

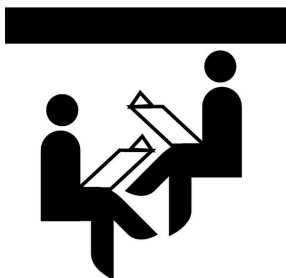
# Library Matters



Spring 2002

## National Library Week @your library™

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) that has been celebrated by libraries across the country each April since 1958. While the theme of each year's celebration has changed from the original "Wake Up and Read" to today's high-tech inspired "@ your library" slogan, the message is the same - libraries improve lives.



With three locations to serve you, the Clinton-Macomb Public Library offers convenient and free access to a wide variety of materials and services for children, teens and adults. Studies show that information-smart people lead more satisfying lives. They know how to find quality information that will help them through family, medical or job crises. They are savvy consumers who know how to use information resources

wisely for work, school and pleasure. Whether for education or entertainment, your public library has the resources you and your family can use in your everyday lives.

This year National Library Week will be observed from April 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> and the Clinton-Macomb Public Library will celebrate the week with a landmark event. On Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, we will break ground for the construction of the Main Library. A special ceremony will be held on the site, located on the east side of Romeo Plank, just south of Canal Road, adjacent to and north of the Clinton Township Civic Center. All are invited to attend this groundbreaking event for the new library, which will be completed in 2003.

This week will also see the finishing decorative touches added to the North Branch, which opened in July 2001. The bright colors and fun design of this library will be enhanced by the addition of a hand-made quilt wallhanging. Quilt artist Sue Peters will unveil her original design, inspired by the geometric shapes and colors of the children's area, on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The public is invited to meet the artist, view the work and enjoy refreshments in the North Branch cafe that evening.

These special celebrations mark important moments for the library, but any day can mark a notable occasion for you at CMPL. That is because your library is always there for you, providing you with the information, services and programs that are important to you and your family.

## Calendar of Free Events

**Book Bunch Reading Club** (see page 5)  
Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM Main Library

**Book Discussion Group**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays Monthly at Noon South Branch  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Children's Programs** (see pages 4 & 5)  
Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM South Branch  
Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM North Branch  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM North Branch  
Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM South Branch  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM South Branch  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM North Branch

**Home and Garden Programs** (see page 7)  
Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM North Branch  
Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM North Branch  
Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM South Branch  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM South Branch  
Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM South Branch  
Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM North Branch  
Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM North Branch

**Michigan Week Programs** (see page 7)  
Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM South Branch  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM North Branch  
Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM North Branch

**Parenting Program** (see page 5)  
Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon and at 6 PM North Branch

**Story Times** (see page 4)  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Tuesdays at 10 AM South Branch  
Tuesdays at 2 PM North Branch  
Wednesdays at 10 AM Main Library  
Wednesdays at 10 AM and 11 AM North Branch  
Wednesdays at 2 PM and 6:30 PM South Branch  
Thursdays at 10 AM North Branch

**Teen Events** (see page 6)  
Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM South Branch  
Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM South Branch  
Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM North Branch

**Teen Movie Night** (see page 6)  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM North Branch

**Travel Programs** (see page 6)  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM North Branch  
Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM North Branch

# Volunteer Spotlight



Library lovers come in all ages, and our featured volunteer has demonstrated her interest in the library at a very young age. Samantha Hight just turned seven this past January, but she has been actively volunteering at the library since she was six. She enjoyed her visits to the library so much that she offered to volunteer. Now every other week, Samantha and her mom Angie stop into the North Branch to assist the library staff with the Adopt-A-Shelf program. They straighten up the books in our early reader's section, where Samantha always finds a lot of new books to take home too! Sometimes little sister, Kylie, age 3, even comes to help with the puppets. Samantha keeps very busy with Brownies, gymnastics and soccer and with 1st grade where her favorite subject is math, so her dedication to reading is especially appreciated by everyone at the library.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library welcomes volunteers of all ages, however if you are age 14 or younger, you will need your parent or guardian to accompany you. To volunteer at the library simply complete a volunteer inquiry form, available at all our libraries, and you will be contacted when volunteer opportunities with your interests arise.

## Used Book Sale May 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>



Due to popular demand and the huge success of the winter book sale, the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale will be open an additional day this spring. The sale will be held in the meeting rooms at the North Branch located at 16800 24 Mile Road (west of Romeo Plank).

### **Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

*Friends Only Preview Night.*

Memberships are available at any time in the library or at the door for a donation of at least \$5.

### **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 8 PM**

### **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

### **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM - 5 PM**

Paperbacks priced 50¢, hardcovers \$1, quality books, videos, CDs, audiobooks \$2 and up.

### **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 3 PM**

Bag Sale - \$4 per bagful, bags will be provided.

Donations of good quality adult and children's books, videos, audiobooks, CDs, music cassettes, records, software, puzzles and games are now being accepted. No magazines or condensed books please.

Drop off your donations during business hours at any of the three Clinton-Macomb Public Libraries. Of course, as a non-profit institution, donations to your library are tax-deductible, just ask for a donation receipt. Now is a great time to get a head start on spring cleaning and support your library at the same time!

## *friends fundraisers*

The Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library is an independent non-profit group dedicated to raising funds to support the library. The monies raised through their membership fees, used book sales and other fundraisers goes directly to sponsoring many of the "extras" offered by the library.

The Friends sponsor the children's and teen's Summer Reading Programs, annual National Library Week prize drawings and the @ your library Bookmark Contests. In addition to programming support, the Friends also have provided gifts to the library buildings, including the world clock at the North Branch, the meeting room tables at the South Branch and the flags at all three libraries. The group is now planning a major gift to the Main Library in 2003.

You can support your library through the Friends by purchasing an annual membership for yourself and your family for \$5 or more or by participating in the various other fundraisers throughout the year. Currently the Friends are offering Tote Bags on sale for \$5 at each library. Raffle Tickets will also be on sale through the end of April for a handmade quilt prize drawing. Your donations of used books, videos, CDs and audiobooks plus used inkjet and laser printer toner cartridges also contribute to the fundraising efforts of the Friends. For more information about the Friends of CMPL, stop into your local branch for an application or call the Friends information line at (586) 226-5007.

# From the Director

*by Christine Lind Hage*



April 16<sup>th</sup> will be a landmark day for the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. At 1 PM that day we will break ground for the new Main Library on Romeo Plank Road and Canal. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony.

Once open in 2003, the new 82,000 square foot library will be the largest library in Macomb County. The architects' rendering can now be seen on the sign, which is currently on the building site at the corner of Romeo

Plank and Canal. The two-story building will have four main public areas. The first floor will have a large meeting room with seating for 220 and two smaller conference rooms. A small cafe, the adult fiction and audiovisual collection will also be on the first floor in a department called Popular Materials. Large print materials will be located here too.

The second floor will be home to the Children's Library, Teen Room and the Adult Reference and Non-Fiction Collection. There will be comfortable seating for folks who want to sit and read awhile and plenty of study tables sprinkled throughout the public areas. A computer room, equipped with the latest technology, will be provided for access to the Internet and we will also be able to provide training classes there.

Later this year we will be selecting all new furniture and shelving to outfit the library building. One and a half million dollars will be spent to purchase new books, videos, DVDs and CDs, in addition to relocating all of the materials from the temporary main facility now on Garfield. There is much to look forward to over the coming year. We are very excited about this project, and hope that you are too. Come join us at the groundbreaking on April 16<sup>th</sup> to mark the start of many new possibilities for our community.

In the meantime, you will have more access to library materials from libraries from all over southeast Michigan. The Michigan Library Exchange (MiLE) goes live on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and will allow you to browse the library collections of over 160 library buildings. The free service will be available via our library's website at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org). All you need is a current library card from the Clinton-Macomb Public Library to be able to access a multitude of materials. You can apply for your card at any of our branches. It just takes a few minutes to stop in and get your free library card, which is the key to convenient and accessible materials and services for you and your family. MiLE is an exciting project that will expand our collection and have the materials delivered to you right here at your local public library. Please take a moment to read more about MiLE in the adjacent article.

We hope that our ongoing expansion and the addition of MiLE service will bring a smile to your face!

*Christine Lind Hage*



The Clinton-Macomb Public Library is one of the 160 libraries that have formed the Michigan Library Exchange (MiLE) to expand your access to information. MiLE makes it easy for you to browse Michigan's largest library collection and request books online - anywhere, any time. The new electronic service uses the Internet to connect libraries in southeast Michigan.

The MiLE catalog contains holdings from public and academic libraries throughout the Detroit metro area, including Eastern Michigan University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, U of D Mercy, and many public libraries in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. Thanks to new software, library users can identify materials owned by MiLE libraries, place a hold on the item they want and have that item delivered to their local library.

Funded with federal money, MiLE hopes to create a model program that can be expanded throughout all Michigan libraries. According to Sate Librarian, Christie Pearson Brandau, the Library of Michigan is looking at the outcome of this initial project in consideration towards applying it as a template for improving library services to all residents of Michigan.

CMPL patrons will be able to access MiLE through the library's on-line catalog at [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) beginning in April.

## Adaptable Animals

Animals adapt to their environments through a variety of ways. Naturalists from the Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve will talk about these adaptations at this program suitable for children ages 5 - 9.

Kids will be able to see and touch some animal skins, skulls, bones and feathers and learn more about the animals and their habitats.



### North Branch

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 10 - 11 AM

### South Branch

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
from 1 - 2 PM

*Space is limited and registration is required. Registration begins on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue until filled. Call the South Branch at (586) 226-5073 or the North Branch at (586) 226-5083 to register.*

## Teddy Bear Picnic

*Spring time is the best time for a picnic in the park, and the meeting rooms at our two branch libraries will be turned into a picnic paradise this May.*

Children from ages 4 - 8 are invited to join us for a Teddy Bear Picnic, featuring games, activities, stories and snacks. And, of course, everyone's favorite teddy bear or stuffed friend is also invited!

### South Branch

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 10:30 - 11:30 AM

### North Branch

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 2 - 3 PM

*Space is limited and registration is required. Call the South Branch at (586) 226-5073 or the North Branch at (586) 226-5083 on or after April 29<sup>th</sup> to register.*

## Help for Homeschoolers



Homeschoolers are becoming more prominent in our library community because we can fill or augment their curriculum needs. Some people may be interested in homeschooling, but are not sure how to start, and the following list may be useful in getting started.

There seem to be three different approaches to homeschooling. One is to work directly with a school and order its curriculum. The students are treated as correspondence students. The parents order the grade that their child is in, and the school provides the textbooks and some supplemental material. Depending upon how much support the parents wish, they order or request teacher support from those schools. The following programs are examples of schools that you can order a set of curriculum from: Calvert School in Maryland ([www.calvertschool.org](http://www.calvertschool.org)), Sonlight Curriculum ([www.sonlight.com](http://www.sonlight.com)) or A-Beka School ([www.abeka.org](http://www.abeka.org)).

Instead of ordering a curriculum, some people prefer to create their own and work around their child's strengths and interests. They build reading, writing and math into what their child is interested in. The child develops at their own rate, rather than being pushed into certain time frames for mastering skills. To get an idea of how this should work, read *Teach Your Own: A Hopeful Path to Education* by John Holt.

One other approach, which is somewhat curriculum oriented is the classical education, which is explained in great detail in the book *The Well-Trained Mind* by Jessie Wise. Although she is very good at explaining and outlining this approach, some homeschoolers have found her to be a bit overwhelming. They prefer Laura Berquist's *Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum: A Guide to Catholic Home Education*.

If you are interested in homeschooling, the following two books have also been found useful by other homeschoolers: *Homeschooling for Excellence* by David and Micki Colfax, *School Can Wait* by Raymond S. Moore. Useful websites on the topic are the Home School World page at [www.home-school.com](http://www.home-school.com) and Jon's Homeschool Pages at [www.midnightbeach.com/hs](http://www.midnightbeach.com/hs).

## Story Time Can Be A Riot!

We have had a wonderful time lately in our library story times. We've laughed, talked, sung, jumped, waddled, quacked, crowed, colored, and listened. We've heard stories about apples, fall leaves, pumpkins, rain, penguins, valentines and dinosaurs, to give just a partial list. Our audience has been mainly children between the ages of 3 and 5 years, though in the summer brothers, sisters and relatives up to ages 7 or 8 have joined us. The lapsit group has consisted of the 2 years and younger crowd. All of the children have had a great time making friends, learning to participate as a group, and further developing listening and direction-following skills.

Studies indicate that young children who are read to and participate in book-related activities are more likely to develop into good readers and good students. Story time is a fun and easy way to start your child or grandchild on the road to reading! We encourage you to participate in story times. The spring session begins the week of April 8th and runs through the week of May 13th.

**at the South Branch** (drop-in)  
Tuesdays at 10 AM  
Wednesdays at 2 PM

Family Story Time (all ages welcome)  
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

**at the Main Library** (drop-in)  
Wednesdays at 10 AM

**at the North Branch**  
(registration required)

Tuesdays at 2 PM  
Wednesdays at 10 AM  
Wednesdays at 11 AM

Lapsit Story Time (ages 2 and under)  
Thursdays at 10 AM





## Michigan Connections

*How many Michigan authors can you name?*

There are hundreds of authors with some sort of Michigan connection. Stop into the library during Michigan Week, May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> and pick up some of our favorite books.

Verna Aardema, author of *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* and *Koi and the Kola Nuts* was born in New Era, Michigan.

John Bellairs wrote many mysteries for children, including *The House With a Clock in Its Walls*. He grew up in Marshall, Michigan.

Christopher Paul Curtis, award-winning author of *The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963* and *Bud, Not Buddy* grew up in Flint, Michigan.

Marguerite De Angeli was from Lapeer. She wrote over thirty children's books and her best known was *The Door in the Wall*.

Jean Craighead George spent many of her summers in the Ann Arbor area hiking in the nature reserves with her father. Her love of nature shines through in *Julie of the Wolves* and *My Side of the Mountain*.

Margaret Hillert was born in Saginaw and currently lives nearby. She has written many books for young readers, including her *Dear Dragon* series.

Patricia Polacco grew up in Union City, Michigan and lives there today. She has written and illustrated over thirty books, including *Thank You, Mr. Falker*.

Jon Scieszka, author of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* was raised in Flint, Michigan.

David Small and Sarah Stewart are married and live in Menden, Michigan. Check out *The Library*, loosely based on the real Menden Public Library.

Chris Van Allsburg grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the author of many books, including *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express*.

Kathy-jo Wargin brings life to some favorite Michigan myths, including *The Legend of Sleeping Bear* and *The Legend of Mackinac Island*. She currently lives in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

### Book Bunch Reading Club

The club started off this year by meeting after school once a month at the Main Library. During the school year, on the last Thursday of each month, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet to talk about some favorite books. The group will meet again on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM to discuss *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech. The books are available at the library for checkout, so stop in and get started reading, then meet with our youth librarian, Lisa, and other kids from the area to talk about it.

### Puppet Shows

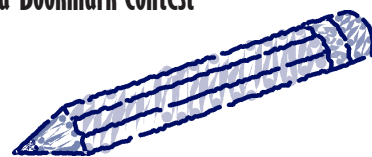
The Kids on the Block puppets will visit the North and South Branches in April. These child-size puppets (and their human puppeteers) are from the Macomb County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and they have some wonderful stories to tell!

**South Branch** (ages 4 - 8)  
Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11 AM

**North Branch** (ages 7 - 12)  
Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM

*No registration is required for these programs.*

### Design-a-Bookmark Contest



Sharpen your pencils! The Friends of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library will again sponsor their annual Design-a-Bookmark Contest for kids!

This contest will run throughout April to tie-in with National Library Week. This year's National Library Week theme is "@ your library" and so this will also be the theme for the bookmark contest.

Students from the grades of kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade can enter the contest by creating an original bookmark using "@ your library" in the design. One winner and two runners-up will be chosen from the following grade categories: K-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Judges will include members of the library's board of directors and Friends group and local teachers. Winners will receive bookstore gift certificates and the winning bookmarks will be reproduced and distributed in the library!

*Entry forms can be picked up at any of the three CMPL libraries. The contest will run from April 1<sup>st</sup> - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002.*

### Positive Parenting Workshop "Tantrums and Tears"

What do you do when that "terrible twos" phase turns into the "turbulent threes"? Parents of preschoolers will welcome this workshop that explains why children have temper tantrums and what you can do about them. Nancy Jenuwine, MSW from Macomb Family Services will lead the workshop.

Two sessions will be held at the North Branch on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - Noon and from 6 - 8 PM. Space is limited and registration is required. Call (586) 226-5083 to register.

## ORDER UP! CMPL Staffers Prepare for Book Ordering Project

Several CMPL staff members had an eye-opening experience in February when they visited the Baker & Taylor headquarters, one of the largest book vendors in the world. Located about an hour southeast of Chicago, the city of Momence boasts a huge warehouse of books, videos and CDs from hundreds of publishers. Baker & Taylor is one of the companies which supplies thousands of libraries and businesses with materials. In fact, if you've ever purchased anything from Amazon.com it probably originated at the B&T warehouse. Purchasing through B&T saves our library time and money by allowing staff to buy library materials through one central location, rather than working with hundreds of different publishers.

Five library employees met with staff from B&T's Customized Library Service Division to begin preparation for a massive ordering project for the new Main Library, which opens next year. The building will have the capacity to house upwards of 350,000 volumes. In order to start filling those shelves though, librarians will need to order \$1.5 million dollars in books, CDs, audiobooks, videos and DVDs between April and September of this year. CMPL will spend \$1.1 million on adult materials and \$400,000 on juvenile materials. The Main Library collection will concentrate on more adult-level materials and nonfiction and have more depth than the community branches. Baker & Taylor will supply shelf-ready materials and will store them on their shelves until they are ready to be boxed and sent to the library.

CMPL staffers worked with B&T to determine everything from the precise placement of the spine labels to the amount of budget dollars to be spent on comedy films! Our librarians will be very busy for the next several months examining lists of all of the different materials under consideration. The library and vendor teams went to extreme efforts detailing every segment of the ordering and physical procession of materials to ensure that when the books and other items are finally delivered to our spectacular new building, they will be able to go directly on the shelves and then out the door with our customers.

This is an exciting time for our library system. The branch libraries and temporary Main Library get busier by the day. By the time the new building is finished, the thousands of new and exciting materials currently overflowing our temporary Main location will find a permanent and happy home.

### CHECK IT OUT . . .

#### What's Happening for Teens at the Library

For more teen news, be sure to check out the first issue of the teen-produced newsletter "In Your Face @ your library," now available at all three CMPL locations and area school media centers.

*Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at the North Branch*  
**"Teen Movie Night"** featuring "Big Momma's House".

*Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at the South Branch*  
**"Mehndi Tattoos"** with Michelle Rossfeld from Exotic Expressions. Get your own small mehndi design painted on your hand or arm or listen as she explains the designs and meanings. Registration required and parental permission needed for tattoo application.

*Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM at the South Branch and*  
*Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 PM at the North Branch*  
**"Skin Care and Color Make-Over Class"** with senior beauty consultant Mary Tessmer of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Get some new beauty tips and a makeover especially formulated for your skin and complexion. Registration is required and parental permission needed for makeup and skincare application.

Call the South Branch at (586) 226-5073 or the  
North Branch at (586) 226-5083 to register.



*Vacation season will be upon us soon,  
so we offer two programs sure to get  
you geared up for travelling!*

*Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-3 PM at the North Branch*  
**"Disney by the Experts"**

Dave Marx and Jennifer Watson, authors of the popular *PassPorter Walt Disney Travel Guide*, will present tips for planning your vacation to Disney World, Disneyland and the Disney Cruise. In addition to information on making the most of your time and finding the best deals, they will give you those "insider" tips that will help you find that "extra special magic" on your vacation!

*Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM at the North Branch*  
**"High on a Wing"**

Macomb resident Jim Mick left the comfort of his home, family and friends to spend six weeks on a motorcycle, experiencing his dream trip of a lifetime. He visited all 48 of the continental states in a quest to reach all of the high points in America, then wrote about his journey in his book. He will share the "peaks" of this ultimate journey in a slide show and talk.

*Books will be available for sale and autographing at each event,  
with a portion of the sales benefiting the Friends of CMPL.*

## April showers bring May flowers . . .

and an assortment of Home and Garden Programs at the library



### **“Shrubs - Beyond Yew”**

*Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM at the North Branch*

Advanced Master Gardener and Certified Landscape Management Specialist, Karen Auch, will reveal valuable secrets about shrubs that will help you to beautify your yard with less work.

### **“Feng Shui Basics”**

*Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM at the North Branch*

Christine Evans, a graduate of the Ohio Design Professional Feng Shui Consulting Program and owner of Interior Harmonies, will present this program about the ancient art of Feng Shui. Learn about its growing popularity and explore ways to optimize the placement of all objects around your home.

### **“Michigan Saves”**

*Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM at the South Branch*

Kathleen Wasilowski of the Macomb County Community Services Agency tells you how you can take advantage of the one-year old Michigan Saves Individual Development Account to receive financial assistance towards the purchase of your first home.

### **“Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring”**

*Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 PM at the South Branch*

Sandra Goeddeke-Richards, coordinator for the Macomb MSU Extension Program and a Master Gardener, will answer your gardening questions and give you tips and ideas for a fantastic and fruitful gardening season.

### **“The Basics of Home Security”**

*Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM at the South Branch and*

*Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM at the North Branch*

Gary Bubar, Safety Service Consultant for AAA Michigan, will discuss common-sense and simple safeguards you can put into place at little or no cost to better secure your home.

### **“Stress Reduction - Plant Style”**

*Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM at the North Branch*

Karen Auch, owner of Plantscape Consultants, will talk about how plants experience stress, identify stressors, and offer suggestions to reduce the negative effects.

## Celebrate Michigan Week

Whether you like to call yourself a “Michiganian” or a “Michigander”, you will have good reason to celebrate the history of our fine state during Michigan Week, May 18<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. According to the Michigan Historical Center (accessible via [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal)), people who call Michigan their home can use whichever word they prefer, there is no “official term.” So all of you Michiganders AND Michiganians are invited to the library to enjoy three special programs in honor of our state.

*Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the South Branch*

### **“Birds of Southeast Michigan”**

Photographer Jim Simek has written about and taken many photos of birds, which have appeared in several national publications such as Ranger Rick, Birder's World and the National Wildlife Federation calendars. He will present an in-depth look at the birds and mammals we can find around here and the methods used to attract them to your own backyard. Older children and adults are welcome to this slide show and discussion.

*Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the North Branch*

### **“Stories and Songs from Old Michigan with the French Voyager”**

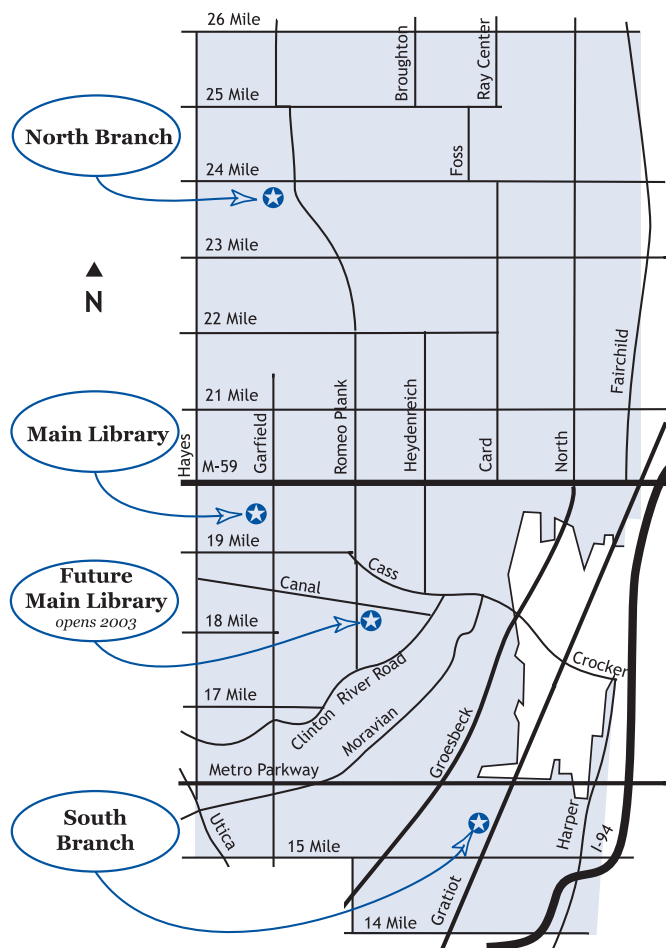
Genot Picor performs as a 17th century French Voyager storyteller at festivals, historical events and schools throughout the Great Lakes region. He will bring his interactive and musical program, which is perfect for audiences of all ages, here for a very special engagement.

*Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at the North Branch*

### **“The Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal - A Could Have Been”**

One of the very first acts of the State of Michigan upon becoming a new state in 1837 was to approve the construction of a canal across the state. Local historian (and our own Board President), Don Green will discuss the importance of this project and what ultimately happened to the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal.

# Clinton-Macomb Public Library



## Clinton-Macomb Public Library

[www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org)

### Main Library

43245 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038-1115  
586-226-5000 • FAX 586-226-5008

### South Branch

35891 Gratiot Avenue  
Clinton Township, MI 48035-2855  
586-226-5070 • FAX 586-226-5078

### North Branch

16800 24 Mile Road, Suite 2  
Macomb Township, MI 48042  
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### HOURS OF SERVICE

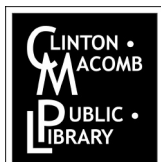
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Macomb Township Fire Chief Ray Ahonen and Trustee Janet Dunn donned Dr. Seuss hats to read stories during March's Read Across America event at the North Branch.

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