

Hamburg Township Library

56 years of growth with the
community

January - May 2022 Volume 21, Issue 1

Let's Move Forward Together!

The Hamburg Township community chose to invest in the Library when passing the operating millage in 2016. As that millage comes to a close, we'd like to let you know how your investment has paid off. Overwhelmingly, you shared that you wanted more of what you love: more e-services, more community services, more enrichment, more ways to make your life easier.

MORE E-SERVICES:

Axis360: We have partnered with Pinckney Library to add more eBook and eAudio titles.

PressReader: Offers over 3,000 eMagazines and eNewspapers.

Tutor.com: Online homework assistance.

Ferguson's Career Guidance: All ages can find very useful information and assistance in researching careers and finding jobs.

InfoBase Learning Cloud: Accredited courses for barrier-free professional development.

Ancestry: All ages can enjoy thousands of genealogical documents to help in developing their family tree.

MORE WAYS TO MAKE LIFE EASIER:

Fine Assistance: Fine eliminations for senior residents and 'Read away your Fines' for kids.

Online Registration: Program registration has been streamlined.

Library Floor plan: The library was rearranged to enhance popular materials and create individual study rooms.

Student Library Cards: In partnership with Pinckney Library, all PCS students automatically receive a student card that allows them to use all services at both libraries.

Health and Safety: UV air purifiers were added to the HVAC units. Updates throughout the building and sidewalk to keep in line with new handicap codes.

Tax Savings: Tax payers are saving almost \$8000/year in energy costs after updating the HVAC as well as converting all lighting on the building and grounds to LEDs.

MORE ENRICHMENT:

Library of Things: To support community enrichment, the library now offers binoculars, board games, book club kits, children's learning & activity kits, cookie cutter sets, musical instruments, a projection screen, and a digital camera for check-out.

Literacy Computers: We now have two computers for our younger patrons to help with their literacy skills.

MORE COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Homebound Delivery: Any township resident who can't make it into the library can have the library come to them.

Curbside Service: Available to anyone who would rather not enter the library building; the staff is happy to deliver items to your vehicle.

Virtual programming for all ages: Allows patrons to stay home and stay healthy while still learning and engaging with their neighbors and community.

Drop-in tech and genealogy help: Currently suspended due to Covid, drop-in help sessions have proven to be very popular and will resume soon.

AARP Tax Assistance: Helping at least 180 households a year in preparing and filing their taxes and will resume soon.

WiFi System: Upgraded to reach the library's outdoor facilities.

The library board and staff work diligently every day to fully serve the community while watching millage dollars carefully. We sincerely hope we have provided services to meet your needs.

With the new millage election upon us in August 2022, we will be hosting several Q&A meetings where we hope to see you and hear your ideas. Please watch the library's social media for locations, dates, and times.

You can always reach us via email: hamb@tln.lib.mi.us,
phone: 810-231-1771, or in person.

It's been an honor to serve you,
Michaelene Farrell, President, Library Board & Holly Hentz, Director

Adult Programs

Registration is required for all programs and crafts.
Registration begins online December 20

Registration is required for all programs to ensure access to program and crafting supplies.

Program/Craft fees must be paid within *TWO* business days of registration or you will lose your spot.

Fees are non-refundable. Age requirement is 15+ years.

You can register for programs by calling 810-231-1771 or visiting hamburglibrary.org

Program Series

Great Decisions

2nd Monday of the Month @ 1:30pm

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. For more information & to order the booklet go to www.fpa.org. *Virtual*.

February 14

Topic: Changing Demographics

March 14,

Topic: Outer Space

April 11

Topic: Climate Change

May 9

Topic: Russia and the U.S.

June 13

Topic: Myanmar and Asean

HTL Spice Club

Tuesdays, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17 @ 1pm
Virtual in winter months

Do you love to cook? Do you like to try new flavors and recipes? Or maybe you are in a cooking rut and don't know how to start expanding your cooking repertoire. Then we have got just the club for you! The HTL Spice Club.

Pick up your spice on the 1st of the month and receive a history about the spice as well as a few different recipes. We will meet later and discuss the pros and cons of the recipes/spice and share cooking tips and ideas.

go to our website to find out the spice

Hamburg Library's Write Club

Saturdays - January 22, February 12, March 5, March 26, April 16, May 7 @ 1pm-3pm
Virtual in winter months

Writing is typically a solo endeavor, but finding a community of writers that support one another can be a great source of inspiration and encouragement. Whether you're a published author or want to start crafting your first book, come and join our fledgling writers group, offering a supportive environment of people who share a passion for telling stories.



Tea Rex Tea Party

Saturday, February 19 @ 1pm
Ages 4-10

**Registration begins December 20*

Come have a roaring good time at our
'Tea Rex Tea Party'



Learn some dino facts,
drink some dino tea,
make some dino crafts,
eat some dino treats.



Food for Thought

March 1 to March 31

Please donate non-perishable food, hygiene, and
cleaning products for Gleaners Food Bank in the
barrel in the front lobby.

Bonus:

One item donated = One item's fines removed



Bring your donations to the
front desk to receive your fine
amnesty.

*(Does not cover cost of lost/
damaged items)*

Peeps Diorama

Diorama Submission: April 2-9
Diorama Voting: April 11-16
Ages 17 and under

No Registration Required

1. Think of a scene from a book then make your diorama using a shoebox
2. Submit your diorama to the library
3. Patrons will vote in-person & on Facebook
4. All characters in the diorama MUST be played by Peeps
5. Looking for inspiration? Google 'Peep Diorama'
6. Winner receives \$10 DQ Gift Card

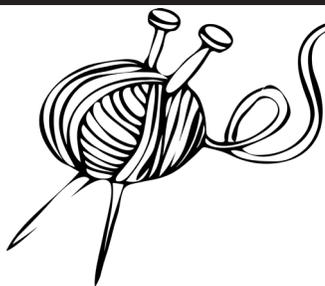
Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday, May 4 @ 6:30pm
Ages 12 and under

**Registration begins December 20*

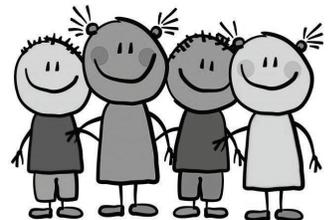
Make something from the
heart for your mom, your
grandma, your aunt, or
another special someone.

Join us in crafting a colorful
flower vase and a bouquet of
yarn flowers to put in it.



Kids Craft Fair

Friday, June 3
7pm-8pm



Come to the Library during our Summer Reading Kickoff Party to view and buy crafts made by the kids of Hamburg Township. Everything is handmade and past items have included hand-knit scarves, soaps, pillowcases, pet toys, flower pots, and bowls.

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

**Thursday, January 6, 6:30pm, Virtual
Detroit Style: Car Design in the Motor City
Presented by the DIA**

Experience the iconic car styles of Detroit during the past 60 years through the eyes of the car designers who created them.

**Thursday, January 13, 6:30pm, Virtual
Just Wild about Harry: Houdini in Detroit
Presented by the Detroit Historical Society**

As one of the most recognizable figures in American history, Houdini surely left his mark. But most people do not know about Houdini's significant Michigan ties and his macabre connection to the Motor City. Join us to find out more about it.

**Wednesday, January 19, 6:30pm, Virtual
In Good Spirits: The History and Lore of
Kentucky Bourbon**

Join Phil Kollin, Louisville Certified Tourism Ambassador & Executive Bourbon Steward as he discusses the amazing stories of bourbon whiskey.

**Monday, January 24, 6:30pm, Virtual
Keep 'Em Fighting: Chris-Craft's Contribution
to WWII**

Chris-Craft Corporation quickly transitioned from building pleasure boats to constructing military craft for the war effort. Join Geoffrey Reynolds from Hope College to learn more about Chris-Craft's role in America's 'Arsenal of Democracy.'

**Wednesday, January 26, 6:30pm, Virtual
Bathtub Gin & Rum Running: Prohibition in
Detroit & Michigan**

Detroit was considered the Rum Capitol of the nation during Prohibition. Rum running, smuggling, illegal stills, and blind pigs sprang up within hours of the start of Prohibition in January 1920 and thrived for the next 14 years with the Purple Gang in charge.

**Adult
Programming**

**Thursday, February 3, 6:30pm, Virtual
War of 1812: A Native Perspective**

Eric Hememway, an Anishnaabe/Odawa Native American from Cross Village, Michigan will discuss how the War of 1812 represents one of the major turning points in Great Lakes Tribal history.

**Monday, February 7, 6:30pm, Virtual
Making Waves: Michigan's Boat Building Industry,
1865-2000 w/ author Scott M. Peters**

The Great Lakes State boasts a rich heritage in the development of boat building in America. Join us for a discussion about the people, process, and products that changed boating across the world.

**Wednesday, February 16, 6:30pm, Virtual
Of Icebergs & Inquires: Michiganders on the Titanic**

When the Titanic went down in 1912, many Michiganders lost their lives. Within a week, U.S. Senator William Alden Smith, from Michigan, convened the U.S. inquiry into the disaster. Learn what he found out.

March

**Wednesday, March 9, 6:30pm, Virtual
The Saginaw Trail: From Native American Path to
Woodward Avenue w/Author Leslie Pielack**

Find out the history of Woodward Avenue, especially about those groups usually overlooked, such as local Indigenous People, pioneer women, and formerly enslaved people who settled and built our communities.

**Tuesday, March 15, 6:30pm, Virtual
Let's Go Birding w/Greg Bodker**

Birding expert Greg Bodker is back to get you prepared to go birding! Topics include binoculars, field guides, bird songs, and cataloging your photos.

**Monday, March 21, 6:30pm, Virtual
The Women of Mercury 13**

During the early 1960s, 13 female pilots, including two from Michigan, were selected to undertake the same training as the Mercury 7 astronauts. These women would pave the way for the success of future female astronauts.

**Tuesday, March 22, 6:30pm, Virtual
The Anishinaabe Women of Mackinac**

The history of the Straits of Mackinac cannot be told without including the lives of the female Anishinaabe leaders in the area. Join us to hear about these strong women who helped preserve Native customs and traditions.

Story Hour

January 10 through May 26

*Registration begins online December 20

*****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

Story hour will be in person this winter and we would like to share a few things: our readers will not be wearing masks, class sizes will be smaller, and crafts will be take home.

Lil' Wigglers Baby Time

Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am January 13 to May 26

Geared toward newborn 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 age appropriate toys and socialization for babies and caregivers. Toys will be disinfected after each use.

Lapsit

Mondays: 10am - 10:30am
January 10 to May 23

Geared toward 2 and 3 year olds.

Enjoy up to 30 minutes of stories and songs, all from the comfort of the caregiver's lap, followed by a take-home craft.

Story Hour

Mondays: 1:30pm - 2:15pm January 10 to May 23
Thursdays: 10am - 10:45am January 13 to May 26

Geared toward 3 to 5 year olds.

Children will enjoy up to 45 minutes of storytelling followed by a take-home craft.

Get 'Crafty' at the Library

Ages 9-14

**Registration for each program begins December 20*

Come and get crafty at the library on select Wednesdays this winter.

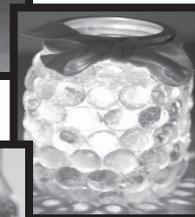
We'll provide the materials and the space and you provide the 'craftiness' :)

Wednesday, January 19 @ 6pm
"Hemp Wrapped Mason Jar"

Wednesday, February 23 @ 6pm
"Book Page Flowers"

Wednesday, March 23 @ 6pm
"Prism Light Mason Jar"

Wednesday, April 20 @ 6pm
"Lightbulb Terrariums"



get your craft on

Family Game Nights

Wednesdays @ 6pm All ages

No Registration Required

Bring your family and friends and come on in to play the variety of games we have on hand.

- January 12
- February 16
- March 16
- April 13
- May 18



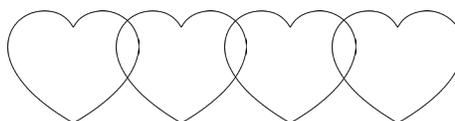
Valentine Craft

Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:30pm

Ages 5 and under

**Registration begins December 20*

Come celebrate Valentine's Day with Miss Carol and Miss Christie. You will do a craft, eat a snack, and have a ton of fun.



Adult Programs

April

Monday, April 25, 6:30pm, In-Person Michigan Aviation: People and Places that Changed History

Join author Barry Levine as he discusses the history and human-interest stories of the three former Michigan Strategic Air Command bases - Kincheloe, K.I. Sawyer, and Wurtsmith.

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30pm, In-Person Disaster At Fort St. Joseph: Pontiac's Rebellion

In 1761, ensign Francis Schlosser arrived to lead the British 60th Regiment at Fort St. Joseph (where Niles, MI is now located). He lost no time offending nearly everyone. Learn how his inexperience, incompetence, and arrogance ended in disaster two years later.

May

*Registration begins December 20

Saturdays, May 14 and May 21, 9:15 am Nature Walk w/Naturalist Andrew Nowicki

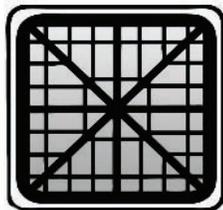
Join a guided nature hike led by naturalist Andrew Nowicki. Spring is in full gear and we'll be looking out for migrating birds, calling frogs, and other animals hiding out along the trail. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Maximum number of people 12. Please only sign up for one date.

Monday, May 16, 6:30 pm, In-Person Nature Getaways with Ron Rademacher

This program will discuss some of the most overlooked nature areas in Michigan. Local attractions are discussed near each nature center to plan a great day trip.

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2ND ANNUAL STAY AT HOME & READ



FUNDRAISER

WHO: Anyone can participate and/or donate*

WHAT: Read a book, listen to a book, watch a movie that you have checked out from the Library (or use your own). You are encouraged to share what you are enjoying on our Facebook page. Then consider a donation to the library.

WHERE: The comfort of your home with your family, a pet in your lap, a hot drink, good music in the background or just by yourself cuddled up on the couch.

WHEN: February 1 - 28

Spend some time this winter by helping the Library.

This will be a Friends of the Library Fundraiser.

Virtual Author Events

Tuesday, February 8 @ 6:30pm
In Conversation with Michigan Author,
Jerry Dennis, *Up North in Michigan*

Thursday, February 17 @ 6:30pm
In Conversation with Michigan Author,
John Smolens, *Day of Days*

Thursday, February 24 @ 6:30pm
In Conversation with Michigan Author,
Tracy Gardner, *Shepherd Sisters Mysteries*

Saturday, February 26 @ 1pm
In Conversation with Young Adult Author,
Frank Morelli, *On the Way to Birdland*

For more information and how to donate, please visit
www.hamburglibrary.org after January 20

* you must be 18 years or older to donate

Jackie's Book Club

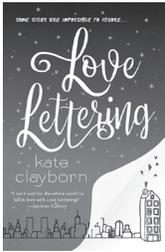
To participate, please complete a one-time registration so the library has your email address.

Join your friends and neighbors for a lively, informal adult book discussion at 1pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussions will be an in-person/Zoom hybrid. Pick up a copy of the book before the discussion dates.

February 2

Love Lettering
By Kate Clayborn

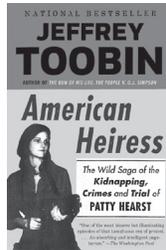
Meg's hand-lettering skill has made her famous as the Planner of Park Slope. She can also read signs that other people miss. Sitting across from Reid Sutherland and his fiancée, she knew their upcoming marriage was doomed to fail. Weaving a secret word into their wedding program was a little unprofessional, but she was sure no one else would spot it. She hadn't counted on sharp-eyed, pattern-obsessed Reid.



March 2

American Heiress
By Jeffrey Toobin

On February 4, 1974, Patty Hearst, a sophomore in college and heiress to the Hearst Family fortune, was kidnapped by revolutionaries calling themselves the Symbionese Liberation Army. Ultimately, the saga highlighted a decade in which America seemed to be suffering a collective nervous breakdown. *American Heiress* portrays the electrifying lunacy of the time and the toxic mix of sex, politics, and violence that swept up Patty Hearst and captivated the nation.



April 6

Lady Sunshine
By Amy Mason Doan

For Jackie Pierce, everything changed the summer of 1979, when she spent three months of infinite freedom at her uncle's sprawling estate. Jackie and her cousin Willa fell into a fast friendship, testing their limits along the rocky beach and in the wild woods ... until the summer abruptly ended in tragedy, and Willa silently slipped away into the night. Twenty years later, a piece of the past resurfaces and sparks new questions about Willa's disappearance.



May 4

Speaking of Summer
By Kalisha Buckhanon

On a cold December evening, Autumn Spencer's twin sister, Summer, walks to the roof of their shared Harlem brownstone and is never seen again. The door to the roof is locked, and the snow holds only one set of footprints. Faced with authorities indifferent to another missing Black woman, Autumn must pursue the search for her sister all on her own.



*Registration begins December 20

Adult Pick-Up Crafts

To ensure your kit is reserved, payment must be made within TWO business days.

A craft kit will be provided via curbside or in-library pickup for those who have registered. A tutorial link will be included so you can learn and complete the craft at your own speed.

Week of January 17: Simple Valentine Felt Wreath

This wreath offers a soft Valentine pallet of color that you could keep up year-round.

Week of February 7: Beaded Sun Catcher (\$5/material fee)

Let the short winter days be lightened by this unusual sun catcher.

Week of February 28: St. Patrick's Spring Wreath

Felt & yarn combine to make a simple wreath for St. Patrick's Day but also something to welcome spring into your home.

Week of March 21: Macrame Bunnies Just in Time for Spring (\$5/material fee)

Who can resist a bunny, much less more than one? Enjoy making different size bunny heads for your holiday décor.

Week of April 11: Spring Clothespin Wreath

Washi Tape and clothespins will magically become a beautiful wreath to brighten up anyone's day.

Week of May 2: Terra Cotta Wind Chime (\$5/material fee)

Get ready to ring in summer with a colorful wind chime to enhance your garden.



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Follow us on:



Website: www.hamburglibrary.org

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Mailing: PO Box 247, Hamburg, MI 48139

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9-8

Friday: 12-6

Saturday: 9-5

Dates Closed:

January 1: New Year's Day

January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 21: Presidents Day

April 15: Good Friday

May 30: Memorial Day

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Friends of the Hamburg Township Library

The Hamburg Township Library Friends are a volunteer organization dedicated to fundraising, library advocacy, and community involvement.

Once the Friends are officially established, they will be looking for members, hosting fundraising events, and working with the community.

Stay up to date through the library's social media, website, and future newsletters.



Friends of HTL Book Sale @ the Library Monday, April 4 - Saturday, April 9

All hardcovers and AV are \$1.00 each, softcovers are \$0.25 each, or \$5.00 to fill a grocery bag. We will supply the grocery bags. The Library will accept donations Thursday, March 24 through Thursday, March 31.

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