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FAMILY LITERACY

Hackley Library has been selected by the Michigan Humanities Council to participate in PRIME TIME Family Reading Time, a humanities-based family program focusing on reading, discussion, and storytelling. A total of 13 Michigan public libraries will host the program.

The six week program targets non-library using families and helps parents and children become enthusiastic readers and active public library users. The program uses award-winning children's literature to stimulate discussion about things that happen in every day life. Each session will be 90 minutes and will include a family meal, the reading of up to three books by a storyteller, and a discussion. The program will serve 20 to 25 families comprised of parents and children ages 6 to 12, with separate pre

-reading activities planned for siblings age 5 and under.

The grant for the Prime Time is through the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the originator of this successful program, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to be able to expand its literacy opportunities to more Michigan families," said Janice Fedewa, executive director. "This program has a proven track record of helping families bond around the act of reading and become lifelong readers."



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YOUTH SERVICES:

A Word from Youth Services

Did you ever try to read your favorite book to a preschooler, only to find her squirming and definitely Not Interested? I'm sure that has happened to everyone who shares books with children. That special picture book you've loved for years somehow doesn't connect with your youngster. But there are ways to make read-aloud time a success even with the most active listeners. Here are some suggestions, learned the hard way, as a parent and on the job at storytime.

Choose books with short texts, action and humor. Youngsters want something to happen, and happen fast, so a wordy text will lose them. Books with lots of fun and punch include *I Stink* by Kate McMullan with its garbage truck hero. Or try Jane Yolen's *How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?* a comedy that subtly suggests good behavior.

Choose the right time to read. The rambunctious girl who won't listen during playtime enjoys snuggling up with a book at bedtime. It's a good way to enjoy some last parental attention before going to sleep.

Choose books at the right age level. Some of those favorite books, *Cinderella*, *The Grinch That Stole Christmas*, *The Little Mermaid*, are great for 5-7 year olds. But 3 and 4 year olds need shorter, simpler tales. For classics try them on *The Three Bears* or *The Gingerbread Man*. Both are easy to follow with lots of satisfying repetition and predictability. There are loads of great new books too. In *My Friend Rabbit* (Eric Rohmann) animals balance atop each other then fall in a huge pile. In

Kitten's First Full Moon (Kevin Henkes) Kitten thinks the moon is a bowl of milk and tries to sip from it. Both books are recent Caldecott Award winners.

-- By Jim Horan

Holiday Storytime with Santa Claus **2 PM Saturday, December 11**

Enjoy stories and songs of Christmas, then meet Santa Claus himself! While youngsters tell Santa their wishes, parents are welcome to take photos. Make-and-take projects include Oatmeal Reindeer Feeders and 3-D Snowman Cookies.

Be a Wizard **2 PM Wednesday, December 29**

Become a master of Wizardology, learning magic and making your own kit of wizard tools. Featured projects include the Mindreader Ring, a Magic Box and the All-Candy Wand. Wizard Snacks and Goofy Raffle will complete the program.

Senior Photo Fun for Grades 5 – 9 **2 PM Saturday, January 15**

Why wait for senior year? Take your "Senior Picture" now and capture your personality (or a friend's) in a senior-style shot. You'll go home with a great portrait. Samantha Vanderlist from Shutter Sam Photography will lead the workshop, while Hackley Library provides the backdrop. Bring your own digital camera. Registration required.



YOUTH SERVICES, CONT:

Fuzzy Friends Day - Bring your favorite stuffed animal

2 PM Saturday, January 22

Favorite stuffed animals --- and their owners --- will be celebrated with stories, a Pet Parade, and “pet accessories” kids can make. Everyone will take home a “Fuzzy Critter,” a shoulder-riding mini-friend kids make themselves.

Stitch with Style Knitting Workshop

11 AM Saturday, February 5 and 12

Knit a scarf at this fun class for grades 4 and up. Master Knitter Jocelyn Shaw will lead the group. There will be plenty of friendly help as students learn Basic Knitting, February 5, then How to Purl on February 12. Sign up required.

Valentine’s Day Candy Boxes

2 PM Saturday, February 12

Make paper-folding mini-boxes filled with candy for your Special Valentine. Then create one of our Paper Pocket hearts. Trimmed with your special decorations, both projects will make perfect Valentine gifts.

Author Sherri Winston

2 PM Saturday, February 19

Learn about Winston’s latest book, *President of the Whole 5th Grade*. The story’s heroine takes a cupcake-obsessed approach to winning the class election. Winston will tell how she wrote the book and share yummy cupcakes like those in the novel. North Shore Books will staff a book sale and autograph session at the end of the program.

WINTER STORYTIMES

STORYTIMES - for ages 3 – 7

6:45 PM Mondays, January 10 to February 28

11 AM Tuesdays, January 11 to March 1

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

TODDLER STORYTIMES - for 18 to 36 month olds

11 AM Mondays, January 10 to February 28

Toddlers and caregivers attend Toddler Time together. The simple books and activities are just right for kids under 3. Sign up required.

To register phone 722-7276, ext 230



Black History Month CALENDAR CONTEST January 10 to February 12

HPL’s annual Black History Calendar uses student art work to celebrate African American achievement. Young artists grades 1 - 12 are invited to submit drawings.

- The best pictures and questions will be published in a free Calendar available throughout Muskegon.
- Pick up your entry form at the Library.



“Michael” by Elisha Jackson, 2010

A Contest Awards Program, 2 PM Saturday, February 26, will honor Contest winners and their families.

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ADULT SERVICES:



It's almost Tax Time. This year, the Government will not be sending out tax forms, because of the rise in e-filing. Last year, the IRS sent out tax forms to 8% of the nation's taxpayers. By not sending out any forms they expect to save \$10 million a year. If you need paper forms, you can get them at Hackley Library starting sometime in January. Forms are not available before January. You can also get forms online at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-829-3676. The friendly Reference staff at HPL will also print out forms from the IRS website for you, for 15 cents per page. We can print current and older forms. We will also be providing State of Michigan and City of Muskegon forms (they may not be available as soon as the Federal forms) in paper and can print them for 15 cents per page from the Internet.

If you want to e-file, you may use the computers at HPL. Because time is limited it is best to have your information ready to enter when you get here.

Because of the confidential and complex nature of taxes, the staff is not able to help with specific tax questions. We can help you find a tax professional who can help you with any questions you may have.



-By Jocelyn Shaw

Shade Gardens 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 7

Advanced Master Gardener Joe Hill discusses shade gardens.

Writing a Business Plan 5:30 PM Tuesday, December 14

Learn how to formulate a business plan with SCORE representative Allen Wilson. This program is limited to 20 people. Please call the library to register.

Sponsored by SCORE (which is part of the SBA) and Hackley Library.

Rain Gardens 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 4

Joe Hill, Advanced Master Gardener, returns to talk about rain gardens.

Piecing a 9 block quilt 6:00 PM Tuesday, January 11

Nancy Hartman returns to teach participants how to piece a 9 block quilt. The class is limited to 20, registration opens January 3rd. Participants will receive a supply list when they register. This is a two part class, the second part will be on January 25.

Garden Planning 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 1

Learn how to plan your garden with Joe Hill.

African American Genealogy 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 8

Dawn Kelly, of the Muskegon Genealogical Society, will return to talk about doing African American Genealogy.

Habitat for Humanity 6:00 PM Tuesday, February 22

Laurie Roll from Habitat for Humanity will talk about the organization and what it does for the community.

Computer Classes

Classes are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Torrent House. Spaces are limited, registration is required. Registration opens on the first of the month.

Dec 7, 8: Introduction to Word will cover basic Word and is designed for people who have some experience using a mouse.

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ADULT SERVICES CONT: YOUTH SERVICES, CONT:

Dec 21, 22: Surfing the Internet is an introduction to the Internet. Topics include how to search, set up an email account, upload photos, and attach items to an email. It is highly advisable to know how to use a mouse.

Jan 4, 5: Introduction to Excel will cover the basics of spreadsheets and is designed for people who have some experience using a mouse.

Jan 18, 19: Introduction to Computers is an introduction to what a computer is and how to use it. It is designed for beginners with little or no knowledge of computers.

Feb 1, 2: Introduction to Word will cover basic Word Processing skills and is designed for people who have some experience using a mouse.

Feb 15, 16: Surfing the Internet is an introduction to the Internet. Topics include how to search, set up an email account, upload photos, and attach items to an email. It is highly advisable to know how to use a mouse.

Tech Wednesdays

Each class will cover a specific topic and run from 30 – 60 minutes. No registration is required, just show up! All classes will start at 2:30 PM in the Julia Hackley Room. If you have your own laptop feel free to bring it along, otherwise these are watch and learn classes.

Dec 8: *Blogging user Blogger*

Dec 15: *Email Basics*

Jan 12: *Windows Media Player*

Jan 26: *Publisher*

Feb 9: *Powerpoint*

Feb 23: *Chilton online*

OFF THE WALL

Writing & Drawing Contest for Teens

February 1 - March 1

Top poems and stories will be published in HPL's "Off the Wall" magazine.

Original Drawings, Manga & Cartoons will be printed in a special art section. See your work in print!

Entries Due March 1 Contest Rules available at Library. All artwork must be black & white.

HACKLEY COFFEE HOUSE!

Winners read their work,

Artists are featured in

The HPL Gallery!

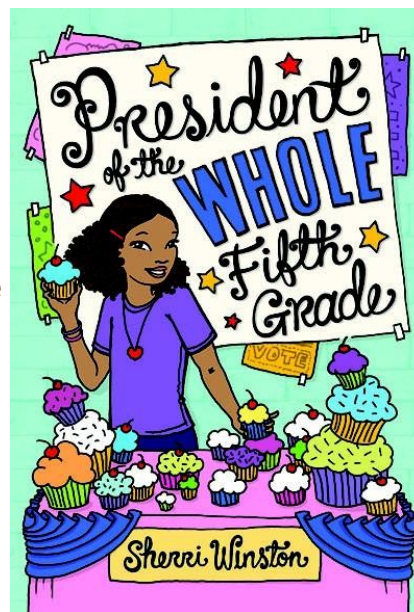
6:30 PM Wednesday,

March 23

Coffee, eats and music

Author Sherri Winston

will visit Hackley Library @ 2 PM on Saturday, February 19th. Stop by for a tale and a treat, as Sherri tells how she wrote the book.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

E-MAZING!

Have you been confused about the new “digital” books? Me too! Library staff explained it to me, and I wrote it down in what I hope is a simple to understand way for readers of *Community Ink*. If you’re new to all this like me and wondering what it’s all about, read on:

Hackley Library offers eAudiobooks (to listen to) and eBooks (to read) for online checkout at no charge with your Hackley Library card. HPL subscribes to *OverDrive* and *NetLibrary* for this service for our patrons. The *NetLibrary* eBooks can only be read online, but the *OverDrive* eBooks can be downloaded. MADL also subscribes to *OverDrive*, but some libraries (Whitehall) do not. Still other libraries in the area (Spring Lake, Fremont) also subscribe to *OverDrive*, but they have a different collection. When you are looking for downloadable books, be sure HPL owns them.

What’s an “eBook?”

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

In general, the *Barnes & Noble nook™*, the *Sony Reader*, and all devices that support Adobe® EPUB, plus PC and Apple computers, will work fine with library eBooks. The *Amazon Kindle™* works only with titles you purchase from Amazon. Libraries are prohibited from purchasing and circulating *Amazon Kindle™* eBooks. The December 2010 issue of *Consumer Reports* compares different eBook readers.

What’s an “eAudiobook?”

It’s a book that you listen to on your computer, MP3 player, an iPod (or other compatible Apple product), or other compatible portable devices.

MP3 players, compatible portable devices, and PCs will work fine with free library downloadable audio via *OverDrive* or *NetLibrary*. Most of the time, iPods and other “i” devices and Apple computers will work fine. Other devices such as the BlackBerry and smartphones are sometimes supported. Each listing for a book will indicate what general types of devices it will work with.

What’s Available?

You can see titles that are available in these new formats when you browse the HPL catalog (for example when you see a small picture of a book wearing headphones and the notation “downloadable audio book”), or by clicking on the *OverDrive* or *NetLibrary* links at the bottom of the main Hackley Library web page (www.hackleylibrary.org).

To get started:

Go to the Online Book section on the Hackley Library website. A guided tour and instructions will take you through it step by easy step. Lists of compatible equipment and software are there too.

-- Marty Ferriby, Library Director

Dates to Remember:

The Hackley Public Library will be closed on the following days:

December 24th, 2010 - All Day
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December 31st, 2010 - All Day
January 1st, 2010 - All Day
January 17th, 2010 - All Day
February 21st, 2010 - All Day



LOCAL HISTORY:

AmericanAncestors.org

AmericanAncestors.org is a fantastic site for the family historian with ancestral roots in New England and New York.

The newly launched site is the new version of the New England Historic Genealogical Society's website formerly called *NewEnglandAncestors.org*, which is available on all computers in the Hackley Library's Local History and Genealogy Department.

In addition to the extensive resources on New England and New York, the site will have more ethnic specific content such as African-American or Irish, and regional content such as mid-Atlantic.

The new website provides enhanced searching capabilities, a new image viewer, faster navigation and search results, and more unique content. The enhanced search engine can provide a master search across all databases. Improved images with the new image viewer provide easier saving and viewing of images. Researchers can browse the list of all databases listed alphabetically, by location, or by record type.

Currently there are over 2,400 databases and more content is being added weekly. The website will eventually include a growing collection of regional and national genealogical resources.

Anyone can sign up for the "Guest User" program to access the weekly news stories and some databases, resources, and articles. The *Social Security Death Index* is one of the free databases. However, most content is only available to members or institutional subscribers such as Hackley Library.

ADULT LITERACY:

HACKLEY SCRABBLE® TEAM A WINNER

Can you spell the word queue? How about silhouette? Cacophony? How about sesquipedalian, or frustrating words like rhythm with that poor little "y" desperately trying to hold its own by pretending to be a vowel? Our intrepid Scrabble® team players jumped into the word wizardry fray to benefit adult literacy during the Second Annual Read Muskegon Scrabble® FUNdraiser held Saturday, October 23rd at the Muskegon Masonic Temple. Hackley Library again partnered with Muskegon Area District Library in helping to put on the event, which draws about 22 teams and a lot of excitement and good natured competition. Proceeds from team and individual registration and options like "buy a letter" benefit Read Muskegon's free tutoring for adults in Muskegon County who cannot read or have difficulty reading.

This year's word warriors defending the HPL moniker were Diana Iversen from the Youth Services Department, Jared Perreault from Local History, and former clerk Becky Oldaker (whose nursing degree opportunities took her away from us) and her husband, Dave. A fun time was had by all, and the team won two out of three rounds! Just wait until next year! Bring on the queues.



The Scrabble tournament is over for this year, but Read Muskegon still needs help, particularly in the form of volunteer tutors. There are more than 14 adults in our town who want to learn to read on the waiting list. Training and materials are provided. Call 231-766-5040.



FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX:

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Circulation: ext. 0
 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
 Sunday, 1 pm - 4:30 pm (Begins 9/12)

SUGGESTION: Fifteen is way too many DVDs to allow one person to check out at a time. There are DVDs that I don't see back for a year. Please reduce it at once. Thank you.

REPLY: Actually, the Library WANTS people to check things out. After all, that's one of the big reasons there IS a library. The problem from this side of the desk is getting people to bring those DVDs back so they're on the shelf for you.

To make it easier for library users, all the libraries around here in the 8-county Lakeland Library Cooperative area work together to set up the rules for borrowing, such as the number of DVDs that can be checked out.

DVDs are checked out for one week, but lots of people are keeping them much longer, and hundreds of DVDs are never returned at all, with the borrower paying the lost fee (or their account sent to collections). DVDs that are overdue or lost aren't available to other people. Replacing popular titles takes time and money, which keeps the Library from buying new titles. Sadly, we're thinking about charging a late fee for DVDs to try to get them back on the shelves for you and others.

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