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Museum Adventure Pass Extended!

Do you want to visit local museums and cultural centers for free? Good news! There is still time to take advantage of the Museum Adventure Pass



program at CMPL. You can check out free passes to cultural locations in Metro Detroit. Passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved, renewed or requested through interlibrary loan. However, you can check the availability of passes in our online catalog at www. cmpl.org. One Museum Adventure Pass may be

checked out per library card, per loan period. The loan period is SEVEN DAYS. New locations have been added for 2009!

Passes may be limited to general admission only. Special exhibitions may not be covered, and other restrictions may apply. This program will run through October 2009 and is sponsored by Macy's, The Cultural Alliance of Southeast Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation.

The following organizations are involved in the 2008-2009 Museum Adventure Pass program:

LOCATIONS THAT ADMIT 4

Anton Art Center (NEW) Arts & Scraps (NEW) Automotive Hall of Fame Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Birmingham Historical Museum & Park (NEW) Detroit Artist's Market Detroit Children's Museum Dossin Great Lakes Museum Grosse Pointe Historical Society Howell Nature Center Lorenzo Cultural Center MOCAD Pewabic Pottery The Scarab Club (NEW) University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History Wyandotte Historical Museum (NEW) Ypsilanti Historical Museum

LOCATIONS THAT ADMIT 2

Arab American National Museum Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History Cranbrook Art Museum Cranbrook House and Gardens Cranbrook Institute of Science Detroit Historical Museum Detroit Institute of Arts Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Ford Rouge Factory Tour Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm January - April 2009

CMPL receives Target Grant

We are pleased to announce a partnership with Target[®] in recognition of our efforts in early literacy. The program, underwritten by the Target grant, will be a book club for children with their par-

ent or caregiver. The children will read a book with their caregiver at home and then meet at the South Branch with the adult for



activities based on the book.

South Branch Librarian Lisa Martin applied for the grant through Target and was pleased to receive the \$2500 stipend for the Xtreme Readers Book Group. "Children participating in the program will receive a free book and an Xtreme Readers backpack," Martin said.

This grant is part of ongoing efforts by Target to strengthen families and communities throughout the country. The book group will be for children ages 7-12 and will also include a craft or game activity at the South Branch. Visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org or see page 9 for information on the Xtreme Readers Book Group dates and the books selected.



As our community faces a time of great uncertainty, I hope you will think about your local public library as a beacon of hope, a way to enrich your life without expense, a place to reconnect with your community, and an opportunity for a brighter future.

To start, there is a CMPL location within approximately 5 miles of every resident in our community. All three of our facilities are clean, modern and offer something for everyone. If an item is not available at one location we can easily request delivery for you from another location. We continue to explore ways to offer you the best service at all three locations. Early this year we will be upgrading all of our copiers and printers so that the option to copy and print in color will be available at all three locations.

We have nearly 375,000 items in our collection with access to another 12 million items through our partnerships with other libraries across the state. As long as you return your items on time you won't have to pay a cent to use any of these materials. We have something for everyone in the community, from newborns to centenarians, from rich to poor, from conservative to liberal and everyone in between. Our materials can help improve your job skills, keep your mind sharp, allow your imagination to carry you away to faraway places or travel through time, make you a more informed citizen, or inspire you to start a new hobby. If you are not able to find what you are looking for, be sure to ask our librarians to help you explore other options.

We have hundreds of magazines on a wide variety of subjects. Enjoy the current issue in the library or check out back issues for three weeks. Need something that is over a year old? We provide access to a wide variety of quality, reputable Internet resources at no cost that the typical Internet user would have to pay for on his or her own.

Is the Internet Age making us a nation of hermits? Share the joy of the library with your neighbors! Consider inviting an elderly neighbor who cannot drive to one of the free Music at Main concerts, start your own book club with one of our book discussion kits, or join us for a book discussion with one of our professional librarians.

If you know of someone who has recently retired, or found extra spare time in their day for any reason, suggest that he or she consider volunteering at the library. We routinely need assistance in the Library Store, with sorting donated books for the book sale, with our volunteer-taught computer tutoring program and with a wide variety of other jobs. The gift of their time can make the community a better place as well as empower members of the community.

There is no question these are challenging times. I hope that the library can help make these challenges a little easier for everyone. We look forward to seeing you and your family in the library soon.

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South Branch

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Hours of Service

Monday-Thursday9 a.m. - 9 p.m.Friday-Saturday9 a.m. - 6 p.m.Sunday*1 p.m. - 6 p.m.(*September- May, Main Library only)

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Picturing America

The National Endowment for the Humanities has a new initiative, Picturing America, which brings masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nation-wide. The **Main Library** is pleased to be one of 26,000 schools and libraries across the nation to host this exhibition of notable American artwork. Stop by the Main Library from now through spring 2009 to gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history and character through the study and understanding of its art.

Picturing America is presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and is distributed in collaboration with the American Library Association.

Investment Resources

Even though the stock market has been unpredictable, the **Main Library** subscribes to a variety of investment newsletters to help you decipher these uncertain times on Wall Street. We even offer you 10 free photocopies from these resources so you can take the information with you. In addition to Morningstar and Valueline resources, we also subscribe to the following newsletters:



AAII Journal

Complete Investor Consumer Reports Money Advisor Hulbert Financial Digest Kiplinger Letter Kiplinger's Retirement Report Kiplinger's Tax Letter Louis Navellier's Blue Chip Growth Letter Morningstar Dividend Investor Morningstar Stock Investor No-Load Fund Investor Personal Finance with Neil George, editor Richard Band's Profitable Investing Richard Young Intelligence Report Utility Forecaster

Help Us Redesign Our Web Site

We are currently revamping the library's web site and

we'd like you to share your opinions about it with us! We need volunteers to help us with usability testing on potential new designs. Let us know whether you think it is easy to navigate and under-



stand. To participate in a 30-45-minute evaluation of our new library web site, e-mail redesign@cmpl.org or call (586) 226-5091. You will receive a small gift as a thankyou for your valuable feedback.

Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms

CMPL offers a variety of free meeting rooms and study rooms to the public. There are four study rooms available at the Main Library for groups working on projects and studying for exams. These rooms cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You need a CMPL library card in good standing (fines less than \$5) to check out a group study room.

Meeting rooms are available at all CMPL locations to non-profit groups in Clinton and Macomb Townships. The guidelines for reserving a meeting room are as follows:

- 1. The party reserving the room must be a resident of Clinton or Macomb Township.
- 2. You must have a valid library card in good standing.
- 3. Regular monthly meeting dates cannot be guaranteed. Rooms can be reserved no more than 60 days in advance and no more than twice a month by the same group.
- 4. Meeting room applications can be found online or at the library and paperwork must be filled out for each meeting room request.

Let Us Handle Repairs

We understand that sometimes there are accidents when you borrow a book from the library. Please do not attempt to repair books using tape, glue or any other adhesive. The library has a supply of materials to help us fix damaged books. We know your intentions are good, but if you let us know about any ripped pages, broken bindings or other damage, we will make sure we fix the item to ensure a long shelf life. Thank you.

CMPL Book Groups

CMPL offers three different book discussion groups to appeal to all types of book lovers. Remember, no registration is required to attend any book discussion. Simply read the book and show up ready to discuss it.

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

January 10: Loving Frank by Nancy Horan February 14: Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland March 14: Flying Changes by Sara Gruen April 11: Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill

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

January 8: The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger February 12: Then We Came to the End by Joshua Ferris March 12: Nickel and Dimed: on (not) getting by in America by Barbara Ehrenreich April 9: The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

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

January 20: Bone Collector by Jeffery Deaver February 17: Night Sins by Tami Hoag March 17: Killer Weekend by Ridley Pearson April 21: Sunstroke by Jesse Kellerman

Harry Potter Bookend Recall

The Library Gift Store is participating in a voluntary recall of Harry Potter bookends that were sold at the Library Gift Store in 2007 and 2008. These poly-stone bookends are shaped like the characters of Harry Potter and Hermione Granger. No incidents or injuries have been reported. The product is being recalled because it contains excessive levels of lead paint. If you purchased the Harry Potter bookends please return them to the Library Gift Store for a full refund. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Finding Good Value at the Library Store

Your Library Gift Store provides you with unique gifts at fair prices and, when your study project just has to get done, you'll find pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, flash drives and more. Also, proceeds from merchandise sales go directly back to the library. The Store is a place where you are welcomed and valued as a member of your library's community.

We also ask that you consider becoming a member of the Store's volunteer team. You'll meet a wonderful variety of people in the store and behind its door you can talk about your favorite authors, books, DVDs and more to your heart's content.

Greeting cards, bookends, Russian nesting dolls, beautiful rock



specimens, fun and educational children's products, jewelry, recipe books, gorgeous teapots and trivets, Michigan mementos, stationery needs and many, MANY bookmarks are just some of the quality items to brighten the day for you or a friend. The Library Gift Store is open Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

> Clip this coupon for a 15% discount at your CMPL Gift Store through 4/30/09

(Friends merchandise & specially priced items excluded. Coupon may not be combined with other offers)

Online Resources Uncovered

Have you ever explored the library's eResources page at www.cmpl.org? There is a variety of wonderful databases to help you with everything from fixing your car to researching homework topics. Among the hidden gems is a computer program called Learn-A-Test.

Many people come to the library for test preparation books for subjects such as ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB and Civil Service, Citizenship and TOEFL. The



LearnATest.com Library contains test preparation materials and interactive practice exams, based on official tests, that will help you improve your scores on academic, civil service, mili-

tary, and professional licensing and certification exams; immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of your score is provided.

Learn-A-Test provides online access to these test preparation programs, so you can still practice taking the test even if the books are checked out. This is just a small sampling of the tests available. It also includes tutorials for academic preparation as well as licensing and certification exams. You can also create an account and save a record of your test results to chart your progress. For more details, go to www.cmpl.org/ eResources, and under Find Databases click on Learn-A-Test. The Learn-A-Test program is available to everyone, either at home or at the library. Call us if you have any questions at 226-5040.

Help Us Recycle

You already know that CMPL helps you recycle paper, but did you know that you can recycle used inkjet printer cartridges at the library as well? All locations collect your used inkjet printer cartridges, which are recycled through the Funding Factory, which helps the



library raise money for programs and new materials. We can accept the following inkjet brands: Apple, Canon, Compaq, Dell, HP, Lexmark, Samsung, Sharp and Xerox. Unfortunately we cannot accept Epson or previously

remanufactured ink cartridges. If you would like to help us raise money and help the environment, drop off your empty inkjet cartridges in the bin by the South Branch circulation desk, North Branch reference desk or Main Library copy room.



CMPL is pleased to offer two different film series for adults. We will provide water and popcorn at both movie showings. You may bring a beverage in a covered container if you wish. Movies are shown in the auditorium of the **Main Library**. Please note that it can get chilly in the room and you may wish to bring a light sweater.

Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 22 at 1 p.m.: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. Set in 1957, an older and wiser Indiana Jones is pitted against agents of the Soviet Union in pursuit of the mystical Crystal Skull. Indy is joined in the jungles of South America by an upstart named Mutt who reminds him of his younger self in the fourth installment of this incredibly successful franchise. Rated PG-13, 124 minutes.

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m.: *Made of Honor*. Tom is living the good life and his one constant is his best friend Hannah. When Hannah announces that she is getting married Tom is stunned to realize that he is in love with her and he only has a few weeks to reveal his true feelings to her in this romantic comedy. *Rated PG-13, 101 minutes*.

Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m.: *Mamma Mial* In this big screen version of the stage musical featuring the songs of ABBA, Donna is the mother to Sophie, who's on a quest to discover the identity of her father on the eve of her wedding. Donna owns a small hotel on an idyllic Greek island and when three men from her past arrive unexpectedly, it is a trip down memory lane that no one will ever forget. *Rated PG-13, 108 minutes.*

Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m.: *Get Smart*. Bungling secret agent Maxwell Smart, also known as Agent 86 for CONTROL, is on a mission to battle the forces of the evil crime organization known as KAOS. Luckily, his more competent partner, simply known as Agent 99, leads Maxwell in the right direction when the heads of CONTROL apprehensively send him in to thwart the plot for world domination in this comedy. *Rated PG-13, 110 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 5 and
February 28. 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 28**. A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the program from all entries submitted.

Puppet Show

Come back to wizard school! See what confronts the students in "The Winning Wizard". This original puppet show will be presented by Pippin Puppets on Monday, January 19. A morning performance will be held at the North Branch at 10:30 a.m.; an afternoon performance will be at the Main Library at 2 p.m. Registration is required for the North Branch only and begins January 5. This program is best suited for ages 5 and up.

Superhero Party

Come join us in your best Superhero costume on Saturday, February 7 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Main Library. Children ages 4-8 are invited for superhero games, crafts and refreshments. Registration begins January 24.

Valentine Crafts

Come to the **Main Library** for Valentine bingo, cookies and crafts on **Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

This program is for children grades 1- 5. **Registration begins on Janu**ary 29.

Toddler Crafts: Valentine Crafts



Join us at the North Branch to

make some fun Valentine crafts on **February 12** at **10 a.m.** or **11 a.m.**! This program is for toddlers 2-4 years old and **registration begins January 29**.

Preschool Fair

Will your child be heading off to preschool next fall?

How do you decide which preschool program is best for your child? CMPL wants to help you with this important decision. On **Saturday, January 10** from **1-4 p.m.** the library will host a preschool fair. More than a dozen area preschools will have displays showcasing their programs and a representa-



tive to answer questions. Come by any time during the afternoon to learn more about these schools.

Storyteller LaRon Williams

In celebration of Black History Month, join us at the South Branch to hear nationally acclaimed storyteller, LaRon Williams, on **Monday, February 9** at **6:30 p.m.** His collection of stories includes both original and traditional tales that are infused with music and invite audience participation. This program is best suited for ages 5 and up. **Registration is required and begins on January 26.**

Kids' Movies

Light refreshments will be served, but feel free to bring a drink in a covered container.

Tuesday, February 17 at 2 p.m.

North Branch presents *Wall-E* (Rated G, 98 minutes). Registration begins on February 3.



Tuesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. South Branch presents *Curious George*

(Rated G, 86 minutes). **Registration** begins February 3.

Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

North Branch presents *Kung Fu Panda* (Rated PG, 60 minutes). Registration begins on March 7.

Read to Me, Rosco!

Rosco the Clown will be at the **North Branch** on **Monday, February 16** at **1 p.m.** Children ages 3-6 are invited to attend for a great interactive story time and magic show. **Registration begins on February 2.**





Story Times

Because of the popularity of our story times, we now register for most of our sessions and have a limited number of spots available. Many of our sessions fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. We understand that emergencies come up and you can't make it to every story time. We ask, if possible, to give us a quick call and let us know. If we miss you for the first two weeks we will give your spot to the next person on the waiting list. We would like to accommodate as many families as possible and feel that this will help us to do so.

Main Library

Story time runs January 12 through February 19. Registration begins December 29. Session II runs the week of April 20 through May 21. Registration begins April 6.

North and South Branches

Story time runs January 5 through February 5. Registration begins December 22. Session II runs March 2 through April 2. Registration begins February 16. Session III runs April 27 through May 21. Registration begins April 13. Registration is not required for the South Branch.

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 11 a.m. (11 - 36 months) NEW! Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. (3 - 5 years) Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (1 - 3 years) Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (2 - 3 years) Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (3 - 5 years)

North Branch

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2 - 4 years, Music and Movement) Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (2 - 4 years, Music and Movement) Wednesdays 9:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months) Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (3 - 6 years) Wednesdays 11:15 a.m. (12 - 24 months) Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (0 - 11 months) Thursdays 10:30 a.m. (2 - 3 years) Thursdays 11:15 a.m. (2 - 3 years)

South Branch

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

Registration Reminder

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Due to space limitations we cannot accommodate group registration for events. This includes day care 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

Bedtime Story Time

Children ages 3-5 years old are invited to put on their PJs and come to the Main Library for stories and songs at 6:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: January 28, February 26, March 26 and April



30. No registration required.

Second Saturdays

Join the North Branch for some a short movie based on a children's book and a craft on the second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Registration is not required for these programs. Programs will be offered on January 10, February 14, and April 11. No registration required.

Baby Play Time

Baby Play time will be offered concurrently with story times at the Main Library on Mondays, Tuesdays NEW and Wednesdays from 9 - 11:30 a.m. We will also offer it on the fourth Saturday (January 24, February 28, March 28, and April 25) of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The North Branch will host Baby Play Time concurrently with story times on Mondays at 10 a.m. No registration is required.

PAWS for Reading

PAWS dogs will be at the North Branch on the following Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.: January 6, January 20,

February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, April 7 and April 21.

PAWS dogs will be at the **South Branch** at 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: January 24, February 7 and April 4.

PAWS dogs will be at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m. on the following Mondays and Wednesdays: January 7, January 12, January 26, February 4, February 9, February 23, March 4, March 9, March 23, April 1, April 13 and April 27.



Fancy Nancy Tea Party!

Are you a fan of Fancy Nancy? So are we! Dress up in



your finery and join us at the **South Branch** on **Saturday, February 14** at **2 p.m.** for a fancy afternoon tea party. There will be snacks, crafts, and Fancy

Nancy stories. **Registration begins January 31.** This program is for kids ages 3 to 8.

Lego Club

Bring your Legos to the Library for building fun! We will supply the theme and you build it. Prizes will be given for winning designs. No kits or Technic Legos allowed. Lego Club is for children ages 6-12. **Registration is required two weeks prior to each date.**

Main Library

Saturday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.

North Branch Wednesday, February 18 at 2 p.m.

South Branch Saturday, January 17 at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 21 at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

Scout Tours

In recognition of "March is Reading Month", the Main

Library's children's department will be offering a special tour for all scout groups from Clinton or Macomb Townships. Choose either **Tuesday, March** 10 or **Thursday, March 26**; both tours



will begin at **6:30 p.m.** Please call 226-5030 for more information or to register your scout group for a tour.

Chess Club

The chess club held at the Main Library is for children

grades K-12; from beginners to those who know how to play chess, and parents and grandparents accompanying children. Beginners will be taught how the pieces move and capture. An instructor will be present at every meeting.

This is a drop-in program. No registration is required. Join us on the following Saturdays: January 3, February 28 and March 21 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Parachute Games

Bring your little one to play some fun games with the parachute at the South Branch on Tuesday, February 24 at 10 or 10:30 a.m. Registration begins February 10. This program is for children ages 2 and up.

Seuss at the Library

Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! On Monday, March 2 the Main Library will celebrate with a variety of short movies, guest readers sharing their favorite Seuss stories and a simple make-and-take craft throughout the afternoon and evening. The festivities will begin at 2 p.m. and culminate with the showing of The Cat in the Hat at 6:30 p.m.

Seussabration

Join the **South Branch** on **Saturday, March 7** at **2 p.m.** to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat will visit the library to read stories and we will make some fun crafts. Light refreshments will be provided. Ages 3 and up. **Registration begins February 21.**

Teddy Bear Picnic

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear turn around, Teddy Bear, Teddy

Bear march on down...to the library. Children ages 3 to 6 are invited to a Teddy Bear picnic at the Main Library, on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and more. Teddy bears or other



stuffed toy are welcomed. **Registration begins on February 18**.

R.E.P.T.I.L.E.

Snakes at the library! and lizards too! Come learn about these important animals at a special program presented by R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Inc. Mike Brophy will share his knowledge about these cold-blooded animals, while the reptiles will provide the entertainment. **Registration begins on February 28.** This program is best suited for ages 5 and up.

Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. (Main Library) Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. (North Branch) Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. (South Branch)

It's Magic! @ the Library

....that is sure to be your response after seeing a2magic's program at the North Branch on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. This familyfriendly program will thoroughly amaze you and leaving you wonder "how does magician Jeff Wawrzaszek do that?" Registration begins March 31.



Kiddlitt

Kiddlitt is a book club at the Main Library for students

in grades 2-5. There will be no Kiddlitt program in January, but we will continue the program in February.



Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater **Registration begins January 22.**

Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson **Registration begins February 19.**

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Trolls by Polly Horvath **Registration begins March 19.**

Kids Read Online Book Club

Are you in fourth or fifth grade and looking for something different to do? The Kids Read online book club



may be just what you are looking for! Read any or all of the four titles listed below. Copies can be put on hold to be transferred to your branch. Then, answer the

questions that are available with the book or are listed online at http://kidsreadcmpl.blogspot.com/ by emailing kidsread@cmpl.org. The four books for winter/ spring are:

Love That Dog by Sharon Creech The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney The Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan

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 "Worlds Connect @ Your Library." Participants are asked to design an original bookmark featuring the theme "Worlds Connect @ your library." Entry forms can be picked up from any CMPL location beginning April 1 or on our web site. The form must be returned to any CMPL location by Thursday, 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.

Xtreme Readers Book Group

Do you want to get your child excited about reading? Does your child read books only from one chapter book series and you want to expose him or her to new books? Is your child too old for story time, but you want to continue having him or her participate in library programs that encourage reading? Our newest book club at the South Branch may be for you!

We have a new book club designed for children ages 7-12. The book group is called "Xtreme Readers" and is sponsored by a grant from Target in Clinton Town-

ship. Children can stop by the reference desk to pick up a copy of the following month's book selection and register. The book can be read independently or children and parents can read it together at home. We will have a craft or activity that relates to the book and light refresh-



ments will be provided. The book for February can be picked up in late January at the South Branch reference desk. Children who participate can keep a copy of the book to add to their home library. Registration is required and begins one month prior to each date.

Xtreme Readers will meet on **Saturdays** at **2 p.m.** on the following dates:

February 28 – Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney March 28 – From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg April 25 – The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Lisa's Dance Party

This popular program is back for toddlers 2-4 years old. Join Mrs. Lisa at the **North Branch** on **April 21** at **10** or **11 a.m.** for some jumping, spinning, and other dancing fun! **Registration begins on April 7.**

Bag Decorating Craft

We will celebrate Earth day with a bag decorating craft. Ages 6 and up are invited to the Main Library



on **Thursday, April 23** to decorate a canvas bag. This program will be offered at **10:30 a.m.** You can help the environment, keep track of your library books and have fun decorating your very own library bag! Please wear

appropriate clothing for painting or bring a paint smock. Registration begins on April 9.

OUNG Adult

Teen Advisory Council

TAC meetings will continue **Wednesdays** from **4** to **5** p.m. at the **Main Library** in Conference Room B on the following dates:

January 21 February 18 March 18 April 15

Gaming Open Houses

Teens, in grades 6-12 are invited to play the Wii, Guitar Hero, Rockband and DDR in the Main Library auditorium on selected dates below. Make

auditorium on selected dates belo sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes. No registration is required. Open gaming will be held at the **Main Library** in the auditorium from 3-5 p.m. on following dates:



Wednesday, January 14 Friday, January 30 Wednesday, February 11 Friday, February 27 Wednesday, March 11 Friday, March 27 Wednesday, April 8 Friday, April 17

Super Smash Brothers Brawl Tournament

The TAC will host a second SSBB tournament for teens, grades 6-12 only in the Main Library auditorium

on **Saturday, April 4** at **2-6 p.m.** continuing until we have determined a winner. A prize will be awarded to the top finisher and refreshments will be served. **Registration begins Saturday,**



March 21. Please check out the Teen Gaming open house dates to practice.

Teen Program Reminder

All programs are for 6th through 12th graders ONLY. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. To register call 226-5030 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 Karaoke Open House Practice

Teens only, grades 6-12 can come and practice for the 5th Annual Karaoke contest on **Wednesday, January**

14 between 3 - 5 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium. We will have Playstation set up with Sing Star and the karaoke machine set up with karaoke music. No registration is required.

5th Annual Teen Karaoke Contest

Come to the **Main Library** auditorium on **Friday, January 16** at

5 p.m. to participate in our 5th annual karaoke contest. Participants may use a karaoke CD (your own or one from the library) or use the library's Play-



station Sing Star games and will be evaluated by a panel of impartial judges on their performance. 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. This program is for teens only, grades 6-12 and is also a time for teens to socialize with their peers. **Registration begins Friday, January 2.** *Please note: The library catalog has a selection of karaoke CDs under the call numbers CD VOC and JCD KAR.*

Teen Movie Night

The TAC will host a movie night featuring *Monty Python* and the Holy Grail (89 minutes & rated PG) in the Main

Library auditorium on Friday, February 13 at 5 p.m. Drinks, popcorn and snacks will be provided. This program is for teens only, grades 6-12. Registration begins Friday, January 30.



South Branch Gaming!

We are pleased to announce that the South Branch will now be hosting Open Gaming for teens in grades 6-12. We will provide the console (Wii, Playstation 3, or Xbox 360), games, and snacks. Just show up and bring your friends! Gaming will take place from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. on the following Fridays:

> January 9 February 6 April 3

Teen Tech Week "Press Play at Your Library'' March 8-14

Celebrate Teen Tech Week with our 1st ever Guitar Hero: World Tour Competition. The TAC will host the event in the Main Library auditorium on Friday, March 13 at 3 p.m. continuing until we have deter-



mined a winning band. will match up you up with

a band, but cannot guarantee you will be able to play a certain instrument. 1st and 2nd prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. This program is for teens only, grades 6-12. Registration begins Friday, February 27. Please check out the Teen Gaming open house dates to practice.

Design-A-Bookmark Contest

Attention artists in 6th 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 "Worlds Connect @ your library". Participants are asked to design an original bookmark featuring the logo "@ your library" using the theme "Worlds Connect @ your library".

Entry forms can be picked up from any CMPL location beginning April 1 or on our web site. The form must be returned to any CMPL location by Thursday, 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.



Find Us on Facebook

If you have a Facebook account, you can become a fan of the Clinton-Macomb Public Library! We recently

added a library page to Facebook. This is your chance to fan the library and see all the great teen programs and events we have to offer.



Add a CMPL event to your page to let all your friends know where you're hanging out after school. Look us up today!

2008 Teens' Top 10

Are you looking for a good book to read? Why not take a suggestion from teens around the country. These are

the favorite books chosen by teens in the annual Teens' Top Ten Vote. The online vote took place during ALA's Teen Read Week October 12-18. All titles are found in the library's online catalog.



Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead

Maximum Ride: Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports by James Patterson

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

The Sweet Far Thing by Libba Bray

Extras by Scott Westerfeld

Before I Die by Jenny Downham

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

Adult Programs

The Gee's Bend Quilters

Generations of African American women, isolated in the settlement of Gee's Bend, Alabama, have created amazing quilts from whatever materials they could gather. On **Tuesday, January 13** at **7 p.m.** Jan Dolland will

be at the Main Library to share the story of the Gee's Bend Quilters. Dolland has visited the settlement many times and has many personal stories of the women who make these quilts. Dolland



will show a brief film about the settlement and bring photos and examples of the Gee's Bend quilts. **Registration begins December 30.** Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

All About eBay

Mark Monday, February 23 at 6 p.m. on your calendar, when we present an eBay® training session at the Main Library. The class will teach everything you need to know about selling, trading, and shipping on eBay[®]. Postal experts experienced at selling on eBay[®] and using the Postal Service's Click-N-Ship service will show attendees how to get started and make the most of online auctioning. Seating is limited and registration for Clinton and Macomb Township residents begins February 9. *A valid resident library card number will be required to register for this event.* If there is space available, non-residents may register beginning February 16. Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

The Lincoln Assassination

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Abraham



Lincoln's birth. On **Tuesday, February 17** at **6:30 p.m.** Jerry Zaetta will present a program on The Lincoln Assassination. The assassination of Lincoln touched off one of the largest manhunts in the history of the United States. Come to the library to learn about the arrest of John

Wilkes Booth and the conspiracy that stretched farther than the assassination of President Lincoln. **Registration begins February 3.** Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Martin Luther King Day

Come to the Main Library on Monday, January 19 at

10 a.m. to see a film on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. This retrospective will offer insight into King's legacy and explore the relevance of his message today. **No registration is required.** This program is suitable for families and individuals looking to commemorate the holiday.



Job Help at the South Branch

Please join us at the **South Branch** for a series of job help information workshops presented in part by Macomb Community College Career Services (MCCCS) from the Center Campus and CMPL. These classes are taught by a globally certified Career Development Facilitator. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 226-5073 or visit www.cmpl.org to register on the dates listed below.

Resource Information Workshop

On **Saturday, January 17** from **11 a.m. – 12 p.m.** we will host a workshop covering resume and cover letter writing to preparing for a great interview. This information workshop covers a broad range of job seeker skills and tips. **Registration begins January 3**.

Resume Writing Workshop

Discover your critical transferable skills and learn how to market yourself on Saturday, January 31 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Resume and cover letter techniques will be addressed: what to always include, what to sometimes include, and what to never include in your resume. Be sure to bring a copy of your resume. Registration begins January 17.

Interviewing Workshop

From employer research to the most common interviewing questions, learn the "in's and out's" of interviewing. Effective interviewing techniques will be discussed and there will be time for practice interviews for those who are interested on Saturday, February 28 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration begins February 14.

Writing Workshops

Have you always wanted to write? Do you need tips on how to start your story, get over writer's block or explore the many ways to publish your work? Join Cindy Harrison, local teacher and author of Your Words, Your *Story*, for two programs to help you get your writing off the ground. Registration begins two weeks prior to each program. Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org.



Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m.: Getting Started on

Your Story. This session will feature a short lecture on the nuts and bolts of getting started as an author. A question-and-answer period will follow the lecture.

Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m.: Paths to Publishing.

After you've written something, explore the different avenues of publishing. From breaking into magazine work, contributing to anthologies, traditional book publishing, print on demand e-books and self-publishing, there is an avenue for just about any type of writer.

Once Upon a Crime

Come to the Main Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1 to hear more about the mystery, suspense, thrillers and detective fiction we have to offer at the library. Our librarians have scoured the shelves and will give you the inside scoop on the authors you must read. Participants should come with one or more of their favorite mysteries, suspense or thrillers to share with the group. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, March 18. Call 226-5050 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Spring Gardening

Visit the Main Library on Tuesday, April 7 at

7 p.m. when Master Gardener Cheryl English will present a program on hybrid Clematis. Long perceived as "difficult" or "temperamental", Clematis are actually proven performers that can give years of gardening



delight. Species Clematis can give just as much (if not more) bang for your garden. Learn how to dramatically increase bloom time and color range in your yard – as well as Clematis

culture tips to keep your climbers happy and healthy. Registration is required and begins March 24. Call 226-5040 or visit the Events page at www.cmpl.org to register.

Friends of 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, bestsellers, children's books and more! Please note that stroll-



ers are not allowed in the book sale rooms on Wednesday or Thursday. A membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

> Wednesday, April 29 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friends Night Only

Thursday, April 30 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Monday, May 4 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Dav

Volunteer Opportunities

The Friends of the Library are always in need of volunteers to help set up for the used book sale. Activities include moving and sorting books, bagging purchases



and restocking books. If you help sort for an hour or more you will also receive the added incentive of a free book. If you want to help, please stop by the Main Library at any of the following times to help:

Wednesday, April 22 & Thursday, April 23: 4-8 p.m.

Friday, April 24 & Saturday, April 25: 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

> Sunday, April 26: 1:15-5 p.m.



January Thursday, January 1 CLOSED for New Years Day All CMPL locations

Saturday, January 3 at 10:30 a.m. Lego Club Main Library

Saturday, January 3 at 3:30 p.m. Chess Team Training Main Library

Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. The Time Traveler's Wife Book Discussion Main Library

> Friday, January 9 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming South Branch

Saturday, January 10 at 12 p.m. Loving Frank Book Discussion South Branch

Saturday, January 10 at 1 p.m. Preschool Fair Main Library

Sunday, January 11 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Ray Kamalay and His Red Hot Peppers Main Library

Tuesday, January 13 at 7 p.m. The Gee's Bend Quilters Main Library

Wednesday, January 14 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming/Karaoke Practice Main Library

Wednesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull Main Library

> Friday, January 16 at 5 p.m. Teen Karaoke Night Main Library

Saturday, January 17 at 11 a.m. Resource Information Workshop South Branch

Saturday, January 17 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch

Monday, January 19 at 10 a.m. Martin Luther King Documentary Main Library Monday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m. The Winning Wizard Puppet Show North Branch

Monday, January 19 at 2 p.m. The Winning Wizard Puppet Show Main Library

Tuesday, January 20 at 10 a.m. Bone Collector Book Discussion North Branch

Wednesday, January 21 at 4 p.m. TAC Meeting Main Library

Thursday, January 22 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull Main Library

Friday, January 30 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 a.m. Lego Club Main Library

Saturday, January 31 at 11 a.m. Resume Writing Workshop South Branch

February Friday, February 6 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming South Branch

Saturday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. Superhero Party Main Library

Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Adventure Club Cello Quartet Main Library

Monday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. Storyteller LaRon Williams South Branch

Wednesday, February 11 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Made of Honor Main Library

Thursday, February 12 at 10 & 11 a.m. Toddler Crafts: Valentine Crafts North Branch

Thursday, February 12 at 7 p.m. Then We Came to the End Book Discussion Main Library Friday, February 13 at 5 p.m. CMPL presents Monty Python and the Holy Grail Main Library

Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. Valentine Crafts Main Library

Saturday, February 14 at 12 p.m. Luncheon of the Boating Party Book Discussion South Branch

Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.m. Fancy Nancy Tea Party South Branch

Monday, February 16 at 1 p.m. Read to Me Rosco! North Branch

Tuesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. CMPL presents *Curious George* South Branch

Tuesday, February 17 at 10 a.m. Night Sins Book Discussion North Branch

Tuesday, February 17 at 2 p.m. CMPL presents *Wall-E* North Branch

Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. The Lincoln Assassination Main Library

Wednesday, February 18 at 2 p.m. Lego Club North Branch

Wednesday, February 18 at 4 p.m. TAC Meeting Main Library

Thursday, February 19 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents *Made of Honor* Main Library

Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Kiddlitt Main Library

Saturday, February 21 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch

Monday, February 23 at 6 p.m. eBay Training Main Library

Tuesday, February 24 at 10 & 10:30 a.m. Parachute Games South Branch

> Friday, February 27 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Lego Club Main Library

Saturday, February 28 at 11 a.m. Interviewing Workshop South Branch

Saturday, February 28 at 2 p.m. Xtreme Readers Book Group South Branch

Saturday, February 28 at 3:30 p.m. Chess Team Training Main Library

March

Monday, March 2 at 2 p.m. Dr. Seuss @ the Library Main Library

Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. Teddy Bear Picnic Main Library

Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Seussabration South Branch

Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Matthew Ball the Boogie Woogie Kid Main Library

Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Scout Tour Main Library

Wednesday, March 11 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Mamma Mia! Main Library

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Nickeled and Dimed Book Discussion Main Library

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Starting Your Story Main Library

Friday, March 13 at 3 p.m. Guitar Hero World Tour Tournament Main Library

Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. R.E.P.T.I.L.E. Main Library

Saturday, March 14 at 12 p.m. Flying Changes Book Discussion South Branch

Saturday, March 14 at 2 p.m. R.E.P.T.I.L.E. North Branch Tuesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Killer Weekend Book Discussion North Branch

Wednesday, March 18 at 4 p.m. TAC Meeting Main Library

Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. Kiddlitt Main Library

Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents Mamma Mia! Main Library

Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Paths to Publishing Main Library

Saturday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. Chess Team Training Main Library

Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. CMPL presents *Kung Fu Panda* North Branch

Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. Lego Club South Branch

Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m. Scout Tour Main Library

Friday, March 27 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. Lego Club Main Library

Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Xtreme Readers Book Group South Branch

Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. R.E.P.T.I.L.E. South Branch

April

Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. Once Upon a Crime Main Library

Friday, April 3 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming South Branch

Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. Super Smash Brothers Tournament Main Library

Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m. Music at Main: Third Coast Steel Main Library Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Spring Gardening Main Library

Wednesday, April 8 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Wednesday April 8 at 6:30 p.m. CMPL presents Get Smart Main Library

Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m. The Book Thief Book Discussion Main Library

Saturday, April 11 at 12 p.m. Someone Knows My Name Book Discussion South Branch

> Sunday, April 12 CLOSED for Easter All CMPL locations

Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. It's Magic@ the library North Branch

Wednesday, April 15 at 4 p.m. TAC Meeting Main Library

Thursday, April 16 at 1 p.m. CMPL presents *Get Smart* Main Library

Friday, April 17 at 3 p.m. Teen Gaming Open House Main Library

Tuesday, April 21 at 10 a.m. Sunstroke Book Discussion North Branch

Tuesday, April 21 at 10 & 11 a.m. Lisa's Dance Party North Branch

Thursday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. Bag Decorating Craft Main Library

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Kiddlitt Main Library

Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m. Xtreme Readers Book Group South Branch

Wednesday, April 29-Sunday, May 4 Used Book Sale Main Library



The Music at Main Sunday concert series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, continues! These free onehour concerts are open to the public and no registration is required. These concerts are suitable for all ages.

Sunday, January 11 at 2 p.m.

Music at Main features the musical stylings of Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers. Ballads and hot tunes, laced with exciting improvisation, graced the stages and ballrooms of America, telling stories of tragedy and joy and providing dancers with rhythm for their feet. Ray Kamalay and his Red Hot Peppers are reminiscent of this particular era, with some of the finest musicians in the Midwest.

Sunday, February 8 at 2 p.m.

Music at Main welcomes the Adventure Club Cello Quartet to the Main Library. They will play a selection of romantic songs through the ages from Mozart to Paul McCartney. It is a wonderful concert for music lovers of all ages.

Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m.

Music at Main welcomes Matthew Ball, "The Boogie-Woogie Kid." Ball is "one of the state's premiere blues & boogie-woogie pianists." With a performance history that includes everything from symphony appearances to blues festivals, this young man is already at the helm of an enviable performance career.

Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

Music at Main invites you to a concert by Third Coast Steel. This three-piece band features a drummer, bass player and, of course, steel pans. Get ready for spring with tunes that have an island flair when played on the steel drum.





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