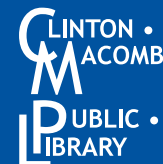


# Library Matters



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## Michigan Week program highlights local settlement, and area railroad lore

Bring the lesson of history home when the library marks Michigan Week, **May 17-26**, with a pair of programs noting Macomb County's involvement in generating state history.

For this year's Michigan Week celebration, Donald Green, president of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library Board, and Billie Henning will be sharing their incredible wealth of local history.

Green will present, "Who are the Moravians, Why Were They Here, What Happened to Them?" He will discuss the Moravian Settlement, established by Moravian missionaries along the River Huron (now the Clinton River) as New Gnadenhutzen from 1782-86, across the river from today's city of Mount Clemens. While short-lived, it was the first Macomb County "community." He will have display material and handouts. This will be presented **Thursday, May 22 at 7-8:30 p.m.** at the **North Branch**.

Henning, vice present of the Michigan Transit Museum in Mount Clemens, will present, "Macomb County's Rail Service" **Monday, May 19 at 7-8:30 p.m.** at the **North Branch**. This slide presentation will detail the trains and interurbans that once operated in Macomb County. The first train began operation in the late 1830's, and the first electric streetcars and interurbans began in the 1890's. This program will include the history of the electric rail line that traveled up Gratiot Avenue from Detroit to Mount Clemens by 1895, and four years later extended to Port Huron. Also hear about the rail service that went from Detroit through Utica and Rochester up to Bay City in 1871.



## History abounds at the library

*This spring, history literally comes alive at the library. The former Packard Motor Car Co. Proving Grounds is the subject of a discussion and slide show Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the North Branch. The presentation will be by Jon Ottman, of the Source Newspaper and Proving Ground historian and preservationist. Learn about the company, the buildings – including the Albert Kahn designed-lodge (picture above), and how this nearby local site plays in the automotive industry historical picture. See page 6 for further details.*

## Visit library for the latest tunes

Did you know you can find the latest hit CD from Shania Twain and other popular song artists right here at the library?

And you can't beat the price!

The library stocks a wide range of music CDs for your listening pleasure. We have the recently released recordings of popular artists and comprehensive compilations such as the *Greatest Hits* of James Taylor. Our CDs for adults encompass everything from classical to rap, and new age to rock. You can also find soundtracks from your favorite movies. We collect music to suit all tastes.

CMPL also offers a great selection of music just for kids. Start that listening habit early with *The Mozart Effect*,

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### Friends of the Library Used Book Sale

**Wed., May 14** 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Friends Members Only**  
**Thu., May 15** Noon-8 p.m.  
**Fri., May 16** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sat., May 17** 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sun., May 18** 1:15-3:15 p.m. **Bag Day**

Book donations and volunteers to work the sale needed.  
Call 226-5013.

## Laugh It Up @ the Library

### Get ready, summer reading program is almost here

What building has the most stories? The library!  
What did the hen say to the librarian? "Book, book, book."

What did the frog say to the librarian when she handed him a new book? "Read it, read it."

Join us this summer for our summer reading program and "Laugh It Up @ the Library." Summer reading will begin **June 16** at all three branches. Reading logs, available beginning June 16, will be used to record the time spent reading or listening by children in preschool through fifth grade. All times must be reported by August 2.

Prizes will be awarded for every three hours of reading or listening up to 15 hours. Children who complete the 15 hours will be given a ticket to attend the final program August 8 with the Smudge Fundaes. The names of all finishers will be entered into a drawing for our grand prize, with a winner named from each branch. Winners do not need to be present to win. Children, who finish early, are

#### Adult Summer Reading Club

Readers 17 years old and up can join the Adult Summer Reading Club. The program starts **June 16**. Watch for details in the next issue of the *Library Matters*.

### State lawmaker offers hours at South Branch

Meet Sen. Michael "Mickey" Switalski at the South Branch. In order to get to know his constituents better, Sen. Switalski is holding office hours at the South Branch from 7:30-9 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Sen. Switalski will not hold office hours in May due to the Memorial Day holiday. Upcoming dates are **April 28, and June 23 from 7:30 -9 p.m.**

In November, he was elected to a four-year term serving Senate District 10, which includes Clinton Township, Roseville, Sterling Heights and Utica. Sen. Switalski previously served as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives. He has recently been appointed to the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. Sen. Switalski will also serve on the following appropriations subcommittees: Community Colleges, Corrections/Judiciary, General Government, and K-12/School Aid/Education.

Registration is not required, and light refreshments will be provided. Call the South Branch reference desk for more information at 226-5073.

## Youth Summer Reading Program



encouraged to continue reading and participate in our Above and Beyond Program. Children may enter their name in a random prize drawing for each additional hour of reading or listening up to 10 hours.

#### Roscoe is coming June 20

Roscoe the Clown will bring his humor and magic to the library on **Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at the South Branch and 2 p.m. at the North Branch** to help us kick off our summer reading program.

### Discussions for everyone @ CMS

The South Branch's Saturday Book Discussions cover all the possibilities – historical novels to contemporary fiction.

We will have lively discussions the first Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. In July, we will meet on the second Saturday. Copies of the books are available at the South Branch, and can be placed on hold at the Main Library or at the North Branch.

Light refreshments will be served. Registration is not required. Call the reference desk at 226-5073 for more information.

**April 5**  
**May 3**  
**June 7**

*Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan  
*The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant  
*River Town: Two Years on the Yangtze*  
by Pete Hessler

### TUNES

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classical CDs for babies. *Raffi* and *The Wiggles* are ever-popular choices of both children and parents. You can even find *National Anthems of the World* for those children interested in learning about other countries.

Music CDs can be checked out for three weeks. Stay tuned to our collection; we add new items every month. By the way, we also take requests.



## From the Director

by Christine Lind Hage

Mark your calendars and cross your fingers. Our new Main Library project is on schedule and we have set a tentative grand opening date for Sunday, September 28. Everyone is invited to the celebration open house from 2 – 6 p.m. The Dedication Committee is busy planning the ceremony and making arrangements for entertainment and food. Full details will be included in our fall newsletter. You are just going to love this new library!

Recently we announced two new services in our newsletter that I want to tell you about since I've now had the opportunity to use them myself. Anyone in Clinton and Macomb Townships is welcome to use our new *Live Homework Help* service. Trained tutors are on call between 4 and 11 p.m., seven days a week to tutor subjects that are commonly taught in grades four through 12. The tutor can help you if you need help with a math problem or bookkeeping issue, or if you get stuck on a grammar question or need help outlining a writing topic. We invite you to give this service a try. All you have to do is go to the library's Web site — [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org) — and click on the *Live Homework Help* icon in the lower right hand corner of your computer screen. You will need a resident library card to access from home.

The second great new service we are offering to local residents is *Instant Answers 'Round the Clock*. This service will connect you to a reference librarian seven days a week, 24 hours a day. By clicking on the *Instant Answers 'Round the Clock* icon on the library Web site you will automatically set up a chat session with a CMPL librarian during regular service hours and with a contract librarian outside of regular library service hours. Ask any question you want and our talented staff will either send you the information online or direct you to an electronic resource that will provide the information you need. You will need a resident library card to access from home.

Both of these unique services are available to people who live in Clinton or Macomb Township and are designed to serve people of all ages. Give them a try. We think you will really like them.

### Live animals @ the library

Science Alive will bring a selection of animals for children ages 5 and up to look at and learn about.

**Saturday, April 5 at 10 & 11 a.m. at South Branch**  
and at 2 & 3 p.m. at North Branch

**Registration required.** Registration starts Monday March 17. See the CMPL Web site for more information.

## CD-ROM software titles offer help with gardening to trips, check selection at CMPL

The library has recently added CD-ROM software to its collection. If you need help designing a garden, writing a paper, or would like a virtual tour of the solar system, visit your favorite CMPL branch and make arrangements to pick up a particular title.

One of the most popular items is *Burpee's 3D Garden Designer*. It allows you to design a garden from scratch or modify an existing one. It has features such as the heat zone planner, themed gardens and a horticultural encyclopedia. When you're ready to move indoors, check out software on *Feng Shui*. It explains how to place furniture and accessories in the home for peaceful, harmonious surroundings. Feng Shui is one of the hottest topics in home decorating. For anyone puzzled with the writing process, we offer *Writing Tutor*. This is a step by step instructional system that reviews the nine steps involved in the writing process. It features a word and image database, a dictionary, and thesaurus. *TripPlanner 98* contains detailed roadmap and terrain information allowing the user to enter a start and ending destination and produce your very own "trip tic." If you have the creative urge, then check out *American Greetings CreatiCard*. You'll be able to create greeting cards, and other projects such as stationary, posters, postcards, calendars and more.

Other software topics available for checkout include the stages of life from conception through birth, atlases, a tour of Anne Frank's house, the chemical elements, world history, political leaders, the Dead Sea Scrolls, mammals, mathematics, and more. Most of the software is compatible with both Windows based, and Mac computers.

We'll continue to add titles, so if you have any special requests fill out one of our handy suggestion cards and we'll be happy to consider your ideas.



## 'Leap' into a book

The library is purchasing LeapPads and books from the LeapPads Library for each of the library's three locations. LeapPads have been taking the educational community by storm and have been adopted into the school curriculum in a number of states. Children touch the page with the "magic" pen and the LeapPads player comes to life with delightful characters, music and activities to inspire a love for reading and learning. LeapPads and books in a variety of subjects and reading levels will be available for checkout.



## Youth

### Marilyn Price and puppet friends perform April 13

Nationally known puppeteer Marilyn Price will present "The Wonderful Whirl of Puppets" on **Sunday, April 13 at 2-3:30 p.m.** at the North Branch. Classic folktales and original stories come to life through her skillful combination of storytelling and the magic of puppetry. These incredible puppets are an art form of their own. Price creates all her puppets from such common objects as boxes, feather dusters, carry-out containers and more. Their appearance gives an additional touch of humor to the stories.

Price has been performing for more than 20 years. She often uses stories and puppets as a teaching tool. Her programs stretch the imagination while also imparting valuable lessons.

This program is open to the public and sure to be enjoyed by young and old alike. No registration is required.



### Design-a-Bookmark contest at the library!

In celebration of National Library Week, **April 7-12**, the library, and the Friends of the Library will again host their Design-a-Bookmark contest. The American Library Association dedicates this week to celebrating libraries nationwide, as well as promoting library use and support. This year's National Library Week theme is "Celebrate @ your library." As part of this program, children in grades K-12 are asked to design an original bookmark featuring the logo, "@ your library."

Children may pick up an entry form at any library location beginning **April 1**. Entry forms must be returned by **April 30**.

One winner and two runners up will be chosen from each grade category. The categories include kindergarten-third, fourth-sixth, seventh-ninth, and 10th-12th grades. Winners receive bookstore gift certificates. The winning bookmark designs will be reproduced and distributed in the library.

### Magic at the library

Watch the library magically disappear and just as magically reappear? Okay, maybe not exactly. Still magician Dave Castle's sleight of hand will amaze you all the same. Join us on **May 17 at 2 p.m.** at the South Branch and see what tricks Castle has up his sleeve. He has been performing his magic in the greater Detroit area for several years. This is his third visit to the



library, appearing most recently at the North Branch. This program is open to the public and no registration is required.

### Sidewalk art @ the library

Budding artists will be able to show off their drawing talents during the sidewalk chalk program at the Main Library and the North Branch. Children from preschool through fifth grade will be able to register for their own sidewalk square beginning **June 16**. Please bring chalk and imagination to create fun and funny pictures. At the **Main Library**, the drawings will be done on **Tuesday, June 24 from 2 - 6 p.m.** At the **North Branch**, the drawings will be on **Thursday, June 26 from 2 - 6 p.m.**

### Story time is fun for all

We have had a wonderful time in our library story times in the fall and winter. We've laughed, we've sung, we've mooded, we've crowed, we've colored and we've listened. We've heard stories about apples, pumpkins, toys, brothers and sisters, valentines, and snowmen. All the children have had a great time making friends, learning to participate as a group and further developing listening skills. Now it's time for the spring session, which begins the week of **April 1** and runs through **May 10**.

Preschool story time is for children between the ages of 3 and 5. The lapsit group consists of 2-year-olds and younger. All children under the age of 3 must have a loving adult with them. We encourage you to participate in our story times.

The South Branch drop-in story time is Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Wednesday evening family time is at 6:30 p.m. The drop-in lapsit program is Saturdays at 11 a.m.

The Main Library drop-in story time is Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

The North Branch story time is Tuesdays at 2 p.m., and Wednesdays at 10 and 11 a.m. Advanced registration is required and is now open. The lapsit program is Thursdays at 10 and 11 a.m.

## ALA names best children's books, titles available at the library

The American Library Association has announced the winners of the 2003 Newbery and Caldecott Medals given for excellence in writing and illustrating children's literature. Avi received the Newbery Award for *Crispin: the Lead Cross*, and Eric Rohmann received the Caldecott Award for *My Friend Rabbit*. Both of these titles are available at the library.

A masterful storyteller, Avi has created a thrilling tale of a boy's search for his identity while staying one step ahead of the law. The reader is taken back to 14th century England as 13-year-old Crispin unravels the mystery of his mother's murder and proves his own innocence.

Avi's writing career spans over two decades and includes a wide variety of subjects. His numerous books have received wide acclaim. Both *Nothing But the Truth*, and *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* were named Newbery honor books. *Crispin* is his 50th book.

Eric Rohmann's *My Friend Rabbit* is the story of Mouse's rescue by Rabbit after he gets stuck in a tree in his new toy airplane. Rabbit enlists the help of neighbors, including Hippo, Elephant, and Crocodile with chaotic results. The energetic illustrations make this tale a visual delight.

Among the other awards announced by ALA are the Coretta Scott King Awards honoring African-American authors and illustrators. The awards went to writer Nikki Grimes for *Bronx Masquerade*, and illustrator E.B. Lewis for *Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman*, written by Nikki Grimes. Aidan Chambers, *Postcards from No Man's Land*, was honored with the Michael L. Printz Award for young adult literature.

Librarians, teachers and others have come to regard these awards as a mark of excellence. Many of the books have become classics. The library has a full collection of these award-winning books for checkout.

## Programs & Events

### Adult

## Mystery Book Discussion

### Upcoming Titles

April 15 – *Open Season* by CJ Box

May 20 – *A Great Deliverance* by Elizabeth George

June 17 – *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs

The mystery book club meets at the North Branch at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information call 226-5045.

## Young Adult

**Book Discussion Group** – The second book chosen for Book Bites, the new teen book discussion group, is the 1997 Newbery Medal winner *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg.



We will have two book discussions, **April 1 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.** at our **North Branch**, and **April 8 from 6 to 6:45 p.m.** at our **South Branch**.

For the **June** Bookbites selection: *A Long Way to Chicago*, by Richard Peck.

We invite all 6th- through 12th-graders to join our book discussion by calling either our Main Branch at 226-5004, South Branch at 226-5073 or North Branch at 226-5083 to register. Books will be ordered for all who register. We will notify teens when the books arrive and are ready for pick up. Teens will need a library card to check out their book.

We will be giving Certificates of Participation to those students who are eligible for extra credit in language arts.

Light refreshments will be served.

**Endangered Species** – presented by the Detroit Zoo's outreach program. This program will be held **Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. at the South Branch, and in mid-May at the North Branch – time & date to be announced.** Sign up begins **Monday, April 21.**

All programs require pre-registration. Please call the branch hosting the program to sign up. The North Branch phone number is 226-5083 and the South Branch phone number is 226-5073.



## Teen Summer Reading Program



## Teen Summer Reading Program

Complete a bingo card by reading books and win prizes. Then come to the wrap up program **Saturday August 9 from 6:15-8 p.m.** for pizza, pop and comedian O.J. Anderson. Sign up starts **Monday, June 16** at all CMPL locations. This program is for young adults entering in 6th through 12th grade.

Adult

## History speaks for itself with program on Packard Proving Grounds

This spring motorists in this area will see a logo that hasn't been seen in 50 years. The Packard Motor Car Co. Proving Grounds name will soon be painted on the water tower that is behind the complex on Van Dyke north of 22 Mile Road, which is now the scene of a restoration project to make the site into an automotive historical museum. One of the key people involved – Jon Ottman – will present a full program **Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m.**



at the **North Branch** on the meaning of saving the former Packard Motor Co. site and how it is being done.

Joining him will be Carl Altz, 93, who was a test driver and engineer at the proving grounds from 1934-1956.

From Shelby Township farmland to automotive test track, the Packard Motor Car Co. Proving Grounds began life in 1927 eventually growing to include a technically advanced 2.5 mile oval test track, off-pavement test roads, an airplane runway and aircraft hanger for development of their diesel airplane engines. Charles Lindbergh visited the site and test flew airplanes over the proving grounds. Renowned Detroit architect Albert Kahn designed the Tudor Revival-styled Packard Gate Lodge that stands at the entrance to the facility, and is being restored to a museum.

Eventually the Packard Co. felt the strains of competing with the "Big Three." Packard tried to diversify its car line by buying Studebaker in 1954 but the company ceased operations in 1958. The site has sat vacant for the most part since 1961.

Ottman said the plans are for the restoration to include the main buildings, including the Gate Lodge, a garage, timing tower, and a portion of the famous test track. Ottman has an incredible collection of Packard pictures documenting the site, and other historical artifacts.

For automotive enthusiasts this will be an evening well spent hearing first-hand about how this area played an important role in the early days of the automotive industry. Registration for this program will begin **Monday, April 21**. You can register for this program by going to the library's Web site and clicking on "EVENTS," by visiting the North Branch on 24 Mile Road west of Romeo Plank, or by calling 226-5013.

## Job search workshop offers help for everyone

Job seekers can get frustrated by the overall process of looking for work. A representative of Michigan Works! will hold presentations at the North and South Branches – **Thursday, April 24, 7-8:30 p.m.** at the **South Branch**, and **Tuesday, April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.** at the **North Branch** — to break a job search down to its important segments, and will offer an approach to each step.

Christina Chateauvent, a mediated services specialist at Michigan Works!, will take attendees through the process. Handouts and other information will be provided, but attendees will most likely want to also bring a notepad and pen.

You can register for this program by going to the library's Web site and clicking on "EVENTS," by visiting the North Branch on 24 Mile Road west of Romeo Plank, or by calling 226-5013.

## Coming attractions — new cinema series sizzles this summer at the library

Libraries have more than just books. Starting this summer, the library will be offering a new film series showcasing foreign and independent films. This will be a great alternative to the standard media fare offered at area cinemplexes. Save room on your calendar to savor another culture, experience a thought provoking film, or simply enjoy a brief escape from the summer heat at your local public library. Details to follow in the next issue of *Library Matters*.

## RFID volunteers get round of thanks for 'sticking to it'

Have you noticed the blue stickers in the back of your library books or on the A/V cases? Have you wondered what these blue stickers are for? These stickers are the first step towards the implementation of the radio frequency identification system. With this system, we will have self-check out available in all of our branches, automated sorting of returns at the new Main Library, and an inventory control system.

A very big "thank you" goes out to everyone who has volunteered on the RFID project. There have been over 600 volunteer hours spent on this important project.

We are seeking help with three different steps to this sticker campaign. This includes assembling the stickers, placing the stickers in books, and processing the stickers in the computer. If you are able to donate a few hours to help with this project, either at the South or Main locations, please call 226-5013.



## Popular genealogy workshop moves to North in May

Interested in tracing your ancestors and don't know where to start? Join genealogy expert Cynthia Knecht at the **North Branch** on **Thursday, May 29, 7-9 p.m.** to learn about basic genealogical tools and search strategies.

Explore the uses of vital records such as birth, marriage, death and divorce records. Learn about census research, library sources, and military records. Get an answer to the question, "How do I organize my research on paper or with the help of computer software?" Learn to search the Internet efficiently and accurately. Understand how to search the AncestryPlus database and results you will find.

Handouts will be provided, including a pedigree/ancestry chart, family group chart, blank 1930 census form, two pages of Internet Web sites, plus a one page overview of the session.

## Estate planning seminar workshop offered in April

Paul Stanley brings his perspective as an author of articles on financial management to his estate planning seminar, "Who Gets the Turkey Platter and Who Gets the Money?" This program will be held at the **North Branch April 16 at 7 p.m.**

Stanley says the idea for the seminar followed an article he had written for *Senior Living News*, which caused readers to call him and tell him about information they have received at "financial dinner seminars."

Stanley will discuss the most common mistakes and misconceptions on implementing an estate plan. This seminar is for informational purposes only.

Registration is required and begins Monday, March 31.

Stanley, in financial advising since 1967, hosts a radio talk show, "The Financial Freedom Report," on WMUZ-AM.

## Adult

## Appraisal lecture offers ways to find out if there is gold in your attic

Years of accumulated possessions can weigh on the minds of people preparing their own estate planning, left to wonder how do they find out the worth of what they have? In addition, how do I find someone I can trust to work with me to establish a worth for my possessions?

These issues will be addressed by Jan Durecki at a presentation **Thursday, April 24, 7-8:30 p.m.** at the **North Branch**. Registration is required and will begin **Monday, April 7**. In this program, Durecki will address types of property, how to choose an appraiser, questions to ask your appraiser, types of appraisals, and what appraisal reports should contain.

Durecki, who has degrees from Macomb Community College and Oakland University, has completed courses with the International Society of Appraisers. She also has 11 years of experience as a retail antique dealer.

## Container gardening is just the right size for tight spaces, decks

Everyone who loves to garden knows how short the season can be in Michigan. The hint of spring we are enjoying now is the harbinger for the fleeting warm months of summer – not so far off now. Then the cycle comes back around with the cold and snow of winter.

With a container garden you can have green on the go.

Start your first Saturday in May with our container gardening program, featuring Louise Frecko, a graduate of the Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener's Program. Frecko will demonstrate hands-on tips and techniques for designing and creating a container garden for all seasons. This program will be **Saturday, May 3, 10-11:30 a.m.** at the **North Branch**.

Seating is limited, so we ask you register for this program. Registration will begin **Monday, April 21**.

## To sign up for any of the CMPL programs:

Registration can be done by going to the library's Web site, [www.cmpl.org](http://www.cmpl.org), and clicking on "EVENTS." You also register by visiting the branch hosting the event or calling 226-5013.

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### Main Library

43245 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038-1115  
226-5000 Fax 226-5008

### North Branch

16800 24 Mile Road/Suite 2  
Macomb Township, MI 48042  
226-5080 Fax 226-5088

### South Branch

35891 Gratiot Avenue  
Clinton Township, MI 48035-2855  
226-5070 Fax 226-5078

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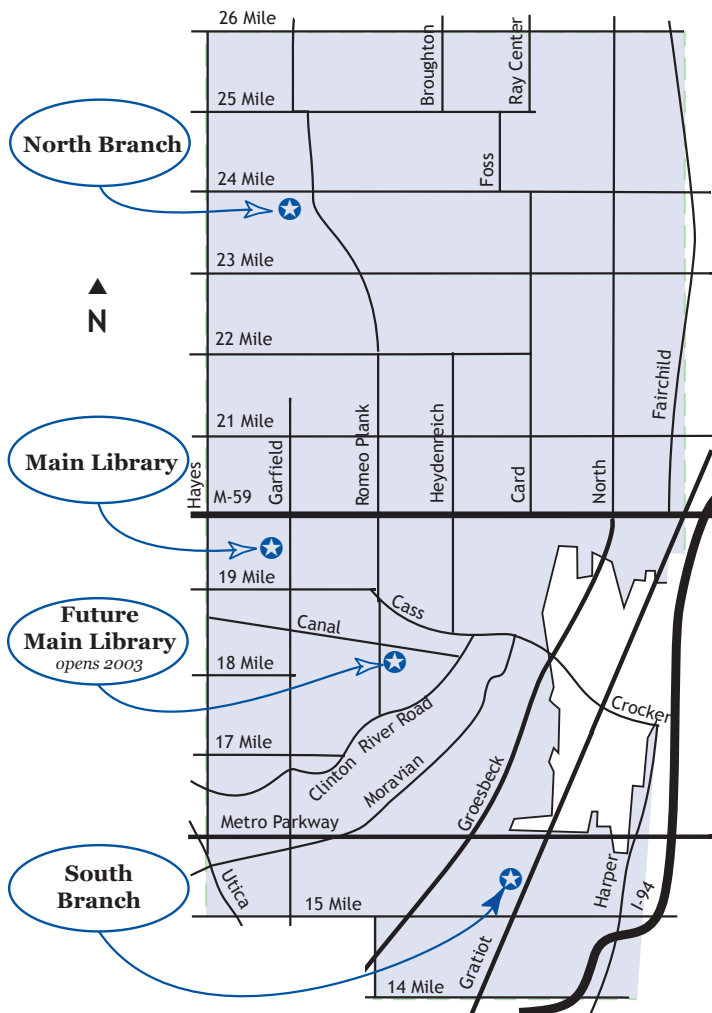
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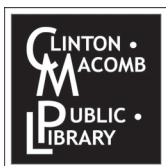
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