

# FRIENDS OF THE CADILLAC WEXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## Starting New Lives in Cadillac: The Local Immigration Experience Library Community Room Saturday, February 13 at 1pm

As **Cadillac residents**, many of us have immigration stories, whether it's our own, our parents', our grandparents' or generations beyond. Five local residents (from Cambodia, Taiwan, Ukraine, and Austria) have offered to share their first-hand experiences. They came to the United States as adults, leaving family behind and starting new lives. Learn what they have learned from their experiences in living in their new country—their new community.

In 2009-2010, the **Michigan Humanities Council**, chose *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen (pronounced Bit Min Nin) as the **Great Michigan Read**. This book is a memoir of Ms. Nguyen's experience of being brought from Vietnam in 1975 as an infant by her father and other family members. She chronicles growing up in Grand Rapids struggling to come to terms with her cultural identity.

The Michigan Humanities Council has helped fund this program as they encourage Michigan residents to learn more about their state and its residents by reading books written by, for or about Michigan residents.

### More about the Great Michigan Read

The **Great Michigan Read** was launched as a biannual program in 2007 by the **Michigan Humanities Council**. Conceived as a book club for the entire state, the GMR was created to facilitate dialogue and a greater understanding of Michigan, its people and history. The first GMR selection in 2007-2008 was Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adam Stories." For more on the Great Michigan Read, visit

[www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr](http://www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr). Coming to the Dennon Museum in Traverse City "Their Journey: Vietnamese in America" exhibit March 1-26, 2010



**Michigan Humanities Council**  
Michigan People, Michigan Places



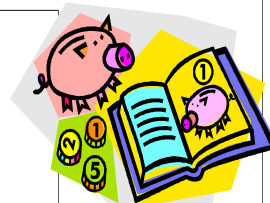
## WINTER BOOK SALE A little bit of everything

**Saturday February 13**

**9am—1pm**

**Community Room**

**come see the remodeling—  
stay for the immigration program**



Save bucks!

Expand your horizons— read a new subject, author, genre—learn something new, entertain yourself and your family—prepare for your winter and summer travel.

**DONATIONS and  
ESTATE PLANNING  
Gifts that keep on giving**

The Friends is a 501(c)3 organization whose donations are tax deductible. Friends funds are used to purchase equipment for the library and to fund programs and events for children and adults. Past purchases include audio visual equipment for the community room, portable sound system and Children's room globe. Events have included Patrick Ball Celtic harpist, Murder Takes a Road Trip 3-author stop, Twilight-New Moon Party for teens and Scrabble tournaments—all with funding assistance by the Friends.

If you would like to consider making a gift to the Friends of the Library or to the Cadillac Wexford Public Library through your estate plan or will, please contact Kathy Kirch or Cathy Tacoma at 775-6541.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
Next Meeting at 8 am on  
Saturday February 13**

**EARLY START to Prepare for the  
BOOK SALE AT 9am  
Members – come for Breakfast!**

**The Friends are proud to be members  
of:**

Cadillac Arts Council (CAC)  
Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML)  
Michigan Library Association (MLA)  
Assn of Library Trustees, Advocates,  
Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF)  
(formerly Friends of the Library  
USA)

**IS Your Friend's Membership up for Renewal?** Check your mailing label.. We value your membership whether you are an active member or able only to provide us encouragement. Please re-join today!

**YES, I want to be a FRIEND of the Cadillac Wexford Public Library**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be a **Book of the Month** friend/teen/family—Here's my **\$5.00** membership fee

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be a **Newberry Prize** winning friend/family—here's my **\$10.00** membership fee

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be a **Pulitzer Prize** winning friend/family—here's my **\$25.00** membership fee

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be a **Nobel Prize** winning friend/family—here's my \_\_\_\_\_ membership fee

\_\_\_\_\_ Here's my **RENEWAL** fee \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be an **ACTIVE** member of the FRIENDS. Please give me a call.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would consider making a gift to Cadillac Wexford Friends of the Library through my estate plan or will. Please contact me.

**Thank you for your support!**

Please make checks to: **Friends of the Library**

Questions—leave a message at the library  
at 775-6541

Please hand deliver or mail to the library at:

Friends of the Library  
411 S. Lake St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601

## DEMI-GOD GET DOWN—

### Percy Jackson Party!

**Ages 6 and up**

**Saturday February 6 at 11am**

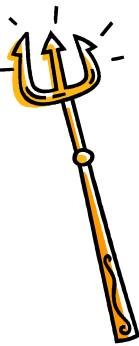
### Love Percy Jackson?

**Come on down to the Library and Party like an Olympian at our Percy Jackson extravaganza!!**

**Train to fight monsters at our own camp half-blood . consult the oracle & undertake your own quest.**

**Snack served to hungry heroes in training!**


**Must pre-register with Miss Tracy or in the Children's Room to participate. Call 775-6541 ext. 106 or just stop by.**



**Want to know what is going on in the Children's Room?**

Sign up for the Children's Room electronic mail list and receive an email listing events for the current month.

Sign up at the Children's Room desk.

**Don't stop reading— More great kids stuff on pages 4 and 6!!** 

### National Days / Independence Days

If you want to learn more about other countries and what days they celebrate their independence or national days go to

[www.kidsturncentral.com/holidays/glossary/defindependence.htm](http://www.kidsturncentral.com/holidays/glossary/defindependence.htm). Look at the bottom of the newsletter pages to see what dates some countries celebrate.

### Questions?

Call Tracy Logan,  
Children's Librarian  
at the Cadillac Wexford  
Public Library  
775-6541 ext. 106  
or Contact  
Rob Rogers  
of Magnum Kennels  
at 231-824-6777

**At the Cadillac  
Wexford  
Public Library**

**Presented by  
Therapy Dogs  
International.**



## Canine Counselors



# ANIME 2010

Ages 13 and  
up

Saturday – February 20

12 noon – 5 pm

Join your friends to watch Anime, draw,  
discuss Manga, participate in the  
Yu-Gi-Oh tournament (bring a prize card as ante)

## Wii Night returns for all ages on Tuesdays at 6pm

February 9, 16, 23

Play Mario Kart, Wii Sports  
and others

Don't know what  
Wii and the fuss is  
all about—come  
find out at the  
Library! Newbies  
and the uninitiated  
are **WELCOME!**



# Duct Tape Crafts

Thursday February 11 at 6pm

Ages 11-14



Duct tape: it's like the force, It has a light side and a dark side and it binds the universe together. Learn how to harness the awesome power of duct tape and make CD holders, wallets , and more. Snacks served and it's all free!



# Spa Night

Pamper yourself at the library. Learn to make inexpensive face scrubs, hair masks & other beauty products at home.

All Free

Wednesday Feb. 17

6pm–8pm

Ages 13-18





## MOVIES IN FEBRUARY

February 4

**Love Happens** 6pm

February 10

**Time Traveler's Wife** 6pm

February 20

**Anime** 12pm-5pm

February 25

**Cirque Du Freak: Vampire's Assistant** 6pm

February 27

**Penguins of Madagascar** 2pm

## Have you seen all the great changes at the library?

- The community room is one third larger with much more seating capacity as evidenced by the large crowds for Celtic harpist Patrick Ball and the Teen Twilight-New Moon Party.
- Welcomed windows now bring natural light into the community room
- The restrooms are larger, modern, with cool cement floors and tiled walls. The Pewabic tiles are cool enough to warrant a picture on page 1.
- The garage is no longer, but has undertaken a miraculous transformation into a warm and welcoming place for staff to have much deserved breaks and meals. The area also provides a larger staging area for receiving and sending out books and mail.
- A smaller meeting room is available for study groups or meetings and individual tutoring by the literacy group.

Guided tours of the library will be available during **National Library Week** April 11-17, 2010—this year's theme: **"Communities Thrive @Your Library"**



## COMPUTER CLASSES IN FEBRUARY

all classes are on **Wednesdays at 10am**

Classes are Free but you must pre-register

Beginning Computers—February 3

Beginning Internet — February 10

Intermediate Email—February 17

Beginning Excel—February 24

Register at the Reference Desk or by calling 775-6541

**FREE Classes Open to all**

## On Facebook?

Become a fan of the library. Stay up to date on current events at the Cadillac Wexford Public Library.



Printed **Tax forms** and informational material is available in the library entrance hallway or

on-line at [www.michigan.gov/taxes](http://www.michigan.gov/taxes) or [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)



## Monday Madness

**Monday 3 pm – 7 pm Ages 7+**



Drop in for some fun after-school activities every Monday. Each week will feature a different set of self directed activities with a theme like board games or crafts. The last Monday of every month will feature a Wii Tournament. No sign up necessary but the Wii Tournament starts promptly at 4:00 p.m.!

## Toddler Tuesdays



Most Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. for ages 3-5. Stories, songs, activities and crafts! No sign up necessary. The last Tuesday of every month meet someone important in our community like a fire man or police officer.

## Art Bandits!

**Who?** Anyone ages 8-12

**When?** 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

**Where?** The Cadillac Wexford Public Library  
Community Room



**Why?** 'Cause we love to create! Join us for a new fun project every month like jewelry making or screen printing. No sign up necessary– just come ready to get messy. We supply the materials, you bring the imagination! All free.

## Getting Loud at the Library Playgroup



**Ages 1-5**

**Friday Morning 11:00 am–12:00 noon**

The Library will provide space and some basic toys– you make the fun! (Feel free to bring along your own toys to share. No tricycles, please.) No sign up necessary.

## Kid's Book Club

Ages 9-12

Last Thursday of the  
Month



Club reads one book together over the course of the month and then meets to discuss it and enjoy an activity and snack. Multiple copies of each book are available through the library. Call Miss Tracy at ext. 106 w/ questions about current book.

Questions? Call 775-6541 ext. 106

## The 2010 U.S. Census: A Snapshot

**What::** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

**Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.

**When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.

**Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

That's why it's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the numbers of seats your state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. And people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.

When you do the math, it's easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for your community. Better infrastructure. More services. A brighter tomorrow for everyone. In fact, the information the census collects helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

Would you like to work for the  
2010 U.S. Census?  
Employment application forms  
are available at the library

### **Book Review** by Jeanne Carlson

#### **THE HELP** by Kathryn Stockett

Lucky you. You have this book ahead of you to read. And it is a very good thoughtful read. It is a tale of three women of the Deep South in the 40's, 50's and 60's. You discover that the whole town of Jackson, Mississippi is chock-a-block full of secrets. It seems that everything social that these women do is for "show." It is the tale of women who use black women, the Help, as tools and the black women who don't complain for fear of being fired. One of the three women's names is Eugenia which just happens to be my legal name. Eugenia recruits one of the black women to tell the true story of conditions under which she works. Eugenia has aspirations to write a novel about how the true society operates. Eugenia needs twelve black maids to tell the true story of how they are treated, secretly of course, so she will have enough material to write a book.

The author writes in a Southern dialect that might throw off some people but you will get used to it. Her descriptions of time and place are right on and I loved this book. It was fun for me to read. Even though I am a Northerner, I have a story about a black maid. With the birth of my fifth child, a decision was somehow made that I needed some help with the housework, maybe because you couldn't walk through it anymore. Her name was Mamie and we got along very well as I remember. One day when I got home from work, Mamie proudly opened the trunk of her car and showed me a sack with a very dead squirrel in it. The poor thing had come down the chimney of our fireplace in the wrong home and Mamie promptly whopped it with a broom, for her supper. It is an understatement to say I was shocked. Very. Though I am getting terribly forgetful, I will never forget this.

## LIBRARY WINTER HOURS

Cadillac 231-775-6541  
Monday thru Thursday 9am—8 pm  
Friday 9am—6pm  
Saturday 9am-6pm

Manton 231-824-3584  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10:00am—5:00pm  
Tuesday, Thursday 11:30am— 6:30pm  
Saturday 9:00am—12:00pm

Mesick 231-885-1120  
Monday 10am—2pm  
Tuesday-Wednesday 2pm -6pm  
Thursday 2pm—8pm  
Friday, Saturday 10am -2pm

Buckley 231-269-3325  
Monday—Thursday 3:30pm to 6:30pm

Tustin 231-829-3012  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9am—5pm  
Wednesday 10am—5pm, 6pm—8pm  
Friday 1pm -5pm  
Saturday 9am—12 noon

**Library Co-Directors**—Cathy Tacoma and Kathy Kirch  
**Library Board** meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Meetings are open to the public. No meetings in January and February.

**Cadillac Wexford County Public Library**  
411 South Lake St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-6541  
[www.cadillaclibrary.org](http://www.cadillaclibrary.org)

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



There are no  
holiday  
closures  
in February.

Celebrate  
Chinese  
New Year



on  
February 14  
Year of the Tiger  
and Valentine's Day.  
Don't forget your  
paczki on  
Fat Tuesday—  
February 16

## NEW IN THE STACKS

### Listen to the best in drama

Well-known plays re-enacted and  
available on CD—

*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

*The Importance of Being Ernest* by Oscar Wilde

*Shakespeare's Greatest Hits* by the Bard

*Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw

*Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose

*The War of the Worlds* by H. G. Wells  
(WOW performed by actors from Star Trek and Star  
Trek:NG, including Leonard Nimoy)

## NEW BOOKS ARRIVING ALL THE TIME

### CAN YOU READ THIS?

**Would you like to learn to read better?  
Or do you know an adult (18 and over)  
who would like to learn to read?**

**Call the Library Literacy Council at  
775-6541 and ask about "learning to read".  
Make 2010 the year to improve your life or  
help someone else improve theirs.**

*"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading,  
or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." Confucius*