

## From the Director's Desk

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Wishing you a safe and pleasant holiday season! The Library will be **closed December 24, 25, and 31, and January 1** for Christmas and New Year's. These are our only planned closings until Good Friday. We will be open normal hours on Presidents' Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### SNOWED IN?

As cold and snow moves into the

area, isn't it nice to know you can check out books, magazines, and now even movies without leaving the warm comfort of your home? Download Destination now offers streaming videos along with e-books and e-audiobooks. Just click on the Download Destination logo on the Library's website [www.gardencitylib.org](http://www.gardencitylib.org), login with your library card and PIN, and check it out!

If you prefer magazines, just click on the Zinio logo on our webpage [www.gardencitylib.org](http://www.gardencitylib.org). The Garden City Public Library's Zinio service provides access to over 250 e-magazines you can check

out anywhere you have an internet connection. Keep the magazines as long as you like with no overdue fees! Some of the e-magazines (for example National Geographic) have interactive features in addition to all the content of the print copies.

These are just a few of the online services your Garden City Public Library brings to you.



-James Lenze,  
 Library Director

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## Support Our Building Fund!

Garden City residents deserve a quality library in its own building - a library with adequate space for youth programs, tutoring rooms, a computer lab, and quiet study areas. You can help with a tax deductible donation to the Garden City Library Building Fund.

Since 2006, the Library has shared the Maplewood Community Center with several other City services. These services gave up valuable space in order to make room for us. While this arrangement has allowed us to continue serving the residents, it is far from ideal. We do not have the space to provide a full range of library services, and cannot expand our presence within the Maplewood Building.

Our old building on Middlebelt Road felt crowded to staff and patrons, especially on days of our summer reading programs. Yet, we had 12,000 square feet there. In our current location, we are trying to provide the same or better service with a mere 6,246 square feet.

Therefore, a group of residents have started a non-profit 501(c)3 organization to collect donations towards a future library building. Every dime helps, but it will require many millions of dimes to build a new library. So please consider giving what you can.

For larger donations, there will be 3 plaques in the Library to

recognize individuals, companies, or organizations who contribute between \$100 and \$499, between \$500 and \$999, and \$1,000 or more. Donations can be made in your own name, or in honor or memory of a loved one.

Stop by the Library any time with your donation, or mail it to:

Garden City Library Building Fund  
 31735 Maplewood St.  
 Garden City, MI 48135

Another easy way to donate is to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Be sure to select the "Garden City Library Fund" as the recipient of your donation. Thank you.

### 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
- Zinio: Get free digital magazines from the Library

## Youth Programs

### Dec. 4 Christmas Craft Night (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Join us to make your own fun, festive Christmas crafts. Ages 5-12.

### Dec. 16 Cookie Decorating (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Celebrate Gingerbread Decorating Day! Decorate and enjoy a gingerbread cookie. Ages 2-12.

### Jan. 15 Frozen Wonderland (5:00pm-7:30pm)

Can't get enough of the movie *Frozen*? Come to the Frozen party. FREE goodie bags for all kids! Ages 2-12.

### Jan. 22 Stuffed Animal Storytime (6:00-7:00 pm)

Wear your comfy pajamas and enjoy a Winter themed storytime. Bring your favorite stuffed animal too! Ages 2-5.

### Feb. 2-7 National Children's Authors Week

Celebrate National Children's Authors and Illustrators Week! Stop by the Library between Feb. 2-7 and enter for your chance to win one of several children's books by Michigan authors, including Jonathan Rand. Winners announced Feb. 9. Ages birth-12.

### Feb. 12 Valentine's Day Party (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Celebrate Valentine's Day! Play games, crafts, and enjoy

treats. Ages 5-12.

### Feb. 17 Pizza & Dessert Decorating (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Make your own personal pizza and dip your favorite snacks, including cookies, marshmallows & pretzels, in chocolate. Ages 5-12.

### Preschool Storytimes (Wednesdays @ 10:15am-11:00am):

- 12/3, 12/10, 12/17
- 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

Ages 2-5 are welcome to join us for stories, songs, crafts and more!



"Don't miss your chance to meet Santa and have your picture taken at the Library just in time for the holidays!" ~Lindsay Fricke, Youth Librarian

## Teen Programs

### Dec. 18 Book Club (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Just can't get enough books? Join the Teen Book Club to discuss your thoughts about *Forgotten* by Cat Patrick. Share your current favorite reads and enjoy snacks! Ages 12+

### Jan. 8 Scrapbook Club (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Make your own theme creations for Winter, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day. All supplies provided by the Library. Ages 9+

### Feb. 19 Book Club (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Just can't get enough books? Join the Teen Book Club to discuss your thoughts about *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart. Share your current favorite reads and enjoy snacks! Ages 12+

## Family Programs

### Dec. 11 Santa Claus is Coming to the Library (6:00pm-7:00pm)

Come see Santa! Take pictures with Santa and enjoy chocolate chip cookies. Ages birth-18.

### Feb. 16-20 Mid-Winter Break Fun

#### 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20 Afternoon Movies (1:00pm-3:00pm)

Join us for FREE family friendly movies during break. Popcorn will be served.

### Family Movie Nights

Check our calendar for more information about newly released movies playing at the Library. Admittance is FREE to everyone! Popcorn is served.



## Adult Programs

### **Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Movie Guardians of the Galaxy 5:00pm**

Come join us in the Program Room of the Library as we will be showing the hit film Guardians of the Galaxy.

### **Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Investment Fraud with the Attorney General's Senior Brigade 6:30pm**

The Senior Brigade from the Attorney General of Michigan will be here to show you how to avoid fraudulent schemes and websites when you are looking for places to invest your hard-earned money.

### **Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Tai Chi Instruction with Brenda Stewart 10:15am**

Local Tai Chi Instructor Brenda Stewart will talk about Tai Chi and how beneficial it is as an exercise.

### **Feb (Exact Date TBD) Martial Arts Instruction with Kelly Perkins 11am**

Kelly Perkins, owner of Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness here in Garden City, will be here to teach a class in Self-Defense for Seniors.

### **Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Forensic Artist Sarah Krebs 6:30pm**

Detective/Trooper Sarah Krebs, Michigan State Police forensic artist, will tell us how art and science work together in police investigations. She will show how her evidence-based drawings and three-dimensional reconstructions aid in the investigation of unidentified remains, the apprehension of suspects and the resolution of missing person cases.

Be sure to call the Library at (734) 793-1830 to reserve a spot for any of these presentations.



## Computer Classes (registration required)

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Drop-In Computer Tutoring from 10am to 12pm**

**Dec 9 & 23 Zinio Class 5:30pm**

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Drop-In Computer Tutoring from 10am to 12pm**

**Jan 12 & 27 Zinio Class 5:30pm**

**Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Drop-In Computer Tutoring from 10am to 12pm**

**Feb 9 & 23 Zinio Class 5:30pm**



*"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.

### **Quarterly Meeting Jan 27, 7pm**

Join us for the Friends of the Library quarterly meeting. We will be discussing plans for the coming year.

### **Flower Beds**

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped with the Library's flower beds in 2014! If you would like to help in 2015, leave your contact information with the Library staff.

### **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 – 8:00 PM.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month at 3:00 PM. Upcoming book discussions include:

- Jan 15 Annie's Ghost by Steve Luxenberg
- Mar 19 Philomena by Martin Sixsmith
- May 21 House Rules by Jodi Picoult

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

**Board Members:**

- ❖ **Paul Werhane (President)**
- ❖ **Andrew McMechan (Vice President)**
- ❖ **Janet Smith (Secretary)**
- ❖ **Nancy Bailey**
- ❖ **Lynn Cox**
- ❖ **Nancy Schultz-Speck**

**Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm**  
**Friday & Saturday 12pm-5pm**  
**Closed 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.**

**Like us on Facebook and Follow us on Twitter**



**Library Lovers’ Month in February 2015**

Written by:  
 Lindsay Fricke  
 Youth Librarian



Back by popular demand! Last February the Library had a contest for Library Lovers’ Month. This contest featured receiving a FREE “I Love My Library” punch card. Every time you checked out an item (i.e. book, DVD, magazine, etc.), you received one punch on your card. Once your card had no more punches remaining, you were entered into a raffle.

During the month of February, ask us about this FREE punch card. Participating in this contest is simple and easy! Receive one punch per check out. The

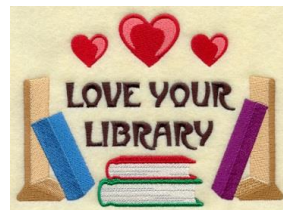
more you visit the Library, the better chance you have to win.

Throughout the first week of February, the Library is giving away FREE children’s books written by Michigan authors, including Jonathan Rand, Nancy Shaw, and Chris Van Allsburg to celebrate National Children’s Authors and Illustrators Week. One entry per child.

Also happening in February is mid-winter break for students in the Garden City Public Schools. If you are looking for some fun activities over break, the Library has you covered! During the week of February 16-20, we will be playing family-friendly movies every day from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

A complete listing of titles will be displayed in the Library. Children can also make a personal pizza and dip their favorite snacks, including cookies, marshmallows & pretzels, in chocolate on February 17 from 6:00-7:00pm.

Don’t forget to check the Library’s calendar on our website (<http://www.gardencitylib.org/index.php/calendar/>) for a complete listing of all our fun programs for all ages!



**Adult Services for Winter 2015**

Written by:  
 Dan Lodge  
 Adult Librarian



The Garden City Public Library is a vital part of the Garden City Community. As a part of the Garden City Community, we would like to help publicize events that are happening in the community through our Facebook page. If your non-profit community organization has an upcoming event that you would like to publicize, then let us know the specific details of the event at least two weeks beforehand and we will post it on our Facebook page.

I would like to wish all of our patrons and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! No doubt a lot of

patrons will receive electronic devices (iPads, Kindles, Nooks) as Christmas gifts. If you need help with downloading an e-book on your Nook or Kindle from our Overdrive service or using a program on one of your devices, then be sure to give us a call and we would be happy to help. If you need further assistance, then bring in your device any time that the Library is open. The Library will be offering one-on-one help with your computer every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12pm.

During the holiday season, I encourage everyone to check out all the new materials that we have available at the Garden City Public Library. From the newest book by Stephen King to the newest album by the Foo Fighters, the Library has a collection that will appeal

to everyone in your family.

Also be sure to check out one of our Adult programs over the Winter. The Library will have programs this Winter including a Tai Chi class, a self-defense class for Seniors and a Forensic Artist from the Michigan State Police who will talk about her work.

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