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Library Hours:

Monday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Tuesday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am - 8:00pm
Friday: Noon - 6:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday: Closed

Library Closing:

January 1: New Year's
January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr.
February 16: Presidents' Day
April 3: Good Friday
May 25: Memorial Day

Library Board:

Matthew Assenmacher
Jodie Colone
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Richelle Hocking
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Crystal Walter

*Library board meetings are held on the
third Tuesday of every month at 7pm.
The public is welcome:*

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19

Winter 2026

60th Anniversary Hamburg Township Library January - May

Program registration begins Wednesday, December 17 @ 9am

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Registration is required for
all programs and crafts.
Fees are non-refundable

Adult Programs

Registration begins
Wednesday, December 17 @
9am

This winter, there will be a mixture of in-person and virtual programming. Please read the descriptions carefully. All virtual (v) adult programs will be presented via ZOOM. Program links will be sent by email to those who have registered. No refunds on programs with fees.

All in-person programming is subject to change to virtual if necessary.

Age requirement is 16+ years.

January

The Sicilian Syndicate: The Mafia in Detroit (v)

Thursday, January 15 @ 6:30pm

Learn about what we think we know, what we actually know, and what we don't know about the mafia and its influence on gambling and narcotics in mid-20th century Detroit.

Saving the Past: The Women in Historic Preservation (v)

Thursday, January 22 @ 6:30pm

Over 150 years, Michigan women have quietly preserved history in libraries, museums, private clubs, public community centers and historic buildings. Learn about their works, triumphs, and defeats.

February

Capturing the Soul of Community in Photos: Bay View, MI (v)

Thursday, February 5 @ 6:30pm

Bay View, founded in 1875 along Little Traverse Bay, is a National Historic Landmark featuring 31 public buildings and 450 cottages—one of the nation's best-preserved examples of 1900-era High Victorian architecture.

Michigan in the Revolutionary War (v)

Monday, February 9 @ 6:30pm

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, explore Michigan's often-overlooked role in the Revolution—though far from major battles, it was vital to the fight for North America.

Motor City Famous (v)

Thursday, February 19 @ 6:30pm

Compiling over 100 names and places, author Steve Platto leads a celebrity tour of the Motor City that readers can take with them on their own travels or explore from the comfort of home.

March

Powering Pioneers: Detroit's Female Auto Engineers (v)

Tuesday, March 3 @ 6:30pm

Discover the fascinating careers of three female pioneers in Detroit's automotive industry.

Stagecoaches to Muscle Cars: 200 Years of Cruising Woodward Avenue (v)

Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30pm

What is it about Woodward that inspires speed and style? Caitlin Donnelly from the Birmingham Museum explores its racing spirit and lasting cultural impact.

Michigan's Venice: The Transformation of the St. Clair Maritime Landscape (v)

Monday, March 16 @ 6:30pm

A chronicle of the St. Clair system—its waters, people, and how they navigated, claimed, and reshaped this unique region.

The USS Indianapolis - and Human Resilience

Monday, March 30 @ 6:30pm

Discover the story of the USS Indianapolis—torpedoed on July 30, 1945, and sunk in just twelve minutes. Of nearly 1,200 aboard, only 316 survived, marking the worst at-sea loss in U.S. Navy history.

Detroit's Voice of Summer: Ernie Harwell

Tuesday, March 31 @ 6:30pm

For 42 seasons and over 7,000 games, Ernie Harwell was the beloved voice of Detroit Tigers baseball. Join Jeremy Dimick from the Detroit Historical Society to explore Harwell's life, career, and lasting impact on Tiger fans.

April

Behind the Scenes: The Straits of Mackinac

Tuesday, April 7 @ 6:30pm

Explore the rich history of the Straits of Mackinac—from Indigenous peoples and the fur trade to battles, logging, and fudge making.

Historic Mackinac Island Architecture

Thursday, April 16 @ 6:30pm

Learn about the historic architecture of Michigan's beloved Mackinac Island with author, photographer and architectural historian Dale A. Carlson.

May

Searching for Your Revolutionary War Patriot Workshop

Saturday, May 16 @ 1-3:30pm

DAR Genealogists will help you trace your Revolutionary War Patriot. Bring a 5-Generation Family Chart or a list of grandparents and great-grandparents.



***registration required for each class*

Adult Painting Class

Saturday, January 10 @ 1pm

\$5 materials fee

Join us for a paint party with Canvas by Shelia (local artist Shelia Vertoli). Shelia will provide guided art instructions to transform a blank canvas into a beautiful waterfront scene.

Kiss My Glass Stained Glass

Saturday, May 9 @ 1pm

\$5 materials fee

Join Kiss My Glass for a fun fused glass workshop! Create a nightlight or suncatcher using pre-cut scrap glass—no cutting required. Assemble your mosaic design in class; projects will be kiln-fired and returned in 10-12 days.

Take and Make Crafting

Standing Book Vase

Monday, February 2

Make a beautiful vase from a book that can be used year-round by just changing the flowers for the season.

Hop in to Spring Wooden Wall Hanging

Monday, March 2

Bring spring into your home with this fun project. Decoupage napkins decorate a wooden egg with wooden bunny cutout attached to it.

Wood Bird Houses on Candlesticks

Monday, April 6

Create a whimsical home décor with wooden birdhouses and candle sticks. The kit will contain enough materials for two items.

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All about the Food

Spice Club: Novels and Memoirs

1-2pm, Virtual

Spice Club is going regional. We have selected novels and a memoir that feature recipes as a central theme. Recipes will be provided from the books, as well as additional ones that complement the book's content.

Participants can simply try the recipes, or they can also read the book to gain a deeper understanding of the recipes and their ingredients. Books will have to be ordered through the MeLcat system.

Pick up the Spice Kit on the 1st of the month, then we will meet on the 3rd Tuesday to discuss the pros and cons of the recipes, share cooking tips, and exchange ideas.

February 17: *Heartburn* by Nora Ephron

Recipes from the Washington D.C. area

March 17: *The Farmette Cookbook* by Imen McDonnell

Irish Recipes

April 21: *Fried Green Tomatoes ...* by Fanny Flagg

American Southern Recipes

May 19: *Like Water For Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel

Mexican recipes

Wine, Spirits, and Charcuterie

History of the Golden Age of Cocktails, \$5 fee Monday, April 6 @ 6pm

Learn about the Golden Age of cocktails that started in the 1860's to just before Prohibition. During the discussion you will partake in learning mixing techniques to make your own cocktails at home. Ingredients used will be non-alcoholic.

Wine Tasting with Laurentide Winery, \$10 fee Monday, April 13 @ 6pm

Laurentide Winery is a boutique winery located in Lake Leelanau, Northwestern Michigan, specializing in cool-climate wines. Enjoy a tasting of six selections—from their flagship Sauvignon Blanc to a sweet Riesling, with some reds in between. The winery is owned by local residents Susan and Bill Braymer.

Charcuterie Class w/Savory Charcuterie, \$20 fee Monday, April 20 @ 6pm

Halle from Savory Charcuterie in New Hudson will teach the class how to cut meats, cheeses, and fruits, and how to assemble them to create a delicious and visually appealing charcuterie board, which you will take home.

Activities @ The Library

Drop-In Mahjong Thursdays, 1-3:30pm

All Experience Levels Welcome

Join our local Mahjong Club. All are welcome from beginners to experienced.

This group plays the Chinese Mahjong rules.



Drop-In Chess Club Thursdays, 4-7:30pm

All Ages Welcome

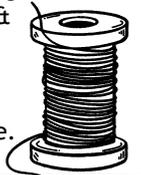
Interested in playing chess? We are looking for players seeking a casual game. Drop in anytime between 4pm & 7pm for a match or two. Bring your own standard/tournament chess set with you. We will have a few sets on hand for patron use, but we cannot guarantee their availability. You must know how to play chess as there will not be any teaching time available.

Drop-In Embroidery & Stitching Fridays, 12-4pm

January: 2 & 16 - February: 6 & 20
March: 6 & 20 - April 17 - May: 1 & 15

Join us for a drop-in session and get to know your fellow embroiderers & stitchers in the area. Bring a project or start new one, and socialize at the same time.

All levels of experience welcome.



Classic Hollywood Movie Matinees

1:30pm

Registration required

- Tuesday, January 13: *Carefree* (1936)
- Tuesday, January 27: *Libeled Lady* (1938)
- Tuesday, February 10: *The Philadelphia Story* (1940)
- Tuesday, February 24: *Good News* (1947)
- Tuesday, March 10: *Duchess of Idaho* (1950)
- Tuesday, March 24: *Rally around the Flag, Boys!* (1958)
- Tuesday, April 7: *On the Riviera* (1951)
- Tuesday, April 21: *Barefoot in the Park* (1967)
- Tuesday, May 12: *Sister Act* (1992)
- Tuesday, May 26: *First Wives Club* (1996)

Snacks and beverages will be provided, plus comfy seats and a big screen to enjoy these classics.

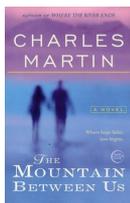
To attend this adult program you must be 16 years or older.

Jackie's Bookclub

To participate, please complete a one-time registration so the library has your email address.

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively, informal adult book discussion at 1pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussions will be in-person.

Pick up a copy of the book before the discussion dates.



2/4: The Mountain Between Us by Charles Martin

When a blizzard forces two strangers—a surgeon and a writer—to crash-land in Utah's remote mountains, their fight for survival turns into an unexpected journey of love and resilience that will change them forever.



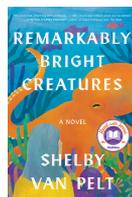
3/4: The Resemblance by Lauren Nossett

When a fraternity brother is killed by a driver who looks just like him, Detective Marlitt Kaplan's investigation into UGA's Greek system uncovers dark secrets and a brotherhood desperate to protect its own.



4/1: Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenadore

When a 1920s Hollywood socialite is diagnosed with leprosy and sent to the remote Carville Leper Home, she must rebuild her identity and find purpose amid isolation, stigma, and loss in this moving story of courage and reinvention.



5/6: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

When a grieving widow befriends a clever giant Pacific octopus at her aquarium job, their unlikely bond leads to revelations about her long-lost son and the healing power of connection.

Great Decisions

Mondays, 1:30-3pm, In-person
February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11



Join the Library's Great Decisions group. Discussion is about world affairs and is facilitated by The Foreign Policy Association (www.fpa.org)

Live Music @ The Library



World Music Concert with Paul Vornhagen and Aron Kaufman

Saturday, January 17
@ 2pm

Paul and Aron have performed at a variety of venues in Ann Arbor and Toledo, bringing their tantalizing rhythms from Africa, the Middle East, Cuba, and Trinidad blended with jazz melodies to appreciative audiences. With no chordal instruments to define harmonics, there is a freedom to explore the interplay of melody and rhythm. The sound of their improvised music is magical, inspiring, meditative, lyrical, joyful, and lively.

Registration for all programs
begins Wednesday, December 17
@ 9am

Cuban Music with Tumbao Bravo

Saturday, February 21
@ 2pm

Formed in August 2003 by reedman Paul VornHagen and conguero Alberto Nacif, Tumbao Bravo has released five critically acclaimed CDs of mostly original compositions that have been featured on all the major jazz public radio stations throughout the United States.



Songs and Stories of Ireland

Saturday, March 14
@ 2pm

A weather forecast from the past; a mysterious Viking invasion; and a visit to the mythical Isle of Hy-Brasil – these are just some of the stories brought to life in Irish songwriter Enda Reilly's music. With intricate guitar-playing, vocal prowess and a cross-cultural sensibility, Reilly brings the essence of Ireland to American audiences.

Phil Hale Jazz Quartet

Saturday, April 25
@ 2pm

Back by request, The Phil Hale Quartet, for an afternoon of the finest jazz around.

Crafting Day

It's an Extravaganza!



Are you ready to work on your crafting?
 Come to the Library for 11 hours of uninterrupted crafting: scrap booking, quilting, fiber arts, etc.
 Bring your own supplies and spread out on a 6-foot library table.
 You'll also have use of the library's die cut machine.
 Lunch, dinner, and snacks will be provided.
 Registration begins Wednesday, December 17 @ 9am.
 \$50 per person (one person per table)

Saturday, January 24
8:30am-7:30pm

***Friends of Hamburg Township Library fundraiser
 **fees are non-refundable*



Tiny Art Show

March: Canvas pick-up/drop-off
April: Visit the Tiny Art Show!
May 1-10: Pick up your Art
(art will be discarded after May 9)



Join your fellow artists in our tiny art show!

Pick-up your 4" x 4" canvas at the front desk in March.



Decorate them, then return them (by March 31) for display in April.



All ages welcome to participate.
 The more, the merrier!

National Library Week

April 20-25

Come Celebrate National Library Week with scavenger hunts, trivia, and a "Why You Love Your Library" display! Stop by anytime to enjoy activities and celebrate reading, learning, and community.



Spring Book Sale

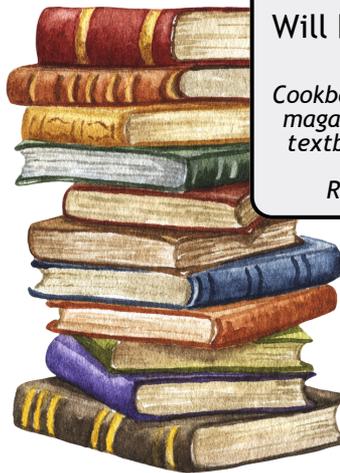
**Monday, April 27 -
 Saturday, May 2**
 during regular library hours

**Friends pre-sale:
 Saturday, April 25, 9am-12pm**

Donations:

Will be accepted from 4/21 - 4/25

*Items not accepted:
 Cookbooks, Reader's Digest condensed books, magazines, encyclopedias, reference titles, textbooks, VHS, bibles, or anything musty, dirty or damaged.
 Receipts will be given if requested.*



Pricing:

All hardcovers are \$1.00 each;
 AV & paperbacks are \$0.50 each;
 or \$8.00 to fill a grocery bag.
 We will supply the grocery bags.



Free tax assistance Fridays @ the Library

AARP tax assistants will help you prepare your tax returns and file online. By appointment only.
 Registration begins
 Wednesday, December 17 @ 9am.

February 6, 13, 20, 27
March 6, 13, 20, 27 ; April 10
 1-hour appointments, 10am-3pm.

You must pick up an information packet at the front desk prior to your appointment date.



Kids Programs

Registration begins
Wednesday, December 17
@ 9am

Story Hours

*** Attendance Policy: If you miss more than 3 story hours without notification to the library, you will be removed from story hour so the spot can be filled by another child.



Lil' Wigglers Baby Time

Mondays: 10-11am
January 12 - April 20

Ages: Newborns to 2-year-olds.

Join us for 45 minutes of fun! Caregiver and child will interact while participating in stories and songs in a format designed especially for babies. Free play will follow with toys and socialization.



Lapsit

Thursday: 10-11am
January 15 - April 23

Ages: 2 and 3-year-olds.

Enjoy stories and songs from the comfort of the caregiver's lap, followed by in-person crafts.



Preschool Story Time

Thursdays: 11am-Noon
January 15 - April 23

Ages: 3 to 5-year-olds.

Let's get messy and have fun! Listen to some stories, sing some songs, then create art and crafts with a variety of materials, textures, and colors. Dress for a mess.

visit: htlkids.weebly.com
for all things HTL Kids



Cooking with Hannah

Lentil Tacos
January 21
@ 6:30pm

ages 8-13
\$5/per child/
per program

French Toast w/
Berry Compote
February 11 @ 6:30pm

**registration required for each class

**fee must be paid within 2 business days of registration or your child will lose their spot

Participants will get hands-on experience preparing a delicious and healthy recipe. We will incorporate math, science, nutrition, food safety, and reading comprehension skills throughout the cooking classes.

Valentine's Day Craft

Tuesday, February 10
@ 10am
ages 6 & under

Join Ms. Meghann and Ms. Laura in making a special Valentine gift for your most favorite person in the whole wide world.

**registration required



Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday, May 6
@ 6:30pm
ages 5-13

Come make the perfect gift for your mom, your grandma, your aunt, or another special someone.

**registration required

Hot Cocoa and Crafts



Wednesday, February 18
@ 6:30pm
ages 5-17

Join us for hot chocolate and snacks while we make snow slime, sock snowmen, and marshmallow engineering.

**registration required

Preschool Movies

Introduce your toddler to their first big-screen movie.

Bring a blanket and pillow.

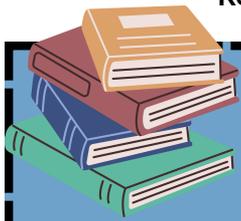
All movies begin @ 10am.

**registration required

1/6: Encanto
2/3: Shrek
3/3: Toy Story
4/7: Zootopia
5/5: The Many Adventures
of Winnie the Pooh



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Library Lock-In

Friday, January 30, 6-10pm



****registration required**

Join us for an evening of pizza, stories, and cozy reading fun!

Kids and families can cruise our bake sale, listen to stories read by PCS Superintendent Rick Todd and your own librarians, and settle in for a night of reading and books after hours at the library.

While you're here, help us bolster our Juvenile Non-Fiction section by adopting a new book for our collection for \$10—each adopted book will feature a personalized dedication inside to honor your support!

Family Fun Concert

Saturday, March 14

9:30-11:30am

@ 2 | 42 Brighton

Families with kids 5 and under

Come listen to musician Beverly Meyer, meet Elephant and Piggie, do activities and have a most excellent time.

****no registration required**

Family Escape Room

Wednesday, March 25, 5:30pm

Groups will begin every 10 minutes

All Ages

A spy has stolen the library's secret code archive—can your family solve the clues and save the day? Test your detective skills in Operation Secret Stacks, our interactive library escape room adventure!

****registration required**

Frosty Friends Winter Reading Program

January 1 - February 28

Track your reading online, unlock adorable Frosty Friends, and earn fun achievements along the way. Whether you read at home or in the library, every page turns into progress—so bundle up, start reading, and see which chilly friends you can collect this winter!

scan here on January 1 to register, read the rules, and start recording your child's books



****prizes will be handed out beginning March 2**
****all minutes must be submitted online to count**



Lego Club

1/20; 2/17; 3/17; 4/8; 5/19
3-5pm

Ages 3-17 - Registration required

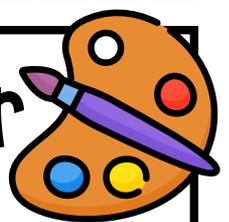
You provide the imagination, we'll provide the legos. We'll designate a theme every month, but it's merely a suggestion for those who aren't sure what they want to build. Your creations will stay at the library on display until the next Lego Club.

****We ask that parents stay with younger kids**
****You must be here before 4:30pm**



Kids Craft Fair

Friday, June 5, 7pm-8pm



Come to the Library during our Summer Reading Kickoff Party to view and buy crafts made by the kids of HTL.

Everything is handmade: hand-knit scarves, soaps, pillowcases, pet toys, flower pots, bowls, and more.

Calling all crafters (ages 17 and under): If you would like to sell items, pick up an application from the front desk or online at hamburglibrary.org

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Friends of the Hamburg Township Library



2025 Membership Form

Friends of the Hamburg Township Library is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the Hamburg Township Library through fundraising, creating a greater public awareness of the library, and promoting community ties. Please join us!

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/ZIP: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Volunteering

Assist at fundraisers, programs, and events

Serve on a Committee

Become a Member of the Board of Directors

Other interests/talents you'd like to share? _____

Membership/Dues

___ Individual (\$10)

___ Seniors (ages 60+) and Students (\$5)

___ Family (\$25)

___ Business (\$50)

___ Patron (\$100)

___ Lifetime (\$300)

Please make your check payable to: The Friends of the Hamburg Township Library. Your membership form and check can be dropped off at the library or mailed to:

Friends of the Hamburg Township Library
Attn: Membership Committee
P.O. Box 466 Hamburg, MI. 48139

Questions? Email membership@friendsofhtl.org

Membership/Dues are renewed annually on July 1. Membership forms submitted in April, May, or June will expire on June 30 of the following year.