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It's All About Benjamin

The **Main Library** is delighted to be the first public library in the country to host the traveling exhibition, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World." This traveling exhibition, on display at the Main Library until

January 31, tells the remarkable story of the man who began his life as a poor printer's apprentice and ended it as a revered elder statesmen known throughout the world. Benjamin Franklin's achievements in diplomacy, science, philanthropy and other fields profoundly influenced the path of a new nation and continue to inspire us more



than three hundred years after his birth.

Join us as we present programs to enlighten you on the life of Benjamin Franklin and his contributions to America. Organized by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, Philadelphia, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World" was made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life. The traveling exhibit is based upon a major exhibit of the same name, developed by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, which has traveled to major cities in the United States and abroad (http://www.benfranklin300. org). The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary is a nonprofit organization established through a major grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to educate the public about Franklin's enduring legacy.







CMPL Goes Bagless

By Earth Day, **Tuesday, April 22**, the circulation desks will be bagless! Instead of using plastic bags, the library is encouraging the use of canvas bags. To this end, the Friends of the Library are offering you the opportunity to purchase a canvas bag at a reduced cost. Now the library canvas bag is only \$3! By purchasing the Friends canvas bag you will not only be supporting the library, but you will also be supporting us in our pledge to promote a greener way of life. Visit any CMPL location on April 22 and you could win a free canvas bag! We will

give out 10 free canvas bags every hour to lucky library customers.

In order to celebrate Earth Day, the library invites you to purchase a library tote bag and decorate it any way you like. Embroider it. Tie-dye it. Bedazzle it. The possibilities are endless. Submit



a photo of your decorated library tote bag to any reference desk by April 15 and you could win a gift certificate to the Library Gift Store.

Technologically savvy folks are also invited to participate in our efforts to go bagless. Internet users may post a video on You Tube highlighting how you use your library tote bag. The most creative one-minute video will win a prize. You must fill out a participation form and send us the link to your YouTube video by April 15.

In addition to using the canvas bags, the library also participates in the Abitibi Paper Retriever Program, which allows you to recycle your paper at the library. The Paper Retriever bin is located at the north end of the Main Library's parking lot. You can bring your old newspapers, magazines, school papers and mail to the library and drop it off in the bin any time. Please do not put metal, glass, plastic or trash into the recycling bin. Also bag all shredded paper in a plastic or brown bag before putting it into the paper bin.



Prepaid gift cards have become increasingly popular over the past several years allowing the recipient to select his or her own gifts up to the value of the card. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a gift card without a limit? If you carry a Clinton-Macomb Public Library card in your purse or wallet, you already have one!

Last year alone, CMPL customers "spent" the equivalent of \$34,643,229.39 in terms of checking out library materials. The 1,664,311 items checked out (and back in) represent a 7% increase over the previous year. We continue to register over 1,000 new customers nearly every month and are expecting to have a total of over 100,000 active cardholders in 2008. Your library card gives you access to a world of books, movies, music and more. Did you know that our collection has over 136,397 books for adults, 125,698 books for children and teens and 71,539 audiovisual items? There are many ways that you can get the greatest value from your library card, and we continuously look to find new ways to increase our services to you.

For example, you can now use your library card to get a free pass for one to four people to any of 25 cultural institutions in southeast Michigan, including the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts (see page 3). Another recently added service is MeLCat, a statewide library sharing program that allows you to select from over 12 million books from 175 libraries across Michigan, including college and university libraries. You can access this service through the "Search all Michigan Libraries" link in the library's catalog.

What else does your library card allow you to get at no charge? How about after school tutoring services for students at home or in the library? Just visit the Live Homework Help service in the Kids or Teens sections of the library's website (www.cmpl.org). Assistance is available in 20-minute sessions for a variety of subjects.

Need assistance in maximizing the value of your library card? Our professional librarians are available to assist you 71 hours per week in person, by phone, fax, e-mail or instant messaging. Whether it is to find a good book to read, locate a wiring diagram for your car, find a product evaluation, recommend age appropriate stories to read to your grandkids or remember the title of that wonderful mystery you read a year ago with the bright red cover, the librarians will help you. We look forward to serving you soon!

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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, Main Library only)

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Library Tour

Larry Neal will host a tour of the Main Library on Wednesday, January 30 at 1 p.m. Learn about the art of the Main Library. You'll also get a behind-thescenes look at the sortation system. The tour will last about two hours. Registration begins January 16. Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Museum Adventure Pass is Here!

Do you want to go to local museums and cultural attractions for free? Then visit CMPL and check out a Museum Adventure Pass today! You can check out free passes to 25 cultural locations in Metro Detroit. Some

passes entitle you to four free passes and others entitle you to two. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved, renewed or requested through interlibrary loan. One Mu-



seum Adventure Pass may be checked out per library card, per loan period. The loan period is SEVEN DAYS. Passes may be limited to general admission only. Special exhibitions may not be covered, and other restrictions may apply. Visit www.detroitadventurepass.org for more detailed information about participating organizations.

This program will run through October and is sponsored by Macy's, Cultural Alliance of Southeast Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation.

CD / DVD / Videogame Repair

Starting January 15, you can bring your personal CD, DVD or videogame to the Library Gift Store at Main library for repair. Discs will be deep cleaned using a professional resurfacing machine, which was purchased with funds from the Friends of CMPL.

The cost for a CD or DVD will be \$3 per disc and \$5 each for videogame discs. The turnaround time from drop off to delivery will be 7-10 days. It's a terrific way to regain the use of your favorite CDs, DVDs and videogames that blip, skip and crash due to scratches!

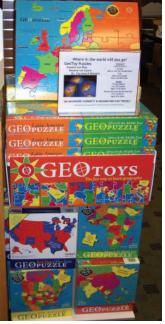
Discs should be brought in the original case when possible. See the next column for Library Gift Store hours and the special coupon offer for disc repair.

Bright Ideas for Gray Days

Overcast skies and drab landscapes are no match for the great books, movies and audio books from your library. Greeting cards and stationery supplies, quality bookends and journals, fun toys and educational products, recipe books and kitchen items, home décor accents, rocks and minerals, Michigan mementos, playing cards, and many,

MANY bookmarks are a few of the delightful choices to brighten the weeks between January and April in Michigan.

Take a look at the Red State-Blue State puzzle from award-winning Geo-Toys. History fans and the politically-minded will enjoy discoveries about past elections and can create a game by making their own predictions for the 2008 USA presidential election. Other GeoPuzzles feature Europe, Asia, the United States and Canada, Africa and Latin America. The puzzles provide



a hands-on method of learning geography. Your puzzle purchase includes fact sheets from the GeoToy website. GeoPuzzles are 100% safe and EN-71 (European Union) certified.

Cozy up with a 'cuppa' brewed in a teapot from the gift shop and try your hand at some of the intricate coloring books and brain-teasers that definitely aren't for children only! You'll find the gift store open on Monday and Tuesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and on Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Gift store sales directly support your library and gift certificates are available. Volunteer applicants are welcomed. Visit www.cmpl.org/Library/LibraryStore.htm for a new coupon each month!

Disc Repair Specials at the Library Gift Store!

Ten CD or DVD discs for \$25 Three videogames for \$12

Offer expires May 1, 2008 and may not be combined with any other offer.

CMPL Book Groups

CMPL offers three different book discussion groups to appeal to all types of book lovers. Take a look at the selection of book groups we have to offer and join us. 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.

January 5: Broken for You by

Stephanie Kallos

February 2: *The Color of Water* by James McBride

March 1: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

April 5: The Sunday List of Dreams by Kris Radish

Main Library- Novel Conversations meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Please note that the February book discussion has been moved up one week.

January 10: Rise to Rebellion by Jeff Shaara

February 7: *The Emperor's Children* by Claire Messud

March 13: The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

April 10: Julie and Julia by Julie Powell

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

January 15: *Cold* by John Smolens **February 19:** *Mourners* by Bill

Pronzini

March 18: *Vanish* by Tess Gerritsen April 15: *Bootlegger's Daughter* by

Margaret Maron

Attention All Investors!

CMPL subscribes to a variety of financial newsletters to assist you in your investment decision making. In addition to the Value Line Investment Survey and Morningstar reports, we also receive the following newsletters:

- American Association of Individual Investors Journal
- The Kiplinger Letter
- The Kiplinger Tax Letter
- Kiplinger's Retirement Report
- Louis Navellier's Blue Chip Growth Letter
- Morningstar Dividend Investor
- Morningstar Mutual Funds
- Morningstar Stock Investor
- Personal Finance
- Richard C. Young's Intelligence Report
- Richard E. Band's Profitable Investing
- Standard & Poor's The Outlook
- The No-Load Fund Investor



These newsletters are reference materials and cannot be checked out. However, each customer is entitled to ten free photocopies. Next time you're at the Main Library, stop by the Adult Nonfiction department on the second floor to review these helpful guides.

Upgrade Your Computer Knowledge

Do you wish you knew more about computers? Starting this winter, the **South Branch** will be offering free one-on-one beginning computer classes for individualized instruction on using a computer. Volunteer instructors and tutors will be providing four basic classes supplemented by tutoring ses-

sions where customers can practice the skills they learn.

Customers can learn about "Computer Basics," "Internet Basics," "Introduction to E-mail," and "Introduction to Microsoft Word." Reservations will be required for all classes and tutoring sessions; priority will be given

to residents of Clinton and Macomb Townships. Watch the events bulletin board at the South Branch and the events calendar on the CMPL web site for program launch information and scheduled sessions.

New Statistical Resource

The nonfiction reference collection at the Main Library has a new resource for those individuals with a love of history, statistics and even trivia. *The*

Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition, provides information on population, work and welfare, economic structure and performance, economic sectors, and governance and international relations in the United States. With over 1,500 tables, statistics range from the national population since 1790, immigration numbers, unemployment rates, consumer price indexes, and consumption expenditures; *The Historical Statistics of the United States* is sure



to provide you with plenty of tidbits on all aspects of United States history.

A Quest for Authentic Italian Materials

by Marilena Gahman, Adult Nonfiction Librarian

"Three weeks in sunny Italy, how wonderful!" That's what my friends said as I prepared to leave and visit family in Italy this fall. When I landed in Bologna, clouds had begun to gather and didn't lift until the plane was taking off for the return flight. It seems that a cold front from Siberia and a warm front from Africa collided right over Italy. I'm talking floods in the south, rain and sleet in the north.

Fortunately all was not lost. In addition to enjoying chestnuts and truffles, I was also able to add to the library's collection while in Italy. Bologna, a university city, has as many bookstores as churches and bars, so I visited several. I found one store near my aunt's house. Marco, the owner, was very helpful pointing out non-academic materials that are popular with young and old. We settled for a few novels by Italian authors, some political humor and several children's books and comics; I'm looking forward to reading a few myself.

A reminder, as well, that we carry books in twelve languages and magazines in nine. We also welcome any comments to help us refine the foreign language collection for the best use by our patrons who read or are learning to read one of the languages we carry.

Music Notes

CMPL has a large selection of music CDs to appeal to customers of all ages and interests. We carry over 14,000 CDs in 23 musical genres. In each newsletter we will try to highlight a different musical artist

and genre. Be on the lookout for these CDs in our collection.

New in our R&B section is *The Scene of the Crime* is by Detroit's own, Bettye LaVette. Paired with Southern rockers, Drive-By Truck-

ers, the album is described by Allmusic.com as "gritty, loud, raw, and drenched in Southern soul, blues, and gospel-tinged R&B." And according to Amazon.com, "LaVette grinds out the intensity, alternating between ballads and roots rockers on a set that never lets up... Soul music just doesn't get any more fiery..." Check out Bettye LaVette and thousands of other musicians in our music section!



CMPL is pleased to offer two different film series for adults at the **Main Library**. We now show the same movie at the movie matinee and the movie night events. That gives you two opportunities to catch a great new release at the library. We will provide water and popcorn at both movie showings. You are free to bring a beverage in a covered container if you wish.

Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 17 at 1 p.m.: Wild Hogs. A group of middle aged men hit the middle of the road in this comedy. Four frustrated biker wannabes want a little excitement back in their lives so they take off on a road trip in search of adventure. They get more than they bargained for when they accidentally offend a fierce New Mexico biker gang called the Del Fuegos and a hilarious race for their lives ensues. Rated PG-13, 100 minutes.

Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 21 at 1 p.m.: *Hairspray*. In this screen version of the Broadway play, Tracy Turnblad is an overweight teenager with huge hair who is obsessed with Link Larken on the Corny Collins Show. She sings and dances her way into his heart and onto the show. However, she decides that the segregation of the show is not fair so she and her friends fight to integrate it. *Rated PG*, 117 minutes.

Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m.: Evan Almighty. We last saw Evan Baxter when he was a preening newscaster. He has now gone on to bigger and better things as a congressman when he is called upon by God to build an ark. Evan's family cannot decide whether he is having a mid-life crisis or is truly on to something of Biblical proportions in this comedy. Rated PG, 96 minutes.

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 17 at 1 p.m.: Stardust. A young man named Tristan tries to win the heart of Victoria by retrieving a magical fallen star. His journey leads him to a forbidden land where he discovers that others are also seeking the star. The four sons of the king and an evil witch battle Tristan for the prize in this wondrous fantasy world. Starring Robert DeNiro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Claire Danes. Rated PG-13, 127 minutes.



Winter Reading Club

Come in from the cold and join our Reading Wonderland winter reading program! Kids through grade

6 are invited to pick up a Reading Wonderland BINGO form at any CMPL location between January 2 and February 29. Complete five activities across, down, or diagonally and bring your form back to the library to pick a prize out of our



treasure chest. Participate as many times as you wish, but all forms are due February 29. A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the program from all entries submitted.

Let It Snow! Craft

Leave the snow outside and make snowmen in the library. Snowmen crafts that is! Join us in the Children's Activity Room at the Main Library on Saturday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m. to make some snow-related crafts and enjoy the warm indoors. This program is for grades 2-5 and registration begins Saturday, January 12.

Read to Me Rosco

Rosco the Clown will be at the library to teach children about the joys of reading. His unique combination of

humor, education and balloon animals has delighted children throughout the area. Rosco will be at the North Branch on Monday, January 21 at 1 p.m. He will visit the South Branch on Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m. Registration begins on January 7 for Read to Me Rosco at

the North Branch. Registration begins March 15 for Read to Me Rosco at the South Branch. This program is sponsored by Great Parents, Great Start.

Valentine BINGO

Come visit the Main Library in the Children's Activity Room on Thursday, February 14 to play Bingo for a chance to win prizes and celebrate Valentine's Day. Bingo will be from



2:30-3:30 p.m. and is for ages 5 and up. Registration begins Thursday, January 31.

Fly a Kite

January might seem a little early to make a kite, but not when the Benjamin Franklin exhibition is in town! Ben Franklin is perhaps best-known for his kite and electricity experiment. On Wednesday, January 16 at 4 p.m. Clinton Township Parks and Recreation will be at the Main Library to teach children ages 5-7



how to build their own kite. Registration begins January 2.

Printing-The Power of the Press

On Saturday, January 19 at 10 a.m. Clinton Township Parks and Recreation will be at the Main Library to teach children ages 7-10 how to use stamps to create their own newspaper just like Ben Franklin. Registration begins January 5.

Children's Movies at CMPL

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. Registration is required two weeks



Friday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m. Main Library presents Surf's Up (PG, 85 minutes)

Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m. North Branch presents Ratatouille (G, 111 minutes)

Saturday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

South Branch presents Ratatouille (G, 111 minutes)

Tuesday, March 25 at 2:30p.m.

Main Library presents *Happy Feet* (PG, 109 minutes)

Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

prior to the film.

South Branch presents TMNT: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG, 87 minutes)



Story Times

Story time is a great way to introduce your child to the library, to language and early literacy skills and to group activities. The simple rhymes help a child to distinguish letter sounds. The stories introduce new words. Children learn to socialize with others in the group and it's fun. Winter and spring story times will run in different intervals depending on location. The Main Library will host story time the week of January 7 through the week of February 11. Session II will run the week of March 31 through the week of April 28. Registration is required. Registration begins December 17 for session I. Registration begins March 17 for session II.

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)

Winter and spring story times will occur at the North and South Branches the week of January 7 through the week of February 11, the week of March 3 through the week of March 31 and the week of April 28 through the week of May 19. Registration is required for North Branch story times only. Registration begins December 17 for session I, February 18 for session II and April 14 for session III. Please note that there is no story time the week of May 5.

North Branch

Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months) Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (3 - 6 years) Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months) Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 11 months) Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (2 - 3 years) Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. (2 - 3 years)

South Branch

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. (18 - 36 months) Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 - 5 years) Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (18 - 36 months) Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3 - 5 years) Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Family)

Registration Reminder

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Due to limited space we cannot accommodate group registrations for events. This includes daycare and Scout troops. Please remember that you can always register online at the Events page at www.cmpl.org/ Events.

 Main Library
 226-5030

 North Branch
 226-5083

 South Branch
 226-5073

Baby Play Times

Baby Play Time occurs during the weeks of story time activities. At the Main Library Baby Play Time will run the week of January 7 through the week of February 11 and the week of March 31 through the week of April 28. Baby Play Time at the Main Library will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. No registration required.

Baby Play Time at the North Branch will be held the week of January 7 through the week of February 11, the week of March 3 through the week of March 31 and the week of April 28 through the week of May 19. Play Time is held on Mondays at 10 a.m. No registration required.

Music and Movement Story Time

The North Branch will host a special music and movement story time on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

for children ages 2-4. This 30-minute program will concentrate on songs, rhymes, movement with streamers and scarves and use of rhythm instruments. Music and movement story times will take place the week of January 7 through the week of February 11, the week of March 3 through the week of March 31 and the week of April 28 through the week of May 19. Registration is required and

begins December 17 for session I, February 18 for session II and April 14 for session III.

Second Saturday Story Times

Start the second Saturday of the month off with fun stories, rhymes and crafts at the North Branch. Second Saturday Story Times will take place at 10:30 a.m. on January 12, February 9, March 8 and April 12. No registration is required.



Checkmate

Learn the basics of chess at a workshop on Monday,

February 11 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Main Library. This beginning class, taught by Mrs. Chantelle Mitchell, will cover how chess pieces move and capture. This program is for children 4 to 12: adult participation for children 6 and under is required. Registration begins on January 28.

If you already know how to play chess and want the opportunity to play more or even if you are a beginner, join us once a month at our library chess club. This drop-in program for children grade K through 12 will be held on the following Saturdays: February 9, March 1, April 19 and May 17 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. No registration is required.

American Girl Party

Bring your American Girl doll to tea at the South



Branch on Saturday, February 16 at 2 p.m. We will have crafts, tea and cookies, and a fashion show with the girls and their dolls. Feel free to dress up like your doll. Registration begins

February 2. Ages 6 and up. Please bring your own teacup.

Lego Club

Join us for our fun new Lego Club at the South Branch for children ages 6-12. Bring your own Lego pieces to build a new creation. Small prizes will be given to the winning designs. The program will take place on Saturdays at 2 p.m. on the following dates: February 9, March 8 and April 12. Registration is required every month and begins two weeks prior to the date. The details of the program are as follows:

- You must use your own Legos. No sharing of pieces. (Siblings or friends can register together and share.)
- No Lego kits or use of Technic Legos.
- We will supply the theme.
- We will display the winners of the Lego contest in the library for 2 weeks, then you will be contacted to pick up your Legos.
- One hour time limit and projects will be completed in the library.

Seussabration

The Main Library will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on Saturday, March 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join us for stories, games and crafts. This program is for children ages 4 to 7.

Join the South Branch on Saturday,
March 1 at 2 p.m. to celebrate the birthday
of Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat will read
stories and we will make some fun crafts.

Light refreshments will be provided. Ages 3 and up.

Registration begins February 16 for both programs.

PAWS for Reading

Children are invited to practice their reading skills at PAWS for Reading activities. PAWS dogs encourage children by being attentive, non-judgmental practice partners for children learning to read. A variety of PAWS dogs will be available at all three locations and times.

PAWS dogs will be at the **South Branch** on the following **Saturdays** at **2 p.m.**:

Saturday, January 19
Saturday, February 2
Saturday, March 15 and Saturday, March 22
Saturday, April 5

PAWS dogs will be at the **North Branch** on the following **Tuesdays** at 6:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 22 Tuesday, February 5 and Tuesday, February 19 Tuesday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 18 Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 22

Parker will be at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, January 14 and Monday, January 28 Monday, February 11 and Monday, February 25 Monday, March 10 and Monday, March 24 Monday, April 14 and Monday, April 28

Rocky will be at the **Main Library** at **1 p.m.** on the following dates:

Saturday, January 26 Saturday, February 23 Saturday, March 8 Saturday, April 5



Preschool Fair

Will your child be heading off to preschool next fall? How do you decide which preschool program is best for your child? We want to help you with this important decision. On Saturday, January 12 from



1 to 4 p.m. the Main Library will host a preschool fair. Almost a dozen area preschools will have displays show-casing their programs and a representative to answer questions. Come by any time during the afternoon to learn more about these schools.

Kiddlitt II

Please come to the activity room at the Main Library for Kiddlitt II in 2008. This book discussion group will cover four classic stories for children in grades 2-4. Parents may help those children who are not reading independently. Registration must be made in person. Books must be picked up at time of registration.

Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m.

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner Registration begins January 7.

Thursday, February 28 at 7 p.m.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes Registration begins February 4.

Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Half Magic by Edward Eager Registration begins March 3.

Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m.

Sarah, Plain & Tall by Patricia Maclachlan Registration begins April 7.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around, Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear march on down...to the Main Library. Children



ages 3 to 6 are invited to a Teddy Bear picnic, on Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and more. Teddy bears or other stuffed toy are welcome. Registration begins on March 1.

Clifford Party

Join everybody's favorite big red dog at a Clifford Party on Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. at the North Branch. Kids ages 3-6 are invited to read stories, complete crafts, and play games celebrating Clifford. Registration begins on April 3. We hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday to Me

The Clinton-Macomb Public Library in partnership with Great Parents—Macomb and other area libraries*, are



starting a Happy Birthday club to celebrate your young child's birthday. If your child is turning 1, 2, 3 or 4 years old, we want to recognize this milestone by giving your child his or her very own book. Just bring your child to the children's desk at the Main Library or the ref-

erence desk at either branch anytime during the month of your child's birthday for the book.

*Other participating libraries are Roseville, Sterling Heights, Romeo, Chesterfield, St. Clair Shores, and Macomb County.

Tours

To recognize that "March is Reading Month", the children's department at the Main Library will be offering tours for scout groups in the afternoon or evening February 25



through March 20. Please call the Youth Services desk, 226-5030, for more information or to schedule your tour.

Make Your Own Library Bag

Every day can be Earth Day! Use a canvas tote bag, in-



stead of a plastic bag, to carry books, toys, or whatever you wish. Ages 6 and up are invited to the Main Library on Thursday, April 24 to decorate a canvas bag. This program will be offered at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. You can help the environ-

ment, keep track of your library books and have fun decorating your very own library bag! **Registration** begins on April 10.

Spring Crafts

Welcome the return of spring by making fun crafts at the Main Library at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. This program is for children ages 6 to 10. Registration begins on March 29.

Get ready for spring by making some new crafts on Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. at the South Branch. Children ages 3 and up are welcome. Registration begins April 12.



Franklin: The Most British and American of the Founders

Come to the **Main Library** on **Thursday, January 3** at **7 p.m.** when Dr. Denver Brunsman, a professor of American history at Wayne State University, will pres-



ent a program on the life of Benjamin Franklin and early American history. His lecture will focus on how Franklin's European beliefs were transformed into ideas that guided a new nation. **Registration is required and begins December 20.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl. org to register.

Novel Conversations

Novel Conversations, the Main Library's book discussion group, will talk about *Rise to Rebellion* by Jeff Shaara on **Thursday, January 10** at **7 p.m.** The book brings a fresh perspective to some of the familiar figures associated with the Revolutionary War, including Benjamin Franklin. **No registration is required** and light refreshments will be served.

Music at Main: Light Metal Band

Music at Main welcomes the Light Metal Band on Sun-



day, January 13 at 2 p.m. The Light Metal Band is a five-piece brass band that will play music from the times of Benjamin Franklin. This concert is fun for the whole family. Registration is not required.

Fly a Kite

Ben Franklin is perhaps best-known for his kite and electricity experiment. On Wednesday, January 16 at 4 p.m. Clinton Township Parks and Recreation staff will be at the Main Library to teach children ages 5-7 how to build their own kites. Registration begins January 2. Call (586) 226-5030 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Benjamin Franklin and His American World

On **Monday, January 14** at **7 p.m.** Dr. Todd Estes from Oakland University will present a program on the life of

Benjamin Franklin. His presentation will touch on Franklin's life and outline the contexts of the time periods during which he lived and worked. Dr. Estes will emphasize the vast changes that Franklin and the American colonies went through and consider how Franklin shaped his times and how he was shaped by



his times as well. **Registration is required and begins January 2.** Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org.

Printing-The Power of the Press

On Saturday, January 19 at 10 a.m. Clinton Township Parks and Recreation staff will be at the Main Library to teach children ages 7-10 how to use stamps to create their own newspaper just like Ben Franklin. Registration begins January 5. Call (586) 226-5030 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Find Skuggs!

Did you know that Ben Franklin had a pet squirrel named Skuggs? Now that the Franklin exhibition is here Skuggs is loose in the library! Every 12 days Skuggs will be in a new location somewhere in the **Main Library**.

Be on the lookout for him and for the famous Ben Franklin quote he is holding. Write each quote down on your Find Skuggs record sheet, available at the Main Library, and you could win your own Franklin in the form of a \$100 bill! There will be five different sayings to collect over the period of the contest. Skuggs will be somewhere in the library starting **December 5** and all forms are due on **January 31**. In



the event of multiple correct entries the winner will be chosen via random drawing.

Young Adult The Edge

Teen Program Reminder

All programs are for 6th through 12th graders ONLY. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. To register call 226-5040 or visit our Events page at www.cmpl.org. For programs that run after the library is closed please make arrangements to be picked up promptly.

Teen Advisory Council

TAC meetings will continue **Wednesdays** from **4-5 p.m.** at the **Main Library** in Conference Room B on the following dates: **January 16, February 20, March 19** and **April 16**.

Teen Tech Week "Tune in @ Your Library" March 2-8

Celebrate Teen Tech Week with our first ever Guitar Hero tournament. The TAC will host the event in the auditorium of the Main Library on Friday, March 7 from 3-5p.m. or until we have a winner. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. Registration begins Friday, February 22.

DDR/Guitar Hero Open House

DDR/GH Open House is offered to teens, entering grades 6-12 on select dates from 3–5 p.m. in the auditorium at the Main Library. Make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. No registration is required. DDR/GH will be offered on: Friday, January 4, Friday, February 1, Wednesday, February 13, Friday, February 29 (Leap Day), Friday, March 14, Wednesday, March 26 and Friday, April 11.

Teen Movie Marathon

The TAC will host a movie marathon featuring the Jason Bourne trilogy (each rated PG-13) at the **Main Library**. You will have a chance to win door prizes. Refreshments will be served. **Registration begins Friday, March 15.** Join us on the following dates:

Friday March 28 at 5 p.m.

The Bourne Identity (118 min.)

Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m.

The Bourne Supremacy (108 min.)

Saturday, March 29 at 3 p.m.

The Bourne Ultimatum (111 min.)

4th Annual Karaoke Contest Come to the Main Library on Friday, January 18 at

5 p.m. to participate in our annual karaoke contest. Participants must use a karaoke CDs (from your own collection or one from the library) and will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of impartial judges. First place is a \$50 gift certificate, second place is a \$35 gift certificate and third place is a \$25 certificate, all from Best Buy. Refreshments will also be served. This program is for teens only, grades 6-12. **Registration is required and begins Friday, January 4.** *Please note: The*

library has a selection of karaoke CDs in the Children's music CD collection. They are located under call number JCD KAR.

Karaoke Open House Practice

On Friday, January 18 between 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium of the Main Library teens can come and practice before the Annual Karaoke contest begins. We will have the karaoke machine set up and karaoke music available. No registration needed.

Teen Game Night

Join us on Friday, April 11 at the Main Library from 5-7 p.m. for board games and card games. We will have games available to play and feel free to bring your own too. No registration required and snacks will be provided. Please note: The program will end after the library has closed for the evening. Please make arrangements to be picked up promptly at 7 p.m.

Leap Day Movie Night

Leap Day only happens once every four years so the TAC is celebrating with a movie night featuring *Transformers* (2007). The action adventure pits the Autobots against the evil Decepticons. The movie is 143 minutes long, rated PG-13 and will be shown in the auditorium at the Main Library on Friday, February 29 at 5 p.m. Registration begins Friday, February 15.

Scrapbooking Club

You can share scrapbooking ideas and learn fun techniques to make your photos and memories last. Please bring photos, scraps, pens, etc. and we will provide glue,



die-cuts, special scissors, paper, etc. for use during the session. Refreshments will be provided. **Registration** is required two weeks prior to each session. We will meet at the **Main Library** in the 2nd floor Children's Activity Room from 3-4:30 p.m. on the following dates: Thursday, January 3, Saturday, February 23, Saturday, March 22 and Saturday, April 19.

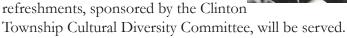


Adult Programs

CMPL presents Citizen King

On **Monday, January 21** at **2 p.m.** adults and families are invited to the **Main Library** to view the PBS

documentary *Citizen King*. This film explores the last few years of Dr. Martin Luther King's life by tracing his efforts to embrace causes beyond the civil rights movement, becoming a champion of the poor and an outspoken opponent of the war in Vietnam. **No registration is required.** Light



The Negro League in America: What If?

On Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. come to the Main Library to hear Larry Parham present a program on the Negro Baseball League. Learn how Major League Baseball might have been different if African American players had been in demand when Major League Baseball started. Registration begins January 23. Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl. org to register.

The Underground Railroad

On Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. Stewart McMillin will be at the Main Library to discuss the Underground Railroad. Observe Black History Month by learning more about this historic network from the South to the North. Registration begins February 11. Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org.

Once Upon a Crime

Come to the Main Library at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 to hear more about the mystery, suspense,

thrillers and detective fiction we have to offer at the library. Our librarians can even give you advice about the latest, greatest books and authors to check out. Light refreshments will be served. **Registration begins April 3.** Call 226-5050



or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Starting A Business

Don Morandini, Regional Director of the Small Business & Technology Development Center, will be at the library this March to give two exciting seminars on how to start a small business. On Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. come to the library to learn the basics of starting your own business. On Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. come to hear about how to write your business.

ness plan. Learn the basic steps involved in starting and operating a successful small business within Macomb County. Topics to be covered include: legal structure, taxes, insurance



licensing, bookkeeping, financing, marketing, business planning and other areas of interest. **Registration** begins February 21. Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register. This Cooperative Agreement is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA's funding is not an endorsement of any products, opinions, or services. All SBA-funded programs are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The Life of Ernest Hemingway

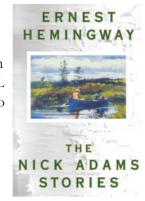
CMPL is participating in the Great Michigan Read this April and May. The Great Michigan Read is a program designed to have everyone in the state read and discuss the same book. This year's selection is a collection of stories by Ernest Hemingway entitled *The Nick Adams Stories*. Join the discussion by reading the Nick Adams Stories and then attend a presentation on Hemingway.

On Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Robert Kearis

will be at the Main Library to discuss Hemingway's world view, his characters and his recurring themes. Pick up a Great Michigan Read Reader's Guide at any CMPL location to get a brief glimpse into the life of Hemingway and then attend this enriching program.

Registration begins March 19.
Call 226-5040 or visit the Events

page to register.





Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of the Library are looking for volunteers to help set up for the Used Book Sale. Activities include moving and sorting books. If you can help, stop by the Main Library at any of the following times to help:

Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24 4 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

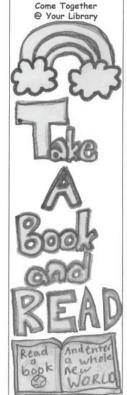
Sunday, April 27 1:15 - 5 p.m.

Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Design a Bookmark Contest

Attention artists in Kindergarten through 12th grade!

You are wanted for the CMPL and Friends of the Library annual Design-A-Bookmark Contest starting April 1. This celebrates National Library Week (April 13 - 19), a nationwide event promoting the use and support of libraries. This year's theme is "Join the Circle of Knowledge". Participants are asked to design an original bookmark featuring the logo "@ your library" using the theme "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library". Entry forms can be picked up from any CMPL location beginning April 1 or on our website. The form must be returned to any CMPL location by Wednesday, April 30. One winner and two runners up will be chosen from each grade category of Kindergarten - grade 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 9, and 10 -12. Winners receive bookstore



gift cards and their designs are reproduced and distributed in the library.

Spring Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Library have been collecting and sorting donations for months in order to get ready for the spring 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, April 30 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friends Night Only

Thursday, May 1 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, May 4 1:15-3:15 p.m. Bag Day

Monday, May 5 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free Book Day

Thank You!

CMPL would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their generous donation to the summer reading program in 2007. Because of the support of the Friends and the organizations listed below, we were able to improve our summer reading with an 80% increase in participation over last year. We could not have done it without generous donations from the following organizations: Citizen's State Bank, Clinton Township Op-



Christina Li of Macomb Township was the big winner of the kid's Wii.

timists, Community Central Bank, Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Friends of the Library Gemini Moon, Laser Quest and Zap Zone.



January

January 1
CLOSED for New Years Day
All CMPL locations

Wednesday, January 2 Winter Reading Club begins All CMPL locations

Thursday, January 3 at 3 p.m.
Teen Scrapbooking
Main Library

Thursday, January 3 at 7 p.m.
Franklin: The Most British and American
of the Founders
Main Library

Friday, January 4 at 3 p.m. Teen DDR and Guitar Hero Main Library

Saturday, January 5 at 12 p.m. Broken for You Book Discussion South Branch

Wednesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Wild Hogs Main Library

Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. Rise to Rebellion Book Discussion Main Library

Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. Second Saturday Story Time North Branch

Saturday, January 12 at 1 p.m. Preschool Fair Main Library

Sunday, January 13 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Light Metal Band Main Library

Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. Benjamin Franklin and His American World Main Library

Tuesday, January 15 at 10 a.m.

Cold Book Discussion

North Branch

Wednesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Wednesday, January 16 at 4 p.m.
Fly a Kite
Main Library

Thursday, January 17 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents Wild Hogs Main Library

Friday, January 18 at 3 p.m. Teen Karaoke Practice Main Library

Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m. Teen Karaoke Contest Main Library

Saturday, January 19 at 10 a.m. Printing-The Power of the Press Main Library

Monday, January 21 at 1 p.m. Read to Me Rosco North Branch

Monday, January 21 at 2 p.m. Citizen King Main Library

Saturday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m. Let It Snow! Craft Main Library

Wednesday, January 30 at 1 p.m. Main Library Tour Main Library

Thursday, January 31 at 7 p.m. Kiddlitt: *The Boxcar Children* Main Library

February

Friday, February 1 at 3 p.m. Teen DDR and Guitar Hero Main Library

Saturday, February 2 at 12 p.m.

The Color of Water Book Discussion

South Branch

Wednesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. The Negro League in America: What If? Main Library

Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m.

The Emperor's Children Book Discussion

Main Library

Saturday, February 9 at 10:30 a.m. Second Saturday Story Time North Branch

Saturday, February 9 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch Saturday, February 9 at 3:30 p.m. Chess Club Main Library

Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: The Ramblers Main Library

Monday, February 11 at 10 a.m. Kid's Chess Main Library

Wednesday, February 13 at 3 p.m.
Teen DDR and Guitar Hero
Main Library

Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents *Hairspray* Main Library

Thursday, February 14 at 2:30 p.m. Valentine BINGO Main Library

Friday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m. CMPL presents *Surf's Up* Main Library

Saturday, February 16 at 2 p.m. American Girl Party South Branch

Tuesday, February 19 at 10 a.m.

Mourners Book Discussion

North Branch

Wednesday, February 20 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Thursday, February 21 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents *Hairspray* Main Library

Thursday, February 21 at 2 p.m. CMPL presents Ratatouille North Branch

Saturday, February 23 at 2 p.m. CMPL presents *Ratatonille* South Branch

Saturday, February 23 at 3 p.m.
Teen Scrapbooking
Main Library

Monday, February 25 at 7 p.m. The Underground Railroad Main Library

Thursday, February 28 at 7 p.m. Kiddlitt: *The Hundred Dresses* Main Library Friday, February 29 at 3 p.m. Teen DDR and Guitar Hero Main Library

Friday, February 29 at 5 p.m. Teen Movie: *Transformers* Main Library

March

Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. Seussabration Main Library

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

Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. Seussabration South Branch

Saturday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. Kid's Chess Main Library

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. Starting a Business Main Library

Friday, March 7 at 3 p.m. Guitar Hero Tournament Main Library

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

Saturday, March 8 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch

Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Writing a Business Plan
Main Library

Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Evan Almighty Main Library

Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m.

The Year of Magical Thinking

Book Discussion

Main Library

Friday, March 14 at 3 p.m. Teen DDR and Guitar Hero Main Library

Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.
Teddy Bear Picnic
Main Library

Tuesday, March 18 at 10 a.m.

Vanish Book Discussion

North Branch

Wednesday, March 19 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents Evan Almighty Main Library

Saturday, March 22 at 3 p.m. Teen Scrapbooking Main Library

> Sunday, March 23 CLOSED for Easter Main Library

Tuesday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. CMPL presents *Happy Feet* Main Library

Wednesday, March 26 at 3 p.m.
Teen DDR and Guitar Hero
Main Library

Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Kiddlitt: *Half Magic* Main Library

Friday, March 28 at 5 p.m.
Teen Movie: The Bourne Identity
Main Library

Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. Teen Movie: *The Bourne Supremacy* Main Library

Saturday, March 29 at 3 p.m. Teen Movie: *The Bourne Ultimatum* Main Library

Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m.
Read to Me Rosco
South Branch

April

Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
The Life of Ernest Hemingway
Main Library

Saturday, April 5 at 12 p.m.

The Sunday List of Dreams

Book Discussion

South Branch

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Fitz Jazz Quartet Main Library

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents Stardust
Main Library

Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Julie and Julia Book Discussion Main Library Friday, April 11 at 3 p.m.
Teen DDR and Guitar Hero
Main Library

Friday, April 11 at 5 p.m.
Teen Game Night
Main Library

Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Second Saturday Story Time North Branch

Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Spring Crafts
Main Library

Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch

Tuesday, April 15 at 10 a.m.

Bootlegger's Daughter Book Discussion

North Branch

Wednesday, April 16 at 4 p.m.
TAC Meeting
Main Library

Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m.
Clifford Party
North Branch

Thursday, April 17 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents *Stardust* Main Library

Saturday, April 19 at 3 p.m.
Teen Scrapbooking
Main Library

Saturday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. Kid's Chess Main Library

Saturday, April 19 at 2 p.m. CMPL presents TMNT: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles South Branch

Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Make Your Own Library Bag Main Library

> Thursday, April 24 at 7 p.m. Kiddlitt: Sarah, Plain and Tall Main Library

Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m.
Spring Crafts
South Branch

Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. Used Book Sale - Friends Night Main Library



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. Please take a look at the concerts we're hosting and spend your Sunday afternoon at the **Main Library**. These concerts are suitable for all ages.

Sunday, January 13 at 2 p.m.

The **Light Metal Band** will be at the Main Library to play classical and Colonial music. This five-piece brass quintet has performed the very finest brass literature throughout the state of Michigan.

Sunday, February 10 at 2 p.m.

The Ramblers will visit the Main Library to share a blend of swing, Latin and ballads. They even play some great old standards that will be sure to delight.

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

The **Fitz Jazz Quartet** will visit the Main Library to play an assortment of jazz. Come to hear the classics in the style of Duke Ellington and Dave Brubeck at this fun, family concert.



The Light Metal Band



The Ramblers

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