

# Adult Services

Register for the following programs by stopping by or by calling 248-887-2218 (option 3). Preference will be given to Highland residents for programs with limited space.

## THE BIG READ

Everyone's reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*!

**Big Read Kickoff - Saturday, February 27, 2:00pm**

Get your copy of the book; southern-inspired food and music.

**The Movement that Sang: Musical Roots of Civil Rights**

Saturday, March 6 at 2:00pm

Join Robert Jones and Matt Watroba as they lead you through a musical journey exploring the music and songs leading up to the Civil Rights Movement.

**Book Discussions - Wednesday, March 10, 7:00pm**

Saturday, March 20, 2:30pm

**Movie Showing - Saturday, March 13, 2:00pm**

**Race and Justice, North and South**

Wednesday, March 31, 6:30pm

Retired OCC professor Dennis Fiems will speak on Civil Rights in the 20s and 30s, featuring Detroit's "Sweet Trials."

More events will be held at other local libraries.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.



### Magazine Exchange

Titles A-L: January 11 - 16

Titles M-Z: January 18 - 23

We're clearing out our old magazines! These are first come, first served.

### Open Papercrafting

Thursday, January 14, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 16, 6:00pm

Tuesday, April 20, 6:00pm

We'll have all sorts of fun die cuts, paper and supplies. Join us for a friendly creative evening!

### Bees & Beekeeping

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00pm

Bob the Bee Guy from Bobilin Honey will teach us all about the amazing Honey Bee. Find out how to invite these sweet creatures into your garden.

### Raising Poultry 101

Tuesday, March 9, 6:30pm

Mike Maher from Highland Feed & Supply will teach us how to get started raising poultry naturally at home and on the farm.

### Book Discussions

Second Wednesdays of each month at 7:00pm

Join us for lively discussions of some great reads.

Copies of books will be available for pick-up at the Adult Desk.

January 13: *The Guernsey Literary and*

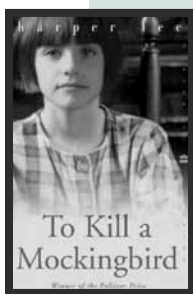
*Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

February 10: *A Recipe for Bees* by Gail Anderson-Dargatz

March 10: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

April 14: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

May 12: *Second Hand* by Michael Zadoorian



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## Highland Township Public Library

Connecting you with people, resources, and knowledge  
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Highland, MI 48357

248-887-2218

www.highlandlibrary.info

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs: 10:00am - 8:00pm

Fri - Sat: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday Closed

# COMMUNITIES THRIVE at the LIBRARY

National Library Week is April 11 - 17 and during the next few months we will be celebrating ways in which the library helps our community thrive.

Meet your neighbors and find out what's happening in Highland!

## Join in THE BIG READ

March 2010

We invite you to read (or re-read) Harper Lee's classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Big Read is a community-wide reading program for Western Oakland County residents - read the book, then pass it on and talk about it with neighbors, friends and family. Join us at our kickoff on **February 27** or our featured musical event on **March 6** to pick up your copy of the book, and look inside for more events throughout the month!

## Have Some FAMILY FUN

Check out our great family programs! We invite you to solve a mystery at *Family Live Clue* and cheer Wild Swan Theater at their performance of *American Short and Tall Tales*. And don't forget to set aside a day for *Muffins with Mom* or *Doughnuts with Dad!*

## New Puppets

Don't miss our fabulous new collection of puppets (and tabletop theatre) that you can use for play in the library. Thanks to the Friends of the Library!

## Meet the HOBBYISTS

Saturday, April 17

11:00am - 1:00pm (drop in)

Experience "April in Paris" - see the impressive model Eiffel Tower built by Ed Paige. We've asked local hobbyists to display their collections and creations, so Mr. Paige and other enthusiasts will be on hand to answer your questions. We plan to repeat this Hobbyists' Showcase so let us know if you have a hobby to demonstrate or a collection to share and are interested in being part of a summer event.

## Keep Your Children SAFE & WARM

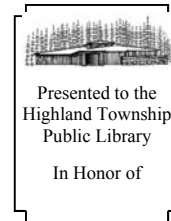
With winter temperatures taking hold, please be sure your children have transportation and are not left waiting at the library upon closing. If children are not picked up by library closing time, staff has been directed to contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

## Friends Mobile Book Cart

Buy a great used book any time the library is open! Find hardcovers for \$1 and paperbacks for 50 cents. The cart is replenished often, so check back soon!

## Donations & Grants

Commemorative donations are a thoughtful way of remembering the deceased or honoring people on a special occasion.



### Our thanks and appreciation to:

An Anonymous Donor  
&  
Michele Dick

### Congratulations

to Jacob Sikma, winner of our Pout-Pout Fish drawing. Jacob won an aquarium from Pet Suppliers of Highland. Thanks, Pet Suppliers!

Like many of you, the Library is struggling to balance its budget.

Declining property values means the same level of millage brings in reduced revenues. State Aid cuts have led to Saturday delivery service elimination. For the time being, MeL and MeLCat, supported by federal and state funding, appear to be safe - but the future of these valuable resources may be in jeopardy.

The expiration of our current millage will pose a serious challenge for the Library & community to address.

We are pleased to have received a number of grants that will support Library Programming for 2010.

Reader's Theatre events are supported by Target, and The Big Read is made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are people from Highland interested in supporting Library services. Join the Friends and help out your library for only \$5/year for individuals, \$10/year for families, \$2.50/year for seniors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7pm.

### Bargain Used Book Sales

First Mondays 10am - 7pm and Third Saturdays 10am - 1pm.

### Huge Used Book Sale

Saturday, April 17, 10:00am - 3:00pm

\*\*Exclusive preview hours for Friends members: 9:00am - 10:00am\*\*

### Library Board Meetings

The Library Board meets on first Tuesdays of each month at 5:30pm in the Library Community Room.

### Scheduled Closings

Dec 31 - Jan 1: New Year's Holiday  
February 15: Presidents' Day  
May 29 - 31: Memorial Day

# Youth Services

Please call 248-887-2218 (option 4) to register.

For children's programs with limited space, preference will be given to Highland residents. Registration dates vary, as noted.

Programs begin promptly, so please be courteous and arrive early.

Programs have waiting lists - please call if you need to cancel your registration.

## Lights... Camera... Action... Read!

The Youth Department has been awarded a generous grant from Target for Reader's Theatre (literature presented in a dramatic form), and we're planning sessions on costumes, make-up, acting and more!



## American Short and Tall Tales Wild Swan Theater of Ann Arbor



Friday, January 29, 11:00am

For children 3 years - 7th grades.

Join us for tales and music from the early days of America, as actors Sandy Ryder and Hilary Cohen portray a dizzying array of characters! Travel up the Mississippi river with Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett, along a Louisiana bayou with Compère Lapin, and into a southwestern village where old Tia Miseria has a trick or two up her sleeve.

Wild Swan will also perform at Milford Library at 2:00pm on this day - Milford and Highland residents can register for either.

## Reader's Theatre

Tuesday, March 9 at 10:30am

Registration begins February 23.

1st - 3rd graders:

Jump into *The Baby Beebe Bird* and join in a performance!

4th - 7th graders:

Use our new hats and masks as we perform a play in disguise!

## Theatre Make-Up

Saturday, May 22 at 2:00pm

For kids in 4th - 7th grades.

Members of the Class Act Drama 4-H group will teach us about theatre make-up. They will also share some tips to help us improve our acting!

Registration begins May 4.

## Getting Ready to Read

So much more than just storytime, our classes may include stories, crafts, sing-along and games to encourage your child to develop language skills.

Toddler Time is designed to help children with socialization, cognitive and large motor development, while Preschool Time focuses on independence and reading-readiness.

Programs begin promptly, so please arrive early as a courtesy to our program providers and to the other children in the program. Latecomers will not be admitted once the class has begun. Please select one session:

### Toddler Time

For children 18-35 months at time of registration. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

Session I

Mondays, 10:30am - 11:00am

January 25 - February 8 (3 sessions)

Registration begins January 11.

Session II

Mondays, 10:30am - 11:00am

March 8 - March 29

Registration begins February 22.

### Preschool Time

For children 3-5 years who are not yet in Kindergarten.

Children need to be able to sit and listen to a story on their own.

Session I

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 11:00am

January 26 - February 16

Registration begins January 11.

Session II

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 11:00am

March 16 - March 30 (3 sessions)

Registration begins February 22.

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## Preschool Open House

Saturday, January 30

10:00am - 2:00pm

Parents, looking for that perfect fit for your child? Come to our Preschool Open house and meet folks from various preschools in the Highland area. *No registration - just drop in.*

## LEGO Fests

For kids K - 5th grades.

Use our huge collection of LEGO to create whatever you like! We'll display your artwork in the Youth Department.

Wednesday, February 3, 4:30pm

Registration begins January 12.

Thursday, April 8 at 1:00pm

Registration begins March 16.

## Valentine's Day Craft

Wednesday, February 10, 4:30pm

For kids 3 years - 5th grades.

We'll make a cool ribbon wreath!

Registration begins January 12.

## Totally Thursdays:

Stories, crafts, treats, and more! For kids 3 - 5 years.

Thursday, February 18, 10:30am

Fancy Nancy

Registration begins January 12.

Thursday, March 18, 10:30am

Superheroes!

Registration begins February 23.

## Family Live Clue

Saturday, February 20, 11:00am

For families of all ages.

Murder at the library!

Whodunnit? And how was the victim taken out? Here's a fun mystery that can only be solved by YOUR family!

Registration begins January 12.



## Lightning Thief Party

Saturday, February 27, 11:00am

For kids in 3rd

through 5th grades.

Ancient Greek gods and monsters abound in the *Percy Jackson* books by Rick Riordan. Join the fun as we party like it's 300 BC!

Registration begins January 12.

## Magic Workshop

Wednesday, March 24, 4:30pm

For kids in 3rd - 6th grades.

"The Magic Man" Dave Schwaninger will teach us a few tricks - but only if you promise to keep the secrets!

Registration begins February 23.

## Instrument Petting Zoo

Wednesday, April 7, 10:30am

For kids K through 8th grades.

Musicians from Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will bring small instruments for younger kids and larger instruments for older participants.

Registration begins March 16.

## Night Tales

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00pm

Enjoy some fun stories while we shake off winter's chill. Feel free to come in your PJ's! Stories will be chosen with 3 to 6 year olds in mind.

Families are welcome.

Registration begins March 16.

## Love You, Mom!

Wednesday, May 5, 4:30pm

For kids ages 3 years - 5th grades.

Make a gift for the mom in your life!

Registration begins March 16.

## Muffins with Mom

Saturday, May 8 starting at 10:30am

For kids 2 - 6 years.

Bring your mom for stories, a craft, and some yummy muffins!

Registration begins March 16.



## Board Game Bonanza

Wednesday, May 19, 4:30pm

For kids K - 7th grades.

We've got board games galore! Memory, Monopoly, I Spy, Scrabble, In a Pickle, My Little Pony, and more!

Registration begins May 4.

## Wii Play for Tweens

Saturday, June 5, 2:00pm

For kids in 4th - 7th grades.

Get your game on at the library!

Registration begins May 4.

## Dad's My Hero!

Wednesday, June 9, 4:30pm

For kids 3 years - 5th grades.

Make a surprise for the dad in your life!

Registration begins May 4.

## Doughnuts with Dad

Saturday, June 19 starting at 10:30am

For kids 2 - 6 years.

Grab your dad and bring him in for stories, a craft, and doughnuts!

Registration begins May 4.



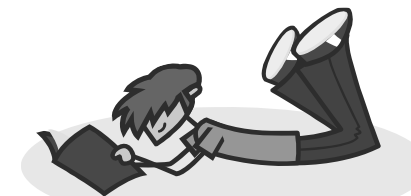
# Teen Services

The following programs are for students in 6th through 12th grade. Call 248-887-2218 (option 3) to register or for more information. Please note that some programs will have limited space so don't wait too long to register!

## Read and Win!

The Teen Reading Club returns starting in January!

Teens 6th - 12th grades can join and be eligible to win some fun and fabulous prizes. Get one raffle ticket for every 100 pages you read (1 ticket per manga book). We'll have monthly drawings from the magical Can O' Tickets for \$20 gift cards to Borders or MJR Theatres! The more you read, the more chances to win! Stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.



## TAB

(Teen Advisory Board)

Monday, January 11, 5:30pm

Monday, February 1, 5:30pm

Monday, March 1, 5:30pm

Monday, April 12, 5:30pm

The TAB group is made up of teens who enjoy helping the library staff decide what type of teen programs to bring to the library. We want your suggestions for books, movies, video games and more! After the meeting proper we usually spend plenteous amounts of time video gaming. Oh, and we supply pizza and pop during the meeting: sort of our thank you for letting us pick your brain for ideas!

## More Goodies...

### Anime Café

Monday, January 25, 5:30pm

Monday, February 22, 5:30pm

Monday, March 29, 5:30pm

Monday, April 26, 5:30pm

Monday, May 24, 5:30pm

Love anime? So do we. Come watch the latest and greatest anime on our BIG SCREEN. We're also honing our cooking skills: fill your belly with sushi rice, ramen, and other snacks!

### Teen Movie Nights

Monday, January 18, 5:30pm

Monday, February 8, 5:30pm

Monday, March 8, 5:30pm

Monday, April 19, 5:30pm

Monday, May 17, 5:30pm

Come enjoy a movie, pizza, and pop on us. Call ahead to register and to confirm which flick we'll be watching. *Thanks to the Highland Business Association for funding our movie license.*

### Chocolate Candy Craft

Saturday, February 13, 2:00pm

Create your own delicious chocolate suckers, perfect for a Valentine's Day gift or as a snack for yourself. Is there any better way to express your creativity than through chocolate? We didn't think so.

*This program is limited to 15 teens.*



### Photo Shoot!

Check out the Teen section of our website for fun photos of our Teen events!

### Mom's Day Craft

Monday, May 3, 5:30pm

Yeah, we don't want to divulge the details in a library newsletter that is delivered to nearly every resident (and mom!) in Highland Township. Let's just say that a couple of our very own teens will be showing us how to treat mom right this Mother's Day!

### Homemade Chia Craft

Monday, March 22, 5:30pm

Spring has sprung! Let's contribute to the greening of Highland by making our own Chia dude or dudette.

*This program is limited to 15 teens.*

## Teen T-Shirt Design

Artistically inclined? Got a great idea for a teen t-shirt? Submit your drawings/designs/ideas to us and the Teen Advisory Board will pick their favorite at their April 12th meeting. The winner's design will become our Official Teen T-Shirt for 2010! Make it around 8 1/2 x 11". Bold black-and-white designs translate best to t-shirts, and try to include "Highland Library" somewhere in your design.