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Library Letters

Library Letters is a free multimedia electronic newsletter emailed twice a month to subscribers. It contains lots of great information you expect to receive in today’s digital world, including trailers from new movies CMPL has purchased, video clips of your favorite authors, staff recommendations, upcoming events, and more! In our inaugural September issue, view a video clip of mystery writer Lisa Scottoline discussing why she loves libraries and see trailers for Are We There Yet? and 16 Blocks. Check out the current database of the week and see the newest items which have been added to our collection.

All customers with email addresses on file with CMPL will receive the first issue of Library Letters. If you want to receive any future issues, or haven’t registered your email address with us, please visit www.cmpl.org/GoodReads/Default.asp. Click on the “Sign up for Good Reads newsletter” link at the bottom of the page and choose “Library Letters” at the subscription webpage. You won’t want to miss this email newsletter from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Subscribe now!

National Library Card Sign Up

September is National Library Card Sign-Up month. Do you have a library card in your wallet? If not, now is the perfect time to register for your library card. CMPL is slowly approaching its 100,000th library card and you could be the lucky recipient. With school starting, a library card is the perfect way to ensure that you and your child have access to a number of databases including Homework Help. Your library card also allows you access to the Internet and other applications at the library.

Join the community of library card holders by applying for a card at any CMPL location. Applying for a card is easy. Bring a valid driver’s license or another proof of residency such as a utility bill, and fill out the paperwork to receive a library card that allows access to books, movies, databases, magazines and more!

Step Up to the Plate @ CMPL

With the Detroit Tigers on the road to the World Series it seems only fitting to check out the baseball trivia game at the library. Step Up to the Plate @ your library, sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, encourages people of all ages to build their 21st century literacy skills by researching answers to sports trivia at the library.

The Step Up to the Plate @ your library Web site includes four Playbooks organized by age group (10 and under; 11-13; 14-17; 18 and up). Each contains a game board (the official entry form) with four categories of questions—one for each of the four bases in a baseball diamond. Each base offers a choice of questions geared for various skill levels.

There are two ways to play the game: Players can submit answers online or download a Playbook and submit answers via mail. Both the online version of the game and the Playbooks can be found on the Step Up to the Plate Web site at www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/baseball.

One lucky winner will win a trip for two to Cooperstown, N.Y., home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, to attend its World Series Gala (Game One) in October 2006. Enter today for your chance to win!

Library Matters has a New Look!

By now you’ve probably noticed the new look of Library Matters. It’s a little bigger and a lot more colorful, which will hopefully help you navigate the many programs we offer, as well as get a better idea of the world of wonder your library card opens to you and your family at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. For a simple way to navigate the newsletter simply keep this title color code in mind when you’re reading: Adult, Children, Friends, News and Young Adult. As always, our handy calendar is on the last few pages, which lists all library events across all locations. Let us know what you think of our new look by e-mailing info@cmpl.org. Happy Reading!
From the Director

Recently, as I was passing by the checkout area of the Main Library, a young boy around eight or nine years old looked at me point blank and blurted out, “Mister, do you OWN this place?” I replied that although I “run this place” that I did not own it and we proceeded to talk about the books he was checking out and his favorite things about coming to the library. As I thought about it later, the more accurate answer would have been to tell him that, indeed, he and the other 170,000 tax-paying citizens of our district are the owners of the library.

Back in 1998 the voters of Clinton and Macomb Townships* approved a proposal to levy an annual tax of one mil in perpetuity for the construction and ongoing operation of a library system. For 2006 this equates to about $30 per resident per year. For anyone who checks out a book or two, attends a program, uses our Internet service or holds a meeting in a free conference room, it is incredibly easy to get an instant return on your investment.

The judicious use of taxpayer’s dollars is also a regular theme at the library’s Board meetings. Last spring, for example, the library was able to refund (essentially refinance) some of the long-term debt on the Main Library building, saving over $50,000 a year for the next six years on interest payments. We look forward to being able to spend these savings on books, computers and other items that allow us to better serve our customers!

I encourage everyone in the community to visit one of the library’s three locations and see your local tax dollars at work. We have something for everyone and strive to provide excellent service to all who come through our doors—in person or online.

*Except voters residing in the Mount Clemens School District who are part of the Mount Clemens Public Library’s service area.

Larry Neal
Library Director

Placing Items on Hold

Is there a best seller you would like to read but it is not on our shelves? You can place a hold on it online, over the phone or in person. When your item is ready for pickup the library will notify you by your preferred method (e-mail, phone or mail). Please note that if you have not been notified there is a very good chance that your item is not ready. Here are a few tips to keep in mind about holds:

- If the item is already checked out to another customer, you will be notified when the item is returned. If other people have also placed holds on the item you will be added to the holds queue and notified when it is your turn.

- If the item you request is in at another CMPL location, it will take a couple of days to be delivered to your location for pickup.

- If the item is in and you need the material quickly, you may wish to visit the library and pick it up immediately. Alternatively, you may place a hold on the item. It is best to wait for the confirmation notice from the library since another customer who is in the library may find it on the shelf and check it out before the staff processes the daily holds request list.

- If you have an item checked out and someone places a hold on it, you cannot renew it (this often happens with popular titles).

- There is a limit of 15 active holds per account, which includes both books and AV materials.

- Once the library sends the notice the item will be held for six days. If you do not pick up the item in time it will be checked in and offered to the next person waiting. Your library account will show a status of “cancelled”. If you no longer need an item you may cancel your hold, which saves the library time and money and makes the item available to the next person waiting more quickly.

- You may pick up held items for another customer only if you are listed as an authorized user on the customer’s record or are the responsible parent/legal guardian of record on the account. Visit the Circulation desk in person if you would like to add an authorized user to your card.

Keeping these facts in mind will help you help you to manage your holds more effectively and help us serve you better.
Happy 3rd Birthday Main!
Join the staff at the Main Library on Thursday, October 26 to celebrate the Main Library’s third birthday. There will be assorted party contests and refreshments in honor of the day. If you don’t already have a library card, now is the perfect time to sign up. CMPL is slowly approaching its 100,000th library card holder and it could be you. Join us all day for the Main Library’s birthday celebration and enjoy all the library has to offer.

Library Card Reminder
CMPL would like to remind you to keep track of your library card and account activity. Whether you move to another state or lose your library card, it is important for you to keep your library information accurate. Please remember that you are liable for any and all items that are checked out with your library card. If you lose your card, please call us at 226-5020.

Donation Reminder
The Friends of the Library are grateful for all donations to the Used Book Sale. However, please box or bag your donations in quantities that the 55 + generation can easily transport. Some donations are simply too heavy for our volunteers to safely move throughout the library. In addition, please do not leave donations in the book returns as it is confusing for the Friends and library staff. We’d also like to remind you that we cannot accept vinyl records, computers, textbooks, Reader’s Digests, encyclopedias or magazines. We appreciate your cooperation and your continued support and generous donations to CMPL.

Library Closings
All CMPL locations will be closed on the following dates:

Saturday, September 2 - Monday, September 4
Friday, November 10
Wednesday, November 22 - close at 6 p.m.
Thursday, November 23
Sunday, December 24 - Tuesday, December 26
Sunday, December 31 - Monday, January 1

Main Library Open for Sunday Service
Beginning Sunday, September 10 the Main Library is once again open for Sunday service. The Main Library is open from 1-6 p.m. every Sunday through Memorial Day. Please note that the North and South Branches will remain closed on Sundays.

Library Gift Store ROCKS!
What do sticky stones, singing spheres, geodes and Millefiori hearts have in common? A browse through the library gift store will reveal minerals, glass creations and rocks, rocks, rocks. If you have a school project or just like the look and feel of pieces of our planet, come to the store. Be sure to ask for the list of CMPL books on rocks and minerals that was compiled by Youth Services Librarian Deb Bodner. There are also dinosaur “dig” kits for the budding archaeologist!

Like the library’s collection of materials, the gift store at the Main Library continually changes and expands merchandise for your education and enjoyment. There are unique items showcasing the library, Michigan and artisans from throughout the world. Plus, all gift store sale proceeds support the Clinton-Macomb Public Library—100%! Some suppliers also share their revenue with notable organizations. Ornaments to Remember™ contributes its profits from the sale of hand-blown European ornaments to The Learning Community.

Each Monday our gift store volunteers create a Feature of the Week display. A 10% discount is given on merchandise in the featured category. Some of the weekly selections have included children’s items, teapots, nesting dolls or stationery goods. If you haven’t visited your library store lately, do it today!

The library gift store is open Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday (September through Christmas) 1-5 p.m. Gift certificates are available.

This coupon is worth a 15% discount on regularly priced merchandise at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Gift Store.

(Friends merchandise and specially priced items excluded. May not be combined with other offers or discounts.)
Expires 12/31/06
**Exploring the Silk Road**

CMPL proudly presents a special viewing of the exhibit, *Descendants of the Silk Road: Exchanges between East and West*, exploring the historic trade network connecting Europe to the far East. The exhibit combines 40 stunning objects from the world-renowned collection of Cranbrook Institute of Science. Artifacts such as musical instruments, jade objects and sculptures showcase the far-reaching effects of the trade networks and the lasting impact of the Silk Road. The exhibition highlights three themes: Travel, trade and exchange of ideas; Art and religion; and Life and music.

Originating in the 2nd century B.C., the Silk Road was a series of interconnecting trade routes linking the people and traditions of Asia with those of Europe. The Silk Road will be on display at the Main Library from now through the first week in December. The exhibition was developed by and is on loan from Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills. The exhibition and its education initiatives are made possible by Ford Motor Company Fund. For more information on the Silk Road Project, visit www.silkroadproject.org.

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**Young Professionals Book Club**

CMPL hosts a book group specifically designed to appeal to Generation X. If you like to read and enjoy engaging in discussion on topics important to your generation, then this is the book club for you. The Young Professionals Book Club meets at the Main Library at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month. Join us on the following dates for a great discussion and bring a friend!

- **September 14:** *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini
- **October 12:** *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig
- **November 9:** *Little Children* by Tom Perotta
- **December 14:** *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls

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**CMPL Book Discussion Groups**

- **Main Library** - The Main Library book discussion will be undergoing some changes this fall. September’s book discussion will be on the fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m. before the discussions move to the fourth Tuesday of each month at the same time. Now is the perfect time to join the discussion!

- **September 27:** *The Glass Castle: A memoir* by Jeannette Walls
- **October 24:** *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
- **November 28:** *The Mermaid Chair* by Sue Monk Kidd
- **December 19:** *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card

- **North Branch** - The North Branch hosts a book discussion for mystery lovers on the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

- **September 19:** *Original Sin* by P.D. James
- **October 17:** *Unhinged* by Sarah Graves
- **November 21:** *The Moor* by Laurie R. King
- **December 19:** *Odds Against* by Dick Francis

- **South Branch** - The South Branch hosts a book discussion on the first Saturday of the month at 12 p.m.

- **September 9:** *The Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio* by Terry Ryan
- **October 7:** *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty
- **November 4:** *The Road from Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway
- **December 2:** *Why We Buy: The Science of Shopping* by Paco Underhill

**Friends Quilt Raffle**

The Friends of the Library are planning another quilt raffle. A resident and library user donated a beautiful quilt to the library to be raffled off by the Friends. Stop by all CMPL locations this fall to take a look at the exquisite quilt and then purchase a ticket for the raffle. Funds from the raffle go to support the library. This year the Friends of the Library have pledged $20,000 to support library programs such as the Summer Reading Program, the Music at Main concert series and more. If you’re interested in joining the Friends of the Library you may do so at any time by coming to any CMPL location. For more information about the Friends organization please visit www.cmpl.org/Library/Friends.htm

*Please note that these discussions have been rescheduled due to holiday conflicts.*
CMPL Cinema
Join CMPL on a journey through the decades. Films will be shown on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library in this film series intended for adults. Take a look at the films we are showing and join us for a fun evening of cinema.

Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Fargo - Jerry Lundegaard is in a financial jam and, out of desperation, comes up with a plan to hire someone to kidnap his wife and demand ransom from her wealthy father, to be secretly split between Jerry and the perpetrators. Jerry, who is not the most astute of individuals, hires a couple of real losers from the frozen northern reaches of Fargo, North Dakota for the job. Then things begin to slip from bad to worse as Jerry helplessly watches. Rated R.

Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Chicago - Murderesses Velma Kelly (a chanteuse and tease who killed her husband and sister after finding them in bed together) and Roxie Hart (who killed her boyfriend when she discovered he wasn’t going to make her a star) find themselves on death row together and fight for the fame that will keep them from the gallows in 1920s Chicago. Rated PG-13.

Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Crash - Several stories interweave during two days in Los Angeles involving a collection of interrelated characters, a black police detective with a drugged out mother and a thieving younger brother, two car thieves who are constantly theorizing on society and race, the distracted district attorney and his irritated and pampered wife, a racist veteran cop, a successful black Hollywood director and his wife, a Persian-immigrant father who buys a gun to protect his shop, a Hispanic locksmith and his young daughter who is afraid of bullets, and more. Rated R.

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Elf - A fun holiday story in which Buddy, a baby in an orphanage, stowed away in Santa’s sack and ended up at the North Pole. Later, as an adult human who happened to be raised by elves, Santa allows him to go to New York City to find his birth father, Walter Hobbs. Hobbs, who is on Santa’s naughty list for being a heartless man, had no idea that Buddy was even born. Buddy, meanwhile, experiences the delights of New York City (and human culture) as only an elf can. Rated PG.
ABC of Fall Fun at the library
Crisp, clear days of fall bring changes to the farm. Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, September 30 at 2 p.m. and learn about the “ABC of Fall Fun” from the Farm Lady. Margaret Schmidt will bring her pygmy goat with her and share some fun fall stories. This program is for children ages 4-8. Registration begins September 16.

Halloween Story Time
Princesses and clowns, pumpkins and cats, and children who like to pretend! Come join us at the Main Library for a special Halloween story time on Wednesday, October 25 at 10 a.m. We will share some of our favorite non-scary Halloween stories and songs with children ages 3-6. Costumes are welcome, but no masks. Registration begins October 13.

Halloween Party
Put on your costume and join us for crafts, games and lots of fun at a Halloween Party at the North Branch! Children ages 3-6 are invited to celebrate on Thursday, October 26 at 2 p.m. Children ages 5-10 are invited on Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m. to celebrate the spooky holiday. Registration begins two weeks prior to the event.

Halloween Costume Party
Fly over to the South Branch on Saturday, October 28 at 2 p.m. for a Halloween Costume Party for children of all ages. Visit with Hazel the Witch for a special Halloween story, sing songs and make crafts. There will be a prize for best Halloween costume. Registration begins October 14. See you there!

Stormbreaker Code Contest
Celebrate the release of Anthony Horowitz’s Stormbreaker in the theaters by picking up a different secret code sheet at the North Branch each week during the month of October. Solve the codes and turn them in at the Information Desk to be entered into a drawing at the end of the month. Help MI6 save the day!

Fall Story Times
The first session of fall story time begins the week of September 11 and will continue through the week of October 16. The second session of fall story time will run for four weeks and begin the November 13 and continue through the week of December 11. Registration will be requested for story time at the Main Library only. Registration begins August 28 and can be done either by calling 226-5030 or visiting www.cmpl.org/Events.

Main Library
- Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 10 months)
- Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (11 – 24 months)
- Mondays at 11:15 a.m. (11 - 24 months)
- Tuesdays at 2 p.m. (3 – 5 years)
- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (2 – 3 years)
- Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (2 – 3 years)
- Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (2 – 3 years)
- Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (3 - 5 years)
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Family)

North Branch
- Tuesdays at 2 p.m. (3 - 6 years)
- Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (12 - 24 months)
- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 - 6 years)
- Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months)
- Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 11 months)
- Thursdays 10:30 a.m. (24 - 36 months)
- Thursday at 11:15 a.m. (24 - 36 months)

South Branch
- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (3 - 5 years)
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (3 - 5 years)
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Family)

Baby Play Time
Don’t forget about Baby Play Time at the Main Library and North Branch this fall. No registration is required for play time. Baby Play Time occurs during the weeks that story time is offered. At the North Branch stop by for play time on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. At the Main Library play time occurs on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Movie Matinees
The Main Library and the North Branch will be hosting movie matinees. Popcorn will be provided and you are more than welcome to bring your own beverage in a closed container. Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the movie date.

North Branch
Saturday, November 18 at 2 p.m. Curious George
Thursday, December 28 at 2 p.m. Charlotte’s Web

Main Library
Saturday, September 23 at 2 p.m. Matilda
Saturday, October 28 at 2 p.m. Monsters Inc.
Saturday, November 25 at 2 p.m. Flubber
Saturday, December 16 at 2 p.m. Polar Express

Thursday, December 28 at 10 a.m. Chronicles of Narnia

Children’s Book Week
“More Books, Please!” is the theme of Children’s Book Week, November 13-19. Children and their families are invited to help the library celebrate the event on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m., with author Kelly DiPucchio who will share her book Bed Hogs at the Main Library. This rollicking bed time story is this year’s Michigan Reads! selection. Children’s Book Week is a national program which began in 1919 to encourage and promote reading and the enjoyment of children’s books.

“Kiddlitt” Book Discussion
Children in grades 4 and 5 to participate in one or all of our book club discussions this fall. Kids can pick up their book and list of discussion questions one month prior to the book discussion day. Snacks will be provided and registration is limited. This program will be held at the Main Library in the Activity Room upstairs in Children’s Services. Each session will run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Registration is required two weeks prior to each session.

Thursday, October 5: Magyk by Angie Sage.
Thursday, November 9: A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck.
Thursday, December 14: Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Holiday Programming
Main Library
Even though the holidays are fast approaching, Mrs. Claus is taking time from her busy schedule to visit the Main Library on December 9 at 10 a.m. She will share some special stories and songs with children ages 4 to 7. Registration is begins November 25.

North Branch
Children ages 4-12 years old are invited to help decorate the North Branch for the holiday season on Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m. Make ornaments for our tree or paper chains for decorations. Registration for this event begins on November 18.

South Branch
Join the South Branch this December to enjoy stories and songs with St. Nicholas. Bring your cameras along to get that special photo of your child with St. Nick. Please be on the lookout for flyers at the South Branch for the date and time of this program. Light refreshments will be provided. All ages are welcome, but registration will be required.
Dance, Dance Revolution and Guitar Hero at the Main Library

The Teen Advisory Council will now be sponsoring open practices for Guitar Hero as well as Dance Dance Revolution on the following Fridays:

- September 8
- September 22
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

The open practices will run from 3:5:45 p.m. on the above-mentioned Fridays in the auditorium at the Main Library. We will alternate every ½ hour between DDR and Guitar Hero. These sessions are for teens in grades 6 through 12 only. **No registration required.**

Scrapbooking for Teens

The library will host a scrapbooking session for teens on Saturday, December 2 from 2:3:30 p.m. at the Main Library in Conference Room B. We will have gift ideas for the holidays and scrapbooking techniques to make your memories last. Bring your own photos, pens, etc. and we will provide glue, die-cuts, special scissors, paper, etc. for your use during the session. This program is for teens, in grades 6-12 only. **Registration November 18.** Register online at www.cmpl.org on the Events page or by calling 226-5040.

Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

The TAC will begin meeting again starting on Wednesday, September 20 from 4:5 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Main Library. The group will also meet on Wednesday, November 15 from 4:5 p.m.

All current members and those interested in joining please attend if you are on the council so we may get an accurate head count of how many members we will have for the coming year. Also, we will be voting for new officers. We hope to see you here for another exciting year of books and more!

Teen Read Week is October 15 - 21

In recognition of Teen Read Week Get Active @ Your Library, the Main Library will be showing two movies on Saturday, October 21 beginning at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. Between the double features, there will be a 30-minute intermission where we will serve pizza. Dance Dance Revolution will also be set up for anyone who wants to get a little exercise during the break.

The movies we will be showing are *Glory Road* (rated PG) and *The Rookie* (rated G). This program is for teens in grades 6 through 12. **Registration begins October 7.** Please call 226-5040 to register or sign up on the CMPL website under Events.

Teen Game Night

On Friday, November 17 from 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library, the Teen Advisory Council will sponsor another hugely popular Teen Game Night.

We will have a black jack table and Texas hold’em table, but any teen in grades 6 through 12 grade can bring his or her favorite game to play. We will provide treats and refreshments as well as prizes for the winners.

Registration is required by calling 226-5040 or visiting our website at www.cmpl.org and signing up at the Events page. **Registration begins November 3.**

Guitar Hero

Come check out the newest gaming equipment the TAC has purchased for all the teens to use. We now have *Guitar Hero* to hook up to our Play Station and to either play solo or compete with friends.

This past year we have been proud to offer Dance Dance Revolution open houses every two weeks. Now we will be adding Guitar Hero to these sessions. No need to sign up. Just drop by the Main Library auditorium the same days we offer Dance Dance Revolution sessions and get ready to jam.

Let us know what you think about the new Play Station game. If the feedback is positive, we may have a Guitar Hero Tournament in the future. Just e-mail us at edge@cmpl.org with your comments and/or suggestions.
World War II Film and Discussion Series
Following the success of the film and discussion series on World War I last fall, CMPL and Oakland University’s Dr. Karen Miller have partnered again to bring a World War II film and discussion series to the Main Library. On Monday evenings, from October 16 through November 6 at 7 p.m. we will host an hour-long film on World War II followed by a discussion.

This four-part series, entitled *A Perilous Fight*, captures America’s wartime experience through original color film footage and compelling passages from diaries and letters. Rare color footage—much of it never before publicly screened—presents a vivid and intimate portrait of life on the battlefield and on the U.S. home front.

Monday, October 16 at 7 p.m.: Infamy (1919-1942)
This episode takes viewers from the years leading up to the outbreak of the Second World War, through the Nazi invasion of Poland that triggered Britain’s and France’s declaration of war on Germany, to the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Battle of Midway.

Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m.: Battlefronts (1942-1944) The second episode focuses on the years 1942 to 1944, from the massive buildup of America’s military and industrial capabilities to preparations for D-Day.

Monday, October 30 at 7 p.m.: Wrath (D-Day-V-E Day) The third episode focuses on the European theater during the month between D-Day, in June 1944, and V-E Day, in May 1945.

Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m.: Triumph (The Pacific, 1943-1945) The series concludes by covering America’s efforts to win the war in the Pacific culminating with footage of the celebrations in the streets of New York marking the end of the war.

Registration begins October 2. Please call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org.

Selfridge Airbase...The Rest of the Story
Come to the Main Library on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. to hear the story of Selfridge. Selfridge Field, known today as Selfridge Air National Guard Base, is one of the nation’s oldest military airfields and has witnessed scores of aviation records and milestones in its nine decades of service. Deborah Larsen and Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro, authors of a pictorial history of Selfridge recently released by Arcadia Publishing, present images and little-known stories from the remarkable history of this base in their presentation, “Selfridge Field ... The Rest of the Story.”

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing at this presentation. Registration is required and begins September 7. Call 226-5040 to register or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org. Deborah Larsen is assistant director and local history librarian at Mount Clemens Public Library. Lt. Col. Louis J. Nigro is executive director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum.

Starting a Small Business in Macomb
Don Morandini, Regional Director of the Small Business & Technology Development Center, will be at the Main Library on Thursday, September 14 from 6-8 p.m. to teach you how to open a small business in Macomb County. Learn the basic steps involved in starting and operating a successful small business within Macomb County. Topics to be covered include: Legal structure, taxes, insurance licensing, bookkeeping, financing, marketing, business planning and other areas of interest. Registration is begins August 31. Please call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

This Cooperative Agreement is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA’s funding is not an endorsement of any products, opinions, or services. All SBA-funded programs are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.
Used Book Sale
The Friends of the Library have been working feverishly since the spring to collect and sort the many donations that have come into the library. After all that work it is time for the Fall Used Book Sale. Stop by the Main Library on any of the following dates and times to get a great deal on classics, bestsellers and more! Please note that we cannot accommodate strollers at the book sale on Wednesday or Thursday. Also note that a membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

Wednesdays, October 4 and 5
5:30 -8:30 p.m.
Friends Night Only

Thursday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7
9:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 8
1:15 -3:15 p.m.
Bag Day

Monday, October 9
9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.
Free Book Day

Beyond Story Telling
Storyteller Pat Roan Judd will be at the Main Library on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 p.m. to present Beyond Storytelling: Tales from Around the World. Mime, puppetry, Irish drumming, improvisational acting, and dialects are combined to perform folk and fairy tales, myths, and current children’s literature. Roan draws tales from her own cultural background—Native American, Scots-Irish, Italian, and French—and respectfully borrows from other cultures. She has worked at storytelling festivals, museums, libraries, and schools and was the resident storyteller and workshop leader at the Smithsonian and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Registration is not required and this program is open to all ages. The program will be immediately preceded by the Friends Annual Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities
The Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers to help set up for the Used Book Sale. Activities include moving and sorting books. If you can help, please contact Jan Jones at jan@cmpl.org or stop by the Main Library at any of the following times to help:

Wednesday, September 27 and Thursday, September 28
4 -8 p.m.

Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 1
1:15 - 5 p.m.

Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
November

Saturday, November 4 at 12 p.m.
The Road from Coorain Book Discussion
South Branch

Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Bob and Dan Gerics
Main Library

Monday, November 6 at 7 p.m.
World War II Film and Discussion
Main Library

Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents Crash
Main Library

Saturday, November 9 at 10 a.m.
Mrs. Claus Story Time
Main Library

Thursday, November 9 at 4:30 p.m.
Kiddlitt: A Long Way from Chicago
Main Library

Wednesday, November 15 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Saturday, November 16 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents The Polar Express
Main Library

Tuesday, November 19 at 10 a.m.
Odds Against Book Discussion
North Branch

Thursday, November 19 at 7 p.m.
Ender’s Game Book Discussion
Main Library

Tuesday, November 24 at 7 p.m.
World War II Film and Discussion
Main Library

Wednesday, November 22 at 6 p.m.
Close at 6 p.m.
All CMPL locations

December

Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 a.m.
Holiday Decorating
North Branch

Saturday, December 2 at 12 p.m.
Why We Buy Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday, December 2 at 2 p.m.
Scrapbooking for Teens
Main Library

Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m.
Mrs. Claus Story Time
Main Library

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents Elf
Main Library

Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m.
Kiddlitt: Inkheart
Main Library

Friday, November 10
CLOSED for Veterans Day
All CMPL locations

Thursday, December 14 at 7 p.m.
The Glass Castle Book Talk
Main Library

Tuesday, December 16 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents The Polar Express
Main Library

Saturday, December 17 at 7 p.m.
Ender’s Game Book Discussion
Main Library

Tuesday, December 19 at 7 p.m.
Ender’s Game Book Discussion
Main Library

Wednesday, December 27 at 2 p.m.
Nintendo DS Swap Party
North Branch

Thursday, December 28 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents Charlotte’s Web
North Branch

Thursday, December 31 - January 1
CLOSED for holiday
All CMPL locations
PAWS for Reading

The Main Library and South Branch will once again host PAWS for Reading days this fall. This fall PAWS will expand to the North Branch as well. This program is a wonderful way for early readers, and children with trouble reading, to gain confidence in their skills by reading to a trained dog. Dates for PAWS have yet to be set so watch for flyers at all locations, visit the reference desk or visit our Events calendar at www.cmpl.org for specific dates and times. This program has no registration and children can read to the dogs on a first come, first served basis.

Business Resources

In response to an increased demand for small business start-up information, we have added some recently published titles aimed toward those people interested in finding out about the “how to” of starting their own business.

Entrepreneur Magazine has published a business start-up series packed with valuable information. The first to be added to our collection is How to Start a Child-Care Service. This detailed resource offers a step-by-step guide specific to the child care business, including marketing techniques, forms, work sheets, checklists, location and equipment guidelines and much more. Other business start-up guides arriving soon include Wedding Consultant, Crafts Business, Event Planning, Lawn Care, and Gift Basket Service.

Another helpful resource is Small Business Sourcebook: The Entrepreneur’s Resource. This is a two-volume guide to sources of information designed to assist in the start-up, development, and growth of specific small business. You will find business listings ranging from accounting services to yogurt shops. Included are references to associations and other organizations, directories of educational programs, supply sources, listing of trade magazines, trade shows and more. There are also state-by-state listings with various sources of information and assistance available, including governmental, academic, and commercial agencies.

The small business collection is located in the Adult Nonfiction department, located on the second floor of the Main Library. Our reference librarians will be happy to point out the small business reference area. For more information on starting your own small business, consider attending the program on Thursday, September 14 at the Main Library. See page 8 for more details.