Friends of the Library generosity pays for artwork

Two works by renowned sculptor Gary Lee Price – *Journeys of the Imagination* and *Bookworm II* – will be prominently displayed at the new Main Library, opening fall of 2003. The purchase was made with $30,000 in funding from the Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library.

“We considered several pieces, but Mr. Price’s work absolutely seemed to fit into our ideals for the new Main Library and are just delights to look at,” said Jean Dodson, president of the Friends.

“This gift reflects so much, including the wonderful tie between the library and children – since children are the featured subjects in both pieces. We are grateful to the Friends for this purchase,” said Christine Lind Hage, library director.

The seven-foot tall *Journeys of the Imagination* depicts a young boy riding the wind on the wings of a paper airplane, while the life-sized *Bookworm II* shows a little girl engrossed in the pages of a book standing next to a stack of books.

*Journeys of the Imagination* was taken from a life moment when the artist’s six-year-old son, Isaiah, donning shorts, T-shirt, cape, a backpack, and swimming goggles clambered up the tallest rock in the yard and flew off – cape trailing.

“I couldn’t think of a more appropriate way to capture this mastery of flight than to have him riding on one of his own creations,” Price said. “The piece is about fantasy and enjoying our childhood and all of its wonders.”

‘Cyber Kids’ receives $20,000 donation from Comcast Cable

When the new 84,000-square-foot Main Library opens next fall, the children’s section will offer a Cyber Kids Center – equipped to promote the learning of technology and reading among preschool and lower elementary school-aged children. Comcast recently donated $20,000 for the center.

“Since Comcast provides Internet technology and Cable in the Classroom programs to local schools and libraries, the donation to the Cyber Kids Center complements our education initiatives. Children from both Clinton and Macomb Townships will benefit from the interactive learning to be conducted at the new library,” said Paula Peters, Comcast corporate affairs manager.

The center will introduce preschoolers to the world of computing, reading and the library. It also offers the chance for parents to interact with their children, helping the children to become good readers.

Over a third of children in the U.S. enter school unprepared to learn. They lack the vocabulary, sentence structure, and other basic skills that are required to do well in school. Children who start behind generally stay behind.

Research by the Carnegie Foundation has found that children who struggled with reading in the first grade had a 90 percent probability of remaining poor readers by the fourth grade. The knowledge a child has of the alphabet entering kindergarten is a strong predictor of that child’s reading ability in the 10th grade.
Library puts test help just a ‘click away’

By logging onto the library’s Web site students can get instant help in preparing for a myriad of exams, including ACT, SAT, GMAT, GED, U.S. Citizenship, and occupational exams such as firefighter, police officer, EMT basic, postal worker, and real estate sales agent and broker. This new service will be available to all CMPL cardholders who reside in Clinton and Macomb Townships.

You can log on to the Learn A Test Web site and begin immediately using any of the services, including 300 online practice tests, with immediate scoring and detailed explanations of answers to all questions. Areas will be indicated where the student might need additional practice, with the Learn A Test Web site offering recommendations for free tutorial courses. Test results and work done will be stored on the customer’s password-protected Learn A Test account.

Learn A Test, in addition to test preparation, also provides basic skills and career guidance materials. It serves 3,000 libraries and 80 million people nationwide.

‘Live Homework Help’ offers students online tutoring assistance

It’s late afternoon or early evening when you start your homework and the math problems which seemed so easy in class no longer make sense. Or are you still confused about the science concept you’ve been studying and the quiz is tomorrow! Don’t panic. There is help available. Just go to the library’s home page and click on the icon for Live Homework Help. You will then be able to chat one-on-one with a tutor who will explain the problem, principle or concept. Students won’t be given direct answers but rather the tools or resources needed for finding the solution themselves.

Live Homework Help is a new service offered by the Clinton-Macomb Public Library through its Web site. Staffed by teachers, former teachers, and experts in the field, this on-line service is for students grades 4 though 12. Students can log on from home between the hours of 4 and 11 p.m., seven days a week, with just their library card. After following the simple instructions they will be connected with a grade appropriate subject specialist who will assist them. If they have a chemistry question, they will be helped by a chemistry teacher, if it is a social studies question, it will be a social studies teacher responding. Each session lasts up to 20 minutes and afterwards, the student can print the session.

Baker College contributes gift to enhance library collection

The Library received a $1,000 donation from Baker College–Clinton Township, with the gift being slated for use in Main Library, which opens next fall at the intersection of Canal and Romeo Plank Roads.

“We contribute in education to the very same population served by the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, so we felt an obligation to support this wonderful institution in our same locale. We consider this being a good citizen,” said Donald R. Torline, Baker College of Clinton Township president.

Baker College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is the largest private college in Michigan. It is a nonprofit higher education institution, serving more than 21,000 students on 11 campuses and four satellite locations. The Clinton Township campus offers both associate and bachelor degree programs, along with specialty programs.

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Price, 47, has created pieces ranging from five-inch figurines to monumental size sculptures. The American southwest served as his home base and original inspiration before his work evolved, along with his life, to include family and children. Among his other pieces in Michigan is The Natural, the statue of a young boy playing baseball which is located in front of the Lansing Lugnuts baseball stadium, Oldsmobile Park.

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The Cyber Kids Center is planned for children 3 to 8 years old. Educational software will introduce children to the alphabet, shapes, and problem-solving skills that are necessary for successful learning. Computer keyboards are designed for youngsters, with color-coded key caps for the most-used functions of Windows. The equipment will be housed in the new Main Library in a special alcove of the children’s room that has sound absorbing walls and special lighting.

Comcast, a provider of broadband Internet service for CMPL, has joined other donors to the Main Library campaign, including the Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, who have contributed $30,000 for the purchase of two bronze sculptures, and Clinton Township Kiwanis, who donated $10,000 for a puppet theater.

The library has other philanthropic opportunities for both corporate and individuals who are interested. Interested donors can contact Christine Lind Hage, library director, at 226-5010 or christine@cmpl.org.

Book Donations Wanted

If you have some gently used paper backs, or fiction and nonfiction hardcovers (however, no text books, please) you would like to donate, please bring them to your nearest CMPL branch for our Friends of the Library used book sale in late January. Call 226-5013 for details.
From the Director

by Christine Lind Hage

Many of you have probably seen the new main library that is under construction at the corner of Romeo Plank Road and Canal. Things are moving right along and we are on schedule for meeting our August 1 goal for the completion of construction. Once the construction is complete, it will take us from six to eight weeks to stock the building with new shelving, furniture, equipment and materials. We hope to have a grand opening late in September 2003.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we’ve received some wonderful gifts from several organizations and individuals. The Friends of the Library have pledged $30,000 for two wonderful pieces of bronze artwork. One will be installed outside the front door and one will be installed in the library. Comcast Cable has also given $20,000 for a Cyber Kids Center in the children’s section in the new Main Library. These computers will provide educational software for children up to the age of eight. The Clinton Township Kiwanis Club has also pledged $10,000 for a wonderful puppet stage. A drawing of the stage is on view in the Main Library on Garfield. Don and Mira Green have pledged $5,000 for a fireplace in the first floor periodicals area. The library has also received a generous gift of $1,000 from Baker College. On behalf of the customers, staff and board of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, we want to publicly thank these individuals and organizations for their generous gifts. These special gifts will enhance the library for everyone.

You might want to consider giving a special gift to the library. You can make a multi-year pledge or a single contribution, whichever works best for you. We are looking for donors to help underwrite some artwork, a grandfather clock, meeting room furniture, several gardens, media equipment for the teen room, computers for public Internet access, puppets for the children’s room and – of course – underwriting for special areas of the print and non-print collection. We also are looking for a grand or baby grand piano for the meeting room. If you know of someone who would be willing to donate a new or gently used piano, please contact me 226-5010 or christine@cmpl.org.

It is exciting to know that our new Main Library dreams will be realized this year. If you want a sneak preview of the building, take some time to look at the floor plans and interior finish samples that are on display at the Main Library or tour the new library at www.cmpl.org.

Movie you missed seeing? Tune you want to hear?

We have free loans of CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks. Visit the nearest branch to see the selection or call for further details.

First thing in the morning, last thing at night – find what you need at the library

Another new service that will be available from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Web site will be the Instant Answers ’Round the Clock, where users can log on using their CMPL library card number, and chat live with a reference librarian at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library or another supporting institution.

Customers, in the library or from home, will find professional reference and research assistance which will help avoid getting lost in the vast Internet junkyard and locate high quality and accurate sources of information.

The two services – Instant Answers ’Round the Clock and Live Homework Help – will complement one another, offering understanding for stymied students wrestling with a school project, or adults seeking information after the library has closed.

Instant Answers ’Round the Clock goes “live” January 6 and will be available 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Internet users simply need to go to the library’s Web site, www.cmpl.org, and click on the icon for either Instant Answers ’Round the Clock or Live Homework Help.

CMPL library cards get ‘smart’

Because Clinton-Macomb Public Library believes it has the smartest customers, the library will be using the “smartest” library cards.

CMPL will be switching customers to the GuardiaNet integrated smart card. Different designs will be offered. These cards, along with the new computer system, will allow CMPL customers some of the most advanced library services in the state.

Customers will be able to use the smart card to borrow items, pay fines and fees, pay to print from Internet stations, along with being able to use the card as a debit card for copiers inside the library. Each branch will have a machine where people can insert money and have a monetary value placed on the smart card.

This smart technology is also key because it will play an important role in the automated 24-hour pickup and dropoff service at the new Main Library, which opens next fall.

The smart cards will become available at the end of December, and the debit card and Internet services will begin in early 2003. Customers from Macomb or Clinton Township merely need to bring in their old CMPL library card, or they can apply for the new smart card with a driver’s license as proof of eligibility. There is no cost to get the new smart library card, and each family member can hold a card. A MichiCard sticker can be affixed to the smart card so it can be used to check out print materials at more than 300 participating libraries around the state. Clinton and Macomb residents can also use the smart card to request items from MiLE, which gives them access to 12.5 million books at 160 libraries in Southeast Michigan.

Individuals with questions regarding the new smart cards are encouraged to call their nearest CMPL branch. The staff will be happy to answer any questions.
Programs & Events

Youth

Winter Story Time 2003

Escape from winter’s boredom with your preschooler. Come to story time at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Join the youth librarians on an interactive journey through stories, songs and finger plays. The winter session of story times begins the week of January 21, and continues through the last week of February. Several sessions of preschool story time and baby lapsit are offered at each building.

Main library story time is on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. No registration is required; all ages are welcome.

South Branch story times are Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and again in the evening at 6:30 p.m. No registration is required; all ages are welcome.

North Branch story times are Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10 and 11 a.m. These are for children ages 3 and up; registration is required and begins January 6. Parents can either register their child in person or by calling 226-5083.

The lapsit program will continue at both the North and South branches. At the North Branch, it is on Thursdays at 10 and 11 a.m. The South Branch session is on Saturdays at 11 a.m.

For all story times, children under 3-years-old must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions about the story time program, please call 226-5004.

Craft fun

Crafts are always fun to make and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library has planned the following craft programs for this winter:

Valentines

Send Mom or Dad, Gran’ma or Gran’pa a truly special Valentine, one with lace and frills lovingly made by you. Join us at the North Branch on Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m. or the South Branch on Saturday, February 8 at 2 p.m. to make your special Valentine. This program is for children ages 4–8; registration is required and begins on January 27. You can register in person or by calling the North Branch at 226-5083 or the South Branch at 226-5073.

Picture Frames

Create a unique frame for that favorite picture of the dog, the cat or YOU! You can put your imagination and talents together and make a one-of-a-kind picture frame. This craft program, for children 7–12, will be offered at both the North and South Branches on Saturday, March 15 at 11 a.m. Advanced registration is required and begins on March 3. Registration can be made in person or by calling either the North Branch at 226-5083 or the South Branch at 226-5073.

Read Across America comes to CMPL March 7

Theodore Geisel, better known to all as Dr. Seuss, has a birthday coming in the month of March. Born on March 2, 1904, this year marks the 99th anniversary of his birth. Children of all ages have been reading his books for many years. Some favorites include: The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and Oh, the Places You’ll Go!

To celebrate this day and promote the importance and enjoyment of reading, the National Education Association created an event called Read Across America. Begun in 1998, the program continues to grow each year as many more schools, libraries and other organizations participate.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library will participate in this event on Friday, March 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Families are invited to celebrate reading and Dr Seuss’ birthday by coming to either the North or South Branches and reading 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 or as long as they wish. Just bring a pillow, a beanbag or blanket and we’ll supply the books. No registration is required.

Arctic Ring of Life

The Detroit Zoological Institute program introduces students to one of the world’s most exciting habitats – the Arctic, and the characteristics that make it unique. This program is offered to children ages 4-5. Registration begins February 10 for both sessions.

Thursday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch
Thursday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the South Branch

Author’s visit

Shelley Gill, whose books on Alaska and the Pacific Northwest have sold millions of copies, will trek from her Homer, Alaska home to CMPL. This presentation will be at the South Branch Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Sign up starts Monday, February 24.
Connect with information @ Your Library

Clinton-Macomb Public Library is expanding upon its wealth of online resources. We strive to put you in touch with information to address your needs whether you’re a student working on an assignment, a person looking for car repair information, or a reader simply exploring what you’d like to read next.

Several new databases were added this fall. Grolier Online is a multimedia encyclopedia that is especially useful for students. Opposing Viewpoints is a resource for students exploring the pros and cons of current controversies and issues. LearnATest offers interactive test preparation tools for people studying for various exams including civil service tests. If you’re looking for contact information for a business, Reference USA contains directory information on over 12 million U.S. businesses. Alldata provides automotive diagnostic and repair database on import and domestic cars and trucks. NoveList connects readers with a wealth of resources for choosing that next book. Finally, Clinton-Macomb Public Library is also in touch with the local scene. We have the online full-text articles from the Detroit Free Press from 1982 to the present.

Book Bites – new teen book discussion group at CMPL

The Teen Librarian Team would like to announce “Book Bites” Clinton-Macomb Public Library’s new teen book discussion group. The first book chosen is Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman and will be discussed at the North Branch on Tuesday, February 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., and at the South Branch on Tuesday, February 11, from 6 to 7 p.m.

We invite all 6th through 12th graders to join our book discussion by calling either our Main Branch at 226-5004, South Branch at 226-5073 or North Branch at 226-5083 and registering. We will order as many books as necessary for all those registered. Teens will be notified as soon as the books are available for pick-up.

We will be giving Certificates of Participation for those students who can get extra credit in language arts. Light refreshments will be served.

Graphic novels @ Your Library

The term “graphic novel” was coined in 1978 by comics pioneer, Will Eisner, to identify full-length comics of literary merit. Today, graphic novels include compilations of comics as well as more literary works. Graphic novels can be found across many genres such as superhero, fantasy, science fiction, historical, action/adventure, realistic fiction, manga (Japanese comics), humor and nonfiction.

Graphic novels are soaring in popularity. Many adults remember Marvel Comics and the superheroes from their youth. Young adults like the visual aspect of graphic novels and think comics are more “cool” than traditional forms of reading. The library has a large collection of both adult and young adult graphic novels from Batman to Star Wars, Left Behind to Sailor Moon. Come check out a great graphic novel @ your library!

Library unveils new Internet Web site

Check out the new Clinton-Macomb Public Library Web site – www.cmpl.org. The new design is meant to offer more ease of use, and access to new services:

- Live Homework Help
- Instant Answers ‘Round the Clock
- Learn-A-Test (Learning Express)
- Amazon.com-like catalog
- A Web cam showing the building progress of the new Main Library

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**Genealogy workshop**

Interested in tracing your ancestors and don’t know where to start? Join genealogy expert Cynthia Knecht at the South Branch on Thursday, January 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. to learn about basic genealogical tools and search strategies.

Explore the uses of vital records such as birth, marriage, death and divorce records. Learn about census research, library sources, and military records.

Get an answer to the question, “How do I organize my research on paper or with the help of computer software?”

Search the Internet efficiently and accurately. Understand how to search the AncestryPlus database.

Handouts will be provided, including a pedigree/ancestry chart, family group chart, blank 1930 census form, two pages of Internet Web sites, plus a one page overview of the session.

Registration is required and will begin January 2. Call the South Branch Reference Desk for more information at 226-5073.

**Gain a better understanding of the legal system**

Learn how to find ordinances, state, federal and international law, plus court decisions on the Internet and in traditional books, with a general explanation of the different types of courts and laws. The presenter is CMPL librarian Gil Chinitz, attorney at law.

Tuesday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the North Branch.

This presentation will provide a lot of printed information, and expert insights on what terms to use in searching for legal information or sources of information. This is not meant to be legal advice, but a helpful guide to find legal information or to be better educated about the law and courts.

No preregistration is required for this program.

**Attention: Mystery lovers will enjoy this**

Join us for our new Mystery Book Discussion, meeting the third Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the North Branch. Books for the first discussion will be available at the North Branch Reference Desk in December. For more information contact Stephanie Flinchbaugh at 226-5045 or stephanief@cmpl.org.

**January 21 – The Beekeeper’s Apprentice** by Laurie R. King

Named one of the Century’s Best 100 Mysteries by the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association.

In 1915, long since retired from his crime-fighting days, Sherlock Holmes is engaged in a reclusive study of honeybees on the Sussex Downs. Never did the Victorian detective think to meet an intellect matching his own – until his acquaintance with Miss Mary Russell, a young twentieth-century lady whose mental acuity is equalled only by her penchant for deduction, disguises, and danger.

**February 18 – A Cold Day in Paradise** by Steve Hamilton

Winner of the 1997 St. Martin’s Press/PWA Award for best first private eye novel.

The bullet has been lodged next to Alex McKnight’s heart for fourteen years now, the police officer who was his partner is fourteen years dead, and the borderline psycho named Rose, who shot them both, has been shut up in the state penitentiary since he was caught a year later. So how is it that in a small town named Paradise, on the shore of Lake Superior on Michigan’s Northern Peninsula, the man named Rose seems to be stalking Alex McKnight?

**March 18 – Nursery Crimes** by Ayelet Waldman

A public defender turned stay-at-home mom, Juliet Applebaum is bored with playdates and trips to the park – so near the end of her second pregnancy, she gets off the mommy track to track down a murderer.

**April 15 – Open Season** by C.J. Box


When a high-powered bullet hits living flesh, it makes a distinctive – pow-WHOP – sound that is unmistakable even at tremendous distance. With the shot of a rifle, Joe Pickett, a Wyoming game warden, is thrust into a race to save not only an endangered species, but also the life and the family he loves.

New fiction and old favorites

Join us at the South Branch’s Saturday Book Discussions. We will have lively discussions on these compelling women’s stories on the first Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. In January, we will meet on the second Saturday. These selections were chosen by staff and participants in our fall discussions.

Copies of the books are available at the South Branch and can be placed on hold at any of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library branches.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required. Call the Reference Desk for more information at 226-5073.

**January 11**  
**Girl with a Pearl Earring**  
Chevalier, Tracy

**February 1**  
**Dive from Clausen’s Pier**  
Packer, Anne

**March 1**  
**The Lovely Bones**  
Sebold, Alice

**April 5**  
**Bonesetter’s Daughter**  
Tan, Amy

**May 3**  
**The Red Tent**  
Diamant, Anita
Dollar squeezing Richard Bloom makes return engagement

Financial advice with Richard Bloom

**Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m.**
CMPL North Branch

In this free presentation Richard Bloom brings his right-on-target financial advice to the subject of managing your money in these topsy–turvy economic times. His one-hour presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Reservations are required for this presentation. A sign-up sheet will be available at the North Branch on Monday, February 3. Seating is limited.

Richard Bloom with almost two decades of covering the financial world remains regarded as one of the most respected voices about money. Bloom writes a daily financial advice column for the *Detroit News,* and has been named one of the top financial advisers in the country by *Worth* magazine for the last three years. Along with his brother Ken, he has a law firm specializing in estate planning, small business and corporate law; and a fee-only financial planning and money management firm.

Got a child heading to college in 16 years? Know how to pay for that college degree? Think you have time? Better think about it!

Richard Morian, a financial planning expert with A.G. Edwards and Sons, will explain how to explore 2001 tax reforms and 529 College Savings Plans, and Coverdell Education Savings Accounts. Bring a notepad and your questions to this very informative discussion on how to financially plan your child’s college education. No preregistration is required for this program.

**Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the North Branch.**

For further information call the North Branch at 226-5080.

**Tax workshops offer help**

Who knows taxes better than the Internal Revenue Service? Who better to teach the means of filling out your tax forms? These one-hour workshops are meant to help you figure out the lines and boxes and worksheets, so that you won’t be in line at the post office near midnight on April 15. No registration is required.

**Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Branch**
**Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Branch**

**Understand long-term care for assisted living**

If you are attending to the needs of an older person who needs assisted living, these seminars are meant to help you deal with the many issues that can arise from such a situation. These seminars, offered through the Family and Learning Center, along with the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services, are also of interest to those planning for their own caregiving needs. All sessions will be held at the CMPL North Branch, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Seating is limited. Sign-up sheets will be available two weeks prior to the presentation.

**Monday, January 13,** “Overview of the Aging Process,” and “Introduction to Dementia”
**Monday, February 10,** “Basic Care Needs,” and “Personal Care and Home Safety”
**Monday, February 24,** “Legal and Practical Aspects of Caregiving”
**Monday, March 10,** “Long Term Care Options: Housing and Community Resources”
**Monday, March 24,** “End of Life Issues”
**Monday, April 7,** “Spirituality and Aging”

**Magnificenza! Michelangelo ‘visits’ CMPL**

Get an insiders look at the Detroit of Institute of Art’s exhibit, “Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of the Late Renaissance Florence.” This will occur at the North Branch in March. Watch for fliers and the CMPL Web site to announce the time and date.

**Request for local history materials and high school yearbooks**

CMPL is seeking high school yearbook donations for Dakota High School, Chippewa Valley High School and Clintondale High School or other local history materials relevant to Macomb and Clinton Townships. These materials will be made available to the public in the new local history room to assist our customers in researching the communities’ past.

If you have any materials you would like to donate to the library, please contact Jeanine Taylor at 226-5044 or jeanine@cmpl.org.