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## E-MAZING!

So you got a Kindle (Nook, Sony, etc.) for Christmas, now what?

eBooks are here and ready to be checked out from Hackley Library to your Kindle, nook, Sony E-Reader or other eReader or even your computer from home with your library card.

HPL subscribes to *OverDrive*, a free service for our patrons. All of the other Lakeland Co-op libraries, including MADL branches and Whitehall, also subscribe to *OverDrive*.

You can see titles that are available as eBooks when you browse the HPL catalog, or by clicking on the *OverDrive* link at the bottom of the main Hackley Library web page ([www.hackleylibrary.org](http://www.hackleylibrary.org)).

To get started on your own, go to the "Books & More" section at the top of the Hackley Library website. Click on "eBooks" from the column on the left. There are video guided tours, and instructions that will take you through it step by

easy step. Lists of compatible equipment and software are there too.

Free mini-workshops to help you get started will be held at Hackley Library every day right after Christmas. Watch our website, call, or check the Clippings column in the *Muskegon Chronicle* for times.

### What's an "eBook?"

It's a book that's you read on your computer, your smart phone, or on a special digital reader like the *Sony Reader*, the Barnes & Noble *nook*, or the *Amazon Kindle*, or some other portable device.

-- Marty Ferriby, Library Director





## YOUTH SERVICES:

### **A Word from Youth Services** Why Storytime?

A parent's life is full of "To Do" lists, especially these days. So why on earth would a smart parent add one more thing to that list by signing their preschooler up for storytime? Well you are in for a treat.

Storytime is not just your average ordinary family outing or place to go when the weather is extreme. Storytime is the stepping stone to how your child will view their learning experience. Is learning fun and entertaining or boring and unimportant? You, the parent, get to teach that very first lesson.

What was your school experience? Did you look forward to learning something new every day? Or were you the child who sat at the back of the class hoping no one would notice you? You are in a place right now, where you can give your child, at this early age, that wonderful idea that "Hey, this learning thing is a piece of cake. I can do this!" Who in their right mind doesn't want their child to do well in school and be successful?

The purpose of storytime is:

To create in children an appetite for reading, learning, and using the library to encourage children to respect themselves by respecting other children, the storyteller, and library materials to stimulate children's imagination to help children develop language, listening, and motor skills to teach children social and library manners

How do these skills translate into the future of your child's education? When your child gets bored, maybe they will reach for a book instead of eating another cookie or being destructive.

Books will be "Cool "Your child won't be afraid to try something new and that "new" thing may lead to success in an area you may never have imagined.

Your child will feel comfortable at the library and may want to go to the library, art museum or any

other formal environment, instead of hanging out with the "bad" kids.

Your child will respect themselves, you, their teachers, their friends, adults in the neighborhood, church members, everyone.

Your child will know how to treat things they care about, their books, their videogames, their iPods, etc.  
Your child will dream about doing things that they may never have been exposed to except through a book.

Your child will have a greater vocabulary and be a better student.

Your child will learn how to act in an environment different from what they are used to and will be able to succeed ANYWHERE.

Storytime is an investment for parents in their children. Children are smart and they realize the sacrifice their parents make for them even if they cannot express it. If you, the parent, are willing to take the time out of your busy schedule to take your child to storytime, your child will soon realize, storytime is important. Reading is important. Books are important.

Bring your child or a child you love to storytime. Plant those seeds of education early, while they are paying attention, and you will reap the rewards later.

### **Getting Ready for Christmas, 2PM Saturday, December 3**

Add some really cool ornaments to your Christmas tree or Ours. While you're here you can get that list to Santa written and have a Christmas treat.



### **Reindeer Petting Program, 2PM Saturday, December 10**

Ever seen a reindeer up close? Learn as much as you can about reindeer and then



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join us on the Hackley Lawn to pet and take pictures with a reindeer.



### ***Santa, Stories, and Cupcakes, 2PM Saturday, December 17***

Listen to a story or two and decorate your very own Christmas cupcake before Santa arrives. Then tell Santa about all those toys on your list as he checks His list to find out who's been naughty or nice.

### ***Family Game Day, 2PM Tuesday, December 27***

Come join in the fun as we pull out all the games we got for Christmas. Bring your favorite game or play one of ours at this drop-in session. Snacks and a few Goofy Door Prizes will add to the fun. Non-electric games only. All ages.

### ***Top Snack Chef, 2PM Wednesday, December 28***

We're going through our kid's cookbooks to see what is easy to make, good to eat, and just plain old fun to prepare. Have aspirations of being a chef? This is where it all begins. Come with your flair for food and your big personality and see who takes home the prize for Top Snack Chef.



### ***Tween Video Game Extreme, 2PM Thursday, December 29***

Didn't get enough of that competition from Family game day? Don't fret. Here's your chance to prove you are the best at games like Wii sports, Rockband and Dance Dance Revolution. Drinks and snacks will fuel the players and Goofy prizes will reward top players.

### ***Hawaiian Luau, 2 PM Saturday, January 14***

This program provides hot weather fun on a cold winter day. Activities include fun facts about the Hawaiian islands, Beach Art, and musical limbo. Kids will try for silly prizes in the Hula Hoop Contest and play Beach Bingo. The fun concludes with a chocolate "pig" roast.



### ***Meet the Lumberjacks—Muskegon's Hockey Team, 7PM Wednesday, February 8***

Do you love the Lumberjacks, like we love the lumberjacks? Come meet some team members at Hackley Public Library. Learn the game of hockey and interesting facts about what it's like to play for a professional team. Get an autograph and enter to win a ticket to one of the lumberjack games. If you're not a fan already, you will be one after you meet the team!



### **WINTER STORYTIMES**

**STORYTIMES - for ages 3 – 7**

**6:45 PM Mondays, January 23 to February 27**

**11 AM Tuesdays, January 17 to February 28**

Storytelling, picturebooks, fingerplays, holiday tales, and special fun. Kids learn to love stories and reading. Each session ends with a craft project.

**Signup required.**

**No storytime Jan 16 (MLK Day) and  
February 20 (Presidents' Day)**

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

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## ADULT SERVICES:

### Government Documents and You

You've probably heard that "everything is online now" and when it comes to current information from the Government most of it is. You can get tax forms, apply for Social Security, and learn about Medicare benefits, among other things. But, how do you find Government information on the Internet?

It's as easy as using the library's catalog. We include many websites from the government in the catalog, to make it easier for our patrons to find the information they need, along with the link.

Choose "power search" in the box at the upper right corner of the HPL website and type in the subject you want. A list of books and other things will come up. Just look for "Go to online version via PURL" next to the name of the item you're interested in and click on that. (PURL is a fancy way of saying the link won't break if the website moves)

— Jocelyn Shaw, Government Documents Librarian

### Upcoming Events for December - February 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 Hackley Room unless otherwise noted and are free and open to the public.

#### December

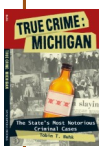
***Sailing Faith.* 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 6**



*Sailing Faith: The Long Way Home* is a memoir by Gregg Granger about the 4 ½ years he, his wife, their two teenage daughters and young son spent sailing around the world. The journey was about travel and culture, but more about relationships with God, with each other, with people on similar journeys, and with others in the thirty-eight countries they visited during their four and a half years abroad. Mr. Granger, a West Michigan resident, will be at HPL to talk about his trip.

***True Crime: Michigan.* 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 13**

Tobin Buhk will be at HPL to talk about his book: *True*



*Crime: Michigan*, which examines crime in the state and explores the landmark cases of robbery, mob activity and murder that have received national attention.

***So you got a Kindle (Nook, Sony, etc) for Christmas, Now what?* December 27-30**

HPL Staff will hold special workshops the week after Christmas to help you navigate downloadable eBooks. Watch for specific times in December.

#### January

***Basic Crocheting.* 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 3**

Nancy Hartman returns to teach a class on basic crocheting. Learn chain stitch and single crochet. Nancy will provide hooks and yarn, but you are free to bring your own if you already own some.

***Freedom, Slavery, and the Roots of American Music.* 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 10**



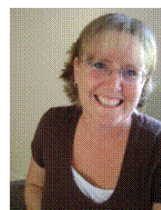
Ray Kamalay traces the development of early American music from its links to slavery up to the early jazz age. Discussion will include freedom, ancient and modern slavery, liberty, spirituals, blues, minstrel shows, ragtime and jazz. Ray is a longtime professional musician and contributes performances of the various genres.

***Basic Recording Techniques* 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 24**

Join David Rucks as he explains how to do digital recording. David will have hardware and software and discuss the best ways to get the results you want. David is a local musician.

***Postcards to Michigan's Past* 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 31**

Before email and text messages, postcards were the premier way to send a quick message to family and friends. A long-time Michigan-themed treasurer hunter, Dianna Stampfler collects postcards and will talk about them at HPL



## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

### February

#### **Writing Business Plans. 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 7**

SCORE representative Allen Wilson will be on hand to discuss the formation of a business plan. Sponsored by SCORE (which is part of the SBA) and Hackley Library.

#### **Basic Crocheting. 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 14**

Nancy Hartman returns to teach a class on basic crocheting. Learn the basic stitches. Nancy will provide hooks and yarn, but you are free to bring your own if you already own some.

#### **Book Discussion-Abundant Community 6:00PM Monday, February 20**

The Muskegon Area Sustainability Coalition along with Hackley Public Library will host a discussion on the works of Peter Block, author of *Community, the Structure of Belonging* and *Abundant Community*.



The Including Our Neighbors organization will be bringing Peter Block to Muskegon for an event on March 12, 2012 and our book discussion will help prepare those planning to attend that event. Anyone is welcome to join us for this discussion.

#### **Intro to Zumba 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 28**



Are you ready to party yourself into shape? Learn more with Lois Morris as she leads an introductory class. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-

to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Zumba Fitness® is the only Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends red-hot international music, created by Grammy Award-winning producers, and contagious steps to form a "fitness-party" that is downright addictive.

### BUILDING OF CHARACTER UPDATE

The "Building of Character" campaign to raise the funds needed to repair and renovate the Hackley Library building has almost reached its goal. As of November 3, we're only \$39,000 away from victory.

The list of improvements includes new bathrooms, lights, paint, and emergency exits from the Youth Services department and the local history department in the basement -- all necessary for the health and safety of library visitors.

The goal of the project is a Hackley Library that is safe - functional - accessible - comfortable - welcoming and that preserves our heritage.

Gifts and pledges are welcome. Pledges can be spread out over a three year period and can start on the date you choose, even after January 1. The Michigan Tax Credit (which expires Dec. 31) applies to donations made to the library this year. All donors will be acknowledged on a special recognition plaque in the library.

After January 1, the final plans will be prepared, the bids put out, and we expect construction to start. Completion date is approximately December 2013.

### PROGRAM UNDERWRITERS

We are thrilled to announce that the programs and activities for Children and Young people at the Hackley Library are underwritten by the generosity of the Alcoa Foundation, supporting and investing in sustainable Alcoa Howmet Communities.



Programs for adults and families are underwritten by the generosity of the PNC Foundation.

Thank you to both these generous and community focused foundations!



## YOUTH SERVICES, CONT'D

## FRIENDS OF HPL:

### **December 27 through January 27 Black History Showcase in February—**

African American people like others have contributed so much to society. The month of February we celebrate these accomplishments. February 2012 we want to honor these African American trailblazers with a tribute showcase put on by all the wonderfully talented kids in Muskegon.

Do you draw, write, sing, rap, act or dance? Then we want to see you. The question we want you to answer is "What famous African American inspired you to do what you do?" and give us a sample of what you do. Send us your talent. A panel of five judges will pick the best of the best. The winners will perform in an ultimate Black History Month Showcase where everyone is invited to celebrate Black History Month with Hackley Public Library.

Talent will be divided into 3 groups:

- 1st – 4th grade
- 5th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade

#### **What do you have to do?**

**Pick up an entry form at Hackley Public Library starting December 27, 2011**

**Send in by January 27, 2012:**

- Artwork--any size drawing, in any medium
- Writing—poetry or short stories--200 words or less
- Video or music clip—singing, rapping, dancing or acting—5 minutes or less (If unable to make a video, call us at 722-7276 ext 230 to schedule a day to be filmed by library staff.) and your completed entry form

### **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.

**Dec 7: Video calls (Skype/Google)**

**Dec 21: Facebook**

**Jan 11: E-books**

**Jan 25: Basic Spreadsheets**

**Feb 8: Pictures on the Web: Sharing Your Photos with the World**

**Feb 22: Chilton's Online**

### **Hackley Public Library designated a Literary Landmark**

Hackley Public Library has been named a Literary Landmark in honor of Verna Aardema, author of the Caldecott Medal-winning book, *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* (1975), and over thirty children's books and collections of stories. The honor is awarded by the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

Hackley Public Library will be Michigan's seventh official Literary Landmark. A bronze plaque will be installed at the 121-year-old historic library building to designate the site and plans are underway for a community celebration in June to mark the honor. This project was one of the winners in the "Love Your Community" mini-grant competition sponsored by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.

The Literary Landmark program recognizes locations tied to deceased literary figures, authors, or their works. The Friends of Hackley Public Library submitted an application based on the Library's relationship with Aardema, an internationally known and respected author who earned numerous awards for her books and writing.



Aardema incorporated ideophones (words that sound like actions) into her stories, many of which are based on traditional tales and folk stories from different cultures. Ms. Aardema did much of her research on these folk tales and ideophones at Hackley Public Library with the help of Hackley librarians and even called the Library 'home'."

Rita Czekuc, former Hackley reference and children's librarian, recalls, "We had a fantastic collection of fairy tales and folk stories at Hackley. We found things for her from the shelves, made volumes available to her that were off the shelves, and taught her how to use the short story index. She would sit there hour after hour, going through the collections and reading."

Verna Aardema Vugteveen was born in New Era and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in journalism. For many years she taught in Muskegon County schools and was also a staff correspondent for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. Some of her books and stories have been translated into several languages, made into films, and recorded by Meryl Streep and James Earl Jones. Ms. Aardema was also a premier story-teller and was known as Muskegon's Story Lady.

Over 100 Literary Landmarks have been named in the United States since the program began in 1986, including the homes of Tennessee Williams and William Faulkner; Willa Cather's prairie; and even the stuffed raven Grip, pet of Charles Dickens and Poe's inspiration. The six other Michigan Landmarks include McNichols Campus Library at the University of Detroit in honor of Poet Dudley Randall; the childhood home of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Theodore Roethke; Idlewild Public Library, called the "Eden of 20<sup>th</sup> century African-American history"; Curwood Castle, the writing studio of conservationist James Oliver Curwood; Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library in Lapeer in honor of children's author and illustrator Marguerite deAngeli; and Marquette County Courthouse in honor of Michigan Judge John D. Voelker, author of *Anatomy of a Murder*.

By Carolyn Madden

### "Thank God for Michigan!"

The forests, fields, and hills of Michigan seem far removed from the well-known battlefields of the Civil War. Antietam, Gettysburg, and Shiloh are all more than 500 miles from Muskegon. However, over 90,000 Michigan men served in the Union Army – that's nearly a quarter of the male population of the state in 1860. At the beginning of the War, Michigan was asked to send four regiments; a full seven regiments were mustered. When the first of Michigan's troops arrived, President Abraham Lincoln was heard to exclaim, "Thank God for Michigan!"

Michigan and other states are continuing to honor the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War through 2015. The Local History Department has many resources documenting those who served. One of the best is the [Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1865](#). This 46-volume set is the most complete record of Michigan servicemen available. Additionally, numerous records of soldiers from around the country can be found on the Library's subscription websites such as Ancestry Library Edition, accessible only at the Library.

Nearly every community has a monument to those who served in the Civil War. Most can be found in cemeteries, but some occupy prominent locations in downtown areas. Muskegon's "Soldiers and Sailors" monument in Hackley Park, dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1892 (then more commonly known as Decoration Day), is a 76-foot tall memorial to the soldiers who fought and died for the Union. Hackley Park contains several other statues commemorating these brave Americans and historical figures of the Civil War.





## CLOSINGS

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 Information/Reference ext. 228  
 Local History/Periodicals ext. 233  
 Youth Services ext. 230

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Wednesday, 10 am - 8 pm  
 Thursday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm

The Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Saturday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve  
 Monday, Dec. 26 Christmas Day celebrated  
 Saturday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve  
 Monday, January 2 New Year's Day celebrated  
 Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Day  
 Monday, February 20 President's Day.

From time to time in the winter months the weather gets so bad that it is not safe to be out. When the library closes due to bad weather or another emergency, it will be posted on Channel 13 and Channel 8, and Clear Channel Radio will be notified. Please call before you come in if the weather is really bad. If you get the phone message that the library is closed, then stay home and stay safe.

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