A Year-Long Celebration of the Library!

This August marked the 10th anniversary of the millage that voters in Clinton and Macomb Townships approved in order to establish the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Although the library’s official start date can be traced back to 1992, it wasn’t until 1998, when the library had the support of residents, that it truly began. That is why we’re kicking off a year-long celebration of important dates in library history. We’re going to host events, contests and displays through August 2009 to celebrate everything the library has to offer.

“It is a big success. And we’re only getting started,” said Library Director Larry Neal. “We’re going to celebrate our past and look to the future as well. We’ve made great strides in a very short period of time.”

In 1992 the Clinton-Macomb Public Library was known as the Clinton-Chippewa District Library and was housed in Erie Elementary School. In 1997, Macomb Township joined the library district when Chippewa Valley ended its affiliation with the library and CMPL was born. It was at that time that the Board of Trustees decided to go to the voters and ask for a millage to start the library that we know today.

It was August 1998 that the millage passed and CMPL hit the ground running, leasing space for the South Branch and scouting out locations for the North Branch. The culmination of the library’s efforts came five years ago in October 2003, with the opening of the Main Library. The Board of Trustees promised a state of the art library system when they went to the voters in 1998 and today we can say that we’ve lived up to those promises.

Help us celebrate our milestone by coming to the library in the next year. We will host special events, contests and more. If you don’t have a library card, there has never been a better time to get one. You could even become our 100,000th library cardholder. Stop in today, bring a friend or relative and see what we have to offer. At CMPL we’ve had big successes and we’ve got an even bigger future planned!

Retired Trustee Honored as Trustee Emeritus

Donald Green, former trustee, capped off his twelve year tenure on the Library Board by being honored with the American Library Association (ALA) Trustee Citation and being named Trustee Emeritus by the Library Board.

Green was appointed to the Library Board in 1996 and stepped down this past April. Highlights of Green’s tenure on the Library Board of Trustees include his work on behalf of the library in passing a millage, expanding the library to three locations, hiring a professional library staff, negotiating the gift of land on which the Main Library sits and leading the Strategic Plan Committee to chart the library’s future for the next four years.

This award goes hand-in-hand with Green’s recent appointment as Trustee Emeritus of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. While Green will not be a voting member of the Library Board, the title has been bestowed on him as recognition of his numerous achievements on behalf of the library. Please join us on Tuesday, September 16 from 5-6 p.m. at the Main Library to celebrate Green’s ALA Trustee Citation and appointment as Trustee Emeritus.
As we celebrate the many milestones in the library’s history over the past 10 years one of the most important has been the evolution of the Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. This nonprofit organization is comprised of a core group of volunteers and a wider group of members who support the library through a great deal of hard work and dedication.

The Friends become most visible during their annual fall and spring book sales. This fall’s sale, to be held October 2-5 (October 1 is the member’s only night), is bound to be another huge success. The Friends raise around $25,000 per sale. These funds are returned to the library in the form of grants for programs, materials and services. For example, in June the Friends pledged over $31,000 to support every single library program for the next year, whether it be a concert, summer reading kickoff entertainer or a bookmark contest. Earlier this year they funded a professional CD/DVD/video game repair machine for $7,000. This device allows the library to salvage damaged items and return them to the collection, saving the library hundreds of dollars per month. The machine also allows us to extend this service to shoppers in the Library Store for the repair of personal items for a small fee. Store volunteers provide the labor to the library free of charge.

While there seems to be renewed interest in environmental issues and “going green” Friends groups around the country have understood this concept for decades. When books and other items in good condition are donated to the library they are reviewed, sorted, stored and then put out for sale by the thousands. Used books are available for pennies on the dollar as compared to new books, providing a great savings for the buyer and a source of fundraising dollars for the Friends. Our Friends have the process down to a science. Aside from the books initially discarded because of mold and poor condition (we are working on recycling these, too) there wasn’t a single book put in a landfill last spring! Unsold books are now donated to local veterans groups and prisons, which appreciate the materials.

We have a great group of Friends but we need more help to keep up with the growth of these sales. We need a good variety of volunteers including, but not limited to: someone to process donations on a regular basis at the South Branch; someone or a group that can transport books once a month between buildings; and sale day stockers, baggers and bouncers. I hope you will consider becoming a Friends volunteer. It is an excellent way to help support your library and give back to the community. See page 11 for specific dates and times that volunteers are needed. For further information please call 226-5005 or e-mail friends@cmpl.org. Better yet, help us get even more Friends by inviting a friend or two of your own along.

Larry P. Neal
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Reminder
The library appreciates all the donations to the used book sale. Please do not put donations on the conveyor belt at the Main Library or in the returns bin outside the library. Please drop off donations on the loading dock in the back of the building. We will give you a receipt for your donation. Thank you.
Donate to the Library

CMPL accepts donations of books and other items, but did you know that you can make monetary donations to the library? Monetary donations are used to purchase materials and can be given as a gift or in memoriam. You can even wish the library a happy 10th anniversary by making a monetary donation! Donations to the library may be tax deductible. If you would like to donate to the library, fill out the form below. You can also make monetary donations via credit or debit card, online through our catalog at www.cmpl.org/donate.

Monetary Donations

Thank you for thinking of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library (CMPL) for your monetary donation. Please make checks payable to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library or in person at any CMPL location. You will receive written acknowledgement of your donation for tax purposes.

Gift amount: $_____________________

Donor’s Name:_____________________

Address:__________________________

Phone:____________________________

The honoree or family of the honoree will receive a letter acknowledging them of your gift and the titles purchased.

Honoree:___________________________

Address:___________________________

Donor’s relationship to the honoree:_________________

Purpose:

☐ In memory of  ☐ In honor of

☐ Other:___________________________

Please mail to:
Clinton-Macomb Public Library
Attention: Larry Neal
40900 Romeo Plank
Clinton Township, MI 48038-2955

Library Now Accepts Credit Cards

Due to popular demand, the library is now able to accept credit and debit card payment for library fines and donations. Fines and donations of $5 and above can be paid with Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. There is no fee for you to pay with a credit or debit card and you can make your payment at the library or from home through your Patron Account in the CMPL Catalog.

CMPL believes in keeping your information safe and private. We use the industry standard Secure Sockets Layer technology to encrypt your payment information. As a result, any information you enter online is protected and will not be used by anyone other than the credit card company.

In addition to being able to use your credit or debit card to pay library fines, you can also donate to the library using your credit card. You can create a gift donation in someone else’s name and the library will send a personalized note informing your recipient of the gift made in his or her honor.

Gardening @ CMPL

CMPL is looking for volunteers to help with the fall garden clean-up. If you are a Master Gardener, student or scout looking for volunteer hours or just a person who loves to see the gardens looking great, we can use your help. The Main Library clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. and the South Branch clean-up will be on October 18 at 9:30 a.m. A rain day will be October 25.

When you come, please bring your gloves, hand garden tools, as well as drinking water, if you wish. We will supply the paper bags for the refuse. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, or to RSVP that you are coming, please call Carole at 226-5003.
CMPL Book Groups
CMPL offers three different book discussion groups to appeal to all types of book lovers. Remember, no registration is required to attend any book discussion. Simply read the book and show up ready to discuss it.

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

September 6: *Riding Lessons* by Sara Gruen
October 4: *A Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton (One Book, One Community)
November 1: *March* by Geraldine Brooks
December 6: *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas

Main Library - Novel Conversations meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

September 11: *A Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton
October 9: *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin
November 13: *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell
December 11: *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields

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

September 16: *Skinwalkers* by Tony Hillerman
October 21: *Real Murders* by Charlaine Harris
November 18: *A Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton
December 16: *Big Red Tequila* by Rick Riordan

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?
Mr. Richard Kloeckner, a customer at the Main Library, invited CMPL to participate in the German American Networking Fair. Fifteen German, Austrian and Swiss clubs, as well as various businesses and organizations filled the Cultural Center and had a wonderful time. Our foreign language librarian, Marilena Gahman, brought a sampling of our German language collection and ESL materials.

Marilena found many people didn’t know about the foreign language materials we offer at CMPL. CMPL carries books in 12 different languages for those who are fluent. Even if you don’t speak another language, maybe you know someone who is fluent in Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Russian, Spanish or Vietnamese. We also have extensive ESL/TOEFL materials for those who want to learn or improve their English proficiency. We also have tapes in about 20 languages for customers interested in learning a second language for business, travel or personal satisfaction. If you, or someone you know, could use these materials, please stop by the Main Library today!

A Special Place Every Day
The Library Gift Store provides a special difference in your library experience by promoting the library’s mission. It’s a place where you are welcomed and valued as a member of the CMPL community!

You can relax and enjoy the pleasant atmosphere filled with gift items that are educational, useful or just plain fun. You can talk with the volunteers about book, DVD or CD choices. You can ask about upcoming programs or which person to see for policy or general library information. You can send a fax or have a CD, DVD or video game repaired.

The Library Gift Store will resume Sunday hours from 1:30 to 5 p.m. starting September 7 and continuing through December 21. Year-round hours are Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Library Gift Store at CMPL
Another Excellent Selection In Your Library Collection!

Clip this coupon for a 15% discount at your CMPL Gift Store through 12/21/08

(Friends merchandise & specially priced items excluded. May not be combined with other offers)
CMPL is pleased to offer two different film series for adults. We will provide water and popcorn at both movie showings. You may bring a beverage in a covered container if you wish. Movies are shown in the auditorium of the Main Library. Please note that it can get chilly in the room and you may wish to bring a light sweater.

Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 18 at 1 p.m.: National Treasure 2 Book of Secrets. Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates is back and looking to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. He finds John Wilkes Booth’s diary and is determined to uncover the mystery within the 18 missing pages in this great action adventure. Rated PG, 118 minutes.

Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 16 at 1 p.m.: 21. This film is the true story of six MIT students who were trained to become experts in card counting and subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions. Ben Campbell was the most gifted of the students and although he started playing just to pay his school bills, he got caught up in the game in this high stakes drama. PG-13, 123 minutes.

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m.: The Other Boleyn Girl. In this sumptuous and sensual tale, the two beautiful Boleyn sisters, Anne and Mary, driven by their family’s blind ambition, compete for the love of the powerful King Henry VIII. Both women will share his bed but only one will ascend to the throne in a brief reign that ends with the most storied swing of the executioner’s sword in history. Rated PG-13, 115 minutes.

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 18 at 1 p.m.: White Christmas. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye star as two song-and-dance men who team up after the war to see a charming New England inn through its holiday season. A veritable treasure of Irving Berlin classics including “Sisters,” “Blue Skies,” and, of course, Bing Crosby’s immortal rendition of “White Christmas.” Not rated, 120 minutes.
Library Card Sign-Up Month
Start the school year off right this September by signing up for a library card. 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. Applying for a card is easy. Bring a valid driver’s license or another proof of residency, and fill out the paperwork to receive a library card that allows access to books, databases and more! During September guess how many library cards are in the jar at the Main Library and win a free book.

Fancy Nancy Tea Party
Do you like Fancy Nancy? Dress up in your Fanciest and come to tea on Saturday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library. Registration begins August 30. There will be snacks, crafts and Fancy Nancy stories. This program is for kids ages 4-8.

Parachute Games
Bring your little one to the Main Library on Wednesday, November 5 at 10 a.m. to play fun games with a colorful parachute. This program is for children ages 3-5. Registration begins on October 22.

Movie Matinee
This season we’re showing some popular children’s movies at the library. Light refreshments will be served, but feel free to bring a drink in a covered container. Movies are intended for children ages 4 and up.

Friday, November 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Main Library presents Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Rated PG, 102 minutes)
Registration begins November 13.

Tuesday, December 30 at 2 p.m.
North Branch presents Elf (Rated PG, 95 minutes).
Registration begins December 16.

Tuesday, December 30 at 2 p.m.
South Branch presents Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour (3-D movie). (Rated G, 82 minutes). We will provide 3-D glasses for each child. Registration begins December 16.

Read to Me Rosco
Rosco the Clown will bring his special magic show, Read to Me Rosco, to the Main Library on Thursday, October 16 at 10 a.m. He will visit the South Branch on Tuesday, October 21 at 10 a.m. His unique blend of humor, education and balloon animals delights young children while teaching them about the importance of reading. This program is for preschoolers, ages 3-6 but younger children are welcome. Registration begins October 2 for the Main Library and October 7 for the South Branch. Read to Me Rosco is sponsored by Great Parents, Great Start.

High School Musical Party
Getcha head in the game! Become an East High Wildcat and come to the North Branch for music and fun based on the popular movies on Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. This program is for ages 5-10 and registration for this event begins on October 4.

Halloween Parties
Join us for fun, crafts, and games at our Halloween Party for kids at the North Branch. The festivities will be held on Thursday, October 30 at 10:30 a.m. Costumes are optional.

Come join us at the Main Library for a special Halloween story time on Thursday, October 30 at 10 a.m. We will share some of our favorite non-scary Halloween stories, songs and games. Costumes are welcomed, but no masks. Both Halloween parties are for children ages 3 - 6. Registration begins on October 16 for both programs.

Lisa’s Dance Party
This popular program is back for toddlers 2-4 years old. Join Mrs. Lisa at the North Branch on Tuesday, November 4 at 10 a.m. for some jumping, spinning and other dancing fun! Registration begins on October 21.
**Story Times**

Story time will resume this fall. Session I runs the week of September 8-October 16. **Registration begins August 25.** Session II runs the week of November 10-December 11. **Registration begins October 27.** Registration is required for story times at Main and North, but not for Baby Play Time.

**Main Library**
- Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 10 months)
- Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (11 - 36 months)
- Mondays at 11:15 a.m. (11 - 36 months)
- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2 - 3 years)
- Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (3 - 5 years)
- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (2 - 3 years)
- Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (2 - 3 years)
- Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (3 - 5 years)
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Family)

**North Branch**
- Mondays at 10 a.m. (Baby Play Time)
- Wednesdays 9:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months)
- Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (3 - 6 years)
- Wednesdays 11:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months)
- Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 11 months)
- Thursdays 10:30 a.m. (2 - 3 years)
- Thursdays 11:15 a.m. (2 - 3 years)

**South Branch**
- Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (18 months and up)
- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 - 6 years)
- Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (18 months and up)
- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 - 6 years)
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Family)

**Music and Movement Story Time**

Visit the **North Branch** on Tuesday at 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. for Music and Movement Story Time. This 30-minute program for children ages 2-4 will concentrate on songs, rhymes, movement with streamers and scarves, and use of rhythm instruments while helping to promote a positive adult-child interaction and emergent literacy skills. Session I runs the week of **September 8-October 16.** Session II runs the week of **November 10-December 11.** **Registration begins August 25 for Session I and October 27 for Session II.**

**Second Saturday Story Time**

Join the **North Branch** for some great Saturday morning fun with stories, rhymes, and crafts designed for kids ages 4 and up. **Second Saturday Story Time will be held at 10:30 a.m. on September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13. No registration required.**

**PAWS for Reading**

Children are invited to practice their reading skills at PAWS for Reading activities.

PAWS dogs will be at the **North Branch** on the following **Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.**: September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2 and December 16.

PAWS dogs will be at the **South Branch** at **2 p.m.** on the following **Saturdays**:
- **September 20, October 11** and **November 8.**

PAWS dogs will be at the **Main Library** at **6:30 p.m.** on the following **Mondays**:
- September 8, September 22, October 13, October 27, November 10, November 24, December 8 and December 22.

**Harry Potter Scavenger Hunt**

The **North Branch** and **Main Library** have entered the world of Hogwarts as we await the newest Harry Potter movie. Pick up a clue sheet at the Information Desk at North or the Children’s Reference Desk at Main between **November 14 and November 21.** Complete the scavenger hunt and pick up a special prize when finished. This hunt is open for all ages, but participants must be under 18 to get a prize.
Lego Club
Bring your Legos to the library for building fun! All three CMPL locations will now host Lego Club for children ages 6-12. **Registration is required two weeks prior to each date.**

**Main Library**
Saturday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.

**North Branch**
Monday, December 29 at 2 p.m.

**South Branch**
Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 15 at 2 p.m.

Pirate Party
Arrgh Mateys! Visit the **South Branch** on **Saturday, October 25 at 2 p.m.** for some swashbuckling fun. Come dressed as a pirate to hear stories, learn pirate songs and make some crafts. This program is for ages 3 and up. **Registration begins October 11.**

Chess Team Training
This workshop is for children who know how to play chess and are interested in representing their school, chess club, or group in the 2008 Michigan Scholastic Club Championship in Ypsilanti on November 15. This state tournament is open to all children grades K-12. At the workshop, children will be taught tournament rules, chess notation, how to play with a chess timer, and all children will practice their skills against other children.

**Session 1:** Saturday, November 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. for grades K-3 at the **Main Library.**

**Session 2:** Saturday, November 1 from 3:45-5:15 p.m. for 4th-12th grade at the **Main Library.**

Chess Club
The chess club held at the **Main Library** is for children grades K-12 who know how to play chess, beginners, and parents and grandparents accompanying children. Beginners will be taught how the pieces move and more. This is a drop in program. No registration is required. A new topic covering chess basics will be discussed at each meeting. Join us on the following dates: **Saturdays, September 13, October 11, November 22,** from 3:30-5 p.m.

Vote for Books
Vote for Books by picking up your ballot at any CMPL location between **September 8 and November 4.** Vote for your favorite picture books, chapter books, and series books from the candidates listed below. Then turn in your ballot at the Children’s Reference Desk at the Main Library or the Information Desk at the North or South Branches. Everyone who votes is eligible for a Vote for Books sticker. Winners of the Vote for Books election will be announced on **Wednesday, November 5. Note: Contenders in Vote for Books were chosen by kids across the country as a part of the national Vote for Books program.**

**Picture Books**
*Go Dog Go* by P.D. Eastman  
*The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss  
*Horton Hears a Who* by Dr. Seuss  
*Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak  
*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein  
*The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg  
*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems

**Chapter Books**
*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick  
*Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White

**Series for Younger Readers**
*Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey  
*Goosebumps* by R.L. Stine  
*Hannah Montana* by Multiple authors  
*I Spy* by Jean Marzollo and Walter Wick  
*Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald  
*Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park  
*The Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Pokemon* by Multiple authors

**Series for Older Readers**
*Clique* by Lisi Harrison  
*Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling  
*Inheritance Trilogy* by Chris Paolini *Eragon, Eldest, Brisinger*  
*Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket  
*The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi
Tree Trimming Open House
House Help decorate the North Branch for the holiday season at our Tree Trimming craft program on Wednesday, December 10 from 3-6 p.m. Kids ages 4-12 can stop by anytime during these hours to make ornaments for our tree or paper chains for decorations. Registration begins on November 26.

Toddler Crafts: Holiday Crafts
Join us at the North Branch to make some fun holiday crafts on Tuesday, December 16 at 10 a.m.! This program is for toddlers 2-4 years old and registration begins December 2.

Dinner & a Movie @ the Main Library
Looking for something different during the holiday break? Why not dinner and a movie? Bring the whole family, a blanket and a picnic dinner to the Main Library auditorium on Monday, December 29. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the movie, Water Horse: Legend of the Deep, will start at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn will be provided. Registration begins December 15.

Music, Music, Music
Gari Stein from Little-Folks Music will bring her musical program to the Main Library on Monday, October 20 at 10 a.m. With a background in early childhood education, Gari knows the importance of music and movement for very young children. This interactive program is sure to have you and your young child dancing for days. This program is for ages 0 to 5 years old along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Registration begins October 6.

Kiddlitt
Kiddlitt is a program to promote the pleasure of reading. If your reader cannot read these books, please feel free to read along or with them. Please come to the Main Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and enjoy some snacks and discuss one or all of the following books. Grades 2-5.

Thursday, September 18: The BFG by Roald Dahl
Registration and book pick up begin August 21.


Thursday, November 20: Molly’s Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen. Registration and book pick up begin October 23.

Thursday, December 18: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson. Registration and book pick up begin November 20. Please note that this program begins at 6 p.m. and will last until 8 p.m. We will be discussing the book, then watch the movie.

Holiday Crafts
Come to the Main Library and make a variety of ornaments and decorations on Thursday, December 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. This program is for ages 8-12. Registration begins November 24.

Grab Bag Crafts
If you love to cut, glue and color, then join us at the Main Library for Grab Bag Crafts on Thursday, November 20 at 2:30 p.m. We’ll have a collection of crafts in a bag, and you can pull them out and create until they are gone. The program is for ages 5-10 and registration begins on Thursday, November 6.

Make a Gingerbread House
Get ready for the holidays by making your own small gingerbread house. Join the South Branch on Saturday, December 6 at 2 p.m. to enjoy the fun. Ages 3 and up. Registration begins November 22.

Tree Decorating & Santa
Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, December 6 at 3 p.m. for a special story time with Santa and crafts. Santa will be sharing stories and songs and we will make decorations for the children’s holiday tree. Bring your camera for a photo with Santa. All ages are welcome. Registration begins Saturday, November 22.

Make a Gingerbread House
Get ready for the holidays by making your own small gingerbread house. Join the South Branch on Saturday, December 6 at 2 p.m. to enjoy the fun. Ages 3 and up. Registration begins November 22.

Stories with Santa
Join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Branch to hear holiday stories and sing songs with Santa. Time will be provided after the program to have your child’s picture taken with Santa. Light refreshments will be provided. This program will be in lieu of family story time.

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Teen Advisory Council
The Teen Advisory Council also known as TAC will reconvene this fall. TAC is open to teens in grades 6-12 living in Clinton or Macomb Township. If you are interested in planning and helping with teen library programs please come and join us for the first meeting in September. Meetings will be at the Main Library in Conference Room B at 4 p.m. on following Wednesdays:

- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- December 17

Gaming Open Houses
The Teen Advisory Council will host gaming for teens, grades 6-12 only. We have Rock Band for PS3, Guitar Hero for X-BOX 360 and PS2, Dance Dance Revolution for PS2 and games for the Wii. Open gaming will be held at the Main Library in the auditorium from 2:30– 5:30 p.m. on following Fridays:

- September 19
- October 24
- November 21
- December 19

Taste Test – Pizza
The TAC will host a taste test to determine the best pizza Clinton Township has to offer. We will bring in cheese pizzas from a variety of local pizzerias for teens, grades 6-12 only, to vote on their favorite. This program will be at the Main Library in the auditorium on Friday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and begins Friday, October 3.

Teen Read Week “Books with Bite” October 12-18
Teens will be reading for the fun of it as CMPL celebrates the eleventh annual Teen Read Week™, October 12 – 18. They join thousands of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year’s theme, "Books with Bite @ your Library®." Teen Read Week™ is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association. This year’s theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of books and graphic novels, from animals to vampires to cooking, just "for the fun of it."

Prize Drawing
Calling all teens, grades 6-12! Fill out a form to vote for your favorite books, music and more. The forms will be available in the Main Library Teen Room The Edge and the North and South Branches. Enter for chances to win gift cards to local eateries. There is no limit to how many forms you can submit but each entry must be filled out completely. Contest runs Sunday, October 12 through Saturday, October 18 for Teen Read Week 2008.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest
Teens, grades 6-12 only, are invited to participate in our first pumpkin decorating contest at the Main Library in the Activity Room on Saturday, October 18 at 3 p.m. We will provide decorations, painting supplies, etc. but we need you to BYOP (bring your own pumpkin). Judging will be based on original design and overall creativity. Registration begins Saturday, October 4.
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**Find “Books with Bite” at CMPL**

In honor of Teen Read Week we’ve put together a list of books that will get you in the spirit of Teen Read Week and Halloween. Check out these titles at the library today!

YA ANDERSON  
_Thirsty_ by M.T. Anderson

YA DE LA CRUZ  
_Blue Bloods_ by Melissa De La Cruz

YA HAHN  
_Look for Me by Moonlight_ by Mary Downing Hahn

YA HAUTMAN  
_Sweetblood_ by Pete Hautman

YA HILL  
_The Vampire Hunters_ by William Hill

YA KLAUSE  
_The Silver Kiss_ by Annette Klause

YA MARRONE  
_Uninvited_ by Amanda Marrone

YA MEAD  
_Vampire Academy_ by Richelle Mead

YA MEEHL  
_Suck it Up_ by Brian Meehl

YA MEYER  
_Twilight_ by Stephenie Meyer

YA REES  
_Vampire High_ by Douglas Rees

YA SCHREIBER  
_Vampire Kisses_ by Ellen Schreiber

YA SEDGWICK  
_My Swordhand is Singing_ by Marcus Sedgwick

YA SMITH  
_Vampire Diaries: The Awakening_ by L.J. Smith

YA SMITH  
_Tantalize_ by Cynthia Leitich Smith

YA VANDE VELDE  
_Companions of the Night_ by Vivian Vande Velde

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**Find Us on Facebook**

If you have a Facebook account, you can become a fan of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! We recently added a library page to Facebook. This is your chance to fan the library and see all the great teen programs and events we have to offer. Add a CMPL event to your page to let all your friends know where you’re hanging out after school. Look us up today!

**Cooking Club**

Cooking Club continues! A festive Fall feast will be featured on **Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.** at the **Main Library**. Join us to learn a few favorites from the harvest. Once again you need only bring an apron and an appetite! This program is for teens only, grades 6-12. **Registration begins Thursday, October 30.**

**D.I.Y. Card-Making**

Teens, grades 6-12 are invited to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m.** in the Activity Room to make cards for the holiday season. We will provide card stock, stamps, and other supplies and show some new techniques to make unique and hand-crafted cards. **Registration begins Saturday, November 29.**

**Get Homework Help!**

We offer Live Homework Help to students in grades 4-12. You chat one-on-one with a tutor who explains a concept, principle or problem. You won’t be given a direct answer to the homework, but you will be given tools and resources online to help you find solutions on your own. Log on from **3 p.m. to 10 p.m.**, seven days a week from our web site www.cmpl.org. Simple instructions direct students to connect with a grade appropriate subject specialist who will assist them. Each session lasts up to 20 minutes and you can print the chat session afterwards.
**Elections and Presidents**

It is election time again, but before you exercise your right to vote, learn more about the election process with two professors from Oakland University. **Registration begins two weeks prior to each program.** Call 226-5040 to register or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org

**Thursday, October 9 at 7 p.m.: The Electoral College: The Past, Present, and Future of the Way We Choose Our Presidents**

Todd Estes will explore the creation of the Electoral College at the 1787 Constitutional convention, the early practices of the College and the evolution of its present-day form, and examine a number of anomalous, controversial elections involving the Electoral College (including the 2000 contest). Estes will talk about Electoral College projections for the 2008 election and analyze recent trends in voting.

**Thursday, October 16 at 7 p.m.: Truman.** Harry S Truman presided over the transformation to a peace-time society at the end of World War II. His legacy includes two of the most important transformations of the post-war era. Although he was disappointed with the limited scope of his accomplishments, he is regarded today as one of the most influential presidents of the 20th century.

**Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m.: Nixon.** Perhaps more than any other president, Richard M. Nixon sought greatness. In many respects, it was his desire for an accomplished presidency that brought him to his ultimate downfall—the Watergate Crisis.

**Thursday, October 30 at 7 p.m.: Reagan.** Ronald Reagan inherited the presidency in a period of great malaise. He promised to transform the country and restore its greatness. Reagan revolutionized both the United States and the American presidency.

The careers of these presidents have been hotly debated. Each sought an ambitious transformation of presidential power. During the month of October we will be examining their political legacies and discussing their impact on the institution of the presidency.
Fall Used Book Sale
The Friends of the Library have been collecting and sorting donations for months in order to get ready for the fall book sale. Stop by the Main Library on any of the following dates to get a great deal on classics, best-sellers, children’s books and more! Please note that strollers are not allowed in the book sale rooms on Wednesday or Thursday. Remember, a membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

Wednesday, October 1
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Friends Night Only

Thursday, October 2
12 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Monday, October 6
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Free Book Day

Getting Started: Researching Your Family History
October is Family History Month and the Friends of the Library are pleased to present a program to help you map your family tree. On Tuesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. Kris Rzepczynski, Genealogy Coordinator for the Library of Michigan, will present a program on exploring your roots at the Main Library. This program is an introduction to family history research, including tips on getting started, the many print and online resources available, and research strategies to help you track down those elusive ancestors. The program will be preceded by the Friends Annual Meeting, at 6:45 p.m. You do not need to be a Friends member to attend. Light refreshments will be served and no registration is required.

Volunteer Opportunities
The Friends of the Library are always in need of volunteers to help set up for the used book sale. Activities include moving and sorting books, bagging purchases and restocking books. If you help sort for an hour or more you will also get the added incentive of a free book. If you want to help, please stop by the Main Library at any of the following times to help:

September 26 and September 27: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
September 28: 1:15 p.m.-5 p.m.

Bookmark Contest Winners
In the spring the Friends of the Library sponsored the annual Design-a-Bookmark Contest. Copies of the winning bookmarks are available at all CMPL locations. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the following winners:

Kindergarten-Grade 3
Winner: Brendan Bodin
First Runner Up: Andrew Wu
Second Runner Up: Sydney Pagano

Grades 4-6
Winner: Kayla Major
First Runner Up: Daniel Ryan Orr
Second Runner Up: Derek Subjeck

Grades 7-9
Winner: Tamara Sturdivant
First Runner Up: Jacob Steinberger
Second Runner Up: Mackenzie Campbell

Grades 10-12
Winner: Thomas Holmes
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November

Saturday, November 1 at 12 p.m.
March Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday November 1 at 2 & 3:45 p.m.
Chess Club
Main Library

Tuesday, November 4 at 10 a.m.
Lisa’s Dance Party
North Branch

Tuesday, November 4 at 1 p.m.
Library Tour with Larry Neal
Main Library

Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.
eBay Training
Main Library

Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Second Saturday Story Time
North Branch

Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Lego Club
Main Library

Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Jump Street Light
Main Library

Tuesday, November 11
CLOSED for Veterans Day
All CMPL locations

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents The Other Boleyn Girl
Main Library

Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.
Blink Book Discussion
Main Library

Thursday, November 13 at 7 p.m.
Cooking Club
Main Library

Saturday, November 15 at 2 p.m.
Lego Club
South Branch

Tuesday, November 18 at 10 a.m.
A Cold Day in Paradise Book Discussion
North Branch

December

Saturday, December 6 at 12 p.m.
Tallgrass Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday, December 6 at 2 p.m.
Make a Gingerbread House
South Branch

Saturday, December 6 at 3 p.m.
Tree Decorating and Santa
Main Library

Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Brazil and Beyond
Main Library

Wednesday, December 10 at 3 p.m.
Tree Trimming Open House
North Branch

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents White Christmas
Main Library

Thursday, December 11 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m.
The Stone Diaries Book Discussion
Main Library

Saturday, December 13 at 3 p.m.
D.I.Y. Card-Making
Main Library

Tuesday, December 16 at 10 a.m.
Big Red Tequila Book Discussion
North Branch

Tuesday, December 16 at 10 a.m.
Toddler Crafts: Holiday Crafts
North Branch

Wednesday, December 17 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Thursday, December 18 at 1 p.m.
CMPL presents White Christmas
Main Library

Thursday, December 18 at 6 p.m.
Kiddlitt
Main Library

Friday, December 19 at 2:30 p.m.
Teen Gaming Open House
Main Library

December 24 & December 25
CLOSED for Christmas
All CMPL locations

Monday, December 29 at 2 p.m.
Lego Club
North Branch

Monday, December 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and a Movie at Main
Main Library

Tuesday, December 30 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents Elf
North Branch

Tuesday, December 30 at 2 p.m.
CMPL presents Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Best of Both Worlds 3-D
South Branch

December 31 & January 1
CLOSED for New Year
ALL CMPL locations
The Music at Main Sunday concert series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, continues! These free one-hour concerts are open to the public and no registration is required. These concerts are suitable for all ages.

**Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m.**
Help celebrate the Main Library’s fifth birthday with a Sunday concert featuring The Royal Garden Trio. They will share their blend of ‘20s and ‘30s swing, jazz standards and gypsy-style swing.

**Sunday, November 9 at 2 p.m.**
The Jump Street Light will be at the Main Library to share many great standards. This five-piece band, plus a female vocalist will be sure to delight with old-time ballads and catchy tunes.

**Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m.**
Brazil and Beyond will visit the Main Library to bring their special twist to holiday classics. Having received the 2006 Detroit Music Award for “Outstanding World Recording,” their performance runs the gamut from Baroque to ballet, traditional to pop, and comes in all the holiday flavors bursting with Brazilian beats and styles.

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**One Book, One Community**
One Book, One Community is a community wide reading program sponsored by the Suburban Library Cooperative. One Book, One Community promotes community dialog through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. This year’s selection is *A Cold Day in Paradise* by Steve Hamilton. The book follows the story of a retired cop who moves to Paradise, Michigan to get away from it all, only to discover that he is being stalked by a ghost from his past.

CMPL will be hosting three book discussions and a program on Michigan cooking in honor of One Book, One Community. See page 4 and 12 for more details on CMPL’s programs.

In addition to CMPL programs, you also have two opportunities to meet author Steve Hamilton. A book signing will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 2 p.m. at the Sterling Heights Public Library and an author talk with question and answer period will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lorenzo Cultural Center.

Born and raised in Detroit, Hamilton graduated from the University of Michigan where he won the prestigious Hopwood Award for fiction. *A Cold Day in Paradise*, the very first in the Alex McKnight series, won the Private Eye Writers of America/St. Martin’s Press Award for Best First Mystery by an Unpublished Writer.