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Now Open More Hours !

Lakeport Book Depository
is now open on Wednesdays

New hours of operation:

Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*"Connecting You To A
World Of Information"*

Library Launches Summer Reading

Laugh It Up @ Your Library — June 16 through August 9

Join us this summer for silly stories, jokes, games, and humor of all kinds in books, music and other materials at any branch of the St. Clair County Library System. The 2003 Summer Reading Program, Laugh It Up @ Your Library, is **FREE** and open to everyone — preschool age through adult — with programs, prize drawings, story hours, reading clubs and more.

■ **Preschool through 5th grade:** Come to one of our Laugh It Up @ Your Library kick-off parties, featuring entertainment and fun with comedy jugglers and clowns. Then, earn prizes as you read. Entertainers include Joel Tacey, Jonathan Park, and Stasha The Clown. See the **Program Guide** in this newsletter for party dates and times.

■ **Teenagers and adults:** Visit any branch, read, and earn chances to win a raffle prize.

■ **Everyone:** Enjoy free weekly family activities. Check your local branch for details.

■ **Individuals with special needs:** Please contact the STAR Department at 982.3600 or toll-free at 1.800.272.8570. Reasonable advance notice for assistance is required.

Summer
reading is
important
for kids to
succeed



in school



and in life.



Laugh It Up @ Your Library is a program of the St. Clair County Library System with support from the St. Clair County Friends of the Library. For more information, call or visit any branch library, call toll-free 1.877.987.7323, or visit our web site www.sclcl.lib.mi.us

25 Years of STAR Shine

STAR Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Celebrates a Milestone Birthday — July 31 through August 2

The St. Clair County Library System's STAR Department for the Blind and Physically Disabled has been helping readers with special needs for 25 years. Please come to our big three-day celebration.

The event will be held July 31 through August 2 at the Main Branch in Port Huron. Programs will feature tours of the STAR Department, card games with Braille cards, a Braille treasure hunt for children and adults, and a unique puppet show about disabilities presented by Kids On The Block, a volunteer group from the Macomb County Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. You can also have your name printed in Braille.

Opening reception activities on July 31 will include

presentations by National Library Service Director Frank Kurt Cylke and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. Scott Norris, the Adaptive Technology Coordinator at the Library of Michigan, will conduct a workshop on new digital audio talking books, and Sonya Schryer Norris will talk about the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Volunteer Reading Program.

This event honors the dedicated men and women of St. Clair County who have helped STAR shine for 25 years. For program details, see the **Program Guide** in this newsletter.

See page 3 for STAR history and programs.

From the Director

The Library and the Community Foundation

In recent years, state and county governments have reduced funding to your St. Clair County Library System. This has adversely affected our spending capabilities for library materials and programs. Nevertheless, the Library Board continues proactive efforts to ensure long-term funding for library services. One such step is a new venture to establish a perpetual fund dedicated for library purposes. Our board has approached the Community Foundation of St. Clair County and asked that organization to partner with us in this endeavor. The Foundation has agreed.

I am particularly pleased with this because, when I worked in Rock Island, Illinois, I started a similar fund that grew to \$1 million. The principle remained intact while the annual interest — usually in the area of \$50,000 — was spent on library materials and services.

This concept is best exemplified by the contribution made by a patron who wanted to honor his aunt. He wanted to donate \$1,000 for new books, but I advised him that, in 20 years, those books would be outdated or tattered and his aunt's memorial would be gone. Instead, I suggested that he donate to the library's fund and that, each year, interest from that donation would be used to buy new items in his aunt's name.

In similar fashion, many people contributed funds to a memorial for my daughter Kathi who died in 1988. Each year, the fund purchases children's books in Kathi's name and places a nameplate inside the cover. I am touched because I know that, one day, children of my daughter's classmates will borrow and read those books.

Memorial contributions, such as these, are common; so are specified

contributions for children's programs, drama programs, arts programs, and technological improvements.



Jim Warwick

Your St. Clair County Library System Board wants to start a fund that will provide the same kind of ongoing revenue source here. You can help, and you can benefit in many, many ways.

Your donation is tax deductible. Under Michigan law, individuals receive full tax credit for the first \$100 contribution, and couples receive full tax credit for the first \$400. You can specify how you want your donation to be used: as a memorial, for a specific program, to a particular branch, or for general expenditures. In all cases, only the interest will be spent, allowing the principle to grow with each new donation.

I think that this campaign is important because libraries promote a vital life-long skill: reading. I am pleased that the Community Foundation of St. Clair County is a willing partner in this campaign; their involvement makes donor tax credits, stated earlier, possible. And I will be delighted with each and every contribution that YOU, our library patrons, donate to this fund. Your gift will make a difference that will last forever.

Please feel free to contact me directly at 987.READ ext. 139 if you have questions or want to know more.

Sincerely,

Jim Warwick
St. Clair County
Library System Director

St. Clair Branch

Over 130 Years of Continuous Reading Service

Like many libraries in the area, the St. Clair Library began through efforts of the Ladies' Library Association. Founded in 1869, members met in their homes until 1874 when the library acquired space in City Hall. Circa 1944, the library moved to the Schwab Building on Riverside Drive. The library joined the St. Clair County Library System in 1967 and moved to its present location at 310 S. Second Street in a



The branch has copy and fax machines, a laminator, seven public computers with Internet access, two computers for children, and an automated card catalog. A Kurzweil Reading Edge machine is available for the blind or impaired. Newspapers include the Times Herald, Detroit Free Press, USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Barron's, Value Line, and Morningstar.



These kids are getting ready for a Tea Party program at the St. Clair Branch.

building maintained by the City of St. Clair.

Serving residents of the city and surrounding townships, the St. Clair branch has over 31,000 items, including large print and paperback books, magazines, books on CD and cassette tape, read-along book and cassette sets for children, music CDs, videos, DVDs, fishing poles, and hooked-on-phonics kits.



The Smudge Fundaes, a Library sponsored event entertains kids of all ages during last year's National Library Week.

Small Wonders, a story and craft program, is held every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Lapsit, for toddlers under 3, is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. There are also semi-monthly craft programs and adult computer classes. All are free!

The Friends of the St. Clair Library provide various programs on the first Thursday of the month and conduct an ongoing book sale in the branch meeting room. The Friends have also organized a Book Club, donated signs for the building and grounds, obtained gift certificates from Barnes & Nobles for National Library Week and Summer Reading Club prizes.

Visit your library and see all they have to offer.



Michigan Chillers author Johnathan Rand signs one of his books after the Friends sponsored program.



Reaching Out To The Visually Impaired

Do you have difficulty reading this? Or do you know someone who can no longer read regular print? The Main Library has a color magnifier that enlarges type so that you or someone you know can read favorite books or newspapers. Bring your family photos to enlarge and view. It's free!



Color magnifier that enlarges print or pictures is located on the Main Floor of the Main Library.



Adaptive Technology at the Main Library helps the Blind and Disabled enjoy the use of computers and the world online.

In addition, the Main Library has a computer that allows the print disabled (blind and low vision people) to access and read newspapers and books online and features speech software that reads the text to the person. The print on the computer is enlarged so a user can easily read email from friends, surf the Internet, play games, or browse the library's on-line catalog of materials available for check out. It's free and user friendly.

Ask for these services at the Reference Desk at the Main Library in Port Huron.

Best Wishes!

Brenda Arnold retired on December 31, 2002, from the Main Library in Port Huron where she worked for 28 years, almost all of those as head of the Circulation Department. One of her principal accomplishments occurred in 1996 and 1997 when the entire Library System changed from a traditional paper card catalog system to an electronic catalog system. During that transition, Brenda was the primary "answer person" for circulation questions regarding the new system. In retirement, Brenda enjoys her flower gardens, crafts, piano, cat, and visiting her mother in Arizona.

tenure, the St. Clair Branch organized a Friends of the Library group and added many items to their collection.

Jackie Fournier, of the St. Clair Branch, will retire July 18, 2003, just two weeks after she celebrates 25 years of service. As a children's specialist, she is responsible for all children's programs, including a much appreciated formal tea party for girls five through 12, which she initiated. She's looking forward to retirement and spending more time with her two children, two grandchildren, and her husband whom she says will "support me in the manner to which I'm accustomed."

Irene Mraz, Branch Manager at the St. Clair Branch, retired April 30, 2003, after nearly 19 years of service. She started as a part-time assistant in 1983 and was promoted to the Branch Manager position, which she held through the rest of her career in St. Clair. Irene and her husband, who are being very industrious and family oriented wife, mother, and grandmother. Dringler

Please welcome new St. Clair Branch Library Manager, **Julie Alef**, and new Circulation Manager at the Main Library, **Maura Gostinger**! Julie previously worked at the Algonac-Clay and Ira Township branches. Maura has worked at the Marysville and the Main Library for several years.

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Meet the Author:

Michael P. Spradlin, Sr. Writes *The Legend of Blue Jacket*

Michael Spradlin, Sr.'s efforts to write *The Legend of Blue Jacket* began with bedtime stories he told his son. The tales were true accounts of a young boy, Marmaduke Van Swearingen, who was "captured" by Shawnee Indians in the late 18th Century. The lad chose to remain with his captors, later married, and eventually became War Chief of all the Shawnee.

has illustrated over 100 children's books. Harper Collins released the book in October 2002.



The Legend of Blue Jacket has received many favorable reviews,

including one from the School Library Journal, which called it "a well researched labor of love, beautifully and accurately illustrated."

"I've always been a history buff," Spradlin says. "I'm particularly enamored of the period between the Revolution and the Civil War. There are great stories and great individuals: Daniel Boone, George Rogers Clark, Simon Kenton, and of course the prominent Native Americans of that time, Tecumseh and Blue Jacket."

Spradlin was born and raised in Homer, Michigan near Battle Creek. He is a 1978 graduate of Homer High School and a 1982 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in History. He lives in Lapeer with his wife and two children and is employed as a sales representative for a New York Publishing company.

Spradlin says he came across Blue Jacket's story many years ago while reading a history of the Ohio River Valley. Intrigued, he spent five or six years reading anything he could about the period and Blue Jacket. Sadly, most of the information was oral history and hearsay, but he persisted and began to consider turning his research into a children's book.

Since the book has been released, Spradlin has made numerous appearances at schools and libraries to speak with students and children about history and the craft of writing. He is currently working on another picture book, tentatively titled *Daniel Boone's Great Escape*. He is also putting finishing touches on his first novel for children, which he hopes will be published in the next year.

In 1996, he mentioned Blue Jacket to an editor friend who called Spradlin back a week later and said "I really want you to do this." That led to more research, writing, and illustrations by Ronald Himler of Tucson, Arizona, who

Book Thoughts

The Legend of Blue Jacket
by Michael P. Spradlin

Michael Spradlin's first children's book is an historically based story of a white boy taken to live in a Shawnee Indian village in the late 1700s. It is also unique because it is a first-person account of his life with the Native Americans and his ascension to being a great Shawnee war chief. Through Blue Jacket's eyes, young people will learn about Native American social and religious customs as well as their fierce pride, brotherhood, and love of family. Spradlin's easy-to-read format and Ronald Himler's lovely illustrations are bound to capture the attention of mid-to-upper elementary students who are eager to learn more about our country's heritage. This is a book that could capture a juvenile reader's heart and imagination and turn him or her into a real history fan.

— Submitted by Marianne Kemp, Interlibrary Loan Librarian

Library Links Summer 2003 3

National Library Week Coloring Contest Winners!

Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated!

Ages 0-4

Avery Aho
Katie Achatz
Jenna Bacon
Brandon Birtles
Brendan Bohn
Dylan Bohn
Lat Bowen
Elizabeth Bradd
Jessica Bradd
Abby Brown
Desmond Cobb
Jason Dean
Jacquelyn Elsner
Caleb Erdman
Elizabeth Fleming
Brenden Hurrigam
Maddie Frank
Anne Gaffney
Alyssa Gardner
Jordan Golds
Maleha Hamlin-Morgan
Audrey Henley
Julia Johnson
Audrey Kurtz
Lily Mullaly
Charity Nadolski
Robby Rutkofski
Maddie Sheperd
Sarah Thompson
Rachell Wendt

Ages 5-6

Laura A.
Kayla Balfour
Gabby Borneman
Davey Brown
Erika Carlson
Justin Cook
Michaela Evans
Mackenzie Fedewa
Monica Freeman
Kellie Heiden
Iris Juarez
Lauryn Lewton
Jessica Longtine
Hannah MacGregor
Felipe Macias
Audrey Maday
Chelsie McCue
Greg Miodonski
Linda Miodonski
Mikayla Miller
Marissa Page
Devin Poole
Justine Rabine
E. Sanders
Laura Simpson
Sierra Slobodecki
Olivia Viney
Collin Westbrook
Raquelle Wolf
Gloria Zawadzki

Ages 7-9

Kelley Arsenault
Travis Bremerkamp
Evan Denomme
Katie Dietz
Lanca Dominguez
Danielle Fecteau
Adelide Fischer
Jacob Garland
Kelsey Green
Sarah Hurtmeyer
Kenny Jones
Serena Juarez
Kristen Kinney
Cheyenne Kniffen
Darian Kotarski
Emily Johnson
John Lanzi
Loretta Latimer
Marissa McCann
Emily Mainguy
Jackie Matai
Shawna May
Jessica Payne
Jane Rapley
Jenna Russell
Rachel Sacra
Brianna Swoffer
Matthew Wetter
Jalissa Zuege
Jenny

Ages 10-12

Sarah Bishop
Hannah Bosch
Katie Brown
Gabriel Brownlee
Carlia Canto
Lynzee Chambers
Stephanie Chapman
Justin Chandler
Tabitha Czekiel
Angelica Dominguez
Kristie Duset
Krystal Draveling
Chelsea Garland
Kristin Gostinger
Alyssa Heiden
Connor Horton
Samantha Hughes
Kristy Jones
Lea Kruczynski
Lisa Mallskey
Michelle Netter
Melissa Romanowski
Becky Sparks
Stephanie Theel
Lindsey Triplana
Dana Viohl
R. Matthew Wesley
Maria Zelenak
Breonna
Sabrina



Fairy Tale Find

Can you complete the names of these familiar fairy tales?
Fill in the blanks.

HINT: All missing letters are vowels!

1. R _ mp _ l _ t _ l _ t _ s _ k _ n
2. Pr _ nc _ ss _ _ nd th _ P _ _
3. Th _ _ mp _ ror's N _ w Cl _ th _ s
4. R _ p _ n _ z _ l
5. L _ t _ t _ l _ R _ d R _ d _ ng H _ _ d
6. J _ ck _ _ nd th _ B _ _ _ st _ lk
7. C _ ld _ l _ cks _ _ nd th _ Thr _ _ _ B _ _ _ s
8. Th _ Thr _ _ _ B _ lly G _ _ _ ts Gr _ ff
9. S _ w Wh _ t _ _ _ nd th _ S _ v _ n Dw _ rfs
10. Sl _ _ p _ ng B _ _ _ ty
11. Th _ L _ t _ t _ l _ R _ d H _ n
12. Th _ _ lv _ s _ _ nd th _ Sh _ _ m _ k _ r
13. H _ ns _ l _ _ nd Gr _ t _ l
14. Th _ T _ rt _ _ s _ _ _ nd th _ H _ r _ _
15. C _ nd _ r _ ll _

Laugh-o-Meter

Read it and Rate it!

Rate one of the books (left) or another type of funny book and turn it into your local branch. We will print your reviews in the next newsletter!

Book Title _____

Author _____

___ Absolutely, positively funniest, most hilarious book ever!

___ I fell out of my chair laughing!

___ Cracked me up!

___ Way funny!

___ Full of chuckles!

___ A giggle or two!

___ One smile

___ Ho-hum

___ Who said this was funny?

Your Name _____

Phone No. _____

Doggone Funny Books!

Picture Books (JE)

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
Cut-ups Cut Loose by James Marshall
Imogene's Antlers by David Small
Rotten Ralph by Jack Gantos
The Stupids Have A Ball by Harry Allard

Fiction (J)

Horace Splatly, The Cupcaked Crusader by Lawrence David
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
The Random House Book Of Humor For Children by Pamela Pollack
The Twits by Roald Dahl
The Zucchini Warriors by Gordon Korman

Non-Fiction (Dewey number)

Belly Laughs: Food, Jokes And Riddles by Charles Keller j793.7 K
Book Of Nonsense by Edward Lear j 821 L
Macho Nacho: And Other Rhyming Riddles by Giulio Maestro j793.7 M
Nonstop Nonsense by Margaret Mahy j820.092 M
Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky j811.54 P



Library Program Guide

FREE Events



Summer Reading For All Ages!

Join us for a summer of silly stories, jokes, games, and humor!



All library branches have special summer reading programs designed for kids, teens and adults.

June 16 - August 9

The more you read - the more chances you have to win cool prizes!

Laugh It Up @ Your Library Kick Off Parties Preschool - 5th Grade

Start your summer by kicking off summer reading @ your library! This year's theme of Laugh It Up @ Your Library promises fun activities, crafts, prizes and great books! We have lots of wacky fun planned just for YOU! Find out what's happening @ your branch:

Get Goofy With Poems

Write and share a goofy poem. Have fun winning some cool prizes!
Memphis Branch Thursday, June 5 @ 4:00 p.m.



Extended Run Players

Laugh it up @ your library with the Extended Run Players! Watch as they perform their very own special brand of humor - especially for you!
Main Library/Port Huron Thursday, June 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

Note: Held at the County Admin. Auditorium located directly behind the Library

Stasha The Clown

Watch as Judy Romzek becomes Stasha The Clown! Learn all about clowning.
St. Clair Branch Friday, June 13 @ 10:00 a.m.
Marine City Branch Friday, June 13 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Joel Tacey Comedy Juggling Show!

This exciting show is jam-packed with way-cool trick juggling, hilarious magic, thrilling stunts and lots of audience participation!
Marysville Branch Friday, June 13 @ 1:00 p.m.

The Jonathan Park Comedy Juggling Show!

Be prepared to start laughing as Jonathan battles the forces of gravity with a mixture of comedy and juggling!
Yale Branch Thursday, June 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Kick Off

Don't miss the fun! Start your summer off right at the Ira Township Branch! Join us as we kick off summer reading!
Ira Township Branch Saturday, June 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Kids who read for the joy of it are the best readers!



Laugh It Up @ Your Library For Teens Grades 6 - 12

Get ready for a FUN summer! Reading is not only fun - it also helps build your vocabulary and your knowledge of the world! Did you know that teens who read for pleasure perform better on college entrance exams? Reading opens your mind to new ideas and helps make you a well-rounded person. Each branch library will host a teen summer reading program full of fun

and lots of cool prizes. Check out what's happening this summer @ your library!
Prizes donated by the Friends of the St. Clair County Library.
At All Library Locations June 16 - August 9

Laugh It Up @ Your Library For Adults

Enjoy your summer with a good library book and the chance to win some really great prizes! For every book you read, your name will go into a system wide drawing. The more you read the better your chance to win! **Prizes donated by the Friends of the St. Clair County Library.**
At All Library Locations June 16 - August 9

Special Events

Algonac-Clay Branch Annual Children's Art Fair Registration Required

It's time to get creative! Sign up for the annual Children's Art Fair! Entries can be of any media but must be created during the summer of 2003. Ages 5 - 14.

Algonac/Clay residents only please.

Deadline for sign up is Friday, July 18.

Submissions from budding artists due Thursday, August 28.

Art work will be on display in the library August 29 & 30 along with voting for People's Choice. Winners will be displayed at the Algonac Art Fair at the Waterfront Park on Sunday, Aug. 31.

History Of Gold Cup Hydroplane Racing Presented By Steve Garey

The Gold Cup is among the most prestigious of motorsport trophies. The first Gold Cup hydroplane race was held in 1904, seven years before the first Indianapolis 500. Hydroplane racing became a tradition in Detroit when designer Chris Smith (of Chris Craft fame) built a powerboat that would exceed the 60 mile-per-hour speed barrier, winning the Gold Cup in 1915. Find out more exciting and interesting facts as speaker Steve Garey, Editor of *Thunderboat Magazine*, presents a slide show on the history of Gold Cup Racing. Steve will start with the Gar Wood era and continue right up to present day powerboat racing.

St. Clair Branch Thursday, June 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

Stasha The Clown

Listen as Stasha talks about "clowning" and gives demos on applying clown makeup. All ages.
Marysville Branch Thursday, June 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

The Yale Bologna Festival Library Events July 25 - 27

This is the 15th year of celebrating the great taste of homemade Yale Bologna! Join us for a fun filled weekend as the Yale Library hosts many fun activities for all ages!

Photoboard

Stand behind the annual photoboard and have your picture taken as either the King or Queen of the Bologna Fest! Don't forget to bring your camera!
Starts @ 9:00 a.m. Friday and runs all weekend

Friends Of The Library Used Book Sale

Check out the great selection of used books. Book donations being accepted at the Library.
Starts @ 10:00 a.m. Friday and runs all weekend

Friends of the Library Cake Walk

What a fun way to win a delicious treat!
Friday @ 3:00 p.m. Located at the downtown Center Stage

School For Strings Of St. Clair County

Students from the school will perform on the Main Stage. Enjoy the talented young people of the Fiddle Club as they play American Folk, Celtic, Blue Grass and other tunes!
Saturday, July 26 @ 4:30 p.m.



Special Events (continued)

25th Anniversary Of STAR July 31 - August 2

In 1978 talking book machines and recorded books were offered to reading disabled customers in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties for the very first time! Come celebrate with STAR twenty-five years of service to the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a core department of the St. Clair County Library System that offers talking books, descriptive videos and large print books!

Thursday, July 31 - Saturday, August 2 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Meet members of the Blue Water League of the Blind, get your name Brailled, see the adaptive workstation, preview the new generation playback equipment and meet your reader advisor.

Thursday, July 31

11:00 a.m. Meet National Library Service Director Frank Curt Cylke and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau.

12:00 & 1:30 p.m. Kids On The Block Puppet Show - a unique puppet show for all ages!

1:00 p.m. Digital Audio Talking Book workshop by Adaptive Technology Coordinator Scott Norris.

2:00 p.m. Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Volunteer Recording Program by Sony Schryer Norris

Friday, August 1 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Meet your Reader Advisor and tour STAR Department and enjoy delightful refreshments. View Braille/text children's books in our Children's Department.

Saturday, August 2 Registration Required 810.982.3600 or 800.272.8570

12:00 p.m. Adult Braille Treasure Hunt

3:00 p.m. Kids Braille Treasure Hunt



Memphis Days @ Your Library

"Lit! Huggz" The Clown will entertain you with animal balloons and temporary tattoos!

Memphis Branch Friday, August 1 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Right before the Parade!

Memphis Branch will also be hosting a Book Sale & Bake Sale during Memphis Days - call the library for more details!

Adult & Senior Programs

Back To Basics Registration Required

Financial Advisor Frank Banks explains the basics of financial markets and investment concepts in easy to understand terms. Stocks and bonds and their relationship to risk and return will all be explained in easy to understand language. Once you get the "Basics" of investing, sign up for the next class "Beyond The Basics". This is the 1st in a 4 part series.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, June 3 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Beyond The Basics Registration Required

This class is a continuation of a previous workshop "Back To Basics". Although it is not required to attend the first class, you should have a basic understanding of stocks and bonds and their relationship to risk and return. We will work on establishing an investment plan and some components of sound investing. 2nd in a 4 part series.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, June 10 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

International Folk Dancing For Fun

International Folk Dancing encompasses traditional dances of many nationalities from around the world. We will do dances from such countries as Greece, Armenia, Macedonia, Israel, Serbia, Turkey and Scotland to name a few. Learn something new and get some exercise while you enjoy the music. No partner or dance experience needed. Dances and basic steps will be taught. Wear casual clothing and smooth soled shoes.

Yale Branch Tuesday, June 10, July 8 & August 12 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Antique Appraisal

Do you think you have a hidden treasure in your attic or closet? Bring it in to see how much it's worth! Receive a free certified appraisal from Vern Wieland from Blue Bird Appraisers.

2 items per person. Please no knives, guns, coins or stamps.

Marysville Branch Monday, June 16 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Funding Your Child's Education - Taxes Optional Registration Required

Learn how to leverage tax-efficient strategies to fund home or private school as well as college or technical school. This course covers educational saving plans. 3rd in the series.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, June 17 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Ten Strategies To Help Your Retirement Nest Egg Measure Up Registration Required

This program highlights ten steps that investors can take to build their retirement savings. From setting goals to understanding how social security benefits fit into the picture. This is the final in a 4 part series.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, June 24 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen Series Registration Required

This four week workshop sponsored by MSU Extension is designed for parents to improve communication skills with their child. Learn how to listen and understand your child's concerns, how to get your child to cooperate without nagging and be able to express your irritation without doing damage. You will also learn how to find alternatives to punishment.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, July 8, 15, 22 & 29 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Memphis Branch (Church annex) Thursday, July 10, 17, 24 & 31 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Preschool Programs



Lapsit Registration Required

Designed for little ones under 3 and their caregivers. Join us for short stories, simple fingerplays, songs and nursery rhymes. A great opportunity for your young child to learn and develop better listening, educational and social skills at their own pace in a group setting.

Algonac-Clay Branch

Tue., June 10 @ 10:30 a.m.

Memphis Branch

Tue., June 3, 10 & 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

Tue., July 1, 8, 15 & 22 @ 9:30 a.m.

Tue., Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 9:30 a.m.

Marine City Branch

Mon., June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

Mon., Aug. 11 & 25 @ 11:00 a.m.

St. Clair Branch

Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Yale Branch

Tue., June 17 @ 10:30 a.m.

Small Wonders

Let us introduce your child to the world of literature! This rich assortment of stories, poems, nursery rhymes and simple crafts can stimulate their imaginations and enlarge their world. The program also develops important skills in listening and group behavior. Ages 3 - 5

Marysville Branch

Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m.

Memphis Branch

Tuesdays @ 11:00 a.m.

St. Clair Branch

Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.

Read To Me

Have fun this summer and laugh it up @ your library! Enjoy stories, music, fingerplays and art projects! Ages 4 and under.

Main Library/Port Huron Wed., June 18 & 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 & Aug. 6 @ 9:30 a.m.

Youth Programs

Kid Kreations Registration Required

Join us for some really neat stories along with special and holiday related crafts and cool activities! Learn and have fun at the same time! Ages 5 - 12

Algonac-Clay Branch

Sat., June 14 & 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Capac Branch

Sat., June 21 & July 19 @ 12:00 p.m.

Thu., July 3 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 2 & 16 @ 12:00 p.m.

G. Lynn Campbell/Kimball Branch

Wed., June 4 & 18 @ 3:30 p.m.

Wed., July 2 & 16 & Aug. 6 & 20 @ 3:30 p.m.

Marine City Branch

Thu., June 26, July 31 & Aug. 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Marysville Branch

Sat., June 14, July 12 & Aug. 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

Memphis Branch

Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m.

St. Clair Branch

Mon., June 2, July 7 & Aug. 4 @ 4:30 p.m.

Youth Programs (continued)

Bike Helmet Safety Week **Registration Required**

Learn how important it is to wear a helmet while riding a bike from Bob Eppley, owner of Alpine Cycles and chairman of the Helmet Safety Committee supported by Port Huron Hospital Foundation. Grades K - 5.

Memphis Branch Thursday, June 5 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tribute To Dad **Registration Required**

Make a special gift to give to Dad and listen to a Super Dad story! Ages 5 - 12.

Capac Branch Saturday, June 7 @ 12:00 p.m.

Marine City Branch Saturday, June 14 @ 11:00 a.m.

Who Wants To Be A Wizard?

Test your knowledge of Harry Potter for prizes, certificates and glory! Costumes optional but not out of place. Hosted by visiting Hogwarts Professor C. Broussard. Ages 8 and up.

Algonac-Clay Branch Saturday, June 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Laugh It Up @ The Main Library/Port Huron **Registration Required**

Laugh it up this summer with great stories, games, activities and art projects! Ages 5-10.

Doggone Fun: Tue., June 17 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., June 19 @ 9:30 a.m.

Whale Of A Tale: Tue., June 24 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., June 26 @ 9:30 a.m.

Pun & Games: Tue., July 1 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., July 3 @ 9:30 a.m.

Backwards Day: Tue., July 8 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., July 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

Silly Celebration: Tue., July 15 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., July 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

Knock, Knock: Tue., July 22 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., July 24 @ 9:30 a.m.

Rabbit: Tue., July 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

Crazy Hair: Tue., Aug. 5 @ 6:30 p.m. & Thu., Aug. 7 @ 9:30 a.m.

Friday Fun

Librarian surprise @ the Algonac-Clay Library! Stories, fun, craft or trivia competition. Stop by on your way to the pool for a book and fun before you get some sun! Ages 8 and up.

Algonac-Clay Branch Fri., June 20 & 27, July 11, 18 & 25 & Aug. 1 & 8 @ 10:30 a.m.

Laugh It Up @ The Ira Township Library

Laugh it up with lots of doggone fun, tellin' tales, pun & games and silly eats!

Fridays @ 11:00 a.m. Ages 3 - 5

Mondays @ 3:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 11

Doggone Days of Summer: June 20 & 27

Doggone Days Of Summer: June 23 & 30

Pun n Games: July 11 & 18

Pun n Games: July 7 & 14

Tellin' Tales: July 25 & Aug. 1

Tellin' Tales: July 21 & 28

Silly Eats: Aug. 8 & 15.

Silly Eats: Aug. 4 & 11

Wayside School Forever! **Registration Required**

Bring your Wayside School Spirit and join us on the 30th floor! Ages 8 and up.

Main Library/Port Huron Saturday, June 28 @ 11:00 a.m.

Jokin' Jive July

Have a great joke to share? Write it on our joke board. At the end of July, the best joke submitted will win a prize! All Ages.

Ira Township Branch June 23 - July 31



Laugh It Up @ The Yale Library

Visit our Fun Room of witty wacky activities each week during library hours! Preschool - 5th.

Monkey Around: June 23-27

Miles of Smiles: June 30-July 3

Silly Willy: July 7-11

Quacker Barnyard: July 14-18

Funny Faces: July 21-25

Doggone Fun: July 28-Aug. 1

Lemonade Social **Registration Required**

Join us for lemonade, cookies, story and a craft! Ages 5 - 12.

St. Clair Branch Saturday, July 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

Super Smilemakers **Registration Required**

Hear a story about making a difference in someone's life and create a smilemaker! 5 & up.

Marine City Branch Saturday, July 19 @ 11:00 a.m.

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Happy Birthday Harry! **Registration Required**

Celebrate Harry's birthday Hogwart style! Come in costume! Ages 8 and up.

Main Library/Port Huron Saturday, July 19 @ 11:00 a.m.

Captain Underpants Party **Registration Required**

Join the library staff in celebrating Dav Pilkey's wacky series! Come dressed as your favorite Captain Underpants character! Ages 8 and up.

Main Library/Port Huron Saturday, August 9 @ 2:00 p.m.

Annual Fire Department Visit

Talk to a fireman, see fire trucks and learn all about fire safety! All ages.

Marine City Branch Saturday, August 16 @ 11:00 a.m.

Cool Pre-Teen & Teen Happenings

Craft Cache

Stop by the library and make a craft. You will find several cool projects to choose from! Ages 9 and up.

Ira Township Branch Month of June & July during library hours.

Ceramic Demonstration **Registration Required**

Teens, join us for a custom ceramic demonstration by Rebecca Poynter, owner of Bex Bustables. Ages 10 - 13.

Memphis Branch Monday, June 16 @ 4:00 p.m.



Twins Live **Registration Required**

Laugh it up @ your library with skits, readers theatre, comedy improv & more. Perform in a show at the end of the summer! Ages 9 and up.

Main Library/Port Huron Tue., June 17 & 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 & Aug. 5 & 12 @ 2:30 p.m.

Teen Mystery Luau - Roswell That Ends Well **Registration Required**

You're invited to a teen mystery luau! Out of this world fun - don't miss it! Ages 13 and up.

Algonac-Clay Branch Thursday, July 24 @ 6:30 p.m.

Trivial Pursuit 20th Anniversary **Registration Required**

Stay cool and test your knowledge of the past two decades. Come solo or bring your own team. Ages 13 and up.

Algonac-Clay Branch Tuesday, August 5, 12 & 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

Book Discussion Groups

Pre-Teen Pals Book Club **Ages 9 - 13 Registration Required**

Join other pre-teen readers in outdoor games, book reviews, clown contest, sand art, ice cream social, sci-fi party and lots more! Great way to meet new friends!

Memphis Branch Mondays @ 4:00 p.m. **Note: New time**

Dog Days Of Summer **Ages 9 - 13 Registration Required by Monday, June 23**

Love your dog? Wish you had a dog? Ever read a fabulous canine tale? Then join us for great books, stimulating discussions and fun crafts based on human's best friend.

Ira Township Branch Thursday, June 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Chocolate Book Club **Ages 10 & Up Registration Required**

Calling all chocolate and book lovers! Chocolate is the subject, theme and taste for this six week discussion group. Join us for tasty treats and stimulating discussions.

Algonac-Clay Branch Mon., June 16 & 23, July 14, 21 & August 4 & 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mother & Daughter Book Club

Moms with daughters ages 9 to 13, what a wonderful way to spend quality time together. Be involved in choosing the books to be discussed. Make new friends and enjoy lively discussions.

Marine City Branch Thursday, June 19, July 10 & August 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Book Discussion Groups (continued)

Fourth Wednesday Book Discussion Group **Adult**

We are pleased to provide you with another newly formed book group! Join us for interesting conversation and share your book thoughts. Call Norma @ 984.1792 for more information.

Main Library/Port Huron Fourth Wednesday of each month @ 7:00 p.m.

Read The Movie Book Club **Ages 17 & Up**

Do you think the book is better than the movie? Join this lively book club as they discuss books that have been made into movies!

Ira Township Branch Thu., June 26 & Aug 28 @ 7:00 p.m., Fri., July 25 @ 3:00 p.m.

Cozy Mystery Book Club **Ages 17 & Up**

Join us this summer as we read and discuss your favorite cozy mysteries!

Ira Township Branch Tuesday, June 24, July 22 & August 19 @ 2:00 p.m.

Computer Programs For Adults & Seniors

Surf this summer for FREE! Classes run approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Introduction To Computers **Registration Required**

This class is for you if you are planning on buying your first computer, upgrading your current computer or have a computer but want to better understand its "parts & pieces". Basic information on what you are looking at when you turn your computer on, how to turn it off and how to use the mouse. Tips and suggestions for first time computer users.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ira Branch
Mon., June 30, July 28 @ 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Memphis Branch
Thu., June 5 @ 10:00 a.m.

Yale Branch
Thu., June 5 @ 1:00 p.m.

It Won't Byte **Registration Required**

This class is for you if you are just beginning to use the Internet and the World Wide Web. Learn about the desktop, the mouse, Internet access, web addresses and how they are structured. Some experience using the mouse is helpful, but not required.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Wed., June 4 @ 10:00 a.m.
Sat., June 7 @ 10:00 a.m.

Capac Branch
Mon., June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 6:00 p.m.
Mon., July 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mon., August 4, 11, 18 & 25 @ 6:00 pm.

Marysville Branch
Tue., June 3 @ 10:00 a.m.
St. Clair Branch
Tue., June 3 @ 1:00 p.m.



Double Click **Registration Required**

Learn better techniques for locating information using search engines. Review topics covered in It Won't Byte and the logic behind searching the web. Research and find a topic of interest and evaluate your results. Locate graphics/pictures on a topic and save to a file.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 14 @ 10:00 a.m.
Marysville Branch
Tue., June 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

St. Clair Branch
Tue., June 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

Advanced Web **Registration Required**

Continuation of the Double Click class that will give you an opportunity to bring a search question or topic of interest to class and locate the information on the Web. Learn how to use and manage bookmarks, advanced browser functions, and discuss tricks and solutions to printing and saving information from a website.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 14 @ 1:00 p.m.
Marysville Branch
Tue., June 24 @ 10:00 a.m.

St. Clair Branch
Tue., June 24 @ 1:00 p.m.

Word I **Registration Required**

Beginning class for word processing using Microsoft Word. You should have some familiarity

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with the computer keyboard and the mouse. Learn to open and close a Word program, practice using the tool bars and buttons and create a new document with basic formatting.

Main Library/Port Huron

Wed., June 4 @ 10:00 a.m.
Wed., June 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 21 @ 1:00 p.m.
Sat., June 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Memphis Branch

Thu., June 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

Yale Branch

Thu., June 12 @ 1:00 p.m.

Word II **Registration Required**

A continuation of the Word I class. Create a new document, change margins and other settings for a document, insert a picture from a file, modify your document using formatting tools, save your document and discuss printing and printer functions.

Main Library/Port Huron

Wed., June 11 @ 10:00 a.m.
Wed., June 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Memphis Branch

Thu., June 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Yale Branch

Thu., June 19 @ 1:00 p.m.

Word III **Registration Required**

This class will teach you how to make a flyer and work with graphics.

Main Library/Port Huron

Wed., June 25 @ 10:00 p.m.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 28 @ 12:30 p.m.

Memphis Branch

Thu., June 26 @ 10:00a .m.

Yale Branch

Thu., June 26 @ 1:00 p.m.

Get The Message **Registration Required**

Beginning class on how to use a web based email system. You should have some familiarity with a web browser and how to use the mouse. Talk about the uses of email and how to select an email system. Practice opening and replying to messages and learn how to save attachments received with an email. Learn about address books and how to create groups.

Main Library/Port Huron

Wed., June 4 @ 6:00 p.m.

Algonac-Clay Branch
Sat., June 7 @ 1:00 p.m.

Marysville Branch

Tue., June 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

St. Clair Branch

Tue., June 17 @ 1:00 p.m.

File Management **Registration Required**

Understand how to manage your files on your computer's hard drive and learn hard drive maintenance procedures. Discuss file structure, create and open new folders and save, copy and move files. Practice opening documents and locating lost files. It is recommended that you take either the Word classes or the Web classes before taking this class.

Main Library/Port Huron Wed., June 18 @ 10:00 a.m. & Wed., June 25 @ 6:00 p.m.

To register or to find out more information regarding programs,
please contact your local branch:

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| Main Library/Port Huron | 810.987.7323 or 887.987.7323 (toll free) |
| Children's Programs | 810.987.7323 ext. 130 |
| Computer Classes | 810.987.7323 ext. 124 |
| Algonac-Clay Branch | 810.794.4471 |
| Capac Branch | 810.395.7000 |
| G. Lynn Campbell/Kimball Branch | 810.982.9171 |
| Ira Township Branch | 586.725.9081 |
| Marine City Branch | 810.765.5233 |
| Marysville Branch | 810.364.9493 |
| Memphis Branch | 810.392.2980 |
| St. Clair Branch | 810.329.3951 |
| Yale Branch | 810.387.2940 |

The Library will be closed Fourth of July: Friday, July 4, 2003

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities,
Please contact the S.T.A.R. Dept. @ 800.272.8570.

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TIME LOG

Color or cross out a symbol for each 15 minutes you read.
Each symbol group = 1 hour!

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Summer Reading Program 2003 St. Clair County Library System

- Ⓢ Read 8 hours over the summer in 15 minute time segments.
- Ⓢ Books must be from your local public library.
- Ⓢ Keep track of time on your time log and have your parents initial it. You may list authors and titles of books you have read on the back.
- Ⓢ Present your time log when you return your books for the librarian to stamp and date.
- Ⓢ Read on! You are encouraged to continue reading beyond the 8 hours. Check with your local library for details.
- Ⓢ You must have your time log with you to receive credit.
- Ⓢ Anyone from preschool through 5th grade may participate.
- Ⓢ Do NOT lose your time log. This is the only record of what you have completed.
- Ⓢ The Summer Reading Program runs from **June 16 - August 9**. Check with your local branch on the date of the closing party.

Teen Poetry Contest Winners

Poetry Month was celebrated @ the Main Library in April during National Library Week with a poetry contest and workshop. Congrats to the winners!

1st Place: Cheyne Pierce
2nd Place: Kayla Marie Ramsey
3rd Place: Lindsay Brokman

Website-ings

@ www.sccl.lib.mi.us

The St. Clair County Library System's website is a treasure trove of valuable information on topics from Art and Museums to Weather.

Business

The weblink for "Business and Employment" opens to a list of subject categories: Companies, Employment & Careers, Grants & Fundraising, Investment & Finance, Small Business Resources, Taxation, and Miscellaneous. Click on any of these. Some of the highlights include:

- [Hoovers Online](#), the premier resource for information on major companies
- [Researching Companies on the Internet](#), a tutorial
- [RileyGuide](#), a directory of online job sites and career resources
- [HotJobs.com](#)
- [Ten Minute Resume](#), which will help you compose a resume online then post it to national online clearinghouses
- [State and Local Government Gateway](#), funding links to federal funding sources for state and local governmental bodies
- [Annual Reports Library](#), useful tips on how to locate annual reports
- [Michigan Small Business Development Center](#)

- [U.S. Business Advisor](#)
- [Small Business Advisor](#)
- [Consumer Price Index Summary](#)
- [Consumer Information Center](#)
- [Yahoo! Currency Converter](#)

Gardening

The weblink for "Gardening" contains nearly 30 sources of information on topics that include African violets, backyard gardening, beneficial insects, bulbs, herbs, gardens, Michigan State Extension services, Michigan wildflowers, native habitats, native seeds, pond care, and seed germination.

To Sight These Websites

- Log on to the Library System's home page @ www.sccl.lib.mi.us
- Click on [Find Information](#)
- Click on the web link of your choice

For Your Information

We also have lots and lots of books videos, and magazines to help you with your gardening projects.

Coming to a Library near You!

The Michigan Library Exchange (MiLE) eliminates the miles and time it takes to get the books you need, when you need them. The St. Clair County Library System will be cooperating with over 160 libraries in Southeastern Michigan to provide access to over 12 million volumes. With three easy steps that identify you as a patron of a member library, search and identify the book you need, order it and it will be delivered to your home library. Day or night, use your computer, or visit any participating library and use MiLE at no cost to you. Books may be borrowed for three weeks and are delivered to your home library for checkout.

MiLE is using the latest web technologies to link you to the catalogs of the rich library resources of Southeastern Michigan's public, academic, museum and hospital

libraries – enabling you to get books from many of Michigan's finest collections. MiLE is made possible by the Library Services and Technology Act funds administered by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the Library of Michigan with the aim of improving library service to Southeastern Michigan communities and residents by eliminating time, cost or membership barriers. MiLE's participating libraries are committed to sharing their resources in support of Michigan's commitment to education, literacy, a skilled workforce and lifelong learning.

Look for MiLE to become available in early summer. More information and instructions will follow as we make this service available to our library users. Another new service "connecting you to the world of information".

Business References

Books and Websites

Starting, growing, and managing a small business can be challenging. What to know? Who to contact? Where to market? Your library can help you find valuable information through reference books and online reference services. Here's a sample of answer sources we have for you.

Reference Books

- [Business Plans Handbook](#) by Gale Group — A collection of actual successful business plans; also features consultants, agencies, and venture capital groups
- [Craighead's International Business, Travel, and Relocation Guide](#) by Gale Group — How to do business in 81 countries; includes details on matters of economics, trade, society, business, living standards, and culture; also great for travelers and students
- [Dun & Bradstreet Regional Directory](#) by Dun & Bradstreet — Profiles on small local companies, including alpha, geographic, and SIC cross references; great for job seekers, salespeople, and marketers
- [Encyclopedia of Associations](#) by Gale Group — Lists associations for every industry, trade, and vocation; source for industry statistics
- [Business & Company Resource Center \(formerly General Business File\)](#) by Gale Group — Directory listings for current companies, plus current articles, industry surveys, financial reports, company histories, chronologies, brand information, and weblinks
- [Internet Resources and Services for](#)

[International Business](#) by Oryx Press — Annotated source of government and agency websites that contain global trade and marketing information

Websites

- www.rileyguide.com compiled by Margaret F. Dikel — Employment opportunities and job resources on the Internet
- www.corporateinformation.com provided by Wright Investors' Services — Company reports, summaries, profiles, and analyses
- www.bigcharts.com provided by MarketWatch.com — Investment charting and research
- www.welcomebiz.com provided by Welcome Business USA — Articles, counseling, and discounts for new business ventures
- www.MoneyHunter.com provided by MoneyHunt — Business plan template
- www.consumersearch.com provided by ConsumerSearch, Inc. — Product evaluations
- www.quotesmith.com provided by Insure.com — Insurance quotes
- www.foreignborn.com — General information for foreign-born persons entering or living in the United States

Pages of a Book

Libraries have pages — in books, of course. Libraries also employ people who are Pages. Pages — that's their job title — are a key part of library operations. Pages shelve materials and keep those items in their proper location on the shelves. Pages prepare rooms for youth programs, run errands, and move materials from one part of the library to another. In these ways, and others, they provide a valuable patron service.



Tia Welser, a grandmother, enjoys working as a Page in the Main Library.

Pages generally work 20 to 25 flexible hours a week, which makes the position desirable for young adults who are considering a library career, people who desire a second household income, or retirees who want to keep busy and earn some extra cash. People who work as Pages possess exceptional attention for detail and are able to lift 40 pounds.

Literacy News You Can Use

The Economics of Literacy

According to National Institute for Literacy, welfare recipients who improve their basic literacy and education skills tend to increase their chances of long-term self-sufficiency. In general, welfare recipients have low literacy levels, reading on average at the sixth grade level. Almost 50 percent of adults on welfare do not have a high school diploma or GED. Unfortunately, welfare recipients with low literacy levels tend to stay on welfare the longest. As literacy skills improve, however, the average weekly wages of welfare recipients increase.

- Among adults with low literacy skills, 43 percent live in poverty and 17 percent receive food stamps. In contrast, fewer than five percent of adults with strong literacy skills live in poverty and fewer than one percent receive food stamps.
- Welfare recipients with low literacy skills work an average of 11 weeks per year. Those with stronger literacy skills work an average of 29 weeks per year.
- Forty million American adults need to improve their literacy skills. While they can read some basic information, they cannot locate an intersection on a map or read a newspaper article. Until they improve their basic education and literacy skills, these adults cannot effectively compete for today's jobs.
- In a recent survey, 90 percent of Fortune 100 executives believe low literacy levels undermine their productivity and profitability.

Literacy Day Activities

Continuing to promote literacy throughout the community, the Library Literacy Project participated in Walmart's Literacy Day event on April 12th. Literacy Project volunteer Carolyn Crowe brought her Leader Dog puppy to Walmart and handed out bookmarks about literacy to children shopping in the store. Thanks to Walmart for sponsoring this important event and to Carolyn Crowe for representing the Library Literacy Project there.

Leadership Transitions at the Library Literacy Project

Literacy Project Director Jane Barden recently began to hand over responsibility for placing new learners with tutors to longtime tutor and advisory board member Doug Mylchreest. Doug has met with several new learners to assess their literacy levels, and he has placed them appropriately. We extend our sincere gratitude to Doug for taking on this important and time consuming task, and we wish him well with his new duties.



Did You Know?

- Americans spend more than three times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries.
- Your library has thousands of books on tape and CD's for your summer traveling enjoyment. Materials can be checked out for 28 days!
- Public libraries are the number one point of online Internet access for people who don't have a computer at home, school, or work.
- If you don't find what you're looking for, ask. Chances are your library has it or can get it!

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Among Friends

Memphis Friends

The Friends of the Memphis Public Library organized just a year ago, in May 2002, and have been busy, busy, busy ever since. Their activities have included a book/bake sale that netted nearly \$800 during Memphis Days last August, support for People for Public Libraries during last summer's millage renewal campaign, a scarecrow contest that coincided with the Lions Club Pumpkin Sale in October, a Holiday Cookie Sale before the Holiday Family Concert at the branch in December, a traditional concert with Fleur de Folk in March, and Sunday With Friends that featured ladies' products this past May 18.

The Friends have used proceeds from these efforts to sponsor programs and contests and buy educational materials as give-away items during National Library Week. The Friends have designated \$500 for renovations to the church annex to make it accessible to the public.

**You can be a Friend!
Contact your local branch!**

Port Huron Friends

The staff of the St. Clair County Library System would like to thank the Friends of the St. Clair County Library for their generous donation of refreshments, prizes, and paid radio and newspaper advertising during National Library Week. Thanks to their generous donation, we were able to attract new residents of the county into our libraries. The library system entertained over 500 people at the Main Branch alone for free fun family programs during National Library Week.

Yale Friends

Come to Yale and celebrate bologna during the annual Bologna Festival. While there, stop by the library for the Yale Friends used book sale, Friday, July 25, at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, July 27. Make your way to Main Street on July 25 at 3:00 p.m. for the Friends' cakewalk - an easy way to pick up freshly baked cakes donated by library patrons, staff, and Friends. There are lots of delicious cakes and lots of chances to win!

New Port Huron Book Club

A new book discussion group called 4th Wednesday Book Group has formed and meets at the Main Branch in Port Huron. *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez was the first book discussed during the group's monthly meeting in May. *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* is the book that members are currently reading. It will be discussed on June 25th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to read this book and join in the discussion. For details, call Norma at 984.1792.

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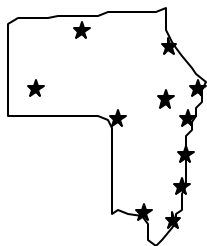
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St. Clair County Library Board Meetings are held on Tuesdays: June 17 (Yale Branch),
 July 15 (Marysville Branch), and August 19 (Grant Township Hall) at 6:30 p.m. Public welcome!

ST. CLAIR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
Hours and Locations

❖ Main Library / Port Huron

210 McMorran Blvd.
 Port Huron 987.7323
 or Toll-Free 877.987.7323
 S.T.A.R. Library 800.272.8570
 TTY 877.472.7840
 Mon. - Fri. 9 - 9; Sat. 9 - 5:30

❖ Algonac - Clay

2011 St. Clair River Dr.
 Algonac 794.4471
 Mon, Tues & Thurs 9 - 8;
 Wed, Fri & Sat 9 - 5

❖ Capac

111 N. Main
 Capac 395.7000
 Mon & Thurs 10 - 8; Tues &
 Fri 10 - 5; Sat 10 - 3

G. Lynn Campbell/Kimball

1955 N. Allen Rd.
 Kimball 982.9171
 Mon - Thurs 11 - 7;
 Sat 9 - 2

Ira Township

7013 Meldrum Rd.
 Fair Haven 586.725.9081
 Mon & Thurs 12:30 - 8;
 Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 9:30 - 5

Lakeport Book Depository

7097 Second St.
 Lakeport 385.8550
 Tues 2 - 5; Wed 9-1;
 Thurs 4 - 7

Marine City

300 S. Parker St.
 Marine City 765.5233
 Mon, Wed & Thurs 9:30 - 8
 Tues, Fri & Sat 9:30 - 5

❖ Marysville

1175 Delaware
 Marysville 364.9493
 Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:30;
 Fri & Sat 9:30 - 5

❖ Memphis

34830 Potter St.
 Memphis 392.2980
 Mon & Thurs 9 - 8;
 Tues, Fri & Sat 9 - 5

❖ St. Clair

310 S. Second St.
 St. Clair 329.3951
 Mon - Thurs 9:30 - 8:30;
 Fri & Sat 9:30 - 5

❖ Yale

2 Jones St.
 Yale 387.2940
 Mon, Tues & Thurs 9 - 8:30;
 Fri & Sat. 9 - 5

❖ Libraries with Friends Groups