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THE BUILDING OF CHARACTER

Last year, a group of community volunteers joined together to help raise $1.1 million in private, charitable funds for phase one renovations to the Hackley Public Library. The “Building of Character” campaign will accomplish several important objectives at the library, including:

Renovation of the Children’s Department
Renovation of the 1st Floor circulation area
Restroom improvements
Improved interior lighting
Repairing and painting of 1st Floor walls
Addition of emergency exits

Taken together, these improvements will greatly enhance the patron experience for the nearly 400,000 visits to the library that are made each year.

On March 2nd, the “Building of Character” campaign leadership was pleased to announce that it has raised approximately $940,000 toward our $1.1 million goal. With the help of generous community donors, we are off to a great start!

We now invite the public to support the efforts of our volunteer leadership by contributing to this worthwhile endeavor. It takes the efforts of many to improve our community. Please join us in making a gift to the “Building of Character” campaign today.

Read more about this project at:
WWW.THEBUILDINGOFCHARACTER.ORG

And on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter.
In contrast, the Coretta Scott King Award went to veteran writer Rita Garcia-Williams. In One Crazy Summer three sisters discover racial tensions when they visit their radicalized mom in 1960’s Oakland. The CSK award goes to an African American author whose book best “promotes … appreciation of the culture of all peoples.”

“Way to Go” Special Events
- Travel Theme Fun to keep kids reading -
Groups must register to attend any event

Origami with the “M. Jr. Wrappers”
2 PM Monday, July 11
Create amazing origami with the M. Jr. Wrappers, Muskegon’s premier paper folding team. The Way to Go theme projects include sailboats, flying birds and critters on the go.

Milk and Cookie Tales II
6 PM Tuesday, July 12
Enjoy preschool stories with a bedtime snack. Miss Cassie and Mr. Jim share the fun. No signup required.

Sidewalk Chalk Fest
11 AM Thursday, July 14
Help turn Library sidewalks into a chalk art picture gallery. Kids can draw anything they like, but there will be a prize for best book-themed picture. The fun will include Shadow Capture drawings, “Tic Tac Throw” and a Hopscotch Snack Track.

Milk and Cookie Tales III
6 PM July 19
Enjoy preschool stories with a bedtime snack. Miss Cassie and Mr. Jim share the fun. No signup required.

Hooray for Horses
2 PM Thursday, July 21
HPL and the Muskegon Museum of Art team up for an All Horse Event. Kids will tour the Museum’s “Horse Power” art exhibition and create their own horse art with the MMA’s Cathy Mott. Jake the Wonder Horse from Muskegon Carriage Company will visit. Kids can pet Jake and take a free carriage ride. (Parent’s, bring cameras!) The program begins at the Library.

Pippin Puppets
2 PM Tuesday, July 26
Puppeteer Robert Papineau presents “The Winning Wizard” with the Pippin Puppets. Set in a Harry Potter-style “Magic School,” the show is full of wizards, magic words, weird creatures and Talking Eyeballs!

Machine Day
- with the Muskegon Heritage Association -
2 PM Saturday, July 30
Climb aboard a giant street sweeper on display in our parking lot. Next come inside to create a strange machine of your own. Finish with a visit to the Heritage Association Museum and a tour of old time machines. Parents provide transport to the Museum, 561 W. Western Ave. Street sweeper courtesy of Tri-US Service, Inc.

Sail Away!
2 PM Monday, August 1
Lora Swenson visits from the Muskegon Yacht Club. Sailing fun includes: Scrimshaw, the sailor’s art of carving on whales’ teeth. (Each participant will get a life-size replica “tooth” to carve.) Also, try out sailing gear, lift an anchor, make a Sailor’s Knot and more.

Annual Kids Flea Market
10AM - 1 PM Thursday, August 4
Kids run their own booths, selling old toys, books & games. Registration required. Rain date August 5

Rock ‘n’ Roll Beach Party
6:30 PM Wednesday, August 10
A rock ‘n’ roll family show comes to the Library lawn. Rocker Jeff Rutter combines ‘50’s and ‘60’s music with history, comedy and beach party fun. Audience participation includes hula hoops, surfing songs, the Swim, the Twist and the Watusi.

KIDS’ FLEA MARKET
10 AM – 1 PM Thursday August 4
“On the Lawn”
Hackley Administration Bldg.

Kids run their own booths
Kids sell old toys, books, games, card collections, stuffed animals and more

50 cent price limit keeps things fun
Registration required. Phone 722-7276

The Kids’ Flea Market provides a grand finale for “Way to Go” activities. Children will run their own booths (parent help is recommended) and keep the money they earn. A 50 cent price limit per item will keep things fun and safe for all. Rain date Friday August 5

Sales ideas include old books, collectibles, stuffed animals, fast food prizes puzzles and craft items. Lemon-ade stand yummies are good sellers, too. Please don’t bring used clothing or other items of interest to grownups only.

Sellers should bring their own tables and chairs, or a beach blanket to sell from. Registration is required. To sign up phone 722-7276, ext. 230.
Why let kids have all the fun? Join the adult summer reading program at Hackley Public Library and put your name into a drawing for a great prize with each library book you read or listen to this summer.

No hassles, no reading logs, no minimum number of books to read. You’re a grown-up: read what you want and as often as you want. The more you read, the better your chances of winning a grown-up prize that you choose.

The first 300 who sign up get a special "signing bonus" gift.

At the end of the summer we will draw a name for each prize, then put all the entries together to draw a grand prize.

As of May 1, the prizes and sponsors were:

- **Benson Drug**: Snuggie blanket, Iphone/Ipad charging station
- **Custom Service Printers**: $100 gift certificate to Custom Service Printers
- **Frauenthal Center for Performing Arts**: 2 Tickets to a Frauenthal Performance
- **Ginman Tire Co., Inc.**: 2 teeshirts and 1 water bottle
- **Keep In Touch Massage Therapy**: 90 minute massage
- **Lakeshore Museum Center**: "Weird Michigan", 1 pass, flashlight, and the book "Hackley and Hume Historic Site: a Photographic History", 8 passes to the Hackley Hume Site and two copies of the book "Hackley and Hume Historic Site: a Photographic History"
- **Lascko Plumbing and Mechanical**: 3 comfort care certificates
- **Muskegon Chronicle**: Full year subscription to the Muskegon Chronicle
- **Muskegon Lumberjacks**: Jacks Fan Basket
- **Muskegon Museum of Art**: Complimentary membership, Book: Boo Hiss, Book: Savage Summit, Frida Kahlo Sticky Notes, 2 Bookmarks, Glass butterfly
- **Port City Cruise Line, Inc.**: Gift certificate for a cruise
- **Sun Wind and Rain**: Muskegon back pack
- **West Michigan Symphony**: 2 sets of two complimentary ticket vouchers
- **Burger King, Lee’s Famous Recipe, and Subway** have also donated prizes, and there are more prizes coming in every day.

Last year over 300 people signed up for the program and 160 participated at least once during the 10 weeks, reading 1,137 books.

**Government Documents and You**

For all you history buffs out there...did you know that Hackley Library has a series of books called *The United States Army in World War II*? It is a multi-volume set published by the Center for Military History and was distributed to us through the Government Printing Office. Some of the titles in the series are *The Ordnance Department: On Beachhead and Battlefront, The Lorraine Campaign,* and *The Quartermaster Corps : Operations in the Aar against Germany.* Some of the titles are also available online and can be accessed through the catalog by clicking on the link “Go to online version via PURL.” These books are shelved in a storage area, but can be checked out. Just ask at the Reference Desk, or put it on hold from home and we’ll let you know when it is ready to be checked out.

-- Jocelyn Shaw
I asked several of the Hackley Library staff what the planned repairs and renovations of the building will mean in particular to the people who use part of the library that is their area of responsibility. Here’s what they said:

“Reference service on the main floor will be positively impacted through improved lighting, general improvements in comfort level and traffic flow, and the movement of popular materials shelves closer to the front door where patrons will have easier access to them. And it will serve as a noise barrier between the circulation desk and the reference desk! Also, physically separating the technology assistants’ desk from the reference librarians’ desk and providing additional online public catalogs in the book stacks will help us immensely in delivering efficient service to our library users. The Reference Department anticipates happier patrons!”

-- Mary Murphy, Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services

“Technology is changing and evolving daily. There is not an area of our lives that isn’t impacted by the use of technology. Research to recreation, it’s here to stay. Hackley Public Library has endeavored from day one to address the technological needs of the community and provide services like internet access, free of charge, to thousands of households that would otherwise never have access.

The upcoming building improvements will allow us to provide better ways to meet those needs. The technology assistants’ desk will be moved to the computer room to better help those customers. Meeting rooms will be more comfortable and convenient with the wiring for power point and video projection. Additional computer stations will be added with our customers in mind. The computer backbone will be upgraded throughout the building and wireless access will expand to more areas of the building. There will be more outlets for people plugging in their laptops. Every floor in the library will be made better by the projected building improvements. This will allow us to provide an enriched computing experience to our customers and also help us keep in step with technology so we can continue to provide the services which best meet the needs of our community.”

-- Lynn Ames, Technology Manager

“The renovations will take a historic space into the 21st century. There will be adequate wiring, more energy efficient lighting, more room for digital and microfilm equipment, computers, and power for wireless internet users. Although there is no expansion to the building, reconfiguration of the existing space within the footprint of the building will open spaces for more efficiency, safety and usability.

Remodeled unlocked bathrooms will be accessible and window walls from the Local History/Genealogy department will improve security. An new exit out of the depart
ment to the outside will improve emergency evacuation. New furniture will make a more comfortable, accessible and attractive space for library users. New shelving in the department will make room for all the materials we own.

Hackley Public Library’s Local History and Genealogy department has one of the best collections in West Michigan, and is the only one of its kind in Muskegon County. Not only does the department serve people from the City of Muskegon and Muskegon County, but visitors come from all over the state of Michigan, the United States, and foreign countries, and even more contact the Department via mail and email.

Eventual updates in the HVAC system will mean a better environment for people and the unique department collections. Temperature and humidity will be regulated to lengthen the life of the materials at the Hackley Library.”

-- Mary Southwick, Retired Librarian
Local History & Genealogy Department.

“As the librarian who chooses the fiction titles for the library, I am looking forward to the new book display shelving which will better exhibit the new titles and make it easier for patrons to find them. Right now, the shelving is in a poorly lit area and somewhat out of the traffic flow. The new shelves will be more prominent, with better lighting.”

-- Jocelyn Shaw, Adult Services Librarian
Fines for overdue books and other library materials returned after June 30 are being charged by the Hackley Public Library. The fine for overdue books, audios, and magazines is $.15 per day. $1.00 per day fine is charged for overdue DVDs and videos.

To make it easier for library users, all the libraries around here in the 8-county Lakeland Library Cooperative work together to set up the rules for borrowing, include the amounts charged for overdue fines.

Overdue fines are charged to encourage people to bring back the things they check out. Things that are kept weeks or months aren’t available for other people to borrow, which means the library has to buy many copies of the same thing to satisfy demand. Replacing popular titles takes time and money, which keeps the library from buying new titles.

Anybody can avoid paying an overdue fine by bringing back the things they checked out. There is a drop box in the alley behind the library, next to St. Paul’s, so returns can be dropped off 24/7 without even leaving the car. Renewals can be made over the phone, on line, or in person.

Materials may not be checked out or renewed if you have overdue items, have been billed for lost or damaged items, have been placed in collections, or owe more that $10 in late fees. Fines do not have to be paid all at one time, but can be paid in more than one installment. A collection fee equal to the amount charged to the library by the collection agency is charged for items that are turned over to the agency.

We don’t want to charge overdue fines again, but we want to get materials back on the shelves for you and others. Tight times means that the library can’t afford to purchase many copies of items that are overdue.
QUESTION & ANSWER:

QUESTION: Why was the Children’s Department closed for two weeks in June?

ANSWER: So the new lighting could be installed. It’s energy efficient and controllable and safer and bright enough historically appropriate and it looks just wonderful. Check it out, and imagine how great it will be when the lights are replaced on the first floor.

QUESTION: Who is responsible for the library’s gardens? The look terrific this year!

ANSWER: The Herb Society has done all the planting of the gardens in front of the library and at the Torrent House, so huge round of applause to Veronica Muscat and her crew. Muskegon children under the direction of volunteer Terri Hampel planted the garden on the west side of the library facing Hackley Park. They must all have very green thumbs, because it’s growing like mad. Bob Houseman from the library staff tills, waters, weeds and trims, and keeps the library green and beautiful.