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## From the Director's Desk

March is National Reading Month. Challenge yourself to read at least 15 minutes each day this March. If you are a child's caregiver, take extra time to read with your child each day.

National Reading Month is also a good time to explore e-books. If you have never tried an e-book, talk with Library staff to find out how you can download and read a wide variety of e-books, free from your Library.

### Born to Read

No child is too young to start developing literacy skills. That's why the Friends of the Garden City Library started our Born to

Read program. This program provides a free board book to any child born in Garden City. Just bring your newborn, or a birth certificate, to the Library to receive your child's free book.

### National Library Week

April 13-19 is National Library Week! The Garden City Public Library will celebrate with an Open House on Friday, April 25, from Noon to 2pm.

### Building Fund

Limited space is the biggest issue facing the Library today. We hold programs in the staff and Director's offices. There are too few outlets for laptops, iPads, etc.

Our young adult space is cramped, and we do not have quiet seating for adults. So, the Board has approved the establishment of the Garden City Library Building Fund, Inc. -- to raise funds for a new or renovated library in Garden City, Michigan. For updates on the Building Fund, please visit our webpage:

[www.gardencitylib.org/building](http://www.gardencitylib.org/building)

-James Lenze, Library Director



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## Library Gets New Doll House Shelving Unit



The Friends of the Garden City Library donated a new doll house shelving unit for the Library. With input from Library staff, Friends member, Darrel Manuel built the house and presented it to the Library on Tuesday, February 4, 2014.

The Library staff is very excited about this new shelving unit. Youth Librarian, Lindsay Fricke, says, "This shelving unit is a wonderful addition to the Library's Children's Department. It is eye-catching and appealing for children and also allows books to be displayed so that children of all ages can easily access them."

Currently, board books and children's music CDs are being kept in the new shelving unit.

This shelving unit is just one of the improvements that are planned. "The Garden City Public Library is creating a kids-friendly space in the Children's Department," says Fricke. "And this doll house shelving is a big step forward."

Patrons can soon expect the children's department to have literacy-related toys, including letters, numbers, and word puzzles.

Fricke goes on to say, "It is important for children to feel comfortable and welcome at the Library. This helps them develop a good relationship with books that can last a lifetime."

Be sure to visit the Library to take a look and see all the new improvements being made to the Children's Department!

-Lindsay Fricke, Youth Librarian

### 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

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

Test your knowledge of fun facts during trivia night.

### April 17 Easter Craft Night (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Celebrate Easter by making Easter crafts.

### April 24 Pictionary Game Night (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Grades 3+ Join us in showing off your Pictionary skills.

### May 8 Spring Craft Night (6:30-7:30pm)

Celebrate Mother's Day by making cards for someone special.

### May 15 Minute to Win It (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Ages 5-12 Like the show, participants will try to complete tasks in less than 1 minute.

### May 22 Spelling Bee (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Practice your spelling skills.

FREE prize given to select winners!

### Preschool Storytimes 5 Week Sessions (10:15am-11:00am)

April 9

April 16

April 23

April 30

May 7

Ages 3-5 are welcome to join us for stories, songs, crafts and more!

*"Visit the Youth Department to see the Library's new doll house shelving unit and select some great books." ~Lindsay Fricke, Youth Librarian*

## Teen Programs

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

Grades 5+ Explore employment options from professionals in various careers.

### April 22 Rubber Band Jewelry (4pm-5pm)

Ages 5-18 Make your own stylish rubber band bracelet. Space is limited, so sign-up is requested.

### May 29 Minute to Win It (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Ages 10+ Like the show, participants will try to complete tasks in less than 1 minute.

## Family Programs

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

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

### March 27 Local Author Night (6:00pm-7:00pm)

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*. Purchase books and book signing following

program. FREE signed book giveaway!

### April 10 Money for Kids (6pm-7pm)

Celebrate Money Smart Week with a program of stories and activities on managing money. Each child will receive a FREE book, as will parents. Space is limited to 20 kids. Sign-up requested.

### April 12 Easter Egg Hunt & Movie (1pm-2pm)

Participate in an Easter egg hunt and watch a family-friendly Easter movie. FREE Easter basket giveaway!

### 4th Wednesday of each month Family Movie Night (March 26 – Frozen\* April 23 – Saving Mr. Banks\* May 28 – Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug\*) (6pm-8pm)

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

\*Titles subject to change



## Adult Programs

### Mar. 4 Bending Water & Stories Nearby

(6:30pm-7:30pm)

Bending Water & Stories Nearby is a collection of short stories with a shared 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.

### Mar. 6 Big Library Read – Keys to the Kitchen

(2pm-3pm)

Join us here at the Library as we discuss Aida Mollenkamp's book Keys to the Kitchen as part of the Big Library Read Program.

### Mar 11 Home Repair & Equity Scams

(11am-12pm)

The Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade will talk about how to protect yourself when you are looking for help with a home renovation project.

### Apr 1 Wills & Estate Planning

(6:30pm-7:30pm)

Local attorney Shawn O'Connor will talk about the value of writing a will and planning your estate.

### Apr 15 DIA Speaker Series

(6:30pm-7:30pm)

A volunteer from the DIA will talk about twenty-four pieces in detail from the museum's collection.

### Apr 22 Residential Care Choices

(6:30pm-7:30pm) The Michigan Attorney General's Senior Brigade will be here to talk about how to protect your loved ones when choosing a rest home.



## Computer Classes

### Mar 20 Introduction to Email

(1pm—2pm)

### Mar 24 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### Mar 25 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### Apr 17 Introduction to Computers

(1pm—2pm)

### Apr 21 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### Apr 22 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### May 15 Intro to Microsoft Word

(1pm—2pm)

### May 19 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### May 20 Computer Tutor

(register for appointment)

### Kindle Classes

TBA



*"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.

Membership is open to all adults for \$5.00 per year, or a monetary donation of your choice. Membership forms are available at the Library and on the Library's website. Quarterly meetings are held at the Library.

### LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Friday, April 25, from Noon to 2pm, we will be sponsoring an Open House at the Library. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

### SPRING BOOK SALES!

This year we will be holding two book sales: one at the Library, and one at Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center. The sales are planned for the week of April 7.

### FLOWER BEDS

Many hands make light work. Call the Library to volunteer to help maintain the Library's flower beds 793-1830.

### FOLLOW US

For updates, follow us on Facebook.  
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfGardenCityPublicLibrary>

### KNIT NIGHT

Join us for an evening of knitting and crocheting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 8 PM.

### BOOK CLUB

On March 20 we will discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer.

On May 15 we will discuss Songs of Willow Frost by Jamie Ford.

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

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

**Books and materials can be renewed at any time at <http://gardencitylib.org/> or dropped in our 24-hour drop box located near the library entrance.**

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**National Reading Month**

Written by:  
 Lindsay Fricke  
 Youth Librarian



March is National Reading Month! The Garden City Public Library is celebrating during the entire month of March. Children and teens should visit the library, between March 1 and March 31, to receive a free bookmark.

During the month of March, children and teens can participate in weekly drawings. There will also be a final drawing at the end of the month. Weekly prizes will include popular book titles and will be displayed in the case of the Library’s entrance.

To enter the drawings, participants simply need to fill out a reading slip for every book they read during March.

Reading slips will be available at the Library’s check out desk and the Library’s website (<http://gardencitylib.org/index.php/youth>). The more you read, the better chance you have to win one of our great prizes.

Make sure to visit the Library to receive your FREE bookmark and enter for a chance to win our drawings. Happy reading!

To celebrate National Reading Month, local authors, Joe Kelley and Rick Rokicki, will be at the Library on March 27 from

6:00-7:00 pm to read some of their popular children’s books. Books will be available for purchase and a book signing will follow the program. There will also be a FREE book giveaway!

Check the Library’s calendar on our website (<http://gardencitylib.org/index.php/event-calendar/month.calendar/2014/03/27/->) for a complete listing of fun programs during the month of March!



**E-Books Are Easy to Use**

Written by:  
 Dan Lodge  
 Adult Librarian



If you have an e-reader, an iPad®, or an iPhone®, I hope you will take advantage of the Garden City Public Library’s Overdrive service: Download Destination. Patrons can easily browse for titles to borrow and enjoy on Windows® and Mac® computers, or on mobile devices like iPhone®, iPad®, Android™, BlackBerry® and Windows Phone. Users can read eBooks on the go with Kindle®, Sony® Reader, NOOK™ and more.

Library patrons can take advantage of the free service to choose from over hundreds of books (some of which we may not have in our Library’s print collection)

and check them out for two weeks on their e-readers.

Download Destination is easy to use. If you have a wireless internet connection, just visit Download Destination at <http://tln.lib.overdrive.com>, sign in, select a book, check it out, and the book will be sent to your device. Don’t worry if you are away from a wireless connection; you can use a USB cable to download books to your e-reader.

Garden City Public Library patrons will have access to additional titles through a program called OverDrive Advantage. With OverDrive Advantage, the Library has purchased additional e-books exclusively for its patrons. The Advantage program provides access to even more popular e-books and titles

become visible along with the shared collection at Download Destination. The lending period for all books is two weeks. Titles will automatically expire and return to the collection. There are no late fees.

For more information, please contact the Library at (734) 793-1830.

