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Da Vinci Mania at CMPL

With the success of Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code* and the movie starring Tom Hanks set to open in May, CMPL thought it was time for a little *Da Vinci Code* trivia. From **April 1 - April 20**, stop by the Popular Materials Reference Desk at Main and the Reference Desk at North and South to guess how many times we've circulated *The Da Vinci Code* between March 2003 and March 31, 2006. If you guess correctly, you could win a gift certificate to the movies to see the big-screen adaptation of this successful novel. There will be one winner from each CMPL location. Here's a hint to get you started: We currently own 67 copies of the book, which debuted in March 2003, and as of this printing all copies of the book are still checked out!



You can also win a gift certificate to the movies by attending a screening of *Beyond the Da Vinci Code* on **Tuesday, April 11** at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Main Library**. This documentary explores the plausibility of the novel and was shown on the History Channel. You are registered to win simply by attending the program. **Registration is required and begins March 28.** Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page to register.

"Chick Lit" Book Discussion

The **fourth Wednesday** of every month at **7 p.m.** is "chick lit" night at the **Main Library**. These books are usually personal, light, and humorous. May's book discussion has been changed to coincide with our Alexander Hamilton exhibition. Take a look at the books we're discussing below and join the fun!

April 26: *Little Earthquakes* by Jennifer Weiner

May 24: *Alexander Hamilton, American* by Richard Brookhiser

June 28: *The Quality of Life Report* by Meghan Daum

Celebrate National Library Week!

We know that you love using the library for materials such as books, movies and computers, but now it's your chance to be rewarded for your loyalty. **National Library Week** runs **April 2 - April 8** and we want to reward you for using your library card. All you have to do to enter is check out material from any CMPL location during National Library Week. We will hold a random drawing of all the library cards that were used during the week of April 2 and winners will receive a \$20 gift certificate to the Library Store. Just check out materials during National Library Week and you could be a winner. If you haven't yet signed up for a library card, there is no better time!

Got a Reference Question? IM CMPL!

Are you at home wondering where to find information on redecorating or wondering how you can put that bestseller on hold? Now you don't even have to pick up the phone to get assistance from CMPL librarians. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. CMPL has librarians ready to answer your questions via instant message. Please see our screen names below to contact us with your reference questions. We are looking forward to offering you another way to use our services at CMPL.



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Brick Pavers

Now that the ground is beginning to thaw and spring is in the air, it is a great time to think about purchasing a personalized brick paver for the Main Library. Brick pavers are \$65 each and they will be laid into the patio of the Main Library in summer 2006. Pavers can have three lines of text with 12 characters on each line. Purchase forms are available at all CMPL locations as well as online at www.cmpl.org/Library/SupportLibrary.htm. The deadline to order a brick paver is June 1, 2006.



Library Closings

All CMPL locations will be **closed** on the following dates: **Sunday, April 16, Sunday, May 14 and Saturday, May 27 -Monday, May 29.** We would also like to remind you that the Main Library is **closed** for Sunday service from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We'll see you again the fall!

Children's Audiobooks

Haven't you heard? June is National Audiobook month. What better way to celebrate than to check out one from the library! An audiobook or "talking" book is a cassette, compact disc, or MP3 recording of a book read by a storyteller or author. Recent studies have shown that children who read a print book while listening to an audiobook score 29% higher on comprehension quizzes than students who only read the book. Children also read 77% more pages when they regularly listen to audiobooks. Audiobooks are great to take along on vacation or to listen to while lying by the pool. Great audiobooks for family listening include:

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary

The 13th Floor by Sid Fleischman

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

CMPL Film Series

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**. Take a look at the films we are showing, and join us for a fun evening of cinema.



Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Singin' in the Rain - Gene Kelly plays debonair star Don Lockwood, whose leading lady Lina Lamont has a screechy voice hilariously ill-suited to her glamorous screen image and the development of talking pictures. *Rated G.*

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Vertigo - James Stewart plays a retired police detective who is hired by an old friend to follow his wife, whom he suspects of being possessed by the spirit of a dead madwoman. The detective and the disturbed woman fall in love but not everything is as it seems. *Rated PG.*

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Strangelove - Arguably the greatest black comedy ever made, Stanley Kubrick's Cold-War classic is the ultimate satire of the nuclear age. *Dr. Strangelove* is a perfect spoof of political and military insanity. *Rated PG.*

Reminder

Some DVDs circulate for 4 days, while others circulate for 7. Please be sure to keep your check-out receipt to be sure your DVDs are returned on time. Feature DVD/VHS fines are \$1 per day.

Congratulations to Karaoke Winners!

Congratulations to the winners and all who participated in Teen Karaoke Night this past January. The winners, who are listed below, took home iPods for their efforts. We hope to see you back next year!

Meagan Mazur - First Place
Alicia Seibenick - Second Place
Lindsay Gottschalk - Third Place

From the Director

By Larry P. Neal



It is a privilege to serve as the new director of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! I have 23 years of experience working in public libraries, the last seven of which have been at CMPL. I greatly appreciate the warm welcome and words of support I have received from the library board, staff, Friends of CMPL, local officials and residents of our library district. This is a great library system, and I look forward to an exciting future ahead.

It's probably no accident that I like numbers and statistics. My father taught math and computer science at Utica High School for over 30 years, and my mother has a degree in math. I thought you might find the following facts and figures interesting (don't worry, you won't be tested):

\$25,723,194.39 – The list price total saved by CMPL's customers if they had purchased every item checked out from our three libraries in 2005. Librarians purchased \$235,841 worth of new books, \$110,266 of audiovisual items, and \$18,459 of magazines. That represents 28,245 new additions to the library's collections in just one year.

1,403,348 – The number of items checked out last year from CMPL's three locations (and then checked back in, sorted and placed back on the shelf). This means that for every 100 books checked out of *any* public library in Michigan, 2.2 of them are by a CMPL customer.

283,702 – The number of books, CDs, DVDs, videos and more in the library's collections. Keep in mind that a large number of items are checked out at any given time. For example, on March 1, there were 52,651 items checked out, or nearly one out of every five items.

105,000 – The square footage of CMPL's three facilities: Main Library, North Branch and South Branch. Combined, Michigan's public library facilities encompass nearly 7 million square feet, or more than five times the size of Ford Field Football Stadium.

84,387 – The number of CMPL library cardholders as of January. Last year alone we registered 16,845 new cardholders! While these numbers are certainly impressive, we have a long way to go toward our goal of every citizen in the community having a library card, and that means we have another 80,000 to go!

20,101 – The number of attendees at library programs last year.

8,175 – The number of hours given by volunteers who help us as Library Store attendants, new item processors, houseplant caretakers, book sale workers and more.

3,519 – The number of hours the library is open per year.

671 – The number of public library buildings in Michigan. That makes it easier to check out a book than to buy a Big Mac—there are only 537 McDonald's restaurants in the state.

Of course, while facts and figures can be fun, it is the stories of the people behind the statistics that really count and I look forward to sharing some of those with you in a future column.

Library Trustee News

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce Executives (MCCE) has elected **Grace Shore** to the Board of Directors for the third time. Grace served on the board for two terms in the mid 90's, including a year as the President of the Board. MCCE is a private nonprofit organization representing over 100 local Michigan chamber professionals, whose mission is to promote excellence and high ethical standards for chamber professionals. Grace was appointed to the Library Board in 2005.

Director Tours

Join Library Director Larry Neal for tours of the Main Library on **Tuesday, April 25 at 1 p.m.** or **Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m.** These tours are intended for adults and will last approximately an hour and a half. **Registration is required and begins two weeks prior to the tour date.** Please call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Circulation News

In order to ensure you the best service and selection of materials, CMPL must make every effort to recover items that have not been returned. To help with this problem, CMPL has contracted with a collection agency to assist in the recovery of items and fines. If an account reaches overdue fines in excess of \$25 the collection agency is contacted and a \$10 charge is automatically added to the account. The library is committed to providing materials that meet customer needs, and this includes tracking down overdue and lost items. Please remember to keep your check out receipts with the item due dates. If you are unsure what items you have out or when they are due you may review your account history anytime online at www.cmpl.org or by calling 226-5002. We hope everyone will return their items so that all members of the community may enjoy the materials we have to offer. Thank you for your assistance!

On the Move

The South Branch is rearranging some of its collections. If you need assistance in locating what you need, please check with a librarian.

Change Your World @ Your Library

Attention artists in Kindergarten through 12th grade! You are wanted for the CMPL and Friends of the Library annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest starting April 1. This celebrates National Library Week (April 2 - 8), a nationwide event promoting the use and support of libraries. This year's theme is "Change your World @ your library". Participants are asked to design an original bookmark featuring the logo "@ your library" using the theme "Change your World".

Entry forms can be picked up from any CMPL location beginning April 1 or on our website. **The form must be returned to any CMPL location by Monday, May 1.**

One winner and two runners up will be chosen from each grade category of Kindergarten – 3rd grade, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, and 10 -12. Winners receive bookstore gift cards and their designs are reproduced and distributed in the library.

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!



April 13: *Teacher Man: A Memoir* by Frank McCourt

May 11: *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith* by Jon Krakauer

June 8: *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

CMPL Book Discussion Groups

CMPL offers a variety of book discussion groups which are sure to appeal to just about everyone. Take a look at the selections being read at North and South this spring.

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

April 18: *Out of the Deep I Cry* by Julia Spencer-Fleming

May 16: *The Tarnished Eye* by Judith Guest

June 20: *Map of Bones* by James Rollins

South Branch- The South Branch hosts a book discussion on the **first Saturday** of the month at **12 p.m.** Please note that the book discussion for June will be held on the *second* Saturday of the month.

April 1: *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

May 6: *Name All the Animals: A Memoir* by Alison Smith

June 10 : *Close Range: Wyoming Stories* by Annie Proulx

Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America

His face is on the ten-dollar bill, but most Americans know more about his death in a duel than his remarkable life as one of the most brilliant and influential figures in U.S. history. Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. Secretary of Treasury at age 32, is the focus of a groundbreaking new traveling exhibition, which will visit the Main Library this May. CMPL is proud to have been selected as one of 40 libraries across the country to display "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America." The exhibition features information on Hamilton's life as an immigrant, soldier, lawmaker, economist and futurist. The Main Library will host a variety of events dealing with Hamilton's life. The traveling exhibition is a joint effort between the American Library Association, the New-York Historical Society and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



CMPL presents *The Duel*

As part of our opening-day celebration of the Hamilton exhibition, come watch a film about the most famous duel in American history on **Tuesday, May 16 at 2 p.m.** at the **Main Library**. Alexander Hamilton was an impoverished immigrant from the West Indies. Aaron Burr was born into wealth and privilege in New England. Both rose to fame, and in 1804 they faced each other in a duel that changed the course of history. **Registration is not required.**

A Reasonable Facsimile

A Reasonable Facsimile, will perform at the **Main Library** on **Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m.** as part of our series of Hamilton programs. Rob and Anne Burns will perform Colonial music selections much like what Hamilton himself would have heard in Colonial times. No registration is required and this concert is fun for the entire family.



From British Subject to American Citizen

On **Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m.** Wayne State University professor Denver Brunzman will be at the **Main Library** to kickoff our exhibition on Alexander Hamilton. He will present "*From British Subject to American Citizen: Alexander Hamilton's First Political Journey.*" The program will focus on Hamilton's early life experiences and will lay the groundwork for how Hamilton's work had such a profound impact in America. **Registration is required and begins May 2.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Hamilton's Legacy

Oakland University professor Todd Estes will be at the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m.** The focus of Dr. Estes's program will be on Alexander Hamilton's image and how it has risen and fallen over the years. He will compare Hamilton's legacy with that of a contemporary, Thomas Jefferson. Dr. Estes will also discuss the controversy among scholars regarding Hamilton's legacy. **Registration is required and begins May 23.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

The History of Coinage and Collecting

In honor of Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury and founder of the National Bank, Larry Grey will be at the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.** to give a presentation on the history of coinage and the various denominations Americans have used. You may also bring in some of your coins and Larry will do some free evaluations and discuss the most interesting ones. There will also be time for questions. **Registration is required and begins May 30.** Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales

It's summertime, so grab your favorite pet, be it cat or dog, bird or fish, snake or lizard, and read to it or read about it. The library's summer reading program, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales, will begin on June 12. Children from the youngest babies through grade 5 can enjoy reading or listening about the adventures of such fictional animals as Hank the Cowdog (John Erickson), Black Beauty (Anna Sewell), Pinkerton (Steven Kellogg), Jimmy's Boa (Trinka Noble) and many other favorite animals. And along the way there are chances to earn prizes!

Joel Tacey will help to get the fun started on Thursday, **June 22** at **2 p.m.** at the **Main Library** with a special comedy program for kids of all ages. Additional programs will be offered at all three branches through July 29. The complete listing will be in the next newsletter.

Rosco the Clown

Rosco the Clown will visit the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, April 4** at **10 a.m.** Known for his magic and humor, Rosco is sure to be entertaining while emphasizing the importance of reading to young children. Reading to your child beginning at birth is one of the best building blocks you can give for his or her future success in school. The program is for preschoolers, ages 3 to 6, but younger children are welcome.



Registration is required and begins Tuesday, March 21. To register, please visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org or call 226-5030. This program is made possible through a grant to the Macomb Intermediate School District's Great Parents, Great Start initiative.

Parachute Games

What can be more fun than a colorful parachute and lots of fun games? Join the **North Branch** for some fun parachute games on **Wednesday, April 19** at **2 p.m.** This program is for ages 3-6 and registration is not required.



Spring Story Times

Spring story time begins the **week of May 1** and will continue through the **week of May 22**. The spring story time sessions will last for four weeks.



We will have sessions for babies, ages 0 to 11 months; 'walkers', ages 12 to 24 months; toddlers, ages 2 to 3 years; and preschoolers, ages 3 to 5 and up. The evening family time is primarily for children 3 and up. These ages are guidelines, indicating the type of stories and

length of the program: the younger the child, the simpler the stories and the shorter the story time. Older children enjoy the longer stories. Remember that children under 3 must be accompanied by a loving adult.

Registration will be requested for story time at the **Main Library only**. Registration begins **April 17** and can be done either by calling 226-5030 or visiting the Events page at www.cmpl.org.

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. (Preschool, 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)

Registration is not required for North and South Branch story times.

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 - 18 months)
 Thursdays 10:30 a.m. (24 - 36 months)

South Branch

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

South Movie Matinee: Chicken Little

The South Branch is pleased to host a matinee on **Wednesday, April 19** at **2 p.m.** for ages 4 and up. We will be showing *Chicken Little*. Popcorn will be provided and feel free to bring a beverage. The movie is rated G and is 77 minutes long. **Registration is required and begins Wednesday, April 5.** Call 226-5073 or visit the events page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Barnyard Bingo

Get ready to yell “Moo” at Barnyard BINGO on **Wednesday, June 21** at **2 p.m.** at the **North Branch**. **This program is for ages 6-12 and registration begins on June 7.** Visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org or call 226-5083 to register.

Sidewalk Chalk

Grab your chalk and join the **North Branch** for Sidewalk Chalk on **Tuesday, June 27**. Stop in anytime from 2-6 p.m. to create your masterpiece on our sidewalks. This program is for all ages and **registration begins on June 13**. Visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org or call 226-5083 to register.

Earth Day Story Time

Join us for an earth-friendly story time at the **North Branch** on **Saturday, April 22** at **10:30 a.m.** This program is open to all ages and registration is not required.



Mother's Day Activities

Come to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, May 13** to make a special gift for Mother's Day. We will have a craft for grades K-2 at **10 a.m.** and a craft for grades 3-5 at **11 a.m.** **Registration is required and begins Saturday, April 29.** Call 226-5030 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Join us at the **Main Library** for stories and songs to celebrate Mother's Day the **week of May 8** for preschoolers, age 3-5. See the schedule on page 6 for days and times. A simple craft will be offered *only* during preschool story time on **Tuesday at 2 p.m.** and family story time on **Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** **Registration is required and begins Monday, April 17th.** If you have already registered for the spring session of story times there is no need to register again.

Movie Matinee: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005)

Join us at the library for a movie matinee! CMPL will present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* at the **Main Library** on **Wednesday, April 19** at **2 p.m.** Director Tim Burton takes us to the most famous chocolate factory in the world. The movie is 106 minutes long and rated PG. Popcorn will be served and feel free to bring a drink and a blanket. Check out the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl under *JFIC DAHL* and see how the movie compares! **Registration is required and begins Wednesday, April 5.** Call 226-5030 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Max and Ruby Party

Join the **North Branch** in celebration of our favorite Rosemary Wells characters-Max and Ruby! The party will take place on **Thursday, April 20** at **10 a.m.** Enter our bunny world for crafts, games, and other bunny fun. **This program is for ages 3-6 and registration begins on April 6.** Please call 226-5083 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Play Group at the Library

It is the library's purpose to offer programs and services to all members of the community. As a result, libraries are often regarded as institutions which promote 'lifelong learning'. In lap-sit programs infants learn about language through the songs, rhymes and stories they hear and mimic. This is important for developing literacy skills and building vocabulary. Play group is an extension of the learning experience begun in story time. By providing a place and toys, the library is creating an environment where babies and toddlers can explore and learn. Play, which encourages movement, problem solving, or imagination, is an important tool by which young children learn.

Families benefit as well. New families often visit the library first to learn about other programs in the community.

They come to see the library as a full-service organization that offers resources and programs for everyone. By becoming a family-centered institution the library is creating lifelong learners.



Young Adult

DDR by Stephanie Jaczkowski

Dance Dance Revolution, or DDR, is the newest gaming craze that is being played by teens everywhere. The concept of the game is easy: step on the correct arrow at the correct time. The actual playing of the game can get tricky; footwork becomes more and more intricate as you move up in the levels of the game. DDR can be played at 4 levels: beginner, light, standard, and heavy.

CMPL has joined the DDR craze and now you can come to the library to practice your skills. Twice a month, the library auditorium will be open for a first-come, first-served style DDR open house. Becca Ventimiglia, 15, who has played DDR at her friends' houses thinks that it's "pretty sweet" that DDR is available at the library. That seemed to be the general consensus amongst the teens at the February 10 open house.

All teens in grades 6-12 who are interested in participating in the CMPL's First DDR Competition can come and brush up on their skills on the following **Fridays** from **2:30- 6 p.m.** in the auditorium at the Main Library: **April 7, April 21, May 12** and **May 26**. Practice is on a first-come, first served basis.

TAC Meetings

TAC meetings will be held from **4 to 5 p.m.** at the **Main Library** in Conference Room B on the following dates: **Wednesday, May 17** and **Wednesday, June 21**.

Scrapbooking for Teens

Scrapbooking for Teens will be held at the **Main Library** on **Saturday, April 8** from **2 -3:30 p.m.** You'll have a chance to share scrapbooking ideas and learn fun techniques to make your photos and memories last. Please bring your own photos, scraps, pens, etc. and we will provide glue, die-cuts, special scissors, paper, etc. for your use during the session. We will also provide snacks and drinks. This program is for teens, grades 6 through 12 and **registration is required and begins Saturday, March 25**. Register online at www.cmpl.org or by calling 226-5040.



Dance, Dance Revolution

If you are a teen in grades 6-12 join us for our very first DDR competition on **Friday, June 16** from **6-8 p.m.** in the auditorium at the **Main Library**. Wear comfortable clothing and we will provide the drinks and snacks. Prizes will be awarded. **Registration is required and begins Friday, June 2**. Register online at www.cmpl.org on the Events page or by calling 226-5040.

Thumbs Up! Award

The **Thumbs Up!** Award was established in 1986 by the Teen Services Division of the Michigan Library Association to recognize the excellence and uniqueness in young adult literature. Teens ages 12-18 years old are asked to help select the 2006 **Thumbs Up!** winner. Please check out the nominees, read as many as you want, and then select the ONE that you think is best. Ballots are due by **May 26, 2006**. Brochures and ballots are located in *The Edge* teen room at the Main Library or online at www.mla.lib.mi.us/units/division/tsd/tunominees06.htm.

Teen Summer Reading

The Teen Summer Reading program is coming soon to all CMPL locations. This year's theme is Creative Features and begins **Monday, June 12**. Look for more information in the next issue of *Library Matters!*

YA Must See: *The Island* by Richard Willis III

Imagine a world where cloning is possible. Now imagine a world where the rich can have themselves cloned and their clones harvested for a new liver or kidney. That's the world that Lincoln-six-Echo, played by Ewan McGregor, and Jordan-two-Delta, played by Scarlett Johansson, are born into in the film *The Island*. They grow up in what they believe to be the last non-contaminated facility on Earth. That is, besides The Island, a fictional place in which passage is won through a "random" lottery. One day Lincoln finds himself in a hospital-like environment and what he witnesses there is the latest lottery winner being harvested for his liver and left to die. *The Island* is an action-adventure movie rated *PG-13*.

Celebrate Michigan Week

Michigan Week is May 21 - May 27. Celebrate the wonderful things about Michigan by attending one of our programs devoted to what makes Michigan great.



Michigan and American Roads

Learn from Tom Repp how Michigan became the leading state for innovated roads. Mr. Repp and will come to the **Main Library** to give a presentation on travel in Michigan on **Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m.** He is the Executive Editor of American Road magazine and author of the book *Route 66*. This program will also feature the hidden gems of Michigan travel and include a book signing following the program. **Registration is required and begins May 8.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Macomb County and the Civil War

Ron Cleveland will visit the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.** to discuss the role that Macomb County and its people played in the Civil War. Mr. Cleveland has an extensive collection of Civil War memorabilia and will bring some unique historical items to the library for his presentation. **Registration is required and begins Tuesday, May 9.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Motormen and Yachting

On **Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m.** Michael Dixon will be at the **Main Library** to give a presentation on early car manufacturing in Michigan. Mr. Dixon is a popular author and lecturer and his latest book, *Motormen and Yachting*, explores a little known fact about the development of the internal combustion engine by automotive leaders.



Many early car manufacturers built marine engines before the existence of the Detroit auto industry. Mr. Dixon will explore how these marine engines became the predecessors of the original car engine. **Registration is required and begins Thursday, May 11.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Designing a Rain Garden

Join the Clinton River Watershed Council at the **Main Library** on **Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m.** and discover how rain gardens improve water quality while learning a step-by-step process for creating your own rain garden. Rain gardens are attractive gardens designed to direct water from your rooftop, driveway or lawn while keeping it on your property as nature intended. By creating a rain garden, you can help improve water quality in your community, local streams, rivers, and lakes. Rain gardens can be a beautiful, low-maintenance way to attract butterflies and birds, especially when using native plant species that are adapted to our region of Michigan. **Registration is required and begins March 20.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register. Weather permitting, we will head outside and put these newly learned skills into practice!

The Spanish Civil War - Dress Rehearsal for World War II

Last year we celebrated the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Spanish Civil



War. That three-year war is recognized as the dress rehearsal for World War II. On **Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.** Robert Carlson will explore the Spanish Civil War in a presentation at the **Main Library**. Had the U.S. and Great Britain aided the legally elected

government of Spain, would the outcome have been different and the death and destruction of World War II been prevented? In spite of the lack of official support of the United States government, 2,800 men volunteered to help the loyalists in their fight with the rebels. The rebels led by General Francisco Franco finally defeated the loyalists and formed a Fascist government that set progress in Spain back nearly fifty years. The issues and the alliances of the supporters on both sides are very complex. **Registration is required and begins March 28.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Music at Main

Rob and Anne Burns, known as *A Reasonable Facsimile*, will perform at the **Main Library** on **Sunday, May 21** at **2 p.m.** as part of the Music at Main concert series. The local musicians will perform Colonial music selections on flute, oboe, guitar, fife and drum. Anne and Rob play music and tell about the instruments and music of the early settlements in Colonial times. This concert is part of the exhibition on Alexander Hamilton that runs from May 12 - June 23 at the Main Library. No registration is required and this concert is fun for the entire family.

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. In addition to these dates, the Friends will also need assistance transporting books from our North and South Branches to the Main Library. Books will be transported on **Monday, April 24** and **Tuesday, April 25**. 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, April 26 and Thursday, April 27
4 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 30
1:15 - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Calling Master Gardeners

CMPL is looking for Master Gardener Volunteers and people who just love gardening to help us with our summer maintenance of the landscape gardens at the Main and South branches of the Library. Our planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 6** at **7:30 p.m.** at the **Main Library**. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please join us. If you are unable to attend this meeting but you still want to volunteer or would like more information, please call 226-5016 or email susan@cmpl.org.

Donation Reminder

The Friends of the Library are grateful to all donations for 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.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Library have been working feverishly since October to collect and sort the many donations that have come into the library. After all that work it is time for the Spring Used Book Sale. Stop by the Main Library at 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.

Wednesday, May 3
 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Friends Night Only

Thursday, May 4
 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6
 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 7
 1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Bag Day

Monday, May 8
 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Free Book Day

April

Saturday, April 1 at 12 p.m.
Peace Like a River Book Discussion
South Branch

Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m.
Designing a Rain Garden
Main Library

Tuesday, April 4 at 10 a.m.
Rosco the Clown
Main Library

Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m.
Scrapbooking for Teens
Main Library

Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Beyond the Da Vinci Code
Main Library

Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Singin' in the Rain*
Main Library

Thursday, April 13 at 7 p.m.
Teacher Man: A Memoir Book Talk
Main Library

Sunday, April 16
CLOSED for Easter
All CMPL locations

Tuesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.
Out of the Deep I Cry Book Talk
North Branch

Wednesday, April 19 at 2 p.m.
Parachute Games
North Branch

Wednesday, April 19 at 2 p.m.
Chicken Little
South Branch

Wednesday, April 19 at 2 p.m.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Main Library

Thursday, April 20 at 10 a.m.
Max and Ruby Party
North Branch

Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m.
The Spanish Civil War
Main Library

Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Earth Day Story Time
North Branch

Tuesday, April 25 at 1 p.m.
Library Tour
Main Library

Wednesday, April 26 at 7 p.m.
Little Earthquakes Book Discussion
Main Library

May

May 3 - May 8
Friends of the Library Used Book Sale
Main Library

Saturday, May 6 at 12 p.m.
Name All the Animals Book Talk
South Branch

Tuesday, May 9 at 4 p.m.
Library Tour
Main Library

Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Vertigo*
Main Library

Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m.
Under the Banner of Heaven Book Talk
Main Library

Saturday, May 13 at 10 & 11 a.m.
Mother's Day Craft
Main Library

Sunday, May 14
CLOSED for Mother's Day
All CMPL locations

Tuesday, May 16 at 10 a.m.
The Tarnished Eye Book Discussion
North Branch

Tuesday, May 16 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents *Duel*
Main Library

Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m.
Hamilton's First Political Journey
Main Library

Wednesday, May 17 at 4 p.m.
TAC meeting
Main Library

Sunday, May 21 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: *A Reasonable Facsimile*
Main Library

Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m.
Michigan and American Roads
Main Library

Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.
Macomb County and the Civil War
Main Library

Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.
Alexander Hamilton, American
Book Discussion
Main Library

Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m.
Motormen and Yachting
Main Library

Saturday, May 27 -Monday, May 29
CLOSED for Memorial Day
All CMPL locations

June

Tuesday, June 6 at 7 p.m.
Hamilton's Image
Main Library

Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m.
My Sister's Keeper Book Discussion
Main Library

Saturday, June 10 at 12 p.m.
Close Range: Wyoming Stories Book Talk
South Branch

Tuesday, June 13 at 7 p.m.
The History of Coins
Main Library

Wednesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Dr. Strangelove*
Main Library

Friday, June 16 at 6 p.m.
TAC DDR Tournament
Main Library

Tuesday, June 20 at 10 a.m.
Map of Bones Book Discussion
North Branch

Wednesday, June 21 at 2 p.m.
Barnyard Bingo
North Branch

Wednesday, June 21 at 4 p.m.
TAC meeting
Main Library

Thursday, June 22 at 2 p.m.
Joel Tacey Summer Reading Kick-Off
Main Library

Tuesday, June 27 at 2 p.m.
Sidewalk Chalk
North Branch

Wednesday, June 28 at 7 p.m.
Quality of Life Report Book Discussion
Main Library

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

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16800 24 Mile Road, Suite 2
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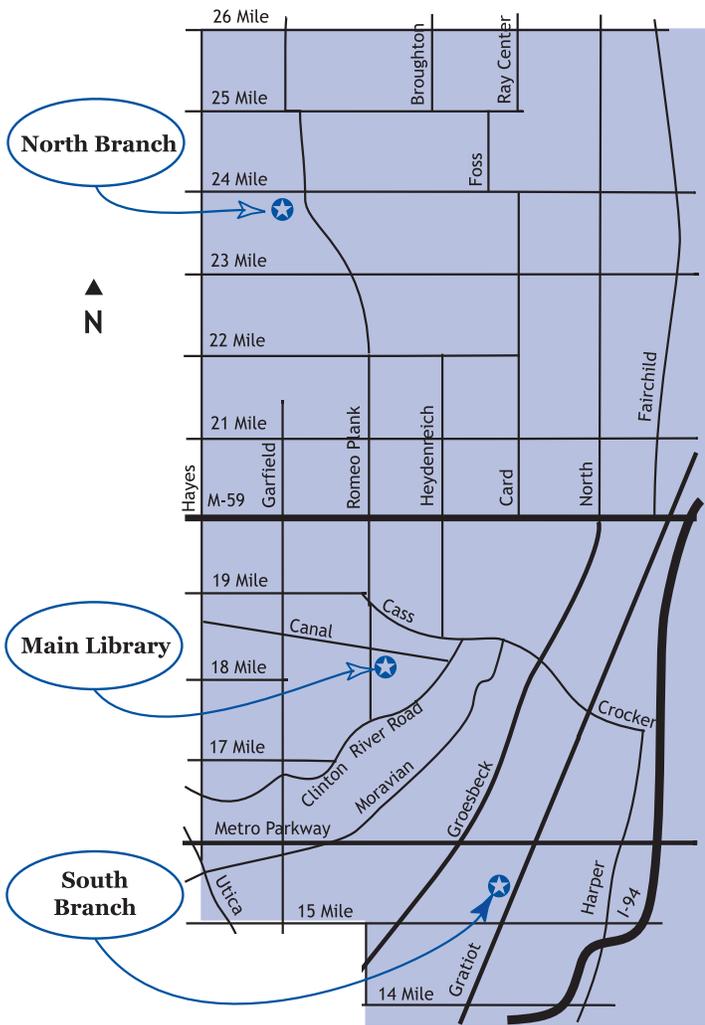
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(*September-May, Main Library only)

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