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# Life size sculpture to adorn Main Library garden

Frank Rewold and Sons, Inc. and TMP Associates, Inc. have given a generous gift to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. They have donated a beautiful bronze sculpture to the new Main Library. The sculpture depicting two young children reading on a bench will decorate the garden of the new Main Library.

Frank Rewold and Sons, Inc. is the construction manager and TMP Associates, Inc. is the architecture firm for the new Main Library of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. Their kind gift will brighten the garden area behind the library.

The sculpture, entitled 'New Adventures,' was created by Gary Alsum of Loveland, Colorado. His art has been featured in exhibits all over the United States. "Children are my favorite subjects because they approach life with wonder and delight," said Alsum. Alsum has been recognized for his ability to capture the dynamics of children at play.



### **REMINDER**

During summer months, June-September, the library is closed on Sunday. When the new Main Library opens in the fall it will be open to serve customers on Sundays September through May. The North and South Branches will be closed on Sundays.

# One Book, One Community 2003:

The Ballad of Frankie Silver by Sharyn McCrumb

"One Book, One Community" is an intergenerational, county-wide program to promote literacy through the shared reading and discussing of a single title. This years's selection is *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb. Over twenty libraries in Macomb County are partnering with local community groups and businesses to promote reading, sharing ideas, and exploring the issues and background of the chosen book through musical, cultural, culinary, and literary programs for all ages.

Sharyn McCrumb is a New York Times bestselling author whose award-winning novels celebrating the history and folklore of Appalachia have received both scholarly and popular acclaim. Sharyn McCrumb will be visiting two local venues in August for book signings and discussion of *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*. She will be at the Roseville Public Library on Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> for an evening reception and at the Macomb Center on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> for an author luncheon. Check your library for more information on times and prices for these events or visit www.libcoop.net/onebook.

The year 2003 will be the second year for the Suburban Library Cooperative's "One Book, One Community" program. Last year, over 1,000 readers participated in the program throughout Macomb County.

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library has purchased a number of copies of the book and will sponsor the following book discussions:

**July 12** from 12 P.M. - 1 P.M. Clinton-Macomb Public Library - **South Branch.** 

**July 15** from 10 A.M. – 11 A.M. Clinton-Macomb Public Library -**North Branch.** 

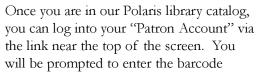
Contact the North Branch at 586-226-5083, the South Branch at 586-226-5073 if you have any questions.

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## **Polaris Pointers**

Did you know you can keep track of your library account from home? It's an easy way to monitor what you have checked out (called "Items Out"), when the items are due, what you have on hold (called "Requests") and where you are in the queue for the items. There's even an option to renew your checked out items provided no one else has put in a

request for them.



number on your library card and the password that you selected when you received your library card. If you don't have a password or can't remember it, check with a librarian to reset your password. A librarian can also walk you through the process of using your Patron Account in case you have any questions. Polaris enables you to have the autonomy to check your account when and where it's most convenient for you.

## Foreign language books available

In an effort to serve all the people in this dynamic and growing community, the library has acquired a small collection of novels in the following languages: Arabic, German, Italian, Polish, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The books are on temporary loan from the Detroit Public Library and are housed at the North Branch. Usage will indicate the need for a permanent collection at the new Main Library and, as always, the customer's input is invaluable. Browse, enjoy, then share your thoughts with the librarian.

Just for fun, match the word "welcome" with the correct language. Answers on page 6.

> A. Chao mung 1. German

**B.** Bienvenidos 2. Polish

C. Willkommen 3. Vietnamese

D. Marhaban 4. Italian

E. Witajcie 5. Spanish

F. Benvenuti 6. Arabic

## **New Investment Resources**

CMPL helps you manage your stock portfolios with one of the oldest and most respected sources of investment information. Value Line Investment Survey is the newest addition to the business and finance collection at the Main Library. Since 1931, Value Line has been helping investors make informed investment decisions geared to individual goals and risk level. One of the most popular aspects of Value Line's service is the fact that it ranks its stock listings for investment safety, for probable price performance and yield for the next six to twelve months, and for estimated appreciation in the next three to five years.

The Main Library has chosen to subscribe to the **Small and Mid-Cap** Edition which is an enhanced version of The Value Line Investment Survey. Value Line can be found in the reference collection, located behind the Information desk, at the Main Branch. For anyone unfamiliar with how to use



this terrific resource, there is a handy workbook designed to help the new and intermediate investor understand how Value Line evaluates companies. Value Line is one more addition to the ever expanding business and finance collection which will premier when the new Main Library opens in the Fall. Don't miss the opportunity to preview this great new resource!

#### Also Coming:

Slated to arrive any day now, MorningStar Mutual Funds analyzes 1,600 mutual funds. The summaries are updated every two weeks with commentaries, star ratings, and summary performance. This is a wonderful tool to help those investors who would like to diversify their portfolio but may not have a large sum of money to invest. MorningStar helps take the guesswork out of selecting investment funds like 401K, retirement and other employer related investment accounts.

#### And Don't Forget

Available now at the Main Library and North branch, and arriving very soon at South branch is the MorningStar Funds 500. This publication focuses on 500 top rated mutual funds. Analysts have chosen their personal favorites for long-term growth. If you're overwhelmed with the big investment tools, Mutual Funds 500 will narrow the focus and get you started on your road to personal financial freedom.



Ah, lazy summer days are not far off. And what could be more relaxing than nestling into your favorite reading chair, hammock or shady alcove and reading a great book?

You can start your adventure in summer reading by picking up your new Clinton-Macomb Public Library card at a library branch near you. CMPL is updating our cards and registration records to better serve you. Our new, automated checkout system will speed the time it takes for you to bring home an armload of great reading, but it does require the new cards. We ask that you come in as soon as possible to get your new card. And just for a touch of fun, you will have a choice of three images (a terrific tree frog, a map/compass/globe or an image of one of the new sculptures that will be at the new library). All three cards have the same privileges and the cards are free to anyone living, working or owning property in Macomb or Clinton Townships.

In the last newsletter we projected our grand opening event for September, but reality has caused us to move that date into October to assure that our new facility will be fully operational on opening day. We'll keep you posted with the details, so watch for our fall newsletter in early September.

A hearty thanks goes out to all of you who responded to our request for volunteers. It isn't too late to be at the center of the fun if you would be willing to help at the dedication ceremony. We need smiling faces to hand out brochures, serve cookies and beverages, unpack new books or to work in the library store. Please contact our new Community Relations Specialist Jamie Morris at 226-5013. Jamie will be glad to take your name and number and help you find just the right match with one of our volunteer committees.

It is no secret that the Clinton-Macomb Public Library is patron-centered and focused on providing the best service to our community. That's why we'd like you to consider participating in the New York Times contest to recognize librarians who consistently demonstrate the highest levels of professionalism, knowledge and public service in the execution of their duties. If you have been to any of our branch libraries or chatted with one of our professional

staff on line or via the phone, you know we have some of the best librarians in the country working right here at CMPL. If you want to let others know about our community's dedication to excellence, we urge you to nominate your favorite librarian for this important recognition. Application forms are available at each library and very easy to fill out. Winners will be announced in The New York Times in December with each winner receiving an award of \$2,500.

This is an exciting time, not only because summer is within sight, but also because your Clinton-Macomb Public Library is ready to raise the bar for patron and community service with its new building. On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff, and volunteers, everyone at CMPL thanks each of you who have made these important improvements possible. If you have comments or suggestions about new directions or ways to improve our service to you, please contact me (226-5010). I'm always looking for input and ideas from you, our customer.

We wish you a happy summer of reading and relaxation.

## **Piano Wanted**

Are you moving? Do you happen to have a new or gently used Grand or Baby Grand Piano that you no longer have room for? Would you like to donate it to the Clinton-Macomb

Public Library?
The library is looking for a Grand or Baby Grand Piano for use in the auditorium of the new Main
Library If you would like to donate a piano please call us at (586) 226-5010. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated, as well as being tax deductible.

## Senator Switalski holds office hours

Just a reminder Senator Michael "Mickey" Switalski will hold office hours at the South Branch on June 23 from 7:30-9 P.M. Senator Switalski is holding office hours to get to know his constituents better.

Registration is not required and light refreshments will be served. Please call the South Branch reference desk for more information at 226-5073.

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# Summer reading shines this summer

"Laugh It Up @ Your Library" is the theme for this year's summer reading program. Summer reading begins **June 16** at all three branches. Come pick up your child's summer reading log and use it to record the time spent reading or listening by children in preschool through fifth grade. All times are to be reported by **August 2**.

Collect a prize for every three hours of reading or listening up to 15 hours. The names of all children who finish the program will be entered into a drawing for our grand prize, with a winner from each



branch. Winners do not need to be present to win. Children who finish the program early are invited to 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. Come join the fun and "Laugh It Up @ Your Library" this summer!

## Come meet Roscoe the Clown

Just a reminder that Roscoe the Clown will be making a visit to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library this June. Roscoe will bring his humor and magic to the South Branch on June 20 at 10 A.M. and to the North Branch at 2 P.M. Roscoe will be here to help kick off our summer reading program.

# Why Read?

Summer reading programs for children are as much a part of library programming as story times. Like story times, summer reading is meant to be fun. Instead of school asignments children can read what they want, which promotes reading as an enjoyable activity and often there are small prizes or rewards included. There are other important benefits as well. Studies indicate that children who are learning to read and participate in summer reading programs maintain or improve their reading level. They start the next school year on target and spend less time "catching up." Young children who read or are read to and participate in reading related activities are more likely to develop into good readers and good students. Reading to very young children enhances their reading readiness as well.

## Children's programs

Mike Brophy from R.E.P.T.I.L.E. will bring some coldblooded friends to the North Branch on Thursday, July 10 at 1 P.M. This program will introduce reptiles, their habitats, characteristics and their importance in the natural world. This is for children ages 6 and up; registration is required and begins on June 26.

**Pippin Puppets** will delight children of all ages at the South Branch on **July 14 at 3 P.M.** with his presentation of Gigglin' Goblins of Grumpy Gulch! These sassy puppets are sure to have their audience laughing with their hilarious antics. This program is open to the public.

Bob the Builder party - Join the North Branch library staff for games and simple crafts on Wednesday, July 9 at 10 A.M. This program is for children ages 4 to 8. Registration is required and begins June 25.

**SpongeBob SquarePants party** - Join the library staff at the **South Branch** for games and crafts to celebrate SpongeBob on **Saturday, July 19 at 11 A.M.** This program is for children ages 7 to 12. **Registration is required and begins July 5.** 

Pot a Plant @ Your Library – North Branch library staff will help you plant your own seeds and make a paper flower for the pot while you wait for the real one to grow. All materials will be supplied. Join us Friday, July 25 at 1 P.M. This program for children ages 5 – 12 on July 25 at the South Branch. Registration is required and begins July 11.

Summer crafts – The library offers a mixed bag of fun with craft activities. The South Branch program on July 24 is for children ages 5-9. Registration begins July 10. The North Branch program on July 29 at 2 P.M. is for children ages 4-8. Registration begins July 15.

# Calling all artists

Do you have a little one whose talent for drawing has left marker, crayon and pen on your walls and furniture? If you

have budding Picassos at home that need a place to develop their talent why not bring them to the library? Sidewalk chalk is coming! Children from preschool though fifth grade will be able to register for their own sidewalk square beginning June 16. Drawings will be done on Tuesday, June 24



from 2-6 P.M. at the Main Library and Thursday, June 26 from 2-6 P.M. at the North Branch. Please bring chalk and an active imagination!

# Teen Summer Reading Program

Are you in a grade 6 through 12? Do you like prizes? Do you like to read? If you answered "yes" to all three questions then the Teen Summer Reading Program is for you! Sign up at any

CMPL location starting **June 16**. Simply complete a bingo card by reading books and win prizes. Finish one bingo card and receive an invitation to the wrap up party on **Saturday**,



## August 9 from 6:15-8 P.M. at

the North Branch for pizza, pop and entertainment by comedian O.J. Anderson. Sign up today and check out the list of entertaining books you will want to read.

Teens are also invited to two craft programs. On **July 31 at 2 P.M.** there will be a tie-dying program at the **North Branch**. For more information contact the North Branch. On **August 6 at 2 P.M.** there will be a paper clip jewelry program at the **South Branch**. Preregistration is required for both programs two weeks prior to the event. For further information contact the North Branch at 226-5083, the South Branch at 226-5073 or the Main Branch at 226-5004.

### **Book Bites News**

The next selection for the teen book discussion group is *Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck. This Newbery Honored book follows the fantastic adventures of Joey and Mary Alice during their summer with their grandmother in her not-so-sleepy Southern Illinois town.

Long Way from Chicago will be discussed twice in June. The North Branch will hold their discussion on Tuesday, June 3 from 6 to 6:45 P.M. The South Branch will hold their discussion from 6 to 6:45 P.M. on Tuesday, June 10. Light refreshments will be served.

This will be our last book discussion group meeting until October. Please look for information in our fall newsletter on the next Book Bites book selection.

We invite all teens, 6th through 12th grade, to join our book discussions by checking out the book at any of our three branches. We will be giving Certificates of Participation to those students who are eligible for extra credit in language arts. We look forward to seeing you!

# May We Suggest... Great Stories for Summer Reading

#### Grades 3-6

Meet some of the funniest kids around this summer in these side-splitting stories!

#### Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

A gullible second grader pays fifty cents for a recipe to grow freckles.

**Beezus and Ramona** (and sequels) by Beverly Cleary Beezus' biggest problem is her four-year-old sister, Ramona. Even though Beezus knows sisters are supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seems impossible.

#### The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Kenny Watson describes the everyday interactions of his African American family, whom he calls the "Weird Watsons." Newbery Honor and Coretta Scott King Honor.

Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes by Paula Danziger Matthew likes playing practical jokes on his older sister and the girls in his class at school until they threaten to disrupt his birthday party.

**How to Eat Fried Worms** by Thomas Rockwell When Billy takes on a bet that he will eat 15 worms a day, his family and friends help devise ways to cook them.

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

# **Endangered Species Program**

A program on endangered species will be presented by the Detroit Zoo's outreach program on **Thursday, June 5 at 7 P.M. at the North Branch**. If you have ever wondered why there are so many endangered species, or what you can do to help then this is the program for you. While the program is intended for teens, the whole family is welcome to come. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call 226-5013 to register.

# **Adult Summer Reading Club**

Get into the spirit of summer by reading!

All adults (ages 17 and up) who are Clinton-Macomb Public Library residents may participate in this fun summer program, which begins on **June 16** and ends on **August 2**. Just read or listen to any combination of five fiction or nonfiction books or audio books to be eligible for prizes. What could be easier?

Simply complete the Adult Summer Reading Club form by filling in the titles and authors of the five books you've read during the summer participation dates. Enter each time you complete a total of 5 books. The first time you enter, you will receive a reading log. Winners will be selected by a random drawing on August 4. Five winners will be chosen from each library for a gift certificate to a local store. You may participate at any one of the three Clinton-Macomb Public Libraries, but only one, please.

An easy way to get some reading done is to participate in the various ongoing book discussions held monthly at both the South and North Branches.

The South Branch Discussion Group meets the first Saturday of every month from Noon – 1 P.M. On occasion, dates may be changed due to a holiday. Read July's selection of Sharyn McCrumb's *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* and join our discussion.

In July, the South Branch discussion group, as well as the Mystery Book Discussion Group will be reading Sharyn McCrumb's *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* for the "One Book, One Community" project and hosting accompanying book discussions.

The North Branch also offers an informal book group, which meets the third Thursday of each month at 10 A.M. in the conference room. While this group is not sponsored by the library, they do offer professional moderator Susan Hutchins, as well as a casual and friendly group of local residents, who all share the same passion for reading. New members are welcome. For further information, contact organizer Gay Jolly at (586) 468-3693.

# **Mystery Book Discussion**

Do you love a good mystery? If so, the CMPL Mystery Book Discussion Group would love to hear from you. The Mystery Book Discussion Group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11 A.M. at the North Branch. Pick up a copy of the upcoming selections at any of the branches and join the discussion.

## Upcoming mystery book discussions

**June 17** - *Deja Dead* by Kathy Reichs

**July 15** - The Ballad of Frankie Silver by Sharyn McCrumb

For more information contact Stephanie Flinchbaugh at 226-5045.

## Something for Everyone

Whether you like historical novels or contemporary ones, exotic locales or familiar ones, the South Branch's Saturday Book Discussions cover them all.

We will have lively discussions on these compelling stories on the first Saturday of the month from noon to 1 P.M. In July, we will meet on the second Saturday. These selections were

chosen by staff and discussion participants.

Copies of the books are available at the South Branch and can be placed on hold at any of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library branches.

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

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July 12, 2003	The Ballad of Frankie Silver
	by Sharyn McCrumb
August 2, 2003	Poisonwood Bible
	by Barbara Kingsolver
September 6, 2003	Jackdaws
	by Ken Follett
October 4, 2003	Memoirs of a Geisha
	by Arthur Golden
November 1, 2003	Blessings
	by Anna Quindlen
December 6, 2003	Plainsong
	by Kent Haruf

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## **Coming Attractions**

Escape the summer heat with a new film series coming to CMPL in July. The

North Branch will be hosting a film

series encompassing a variety of films including drama and some foreign titles. This variety of films for adults offers you an alternative to the typical Hollywood blockbuster. Many films are in their native language with English subtitles. Plan to spend your Thursday evenings in July with us. Here are the show times:

**North Branch** 

<u>July 3 6:45 P.M.</u> Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (China, 2000) Ang Lee, dir. Rated PG-13, Running Time 120 min.

<u>July 10 7:00 P.M.</u> *Persona* (Sweden, 1966) Ingmar Bergman, dir. Not Rated, Running Time 81 min.

<u>July 17 7:00 P.M.</u> All About My Mother (Spain, 1999) Pedro Almodovar, dir. Rated R, Running Time 102 min.

<u>July 24 7:00 P.M.</u> The Woman Next Door (France, 1981) Francois Truffaut, dir. Rated R, Running Time 106 min.

July 31 7:00 P.M. O Brother, Where Art Thon? (U.S. 2000) Joel Coen, dir. Rated PG-13, Running Time 103 min.

Watch the Events section of our web site **www.cmpl.org** this summer for more information on these films.

# Coming Soon: Self-Checkout

If you have been to Clinton-Macomb's North Branch recently, you may have noticed we have a new piece of furniture near the checkout desk. Self-check stations will soon be at the North Branch! However, we want to be sure that the new station will be as customer-friendly as possible. In early May, we assisted patrons with the new machine and observed how well they interact with the computer screen and the process of checking out items.

The self-check station represents the first phase in fully automating CMPL's circulation system. Soon a fully automated system will be in place at the new Main Library to deliver your holds and receive your returns, along with self-



check stations to check out your materials. We hope you are eager to try out the new self-check station; you will undoubtedly give us tremendous feedback on what works and what does not. We are here to listen to you, and to

provide you with technology that is not only cutting edge, but is also customer-friendly.

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**Volunteers Wanted** 

The library is in need of some good volunteers. There are many opportunities to donate your time to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. If you are interested in volunteering your time, we have many great opportunities. Take a look at what we have to offer:

Adopt-A-Shelf- Have you ever looked for a book on the shelf but couldn't find it because someone placed it in the wrong place? The Adopt-A-Shelf program is for anyone who would like to make sure specific shelves are in order. Are you a fan of fiction or biographies? Volunteer to adopt a section of books that interests you and browse while you're volunteering.

Friends of the Library Used Book Sale- As always, the Friends of the Library can use help with their book sale. The sale, which occurs three times a year, is a great opportunity to interact with many people and maybe find a book for yourself.

Main Library Dedication- With the opening of the new Main Branch just around the corner, we need to schedule many volunteers. The dedication is an important day not only because it marks the opening of the new branch, but because many visitors and dignitaries will be there. With so many people, we need volunteers to help organize the rooms, refreshments, bands, choirs and other entertainers.

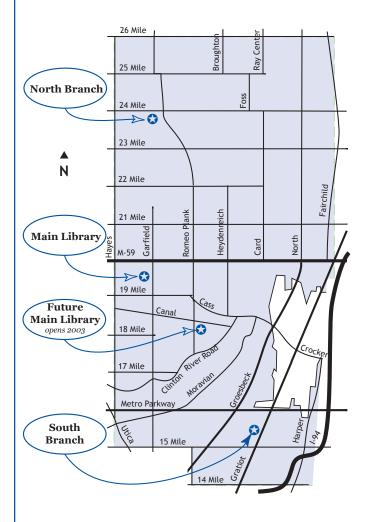
Main Library Store- Not only will the new Main Library have state of the art technology and services, but it will include a store. If you have retail experience, or if you would like to learn we would love to have your help staffing the store.

As you can tell we have many opportunities for people to help at CMPL. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please call **(586) 226-5007**.

# Meeting Rooms available to public

To promote its program of service to the community, the meeting rooms at CMPL are available to the public. Local non-commercial groups and organizations are invited to use the meeting rooms at the North and South Branches. The meeting rooms are available to groups in Clinton and Macomb Townships. To reserve the room you must be a resident of Clinton or Macomb Township and have a resident library card. If you are interested in reserving a meeting room, please call Jamie Morris at 226-5013 at least a week prior to the date you are requesting.

Answers from page two: 1-C, 2-E, 3-A, 4-F, 5-B, 6-D



If you have any questions visit our website: www.cmpl.org or e-mail us at: info@cmpl.org

# Clinton-Macomb Public Library

# Main Library

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## North Branch

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## South Branch

35891 Gratiot Avenue Clinton Township, MI 48035-2855 (586) 226-5070 Fax 226-5078

## **Hours of Service**

Monday-Thursday 9 A.M.-9 P.M.
Friday-Saturday 9 A.M.-6 P.M.
Sunday 1 P.M.-6 P.M.\*
(\*September-May at the North and South Branches)

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