

# Library Matters



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## Get to know CMPL

This fall edition of Library Matters has a slightly different look and has four extra pages. Because we have so many programs and activities planned this fall due to the opening of the Main Library we needed more space to tell you all about the wonderful things we have planned.

You will find a brand new Calendar of Events, which lists all the programs divided by branch. We think you will enjoy it. You may want to cut this out and hang it on the refrigerator, or by your computer so you remember to register for programs you wish to attend.

Also, take a sneak peek at the new Main Library in our special section devoted to the Main Dedication, which is **Sunday, October 26** from 2-6 p.m. Please see pages 6 and 7 for all the details of the Main Library dedication celebration. You can also get involved in the dedication by volunteering to help. Please call 226-5007 to volunteer to help on dedication day or to help us get the Main Library ready to open.

There is no better time to use and enjoy the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. We are growing and our materials and programs are expanding with us! Check out our financial planning programs, cultural events and children's activities. Also note that once the Main Library opens, most programming will take place there, but you can still enjoy story times and book discussions at the branches. Please celebrate the opening of the new Main Library with us and enjoy the services, materials and programs we have to offer at CMPL.

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## Introduction to the Library

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month and now CMPL is offering you the opportunity to sign up for a library card and get an introduction to what your library card can do! Introduction to the Library programs will run at all three CMPL locations once a month. A librarian will walk you through the library, introduce you to the catalogs and computer databases and help you get acquainted with the library. Check the schedule for dates and times of Introduction to the Library classes:



**South Branch:** Join librarian Stephanie Flinchbaugh on **Thursdays** at 2 p.m. September 4, October 9, November 13 and December 9.

**North Branch:** Join librarian Mary Burns on **Wednesdays** at 2 p.m. September 10, October 15, November 12 and December 10.

**Main Library:** Join librarian Traci Morsi on **Tuesdays** at 2 p.m. on November 4 and December 9 or visit librarian Ellen McNally on **Thursdays** at 7 p.m. on November 6 and December 11.

## Reminder

The North and South Branches of CMPL will be closed on Sundays this fall. For Sunday service, please visit the Main Library starting Sunday, October 26. Thank you for your understanding.

## Help Beautify the Main Library

Get involved in the community by purchasing a brick paver for the Main Library. The East patio of the Main Library include pavers that can be engraved with any message you would like. Engrave a brick with your family name, favorite author or whatever you wish. The cost of each brick is \$50. There is no better way to show your support to the community. This lasting gift will be a wonderful remembrance for you and your family. If you would like to own a lasting piece of the largest library in Macomb County please come into any CMPL and pick up a Brick Paver pamphlet, complete with order form or print the order form from our website, [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org). Thank you for your support!

## South Branch Book Discussion

Whether you like thrillers or memoirs; exotic locales or familiar ones, the South Branch's Saturday Book Discussions cover them all.

Join our lively discussions on these compelling stories on the first Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m.

Titles were chosen by staff and discussion participants. Titles for the winter will be chosen at one of these meetings, so don't miss the opportunity to vote for your favorites.

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 at 226-5073 for more information.

**Sept. 16** - *Jackdaws* by Ken Follett

**Oct. 4** - *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden

**Nov. 1** - *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen

**Dec. 6** - *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf



## Mystery Book Club

The Mystery Book Club is back on the case this fall with a list of intriguing books to keep you on the edge of your seat. The Mystery Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. at the **North Branch**.

**Sept. 16** - *The Alienist* by Caleb Carr

**Oct. 21** - *Tell No One* by Harlan Coben

**Nov. 18** - *Murder is Announced* and *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd*, by Agatha Christie

**Dec. 16** - *A Free Man of Color* by Barbara Hambly

You can check out all of these exciting titles at any CMPL location. Come join the mystery and intrigue at the Mystery Book Club at the North Branch.

### REMINDER

Even as temperatures drop, CMPL would like to remind you that CDs and DVDs get quite hot when locked in a warm car all day. Damage to discs can occur, and they can even melt under the right conditions. Please don't leave CMPL CDs or DVDs in hot vehicles. Replacement fees will be charged for melting or heat damage occurring to a CD or DVD in your care. Please keep materials in usable condition for everyone. Thank you for your assistance.

## Get Computer Literate at CMPL

Are you new to the Net? Get web wise by attending our Introductory Internet Class at CMPL's new **Main Library** located at the intersection of Canal and Romeo Plank Roads on **Thursday, November 13** from 7-8:30 p.m.

This class is designed specifically for adult beginners. No previous computer experience is necessary aside from

knowing how to type and how to click the mouse. This class will take place in a computer classroom setting, allowing hands-on practice. Space is limited, and **registration is required**. Please register by calling 226-5004 or visiting our Events

Calendar online at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org). **Registration begins October 30, 2003.**

Are you ready to make the jump from "snail mail" to e-mail? Get hands-on practice in the computer lab of the **Main Library** on **Wednesday, November 19** at 7 p.m. Librarian Julianne Morian will take you through the steps to setting up your own e-mail account, how to e-mail and more. This class takes place in the computer lab so be ready to get hands-on practice. **Registration for this class is required and opens on November 4.** Please register by calling 226-5004 to sign up or visit [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org).



## Cast Your Vote

Stay out of the cold this winter by curling up with a stack of great picture books. Visit the Youth Services area at any of our three locations during December and January to see our favorite picture books that were published in 2003. Fill out a ballot for your favorites to see which picture book will be awarded our 2004 Mock Caldecott Medal. The library winners will be announced on Saturday, January 10 and will be posted at our three locations.

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Entries are judged based on the artistic style, the medium, and the effectiveness of the pictures to tell the story. The 2004 Caldecott Medal will be announced at the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting on Monday, January 13. Visit the library to see if your choices are the same as what the judges will pick!



## From the Director By Christine Lind Hage

Everyone is invited to a feast for your mind, spirit and senses on **Sunday, October 26** from 2 to 6 p.m. for the grand opening of our new Main Library located at the corner of Romeo Plank and Canal Roads in Clinton Township. We are bursting with excitement as we put the finishing touches on your spectacular new library. Prepare yourself for a banquet of art, music, delicious reading, and joyous browsing through our many information collections.

We'll be unveiling some wonderful pieces of art that have been commissioned and donated by an array of generous library patrons. The Friends of the Library purchased two bronze sculptures, the largest piece being just outside the library's front door. The second piece will be located outside the elevator on the second floor. Our wonderful architect and construction manager have purchased a bronze sculpture that will be in the east garden. We don't want to give away too many details because part of the fun of our open house will be you discovering the many surprises we have in the library and on its grounds.

Your library has benefited in the past few months from other art donations that will make your visit to this new facility a wonderful experience. The William W. Lee Family has commissioned a mural depicting events from our local history, which will be painted over the library's main entrance. Hamtramck muralist Dennis Orlowski has painted the summer away to complete the mural in time for the grand opening. Mr. Lee is a long time resident of the area and is the owner of Bill Lee Oldsmobile on Gratiot. We certainly appreciate this gift and its unique contribution to our whole community's history.

The Mount Clemens Rotary Foundation is underwriting a 12' by 6' Pewabic tile wall and drinking fountain. The custom-made tile art was designed by Kent Johnson of TMP Associates and features a beacon of knowledge made out of tile. Be sure to bring any children you know to see this functional yet whimsical drinking fountain that has a frog for the waterspout! Giggles are guaranteed.

The library will also now be able to provide delightful music because of a gift from Mr. & Mrs. James Neely of a beautiful black lacquer baby grand piano, which is placed

on the stage in the library's auditorium. Ms. Maggie Szabo has also kindly donated an upright piano, which will be used at the North Branch. These pianos came in response to a request placed in our last newsletter and we certainly appreciate these patrons sharing their gifts with the whole community.

Let your vision soar to the top of the main staircase in our foyer and you'll spy a spectacular eight-foot globe suspended from the ceiling. This gift from Dr. & Mrs. Percy N. Peter uniquely captures the earth's surface because it is based on a NASA satellite photo image of the earth complete with topographic shading and ocean bottom texturing. It revolves and is visible from the first and second floors of the library.

This fall you might want to warm your hands and spirits in front of the dressed field stone fireplace with a limestone mantel as you settle in with a magazine in our periodical reading room. The soothing embers are courtesy of Mr. Donald W. Green, President of the Library Board, and his wife Mira.

If that isn't enough to spark your interests, the Clinton Township Area Optimists have purchased two puppet / play structures for the library's storytime room. The two structures are designed for very young children and are shaped like a school bus and fire truck. The puppetry and stage area promise to stir the imaginations of our youngest library visitors.

Thanks to all these thoughtful and generous contributors. Their gifts will be used and enjoyed by the whole community and help to make our new library a showcase for our community spirit, commitment to excellence, and appreciation of the arts. The facility itself will house these gifts in a unique way. The terrazzo floor in the main lobby and on the stairway reflects the window patterns. Fabrics used in the building also carry the theme of the window patterns. The inviting oak paneling on the main stairway and columns creates a warm and rich atmosphere. But all this was created with an eye toward practicality. Finishes in the new library will withstand heavy public use, provide easy maintenance as well as add beauty to the new building.

This new facility will be a landmark in our community and we warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate this triumph of architecture, community planning, and reflection of Clinton-Macomb Public Library's dedication to advancing the quality of life in our community. You, your family, and friends will want to spend many hours in this new building over the coming years and we invite you to share in the joy of opening the doors to the community for the first time on Oct. 26.

## Story Times

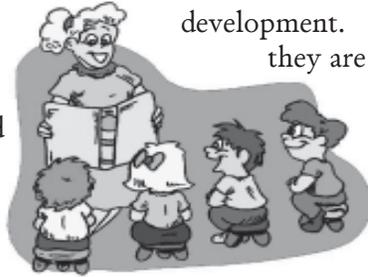
It's the time of year when the leaves begin to turn and the kids head back to school. But for those little ones that are too young to attend school, CMPL offers preschool story times. Preschool story times are for children ages 3-6. In addition, the South Branch also offers family night with Family Story Times every Wednesday evening. The schedule of story times will start the week of **September 8** and run **through the week of October 13**. Check out the days and times that story times are offered below:

### North Branch

Tuesdays at 2 p.m.  
 Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### South Branch

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
 Wednesdays at 2 p.m.  
 Family Story Time Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



## Lapsit

Lapsits are story times for infants, toddlers and their caregivers. Lapsits give an opportunity for language enrichment and socialization through story, nursery rhymes and song. Learning language and the sounds of language are building blocks in literacy. Nursery rhymes and stories are helpful tools in this task of language development. Children need to hear 1,000 stories before they are ready to learn to read, according to Mem

Fox in "Reading Magic". This could be one story repeated 1,000 times or 1,000 different stories listened to from infancy through the end of preschool. But hearing the stories is important. This fall we will be offering the program to two age ranges. Lapsit will be offered at the **North Branch** every **Thursday, September 11 through October 16** at the following times:

- 9:30 a.m.** Pre-walkers aged birth to 14 months.
- 10:30 a.m.** Walkers aged 15 months up to 3 years old.

**Registration is required and will open on August 25.** Please call 226-5083 or visit [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) to sign up!

## National Library Card Sign Up Month

There's a little plastic card that opens up the world to you and your student, with no annual fee and no monthly bills. It's a library card! And it's as important to your student as new notebooks and pencils. To help spread the word, Clinton-Macomb children's librarians will be visiting all second grade classes during September which is national library card sign up month. Second graders who visit the library and get a new card or tell us about the librarian's visit will receive their very own book. While we focus on second graders as new readers, all students are encouraged to get a library card. So watch your student's 'backpack express' for information and a library card application. As an added bonus, you get to pick out the design you like best. Whether it is the mischievous nature of the tree frog, the traveler's companion of the compass, or the free-flying bronze statue, there is a card to fit every personality.



## Be on the Lookout!

You may have noticed that the temporary Main Library, located on Garfield, is missing from story times. That is because with the opening of the new Main Library in October we simply don't have the space to host story times during the move. However, be one of the first to enjoy story time at the new Main Library located on Romeo Plank starting in November. Be on the lookout for fliers and on our website for days and times of story times at the Main Library when it opens!

## Halloween Craft Corner

Your little ghosts and goblins probably can't wait until Halloween. Why not keep them occupied with Halloween crafts at the library? Children ages 4-8 are invited to join the staff at the **North Branch on Thursday, October 23 at 4 p.m.** for a fun craft. Children ages 4-8 are also welcome to join the staff at the **South Branch on Saturday, October 25 at 11 a.m.** for a fun craft. **Registration is required for these events and starts October 9.** Please visit our website or call the North Branch at 226-5083 or the South Branch at 226-5073 to sign up.



## The Sinister Soirée

(in honor of Lemony Snicket's *Series of Unfortunate Events*)

"Sinister" means "scary" and soirée is a French word that means "evening party". The Sinister Soirée will be held at the:

South Branch	October 4	2 p.m.
North Branch	October 18	11 a.m.
Main Library	November 1	11 a.m.

We beg you not to attend The Sinister Soirée, however, as it is sure to be far too distressing for a nice person as yourself. There will be unpleasant games, wretched food, and despicable crafts that could cause an incurable case of the giggles. We implore kids who are 8-12 years old not to **register two weeks before the event** and ask that you find some other, more wholesome activity (such as reading) to do instead!



## Children's Book Week

A week devoted to children's literature! "Free to Read" is the theme for this year's **National Children's Book Week, November 17-23**. Begun in 1919 to promote books and reading for children, the week is now celebrated by libraries, schools and bookstores throughout the country. The Clinton-Macomb Public Library will join in the celebration with several programs for children and their families.

Storyteller Laura Pershin Raynor will be here **Monday, November 17** at 4 p.m. to share a variety of tales. Laura comes from a rich tradition of storytelling and has been entertaining audiences throughout Michigan for many years.

The Detroit Puppet theatre will present the classic tale of *Cinderella* on **Tuesday, November 18** at 7 p.m.

On **Wednesday, November 19**, the robot Katie B. Well will have story time at the library for children preschool through grade 5. This afternoon program will begin at 4 p.m.

We will round out the week with string stories on **Thursday, November 20**, at 7 p.m. presented by Tracy Morsi.

All of these programs are at the Main library. For further information, please call the Youth Services department at 226-5004.

## Craft Corner

With the holidays coming up your children probably have a lot of extra energy. Why not have them do something fun and productive with all that excess energy? CMPL is offering three opportunities for your children to get involved in making fun holiday crafts.



### Main Library - "Origami Ornaments"

Thursday, December 11 at 4 p.m. Children ages 9-12

### North Branch - Holiday crafts

Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. Children ages 4-8

Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. Children ages 9-12

### South Branch - Holiday crafts

Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. Children ages 4-8

Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. Children ages 9-12

### Registration for these events is required and opens

**November 24**. Please visit [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) to sign up or call 226-5013.

## Twelfth Night Party

You are invited to join CMPL in a Twelfth Night Celebration on **Tuesday, January 6** at 7 p.m. at the **Main Library**. We will be featuring Les Flutes Douces, storytelling, and games. Come have a piece of King cake and we will crown the King and Queen of the evening. This is a family program open to all ages. Registration for this program is required and begins on December 15. Don't miss out on the fun, please call 226-5004 or visit our website to register.

### **Main Library Dedication**

On **Sunday, October 26** the **Main Library** will open its doors to the public in an exciting dedication celebration. Please join us to dedicate our new home, located on Romeo Plank and Canal Roads in Clinton Township. The festivities start at 2 p.m. We will have entertainment and refreshments for the whole family. Come enjoy the entertainment and fun of the dedication.

The library will be open for business on dedication day so be ready to peruse the materials, new and old. If you have not signed up for a library card you may do so on dedication day, but why not come into any CMPL branch and sign up for a library card today? Remember, your CMPL library card is good at any CMPL location, North Branch, South Branch and Main Library.

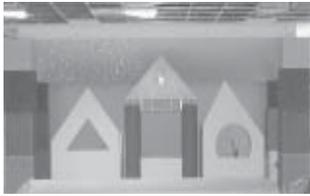
**Turn the page to get a sneak peek at what types of materials the Main Library has to offer!**

## Youth Services-Journeys of the Imagination

Young children are curious about everything. They like to play and pretend and explore, all of which helps them learn. This play is important as they begin to read and write.



The new Youth Services room will have places for children to explore and pretend. With a transportation theme, some of the shelving will feature a train, a boat, a front loader, and a horse and wagon. Children will be



*The puppet theatre gets a coat of paint.*

able to sit in these vehicles and “drive” to wherever their imaginations take them. In the story time room, there will be a bus and fire truck for toddlers to “drive”. The main youth room will also have a puppet theatre with a large collection of puppets where children can create and perform stories.

Youth Services will be a place to come to not only for the books and programs but because it will be a fun place to learn through imagination.

## Non-Fiction

The non-fiction collection at the new Main library will be located on the second floor of the library. Of special interest is a separate area for business, finance, and investment information, and an expanded consumer health collection. In addition to valuable resources such as *Value Line Investment Survey* and *Morningstar Mutual Funds*, there will be over 30 new magazines and newspapers aimed directly at investors, business owners and anyone interested in starting up a home-based or small business. Regional business directories for Macomb County will also be available for market research and company information.

In addition, an Internet lab will house twenty plus Internet stations. Customers should be able to access e-mail, do research and surf the Internet with greater ease. The library will be offering introductory classes on various Internet topics such as e-mail basics and web searching tips.



*The Non-Fiction section awaits shelving, books and people!*

Other special features include a Local History Room dedicated primarily to Clinton and Macomb Township history, both group and quiet study rooms, and an in-depth reference collection on all subjects.

## Popular Materials

The Popular Materials department will be your favorite department for the ‘fun stuff’. This section has a little bit of everything. Our fiction selection, from general fiction to Science Fiction & Fantasy, Romance, Mystery, and Westerns will whet your appetite to read more. Both nonfiction and fiction audiobooks on CD and cassette will make your commute (almost) enjoyable.

Popular Materials will be the place to come for audiovisual materials. We have selected feature films on DVD and VHS for the family and for adults. We have everything from action adventure to foreign films. Our CD collection should please music fans of all sorts ranging from opera to alternative. CD-ROMs will also be available on a variety of different topics.



*The Popular Materials reference area is almost complete.*

The Periodical Room, with a fine selection of magazines and newspapers, will be a relaxing place to read, enjoy the fireplace and the view outside the library. Our Foreign Language materials for adults will also be in Popular Materials, with periodicals such as *Paris Match* (French), *Hon Vet* (Vietnamese), and *Politika* (Polish).

All in all, there is a little bit of everything in Popular Materials. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## Outreach Materials

These special resources, found in Popular Materials, include special books, computers and software to help those who have a hard time reading, seeing or understanding English to have an easier time when they come to the library.

Literacy Materials will focus on non-instructional materials such as kits that include a fiction novel and an audiocassette of the book that is read 85% slower than normal. Listen, read along, and become more comfortable at the same time!

All of our Large Type books will be shelved near the Outreach area of Popular Materials. There you will find an assistive technology workstation where you can scan letters and have computer read them to you, go online and have the computer read the screen to you or just enjoy the screen magnification software that will make the screen easier to read. You can use our closed-circuit television to magnify personal items such as bills or books. You can check out various magnifiers to see which ones work best for you.



Please come explore what CMPL’s Outreach area can help you accomplish.

## Sortation Station

High IQ machines take over the library, revolutionizing everything in their path! Sound like something out of a great science fiction read? It is amazing, but true. The Main Library will be the first in the world to combine an automatic book-drop system, with an automatic and precise sortation system, and provide automatic delivery of items on holds. Simply return items to the book drop and the item will travel on a conveyor belt to be assessed by the high IQ computer. The size of the item and the collection to which it belongs will be read. The item will then travel down another conveyor belt where it will be sorted onto the correct cart. The library has meticulously detailed the level of sortation, for example we can specify that non-fiction, juvenile books about dinosaurs be sorted to one cart! Once the items are sorted to a cart, a staff person intervenes and walks the cart to the appropriate place in the library and places the items on the corresponding shelf.

The customer holds pick-up system works in much the same way, but in reverse. Simply approach a window slot (that resembles the book-drop slot) and insert your library card like you would at an ATM. The computer reads the library barcode and the system scans all the items waiting for pick-up on a machine called the Patron Reserve System. The computer retrieves the item from the correct sortation slot and places it on a conveyor belt. The item is checked out and transported to you at the other end of the conveyor.



*A sorting machine similar to the one CMPL is installing shows books being sorted.*

This system will be a showpiece for the community and certainly sets the Clinton-Macomb Library apart from the crowd. While much of the technology is churning away behind the walls of the library, there will be glass windows in the café of the new library where customers can watch the sortation in action.

## The Edge

Too old for puppets, but too young to read about financial planning? Check out The Edge for a great collection of teen material. The Edge is name of the teen room located on the second floor. This special room will be home to young adult fiction for middle school and high school, popular non-fiction and magazines. There will be computers, a large screen television and neon lights to appeal to those who like bright and bold areas. The Edge will be the place you will want to hang out to read, study or find teen-related material.

While you're hanging out at The Edge, you can get more information about CMPL's teen programs such as Bookbites, the teen book discussion group, craft programs and much more. We can't wait to see you at The Edge!

## Don't forget about the North and South Branches!

They will remain fully operational in addition to the Main Library. Here are some things they have to offer:

### North Branch

The North Branch of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library offers over 55,000 books, videos, puppets, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs to its customers. The library delivers high-demand library materials and offers outstanding customer service and convenience.

The North Branch offers 24-hour pick-up of library materials and a 24-hour book return. It sports a comfortable café/eating area with beverage and snack vending machines. The children's area has a futuristic theme, while young adult seating offers a hip hang-out for teens. A Geochron World Clock entertains and educates customers of all ages.

A meeting room that holds 100 people is home to many library programs, events, and community meetings. Children, teens, and adults attend a wide variety of events such as story time, family, craft, and general interest programs. A small conference room is also available for public use.

The North Branch is located at 16800 24 Mile Road on the south side of the road, just west of Romeo Plank Road. The library is open Monday through Thursday 9-9 and Fridays and Saturdays 9-6. Sunday hours are available at the new Main Library located at Romeo Plank and Canal.

### South Branch

CMPL's South Branch located in Clinton Township opened in the summer of 2000 as the first permanent branch. Situated in an urban locale, the South Branch offers the community a wide range of over 41,500 library materials including magazines, popular DVDs, music CDs and graphic novels. Children visiting the South Branch can enjoy educational and entertaining activities such as scheduled story times and craft programs. The South Branch has also attracted an active following of adults for monthly book discussions.

The library offers services such as Internet access to a steady stream of customers and databases for doing online research. Self-check machines at the branch enable customers to check out their own materials. A small meeting room is available in the library for quiet study; it can also be booked in advance for nonprofit organizations.

The South Branch is located at 35891 South Gratiot Avenue on the west side of the road, just south of Metro Parkway. The library is open Monday through Thursday 9-9 and Fridays and Saturdays 9-6. Sunday hours are available at the new Main Library located at Romeo Plank and Canal.

## Author Visit

“...I’ve come to the conclusion that writers are a lot like vampires. A vampire will never come into your house, unless invited—and once you invite one in, he’ll grab you by the throat, and won’t let you go.”

Meet the Author, Neal Shusterman, on **Thursday, October 23** at 7 p.m. in the large meeting room at our **North Branch**. Mr. Shusterman will be in town visiting Seneca and Wyandot Middle Schools during the day, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. He will talk about his experience writing for a teen audience and answer your questions. He will also be signing copies of his books so please mark this date on your calendars! **Please register to attend starting October 9** by calling 226-5083 or visit our website.

Mr. Shusterman is currently working on set for a Disney Channel movie based on his book, *Downsiders*. Check out Neal Shusterman titles before his visit at all CMPL locations.

## Bookbites

The teen book discussion group, Bookbites, will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, November 4** at 6 p.m. at the **Main Library** in a conference room to be announced. The book to be discussed is, *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*, by Kimberly Willis Holt. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at North and South branches starting September 2. If you are not already signed up to participate in the Bookbites discussions, please call Mary Burns at 226-5033. Refreshments will be served.

## Teen Read Week Poetry Slam

This year’s theme for Teen Read Week (October 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>) is “Slammin’!@your library.” The **North Branch** will once again be hosting an Open Mic Night on **Wednesday, October 22** at 6:30 p.m. So, come in, pull up a chair to a red and white check covered table in our poetry café. Compose spontaneously with our magnetic poetry kits, and, feel free to stand up and recite your original works or perform your favorite poem by someone else. We will be issuing certificates of participation to all who get up to the microphone as well as give-aways of poetry journals, buttons and bookmarks to commemorate the event. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration is required for this program and begins on October 7.**



## Homework Help

How do you find the area of a triangle and what are the causes of an earthquake? The new school year always begins with a review of what you learned last year. But your brain is still on summer vacation and even the simplest questions draw a blank. Before you give up, there is help – **Live Homework Help** – through the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. This online service has been helping area students since it was introduced last winter. And your fellow students found it very helpful: “this helped me with a difficult assignment.” “The help was explained simply in order to completely understand [it].” “AWE-SOME!” “My tutor was very helpful.” These comments were echoed over and over again as new students discovered this program.



Staffed by teachers, former teachers, and experts in the field, **Live Homework Help** is designed for students in grades 4 through 12. Students will chat one-on-one with a tutor who will explain the problem, principle or concept. They won’t be given direct answers but rather the tools or resources needed for finding the solution themselves. Students can log on from home between the hours of 3 and 10 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. Each session lasts up to 20 minutes and afterwards, the student can print the session.

So when homework has you stumped just go to the library’s home page, [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org), and click on the icon for **Live Homework Help**.

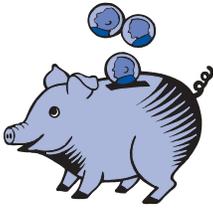
## Careers at the Zoo

Do you like animals? Have you ever visited the zoo and wondered what types of jobs people do there? Well if you have you are in luck because CMPL is welcoming back Karen Brocklehurst, a Detroit Zoo docent, to speak about the types of jobs you can get at the zoo. Join Karen on **Thursday, December 4** at 7 p.m. at the **Main Library**. She will discuss the types of jobs that are available at the zoo and what kind of training you need to work there. **Registration is required for this event.** Please visit our website or call the Main Library at 226-5004 to sign up.



## Social Security Seminar

Many of us have planned to get social security when we retire, but in these strained economic times, do you know what to do with your social security investments? Join radio talk-show host Paul Stanley and Sarah Talley, Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration of Southeast Michigan on **Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m.** at the **North Branch** for “Social Security and You.” This program will help you understand social security, when and how to file and much more. **Registration for this event is required and begins September 1.** Please call 226-5083 or visit our website to sign up.



## Homework 101 for Parents

Dreading the question, “Can you help me with my homework?” If you are then you are in need of Homework 101! This program is designed to show parents the in’s and out’s of the Internet and other research databases, so that the homework question never again strikes fear into your heart. Come to the **North Branch on Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.** or the **South Branch on Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** to have our librarians show you where to find the information you need to help your child succeed. **Registration is required and begins for the program at North on September 2 and South on September 9.**

## Parenting Workshop

Does the outside world think your two-year-old is a well behaved angel, but you know differently? Would you like to know how to cope when your three-year-old runs away from you screaming in the supermarket? If you answered “yes” to either question then you should



register for “Tears and Tantrums” on **Wednesday, October 8 from 6-8 p.m.** at the **North Branch.** Nancy Jenuwine, from Macomb Family Services will lead the workshop to help you understand why children have temper tantrums and what you can do about them. “Tears and Tantrums” is designed for parents and caregivers of preschool aged children. **Registration is required and begins September 29.** Please call the North Branch at 226-5083 or visit our website to sign up.

## Celebrate Family History Month

Did you know that October is Family History Month? CMPL has two programs to help you honor your family history. The first is a scrapbooking program to help you get your photos and awards organized into a nice album. If you have never tried scrapbooking, or you would like to learn some new techniques to add to your family album, then join Kathy Mlejnek of Stampin’ Up on **Saturday, October 11 at 11 a.m.** at the **North Branch.** Supplies will be provided, simply bring a few photographs.



It is hard to celebrate family history if you don’t know where to find yours. Let CMPL help! We are happy to welcome Cynthia Knecht back to the North Branch to present an Introduction to Genealogy. If you missed the program last summer, or simply need to refresh your memory then come learn how to trace your ancestry on **Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.** at the **North Branch.** **Registration is required for both events and begins October 2.** Please call the North Branch at 226-5083 or visit our website at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org).

## GED Materials Available

Studying for the GED (General Education Development) test just got a little easier. CMPL has the latest books on preparing for the GED—everything from general texts like *Cracking the GED* to more specific titles on social studies, math, language arts and writing. You’ll find many of these titles at our South Branch, but they can be requested from any CMPL library. We even have videos to help you prepare. Check out the eResources link at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) to connect to more online sources and study help on the GED.

## Estate Planning with Rick Bloom

Financial analyst Rick Bloom will stop by the **Main Library** on **November 4 at 7 p.m.** to discuss estate planning. Rick Bloom has nearly two decades of financial expertise and is



regarded as one of the most respected voices about money. In addition to writing a financial advice column for the Detroit News, he has been named one of the top financial advisers in the country by Worth magazine. Rick, along with his brother Ken, run a law firm specializing in estate planning, small business and corporate law. **Registration for this program is required and begins October 21.** Come hear one of the most respected financial analysts by calling 226-5004 to register or visit [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org).

## Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

This year's Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will take place in the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, November 11** at **7 p.m.** Because the meeting will take place in the new Main Library, the Friends have been able to book local



Irish band *Blackthorn* to perform at the event. Friends will receive priority seating, but all are welcome to attend this wonderful performance. Save the date for the food,

entertainment, fun and Friends. Also be on hand for the raffle drawing. The winner will receive a beautiful handmade quilt. See details below.

## Quilt Raffle

The generosity of one library customer has resulted in the Friends of the Library getting the chance to raffle off a beautiful quilt. The king-size quilt, which is lovely shades of purple, blue and yellow will surely keep you warm as the weather gets colder. The Friends of the Library will sell raffle tickets for an opportunity to win the quilt. Tickets will cost \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. They will be available at all CMPL locations. Be on the lookout for signs and other material announcing when the raffle tickets will go on sale. The raffle will take place at the Friends Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, November, 11**. The quilt will make it's way to all CMPL locations before the raffle to be displayed. Pick up your ticket and your chance to win!



## Detroit Opera Theatre at CMPL

A representative from the Detroit Opera Theatre will be at the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, December 9** at **7 p.m.** to give a presentation on the Detroit Opera Theatre and an overview of the current season.



This cultural experience will be a wonderful opportunity for you to hear a bit about the shows coming up this season, which include

“The Magic Flute” by Mozart, “The Pirates of Penzance” by Gilbert and Sullivan and “The Pearl Fishers” by Bizet. If you have never experienced opera, this is a wonderful time to learn more about it. **Please register for this program starting November 24** by calling 226-5004 or visit our website. This is a great opportunity to learn and appreciate the art of opera.

## Used Book Sale

The Friends of the library are dusting off their tables and organizing their schedules in preparation for their Used Book Sale. The Friends are holding the **Used Book Sale October 1-October 5** at the **North Branch**. The Used Book Sale is a wonderful place to buy novels, children's books, puzzles, videos and even a membership to the Friends of the Library. As usual, the Friends will need many hands and helpers to coordinate and staff the event. They also need many good donated books from you. If you would like to donate books please take them to any of the CMPL locations. This donation is tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your contribution. If you would like to volunteer for the book sale please call (586) 226-5007. The Used Book Sale schedule is below, see you there and happy reading!

### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

#### Friends members only:

Wednesday, October 1 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Open to all:

Thursday, October 2 Noon-8 p.m.

Friday, October 3 9:30-5 p.m.

Saturday, October 4 9:30-5 p.m.

Sunday, October 5 **Bag Day** 1:15-3:15 p.m.

## Sunday with Friends

Spend your Sunday afternoons with Friends. The Friends of the Library have donated funds toward a concert series at the Main Library. These Sunday afternoon concerts will be a fun and cultural experience for the whole family.

Each concert will feature a different style of music. The first group scheduled to perform at the Main Library is the well-known choir The Great Lakes Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. They will perform a holiday show at the **Main Library** on **Sunday, December 7** at **2 p.m.** Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon with beautiful harmony and catchy holiday tunes.



Also keep on the lookout for more upcoming performances at the Main Library!

## North Nook

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 11 at 7 p.m.  
Social Security Seminar

Tuesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.  
Homework 101 for Parents

### OCTOBER

October 1 - 5  
Friends of the Library  
Used Book Sale

Wednesday, October 8 at 6 p.m.  
Tantrums and Tears Parenting  
Workshop

Saturday, October 11 at 11 a.m.  
Scrapbooking

Monday, October 13  
**CLOSED** for staff in-service

Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.  
Introduction to Genealogy

Saturday, October 18 at 11 a.m.  
Lemony Snicket Sinister Soiree

Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Poetry Slam

Thursday, October 23 at 4 p.m.  
Crafts for children ages 4-8

Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m.  
Author Neal Shusterman

### NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 27  
**CLOSED** for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m.  
Holiday crafts for children ages 4-8

Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m.  
Holiday crafts for children ages 9-12

## Main Midway

### OCTOBER

Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m.  
Dedication and grand opening of  
Main Library

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 4 at 6 p.m.  
Book Bites

Tuesday, November 4 at 7 p.m.  
Financial Consultant Rick Bloom

Tuesday, November 11 at 7 p.m.  
Annual Friends of the Library meeting  
and a performance by *Blackthorn*

Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.  
Internet Basics

Monday, November 17 at 4 p.m.  
Storyteller Laura Pershin Raynor

Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m.  
Detroit Puppet Theatre presents  
"Cinderella"

Wednesday, November 19 at 4 p.m.  
Katie B. Well story time

Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m.  
E-mailing Basics

Thursday, November 20 at 7 p.m.  
A String Story

Thursday, November 27  
**CLOSED** for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

Thursday, December 4 at 7 p.m.  
Careers at the Zoo

Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m.  
Sweet Adelines Concert

Tuesday, December 9 at 7 p.m.  
Detroit Opera Theatre

Thursday, December 11 at 4 p.m.  
Holiday crafts for children ages 9-12

## South Scene

### SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 6 at Noon  
*Jackdaws* Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.  
Homework 101 for Parents

### OCTOBER

Saturday, October 4 at Noon  
*Memoirs of a Geisha*  
Book Discussion

Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m.  
Lemony Snicket Sinister Soiree

Monday, October 13  
**CLOSED** for staff in-service

Saturday, October 25 at 11 a.m.  
Crafts for children ages 4-8

### NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 1 at Noon  
*Blessing* Book Discussion

Thursday, November 27  
**CLOSED** for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

Saturday, December 6 at Noon  
*Plainsong* Book Discussion

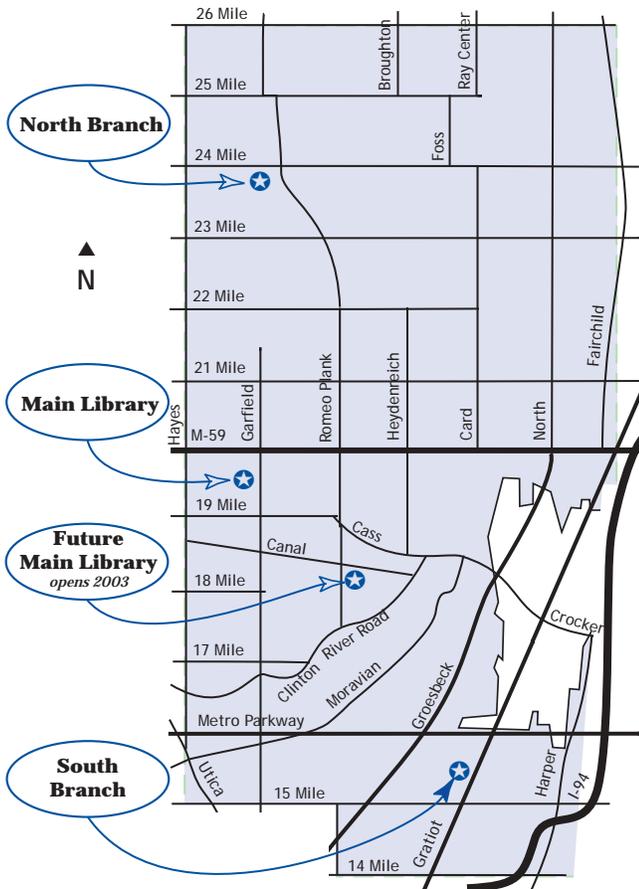
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Holiday crafts for children ages 4-8

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Holiday crafts for children ages 9-12

## FYI

In an effort to serve you better all branches of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library will be closed on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13 for staff inservice. We will open again at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14.

## Clinton-Macomb Public Library



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(586) 226-5000 Fax 226-5008

### North Branch

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Macomb Township, MI 48042-2990  
(586) 226-5080 Fax 226-5088

### South Branch

35891 South Gratiot Avenue  
Clinton Township, MI 48035-2855  
(586) 226-5070 Fax 226-5078

### Hours of Service

Monday-Thursday	9 A.M.-9 P.M.
Friday-Saturday	9 A.M.-6 P.M.
Sunday	1 P.M.-6 P.M.*

(\*September-May at the Main Library)

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