

Newsletter for community residents and neighborhood friends.

# Hamburg Township Library

48 years of growth with the community

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FREEDOM THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Feb-Mar-April-May 2014

## 'Tis the Season for New e-Book Titles @ Your Library

Did you receive a new e-book reader or tablet computer over the holidays? Now is the perfect time to take advantage of your library's e-book collection. New and best-selling titles are continuously being added to our large selection formatted to work on most devices (Blio, EPUB, and PDF).

Quick and easy instructions for starting your library e-book experience are available at the service desk, or online: <http://www.hamburglibrary.org/Materials/Ematerial.html>. The Library also provides device ratings and comparison handouts for patrons looking to buy a new e-reader or tablet.

Use of the e-book collection requires a Hamburg Township Library card, so please stop in and learn about all the services your library card can provide.

To see what e-book titles are currently in circulation, visit Hamburg's Magic Wall of e-books at <http://hamburg.axis360.baker-taylor.com>.



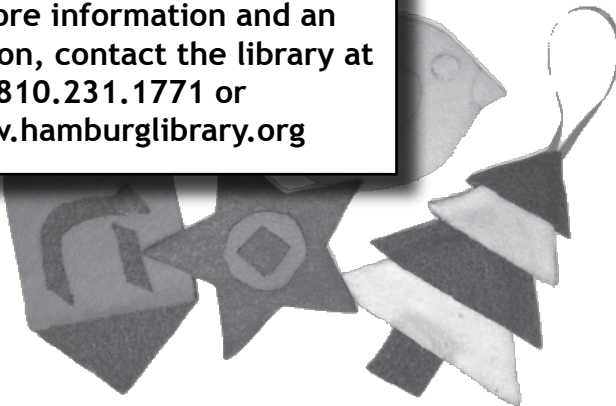
## Kids Craft Fair



Saturday, April 26, 9am - 12pm

Come to the library to view and buy crafts made by the kids of Hamburg Township. Everything will be handmade out of a variety of items such as duct tape, beads, rope, yarn and metal.

**Crafters (18 and younger):**  
For more information and an application, contact the library at 810.231.1771 or [www.hamburglibrary.org](http://www.hamburglibrary.org)





# Film Fest @ the library

Showtime at 6:30pm

The 2014 Livingston Reads  
"The Butler: A Witness to History"  
by Wil Haygood.

## Film Fest Schedule

- 3/5 **Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman**
- 3/12 **My Man Godfrey**
- 3/19 **Remains of the Day**
- 3/26 **Driving Miss Daisy**
- 4/2 **Corrina, Corrina**
- 4/9 **Sabrina**, 1954 version
- 4/16 Livingston Reads book discussion of **The Butler**
- 4/23 **The Long Walk Home**
- 4/30 **The Butler**



# Genie's Book Club

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively, informal adult book discussion on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. Pick up a copy of the books before the discussion dates.

- Jan. 8, **The Art Forger**, by B.A. Shapiro (FIC : 384 pp.)
- Feb. 5, **The Canterbury Papers**, by Judith Koll Healey (FIC : 368 pp.)
- Mar. 5, **Kosher Chinese**, by Michael Levy (Non-Fic : 256 pp.)
- Apr. 2, LIVINGSTON READS SELECTION  
**The Butler**, by Wil Haygood (Non-Fic : 112 pp.)



Apr. 16, MOVIE PRESENTATION  
**The Butler** (2013 ; 132 minutes)

May 7, **Life After Life**, by Jill McCorkle (FIC : 368 pp.)

Registration begins Jan. 6, 2014.  
Age requirement 15 years and up unless otherwise indicated.

## Adult Enrichment Programs

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

### Lunch & Learn Series 11:00am-1:00pm

Bring your lunch & learn something new

- Feb. 6 – Travels to Isle Royal. Presented by Virginia Maturen.
- Mar. 6 – Antiques Road Show, Darlene Hines, sponsored by Richard Truxall, Invest Financial Services
- Apr. 3 – Fairy Garden Resin Mushrooms. Presented by Joan Sanders.

### Downton Abbey Discussion

Mondays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 3, 6:30-7:30pm. No fee.

Join the fun in discussion of Masterpiece's Downton Abbey, Season 4, as facilitator Ruben Barrera offers insight and shares thoughts of Downton Abbey's intrigue and appeal. Light refreshments.

### Weight Loss Challenge - Shape up for Summer

Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm, April 7-May 19, 6:30-7:30pm.

There are no Wednesday classes at this time.

Fee-\$35.00 pay to instructor at first class.

### You CAN Do It

Thurs., Mar. 13, 6:30-7:45pm, No fee.

MSU Extension representative Joyce McGarry will demonstrate the basics of preserving and canning food in your home.

### Ladies of the Lights

Tues., Mar. 18, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

Local author Patricia Majher will present the importance of lighthouses in Michigan and the significance women played in maintaining these lighthouses.

### Wise Dogs and Dog-Wise Owners

Thurs. Mar. 20, 6:30-7:45pm, No fee.

Certified trainer Beth Duman will use her dogs to demonstrate positive dog-friendly training methods. Her book *The Evolution of Charlie Darwin: Partner with Your Dog Using Positive Training* will be for sale. Leave your dog at home. There is no age restriction for this program.

### Great Decisions

Mondays, Mar. 24, 31, Apr. 7, 14, 1:30-3:00pm.

\$19.00 Fee-includes workbook.

Discussion and video will highlight topics of universal interest. Defense Technology, Islamic Awakening, Food & Climate are a few of the topics to be discussed. (**Book order deadline is March 7.**)

### Alternative Methods for Basement Waterproofing

Tues., Mar. 25, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

Learn alternative methods for preventing basement leaks with expert Ron Gay.

### Fraud and Identity Theft Prevention

Tues., Apr. 8, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

U. S. Postal Inspector Sally Palazzalo will offer information you can apply in avoiding scams (lotteries & sweepstakes, charity fraud, check scams) and you will learn how to protect your identity.

### Explore Michigan

Tues., Apr. 15, 6:30-7:45pm. No fee.

Explore Michigan with Barb VanderMolen, author of *Discovering Michigan County by County*. Her book will be for sale.

### Retirement Mapping

Tues., Apr. 29, 6:00-7:45pm. No fee.

If you are planning on retirement in the next 10 years, this hands-on planning session will help you focus on retirement plans, identify hurdles and brainstorm solutions. This workshop is presented by Richard Truxall of Invest Financial Services.

# Children Programs @ the Library

## Fun Crafts with Duct Tape

Saturday, February 8, 1-2:30pm  
Ages 10-14

Take a break from the gray of winter and join us in making several bright and fun crafts using duct tape. We'll be making a picture frame, a snack bag and a flower. The program is free, but please pre-register.

## Kids Craft Night

Wednesday, May 7, 6:30pm  
Ages 5 - 12

We'll make a Lollipop Flower Pot. The program is free, but please pre-register.

The flowers will make a great gift for parents, grandparents or friends.



## Lapsit

Tuesdays @ 10am.  
January 14 to April 29.  
Ages 18-36 month olds.

Children will listen to stories and sing songs from the comfort of their caregiver's lap. One child per caregiver please.

It's story  
TIME  
@your library

## Storyhour

Wednesdays/Thursdays @ 10am.  
January 15/16 to April 30/May 1.  
Ages 3-5 year olds.

Children will enjoy 30 minutes of stories followed by a 30-minute themed craft. Caregivers are expected to stay with and assist children.

## Peeps Diorama

1. Think of a scene from a book. Make your diorama using a shoebox or comparable item of reasonable size and keep it clean.
2. Turn in your finished diorama between March 31 to April 5.
3. Dioramas will be voted on by patrons from April 7 to April 19.
4. The top 3 voted dioramas will receive prizes.
5. The one rule is that all the characters in the diorama MUST be played by Peeps (any type of Peep will do).
6. Looking for inspiration? Google 'Peep Diorama'

## Come read to Shadow the Therapy Dog



Have a struggling reader?  
Schedule a reading time with  
Shadow the Therapy Dog!  
Children are able to practice their  
reading skills & build their  
self-esteem in a non-judgmental &  
supportive manner.  
Ten minute session, first and third  
Wednesday of the month, between  
4:00-5:00 beginning January 15.

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**Hours**

M-Th 9am - 8pm  
 Friday Noon - 6pm  
 Saturday 9am - 5pm

**Library Closings**

Mon. Jan. 20, MLK Day  
 Mon. Feb. 17, Presidents' Day  
 Mon. May 26, Memorial Day

**SCORE**

3rd Tuesday of every month, 1 hour sessions  
 5:00-7:00pm. No fee, registration required.  
 Business start-ups receive one-on-one mentoring from small business counselors.

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**BOOK SALE**

**Saturday, April 26, 9:00-2:00pm.**

All hardcovers and AV are \$1.00 each, softcovers \$0.25 or \$3.00 for a grocery bag. We will supply the grocery bags. Library will begin accepting donations for the sale beginning, Saturday, March 29.

Items not accepted: Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, encyclopedias, text books or anything musty, dirty or damaged. Receipts will be given if requested.

# VIEWPOINTS from Your Board of Trustees - Peg Eibler



## Hamburg Township Library's Technology Trek from Past to Present

When I started on the Library Board in the late 1980's, I had just discovered computers as they were being introduced on college campuses. At that point they were primarily used for word processing, spreadsheets, and databases. Hamburg Library's Director, Pat Waters, had a single computer capable only of simple word processing. By August 1995 we had computerized our card catalog, had two second hand computers for the public to use to look up titles, and two computers at the front service desk for staff to use to check materials in and out. It wasn't until 1997 that we had computer stations connected to the Internet. The Library also introduced audiobooks on cassette and movies on VHS. It wasn't long before these materials were reintroduced as CDs and DVDs.

Enter the millennium, 2000. Hamburg citizens passed the bond in February to build the new library and everyone spent the year excitedly watching the building emerge. When we opened in 2001, we were able to meet the increasing need for technological upgrades. This consisted of a mere 18 computers to handle the needs of both staff and patrons, in addition to providing up-to-date software for public use. The Library also began offering computer classes for patrons needing basic computer skills.

By 2003 WiFi was installed throughout the building with the addition of four laptop computers to meet the growing demand for computer stations. This enabled patrons to bring their own computers or use the library laptops, reducing the wait for an available station. When the Recession hit hard in Michigan, our services were extended to help patrons who had lost their jobs and were struggling with finances. We began to offer free services (copying, faxing, printing, scanning, Skyping) for job hunters and those collecting unemployment.

By 2010, realizing that the 2001 technology equipment was aging and becoming out of date, but keeping the budget in focus, we worked to secure a Federal grant that provide the library with 12 new computers, four new laptops, upgraded software, two new laser printers, and new photocopier. By 2012, patron demand for e-book service was very strong. After much investigation into this new technology, we were able to bring this service to the patrons while staying within our operating budget. Also in 2012, being ever mindful of future utility costs, we replaced the aging and ailing furnaces with a high efficiency boiler system.

Our latest technological improvement has been to install a traffic monitor to accurately gauge how and when the Library is used by patrons. The collected data will play an important role securing funding that supports your library. Hamburg Library will continue to evaluate and keep up with the latest technology!