

**FRIENDS OF THE
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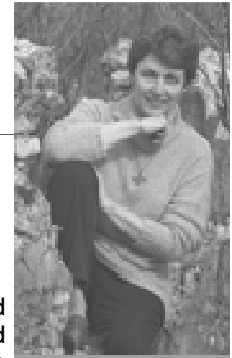
**2nd Annual
Scrabble
Tournament**

Saturday February 28

See page 4 for more info

**Join the Friends
in welcoming:**

**PEG HERRING, author
Saturday January 24**



**Part 1.
Love Historic
Novels???**

Join Peg in discussing one of her favorite reading genres— historic novels

Bring your favorite historic novels and reviews to share with others.

11am-noon

**Free
Admission**

Community Room



**Part II.
Write, Edit, Publish Workshop
From 1pm-4pm**

Peg Herring was a high school English and Drama teacher before her retirement. She has held writing workshops throughout Northern Michigan. She has seen her play based on fairy tales performed on high school stages.

Herring is the author of a historic novel, *“Macbeth’s Niece”*, which she explains as, *“I waded into this mess quite willingly. If Shakespeare stretched the truth, then so could I. Boldly, I created for Macbeth a brother with a large family. I wove the story of Tessa, a feisty Scottish lass, into the larger tapestry of Macbeth’s rise and fall. It was a lot of fun, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.”* Herring’s book will be on sale at the workshop.

Workshop Fee

Friends of the Library members \$20 All Others \$25

Limited to 25 persons - Payment required by 1/20/09

Register by contacting Vicki Essenmacher at 779-0559.

Genealogy 101—501

with Joy Hogg

Saturday February 14

At 2pm - Free admission

in the Library Community Room

Joy has long been an avid researcher of her own family’s roots. As a computer teacher, she has learned to use technology to aid her search and information gathering at various internet sites and to keep track and record her findings. Learn what resources are available to you at your fingertips to learn about your family’s history.



**HAVE YOU SEEN THESE
BAGS???**

In the Library’s on-going desire to be resourceful with the earth’s resources, reusable cloth bags are now being made available to Library patrons to replace the plastic bags that have been used in the past. The message on the bag is **“Read, Return, Repeat”**. The bags are being sold at cost for \$6.00. Library patrons are encouraged to use these or their own protective bags to carry books back and forth from the library to your home especially in inclement weather . Bags can be purchased at the front desk.

In addition, a children’s bag is available for **free** for children up to age 12 when they register as patrons for the first-time. The **Cadillac Area Community Foundation** provided a grant to pay for these reusable bags for children who are patrons and live in their grant catchment area. For new children patrons in the remaining Wexford county area the Library is making the children’s bag available to them for free as well.



Heart-felt thanks To:

Jeffrey Schatzer for his informative and entertaining talk in November about his various books for children and juveniles (and big kids too) that answered many questions: 1) Why are there so many Santas running around? 2) Why do runaway veggies return to the garden? and on a serious note 3) Who were the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps?

Patrons and staff who made food contributions, including Food For Fines, for Project Christmas and other food pantries in our community.

Thanks to the following **Project Christmas volunteers** for helping out with the FOL-managed Book Table on December 13. We couldn't have done it without **Joy Martin**, who attended PC meetings throughout the year, ordered free books (valued at \$50,000 from Project Enrichment), bought books with FOL funds and other contributions, sought out more books as donations/contributions, scheduled workers, and then spent two 12 hour days doing physical labor - INCREDIBLE! Thanks also to: **Tim Martin, Phillis Dwyer Elsa Skipper, Cliff Sjogren, Pat Sjogren, Jen Lin St. Charles, Joan Alinder, Barbara Savage, Larry Waldo** and dependable truck, **Rosemary Rokita**, Cooley High School Principal **Ken Gorlewski** and his students. Anyone else who may have been forgotten or whose names we didn't have, including those who were pulled from other places on PC day and offered to help.

COME JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

On the 2nd Saturday
of each month at 10am
January 10
February 14

**NEW and Current
MEMBERS WELCOME!**

The Friends are proud to be
members of:

Cadillac Arts Council (CAC)
Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML)
Michigan Library Association (MLA)
Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA)

Donations to the Cadillac Wexford Public Library and/or to the Friends of the Library (501c3) are

TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Ask the library staff to provide you a receipt

Please ask the co-directors Cathy Tacoma or Kathy Kirch on how you can help with the Library's Phase II Expansion Plans

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.

Thank you for your support!

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

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

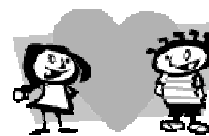
Please hand deliver or mail to the library at:

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



Groundhog day 2/2

TODDLER TUESDAY STORYTIME



Valentine Day 2/14

Join Library staff for stories, games, and/or crafts centered around a theme.

Most Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

Held in the **Story Time Corner** in the Children's Room.

Please arrive early



President's Day 2/16

- Story time usually lasts about 45 minutes
- No registration is required
- For children ages 3-5 who must be accompanied by an adult
- Any other questions and to confirm story dates please ask the children's librarian at 775-6541



KIDS CAN LISTEN AND/OR READ ALONG
TO 100'S OF DIFFERENT CHILDREN'S TITLES

- * BOOKS IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES
(FRENCH, SPANISH, RUSSIAN)
- * GAMES—PUZZLES

Click on at home or at the library by accessing the kids page at www.cadillaclibrary.org

Wii Tuesday Night

January 13th and 27th
TEENS night.

Come play Guitar Hero III, Dance Dance Revolution, and Super Smash Bro. Brawl

January 6th and 20th Everyone Welcome to play Mario Kart and Wii Sports



MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Explore/enjoy the world of film



January 8 Mamma Mia 5:30pm

January 10 Anime 12pm-5pm

January 15 Disaster Movie
6:00pm

January 17 Alvin and the Chipmunks 2pm

January 22 Igor 6pm

January 29 Max Payne 5:30pm

January 31 Open Season 2 2pm



Bring a snack and beverage and enjoy the show.

The Friends of the Library sponsored
2nd Annual Scrabble Tournament



Saturday February 28
10am (sharp!) — 3pm
Community Room

\$7.00 fee includes lunch at noon and a chance to win prizes

1st Prize \$30.00

2nd Prize \$20.00

3rd Prize 2009 Booklovers Calendar

This fun and friendly competition is open to ages 12 and up.

Submit your registration & non-refundable fee at the Library front desk by February 24. Previous years' winners are welcome to play but are unable to win prizes. For further questions regarding this tournament contact Vickie at 779-0559

SCRABBLE CLUB meets

On the third Saturday of every month from 10am-1pm Library Community Room

For more information call:

Dick Bensel at 231-510-9658 or Pam Holmquist at 231-829-3379 or email Pam at scrabblecat@yahoo.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

AND SERVICE - Theresa Faix Williams

After serving five years on the Library Board, Theresa Faix Williams' term came to a close in December of 2008. As a resident of the Manton area, she was appointed by the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, in particular to represent library users at the Manton Branch library and be a voice for residents who live further out from the city center. Within the Board structure, Ms. Williams was part of the Personnel committee, entrusted with issues of salary, hiring, and the health care plan. She was actively involved in the extensive renovation and landscaping of the library building in 2006 and was present to help celebrate the Centennial of the Library in the same year. Ms. Williams also oversaw the successful renewal of the millage in 2008. The position she vacates will not be filled because the current board is coming into compliance to have five members, as required by Michigan state law, by attrition. Ms. Williams will be remembered for her active participation on the Board and her contributions of opinion and ideas, which are the life blood of a functioning Board.

Scrabble Tournament Rules

Saturday February 28

- Games will consist of two players, matched by a draw.
- Maximum game time is 2 hrs. 2nd game begins at 12:40pm
- Two games will be played with different partners for each.
- After the afternoon game, scores will be added and top scorer (2 game total) will be the winner of \$30.00. Second place scorer will win \$20.00 and third place scorer will win a 2009 Booklover's Calendar. In the event of a tie, names will be drawn for the winner.
- Set up: draw for 1st play. Player drawing tile closest to "A" begins. Blank tile beats any letter.
- No diagonal words allowed.
- Complete your turn by counting, announcing and recording score. Both players record both scores. An official will total scores at the end of the game.
- Each player keeps seven letters on his rack, as long as there are enough left in the bag.
- No tile may be shifted or replaced after it has been played and scored.
- Blanks may be used as any letters. When playing a blank you must state which letter it represents. It remains that letter for the rest of the game.
- You may use a turn to exchange all, some or none of your letters. To do this, place your discarded letters face down, draw same number of letters from the pool, and then mix your discarded letters into the pool. This ends your turn.
- 4th Edition Scrabble Dictionary will be official dictionary of the day.
- Not allowed: Capitalized words, abbreviations, prefixes and suffixes standing alone, words requiring a hyphen or an apostrophe.
- Any play may be challenged before the next player starts a turn. If the play challenged is unacceptable, the challenged player takes back his or her tiles, and loses that turn. If the play challenged is acceptable, the challenger loses his or her next turn. All words made in one play are challenged simultaneously. If any word is unacceptable, the entire play is unacceptable. Only one turn is lost on any challenge.
- Game ends when all letters have been drawn and one player uses his or her last letter, or when all possible plays have been made or when 2 hr. limit has occurred.
- Letter and word premiums count only on the turn in which they are played. On later turns, letters already played on premium squares count at face value.
- BINGO! If you play seven tiles on a turn, it is a Bingo. You score a premium of 50 points after totaling your score for the turn.
- Un-played letters: When the game ends, each player's score is reduced by the sum of his or her un-played letters. In addition, if a player used all his or her letters, the sum of the other players' un-played letters is added to that player's score.
- Previous years' winners are welcome to play but are unable to win prizes.

Anime Club

meets @ the

Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Come join the fun on

Saturdays -

January 10

February 7

12 noon — 5 pm

CosPlay for January

Draw manga ~

watch anime ~

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

To participate in the tournament, come early, sign up, and bring a prize card as ante.

Questions call 231-775-6541 ext. 109

AGES 13 AND



DISCOVER JAPAN and JAPANESE

Manga is the Japanese word for illustrated books/comic books. Anime is the Japanese word borrowed from the English word “animation”. A lot of kids and adults all over the world have become interested in Japan and the Japanese language because of anime and manga. You may already know some other Japanese words: futon, sushi, and tsunami. But have you seen “Komatsu” earth-moving equipment at work and known that komatsu means “little pine” in Japanese?

Attend Japanese Juku

(After-school cram school—Cadillac-style)

Saturday February 7 10am—Noon

ages 10 – adult Free Community Room

Limited to 20—call April at 775-6541 to register

Rosemary Rokita will share her enthusiasm for all things Japanese. She has taught Japanese in the summer College for Kids program at

CWPL VIEWed from AFAR

Googling key words often brings up unexpected sources of information—such as this report on our Library after a May 2008 visit by staff of the Big Rapids Library. An interesting outsider perspective on the CWPL’s 2006 renovation follows:

This is a good example of what a good library interior designer can do with a good building. Cadillac had a 19,500 square foot building that was free of interior walls that provided them with a great deal of flexibility. However, they had some problems. The building was not created with today’s technology in mind and using technology in the building was causing problems. There were limited locations where power for technology was available. This severely restricted where computers could be placed in the building. They also had other layout problems that arose over the years as the way people used libraries changed.

They hired a library interior designer to help them to change the interior layout of the building. Fortunately the building is built on a slab directly on the ground so they were able to solve the power location problems by cutting into the concrete slab and installing a power grid in the floor. This was the major “structural” change to the building. The other “structural” change to the building was closing the “main” entrance (which was seldom used by the patrons) and turning the entranceway into a reading/informal meeting room with comfortable seating and a fireplace. The rest of the changes consisted of changing how the interior space was arranged. Both the children’s and teen’s spaces were moved near the circulation desk and comfortable seating was added in multiple spaces in the building. The circulation desk was redesigned to make it more approachable.

Great features:

- Lots of natural light from all directions, including skylights.
- Beautiful view of Lake Cadillac and landscaping.
- A lot of soft seating areas near windows.
- Rededicated the original foyer into a “quiet room” with a fireplace. Full windows to outdoors (original door turned into emergency exit) with view to the lake. Fireplace takes the chill off the room in the winter. Almost a sound proof room.
- Allow drinks in the library.
- Used carpet squares throughout library. Allows for easy repairs.
- Used roll rubber flooring in front of circulation desk. Quiet and wears well.
- “Z” shaped circulation desk allows for lots of staff work space and is very approachable. Librarians are not far from the desk.
- Snowmelt system in front walkway and entry.
- Direct path to children’s area from the front door.
- “Sunblocker” shades filter direct light, yet allow view to outdoors.
- Large Parent/Child upholstered chair in children’s area. Large enough for an adult and child to sit together.
- D.E.Q. is going to build a rain garden off the parking lot to filter stormwater before it runs into Lake Cadillac.

To read more go to http://www.ci.big-rapids.mi.us/minutes/Library/Cadillac_Library_Visit.pdf



Classes are Free -
Sign up at the
Information Desk or Call
775-6541 ext.109

Computer Class Schedule

Wednesday January 7 10:00
Beginning Computers

Wednesday January 14 10:00
Beginning Internet

Wednesday January 21 10:00
Beginning Email

Wednesday January 28 10:00
Beginning word

CWPL Reading Roundtable

The CWPL roundtable generally meets on the second Monday of every month at 5:30pm in the Lakeview Room at the Library. Participants “report” on their own independent reading for group discussion. The next meeting will be on the first Monday on **January 5** at 5:30 at Shay Station.

The February meeting will be on Monday

February 9 in the Library Lakeview Room

For more information please call Kathy Kirch at the Library at 775-6541

SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

Information: Books in Print, Audio (tapes, CD, MP3), music CD’s, Video DVD’s, Magazines, Newspapers and more

Computers/Laptops — Patrons are able to checkout laptops for use in the library. In addition, 29 personal computers are available for use with software applications (e.g. Microsoft Office) or internet access.

Wireless Internet Access—Library computer users as well as patrons who bring in their own laptops are able to access the Internet wirelessly.

Computer Classes—see schedule to the left

Teen Room—an area for teens to be with friends or to find some solitude for reading or computing.

Lakeview Room—enjoy a room set aside for those looking for quiet along with a wonderful view of the lake.

On Line Access—to the Library’s Agent Verso on-line “card catalog” as well as the State of Michigan’s MEL. Go to www.cadillaclibrary.org

MEL—If the CWPL doesn’t have the book you’re looking for, more than likely another participating library of the Michigan Electronic Library (MEL) system does. Make your request at the front desk.

word of the month **resiliency**—noun.

The ability of a species or ecosystem to absorb, resist or recover from disturbances, illness, or change. Buoyancy. The ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change.

ISLAND GIRL

BY SANDRA BYRD

Are you careful about the quality of what you read? If so, Island Girl by Sandra Byrd, a book about a girl with an important choice to make, might be a good book for you.

As always, Meg is spending the summer with her grandparents on Sauvie Island. But this time is different. From the moment she arrives, that much is clear. There is a new girl named Tia whose dad is helping her Grandpa run the berry farm, and Meg is not sure whether Tia wants to be friends. Meg also has to decide where she is going to live. Meg could go back to live with her Mom and stepdad, or stay and live with her Dad and grandparents. This athletic teen

Teen Book Review

is struggling over the choice she has to make.

A few of the reasons I liked the book are that it was interesting and had a lot of Christian content. It was interesting to read about how Meg worked out her problems with God’s help. I also liked the author’s style of writing. Sandra Byrd has a way of captivating the reader and keeping you interested. It was a very enjoyable book.

Check it out!

Reviewed by Laura Vogler

Laura will be turning 13 in January (happy birthday Laura!) and is home-schooled in Harrietta

BOOK REVIEW by Jeanne Carlson

THE MARCH BY E.L. DOCTOROW

Written in 2005, this historical civil war novel, namely Sherman's march to the sea, is a novel of fiction and fact all mushed together. I have never studied the Civil War so it didn't bother me one bit that fact and fiction were blended together. It was such a pleasure to read a story that was within my ability to understand.

Part one of the book takes place in Georgia, Part Two in South Carolina and Part Three in North Carolina. Sherman's March is one of the later events of the Civil War and the freeing of the slaves. I found it interesting that I was hearing about an African-American man, Harvard-educated,

**Don't bother me,
I'm reading—
who's reading what in
the Cadillac-Wexford area**



The library's titles for reading groups/book clubs are in tremendous demand as seen by the growing number of book clubs requesting them.

Friends of the Library book club

No Ordinary Time by Doris Goodwin

Welcome Club

Undomestic Goddess by Sophia Kinsella

G & W book club

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

Breakfast Buddies

One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus

Jayber Crow by Wendall Berry

Bernadette's Circle

Montana Sky by Nora Roberts

Coffee Club

Thirteen Moons by Charles Frazier

Manton United Methodist Church

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Become a registered book group at the Library. Check on-line at cadillaclibrary.org for the latest multiple-copy books available for book groups, or call JoRita Verdi at 775-6541.

who was running for President of the USA while reading of the travails of the Civil War: the burning of the cities and the raping of the countryside.

Being free was a strange thing for these people who had been slaves—free to do what and free to go where? They were as lost as could be for the most part. There was an interesting character of a Negro girl who had white skin but was nevertheless for the black race. Pearl appears and reappears several times and she is always enjoyable. Pearl turns into a capable field nurse to the wounded, even tho' still a teen-ager. In face there are many interesting characters that Mr. Doctorow describes for us. He is just an excellent historical author.

As I read the book, I wished that I knew more about our Civil War. As the slaves were turned free they followed the army by the hundreds, to be fed and under the protection of somebody. Of course this complicated things for the armies, to have so many followers. The lives of all the people in the South were wretched mostly, including the animals, black and white people, children and adult. I can recommend this book to anyone interested in a beautifully written novel.

We are not impartial. We are on the side of open access to information, literacy, lifelong learning, the pursuit of happiness, the joy of a novel on a summer afternoon. We believe in information as a common good. We are opposed to many things -- censorship, the assault on privacy, less access to government information -- and we are PRO many things, such as better funding for libraries.

Librarianship is one of the most radical of professions. Society says, this is how we teach you. Libraries say, you can learn what you want when you want, and you can read for the sheer joy of it. Society says, tune in at 8 for Friends. Libraries say, find your own path, on your own schedule. Society says, some things are only for the wealthy. Libraries say, here it is, no matter who you are.

Even the commitment to provide impartial service to everyone who walks in is not at all impartial. That's a radical notion, standing in opposition the dominant cultural imperatives of our day.

Source: Karen G. Schneider, kgs@bluehighways.com, distributed on the ALA Council List, July 12, 2004.

Cadillac Wexford Public Library

Mission Statement

We invite our community to explore the vast resources and opportunities available to all.

Vision Statement

Cadillac Wexford Public Library will be a cornerstone in our community, providing equal access to information, promoting life-long learning, encouraging the arts with programming for all. We will be committed stewards to the resources entrusted to us, using them to strengthen current and future library services.

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS

Cadillac 231-775-6541

Monday thru Thursday 9am—8 pm

Friday and 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 7pm

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 6pm. Meetings are open to the public

Cadillac Wexford County Public Library

411 South Lake St.

Cadillac, MI 49601

231-775-6541

www.cadillaclibrary.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NEW IN THE STACKS

Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives

by John Palfrey & Urs Gasser

Slipknot: a Novel by Linda Greenlaw

A Wolf at the Table: A Memoir of My Father

by Augusten Burroughs

Embellished Mini-Quilts: Creative Little Works of Art by Jamie Fingal

Designer Birdhouses: 20 Upscale Homes for Sophisticated Birds by Richard T. Banks

Lean Mean Thirteen by Janet Evanovich

Shibori Knits: The Art of Exquisite Felted Knits

by Gina Wild

The Kingfisher Soccer Encyclopedia

by Clive Clifford

NEW BOOKS ARRIVING ALL THE TIME

CHECK 'EM OUT

