

Newsletter for community residents and neighborhood friends.

# Hamburg Township Library

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46th year of growth with the community.



## Want a Bargain? Visit your Library . . .

We help people change their lives, connect with the community, and boost the local economy, while enjoying the present and preparing for the future. We do this without charge, because you have already paid for these services.



With rising gas prices, utility costs, and grocery bills, the one place that remains a bargain is the Library. Visit us and take advantage of the many free or very affordable services we offer.

### Free Services !

- MelCat – State wide interlibrary loan service for books, movies, music, recorded books
- Ellison die-cut machine (over 350 dies)
- Computer Services – 10 desktop computers, 8 laptop computers, high speed internet, Wi-Fi, scanner, popular software, Skype.
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Local history and Genealogy resources
- Adult book club and Children's storytimes
- Group quiet study rooms
- Community meeting rooms for group meetings, programs, and presentations. Free for non-profits, small fee for profit-making entities
- Family-oriented holiday and seasonal events
- Job search resources and small business start-up resources
- Movies (over 2,800), music (over 1,800), audiobooks (over 1,300), reference materials, how-to books, e-books, adult literacy collection, large print book collection.

### Nominal Fees \$

- Copying & printing: \$0.10 b/w, \$0.15 color (free for job seekers)
- Lamination: \$1.00 per foot
- Faxing: \$1.00 per page (free for job seekers)
- Adult and youth educational & enrichment programs throughout the year. Free or nominal fee.



## Community Garage Sale of the Year!

Mark your calendar for

**Saturday, May 19, 2012 9:00am-3:00pm**

Spring cleaning your home, attic or garage?

Then consider selling your unwanted treasures by renting a space in the township parking lot as the Library will be hosting a community wide garage sale.

Take home every \$dollar\$ you make.

Rental fee is \$25 per 18 x 22 feet space or two parking spaces.

Application deadline is May 12, 2012.

Registration forms are available at the circulation desk and online at [www.hamburglibrary.org](http://www.hamburglibrary.org) or call if you have further questions.

**Come and have fun finding a new treasure for your home.**

# Electronic Resources



MeL Databases allow you instant access to full-text articles from tens of thousands of magazines and newspapers. Databases are available for kids, adults, and on specialized topics such as car repair, practice tests and art images. Unlimited information is at your fingertips, whether you're at the library or in your home office. Just visit [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) and follow the link for Databases.

## MeL Database - Books & Authors

Recommended for: General user, Reading advice. A database to help you decide what to read next. Search by character, topic, setting, time period, genre, title, author, and series. Includes over 140,000 titles, 50,000 authors, and thousands of read-alike, award winner, and librarian's favorites lists. Titles include both fiction and non-fiction. Michigan residents or Michigan library access only.

## MeL Computer & Internet Basics

*Self-guided basic computer instruction is now available at the Library or from home.*

MeL now offers interactive tutorial courses designed to familiarize you with using a computer and the Internet in straightforward, non-technical language, all at your own pace. Just visit [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) and follow the MeL Databases link to the Tests & Tutorials page. Computer and Internet Basics is provided at the bottom of the column on the left.

*If you do not own a personal computer with Internet access, you may reserve a public computer station at the Library.*



## Out-of-area job interview?

Let Hamburg Library shorten the distance.

In furthering our commitment to providing resources and assistance to today's job seekers, Hamburg Library is now offering **Skype™** service for patrons partaking in long-distance job interviews. This service is by appointment only, so please have your **Skype™** account and interview date/time arranged in advance. Appointments can be made by calling the library, or by email at [hamb@tln.lib.mi.us](mailto:hamb@tln.lib.mi.us).

## USE YOUR SMARTPHONE

to visit

Hamburg Township Library  
on the web: (scan code below)



Get the free mobile app at  
<http://gettag.mobi>

## How To Find Us Online

Website: [www.hamburglibrary.org](http://www.hamburglibrary.org) Visit the website to register for classes and events, use the online catalog to search for materials, renew your materials, and put materials on hold, find links to helpful resources such as job searching and recession resources.



Facebook: The Library is now on Facebook, search **Hamburg Township Library**. Become a fan and get event information, library updates, and news when you want it.

Email lists: From the library's website, you can sign up for four different email lists: general library news, newsletter (sent three times a year), program updates (sent monthly), new materials at the library (sent monthly).

# Other Events & Happenings



## Genie's Book Club Selections

Join in the fun with your friends and neighbors for lively, informal book discussions. Anyone may join at any time. The book club meets at 1:00pm every first Wednesday of the month; additional meetings may be scheduled for film showings when applicable. Come to the Library to pick up a copy of the following titles before the scheduled discussion dates. The Library provides information about the authors whose books we discuss. No registration required.

- January 4** **Cleopatra: a Life**  
by Stacy Schiff (Non-fiction)
- January 18** **MOVIE PRESENTATION Cleopatra**  
(1963) Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, Rex Harrison; 3hours 12 minutes.
- February 1** **The Language of Flowers**  
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh (Fiction)
- March 7** **The Assassin's Accomplice**  
by Kate Clifford Larson (Non-fiction)
- March 21** **MOVIE PRESENTATION The Conspirator**  
(2010) Robin Wright, James McAvoy, Directed by Robert Redford; 122 minutes.
- April 4** **LIVINGSTON READS 2012 SELECTION**  
**The Hunger Games**  
by Suzanne Collins (Fiction)

Free

## Adopt a Magazine

### An Easy & Affordable Way To Support Your Library.

For more information on this low-cost, tax-deductable opportunity, please stop by or give us a call at (810) 231-1771.

A full list of adoptable subscriptions is available online: <http://www.hamburglibrary.org/Materials/MagazinesNewspapers.htm>

The Library will mark all issues of your adopted title with a Label of Recognition – an affordable and effective way to promote your business or organization, or as a memorial to remember someone special.

*Thank you to all of you who have adopted a magazine so far. Your support continues to grow and maintain this collection.*

## HAMBURG SCRAPAHOLICS

Meets Tuesdays  
12-3:00pm  
in the  
library's  
meeting room



**Who Are We** - we are a group of women who make and assemble quilts that are donated to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, Pregnancy Help Line, Motts Children's Hospital, the American Red Cross and the Hamburg Fire Department for local victims of house fires. During 2011 we have completed 226 quilts.

For more information contact:  
Email: Judy Smith  
[judy smith@chartermi.net](mailto:judy smith@chartermi.net)  
or phone  
Pat Shinn 810-231-1767

**We celebrate** - the third Tuesday of each month with a potluck lunch followed by a class. These lessons focus on learning a new sewing or embroidery technique or making a craft item.

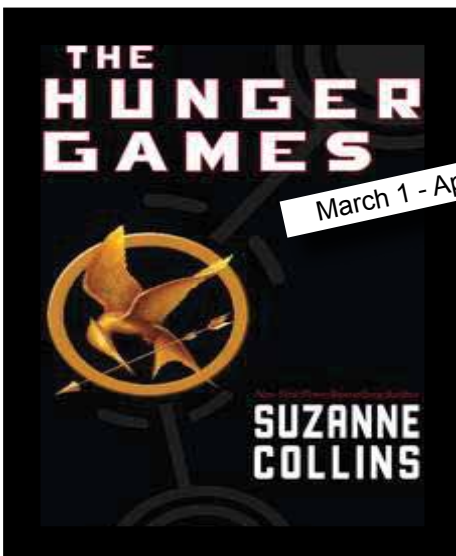
**Donations** - accepting donations of fabric, yarn, thread, sewing notions and money.

**Membership** - Everyone is welcome to join.

No sewing experience is needed; we will teach you.

**No membership dues.**

Free



## LIVINGSTON READS 2012

Must pre-register for both programs.

**Livingston Reads Book Discussion**  
Thursday, Mar. 22, 6:00-7:45pm

Free

Enjoy an evening of discussion and a tasty treats to celebrate the Livingston Reads 2012 title.

### Nature Identification & Edible Plant Hike, a 2-part series

Saturdays, Apr. 21 and 28, 10:00-11:00am. Fee-\$9

Casey Dewar, of the Hamburg Family Fitness Center will act as your nature guide. Enjoy a walk in the natural area around the library while identifying native plants. The next Saturday, you will learn to identify and serve wild edible plants; several dishes will be made with native plants. You will receive both a native plant guide, along with a guide of edible plants including recipes and serving suggestions.



Registration begins January 3, 2012.  
Age requirement 15 years and up  
unless otherwise indicated.

# Adult Pr



## Lunch & Learn Series

Join us on the first Thursday of the month at 11:00am to 1:00pm. Bring your lunch and learn something new. Drinks will be provided.

**Must pre-register for all programs below.**

February 2<sup>ND</sup>

### Origami Box Folding 101

with David Larwa

Fee-\$8 includes materials and instruction.

No experience necessary.

Origami from ori meaning "folding", and kami meaning "paper"; is the traditional Japanese art of paper folding. You will learn to create a folded box which is functional and beautiful. You can bring your own bone folder and cutting mat, although these are not mandatory. You will go home with three completed boxes.

March 1<sup>ST</sup>

### Signature and Accordion Card Ensemble

with Dave Larwa

Fee-\$10.00 includes materials and instruction.

No experience necessary.

An origami signature card, which is a book-like card, is fun and easy to make. The accordion card is made of six continuous cards with pockets for photographs. This card will fit into the origami box constructed in the February class. It is not required to attend the first class in order to complete the day's activity. You can bring your own bone folder and cutting mat, although these are not mandatory.

April 5<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Awakening Craft

with Chris Cody

Fee-\$5 includes materials and instruction.

This lovely spring craft will add a festive air to your home for the Easter season. The finished piece will add flair to your table or shelf.

## Enrichment

**Must pre-register for all programs unless otherwise indicated.**

### The Art of Charcuterie

Saturday, Feb. 25, noon to 2pm. Fee-\$5.

The art of charcuterie (making cured meats) has been around for ages. Trevor Blohm is teaching this beginner's course and will cover the basics by making home-cured bacon and corned beef (just in time for St. Patrick's Day) as examples.



### Information Roundup for Small Businesses

Thursday, Mar. 15, 6:00-7:45pm

The Chamber of Commerce will focus on important issues for those who are beginning a small business or have already established one. Experts in bookkeeping, business law, social media, state business registration, commercial real estate, banking and general marketing will be available for information. Sessions will be time-limited in order for everyone to have availability with each of the experts.



### Butterfly Paradise

Wed., Mar. 21, 6:30-7:45pm.

Join Joyce Shuelke of Wilderrest in Brighton as she presents valuable information on maintaining the perfect environment for butterflies. Joyce will have a beautiful slide presentation that she has personally assembled. She focuses on flora and fauna indigenous to this area. Joyce will be donating a butterfly book as a raffle with proceeds going toward the library's memorial garden.



### Fabulous Perennials

Thurs., Mar. 29, 6:30-7:45pm

**Fee \$5 - Fundraiser for Library's gardens.**

Gary Burg will enlighten us on the value of planting with perennials. He will share information on how you can work with Mother Nature by planting certain perennials in your garden.

# Programs

Pay at time of registration unless otherwise noted. Class fees are non-refundable.

## Event Series

Free

### Button Bling

**Tues., Apr. 10, 6:30-7:45pm**

Examine this button collection of 25 years by local collector Audrey Boldt. She will share the history of buttons and the fine details of one of man's greatest inventions. You are welcome to bring your most interesting buttons and share their stories with others.

### Repurposed Treasures = Garden Art!

**Wed., Apr. 18, 6:30-7:45pm**

**Fee \$5 - Fundraiser for Library's gardens.**

Local resident and expert gardener Debbie Kooperman will be sharing some of her inspirations, finished projects and resources. You might have some special "bits and pieces" on hand that you can transform into unique Garden Art.

Come for a fun evening of contemplating the possibilities! *Debbie's garden was featured in the 2011 LACASA Garden Tour.*

Free

### All You Need to Know About Kayaking

**Thurs., Apr. 19, 6:30-7:45pm**

**Alan Heavner of**

**Heavner's Canoes and Kayaks in Milford**

will bring a kayak and give a land demonstration on kayak techniques. Also included in this program is the Women's Kayaking Club which consists of teens to seniors and is beginner friendly. Heavner's mission of No Child Left Inside will also be discussed.

**You may find details on [www.heavnercano.com](http://www.heavnercano.com).**

The Library is commemorating the

## 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL WAR

(2011 - 2015)

### Civil War Soldiers and Families of Hamburg Township

**Thursday, Apr. 26, 6:30-7:45pm**

Historian Linda Dagenhardt will share information on local Civil War veterans. She will bring insight of the Civil War as she shares correspondence, pictures and stories of the soldiers and families, and the role of Hamburg Twp. in helping to save the Union and end American slavery.

**Must pre-register.**



## For Your Health

*Must pre-register for all programs unless otherwise indicated.*

### Weight Loss Challenge

**Mondays, Jan. 23 – Apr. 30, 6:30-7:30pm**

**Wednesdays, Jan. 25 – Apr. 25, Noon-1:00pm**

**Fee-\$35 @ first class session to instructor.**

Lose weight with a team that provides support and counseling on nutrition, food label information, dining out sensibly and more. Private weigh-in is each week. Check out [www.wlc101.net](http://www.wlc101.net) for more details.

### Beginning Yoga

**Tuesdays, Feb. 7 -Mar. 27, 6:30-7:30pm**

**Fee-\$56 due to instructor at first class.**

Introducing you to the benefits of yoga in a calm setting, Michelle Place, Registered Yoga Instructor, will demonstrate this gentle method of exercise, which benefits all body types and sizes.

### Pilates

**Mondays, Feb. 27-Apr. 2, 6:30-7:30pm**

**Fee-\$48 due to instructor at first class.**

Pilates maintains flexibility and conditioning which contribute to good health and posture. Gwyn Jones, Pilates instructor, will provide instruction for a refreshing mind-body workout. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Free

## Great Decisions

**Mondays, Apr. 30-May 21, 1:30-3:00pm.**

**Workbook can be purchased for \$15 at time of registration.**

This discussion group, with facilitator Eric Hammar, spotlights global topics. Middle East realignment, cyberspace and Mexico are some of the topics to be discussed. Each class presents a video followed by discussion using a workbook as a guide for each week's topic. **Must pre-register.**



# PEEPS DIORAMA

**NOW YOU CAN DO MORE WITH YOUR PEEPS  
THAN JUST EAT 'EM**

1. All Ages Welcome!
2. Think of a scene from a book. Make your diorama using a shoebox or comparable item of reasonable size and keep it clean.
3. Return your finished diorama between **March 16 to 24.**
4. Dioramas will be voted on by patrons from **March 26 to April 7.**
5. The top 3 voted dioramas will receive prizes.
6. The one rule is that all the characters in the diorama **MUST** be played by Peeps (any type of Peep will do).
7. Looking for inspiration? Google 'Peep Diorama'



# SNOW SCULPTING

Saturday, February 11  
1pm

No fee. Pre-registration required.

**Children ages 6 to 12**, learn how to build decorative and functional snow structures and have outdoor winter fun.  
(wear your winter gear, please)

Hamburg Fitness Center & Camps' Camp Director, Casey Dewar, will teach and motivate children to use their imaginations to build colorful, creative snow sculptures. Large pictures will help children decide what kind of imaginative sculpture to build.



## What if there's no snow that day??

Kids will learn about three types of snow shelters: Quincee huts, lean-to's and igloos, then they will have a chance to build their own shelter using cotton balls, popsicle sticks and construction paper.

Casey will also read *A Stranger in the Woods* by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick and lead a cotton ball snowball fight.





Registration begins January 4th

## Lapsit

Tuesdays @ 10am  
January 17 to February 27  
Ages 18 to 36 months

Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays from the comfort of the parent/guardians' lap.  
One child per parent please.

## Storyhour

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 10am  
January 18 to April 25  
Ages 3 to 5 years

Children enjoy 30 minutes of storytelling followed by a 30 minute theme-related craft. Parents are expected to stay and assist their children.

## Flower Pot Decorating

Come decorate a flower pot, then fill it and plant some seeds that are easy to grow.  
Flowers to be determined.

Ages 5 through 12  
Pre-registration required ~~~ No Fee

**Saturday, May 12 @ 1pm**

## Vital Signs: How Health Works 3 part series

Saturdays, February 25, March 3 & March 17  
10:00am-11:00am.

Pre-registration required. No fee.  
*Attendance is not mandatory for all sessions.*

This family workshop is sponsored by the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, Family Science and Reading Program, for families with children 6 years and older.

The goals of this unique program are to provide parents with established scientific facts for their children; to get families talking about, reading about, and doing science together; and to increase awareness of library and museum resources.

### Workshop 1: *How YOU Work: What are You Made of and What do all Those Stats Mean?*

Explore what makes you, you. We'll look at the building blocks of us (cells and DNA), figure out what all those numbers that doctors care about really tell us and how it all works together.

### Workshop 2: *Germs, Parasites and Allergies, Oh my! What Makes Us Sick and What Makes Us Well?*

Look at what things make us sick and how the body protects itself.

### Workshop 3: *Build the \$6 million You: Are You Making the Most of Your Health?*

Learn what we can do to improve and maintain our health by examining how the environment, healthy eating and exercise influence our health and well being.

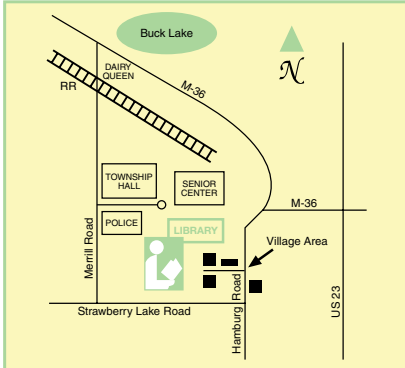
Saturday, Mar. 24 will be Discovery Day @ the Natural History Museum, Ann Arbor.

## Hamburg Twp. Library

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Hamburg, MI 48139  
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hamb@tln.lib.mi.us  
www.hamburglibrary.org  
Hours:  
M - Th 9am - 8pm  
Friday Noon - 6pm  
Saturday 9am - 5pm

**Library Closings**  
**January 16 - MLK Day**  
**February 20 - President's Day**  
**May 28 - Memorial Day**

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## BookSale

**Saturday,  
April 14  
at 9:00am to 2:00pm.**

Hardcovers & AV are \$1.00 each

Softcovers are \$0.25 each

Fill your own grocery bag for \$3.00

The library will begin accepting  
donations for the sale  
Monday, March 26 - Thursday, April 12.

Items not accepted:

Readers Digest condensed books,  
magazines, encyclopedias, text  
books, or anything musty, dirty, or  
damaged.

Receipts will be given if requested.

## Hamburg Library is always happy to reserve materials for our patrons.

Our reserve policy is designed to give each patron fair and equal access to popular and high-demand items.

Please review the following key points to help us better serve you:

1. Library items can be reserved in-person, by phone, by email, or through the Library's online catalog ([www.hamburglibrary.org](http://www.hamburglibrary.org)).
2. When your reserved item becomes available, the Library will call you at the number we have on file for you. If you have changed your phone number, or prefer us to call an alternate number, please let us know at the time you place the item on reserve.
3. Once the Library calls to let you know your items are ready for pick-up, we will hold them for 3 BUSINESS DAYS. This includes Saturdays (Sundays and closed holidays are exempt). Orphaned reserves will be passed along to the next patron in line, or returned to the shelves.
4. If you have placed the reserve yourself via the online catalog, please allow us 48 hours to retrieve your items from the collection. We will give you a phone call when the item is ready for pick-up. If you need the item right away, please call us so that we can have the item ready for you: 810-231-1771.