

News From the Lapeer District Library

Late Fall 2010/Early Winter 2011

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Looking at 2011

All branches of the Lapeer District Library closed:

**November 25 & 26
For Thanksgiving**

**December 23, 24 & 25
For Christmas**

**December 30, 31
And January 1
For New Years**

The budget outlook for the Lapeer District Library looks dismal in 2011. While the economy is growing on a national level, we are still feeling the very deep impact of the recession here in Lapeer County. Nearly 87% of the revenue used for library operations comes from property taxes paid by the nearly 63,000 residents in the City of Lapeer, along with Arcadia, Burlington, Burnside, Deerfield, Elba, Goodland, Hadley, Lapeer, Marathon, Mayfield, Metamora, Oregon and Rich Townships. Property values continue to decline, which means that there are fewer tax dollars. This means that the library, like every other government unit in the county, is tightening its belt another notch.

In 2011, our revenue is projected to be reduced by nearly 8%. In dollars, this is roughly \$155,000. In 2010, revenues were down 2%. For the 2010 budget year, the library administrative staff and board opted to transfer funds from the fund balance into the operating budget in order to run the year smoothly. As of right now, the library is not planning to transfer fund balance dollars for the 2011 budget year that will begin in January. Instead, library staff and the board have worked together to find efficiencies in nearly every budget line. Our staff strives to bring excellent programming to our community through story hours, speakers and other exciting opportunities. Next year's options may be limited, as there are fewer resources to pay for these programs. We continue to seek out free or inexpensive staff training opportunities to keep our staff's skills up to date so that we all are able to continually provide excellent library service to our community. Wait times for new materials may be longer, as fewer copies will be available locally. The Library continues to invest in equipment and technology that will assist in streamlining operations. Our

staff recycles whatever can be recycled, and we are continually attempting to find efficiencies in our internal processes so that we can save both time and money.

One easy way that **YOU and your family** can help: Next time you visit the library, make sure that overdue or hold notices are being sent via e-mail or through our telephone messaging system, rather than through snail mail. You will receive notifications faster, and eliminating the cost of printing notices and postage makes this a win-win situation for everyone!

The Lapeer District Library is not alone in its budget struggles. Countywide, revenues are down and our neighboring libraries are feeling the crunch, too. Outside of Lapeer, libraries are hurting. Some communities have closed their facilities on Sundays, reduced their weekday hours, and have permanent closures of branches or entire systems looming on their horizons. Some libraries are considering staff furlough days, and are even looking at layoffs. The Lapeer District Library's 2011 budget calls for none of these things, but sadly, we cannot guarantee that reductions, closures or layoffs might not happen in the future. As a library director, it is my goal to avoid having to take these steps, but the reality is that with our uncertain economy, everything is on the table for future budget cuts. As always, the staff and board of the Lapeer District Library are committed to providing the best service to our community. We appreciate the time you take to leave suggestions in the suggestion boxes located at all branches, and we thank you for your ongoing support. We are here for you and will continue to work toward our mission of providing and promoting public access to information.

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STORY HOUR AND BRANCH ACTIVITIES

MARGUERITE deAngeli BRANCH

STORY HOURS

The Fall session of toddler and preschool story time at the Marguerite deAngeli Branch begins the week of November 15. Family story time begins November 16. All sessions continue through the week of December 13. There is no story time November 25. Registration is underway while space is available. Contact the children's desk for more information and to register.

Preschool Story Time is for children ages 3½ to 5 years old, not in kindergarten, and ready to enter the story room on their own without their caregiver. Story time is on Friday mornings from 9:30 - 10:15 AM.

Toddler Story Time is for children from ages 2½ to 3½ years. The child's caregiver will be entering the story room with the child and participating fully with the story program. No younger siblings please. This story time is on Wednesday mornings, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM.

Family Story Time is for all ages. Caregivers must attend. Story time is on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15 PM.

BRANCH STORY HOURS

At our branches there are two preschool story hour sessions per year. The fall is underway and continues through the week of December 13. There is no story hour the week of Thanksgiving and if your local school is cancelled because of weather, story hour is also cancelled. Registration is required but continues while space is available.

CLIFFORD BRANCH

Story Hour: Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

COLUMBIAVILLE BRANCH

Story Hour: Fridays from 2:30 - 3:30 PM.

ELBA BRANCH

Story Hour: Mondays from 11:30 - 12:30 PM.

GOODLAND BRANCH

TEMPORARILY CLOSED

HADLEY BRANCH

Story Hour: Tuesdays from 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

METAMORA BRANCH

Story Hour: Mondays from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

Gingerbread House Workshop: December 16 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM

OTTER LAKE BRANCH

Story Hour: Tuesdays from 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Gingerbread House Workshops

Marguerite deAngeli Branch:
December 9; 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Gingerbread house workshop for children of kindergarten age and older. Parents may stay and help. There is no charge but each family is asked to bring a bag of candy or goodies to help decorate the houses. Registration is required and begins November 29 at 9:00 AM. Registration may be made by calling the library at 810 664-6971 or by stopping the children's desk. Participation is limited to 30 children.

Metamora Branch:
December 16; 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Drop in workshop to make and take a graham cracker gingerbread house. Bring a bag of candy if you want to donate toward the fun. See you there for this fun annual event.



Public Computer Training

To register for a class, please call the hosting branch. Classes are always being added to the schedule. For an updated list of classes and statuses check the library's website at www.library.lapeer.org

Class	Date	Time	Location	Registration
Save It—Retrieve It	November 16	2:00 - 4:00 PM	Hadley Branch	Open
Computer Basics I	January 13	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Elba Branch	Open
Meet MeL	January 19	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Metamora Branch	Open
Print Smart	January 26	2:30 - 3:30 PM	Columbiaville Branch	Open

Computer Basics I: Recommended for first time computer users. Includes hardware components of a PC, mouse, keyboard, and Windows basics. No computer experience required.

Print Smart: Take control of your computer print-outs! This class will cover printing page ranges, printing selected text, print preview and other printing tips. Computer experience required.

Meet MeL: An introduction to Michigan Electronic Library (MeL). Learn how you a Michigan resident, can access subscription-only information for FREE. Search reliable databases for personal and educational use. Includes magazine and newspaper articles,

Save It - Retrieve It: This class is for beginner computer users. Class will cover creating and organizing folders; saving and retrieving files on the computer, CDs and flash drives. Mouse skills required.

Christmas Family Sing-A-Long

December 13, 2010

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Marguerite deAngeli Branch

The Festival Singers, a Dickensian quartet, will be here to do a Christmas family sing-a-long. This uniquely talented group of costumed performers not only offer an extensive and varied repertoire of beautiful 5 part a cappella holiday music but also provide several audience participation and interactive skits.

Refreshments will be provided.

Professional Magician Workshop

Marguerite deAngeli Branch

December 29, 3:00 PM



Professional magician, Baffling Bill, will be putting on a magic workshop for children in 2nd grade and above. Each child attending will receive a kit to perform all of the magic tricks being taught.

Space is limited to 30 children with registration starting December 13. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library.

Teens & Tweens

National Gaming Day Saturday, November 13, 1:00 - 2:30 PM Marguerite deAngeli Branch

In celebration of National Gaming Day, the Lapeer District Library is hosting a library video gaming party. Gamers, ages 7 and up, are welcome to join us as Joel Tacey's Tip Top Entertainment brings Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Dance Dance Revolution and other games to the library. Everyone is invited to bring their own remotes and guitars to the Gamefest. Board and card games will also be scattered around the library to play and light snacks will be available. Stop in at the library or call 810 664-6971 to reserve a spot or for more information.

LDL Chess Club Saturday, November 20, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Marguerite deAngeli Branch

Adults and youth ages 7 and up are invited to the Marguerite deAngeli Branch to join the LDL Chess Club with Jeff Bliznik, chess enthusiast. The group meets on the third Saturday of the month. Other chess variant games will be available with Mr. Bliznik's help or drop in for some tips and techniques to improve your game.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Lapeer District Library Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Friday of each month at 11:00 AM in the meeting room of the Marguerite deAngeli Branch. Following is the schedule of books being read and discussed:

November 19 *The Hidden Life of Deer*
By Elizabeth Marshall Thomas

December 17 *The Good Earth*
By Pearl S. Buck

Friends of the Library News

MARGUERITE deANGELI BRANCH - Christmas Book Sale

The Friends of deAngeli Library will once again be selling Christmas books this year. Sale of the beautifully decorated books will begin November 27 and continue until the books are gone. Volunteers are needed on November 20 to help decorate the books. Please show up at deAngeli Library at 10:00 AM if you are able to help.

MARGUERITE deANGELI BRANCH - WINTER BOOKSALE

The Friends will hold a winter book sale Monday, January 3 - Thursday, January 6, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Friday, January 7, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, everything half price; and Saturday, January 8, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, a bag for a buck.

Sunday, January 2, is for Members only, 2:00 - 5:00 PM. Membership information is available at the circulation desk

Volunteers are always needed for set-up on Thursday, December 30 and Clean-up on Sunday, January 9 and for all sales shifts. If interested please contact Jan at 664-7603.

STORY BOOK CHRISTMAS



The staff at the Marguerite deAngeli Branch will continue the tradition of Story Book Christmas. The staff will be collecting new children's books that will be given to the Goodfellow organization to put in the Christmas boxes and distributed to needy families in Lapeer County. Unwrapped donations may be brought to the children's room between November 12 and December 12. Board books are especially needed this year. Books must be non-holiday. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Checks are to be made payable to the Friends of the Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library. Library staff will then shop for books. Many books are needed for this project and the library staff is grateful for the support of patrons and the community to give each child a new book at Christmas time.



Below is an alphabetical list by title of forthcoming and newly acquired items at your library. You may view the entire list at the library's website at www.library.lapeer.org by clicking on "New Items". Holds may be placed on titles not on the shelf from any of the Lapeer District Library locations or from your home computer at www.library.lapeer.org

ADULT FICTION

Bliss Remembered by Frank Deford
The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman
Dog Tags by David Rosenfelt
Eleventh Grade Burns by Heather Brewer (YA)
Fall of Giants by Ken Follett
Freedom by Jonathan Franzen
Legacy: a Novel by Danielle Steel
The Nobodies Album by Carolyn Parkhurst
Painted Ladies by Robert B. Parker
Pretty Little Things by Jilliane Hoffman
The Reversal by Michael Connelly
Roy & Lillie by Loren D. Estleman
Skippy Dies by Paul Murray
Stiltville by Susanna Daniel
Texas Standoff by Elmer Kelton
The Valcour Heiress by Catherine Coulter
Walking the Witch by Kelley Armstrong

ADULT NONFICTION

Called to Coach by Bobby Bowden
The Cleveland Clinic Guide to Heart Attacks by Curtis Mark Rimmermab, MD, MBA, FACC
Furniture Repair & Restoration by Brian D. Hingley
Grocery Gardening: Planting, preparing and preserving fresh food by Jean Ann Van Kreveken
How to Draw Vampires by Mike Butkus (YA)
How to Retire Happy by Stan Hinden
Learn Like a Leader: Today's top leaders share their learning journeys edited by Marshall Goldsmith

Overhaul by Steven Rattner

Still Procrastinating: the no-regrets guide to getting it done by Joseph R. Ferrari, Ph.D.

Stretching by Bob Anderson

Treat Me Not my Age by Mark Lachs, MD

CHILDREN'S

The 25 Greatest Baseball Players of All Times by Len Berman (JNF)
Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls Book 6, Blast from the Past by Meg Cabot (JF)
Amazing Animals: Lions by Valerie Bodden (JNF)
Amazing Animals: Parrots by Valerie Bodden (JNF)
Dragon's Apprentice by James A. Owen (JF)
Draw 50 Dogs by Lee J. Ames (JNF)
Emperor's Egg by Martin Jenkins (JF)
God is in the Pancakes by Robin Epstein (JF)
House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman (JF)
Janis Joplin Rise Up Singing by Ann Angel (BIOGRAPHY)
Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park (JF)
O Christmas Tree: it's history and holiday traditions by Jacqueline Farmer (JNF)
Patrick's Dinosaurs (sound recording) by Carol Car-rick (JF)
Robots by Jenny Mackay (JNF)
Secret, Mystifying, Unusual History of Magic by Patrice Sherman (JNF)
VROOM! Motoring into the Wild World of Racing by Tim Miller (JNF)

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The Family Literacy Center
and the Lapeer District Li-
brary are Partners for Literacy
in Lapeer County

Is Discipline an Issue in Your Home?

Monday, December 6
10:00 – 10:45 AM
Ruth Hughes Library
211 North Almont Avenue, Imlay City 46444

Is discipline an issue in your home or classroom? Would you like to be more prepared when behavior problems arise? Family Literacy Center will present a workshop on discipline and learning disabilities. Learn strategies for improving your child's behavior! At this 90 minute workshop we will view an outstanding DVD by Richard Lavoie, educator, administrator, author, and consultant. Gain advice on dealing with behavioral problems. Learn how to anticipate problems before they start! Discover how to create a stable learning environment! This workshop is full of great information offered at no cost to you! The workshop will be held on

Help Your Child With Homework!

Tuesday, December 7
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Marguerite deAngeli Branch Library
921 W. Nepessing Street, Lapeer

Is homework a nightly battle at your house? Do you and your child end up yelling at each other while nothing gets done? What happens if you say you are taking away a treasured electronic toy? Does being grounded change behavior? If any of these sounds like a regular occurrence in your home you need the relief that only "Tutoring Made Easy" can provide! Find out what you can do to end this struggle between you and your child! Enroll in Family Literacy Center's FREE workshop for parents and caregivers! Lunch and all materials are provided. Registration is required. Adults only please. No childcare provided

ABCs, Activities, Books and Cookies

Wednesday, December 8
10:00 - 10:45 AM
Mott Community College, Room 301
550 Lake Drive, Lapeer 48446

This fun, interactive workshop is presented by the Family Literacy Center at no cost to you! The workshop focuses on pre-reading and reading activities for preschool children 3-6 years old and a parent or caregiver. Participate in learning activities that will help develop reading skills. Enjoy a snack and take home a free book as well as valuable resources from the Family Literacy Center! Siblings are welcome!

To register for any of these events, contact the Family Literacy Center at 810-664-2737 or by email ican@readlapeer.org. Visit Family Literacy Center on the web at: www.readlapeer.org. Family Literacy Center and the Lapeer District Library are partners for literacy in Lapeer County.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WWW.LIBRARY.LAPEER.ORG

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DATE	LOCATION	TIME	EVENT
November 12 - December 12	Marguerite deAngeli Branch	During Library Hours	Story Book Christmas, see page 4
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January 13	Elba Branch	4:00 - 6:00 PM	*Computer Basics I class
January 15	Marguerite deAngeli Branch	2:00 - 4:00 PM	LDL Chess Club
January 19	Metamora Branch	3:00 - 5:00 PM	*Meet MeL computer class
January 24	Marguerite deAngeli Branch	6:00 - 7:30 PM	Al Eicher presents "The Early Days of Radio in Michigan"
January 26	Columbiaville Branch	2:30 - 3:30 PM	*Print Smart computer class
January 27, 2011	Marguerite deAngeli Branch	3:00 PM	Library Board of Trustees meeting

* Registration necessary



Butterflies, Birds and Bears

By Dr. Alan Charnley

November 9, 2010

6:30 PM

Dr. Alan Charnley will present photos of his trip to Yellowstone National Park. He will also have pictures of some of the other nature spots he has visited. Come and see some amazing nature photography. The doors open at 6:00 PM in the meeting room of the Marguerite deAngeli Branch.



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Marguerite deAngeli Main Branch 921 W Nepessing St. Lapeer MI 48446 810 664-6971	Melissa Malcolm, Assistant Director Mon. - Thur. 9-8; Fri. & Sat. 9 - 5/ Sun. 1-5 Closed Sunday (Summer Hours) Fax 810 664-5581	Hadley Branch 3556 Hadley Rd. Hadley MI 48440	Mon. & Tue. 11 - 8; Wed. & Thur. 2 - 8; Sat 9 - 2 810 797-4101 Fax 810 797-2912
Clifford Branch 9530 Main St. Clifford MI 48727	Mon, Wed. & Thur. 2 - 7 989 761-7393 Fax 989 761-7541	Metamora Branch 4018 Oak St. Metamora MI 48455	Mon. 9 - 5; Wed. & Thur. 11- 8; Fri. 9 - 2 810 678-2991/Fax 810 678-3253
Columbiaville Branch 4718 First St. Columbiaville MI 48421	Mon. & Wed. 2 - 8 Fri. 11 - 5 810 793-6100/Fax 810 793-6243	Otter Lake Branch 6361 Detroit St. Otter Lake MI 48464	Mon. 10 - 3; Tue. & Thu. 2 - 7 810 793-6300 Fax 810 793-7040
Elba Branch 5508 Davison Rd. Lapeer, MI 48446	Mon. 11 - 5; Thur. 1 - 7 810 653-7200 Fax 810 653-4267	Library Board Members: Catherine Alberts Bill Butler Gale Crooks Janet Engler	Leonard Lumley Don Miller - Presiding Barbara Sak Jan Watz

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