

News & Events

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From the Director's Desk

Today we are reviving our quarterly newsletter. With the resignation of our previous Director, Lawrence Marble, followed a few months later by the resignation of our Youth Librarian, Stephanie Charlefour, the newsletter was temporarily suspended. Now that I, as Library Director, and Lindsay Fricke, Youth Librarian, have settled into our respective roles, the Library is prepared to resume publication.

It is our intent to produce this newsletter four times each year, to keep you informed of our services and upcoming events. The newsletter will be available online on the Library's website (<http://gardencitylib.org/>). Printed copies will also be available in the Library.

If you prefer to receive the newsletter via email, just let us know and we'll add you to our emailing list.

The Library is so much more than just books. We hope this publication will help you discover just how much more.

-James Lenze, Library Director



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Library Building Fund

The Garden City Library Building Fund, Inc. (Building Fund) was established, with the approval of the Garden City Library Board, to raise funds for a new or renovated library in Garden City, Michigan. It was incorporated in August 2013 and has applied for 501(c)3 status from the IRS. Once the IRS approves our application, donors will be able to enjoy tax benefits while contributing to a better future for our community.

The Library Board, staff, Friends, and regular users all agree that the current Library is ill suited to its purpose and the needs of the community. We have no space for group study. We have to hold programs in the staff workroom or Director's office.

There are too few electric outlets for plugging in laptops, tablets, iPads, and other devices. Our young adult space is too small to attract teens, and we have no quiet seating area for adults.

On the other hand, the City does not have the resources to build a new library, or even renovate an existing building for library use. Therefore, if the dream of a new home for the Library is to become reality, we need to raise funds from private donors, businesses, grants, and foundations.

This is why the Library Board approved the establishment of the Building Fund. As a separate entity, money contributed to

the Fund will not be mingled with the Library's operating funds. Thus donors can be sure that their contributions will go to the building or renovating of a new library, and not be used for unrelated expenses. Also, the building purchased or built with these funds will belong to the Library, and be exclusively controlled by the Library Board.

While any size donation is accepted, various forms of recognition will be offered for larger gifts. For updates on the Building Fund, please visit our webpage: www.gardencitylib.org/building

We're building with your support!

Special services

- Fax service: \$1.00 per page to send, \$0.50 per page to receive
- Photocopies: \$0.15 per page, black & white or full color
- Wireless Internet: Free
- E-books: Free Downloadable E-books & E-Audiobooks
- Tax Forms: State & Federal tax forms available

Youth Programs



Jan. 9 Make Your Own Popcorn (6:30pm-7:30 pm)

Taste various popcorn recipes and make your own popcorn treats. FREE popcorn gift basket will be given away!

Jan. 29 Puzzle Palooza (4pm-5pm)

Drop-in after school to put together some puzzles to celebrate National Puzzle Day. Snacks will be provided.

Feb. 13 Valentine's Day to Remember (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Make your own Valentine's Day cards, play some fun games, and enjoy some sweets.

March 13 What Do You Know? Trivia Night (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Test your knowledge of fun facts during trivia night. FREE prize will be given away!

Preschool Storytimes 5 Week Sessions (10:15am-11am)

Feb. 5

Feb. 12

Feb. 19

Feb. 26

March 5

"The Library has many fun and interesting programs that are appealing to all ages." ~Lindsay Fricke, Youth Librarian

Teen Programs

Jan. 30 Make Your Own Pizza Party (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Get creative and personalize your pizza with an array of gourmet toppings.

Feb. 6 Valentine's Day Fun (4pm-5pm)

Make candy valentines, design duct tape flowers, and enjoy special sweets. FREE candy gift basket will be given away!

March 20 What Do You Want To Do? (6pm-8pm)

Explore employment options from professionals in various careers.

Family Programs

Family Game Night January 16 (6pm-8pm)

Join us for a fun night of games that the whole family will enjoy! Prizes will be given to select winners.

Local Author Night (Date and Time: TBD)

Celebrate Children's Authors and Illustrators Week with local authors Joseph Kelley and Nick Rokicki, who have written *Pete the Popcorn* and *Crusty Cupcake's Happy Birthday*.

Family Craft Night March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (6:30pm-7:30pm)

With March being National Craft Month, join us every Monday for different themed crafts. Snacks will be provided.

Family Movie Night 4th Wednesday of each month

(Jan. 22 *Despicable Me 2**, Feb. 26 *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2**, March 26 *To Be Determined*) (6pm-8pm)

Watch a newly released family-friendly movie at the Library. Popcorn will be provided.

*Titles subject to change



Adult Programs

Dec. 10 Michigan Rehabilitation Services
(11am-12pm)

Michigan Rehabilitation Services on all the services that they can provide to disabled job seekers.

Jan. 14 Identity Theft
(11am-12pm)

The Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade will talk about how to protect yourself and your identity when you use the Internet.

Feb. 3 Have You Had The Talk? (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Hospice of Michigan will outline the different worksheets, tools and resources you will need in case you need to rely on someone to make decisions about your medical care.

Feb 18 Postal Fraud
(11am-12pm)

An United States Postal Service Inspector will talk about how criminals use the mail to defraud people and businesses of money.

Feb 18 Affordable Care Act (2:00pm-3:30pm)
Learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Mar. 4 Bending Water & Stories Nearby (6:30pm-7:30pm) Bending Water & Stories Nearby is a collection of short stories with a shared geographical backdrop- the scenic, rugged and pristine surroundings of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, what many call "God's Country." The book's author, Peter Wurdock, will be here to give a talk and to sign copies of his book.



Computer Classes

Dec 12 Introduction to Email (1pm—2pm)

Dec 16 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Dec 17 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Jan 23 Introduction to Computers (1pm—2pm)

Jan 27 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Jan 28 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Feb 20 Intro to Microsoft Word (1pm—2pm)

Feb 24 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Feb 25 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Mar 20 Introduction to Email (1pm—2pm)

Mar 24 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)

Mar 25 Computer Tutor
(register for appointment)



*"Our staff is happy to assist with all your computer needs."
~Daniel Lodge, Adult Librarian*

Friends of the Library

Everyone Needs Friends!

The Friends of the Garden City Library raise funds to support the Library services and programs. We hold our largest Book Sales each Spring and Fall, while smaller book sales occur at community events throughout the year. We

also have an on-going book sale during normal Library business hours.

Membership is open to all adults for \$5.00 per year, or a monetary donation of your choice. Meetings are held at the Library as posted on the Library website.

FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN CITY LIBRARY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
 Please Print

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Donation: \$ _____

Make check payable to:
 Friends of the Garden City Library

"Garden City Public Library will serve the local community as a resource of traditional and evolving library services."

Board Members:

- ❖ **Paul Werhane (President)**
- ❖ **Mary Jane Schildberg (Vice President)**
- ❖ **Janet Smith (Secretary)**
- ❖ **Nancy Bailey**
- ❖ **Nancy Schultz-Speck**
- ❖ **Andrew McMechan**

Hours:
Monday-Thursday
10am-9pm
Saturday 10am-4pm
Closed Friday and Sunday

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Library Lovers' Month

Written by:
 Lindsay Fricke
 Youth Librarian



February is Library Lovers' Month! The Garden City Public Library is celebrating this event during the entire month of February. Children and teens should visit the library, starting February 1, to receive their free "I Love My Library" card.

Every time you check out items (i.e. book, movie, CD, etc.) at the Library, you will receive one punch on your card. Once your card had no more punches remaining, you will be

entered into a raffle.

There will be several prizes, including gift cards, as well as weekly drawings. The more you visit the Library and check out items, the better chance you have to win one of our great prizes.

Also, during the month of February, be sure to renew your membership with the Friends of the Library. If you are not yet a member, please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to

to the Library.

Make sure to visit the Library to receive your FREE "I Love My Library" card for a chance to enter and win prizes!



Delivery & Inter-Library Loan

Written by:
 Dan Lodge
 Adult Librarian



I want to encourage you to visit the Library to see all the benefits that a library card has to offer. Among the most popular services that we have to offer to our cardholders is our delivery service. Here's how it works.

Because of our membership in the Library Network, we have access to the collections of 65 libraries in the Southeast Michigan area. For example, you call us to see if we have a certain book that you want. We find out that we don't have it but we could get it

for you from another member in our Network.

We will then place the request for you in our system and the book will be brought here to the Library at no charge! A truck from the Library Network makes a stop here at the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week to drop off both books that our patrons have requested.

When you are done, you can return the book either to our Library or any other member of the Network (e.g., Wayne, Dearborn Heights)

and they will return the book to its home library.

The delivery service is one of the many benefits of which you can take advantage of with your valid Garden City Library Card. If you don't have one, then please be sure to stop by the Library today to get one today.

