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MI Notable Book author to speak about state asylum

The Michigan Asylum for the Insane opened in Kalamazoo in 1859 as Michigan's first state institution created solely for the care and treatment of the mentally ill. Explore the history of this fascinating facility as author William A. Decker, M.D. discusses his 2009 Michigan Notable Book "Asylum for the Insane: A History of the Kalamazoo State Hospital," **Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m.** in the Library Programming Center.

In this outstanding history, complete with dozens of images and schematic maps, Dr. Decker, a former medical superintendent of the hospital, places emphasis on the treatments themselves, including hydrotherapy, electroconvulsive therapy and psychoanalysis, the various instruments used and the growth and development of the hospital's campuses and buildings. Registration for this free program is mandatory. Please call (586) 446-2669 or visit www.shpl.net.



Work began on the Children's Garden at the end of last summer. Come to the dedication to see the beautiful finished project!

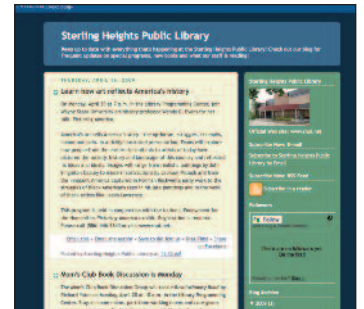
Library's Children's Art Garden to be dedicated May 9

The Children's Art Garden will be dedicated and officially opened to the public on **Saturday, May 9 at 2 p.m.** The public is welcome to attend this special ceremony, which will celebrate the great new feature for family and children and also show appreciation to the sponsors who made it possible. These sponsors include the Friends of the Library and Corinne O'Reilly and family, who dedicated their donation in honor of former Sterling Heights attorney Paul J. O'Reilly. Refreshments will be served.

In the case of inclement weather, the dedication will be held in the Library Programming Center. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling (586) 446-2640.



Left, the Sterling Heights Public Library on Facebook; right, the Sterling Heights Public Library's new blog.



Check out the library online

The Sterling Heights Public Library is offering more ways than ever to find information about what we offer! Programs, events, services and even what we're reading can now be found online on our blog: sterlingheightspubliclibrary.blogspot.com and on our Facebook page.

If you are on Facebook, become our fan and you'll receive updates and postings from our blog. The page's name is "Sterling Heights Public Library."

The blog offers a few great options for receiving information, too. Subscribe to our RSS feed and receive information through any RSS reader (e.g. Google Reader, Yahoo, etc.). The blog's sidebar also includes the ability to subscribe to the blog by entering your e-mail account.

That way, new postings including everything going on at the library will be delivered right to your inbox, and you won't miss a thing! As always, you can visit the library's Web site at www.shpl.net.

Historical Commission to sponsor Bath City program

The history of Mount Clemens as a world famous bath or spa city is an exciting story of a once dynamic health industry from the 1870s to the 1970s. The beginning, growth and final demise of this exciting industry has been captured in a history rich documentary produced by Donald W. Green, Cindy Sue Donahue and Joe Peruzzi.

Join Donahue and Green on **Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m.** in the Library Programming Center as they show "Mount Clemens: The Bath City" and offer a display of related historic artifacts. Today there are only a few people who remember the flourishing activity that created 70 hotels, rooming houses and 11 bath spas and created thousands of jobs. The fame of the spa baths was promoted all over the United States and Europe. Every summer more than 50,000 people arrived each month and sought help from these curative waters with the "21-Day Treatment."

Gaming for seniors

A special gaming day for seniors will be held in the Library Programming Center on **Thursday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.** Participants can play *Nintendo Wii* sports, donated by the Friends of the Library. Registration is not required.



Good for a \$1 discount on any purchase in the Friends Bookstore between May 1 and May 31, 2009. You must be a member of the Friends of the Sterling Heights Public Library. Expires 5/31/09

Mom's Club Book Group

Stay-at-home and part-time working moms, the Mom's Club book discussion group is for you. Feel free to bring the kids! Toys will be set up for children in the same room while the book discussion takes place. On **Monday, May 18 at 10 a.m.**, the group will discuss *The Reader* by Bernhard Schlink. Light refreshments will be served. Participants are responsible for obtaining a copy of the title under discussion. **Registration is not required.**

Learn tips for job hunting online @ the library

These days you will probably have to use the Internet to look for jobs. Learn about various "help" sites as well as how to look for jobs, post resumes, privacy and security issues, and more at Job Hunting Online, **Thursday, May 7 at 10 a.m.** in the Library Programming Center. Registration is not required.

Good Reads talks great books

Check out reader favorites from many genres with *Good Reads*, the library's book discussion group. The group will meet at **7 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 12** in the Library Programming Center. The group will discuss *Life on the Mississippi* by Edwin O'Connor. Registration is not required.

Bookstore updates

New stock is added to the store often, so stop by every time you visit the library. **Mollie Wolfe** and **Theresa Drobek**, our May gift certificate winners, will enjoy dinner at Ruby Tuesday as a thank you for their volunteer work.

Teen programs @ the library

Teens Hang Out @ the Library

This program continues on Thursdays, **May 5 and 21**, from **2:30-5 p.m.** for teens in sixth through 12th grade. After May, Teen Hangouts will end until next school year. There are lots of great programs coming up for teens this summer, so check this newsletter, the Sterling Heights Magazine or the library's Web site – www.shpl.net – for more information.

Scrapbooking for Teens @ the Library

Teens will have a chance to preserve their memories and start a new hobby with a scrapbooking class **May 30 from 2-4 p.m.** Teens are encouraged to bring one to two photos (which are OK to cut) around which they will develop a scrapbook page.

The class will be led by Rachel Gorday, a scrap booking consultant/instructor. Gorday will teach scrapbooking

craft techniques as well as the concepts of preserving heritage and treasured memories. Registration for this class is **MANDATORY**; Call (586) 446-2640 or visit www.shpl.net by May 15. No late registrations will be accepted.

Children's programs @ the Library

Pokemon Monday

These after-school programs are just for you: bring your cards, games, and other Pokemon paraphernalia to show, tell, and trade. This is a time for you to meet other Pokemon fans, play your games, and talk about all things Pokemon. Snacks will be provided, and parents or other caregivers are welcome. Pokemon Monday will run from **3:30-5:30 p.m. on May 4.**

Monday Medley

For children ages 3½-5 years at 7 p.m.

May 4: I Love Mom

May 11: The Moon

Tuesday Storytime

Held at 10 and 11 a.m. for children ages 3½-5.

May 5: I Love Mom

May 12: Bugs

Tuesday Toddler Time

Held at 10 and 11 a.m. for toddlers ages 2-3. Parents or caregivers are encouraged to join in.

May 5: Birds

May 12: Animal Sounds

Paws for Reading

Children can read to a certified therapy dog on **Tuesdays, May 5 and 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday Storytime

Held at 10 a.m. only, for children ages 3½-5.

May 6: Mother's Day

May 13: Moontime

Wonderful Wednesdays

These are held in the Programming Center and offer a variety of events including Toddler Times and 1-2-3 Chat social time which includes crafts, toys, refreshments and books.

May 6: Toddler Time - Birds, 10 & 11 a.m.

May 13: 1-2-3 Chat, 10 a.m. - noon

Library Explorers

May 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Library

Programming Center: Birds - Spring has sprung and along with it the return of many of our favorite birds.

Many of our folktales and stories focus on birds. Join our special guest from the Nature Center for this educational program.

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