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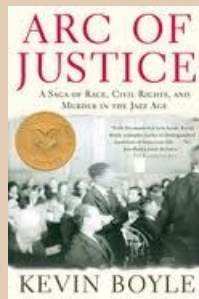
## THE GREAT MICHIGAN READ

*Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* has been named the 2011-12 Great Michigan Read book by the Michigan Humanities Council. The Great Michigan Read will be happening at the Hackley Public Library and 123 other partner libraries and organizations including the *Muskegon Chronicle* this fall and winter.

*Arc of Justice* tells the story of African American physician Ossian Sweet and the chain of events that occurred after he purchased a home for his family in an all-white Detroit neighborhood in 1925. A masterpiece of historical research, the book reads like an epic legal thriller.

By telling the story of Dr. Ossian Sweet, author Kevin Boyle, a Detroit native, illuminates

other historical issues, including the building blocks of the Civil Rights movement, the Great Migration of African Americans to the North, and the boomtown years of Detroit. "When you think about civil rights and race relations, you automatically think about Alabama and Mississippi," said Boyle, "so I was really trying to talk about race issues in the northern front."



Clayton Hardiman and Joe Schulze will lead a discussion of the book at the Hackley Library later in the fall, to give people a chance to read it. Muskegon's Great Michigan Read discussion has tentatively been scheduled for November 14. Boyle will visit the Grand Rapids Public Library on October 24.

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# YOUTH SERVICES:

## A Word from Youth Services - A Goodbye and a Hello -

This fall is a time of transition with myself, Jim Horan, retiring and Cassandra Hamilton starting as Youth Services Librarian. This column is a joint Goodbye and Hello from both of us.

**From Mr. Jim:** After 38 years as a children's librarian I am ready to retire (!), but grateful for all the experiences I've had on the job.. I've driven a bookmobile to remote Indian reservations, dressed in silly costumes, written grants, spoken at state conventions and performed hundreds of times before three year olds, the world's toughest audience. No, it hasn't been dull being a children's librarian.

After all those years, I'm so glad the last 13 were at the Hackley Public Library. It has been a standout place for dedicated co-workers, supportive administration and enthusiastic public. What a treat it's been working here in such a beautiful building with such a great staff.

I owe special thanks to the Friends of the Library. They've sponsored an amazing number of projects and events that have reached thousands of children. Summer Reading, author's visits, the Black History Calendar Contest, holiday programs, creative writing projects, storytime snacks (and on and on) were all made possible through the Friends' generosity. Without their help Youth Services could offer only a small number of special events. Thank you, Friends!

Lastly, I am glad to see "Miss Cassie" taking over the children's desk. She is part of Youth Services already with many story times and special programs to her credit. Now she'll be working full time and will bring a lot of talent and great ideas to the position.

**From Ms. Cassie:** I am excited and deeply appreciative to begin my children's librarianship here at Hackley Public Library. I have worked at libraries all around the country and this is one of the best

libraries around. HPL is truly a place that strives to serve its community. The changes that are coming are in the best interest of our patrons. I am so happy to be here to see the "Building of Character" campaign materialize. The children's department renovation will address all the issues our patrons have expressed and make the children's department even more spectacular while staying true to its character. Mr. Hackley would be so proud.

Mr. Jim's retirement is bittersweet. He has been a great mentor and friend. There has not been one question or experience that he has not shared with me from the time I began my adventure here at Hackley. He is a great librarian and a great man. Though I will miss my friend, I feel confident that I can continue to provide the same quality programming and comfortable atmosphere that he has provided all his years at HPL, while integrating some of my own ideas. I hope to do an outstanding job, just as Jim has done.

My journey starts now and I will do my best to keep the Hackley Public Library Children's Department nurturing and encouraging our patrons, young and old.

### Hula Hoop Fitness for Kids & Families 2 PM Saturday, September 10



Hey Kids, do you want to find a fun way to exercise? Come join the new fitness craze that has young and old alike moving their hips and toning their bodies. Merri Davis owner of Hoop Happy Hoop Healthy LLC will show us this cardio workout that causes laughter, lost inches, emotional health and self-confidence. Parents are invited to attend with their children. If you have a hoop, bring it along. If you don't, we'll share, but be prepared to order a personally-sized hoop, because you're going to want one of your own. We will meet in the children's department, but head out to the lawn of the school administration building across the street for this event.





## YOUTH SERVICES, CONTINUED

### **Prime Time Family Reading**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM Thursdays**

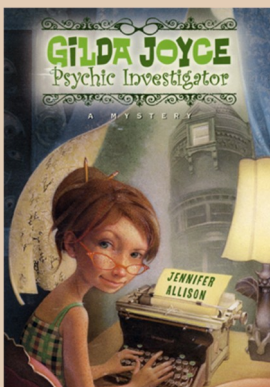
**October 6 through November 3**

Returning this fall is “Prime Time,” an outreach program to bring new families to the Library. Selected Muskegon families will join a six week book club, with storytelling, lively book discussions, family meals and fun. Participants will come away excited about books and eager to make them part of their lives. Prime Time is funded through the Michigan Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### **How To Write a Mystery with Teen Author Jennifer Allison**

**2 PM Saturday October 15**

Jennifer Allison’s interactive workshop will show middle-schoolers how to create plot and characters for their own mysteries. Learn to fill your stories with surprising plot twists and fascinating people. Bring paper, pencil and your ideas!



Jennifer Allison is author of the

*Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator* “series. Her latest thriller is *Bones of the Holy*. A book sale and autographing will follow the workshop.



Registration required. The workshop is for grades 5– 9.



### **Spooktacular Comedy & Magic with Joel Tacey**

**2 PM Saturday, October 22**

Entertainer Joel Tacey will have kids and parents laughing out loud at this Halloween show with costumes, comedy, juggling, magic and more. Nonstop Halloween themed jokes and visual surprises highlight the fun, interactive performance. You’ll laugh, you’ll scream, and have a great time!

## FALL STORYTIMES

**STORYTIMES - for ages 3 – 7**

6:45 PM Mondays, September 19 to October 31  
11 AM Tuesdays, September 20 to November 1

Storytelling, picturebooks, fingerplays, holiday tales, and special fun. Each session ends with a craft project. Signup required.

**To register phone 722-7276, ext 230**

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## ADULT SERVICES:

### Government Documents and You



Health information abounds on the Internet, but not all of it is trustworthy. *Healthfinder.gov* has excellent information that you can trust. Here you can find quick guides to healthy living, including *Health A to Z*, and encyclopedia of over 1,600 health topics from the most trusted sources. There's also a personalized health finder called *MyHealthFinder* which will help you find health advice for yourself or someone you care about.

-- Jocelyn Shaw, Government Documents Librarian

### Upcoming Events for September-November 2011

Our thanks to PNC Bank for underwriting all Hackley Library programs for families and adults. All programs for adults and general audiences meet in the Julia Hackly Room unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public.

#### September

#### ***Interviewing and Employment. 6:00 PM Tuesday, September 6***

Ron Witzke of SCORE explains best practices for interviewees. Learn how best to present yourself and make the best impression.

#### ***Larry Martin's World War II in Their Own Words: The USS Indianapolis. 6:00 PM Tuesday, September 13***

"Larry Martin's World War II - In Their Own Words" is based on one man's firm dedication to bringing the stories of WWII to as many people as possible.

Mr. Martin will be speaking specifically about the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, but will be able to answer questions on other WWII topics as well. Held at the USS LST 393: 560 Mart Street, Muskegon

#### ***Michigan Trails and Greenways. 6:00 PM Tuesday, September 27***

Sharon Nunnelee, Executive Director of the West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition, will present an overview of the trails and greenways of Michigan.



#### October

#### ***Diabetes Review - A FREE diabetes educational seminar. 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 4***

Diabetes Review is a *free* one-hour class designed to provide basic education about proper diabetes self-care. The course is conducted by a certified diabetes educator (CDE) and will cover topics to help you better manage your diabetes such as meal planning and portion control, exercise, complications of diabetes, blood glucose testing and new product updates. RSVP to the ADA at 1-888-342-2383 ext.6697 or visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

#### ***Intro to Zumba 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 11***

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? Zumba Fitness® is the only Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends red-hot international music and contagious steps to form a "fitness-party" that is downright addictive. Learn more with Lois Morris as she leads an introductory class.

#### ***Healthy Steps – How to keep your diabetic feet healthy. 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>***

Healthy Steps is a free one-hour class designed to provide basic education about proper diabetes foot care.

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

### 'Bye Mr. Jim

Tuesday, February 10, 1998 was a momentous day in Hackley Public Library history, because that was the day that James C. Horan started his tenure as Children's Librarian, and things have never been the same after that. On August 31, 2011, beloved "Mr. Jim" retired.

The day Jim started it at Hackley Library it was snowing -- of course. Though we'd tried to get the work completed before he came to town, the Youth Services department was completely torn up because we were putting in new wires for children's computers. In what we learned was his unflappable way, Jim stepped over the loose nails and around the cables, ignored the noise and the dust, and started making arrangements for a story time on Saturday when the electricians wouldn't be working.

I was a little worried that we wouldn't be able to keep a fellow of Jim's caliber here, especially when his first day was rocky. Before coming here he served as the Youth Services Coordinator for the Monroe (MI) County Library system, where he coordinated children's activities in 15 branch libraries. Other stops in his distinguished career include public libraries in West Virginia, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Washington state and he was a classroom teacher in Detroit.

Then I learned that in planning to move from Monroe, on Lake Erie, to Muskegon, he'd made arrangements to move his boat here before he found a place for himself to live. We'd hooked him. There are lots of good public libraries, but Lake Erie just can't compete with Lake Michigan.

While here at the Hackley Library, Horan has been very busy. He's brought creative writing, manga drawing, birds and reptiles, reading dogs, the kids flea market, family rock and roll parties on the lawn, steel drums in January when we needed them most, llamas, a steam powered cider making engine, a horse, and even a street sweeper to kids. Most

importantly, he brought a boundless love of books and reading to thousands.

Horan plans to stay in Muskegon after retirement, spending more time on his boat and more time with wife Linda as well as visiting family, including his three grown children.

Those wishing to make a donation in honor of Horan on his retirement are asked to consider the Muskegon Public Schools Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County for Muskegon High School graduates. Scholarship recipients are selected by teachers and counselors at the high school who really know the students.

The Horans are the parents of an MHS graduate. Envelopes are available at the Library.





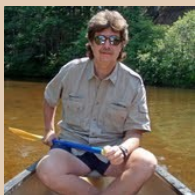
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## ADULT SERVICES, CONT'D:

This course is conducted by a certified podiatrist and will help educate you on how to correctly care for your feet, covering topics such as diabetes-related foot complications, exercise, proper foot care, neuropathy and therapeutic footwear options. RSVP to the ADA at 1-888-342-2383 ext.6697 or visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

### November

#### ***Canoeing and Kayaking in Michigan with Doc Fletcher. 6:00 PM Tuesday, November 1***



Doc Fletcher returns! "Canoeing & Kayaking through Michigan & Wisconsin" is an hour-long photographic journey down selected rivers. Take a virtual trip down each river and hear what makes that river uniquely fun. At the end of the program Doc will sign & sell copies of his two books, at \$18 for "Michigan Rivers Less Paddled" and \$17 for "Weekend Canoeing in Michigan".

#### ***Sawdusted! 6:00 PM Tuesday, November 8***

One of this year's Michigan Notable Books, *Sawdusted* builds upon the history of the lumber industry in Michigan. Old photos in a restaurant provide author Raymond Goodwin with an opportunity to reminisce on his experiences a century later and relate them to Michigan's history.



#### ***Michigan's Trees and Trails 6:00 PM Tuesday, November 29***



Learn all about the trees and trails of Michigan with Vic Foerster. Vic is a consulting arborist who has served West Michigan for the past 35 years. His engaging presentations will leave you informed and entertained.

### Tech Wednesdays

Tech Wednesdays are 30-60 minute long mini watch-and-learn classes on technical topics. They are held in the Julia Hackley Room twice a month at 2:30 pm and are free and open to the public. They last from 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the group. Feel free to bring your own laptop and follow along.

Sept 14: Job and Career Accelerator-search for jobs, upload your resume, apply online

Sept 28: Basic Word Processing

Oct 12: Basic Spreadsheets.

Nov 2: E-mail.

Nov 9: E-books.

Nov 23: Basic Powerpoint

### SO HOW'S IT GOING?

Wondering how the Building of Character campaign to repair and renovate the Hackley Library is going? Lots of people are asking. The answer is "Great! We're almost there!"

As of August 20, we were 92% of the way towards making our goal of \$1,100,000. If you've already pledged or donated --- thank you! When the project is completed, your name will be on the wall by the front door listing all our generous supporters (no matter the size of your gift).

If you haven't given or pledged yet, there is still time. If you wish, your pledges can be spread over a three year period; we'll even send you a very gentle reminder. Visit [thebuildingofcharacter.org](http://thebuildingofcharacter.org), or contact the Community Foundation (where project funds are deposited), or call Kimberly Love-Hall at the Library to find out how to be a part of this wonderful outpouring of community support.

When the funds are raised, we'll get going on the final pre-construction design work and then move right on to construction. The project will take about 18 months to complete once the funds are raised.

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## FRIENDS OF HPL:

## LOCAL HISTORY:

### Friends of Library Week Oct. 16 – 22 A Good Time to Say “Thank You!”

“If you haven’t been to your library lately, you’re overdue.” - Paula Poundstone

National Friends of Libraries Week seems like the perfect time to say “thank you” to the good Friends of Hackley Public Library, but, really, the gratitude extends all year long. Without Friends like you, where would we be? You support programs, renovations, education, publications, and so much more. You work at lectures, meetings, and sales. Yours are the dependable hands and the caring heart.

Thank you, Friends, for your good ideas, your hard work, your financial support, and your loyalty to Hackley Public Library!

Also, many thanks to all of you who voted in the Community Foundation for Muskegon County “Love Your Community” contest. The Hackley Library was named a winner of a \$500 grant. Caldecott Award-winning author Verna Aardema called Hackley Library “home.” This grant will fund a plaque dedication in honor of the library’s achievement.

### Book Fair Scheduled for November 4 & 5

Start thinking about the people on your holiday gift list, but save the shopping for November 4 and 5, when the Friends of Hackley Library will once again sponsor a Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. On those days, a percentage of your total purchase will be refunded to Friends. Almost everything except gift cards will be included: the popular Nook e-readers, games, books, CDs, toys, magazines, even food. Save the dates and watch for more information. Vouchers will be available at the Library. On-line purchases will be eligible for the refund from November 4 through 8. Tell your out-of-town family and friends!

- Angie Maloy

Summer is wrapping up, and that means the family history workshops presented by the Muskegon County Genealogical Society are starting up again. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Local History Department, officers and members of the MCGS will help you with any questions you might have about researching your family history. Everyone is welcome, from those just starting out who might feel a bit lost to seasoned veterans who’ve hit a brick wall in their research. Save the second Saturday of the month for these very beneficial workshops.

Did you know that the Local History & Genealogy department has Muskegon newspapers on microfilm? The *Muskegon Chronicle* has been the dominant newspaper for decades, but we also have various early newspapers, dating all the way back to the *Muskegon Journal* of 1857! Also, vital statistics reported in the *Muskegon Chronicle* have been fully indexed from 1980 to 2010. Each year’s index includes births, deaths, marriages, divorces, obituaries, and even anniversaries! A big thanks to Matt Burns for compiling these indexes and donating copies to the Department! An online version of these indexes can be accessed for free on the Muskegon County Genealogy Resource Center’s webpage. Visit the Local History page at [www.hackleylibrary.org](http://www.hackleylibrary.org) to find a link to the indexes under “Free Online Resources.” -- Damien Rostar



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