

48 years of growth with the community

Hamburg Township Library

Newsletter for community residents and neighborhood friends.

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Genie's Book Club Selections

Join in the fun with your friends and neighbors for lively, informal, adult book discussions. There is no registration required or fees. Anyone may join the group 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.

Books & Movies



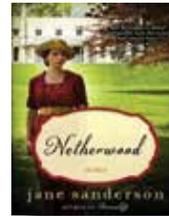
Book - June 4
The Painted Veil
by Somerset Maugham

Movie - June 18
Edward Norton, Naomi Watts

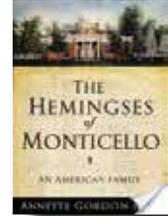


Book - July 2
The Girls of Murder City
by Douglas Perry

Movie - July 16
Catherine Zeta Jones,
Renee Zellweger, Richard Gere



Book - Aug 6
Netherwood
by
Jane Sanderson



Book - Sep 3
The Hemingses of Monticello
by
Annette Gordon-Reed

Award-winning entertainment comes to Hamburg Library. OSCAR & GRAMMY WINNERS



Get on the reserve list for this year's Oscar® winners/nominees. Many titles are already here with more on the way:

- 12 Years a Slave*
- The Great Gatsby*
- All Is Lost*
- Her*
- American Hustle*
- The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*
- August: Osage County*
- Inside Llewyn Davis*
- Blue Jasmine*
- Iron Man 3*
- The Book Thief*
- The Lone Ranger*
- Captain Phillips*
- Lone Survivor*
- The Croods*
- Nebraska*
- Dallas Buyers Club*
- Philomena*
- Despicable Me 2*
- Saving Mr. Banks*
- Frozen*
- Star Trek: Into Darkness*
- Gravity*
- The Wolf of Wall Street*



Grammy®-winners are available at the library. Check out 2014's award-winning music:

Album of the Year/Best Dance Album:
Random Access Memories, by Daft Punk

Best of:

- Pop Vocal Album: *Unorthodox Jukebox*, by Bruno Mars
- Traditional Pop Vocal Album: *To Be Loved*, by Michael Bubl 
- Rock Album: *Celebration Day*, by Led Zeppelin
- Alternative Music Album: *Modern Vampires of the City*, by Vampire Weekend
- Urban Contemporary Album: *Unapologetic*, by Rihanna
- R&B Album: *Girl On Fire*, by Alicia Keys
- Rap Album: *The Heist*, by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis
- Country Album: *Same Trailer, Different Park*, by Kasey Musgraves
- Pop Instrumental Album: *Steppin' Out*, by Herb Alpert
- New Age Album: *Love's River*, by Laura Sullivan
- Jazz Vocal Album: *Liquid Spirit*, by Gregory Porter
- Jazz Instrumental Album: *Money Jungle: Provocative in Blue*, by Terri L. Carrington
- Large Jazz Ensemble Album: *Night in Calisia*, by Randy Brecker
- Latin Jazz Album: *Song for Maura*, by Paquito D'Rivera
- Gospel Album: *Greater Than*, by Tye Tribbett
- Contemporary Christian Album: *Overcomer*, by Mandisa
- Americana Album: *Old Yellow Moon*, by Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell
- Bluegrass Album: *The Streets of Baltimore*, by The Del McCoury Band
- Blues Album: *Get Up!*, by Ben Harper and Charlie Musselwhite
- World Music Album: *Savor Flamenco*, by The Gipsy Kings
- Musical Theater Album: *Kinky Boots*, original Broadway cast recording
- Movie Compilation Soundtrack: *Sound City: Reel to Reel*, music from the documentary film

Did You Know - - -

- the library's free WiFi reaches the parking lot and serenity garden?
 - the meeting rooms can be reserved for free by non-profit groups?
 - the library supports job seekers through free services: printing, copying, faxing, and Skyping?
 - the scanner can be used for free?
 - the library is a collection site for Gleaners Community Food Bank and Toys for Tots
 - the laminator can be used by the public for a nominal fee?
 - the library is a convenient stop along the Lakelands Trail?
 - there is a large local history collection that can be checked out for home use?
 - the library has over 330 dies (+ 4 alphabets) that can be used on the Ellison Die Cut machine for free?
 - the public can send and receive faxes for a nominal fee?
 - the library is a portal to the Michigan Electronic Library which offers **free** databases on all subjects?
 - in addition to the many music CDs, the music collection also includes sheet music for various musical instruments?
- **The library supports education by:**
 - offering free proctoring for distance education exams
 - offering a comprehensive literacy collection
 - promoting early childhood literacy (birth to age 5) programs
 - supporting homeschoolers with creative resources
 - children can build their reading skills and confidence by reading to Shadow the Therapy Dog
 - **The library supports senior citizens by:**
 - offering educational & recreational programs during the day
 - having an extensive large print collection
 - working with the Senior Center to coordinate programs
 - **The library supports the community's technology needs by:**
 - hosting a free WiFi service
 - having 10 desktop and 4 laptop computers dedicated for public use
 - offering free eBook service and over 30 online magazines and newspapers
 - embracing social media to increase accessibility
 - **The library supports families by:**
 - offering free or discounted tickets to state-wide museums through the Michigan Activity Pass
 - offering free passes to State Parks
 - hosting seasonal events such as Santa's annual visit, the Halloween Party, and the Summer Reading Program
 - **The library supports the local community by:**
 - supporting local businesses by hiring local services, offering helpful resources, and giving opportunities to showcase their businesses through programs
 - supporting local artists by hosting an annual fine arts & craft fair and the elementary schools' art exhibit and by offering many art and craft classes
 - supporting local authors by hosting an annual local author fair, having a local author collection, and special book signing events



Hamburg Family Fun Fest June 11-15, 2014

Manly Bennett Park, Merrill Road, Hamburg, MI 48139

Exciting Surprises for the whole family.

- LADY HOUDINI performing death defying escapes
- LIL' HEROES FUN LAND includes; events for children, craft & activities tent, My Adventure Theatre, Tea Party with Cinderella
- Petting Zoo, Classic Car Show, Stage Entertainment, Arts & Crafts, Midway Amusement Rides and so much more.
- Friday & Saturday night Laser Light & Fireworks Shows (starts approx. 10:00pm).

For more information & pricing visit; www.hamburgfunfest.com

Email: director@hamburgfunfest.com or call 586-861-7209



**August 28 -
September 1, 2014**

The Hamburg Recreation Organization (H.E.R.O.) has been awarded the honor and privilege of hosting this **Traveling Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall.**

The traveling half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial that tours the country will be display at Bennett Park on Merrill Road, Hamburg, MI over the Labor Day weekend. Moving Wall is traveling here from Missouri and will arrive in Hamburg on August 28 and be on display 24 hours a day through September 1, 2014. With the aid of may area Veterans' groups, volunteers and supporters we plan to provide for a memorable visit - one that is a fitting tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



HAMBURG TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION MERRILL FIELD DISC GOLF COURSE

10405 Merrill Road, P.O. Box 157 Hamburg, MI 48139

Parking and entrance to course is located across the street from the Township complex at Merrill Trailhead Parking. There is a \$2.00 pay per play charge collected at the information kiosk.

For more information contact Deby Henneman, Parks Coordinator Phone: 810-222-1124 Or scan from your smart phone and go directly to the Parks & Rec Site for more information.



Bennett's Beavers Improving the Lives of Hospitalized Children

PO Box 216, Hamburg, MI 48139

For more information or to make a cash donation visit the website at www.bennettsbeavers.com

Fundraising Golf Outing - August 16, 2014



Hamburg Scrapaholics

Meets Tuesdays 12-3:00pm in the Library's meeting room. Membership is dues-free. Everyone is welcome to join. No sewing experience is needed, the group will teach you.

Purpose - This group makes and assembles 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.

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

Thank you for your generous donation which help us with our donations to all the area charities during the year.

For more information call Pat Shinn 810-231-1767

Hamburg Township Library

SUMMER TIME @ YOUR LIBRARY

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BRIGHTON, MI
PERMIT NO 320

10411 Merrill Road, PO Box 247, Hamburg, MI 48139

Find Hamburg Township Library @ the following sites

Website: www.hamburglibrary.org

Visit the website for contact information & hours, the library catalog (search, reserve, renew items), helpful resources for all ages and interests, library news, programs & events, online event registration helpful resources for job searching and so much more.

Email: hamb@tln.lib.mi.us For questions, comments, and program registration.

Phone: 810-231-1771 or **Fax** 810-231-1520



Facebook: The Library is 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).



Instagram page: [instagram.com/hamburglibrary](https://www.instagram.com/hamburglibrary)



Twitter page: twitter.com/HTLTweets

Scan this code for
Hamburg
Township Library



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

Library Closings:
May 26 - Memorial Day

June 14 - Hamburg Family Fun Fest

July 4 & 5 - Independence Day

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Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am - 8pm

Friday
Noon - 6pm

Saturday
9am - 5pm

Visit website 24/7
www.hamburglibrary.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, July 7, 2014

Last day to register to vote.

Saturday, August 2, 2014

Last day to submit application for absentee voter ballot to the clerk at Hamburg Township Office.

10405 Merrill Road, P.O. Box 157 Hamburg, MI 48139

Phone: 810-231-1000.

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Election Day

Milestone coming in 2016

**Celebrating 50 years
of service to the community.**

Established 1966

Board of Trustees 2012-2016

Peg Eibler, President
Sally Crouch, Vice President
Richelle Hocking, Secretary
Michaelene Farrell, Treasurer
Jim Katakowski, Trustee
Andy Byerly, Trustee

Staff Members

Holly Hentz
Director

Christine Weber
Financial Controller

Mindful of Progress ~ Mindful of You





Donation - Library lounge has hosted free concerts from school bands to Symphony.



Donation - General and Memorial cash donations continue to increase the library material collection.



Donation - Stained Glass Window
Artist - Connie Carello of Three Sisters Art Glass
Glass - Marie Linden of Linden Art Glass

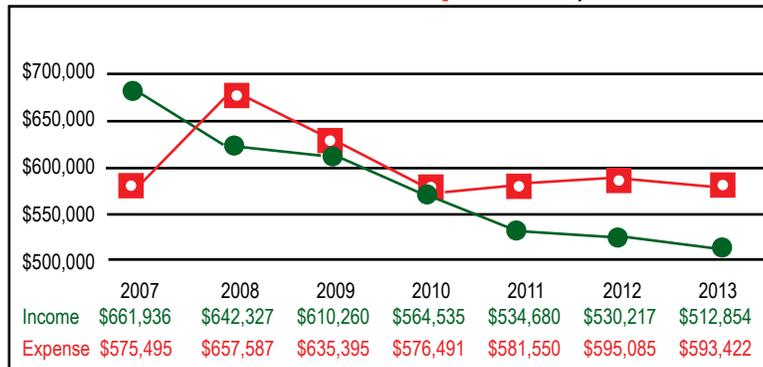


Donation - Serenity Garden
Dennis Morgan Memorial Fund donated the garden design and structure.
Volunteers donated plants, labor, materials, and contribute to the on going maintenance.

Why is the Library Board asking for a 0.8 millage for 8 years?

The previously voted millage ended with the December 2013 taxes. A 0.8 millage would allow the library to replace lost services and add a few additional services. Library officials feel that although the economy is recovering, it is recovering slowly and they don't want to lock tax payers into a lengthy millage.

Income received vs. expenses paid out.



Despite sound management by the Library Board, the recession caused a deep decline in revenues from property values and interest rates which could not be foreseen during the previously voted millage. Thus, board and staff aggressively held tight reins on expenses to continue the same services and hours to the patrons.

What has been done to manage the finances of the library?

The library board has been very aggressive in trimming the budget:

- Reduced the number of staff and benefits, outreach services, janitorial services, materials purchasing, number of newsletters, programming
- Eliminated salary increases, all electronic subscriptions, all conferences and most workshops attended by staff, public computer classes
- Other measures taken: installed a high efficiency heating system and sewer meter to lower utility costs, secured grants for telephone service and new computers and copier, instituted several fundraising efforts
- The library's operating expenses have decreased since 2008.
- The library board continuously monitors interest rates and investment opportunities.
- Although property values have dropped 14% since 2007, the library has managed to keep operations running in this reduced income.



Donation - Carousel
By Grand Bay
Artist: Erik Reich



Donation - Borek
Music Collection
generous pa



Donation - Harp
Library eve
by Brenda Rich



Donation
Adopt-A-Mag



Donation - Coffee
Scrap-A-H

What will this cost me?

Market Value of your Home*	Taxable Value of Home*	Library Tax at 0.8 mills Per Year	Monthly Cost	Weekly Cost
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$60.00	\$5.00	\$0.16
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$80.00	\$6.67	\$0.22

* Taxable Value is based upon 50% of the market value of your property.

What will happen if the millage passes?

- Maintain current hours of operation
- Increase purchases of library materials
- Replace lost or decreased services:
 - public computer classes
 - technology upgrades
 - replenish staff by 2 part-time positions
 - adult and youth programing, small business support
- Maintain the building and its aging equipment
- Add a few additional services:
 - outreach services to seniors and homebound people
 - partnerships with the local schools to help support the students
 - add downloadable audiobooks to the existing e-book service

How does the tax rate for Hamburg Township Library compare to other area libraries?

Dexter District Library	1.6486
Salem/South Lyon District Library	1.6097
Pinckney Community Public Library	1.5562
Hartland Cromaine District Library	1.5212
Northfield Township Library	1.2739
Howell Carnegie District Library	1.0692
Fowlerville District Library	1.0426
Brighton District Library	0.8892
Hamburg Township Library	0.0000 (current)
Hamburg Township Library	0.8000 (proposed)

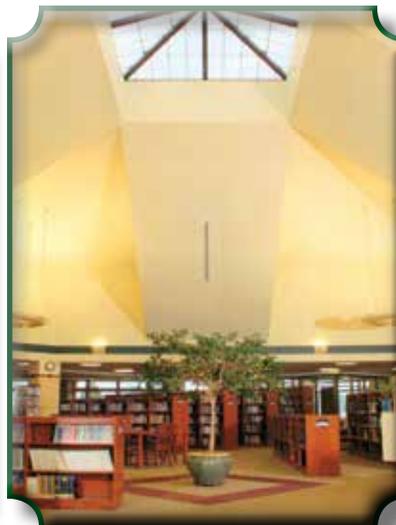
Last voted millage for
Hamburg Township Library
was 2008

FACTS ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

Population Served: 21,165
Library Card Holders: 11,633
Check-Outs: 103,889 annually
Computer Use: 6,305 annually

Number of Material Collection Items:

Books (adults & youth) - 51,121
Ebooks (adults & youth) - 670 titles
Audio Books - 1,804
Music CDs - 2,095 DVDs - 3,801
Periodicals: 63 Magazines and Newspapers
Items interloaned from other libraries - 3,323



Fairy Tale Ball



Be a Clown Day



Clowns & Balloon Sculptures
Summer Reading Kick-off Event



Jugglers
Summer Reading Event



Fairy Tale Craft Day



Santa Comes to the
Library

What about the fund balance?

The fund balance (savings) helps the library through the fluctuation of property values and unforeseen expenses, thus maintaining a balanced budget at all times. The sound management of this library requires a positive cash flow of all operations and utilizing this savings to meet obligations. As such, the library has relied on this fund balance since 2008 to maintain library service at the level residents have come to expect.

What do my taxes pay for?

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 your tax dollars have already paid for these vital 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 and very affordable services, we offer.

Free Services

- MelCat - State wide interlibrary loan service for books, movies, music, audio books
- Adult and Kids: Ebooks, books, audio books, movies, music, magazines and newspapers
- Computer Services: 12 desktop computers, 8 laptop computers, high speed internet, Wi-Fi, scanner, popular software
- Local history and Genealogy resources
- Educational services: space for tutors, proctoring for distance education, quiet study rooms, early literacy story times for children, literacy collection
- Free services for job seekers: printing, faxing, copying, Skype, books on resume writing
- Small business services
- Federal and State tax forms, instructions, and publications
- Community meeting rooms for non-profit group meetings, programs, and presentations
- Family-oriented seasonal events, enrichment & educational programs for adults and kids
- Free use of Ellison Die Cut machine to support classrooms, homeschoolers and crafters
- Book Club and county-wide discussion groups

Affordable Services

- Community meeting rooms used by for-profit groups (\$25/hour)
- Copying and printing (\$0.10 b/w, \$0.15 color)
- Faxing (\$1.00/page)
- Laminating (\$1.00/foot)
- Some adult and youth educational & enrichment programs

Current Hamburg Township Tax Rates

Fire	1.6904
Police	1.5000
Township	0.8442
Library	0.0000 *
Parks	0.2500
* Library	0.8000 (proposed)

Library Millage Ballot Language

Shall the tax limitation imposed on all taxable real and tangible personal property within Hamburg Township, Livingston County, Michigan, for the purpose of operating, maintaining and equipping the Hamburg Township Library and for all other library purposes authorized by law, be increased for said Township to an amount not to exceed .80 mill (\$0.80 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property for a period of eight (8) years, 2014 to 2021, inclusive; and shall the Township levy such new additional millage for said purpose? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Township in the 2014 calendar year is approximately \$718,000.

Vote in person or by absentee ballot for Election Day - August 5, 2014.



Parents having fun with their kids at Summer Reading Events



Kids Field Day @ the library



Library out & about Memorial Day Parade



Ice Cream handout volunteers during Summer Reading



A wedding in the Serenity Garden



Josh and Roy Show

June 18 2pm

Old fashioned Vaudeville entertainment. A enteraining, comedic combination of juggling and joculariry for all ages.

Tie Dyeing

July 15 2pm

Each child will need one white, 100% cotton t-shirt or pillow case. Dyeing is limited to only those who registered.

Cooking with Renee

June 25 2pm

Renee Chodkowski, the Great Foodini, presents Top 10 Ways to Make Magic In Your Kitchen - Kids Snack Edition! This fun one hour class will give kids an introduction to food science, food safety, nutrition, and a little sampling too!

"Space Jam" Dance/Costume Contest

July 25, 7pm

Dress as your favorite alien or sci-fi character and come enjoy some out-of-this-world fun, games, food and dancing

Sled Dogs

July 30 2pm

What do sled dogs do in the summer in Michigan? Meet a local dog sled driver, Patricia Lorandos and some of her canine teammates to find out.

Planetarium

July 9, 5pm/6pm/7pm

Examine tonight's sky to find which planets are visible; and explore planet names, discoverers and myths, and show where to find the planets in the sky. Pick one time only, please.

Comic Book Drawing

August 6 1pm or 2:30pm

Come learn the basics of comic book drawing from Jesse Hughes, local comic artist. Ages 8 and up



SUMMER READING 2014

TO BOLDLY READ WHAT NO ONE HAS READ BEFORE

Monday Movies: 6pm

- 6/9: E.T.
- 6/16: Planet 51
- 6/23: Journey to the Center of the Earth
- 6/30: Despicable Me 2
- 7/7: Zathura
- 7/14: Aliens in the Attic
- 7/21: Galaxy Quest
- 7/28: Monsters vs. Aliens
- 8/4: Short Circuit
- 8/11: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Thurs. Movies: 6pm (ages 13+)

- 6/12: War of the Worlds
- 6/19: World War Z
- 6/26: Blade Runner
- 7/3: I am Number Four
- 7/10: Ender's Game
- 7/17: The Time Machine
- 7/24: Gravity
- 7/31: Planet of the Apes
- 8/7: I, Robot



