library where exciting things are happening and—hopefully—history is being made!

Christine Lind Hage
Finding Nonfiction

Here are a few clues . . .

So often parents and young people look around the Children’s/ Juvenile area and ask where the books on dogs are located (clue: J636.7) because junior wants to get a puppy and needs to read up on the subject. Or the ever in demand dinosaur books are asked for (clue: J567.9). Most folks don’t realize that fairytales and folktales are in the nonfiction section (clue: J398.2), and, poetry is to be found here, also (clue: J811). Books about bugs, stars, mummies, wrestling and other sports, all written for kids, are located in nonfiction.

One of the reasons we have interfiled the juvenile and adult nonfiction items is because some of the best research and most current information is to be found in juvenile nonfiction! Think about it - publishers want books and tapes that kids will be using for research for homework assignments to be accurate and up-to-date. So, if you are looking for reliable information on a certain breed of dog, facts about a state you are thinking of moving to or a bit of civil war trivia, consider looking in the nonfiction section or in the online catalog for call numbers that start with a “J”.

If you happen to be in the North Branch, check out the Juvenile New & Featured section, a new section sandwiched between the Juvenile Series and the Reference shelves.

Diving Into Databases

Libraries have changed a lot in the last decade. Access to materials is faster, more convenient, and more inclusive in the current online environment. Nowadays databases complement and in some cases have replaced print resources. There are numerous benefits with this type of electronic resource including 24/7 access, space-saving advantages, and ease-of-use.

Did you know there are databases for finding the complete articles from a variety of magazines and newspapers? There are also databases geared towards specific subjects such as business, health, or genealogy research. There are even databases that have images as well as text. Some databases are designed for specific users such as children who might need to find information for their homework assignment. In many cases the information found in online databases is the same information that can be found in print resources; it is simply the means of delivery of that information that is more versatile. Online databases are accessed via the Internet, but don’t be confused—information found in databases is not the same as finding material on the Internet-at-large. Information that is made available in databases has been selected, reviewed, and organized in such a way that makes it authoritative and easy-to-use.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) is pleased to offer a variety of these online databases at their public computers through a fast and direct cable connection to the Internet. There are four public computers at the Main Library, eight public computers at the South Branch in addition to a networked computer that provides access solely to the databases, and four public computers at the North Branch with additional wireless online access via laptop computers coming in the near future.

The library has recently subscribed to databases that are helpful for researching companies, finding literary or biographical information, and completing homework assignments. CMPL is also very fortunate to be a participant in AccessMichigan, a statewide service of the Library of Michigan giving every library and resident of the state access to a core set of database resources. Here is a sampling of many databases you can access at any of the CMPL locations:

- AncestryPlus (genealogy research)
- Biography Resource Center (biographical information)
- New York Times and more (120 national and international online newspapers)
- Electric Library Elementary (great for kids!)
- Health and Wellness Resource Center (medical and health issues)
- Hoovers (business and company research)
- InfoTrac General Reference Center Gold (covers numerous topics from popular periodicals, newspapers, and reference resources)
- Literature Resource Center (literary criticism and author information)
- NetLibrary (access books online including CliffNotes)
- Student Resource Center – Junior (great for kids!).

Many of these electronic resources can be accessed from the comfort of home as well as within the library. Call your local library and ask the librarian if the database you’d like to use from home has remote access available. You can find these databases via the library’s web site at http://www.cmpl.org (just click on the database link at the top of the screen). If you’ve never tried using the databases before or you’re not sure which one would be best for your information needs, please stop in at one of our branches, and a librarian would be happy to demonstrate how to select the best database for your needs, how to search for information within the database, and how to use its feature to get the most out of your information quest.
BOOK BUNCH READING CLUB

A new reading group is starting up at the Main Library on Garfield this year. Readers in the 4th and 5th grades are invited to join in the after-school monthly meetings. The following books have been selected for the winter months:

- **Thursday, January 31st at 4 PM**
  - *The Watsons Go To Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

- **Thursday, February 28th at 4 PM**
  - *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

- **Thursday, March 28th at 4 PM**
  - *Holes* by Louis Sachar

No registration is required, just be sure to read the book before coming to the discussion group.

Happy Birthday Curious George!

Curious George, one of the most popular children’s characters of all time, turned 60 in October. His books have sold over 25 million copies and have been translated into 14 different languages. Through six decades, he has been to the zoo, the hospital, the fire station, the beach, ridden a bike, gone camping, ridden a rocket, and much more!

Curious George was created in 1939 while Hans and Margret Rey lived in Paris. Their first book, *Raffy and the 9 Monkeys*, included a curious little monkey named Fifi (George). It was at this time that the Nazi army was going to invade Paris so the Reys set off on bicycles with warm coats, a little bit of food, and five stories about Curious George. They left just in time, because Paris was invaded later that day. They rode their bicycles to the Spanish-French border, where they sold their bikes for train fare to Lisbon, Portugal. They eventually made their way to New York City, where they became famous children’s authors.

The Curious George Foundation was founded in 1989 by Margret Rey and funds programs for children that emphasize ingenuity, opportunity, determination, and curiosity in learning and exploring. These are the same qualities that made Curious George so lovable. Most of their giving is centered on programs that prevent cruelty to animals and community outreach for family programs.

Children ages 4 - 7 are invited to join us at the library to celebrate Curious George’s birthday. The South Branch party will be held on Saturday, March 9th at 11 AM and the North Branch will hold its event the same day at 2 PM. Registration is required and will begin on Monday, February 25th until filled. Call (586) 226-5003 to register.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

Theodore Geisel, better known to us all as Dr. Seuss, also has an upcoming birthday, in the month of March. He was born on March 2nd in the year 1904, so this year will mark the 98th anniversary of his birth.

Children around the world have been reading his books for many years. Some favorites include: *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Horton Hears a Who* and *And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street*, to name a few.

To honor Dr. Seuss and promote the importance and enjoyment of reading, the National Education Association celebrates this day with an event called Read Across America. Begun in 1998, with almost 10 million children and adults celebrating the joy of reading the program continues to grow as many more schools, libraries and other organizations participate each year.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library will again join with libraries across the country to celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss’ birthday. Families are invited to come to either the North Branch or the South Branch on Friday, March 1st from 6:30 - 9 PM and read with their children. Guest readers will be featured throughout the evening. It is the goal of the NEA to have a caring adult reading with a child for at least 30 minutes that day. Families are welcome to stay for as short a time or as long as they wish. Just bring a pillow, a beanbag or blanket and we’ll supply the books. No registration is required.

Happy Valentine’s Day

Yo te amo (Spanish)
Je t’aime (French)
Sukiyo (Japanese)
Ti amo (Italian)
Ngo oi ney (Mandarin)
Ich liebe Dich (German)

These phrases all mean the same thing around the world “I LOVE YOU”

Visit the library for books, tapes and CDs to help you learn to say “I love you” and more in another language.

Valentine Crafts for Children

Children ages 7 - 12 are invited to celebrate Valentine’s Day at our crafts programs to be held on Saturday, February 9th at 11 AM at both the South and North Branches. Registration is required. Space is limited. Visit or the South Branch at (586)226-5073 or the North Branch at (586)226-5083 after January 28th to register.
Ah, New Year’s Resolutions, everybody makes them, but few manage to keep them!

Your library is a great place to start when you are looking for additional inspiration and motivation.

Even if you start out with the best of intentions, resolutions often fall to the wayside, as everyday life demands our attention. We’ve compiled a list of books that inspired us toward reasonable (and achievable!) goals. Take a look; one of these titles just might help you make a successful New Year’s Resolution plan.

**Financial**
- Money Shy to Money Sure: A Woman’s Road Map to Financial Well-Being by Olivia Mellan and Sherry Christie
- Ordinary People, Extraordinary Wealth: the 8 Secrets of How 5,000 Ordinary Americans Became Successful Investors and How You Can Too by Ric Edelman

**Health and Fitness**
- 8 Minutes in the Morning: A Simple Way to Start Your Day that Burns Fat and Sheds the Pounds by Jorge Cruise
- American Lung Association 7 Steps to a Smoke-Free Life by Edwin B. Fisher
- Canyon Ranch Guide to Living Younger Longer: A Complete Program for Optimal Health for Body, Mind, and Spirit by Canyon Ranch Editors
- Eat, Drink, and Be Healthy: the Harvard Medical School Guide to Healthy Eating by Walter C. Willett
- Fit and Fabulous After 40: A 5-Part Program for Turning Back the Clock by Denise Austin
- Kathy Smith’s Lift Weights to Lose Weight by Kathy Smith

**Quality of Life**
- Calm Working Spaces by Lorrie Mack
- Choosing Simplicity: Real People Finding Peace and Fulfillment in a Complex World by Linda Breen Pierce
- The Gift of a Year: How to Achieve the Most Meaningful, Satisfying, and Pleasurable Year of Your Life by Mira Kirshenbaum
- Making a Life, Making a Living: Reclaiming Your Purpose and Passion in Business and in Life by Mark S. Albion
- The Simple Living Guide: A Sourcebook for Less Stressful, More Joyful Living by Janet Luhrs
- Thriving in 24/7: Six Strategies for Taming the New World of Work by Sally Helgesen
- Time Management from the Inside Out: The Foolproof System for Taking Control of Your Schedule and Your Life by Julie Morgenstern

**New Skills**
- How to Cook Everything: Simple Recipes for Great Food by Mark Bittman
- I’m Turning on My PC, Now What?! by Matthew James
- It’s Never too Late to Love a Computer by Abby Stokes
- A New Way to Cook by Sally Schneider

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**CAREGIVER INSTITUTE**

Whether you are a senior yourself, an adult caring for an aging parent, or planning ahead for your own “golden years”, this six part series will provide you with the answers you need to make those important decisions that will affect your life and the lives of your loved ones.

These programs will be held every other Monday, January through March, at the North Branch. Each session will feature two professionals from the medical, nursing, legal, public services, and information sciences fields. You may attend one or all of the sessions. Please register in advance by calling (586)226-5083.

1. **January 14th at 6 PM**
   - “Overview of the Aging Process”
2. **January 28th at 6 PM**
   - “Emotional Issues in Caregiving”
3. **February 11th at 6 PM**
   - “Legal Aspects of Caregiving”
4. **February 25th at 6 PM**
   - “Long Term Care”
5. **March 11th at 6 PM**
   - “Home Safety”
6. **March 25th at 6 PM**
   - “Advance Directives”

Sponsored by the UAW/Ford/Visteon Family Service & Learning Center
Presented by the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services

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**Armchair Travel**

“Rocky Mountain Adventure”

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to trek up the side of a mountain battling the lack of oxygen and the elements? If you don’t plan on doing so yourself, you can still experience the adventure! Karen Bates and Larry Mergentime will share their experiences hiking and climbing in the Rocky Mountain National Park, in this slide show presentation.

January 30th at 7 PM at the North Branch
## Expert Information . . . Listen and Learn with Advice from the Experts

### Internet Tips from an Information Professional
For those of you who are still not sure what the Internet is, let alone how to get there, or if you’ve taken the Internet plunge but feel slightly adrift, then these programs are for you. Since 1992, Richard Truxall’s entertaining and enthusiastic seminars have helped thousands of participants get the maximum benefit from their computers and the Internet by presenting technology in realistic and understandable terms. He runs his own training and consulting company, Richard Truxall Seminars, and produces free tutorials available online at www.shortguides.com. The following programs are offered free of charge to Clinton and Macomb Township residents.

**At the South Branch**

- **January 17th at 7 PM**
  - “Your First Online Steps”
  - *Registration begins Jan. 3rd.*

- **February 28th at 7 PM**
  - “Using the Internet to Find Investment Information”
  - *Registration begins Feb. 14th*

**At the North Branch**

- **February 7th at 7 PM**
  - “Your First Online Steps”
  - *Registration begins Jan. 24th*

- *Registration is required and seating is limited. Visit or call the South Branch at (586)226-5073 or the North Branch at (586)226-5083 to register after the appropriate date.

### Tax Information from the Internal Revenue Service
Just in time for the upcoming tax season, CMPL presents IRS Representative Rhonda Terrell discussing information about the new tax laws, filing processes and tips for taxpayers. These programs are free and open to all, no registration is necessary. Join us at the following dates and times:

**At the North Branch**
- **February 13th at 6:30 PM**
- **February 21st at 2 PM**

**At the South Branch**
- **February 26th at 7 PM**

### Money Talk with Rick Bloom
On his popular weekend radio show Money Talk, financial expert Rick Bloom has helped numerous callers with their personal finance questions. His new daily program on WXYT expands into businesses, taxes and personal lifestyle issues and he will discuss these topics and answer some of your questions here at the library. No registration is required.

**At the North Branch**
- **February 26th at 7 PM**

## Check It Out . . .

### What’s Happening for Teens at the Library

The Teen Advisory Council (TAC) was formed in September and has been busy meeting monthly to share ideas, host activities, plan a newsletter and even raise donations for the victims of the September 11th tragedy. About a dozen teens from middle and high schools across Clinton and Macomb Townships are involved with the TAC. Currently they meet at the North Branch, but a second group will be forming in the spring that will represent the South Branch too. The group has been working hard on organizing teen events for the coming new year. The following programs are open to middle and high school aged students.

Our Council has decided to start the new year out with **Movie Nights** at both the South and North Branches. The Council will also be raffling off prizes and popcorn and pop will be served. (Both movies are rated PG-13). **On Friday, January 18th at 6:30 PM** the South Branch will feature the popular movie “Rush Hour 2.” **On Saturday, January 19th at 6:30 PM** at the North Branch the featured film will be “Dude, Where’s My Car?”

For February different events are in the works for the South and North Branches: a **Psychic Night** and a **Scavenger Hunt**.

**On Friday, February 1st at 7 PM** at the South Branch, psychic and palm reader Darlene Denning will read palms. If you’ve ever wondered what your heart, head and life lines mean, this is the chance to find out! Registration is required. Please call (586)226-5073 after January 1st to save your place for this event.

**On February 8th at 7 PM,** the Teen Advisory Council will sponsor the Valentine Scavenger Hunt. Teens are invited to search through the North Branch Library for clues and prizes and a party afterwards. Love is elusive and so are our clues so come and test your wits. Registration is required, call (586)226-5083 after January 8th to register.

A special **Guest Speaker** will visit teens in the library in March, bringing along her traveling companion, her sled dog! **Join us on March 16th at 2 PM** at our North Branch when Karen Bates, SOLAR club member and outdoor enthusiast, will share her experiences of a week-long dog sled ride through the Canadian wilderness. All teens are invited to meet Karen and view her slide show presentation. Registration is required. Please call either (586)226-5083 after February 16th to save your place for this event.

If you have any questions about books or materials for teens, have a suggestion of your own to offer or need further information regarding any of these events, please call any of the young adult librarians: Jeanine Taylor at the Main Library at (586)226-5044, Mary Burns at the North Branch at (586)226-5033 or Kathy Gregory at the South Branch at (586)226-5074.
The 24 Hour Pickup lockers are now available to use at the North Branch. Call (586)226-5080 if you need materials placed in the lockers for late night library service.