

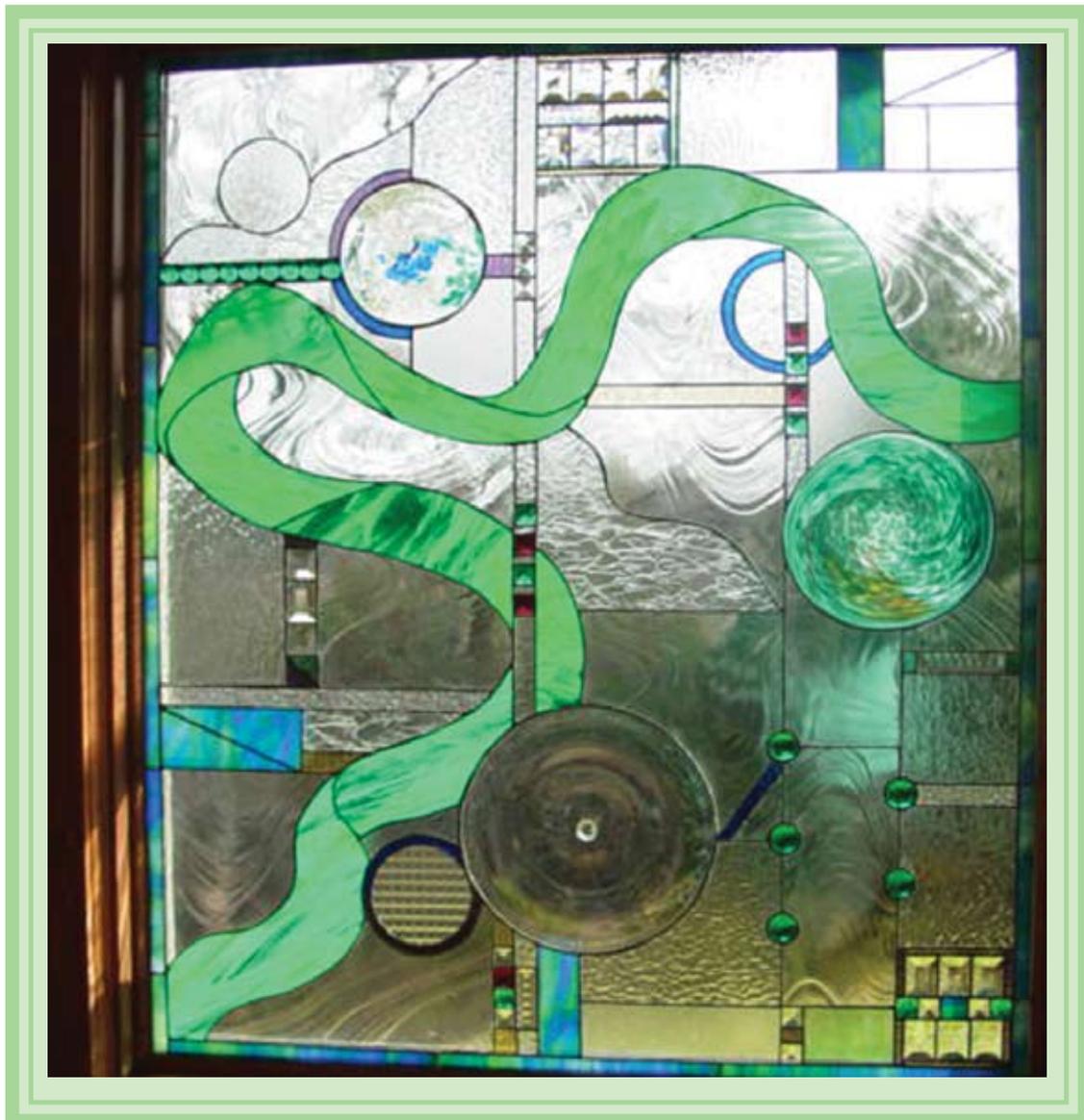
Library Receives Art Donation

Donation by

Artist - Connie Carello of Three Sisters Art Glass

Glass - Marie Linden of Linden Art Glass, Plymouth, MI

THE CHAIN The Chain represents the chain of nine lakes connected by the Huron River which makes Hamburg Township such a special place. The chain of lakes includes Little Portage, Big Portage, Base Line, Tamarack, Whitewood, Gallagher, Strawberry, Zukey, and Ore. All nine lakes are seen in the upper left region as nine green jewels. The chain's six large lakes are depicted in the six rondels. The library is seen in the upper right corner. The clear glass throughout the art piece suggests the seasonal textures of the water (sparkling spring, gently flowing summer, stormy fall, icy winter). The technique used on *The Chain* is the copper foil method developed by Louis C. Tiffany. As the river links the lakes, the library links people to ideas, knowledge, and community.



Computer Classes

Registration required for all programs. Courses designed to introduce beginners to the basics of everyday computer use. They are designed specifically for adults - no registrants under 18, please. All classes are provided free-of-charge. Register in-person at the front desk, by phone 810-231-1771 or E-Mail: hamb@tln.lib.mi.us

You've Got E-mail: Saturday, February 27 at 1:00-3:00pm

This course is designed for those with basic knowledge of the Internet, but have little to no experience with e-mail. Instruction is based on Microsoft Hotmail, its general use, basic features, and operation. Lesson includes : sending and receiving messages, files, photos, and even sound bytes! Message management, technical security, personal privacy, and general e-mail etiquette will also be covered. **Participants must know how to use a mouse!**

Microsoft Windows Basics: Saturday, March 27 at 1:00-3:00pm

This course is designed for those with basic computer skills, who would like to get more use out of their Windows operating system. Instruction is taught on a Windows XP platform, but will be general enough to apply to most versions of Windows. Exploration into some of the bells and whistles of Windows will also be covered. **Participants must know how to use a mouse!**

Basic Internet: Two class schedules.

Saturday, February 13 at 1:00-3:00pm and Saturday, March 13 at 1:00-3:00pm

This course is geared for beginners who are comfortable with the basic mechanisms of using a computer, but have little or no experience using the Internet. All instruction is based on Microsoft Internet Explorer, and includes everything you need to know about launching the Internet, navigating it, and keeping track of where you've been. If time permits, the anatomy of a web address and special features of Google will also be covered. **Participants must know how to use a mouse!**

Improve Your Business Skills with Advanced Microsoft Word and Excel

This 8-week course with Beth Knowles is designed for the individual who needs to improve upon his/her computer expertise to include basic business skills.

Saturdays, 9:00am to 12:30pm

Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27

Pre-registration is required.

Course will cover Microsoft Word & Excel in a combined lesson each week.

Participants must have computer knowledge, including basic experience with Microsoft Word & Excel, file management, and mousing skills. This is an advanced course and is not for the beginner.

Lessons will include:

- Pricelists / Percentage increases
- Customer lists
- Customer correspondence / invoices / discounts
- Mailmerge
- Reports & Sales projections
- Basic budget setup within Excel
- Training documentation with tables of contents / appendix / bookmarks & hyperlinks within document
- Basic charts
- Microsoft Help online & Templates

Ms. Knowles will be using real life examples as well as pointing students to additional free training that is available online to aid in reinforcing the use of tools and techniques, complete with practice sessions.

Ms. Knowles has worked in information technology for 15 years and is currently employed at Oakland Community College.

In your library

Filtering Software Installation

The library is happy to announce the installation of "Net Nanny" filtering software on the four computers in the Genealogy area. State law demands that children (anyone under 18) must use filtered computers if they do not have parental supervision.

Please remember, however, library policy states that all children under 11 years old must have adult supervision in the library at all times, whether or not they are using a computer.

Audio Book Update

In October, the library removed all audiobooks on cassette. This was done to make room for more audiobooks on CD and on MP3. Look for a wider assortment of language CDs, Playaways (MP3 titles), as well as your favorite bestsellers on CD.

Exam Proctoring

Are you furthering your education through online courses or distance education? Please keep in mind the library offers exam proctoring for written tests and online tests. Just contact us with your testing requirements and we will be happy to schedule time with you. This service is free of charge.

Job Search Assistance

Free photocopying of job postings, job applications, resumés and cover letters.
Up to 20 pages per person, per day

Free scanning of documents related to job applications.
Up to 10 pages per person, per day

Free printing of job postings, job applications, resumés, cover letters, and envelopes.
Up to 20 pages per person, per day

Free faxing of job applications, resumés, and cover letters.
Up to 20 pages per person, per day

**These free services are limited to library patrons with valid Hamburg Township Library card
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*"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install,
A lovely bookshelf on the wall."*

- Roald Dahl

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

New Magazines at the Library

- Body and Soul
- Dwell
- Working Mother
- Cooks Illustrated
- Hour Detroit

Adult Programs

Registration required for all programs. Fees must be paid at time of registration unless otherwise noted.

Registration begins Monday, January 4, 2010. Age requirement: 15 years and up. All programs begin promptly at times indicated. Call 810-231-1771 for further information and registration (or register online at www.hamburglibrary.org for non-fee programs)

Weight Loss Challenge 2010 Be Hamburg's Biggest Loser!

Mondays, Jan. 4 - Mar. 29, 12-12:45pm
or

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 - Mar. 31, 12-12:35pm
Fee: \$35 due at first class session.

Lose weight with a team that provides support and counseling on nutrition, food label information, dining out sensibly and many more topics. Check out more details on www.wlc101.net

Beginning Yoga

Tuesdays, Feb. 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
6:30-7:45pm

Fee: \$64 due at first class session.

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



Cabin Fever Week

Organizing Your Photos

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 6:30-7:45pm No fee
Learn how to protect and enjoy your family's print and digital photographs for years to come with Creative Memories specialist Debbie Palani. She will be demonstrating how to preserve these photos, along with how to store and organize them.

Introduction to Pilates

Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30-7:45pm No fee
Gwynne Jones, Pilates Trainer, will explain the concept of Pilates, a system of mind-body exercise, strengthening and improving muscle elasticity and joint mobility without excess bulk. This is not prenatal Pilates. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel. This will be an introduction to the 8-week Pilates session beginning in April.

Scrapbooking Tips by Scrap Tales

Saturday, Feb. 27, 1:00-2:00pm Fee \$10
With clever tips and instruction from Linda Neff of Scrap Tales in Brighton, turn your favorite sledding and skating photos into a two-page winter scrap-booking scene. A materials and tool list will be provided upon registration.

Celebrate Livingston Reads 2010

Comfort Food by Kate Jacobs



Join the entire Livingston County community in reading **Comfort Food** by Kate Jacobs. Each library in the county will be hosting individual events in conjunction with the book. Check out the events, book discussion questions, and other interesting information on the Livingston Reads website at www.livingstonreads.org

Book Discussion Night

Thursday, Mar. 18, 6:30-8:00pm No Fee
Join Genie, along with your friends and neighbors, to discuss **Comfort Food** by Kate Jacobs. Yummy comfort food treats will be offered.

Comfort Food

Wednesday, Mar. 31, 6:30-7:45pm Fee \$5
Livingston County's popular chef Renée Chodkowski will be serving delicious comfort food, all of which are favorites of the charming characters featured in **Comfort Food**. Enjoy homemade buns, delectable apple crisp and sumptuous meatloaf. Check out Renée's website www.greatfoodini.com

Main Dish Summer Salads

Tuesday, Apr. 13, 6:30-7:45pm Fee \$5
Renée Chodkowski returns to the library to whip up luscious salads for your summer parties, sharing her common sense approach to cooking as well as handy tips and penny-pinching ideas.

Grilling 101



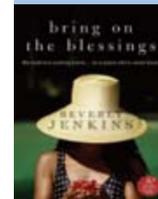
Saturday, Apr. 24
11:00am-1:00pm
No fee.

Trevor Blohm will discuss equipment and grilling techniques, plus the differences between grilling and BBQ. Also, rain or shine, he'll be offering up a tasty demonstration. Trevor has been on teams in national BBQ competitions and is happy to share his knowledge and experience.

Visiting Authors

Beverly Jenkins

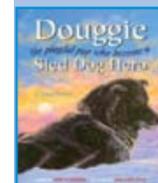
Wednesday, Mar. 3, 1:00-2:30pm
No fee, but please pre-register



Bring on the Blessings by local author/historian Beverly Jenkins, is an inspirational and heart-warming novel. During these difficult times, this gentle and motivational book might be the best medicine.

Pam Flowers

Wednesday, Mar. 24, 6:30-8:00pm
No fee, but please pre-register



Douggie: the Playful Pup Who Became a Sled Dog Hero. Sled dog teams and amazing journeys will once again be the main focus for this evening's event. Hear about Pam's latest adventures in **Douggie: the Playful Pup Who Became a Sled Dog Hero**. Pam spoke of her past escapades several years ago and her program was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire family, so bring them back for another entertaining night.

Great Decisions

Mondays, Apr. 19, 26, May 3, 10 1:30-3:00pm
Begun in 1954, this program is designed to encourage discussion and debate of the important global challenges of our time. Discussion book and videos are used to engage participants in learning about current events. There is no fee but you may purchase your own discussion book for \$15.00

Celebrating National Library Week, April 10-17

Library Book Sale

Saturday, Apr. 10,
9:00am to 2:00pm

Sale prices are as follows:
Harcovers and AV items: \$1.00
Paperbacks: \$0.25
Fill your own bag for \$2.00

Donations of books and AV materials will be accepted beginning Saturday, March 27.

Items should be gently used and in good, clean condition. We will not accept: encyclopedias, magazines, or Readers Digest Condensed books.

Fundamentals of Starting a Business

Tuesday, Apr. 20, 6:30-7:45pm No fee
Designed for those thinking of starting a business or who are in the early stages of startup, this class is the first step. Sponsored by Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center and facilitated by Nancy Johnson, Director of the MI-SBTDC, the course content will include: detailed steps to starting your business as well as market research, readiness and potential. Information and tools will be provided.

Organize, Refresh and Entertain

Tuesday, Apr. 27, 6:30-7:45pm No fee
As you sip flavorsome teas, home stylist Pat Allegra shows you how to welcome spring into your home, with clever ideas and lovely table setting for entertainment.

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 22, 9:00am-4:00pm
Spring cleaning your home or garage? Looking for a place to sell your items? Then consider renting an 18 x 22 ft. space in the Senior Center parking lot during our Community Garage Sale. Proceeds from the \$20 space rental fee will be split between the Senior Center and the Library, with you taking home everything you make. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk and online at www.hamburglibrary.org or call if you any further questions.

Nutrition Fruition

Wednesday, Apr. 14, 6:30-7:45pm No fee
Looking and feeling good are attainable as Shelly Maddox, Nutritional Counselor of Brighton's Vitamin Company explains the virtues of sound nutrition in our diets, de-mystifying vitamin intake and detoxification.

Pilates

Thursdays, Apr. 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 6:30-7:45
Fee: \$68 due at first class session.
Pilates is a refreshing mind-body workout. It develops flat abdominals and a strong back, while creating an evenly conditioned, flexible body. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Crochet Ribbon Necklace

Saturday, Apr. 17, 10:00-11:30am Fee \$4
Susan Pack will provide instruction for crocheting the lovely necklace on display in the library foyer. You must have experience with basic crochet and chain stitch. Please bring a size J or K crochet hook; ribbon and pin will be provided.

Other Programs @ the library

Genie's BookClub

The first
Wednesday
of the month.
1:00pm
No registration
No Fee

Join in the fun with your friends and neighbors for lively, informal book discussions. Anyone may join the group at any time. 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.

February: **Bring On the Blessings** by Beverly Jenkins

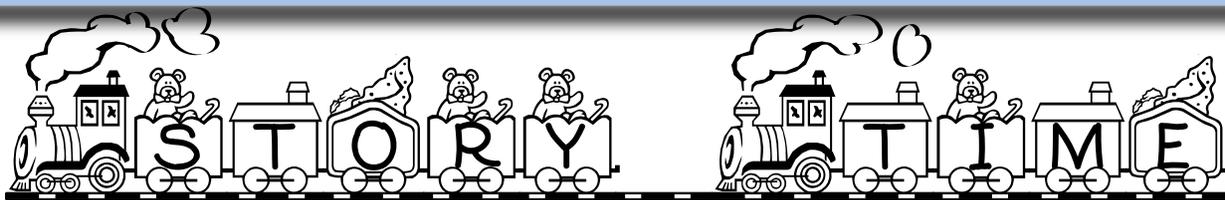
March: **Comfort Food** by Kate Jacobs
(in conjunction with Livingston Reads)

April: **Stealing Buddha's Dinner: A Memoir** by Bich Minh Nguyen
(in conjunction with The Great Michigan Read)

May: **Counting Coup: A True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn**
by Larry Colton

Pinckney Area Elementary Art Show Saturday, Apr. 24 to Thursday, May 6

The Library is pleased to once again host the Pinckney Area Elementary Art Show from April 24 to May 6. Come to the Library to see the wonderful variety of art pieces done by our talented local K-6 students. Don't forget to sign the Quest book.



WINTER REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 28, 2009

Lapsit

Tuesdays @ 10am
Jan. 12 to Mar. 23
Ages 18 to 36 months

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

Storyhour

Wednesday & Thursday
@ 10am
Jan. 13/14 to May 5/6
Ages 3 to 5 years

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

Gardening @ the Library

Fantastic Ferns

by © Judy Webber

What better thing to see in the spring than the emergence of the new plants after their long winter sleep? Who has not thrilled at the sight of the fiddlehead ferns poking out of the woodland floor? How did they get here? Why are they so mysterious? Ferns are among the most interesting (and quite misunderstood) plants. They have been on earth for 230 million years: fossils of the interrupted fern dating back that far have been found in Antarctica. The horse-tail, a relative of the fern, dates back at least 280 million years, with their fossils found in Michigan. Thus, these plants pre-date the dinosaurs, some surviving unchanged throughout that time. In those ancient times, these plants were huge, some being fifty feet tall with "trunks" having diameters of two feet and forming large forests (these forests eventually became the coal deposits we have today). Imagine being able to walk through one of them: what a sight that would be!

Ferns are the first groups of plants to develop leaves, stems, and roots (unlike the algae and mosses), but they do not have flowers. The roots are usually thin, wiry, and black and grow from a rhizome. The rhizome is thick and may be completely buried or may grow horizontally either in or on the ground. The stalk grows upward from the rhizome and supports the leaf. Leaves are generally flat and vary in size, shape, and complexity according to the species, with many having a feathery appearance. There are two types of ferns: runners and clumpers, both of which are useful to the gardener. An example of a runner is the common bracken; the various species of wood ferns are clumpers. So, gardeners must decide which is best for the sites where they are to be planted. Ferns usually grow in damp, shady places, but sometimes they are at home in the bright sunshine. I have seen a bed of ostrich fern growing happily in such a spot in downtown Empire.

Ferns all reproduce by means of spores, which are extremely small and are easily airborne, meaning they can travel hundreds or thousands of miles from the parent plant. This explains why so many of the same species are found throughout the world, with the northeastern United States having about 100 of these species. The spores form in small cases, called sori, usually on the backs of the fern leaves and sometimes forming separate fertile leaves.

(An example of a fern forming fertile leaves is the cinnamon fern, with its beautiful, brown spikes of spore cases growing up on stalks in the middle of the plant). When the spores are ripe, they are actually flung into the air. When the spore finds a suitable site, it grows into a very small, almost microscopic plant, called a gametophyte, which forms male



Cinnamon Fern

and female reproductive organs, which in turn produce sperm and eggs. (Thus, these plants reproduce more like many animals than like the flowering plants). It is only then that the new fern begins to grow. This complicated, amazing process is rarely seen because of the extremely small size of the plants.

Ferns add a calmness, serenity, and stability to any garden and are easy to grow. Some good ones to have are the *Osmunda* species: cinnamon ferns, interrupted ferns, and royal ferns. Others are cliff ferns (*Woodsia* spp.), the aforementioned ostrich ferns, maidenhair ferns, and various wood ferns (*Dryopteris* spp.) *Osmundas* are very showy and long-lived; the cliff ferns are smaller and can tolerate some dryness and sunshine. The ostrich ferns can be huge: 2-4 feet high and 3-6 feet wide; the maidenheads look fragile but are incredibly tough: they are spectacular in the garden. The wood ferns are among the easiest to grow, hold up well, and last long into the fall.

Ferns are available at local nurseries every spring, so follow the specific details of each to know where to plant them and how to take care of them properly. *Native Ferns, Moss, & Grasses* by William Cullina and *The Peterson Field Guide to the Ferns*, by Boughton Cobb, editor, are two excellent sources where the average gardener can learn more about these fascinating plants (and where much of this information was obtained). William Cullina's book contains detailed information about many of our native ferns and has a section on fern propagation. The photographs are stunning. The Peterson guide contains a keying method for fern identification, has clear, detailed drawings, and a section on growing ferns in the garden.

These ancient plants belong in every garden. They are trouble-free, disease-free, and for the most part, are non-invasive. They don't have to be pruned, cut back, or fertilized. Deer don't like them. They are steady and dependable; they don't demand much and give a lot. What more could any gardener want?

The Serenity Garden

Our serene gardens, with their ferns, astilbes, daisies and day lilies, eagerly await your return in the spring.

If you'd like to join the Beautification Committee to help maintain the garden beds, please call Christine at the library (810.231.1771)

Year Round Garden Fundraiser

The Hamburg Township Library's Beautification Committee has teamed up with Botanical Interest, Inc. for the enjoyment of all flower, herbal and vegetable gardeners. Your purchase will support a donation back to the library. Access this company through the Library's website to have your purchase apply to the Library.

- Go to www.hamburglibrary.org
- Proceed to the lower left corner of the home page screen, then click on the logo design
- Go shopping, place and pay online, then wait for delivery.

Makes a great gift idea for birthdays, anniversaries and holidays or as a gift for yourself.



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Hours

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

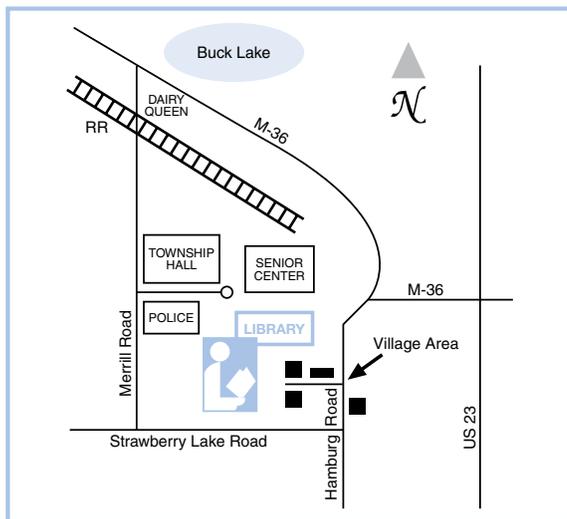
Library Closings

Monday, Jan. 18, 2009 (MLK, Jr.)
Monday, Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day)
Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)

Don't Forget:
Daylight Savings begins Mar. 14

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Protecting Your Investment

As libraries all over Michigan face the challenges of an economic downturn, it is more important than ever to preserve the materials and resources made available by your library. Mindful and courteous treatment of books, DVDs and audio materials ensure a longer life for circulating items, lower costs for replacements and repairs, and extended enjoyment for all library users. Please take a moment to review these basic rules-of-thumb for appropriate handling of library materials:

- Keep your books away from your water bottle in your backpack.
- Keep library materials away from food and beverages.
- Keep library materials away from young children. Books and videos do not make good baby toys.
- Keep library materials away from pets.
- Always use a bookmark instead of turning down pages to mark your place.
- Protect the book's spine by not placing it face down with the pages open and not using objects that are not bookmarks (such as pencils).
- Turn pages carefully from the top right corner. Do not turn from the middle of the bottom page or pinch the page between your fingers.
- Make sure your hands are clean when reading library books.
- Do not write in books, even in pencil.
- Do not leave AV materials in extreme hot or cold environments.
- Choose one particular place to keep your library materials; this will help you keep track of them.
- Please, no home repairs. We have the proper equipment to mend library materials. Just let us know what needs to be done.