

Clinton-Macomb Public Library

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The Write Stuff

We had such success with the NaNoWriMo events for writers that we're launching a new writing group at the **Main Library!**



Adults or teens can visit us on the **first Wednesday of the month** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** to meet with other budding authors to write, share ideas and participate in writing exercises and challenges to hone your skills. **No registration is required.**

Library Hours

All CMPL locations will be closed on **Monday, January 2 and Sunday, April 8.**

We will also have special hours at the **Main Library** on **Friday, March 9.** The Main Library will **close at 2 p.m.** to get ready for the 20th anniversary celebration.

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We're Celebrating 20 Years!

In 1992 the Clinton-Chippewa Valley District Library was formed. The name may be unfamiliar, but it is actually the early name for the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. This March the library is celebrating 20 years and we want to celebrate with you!

On **Friday, March 9** at **6:30 p.m.** the **Main Library** will host an after-hours fundraising event that will include a taste-fest from local restaurants and caterers, drinks, indoor miniature golf, a photo booth, raffles, games and more! This is a great opportunity to have a fun night out with friends, neighbors and fellow library enthusiasts. Admission is \$30 per person when purchased before March 1. After March 1 admission is \$40 per person and may be paid for at the door. To reserve your place visit www.cmpl.org or any CMPL location beginning January 3.



Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at CMPL

CMPL is pleased to announce that the Main Library is the new home of the Macomb County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The library will be housed in the space formerly occupied by the Library Gift Store. The Main Library already offered large type materials, low-vision aids and a computer equipped with JAWS software, but now we have materials to offer through the mail for those with visual impairments.

The Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at CMPL will officially open in 2012 and will be dedicated on Monday, February 6. The room where the materials will be housed will also be dedicated in honor of a former CMPL Trustee. Peg Lamont was the founding director of the Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as well as a founding member of the Board of Trustees at CMPL. The room will be named the Peg Lamont Room. For more information about this new venture please see From the Director on page two.



From the Director...

“Access” stands at the top of the list of the American Library Association’s statement of core values for librarianship. Specifically it reads, “All information resources that are provided directly or indirectly by the

library, regardless of technology, format, or methods of delivery, should be readily, equally, and equitably accessible to all library users.” This includes people with disabilities, which is a group that a member of society can become a part of at any time as a result of injury or disease.

Last spring we were approached by Macomb County with an interesting proposition. As the county is continuing to find ways to downsize and CMPL is always seeking ways to better serve the community and innovative ways to maximize efficiency, we were asked to consider taking over the services for the Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (MLBPH). After an extensive analysis and review by the CMPL Board, it became clear that this would be a perfect match and a win-win situation! Below are several of the benefits of CMPL providing this valuable service:

- Secures the future of the MLBPH for the next 10 years because of the contract negotiated between Macomb County and CMPL.
- Increases MLBPH service hours by 80% to the same as CMPL’s including evenings and weekends.
- Raises awareness of the service by leveraging CMPL’s strong marketing capabilities and close partnerships with the other public libraries in Macomb County.
- Demonstrates CMPL’s commitment to equal access to library resources for every member of the community through actions and not just words.
- Offers a modern, fully ADA-compliant facility with convenient customer drop-off at the front door.

- Offers convenient, one-stop “shopping” for families who have a member with a disability.
- Increases the awareness of and skill level in serving customers with disabilities across the entire CMPL staff and volunteer team.
- Allows current library customers to continue to be served by CMPL should they ever need the services due to a disability caused by injury or disease.
- Builds on Clinton and Macomb Township’s forward-thinking model of shared, consolidated municipal public library service. Covers some of CMPL’s managerial and administrative overhead costs especially during a financially difficult time.

CMPL’s Board made sure that the agreement was cost neutral since CMPL is funded by the taxpayers of Clinton Township and Macomb Township and not Macomb County. The new MLBPH@CMPL will open on January 17 and will be officially dedicated on February 6 at 10 a.m. Current MLBPH customers will be pleased to know that Anne Mandel has been hired by CMPL and promoted to serve as the new sub-regional librarian.

Unfortunately choices had to be made when finding a space to relocate the MLBPH @ CMPL. In the end the decision was made to repurpose the Library Store. Although the store never lost money, it did not bring in as much profit as originally hoped. Many of the store’s services will continue to be offered. Faxing is now available all hours the library is open at the Adult Nonfiction Desk. Used books will be sold in the Used Book Nook located off of the café. CD, DVD and videogame repair is available at the Information Desk. Last, many of our wonderful store volunteers, many who have served since the opening of the store, have agreed to help out with the Used Book Nook and with the new MLBPH. We are tremendously appreciative of the time and talent they have given and will continue to give to the community through their service for the library.

We are looking forward to welcoming MLBPH’s customers to CMPL as well as current customers of the library interested in learning more about these very special library services.



We're Still Looking for Computer Volunteers

Are you good with people AND with computers? The CMPL Tech crew wants your help! We are looking for 5-10 people for a volunteer service opportunity at our South Branch. A general familiarity with Microsoft Office, email, and Internet use is desired; initial training on CMPL's systems and specific requirements will be provided. Consistent availability is preferred; daytime and Saturday availability also a plus. Please contact Aaron Green at AGreen@CMPL.org, or call 226-5017 if interested.

Computer Classes

Introductory computer classes will start again in January. Small group sessions at the Main Library and one-on-one sessions at the South Branch are taught by qualified volunteers and are available to residents of Clinton and Macomb Townships with a library card in good standing.



Classes are 90 minutes long and designed for people with little or no computer experience. We offer four basic classes: Computer Basics, Internet, Email and Microsoft Word.

Registration begins Monday, January 16. Please call 226-5040 for Main classes, 226-5073 for South classes. Please have your library card with you when you call.

Nintendo DS Games Have Arrived!

As a result of our 2011 Community Survey, CMPL began circulating Nintendo DS games in October. Almost 25% of our customers use this video game system. Our starter collection began with 40 games and more are being added all the time. Video games can now be renewed one time. Check out our newest collection today!

Online Resources Uncovered

NoveList Select

CMPL has added a catalog enrichment component that delivers high quality content from its already existing database and reader's advisory resource, NoveList.

NoveList Select is an enhanced database that is embedded directly into CMPL's online catalog providing reading recommendations where they are most easy to find— right next to the title of a book. Locate a title in the catalog, click on the 'reviews and more' tab – you will then see a list of links to reading recommendations; author read-alikes; title recommendations; series information; summaries and book reviews. In many cases, it will provide award information, book discussion guides and featured articles.



NoveList Select integrates NoveList content right to our catalog: each recommendation is a live link to the library catalog allowing users to discover new books that meet their needs and that are sitting on their library's shelves. The rationale for each recommendation is displayed providing information that allows users to understand why a particular title is being suggested. NoveList Select will help avoid the dead-end searches that occur when all copies of a book are checked out because it can provide readers with additional options for what to read next. NoveList Select will take you beyond the one book you were looking for, back into the virtual stacks where you can discover the full depth and breadth of CMPL's collection.

Find Your Name in the Catalog

Are you looking for a unique gift for a birthday, anniversary or graduation? Why not donate to the library in honor of someone special? Make a bookplate donation and a book will be purchased in honor of your friend or loved one. The book will have his or her name on the inside cover, but you will also be able to search the honoree's name in the catalog and find the book that was purchased. This is a unique gift that the whole community can enjoy. Get more information or donate online at www.cmpl.org/GetInvolved/Donate.asp

CMPL Book Groups

CMPL offers three different book discussion groups to appeal to all types of book lovers. Simply read the book and show up ready to discuss it. Copies of the books are available at the location of the book discussion one month in advance of the program.

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

January 12: *Menonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen

February 9: *These Hidden Things* by Heather Gudenkauf

March 8: *A Fierce Radiance* by Lauren Belfer

April 12: *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake

South Branch: Meet other book lovers on the **second Saturday** of the month at **12 p.m.**

January 14: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

February 11: *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton

March 10: *The Metropolis Case* by Matthew Galloway

April 14: *The Widower's Tale* by Julia Glass

North Branch: Mystery lovers meet on the **third Tuesday** of each month at **10 a.m.**

January 17: *A Fierce Radiance* by Lauren Belfer

February 21: *Bad Things Happen* by Harry Dolan

March 20: *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin

April 17: *Tin Collectors* by Stephen J. Cannell

Check Out The Used Book Nook

Have you visited the Used Book Nook at the Main Library? You don't have to wait for the next used book sale to get a great deal on used books. The Friends of the Library have opened their own used book store. The Used Book Nook sells used books for 25¢-\$5 and book bundles. Visit us Monday,



Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Nook is run entirely by volunteers and hours may change based on availability.

Cinema



CMPL is pleased to offer a film series for adults. 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 11 at 6 p.m. and Thursday, January 19 at 1 p.m.: *The Help*. An aspiring author of the 1960's decides to write a book detailing the African-American maid's point of view on the white families for which they work. Detailing the hardships of Southern maids in the civil rights era opens the eyes of a Mississippi town. *Rated PG-13, 146 minutes.* **Please note: This film will start at 6 p.m. to accommodate run-time.**

Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 16 at 1 p.m.: *Larry Crowne*. After being downsized, a middle-aged man reinvents himself by going back to college. In the process he discovers a life he never knew he could have. *Rated PG-13, 99 minutes.*

Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m.: *Cowboys and Aliens*. An alien spaceship arrives in Arizona in 1873, to take over the Earth, starting with the Wild West region. A posse of cowboys and natives are all that stand in their way. *Rated PG-13, 118 minutes.*

Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 26 at 1 p.m.: *Captain America*. A military program succeeds in transforming Steve Rogers into a human weapon. But, as Captain America he earns his way into the hearts and souls of the country, bringing hope and justice to a war-weary nation. *PG-13, 124 minutes.*




Winter Reading Club


The Cat in the Hat[®] had lots of ideas for things to do but forgot to suggest reading! Kids in kindergarten through grade 6 are invited to pick up a hat reading log at any CMPL location between January 30 and March 31. Complete five activities and bring your hat back to the library to pick a prize from our treasure chest. Participate as many times as you wish, but all forms are due March 31. A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the program from all entries submitted.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Your favorite stuffed animal is invited to a sleepover at the branches. Children ages 4-10 can come to the **North Branch** at **2 p.m.** on **Thursday, February 23** for stuffed animal drop-off and a craft. Pickup is after 12 on Friday, February 24. 



Children ages 2-7 are invited to the **South Branch** on **Wednesday, April 18** at **6:30 p.m.** for a bedtime story and snack with their stuffed animal. Tuck in your critters and say goodnight. Return on April 19 to pick up your animals and find out what mischief they got into while you were away. Photos of the animal adventures will be provided. 

Annual Preschool Fair

How do you decide which pre-school program is best for your child? CMPL wants to help you with this important decision. On **Saturday, January 14** from **10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** the **Main Library** will host its annual preschool fair. More than a dozen area preschools will have displays showcasing their programs and a representative to answer questions. Come by any time during the morning to learn more about these schools.




Animals at North

The animals will be taking over the **North Branch** when Exotic Zoo comes to visit. Join us on **Friday, January 20** at **2 p.m.** to meet and learn about wild animals such as a German giant rabbit, which can weigh well over 15 pounds, or a soft shell turtle, or an alligator and more. This program is best suited for children ages 5-12 years old. 




Enrollment Information


- When you see this  it means that **enrollment is required** before the program.
- Priority enrollment is given to residents of Clinton and Macomb Townships at the **Main Library** and **North Branch** and opens *two* weeks prior to the event for residents and *one* week in advance for non-residents.
- The **South Branch** offers enrollment for residents and non-residents *two* weeks in advance.

A library card is required for registration so please have your barcode handy when registering. We cannot accommodate group enrollment for events. You can always register online.

Main Library	226-5030
North Branch	226-5083
South Branch	226-5073

Parachute Play on Valentine's Day

Children ages 2-6 can join us for 30 minutes of parachute fun on a special day at the **South Branch** on **Tuesday, February 14** at **10 a.m.** or **11 a.m.** 

 = **Registration is required.** *Two weeks prior for residents. One week prior for non-residents.*

Story Times

We've made a few changes to our story times but it's still the same great program. While the sessions are shorter, look for new and fun events during the intervening weeks. *No registration is required at South Branch.* Join us:

Session I: **January 9 - February 2.**

Session II: **March 5 - March 29.**

Session III: **April 30 - May 24.**

Main Library

Mondays at 9:30 a.m. (2-11 mo.)
Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (12-23 mo.)
Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2-3 yrs.)
Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (12-23 mo.)
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (2-3 yrs.)
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (2-3 yrs.)
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. (3-5 yrs.)

North Branch

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (Music, 2-4 yrs.)
Tuesdays at 11 a.m. (Music, 2-4 yrs.)
Wednesdays 9:15 a.m. (12-23 mo.)
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. (3-6 yrs.)
Wednesdays 11:15 a.m. (12-23 mo.)
Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (0-11 mo.)
Thursdays 10:30 a.m. (2-3 yrs.)
Thursdays 11:15 a.m. (2-3 yrs.)

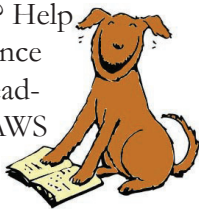
South Branch

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (2 yrs. +)
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. (2 yrs. +)


PAWS for Reading

Do you have a child who has a hard time reading? Help them gain confidence in their skills by reading to a trained PAWS dog. Dogs visit all three locations.

Reading is done on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit www.cmpl.org/WhatsHappening/PAWS.asp to see the schedule for each location.



Play to Learn

There are 5 simple practices that help children get ready to read. They are talking, singing, reading, writing, and play. We have put together these practices with popular children's books to create one innovative, fun-filled program. Children ages 2-4 and their parents or caregivers will work at various stations of fun activities. Registration is required, beginning 2 weeks before each program. 



Main Library

February 23 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.: *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin

April 12 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.: *Mr. Gumpy's Outing* by John Burningham

North Branch

February 21 at 10 a.m.: *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* by Bill Martin Jr.

April 17 at 10 a.m.: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

South Branch

Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m.: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (This event is for ages 2-6).

School Age Story Club

Have your children outgrown our traditional story times? School Age Story Club at the **North Branch** for kids in 1st - 4th grade features age appropriate stories, games, crafts and fun! Sessions will be held on **Mondays at 4:15 p.m.** Registration begins **two weeks prior to the start of each session:** 



Session I: **January 9 - February 2.**

Session II: **March 5 - March 29.**

Session III: **April 30 - May 24.**

Baby Play Time

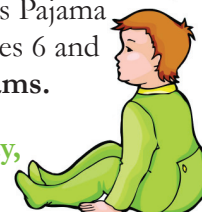
Playgroup occurs during story time weeks at the **Main Library** on: **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** and on the **last Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** **No registration is required.**

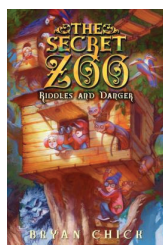
The **North Branch** hosts Baby Play Time on **Mondays from 10-11 a.m.** during story time weeks for ages 0-24 months. Extra play times will take place at **10 a.m.** on **February 8** and **April 12.** **No registration required.**

Pajama-Rama Story Time

Children under 6 are invited to wear their jammies to the library for bedtime stories. Visit the **Main Library** at **6:30 p.m.** on the **third Thursday of each month.** The **South Branch** hosts Pajama Rama on the **second Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.** for ages 6 and under. **No registration is required for these programs.**

North Branch will host Pajama-Rama on **Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.** for ages 2-6. 





Secret Zoo Author Visit

It's a mystery how Bryan Chick draws you into The Secret Zoo. On **Wednesday, January 18** at **6:30 p.m.** author Bryan Chick will be at the **Main Library**. Elementary age kids and their parents will have a chance to meet him and learn more about the series. **No registration required.**

Star Wars

Star Wars fans ages 6-12 can join the **South Branch** on **Saturday, January 28** at **2 p.m.** Children will have the opportunity to meet Star Wars characters and participate in other fun activities. Children and parents are welcome to dress in Star Wars costumes. Don't forget your cameras! 📷



'To Your Health'

The Ann Arbor Natural History Museum will offer three workshops for families, parents and kids ages 6 to 11 at the **Main Library**. These interactive programs are designed to encourage parents and children to explore Vital Signs: How Health Works. The workshops will be on the following **Saturdays** and start at **1 p.m.**: 📷

January 21: How YOU Work: What are you made of?

February 11: How you get sick: Germs, parasites and allergies, Oh, my!

March 3: How to build a better YOU: Making the most of your health.

Fairy Tea Party

Once upon a time little fairies gathered at the **South Branch** for a Fairy Tea Party. Put on your fanciest fairy outfit and don't forget your wings and tiaras. Fairies ages 2-10 will gather for "tea," stories, and crafts on

Saturday, February 25 at **2 p.m.** 📷



Flower Fairy Party

Children ages 4-8 are invited to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, February 11** from **10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.** to hear some stories, make a craft and have a snack. Come dressed up like your favorite fairy character. 📷

Valentine's Story Time

Children ages 3-6 are invited to the **North Branch** for a special Valentine's Day story time. Visit the us on **Monday, February 13** at **10:30 a.m.** 📷



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's picnic at the **Main Library** on **Wednesday, February 15** at **1:30 p.m.**



Join us for stories, songs, crafts and more. Teddy bears or other stuffed toy are welcomed. 📷

Craft Corner

Valentine Crafts

Children ages 6-9 may come to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, February 4** at **10 a.m.** to make sweet Valentine crafts. 📷

Toddler Valentine Crafts

Get creative and make some fun Valentine's crafts. Visit the **North Branch** on **Tuesday, February 14** at **10 or 11 a.m.**

This program is for ages 2-3. 📷

Toddler Crafts

Children ages 2-4 are invited to make fun crafts at the **Main Library** on **Tuesday, February 7** and **Tuesday, April 3** at **6:30 p.m.** 📷

Preschool Crafts

Children ages 3-6 are invited to make fun crafts at **10:30 a.m.** at the **North Branch** on: 📷

Wednesday, February 29: Leap Day Crafts

Thursday, April 26: Spring Crafts

Toddler Art

Help the **North Branch** create a giant caterpillar mural with a wide variety of art supplies on **Tuesday, April 24** at **10 a.m.**

This program is for ages 2-3. 📷

Beach Party

Escape winter's cold at the **Main Library** on **Wednesday, February 22** at

10 a.m. Children ages 4-8 will search for buried treasure, play games and make crafts. 📷



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Sensory-Friendly Activities

Sensory Story Time


Join us on **Saturday, February 11** at **10:30 a.m.** at the **North Branch** for a sensory-friendly story time designed for children, ages 3-10, with "different needs," including those with autism, Down syndrome, sensory-processing disorder, speech/language delays, cognitive impairments, AD/HD, and other special needs. 

Sensory-Friendly Movie

Does your child seem to stand out from the other kids in the theater? Can't sit still for more than 2 seconds? Especially sensitive to loud sounds? Join the **North Branch** for a sensory-friendly viewing of Winnie the Pooh on **Thursday, April 5** at **2 p.m.** for ages 10 and under and their families. We will keep the volume down and the lights dimmed.

Lego Club


The **Main Library** will host Lego Club for children ages 6-12. Bring your Legos to the library to create something fun at **10 a.m.** on the following dates: **January 7, February 18** and **March 31**. 

Bring your Legos to the **South Branch** on **Saturday, March 10** at **2 p.m.** Children ages 6-12 will make a new Lego creation. 


Seussabration

Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at the **Main Library** on **Friday, March 2**. Drop in any time **between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.** to read some stories or create your own. Make-and-take-it crafts will also be available. All ages are invited; **no registration is required**.



Join the **South Branch** on **Wednesday, February 29** at **6:30 p.m.** for our annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat will visit the library to read stories, which will be followed by crafts and refreshments. All ages are welcome. 

Bunny Hop


Children ages 3-6 can bring their bunnies or other stuffed animal to the library for crafts, stories, songs and rabbit food. Hop into Spring at the **South Branch** on **Tuesday, April 3** at **10 a.m.** Hop over to the **North Branch** on **Thursday, April 5** at **10:30 a.m.** 




Drawing with Mike

Budding artists are invited to come and draw with Mike Kirsten, a local artist. Mike will share drawing tips and techniques with students in grades 1-5.



He will be at the **North Branch** on **Saturday, March 10** at **1:30 p.m.** and **2:45 p.m.** He will be at the **South Branch** on **Saturday, April 14** at **2 p.m.** 


Bag Decorating

Children ages 6-11 can celebrate Earth Day by decorating a canvas bag to use instead of plastic. We'll provide the bag. Wear appropriate clothing that can get messy or bring a paint smock to the **Main Library** on **Thursday, April 5** at **10:30 a.m.** 

Music for Little Listeners

Parents, caregivers and children 18 months to 3 years old can explore music and more at the **Main Library**. Tracy Cheshev, a teacher with the Kindermusik, will present this program on the following **Thursdays: February 23, March 1,** and **March 8** at **6:30 p.m.**



This interactive program will have you and your child swaying to the rhythm and dancing around the room. 


Dancin' at Main

Children ages 18 months-4 years old can shake off the winter blues at the **Main Library** on the following dates: 

Monday, February 6 at **10:30 a.m.** and **11:30 a.m.**

Monday, April 2 at **10:30 a.m.** and **11:30 a.m.**


Just Dance

If you're between ages 6-12 you can get your groove on at the **North Branch** as we play the Just Dance games at **2 p.m.** on the following dates: 

Wednesday, February 22
Wednesday, April 4



Fun with Letters for Parents

You are your child's first teacher. Join the **North Branch** for this fun workshop that will show you fun and exciting ways to help your child be ready to read when he/she begins school. This program is for adults on **Thursday, February 16** at **10:30 a.m.** 



South Branch Book Clubs

Book Blasters is the newest children's book club for children ages 7-9. The Xtreme Readers Book Club continues for children ages 9-12. Pick up your free book at the South Branch reference desk on the date of the previous book club. This program is sponsored by a generous grant from Target.

Book Blasters

Saturday, January 21 at **11 a.m.:** *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

Saturday, February 18 at **11 a.m.:** *Lunch Walks Among Us* by Jim Benton

Saturday, March 17 at **11 a.m.:** *Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jambreaker* by Megan McDonald
Saturday, April 21 at **11 a.m.:** *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds* by David Adler


Xtreme Readers

Saturday, January 21 at **2 p.m.:** *Big Nate: in a class by himself* by Lincoln Peirce

Saturday, February 18 at **2 p.m.:** *Because of Mr. Terrupt* by Rob Buyea
Saturday, March 17 at **2 p.m.:** *Titanic: Unsinkable* by Gordon Korman


Saturday, April 21 at **2 p.m.:** *The Chocolate Touch* by Margot Apple


Scout tours

In recognition of "March is Reading Month" the **Main Library's** children's department will be offering tours for Scout groups from Clinton or Macomb Township. Choose from one of the following dates: **Monday, February 27, Tuesday, March 6, Wednesday, March 14** or **Thursday, March 29**. All tours begin at **6:30 p.m.** 



Life Size Board Games


Become a game piece in our life size Candy Land at the **South Branch** on **Monday, April 2** at **2 p.m.** or **3 p.m.** Kids ages 3-8 will draw cards and move through the Candy Land spaces. 

Become a game piece in our Life-Size Chutes and Ladders game at the North Branch! Kids ages 4-8 will spin a number and move themselves up and down the Chutes and Ladders game board. Visit us on **Tuesday, April 3** at **2 p.m., 2:30 p.m.,** and **3 p.m.** Please sign up for only one time slot for Candy Land and Chutes and Ladders. 

Cute 'n Cuddly @ Main

Angora bunnies, hedgehogs, chinchillas and more, all too cute to be real, but they are. Exotic



Zoo will be bringing a selection of cute and cuddly critters to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, April 28** at **10:30 a.m.** Join us to learn more about these adorable animals. 

Online Book Club

Kids in fourth or fifth grade are invited to read any or all of our titles below. Then, answer the questions that are available with the book or are listed online at <http://kidsreadcmpl.blogspot.com/> or by emailing kidsread@cmpl.org.




Double Fudge by Judy Blume
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Big Nate Out Loud by Lincoln Peirce


TV Turn Off Bingo

Turn off your televisions April 23-29 and play TV Turn Off Bingo! Do any 5 activities this week and bring your bingo board back for a prize. This game is for grades 6 and under. Get your board at any location or on our Events calendar. **All game boards are due back by April 29.**

Spring on the farm

Come see what's hatched on the farm. Margaret Schmidt, aka The Farm Lady, will bring baby ducks or chicks to the **South Branch** on **Tuesday, April 17** at **10 a.m.** She will share stories and talk about spring on the farm. 

Merry Music

Come dance and sing with the Merry Music Maker on **Saturday, April 28**. This fun, interactive program will be at the **North Branch** at **10:30 a.m.** You're sure to leave with a smile on your face and a spring in your step. This program is for children ages 2 – 10. 



= Registration is required. Two weeks prior for residents. One week prior for non-residents.

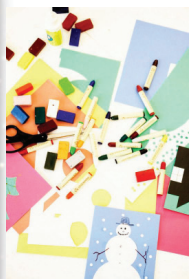
Young Adult

TAC meetings

The Teen Advisory Council continues to meet throughout the school year. We'll be in conference room B at **4 p.m.** on the following **Wednesdays**: **January 18, February 15, March 21** and **April 18**.

D&D at the library

Dungeon Master Joe invites you to the library the fourth Thursday of every month at **6:30 p.m.** for some Dungeons and Dragons. All skill levels welcome. Snacks will be provided! Come to the **Main Library** on **January 26, February 23, March 22,** and **April 26** for D & D fun.



Craft Club

Bring your works-in-progress to the **Main Library** to hang out with other craft-minded teens! Snacks will be provided. We'll meet the following **Saturdays** at **2 p.m.**:

February 4
March 3
April 14

Anime/Manga Club


Come to the library once a month to talk to like-minded teens about Anime and Manga. Discuss what you're reading and watching, share your artwork and help the Teen Librarian decide what to buy for the library's collection.

Snacks will be provided! Join us on **Friday, January 13 at 4 p.m.** for Book Swap Day! Bring Manga and Anime you no longer want and trade with other club members. We'll also meet at the **Main Library** on the following **Fridays** at **4 p.m.**:

February 10
April 6



Teen Program Reminder

All programs are for students entering 6th through 12th grades in the fall **ONLY**. To register call 226-5030 or visit www.cmpl.org. When you see this symbol  registration is required.

Teen Winter Reading

Keep track of your reading during the month of February, and you could win a great prize! For every 50 pages you read, you will get to add your name to a prize drawing for one of several awesome gift baskets (divide 'em up, or put all your entries toward



your favorite!). Basket themes include Anime/Manga, Video Games, Twilight, The Hunger Games, and MORE. The Teen Winter reading Club will run between January 30 and March 31 Visit any of our branches for more info!

Open Gaming

Come to the **Main Library** for an afternoon of video games from **3-5 p.m.** on the following dates:



Saturday, January 21: Pokemon


day! Bring your handheld pokemon games.

Saturday, February 18: Retro Gaming Day We'll have NES and other vintage gaming consoles.


Friday, March 23

Saturday, April 14

COMICON

Join us at the **Main Library** for the third CMPL COMICON on **Saturday, March 17** from **1-5 p.m.** There will be food, video games, manga/anime style drawing lessons from a local artist, crafts, dancing and more. Prizes will be given for the best costumes, so go all out! 

Lego Construction Contest

To celebrate winter reading, create a scene from a favorite book or movie using your own legos. You may plan your idea ahead, but construction must be done at the library. No kits, the design must be your own. Come to the **Main Library** on **Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m.** There will be prizes for the best entries! 

Chess Club

Whether you're a chess master or have never played before, come to the library to get in some practice! There will be teen volunteers on-hand to teach the basics of the game to any who need to learn. If you've got a chess set, bring it with you! We'll meet at the **Main Library** on the following **Saturdays** at **2 p.m.**:



January 21
February 18
March 3
April 14

Cupcake Decorating

We'll provide "blank" cupcakes and all the materials and supplies you need to decorate them—you bring your imagination and a container to take a few home in! Visit the **North Branch** at **1 p.m.** or the **South Branch** at **3:30 p.m.** on **Saturday, April 28** to decorate your edible masterpieces. 🍷



Pizza and Paperbacks

...is still going strong! Pick up your copy of the book at the reference desk. You even get to keep the book! We'll meet on the following **Fridays** at **4 p.m.** at the **SOUTH BRANCH**: 🍷



January 20
February 17
March 16
April 20

And the following **Mondays** at **4 p.m.** at the **NORTH BRANCH**: 🍷

February 6
March 5
April 2



Spring Used Book Sale

Get a great deal on thousands of books! 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, scanners and cell phones are not allowed in the book sale rooms.* A membership to the Friends of the Library is available at any time at any CMPL location.

Wednesday, April 18
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Friends Night Only

Thursday, April 19
12 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, April 22
1:15-3:15 p.m.
Bag Day

Monday, April 23
9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. *(based on availability)*
Free Day

Volunteer for the Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are always in need of volunteers. Stop by the **Main Library** at any of the following times:

Wednesday, April 11 & Thursday, April 12:
4-8 p.m.

Friday, April 13 & Saturday, April 14:
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Monday, April 16:
9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Adult Programs

Let it Snow Winter Reading Club

Escape the winter blues by doing some reading. You might just get rewarded for it!

Stop by any CMPL location beginning January 30 and pick up an Adult Winter Reading form. Complete the form by February 29 by reading a combination of books and you could win a winter prize package to help get you through the winter blues. Prizes will be awarded at each location. Enter as many times as you wish!



Mosaic Tile Craft

Get creative and have some fun by using mosaic tiles for a craft at the **South Branch** on **Saturday, February 4** at **11 a.m.** Supplies will be provided. **Registration begins January 21.** Call 226-5073 or visit the What's Happening page to register.

Intro to Social Networking

Come learn about social networking sites on **Tuesday, January 24** at **10 a.m.** at the **Main Library**. We will explain how to use Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Flickr in a way that is easy to understand. A home computer, Internet access and an email address is encouraged. **Registration begins January 10.** Call 226-5050 to register.



Get to Know eReaders

Come to the **Main Library** and learn more about how to use the library's online downloadable system to check out books on your eReader. Or, come to take a look at the different types of eReaders that are available. Visit us on **Saturday, January 7** at **10 a.m.** to see what eReaders are all about. This program is for residents of Clinton or Macomb Townships. **Registration begins December 23.** Call 226-5050 or visit the What's Happening page to register.



Create a Vision for Your New Year

Scrapbooking meets self-actualization! Do you have certain goals and ideas you'd like to manifest in the New Year? Reinforce those dreams with a vision board for clarity, inspiration and support. We'll be clipping and gluing images to create a thematic visual collage that supports individuals' goals. Sharing those goals with the group is optional. This program is for adults 21 and over will meet at the **North Branch** on **Saturday, January 14** from **2:30-4 p.m.** Supplies will be provided. Space is limited; **registration begins December 30.** Call 226-5083 or visit the What's Happening page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Twitter Workshop

Daily you hear about celebrities, businesses, politicians and just everyday people using Twitter to stay connected. Do you know what Twitter is and how to use it? Join David Lingholm for a Twitter workshop. If you have a laptop please feel free to bring it to the workshop to get some hands on experience with Twitter. **Registration begins two weeks prior to each date.** Call 226-5073 to register at South. Call 226-5040 to register at Main. Join us from **11 a.m. - 12 p.m.** on the following dates:

Saturday, March 3: South Branch

Saturday, March 31: Main Library

Once Upon a Crime

Come to the **Main Library** at **7 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 25** to hear more about mystery, suspense, thriller and detective fiction. We'll give you the inside scoop on the authors you must read and the titles you should check out. Come with one or more of their favorite mysteries or thrillers to share with the group. **Registration begins April 11.** Call 226-5050 or visit the What's Happening page at www.cmpl.org to register.

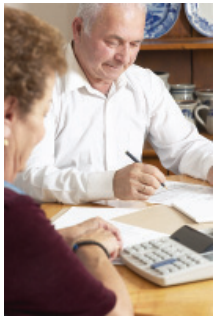


Investor Education in Your Community

CMPL is pleased to offer a series of courses on financial planning. Made possible with funding from the Investor Protection Trust in Washington D.C., through the Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation, all Investor Education In Your Community courses are non-commercial, free from sales pitches. **Registration is required two weeks in advance of each program.** Call 226-5040 or visit the What's Happening page at www.cmpl.org to register.



Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. - Investing Fundamentals: It's as Easy as 1-2-3. This is an introductory overview of some of the more popular elements that make up the financial markets. It offers insight and common-sense concepts you can use to avoid investing pitfalls and to help you make better investment decisions.



When you register, you can sign up for a free 15-minute, 1-on-1 counseling session available to residents of Clinton or Macomb Townships before or after the presentation. Bring your financial statements and get an objective review of your investments. **Very limited availability.**

Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Your Money In The Balance: How to Manage Your Debt While Investing In Your Future. Attend this presentation and you will learn useful strategies for increasing the "assets" side of your household balance sheet while reducing the "liabilities" side. Attendees will participate in solving real-world investment and budget-related problems.

Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. - 7 Simple Steps to Manage Your Investments. Learn a 7-step process for organizing, coordinating and managing your separate investment accounts as one purposeful, overall portfolio. Asset allocation, diversification concepts and relevant must-know information are combined with 3 steps to avoid scams and investment fraud.

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Your Retirement-Boom or Bust? Are you 50 years old or better? Learn how to get control over the management and oversight of your retirement assets. We'll discuss how to differentiate between your assumptions about the future and what you actually know and control and how to apply an 'adaptive' investment strategy.

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. - How to Select or Evaluate Your Financial Services Provider. This course will give you the confidence to evaluate your options and make the choice that's right for you when it comes to financial planners. We'll cover the 15 critical questions you should ask any financial services provider before you begin investing with them.

Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. - Estate and Financial Planning: Protect Your Family. The need for a well-written Investment Policy Statement, Will, Living Will and Trust, will be explained. Other topics include the planning process, protecting your assets from the rising cost of long-term care, estate tax laws, and planning for special needs.

Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. - How to Invest in a Complex, Agenda-Driven World. This presentation brings plain-English instruction on the principles, process, tools and tactics used to structure a purposeful and well-diversified portfolio. This course concludes with attendees participating in a 'real world' portfolio based upon a specific set of criteria.

Wednesday Wellness

Visit the **Main Library** to get good health information from professionals at Beaumont Hospital. **Registration begins two weeks prior to each program.** Call 226-5040 or visit the What's Happening page at www.cmpl.org to register. Visit us at **10 a.m.** on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 18: Foods that Stimulate Your Brain. Learn which foods keep your brain power up all day!

Wednesday, February 15: Heart Health. Learn how to keep your heart healthy in 2012.

Wednesday, March 21: Simple Stretching Exercises. Learn how to bowl, garden, golf and participate in other activities without straining your body.

January

Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.
The Write Stuff
Main Library

Saturday, January 7 at 10 a.m.
Get to Know eReaders
Main Library

Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Investing Fundamentals
Main Library

Wednesday, January 11 at 6 p.m.
CMPL presents *The Help*
Main Library

Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m.
Novel Conversations
Main Library

Friday, January 13 at 4 p.m.
Anime/Manga Club
Main Library

Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m.
Preschool Fair
Main Library

Saturday, January 14 at 12 p.m.
South Branch Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m.
Create a Vision for Your New Year
North Branch

Tuesday, January 17 at 10 a.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
North Branch

Wednesday, January 18 at 10 a.m.
Food that Stimulate Your Brain
Main Library

Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Secret Zoo Author Bryan Chick
Main Library

Thursday, January 19 at 1 p.m.
CMPL presents *The Help*
Main Library

Friday, January 20 at 2 p.m.
Animals at North
North Branch

Friday, January 20 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
South Branch

Saturday, January 21 at 1 p.m.
To Your Health
Main Library

Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m.
Teen Chess Club
Main Library

Saturday, January 21 at 3 p.m.
Teen Gaming
Main Library

Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Sheila Landis
Main Library

Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m.
Intro to Social Networking
Main Library

Thursday, January 26 at 4 p.m.
D & D
Main Library

Saturday, January 28 at 2 p.m.
Star Wars
South Branch

February

Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m.
The Write Stuff
Main Library

Saturday, February 4 at 10 a.m.
Valentine Crafts
Main Library

Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m.
Mosaic Tile Craft
South Branch

Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.
Teen Lego Contest
Main Library

Saturday, February 4 at 2 p.m.
Teen Craft Club
Main Library

Monday, February 6 at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Dancin' at Main
Main Library

Monday, February 6 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
North Branch

Monday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Your Money in the Balance
Main Library

Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m.
Toddler Crafts
Main Library

Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Larry Crowne*
Main Library

Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m.
Novel Conversations
Main Library

Friday, February 10 at 4 p.m.
Anime/Manga Club
Main Library

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 p.m.
Flower Fairy Party
Main Library

Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.
Sensory Story Time
North Branch

Saturday, February 11 at 12 p.m.
South Branch Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday, February 11 at 1 p.m.
To Your Health
Main Library

Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Matthew Ball
Main Library

Monday, February 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Valentine's Story Time
North Branch

Tuesday, February 14 at 10 & 11 a.m.
Parachute Play
South Branch

Tuesday, February 14 at 10 or 11 a.m.
Toddler Valentine Crafts
North Branch

Wednesday, February 15 at 10 a.m.
Heart Health
Main Library

Wednesday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m.
Teddy Bear Picnic
Main Library

Thursday, February 16 at 1 p.m.
CMPL presents *Larry Crowne*
Main Library

Thursday, February 16 at 10:30 a.m.
Fun with Letters for Parents
North Branch

Friday, February 17 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
South Branch

Saturday, February 18 at 2 p.m.
Teen Chess Club
Main Library

Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m.
Teen Gaming
Main Library

Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
North Branch

Tuesday, February 21 at 10 a.m.
Play to Learn
North Branch

Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.
7 Simple Steps to Manage Investments
Main Library

Wednesday, February 22 at 10 a.m.
Beach Party
Main Library

Wednesday, February 22 at 2 p.m.
Just Dance
North Branch

Thursday, February 23 at 10 & 11 a.m.
Play to Learn
Main Library

Thursday, February 23 at 4 p.m.
D & D
Main Library

Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m.
Music for Little Listeners
Main Library

Thursday, February 23 at 2 p.m.
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
North Branch

Saturday, February 25 at 2 p.m.
Fairy Tea Party
South Branch

Wednesday, February 29 at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Crafts
North Branch

Wednesday, February 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Seussabration
South Branch

March

Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.
Music for Little Listeners
Main Library

Friday, March 2 at 10 a.m.
Seussabration
Main Library

Saturday, March 3 at 11 a.m.
Twitter Workshop
South Branch

Saturday, March 3 at 1 p.m.
To Your Health
Main Library

Saturday, March 3 at 2 p.m.
Teen Craft Club and/or Chess Club
Main Library

Monday, March 5 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
North Branch

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Your Retirement: Boom or Bust
Main Library

Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.
The Write Stuff
Main Library

Thursday, March 8 at 7 p.m.
Novel Conversations
Main Library

Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Music for Little Listeners
Main Library

Friday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.
20th Anniversary Celebration
Main Library

Saturday, March 10 at 12 p.m.
South Branch Book Discussion
South Branch

**Saturday, March 10 at
1:30 p.m. & 2:45 p.m.**
Drawing with Mike
North Branch

Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Cowboys & Aliens*
Main Library

Thursday, March 15 at 1 p.m.
CMPL presents *Cowboys & Aliens*
Main Library

Friday, March 16 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
South Branch

Saturday, March 17 at 1 p.m.
Teen COMICON
Main Library

Tuesday, March 20 at 10 a.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
North Branch

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.
Selecting a Financial Planner
Main Library

Wednesday, March 21 at 10 a.m.
Simple Stretching Exercises
Main Library

Thursday, March 22 at 4 p.m.
D & D
Main Library

Friday, March 23 at 3 p.m.
Teen Gaming
Main Library

Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m.
Music at Main: Finvarra's Wren
Main Library

Saturday, March 31 at 11 a.m.
Twitter Workshop
Main Library

April

Monday, April 2 at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Dancin' at Main
Main Library

Monday, April 2 at 2 or 3 p.m.
Life-Sized Candy Land
South Branch

Monday, April 2 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
North Branch

Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m.
Bunny Hop
South Branch

Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Toddler Crafts
Main Library

Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m.
Just Dance
North Branch

Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.
The Write Stuff
Main Library

Wednesday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m.
CMPL presents *Captain America*
Main Library

Thursday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Bag Decorating
Main Library

Thursday, April 5 at 2 p.m.
Sensor-Friendly Movie
North Branch

Friday, April 6 at 4 p.m.
Anime/Manga Club
Main Library

Tuesday, April 10 at 10 a.m.
Play to Learn
South Branch

Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
Novel Conversations
Main Library

Thursday, April 12 at 10 & 11 a.m.
Play to Learn
Main Library

Saturday, April 14 at 12 p.m.
South Branch Book Discussion
South Branch

Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m.
Drawing with Mike
South Branch

Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m.
Teen Gaming
Main Library

Saturday, April 14 at 2 p.m.
Teen Craft Club and/or Chess Club
Main Library

Tuesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.
Mystery Book Discussion
North Branch

Tuesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.
Play to Learn
North Branch

Tuesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.
Spring on the Farm
South Branch

April 18-22
Used Book Sale
Main Library

Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Stuffed Animal Sleepover
South Branch

Friday, April 20 at 4 p.m.
Pizza and Paperbacks
South Branch

Tuesday, April 24 at 10 a.m.
Toddler Art
North Branch

Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Estate Planning
Main Library

Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m.
Once Upon a Crime
Main Library

Thursday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Crafts
North Branch

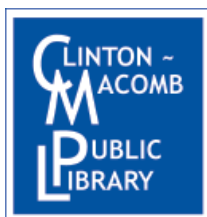
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CMPL presents *Captain America*
Main Library

Thursday, April 26 at 4 p.m.
D & D
Main Library

Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Cute 'n Cuddly at Main
Main Library

Saturday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Merry Music
North Branch

Saturday, April 28
Cupcake Decorating
North Branch at 1 p.m.
South Branch at 3:30 p.m.



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Free Concerts at the Main Library

Join us for a free hour of music open to all ages. The Friends of the Library will also be on hand on concert Sundays to sell the best of their used books to support programs such as the concert series.

Sunday, January 22 at 2 p.m.: *The Sheila Landis Trio.*

Seven-time Detroit Music Award winner jazz vocalist Sheila Landis, guitarist Rick Matle and percussionist Dennis Sheridan will bring the tunes of Ella Fitzgerald to life in this fun concert event.



Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m.: *Matthew Ball.*

Described as "one of Michigan's premier blues & boogie-woogie pianists," by The Holland Sentinel, Matthew Ball is a graduate of Oakland University and The University of Detroit School of Law. A pupil of legendary boogie-woogie pianist Bob Seeley, Ball will perform a selection of songs sure to jazz up anyone's weekend.



Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m.: *Finvarra's Wren.*

This powerful five piece, Detroit, Michigan-based Irish band plays invigorating Irish, Scottish and Celtic-American folk music. Traditional and contemporary songs are punctuated with wonderfully inventive arrangements of jigs, reels and hornpipes.

