

# Glen Lake Community Library Newsletter

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## Holiday Book Drive

Another holiday season is nearly here, and with it arrives one of our favorite traditions at the library: the annual children's book drive sponsored by the Friends of the Library. In collaboration with Glen Lake Schools' Parenting Communities, the Friends annually collect donations of new children's books for youngsters whose families are in need of assistance. A "wish list" is available at the library, as well as the Cottage Book Shop in Glen Arbor, which offers a 20% discount on any books purchased for this program and free gift-wrapping. Donors are asked to purchase a book for a child on this list and deliver it gift-wrapped to the library by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. With your participation this year's book drive will once again help us to make a real difference in the lives of children right here in our community.



*Sue Miller and Carole Becker, members of the Friends of the Library Board, add their books to the basket for the Children's Holiday Book Drive.*

## Annual Meetings

**Friends of the Library:** Monday, Dec. 12, 10:15 am  
**Board of Trustees:** Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1:00 pm

*2012 operating budgets will be reviewed and approved at these meetings, which are open to the public.*

## Up North Digital Collection

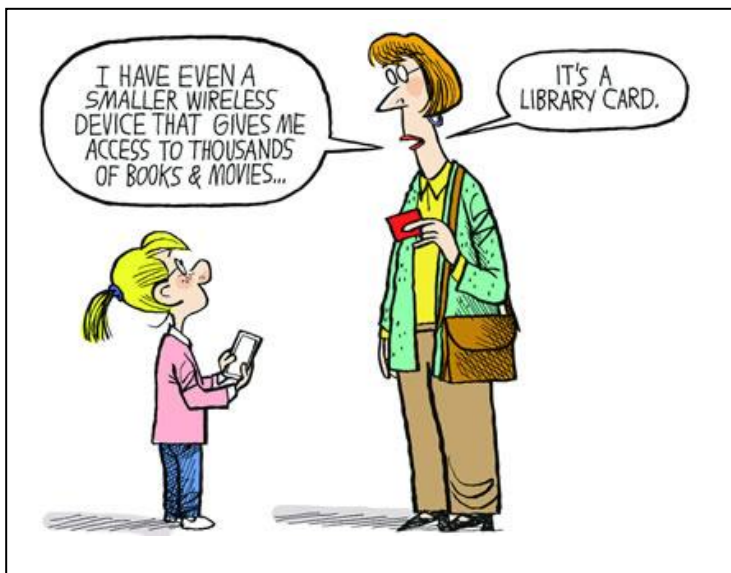
The library has now expanded into the virtual realm with the Up North Digital Collection, an online collection of electronic titles shared by 18 northern Michigan libraries. Our inclusion in this venture makes over 2700 electronic books, audio books, music and videos available to our patrons. From the Up North website, patrons can download electronic titles to their computers, and then to a wide variety of e-book readers and other mobile devices, including tablet computers such as the iPad. Perhaps most significantly, Amazon's popular Kindle devices are now compatible with most Up North e-book titles. Users can browse through numerous categories, or search for specific titles. Borrowing is as simple as selecting our library name, and entering your local patron barcode. Specialized software is required, but only needs to be downloaded once, and is available free of charge. Extensive help menus and tutorials are also readily available. Currently, users are limited to 5 checkouts at a time, with most titles loaned for 14 days. Titles do not need to be returned, but rather expire after the loan period, so no late fees are ever charged. Reserves can be placed on titles that are currently checked out. The Up North Collection is our latest online service, joining MeLCat, Mango Languages, and TumbleBooks for kids, all accessible from our homepage. If you need assistance with any of these online services, please contact us.

## Board of Trustees

Earlier this year, our Board of Trustees completed a seamless transition, with long-time vice-president Jeanette Daniel taking the baton from outgoing president Gay Budinger. Gay joined the board in 1991, serving as treasurer for many years before accepting the role of president in 1999. Her insightful leadership has helped guide the library through dramatic growth over the past two decades. We're extremely grateful for her dedicated service, without which the library would not be the same. Jeanette has been a board member since 1995, and her familiarity with the library and our community will ensure continued stability and steady guidance. In other board news, Bruce Westover is now serving as vice-president, with Gary Humphreys continuing as treasurer and Carole Roach as secretary.

## MeLCat Update

Patron response to MeLCat, the state-wide online library catalog sponsored by the Library of Michigan, has been very positive since we connected last spring. To date, our patrons have ordered and received over 150 items from various Michigan libraries, while we've loaned out nearly 100 titles to patrons from other libraries. The MeLCat system has streamlined library resource sharing, in large part due to an extremely user-friendly interface and prompt loan fulfillment. All materials listed in MeLCat, including many videos and music CDs, may be borrowed for no charge. To access MeLCat, simply follow the link from our homepage.



## At the Crossroads

As the digital revolution continues to roll forward, impacting virtually every aspect of society, libraries are learning to manage a delicate balancing act. Information consumers expect instant access, their expectations raised by the dizzying pace of technological change and a media-driven culture. At the same time, many still value the traditional resources, contemplative atmosphere, and sense of community that are embodied by public libraries. The challenge facing libraries is in bridging this gap, remaining relevant to a new generation while preserving the qualities that have long defined our mission. This evolutionary process will not, as some prognosticators argue, make libraries obsolete. In fact, we're finding that demand for our services is greater than ever, with circulation, computer usage, and visitation nearing record levels. The question is not if public libraries will survive, but what shape they will take, and how people will interact with them. As we plan for the future, evaluating everything from facilities to spending priorities, these fundamental questions will drive our planning process.

David Diller, library director

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Glen Lake Community Library work year-round to provide valuable assistance to the library. Their efforts are focused in three major areas.

### Financial Support

In addition to contributing to the general operating fund of the library, money raised this year was used to purchase new travel guidebooks, Traverse City Film Festival movies, and audio and e-books. Funds are also available to support future library development.

To encourage development of early literacy skills, the Friends finance "Stories & More", a weekly school-year story hour for preschoolers. This ongoing program features a weekly theme that engages young children by reading stories, singing songs, and providing interactive activities or crafts. The Friends' annual Children's Book Drive delivers holiday gifts of age-appropriate books for area youngsters in need of assistance.

### Fundraising

The Friends raise money by conducting two major events: the Home Tour in July and the annual Vintage Book Sale in August. In addition, individuals and families mail in generous donations to the Friends using envelopes provided in our newsletters.

This year's Home Tour showcased five distinctive residences in the Glen Lake area. We're very grateful to the homeowners for sharing their homes with us. Because of the extensive volunteer commitment required for this event, the Home Tour is held every other year. If you would be willing to open your home for a day in July 2013, please give Ann Davey a call at 334-4902.

The Book Sale is a three day event, beginning with a Wednesday evening "Preview Party", followed by a full day of sales, and wrapping up with a Bag Sale on Friday morning. The sale committee works all year to sort donations of used books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and audio books. Scores of volunteers, including members of the Glen Lake varsity football team, help move materials to the Town Hall and set up the event.

### Volunteerism

The Friends provide and coordinate the volunteers who serve at the front desk, assisting with the circulation and shelving of library materials. If you've been searching for an interesting and rewarding volunteer experience, look no further! A big bonus to this work is that you get to see and check out the newest additions to the collection. For more details, call the library at 326-5361.

## Did You Know?

The library is now open until 5:00 pm on Saturdays. After a trial period this summer, our board of trustees voted to make this change permanent. We're now open 46 hours per week!

## The Practical Book: *because Google isn't always the answer*

Our non-fiction collection features thousands of downright useful titles. With in-depth instructions, well-organized chapters, and helpful illustrations, these handheld devices address a multitude of subjects and scenarios. No batteries required.

***Hey, I'd Eat That at Home: a fresh & fearless approach to wilderness & home cooking*** / Michael Grey.

This cookbook will appeal to both foodies and outdoor enthusiasts, outlining over 100 original recipes that blend flavor, nutrition, and convenience. Imagine Orange Rum Raisin French Toast for your next campsite breakfast!

***In-laws, Outlaws and Granny Flats: your guide to turning one house into two homes*** / Michael Litchfield

Anyone considering substantial modifications to their home – for elderly parents, returning children, rental income, or other reasons – will find both inspiration and practical considerations in this well-illustrated guidebook.

***The Complete Guide to Saving Seeds: 322 vegetables, herbs, flowers, fruits, trees & shrubs*** / Robert Gough

Saving and propagating seeds is the next logical step for those committed to gardening and a more self-sufficient lifestyle. This encyclopedic guide presents comprehensive instructions on how to promote your own favorite plant stock.

### In the “News”

#### Fiction

*The Great Leader* / Jim Harrison

*The Dovekeepers* / Alice Hoffman

*The Cats' Table* / Michael Ondaatje

*The Language of Flowers* / Vanessa Diffenbaugh

#### Non-Fiction

*That Used to be Us* / Thomas Friedman

*The Windward Shore* / Jerry Dennis

*The Foxfire 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book* / Joyce Green, ed.

*Here Comes Trouble* / Michael Moore

#### Children's Books

*The Man in the Moon* / William Joyce

*Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter* / Tedd Arnold

*Wonderstruck* / Brian Selznick

*Congratulations, Miss Malarkey* / Judy Finchler

#### Recorded Books

*State of Wonder* / Anne Patchett

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* / Karen Armstrong

*Hector & the Search for Happiness* / Francois Lelord

*Caleb's Crossing* / Geraldine Brooks

#### Music

*Black & White America* / Lenny Kravitz

*The Harrow & the Harvest* / Gillian Welch

*Capture 1995-2010* / Afro Celt Sound System

*Mediterraneo* / Milos Karadaglic

#### Movies

*The Lincoln Lawyer*   *My Dog Tulip*   *Meek's Cutoff*

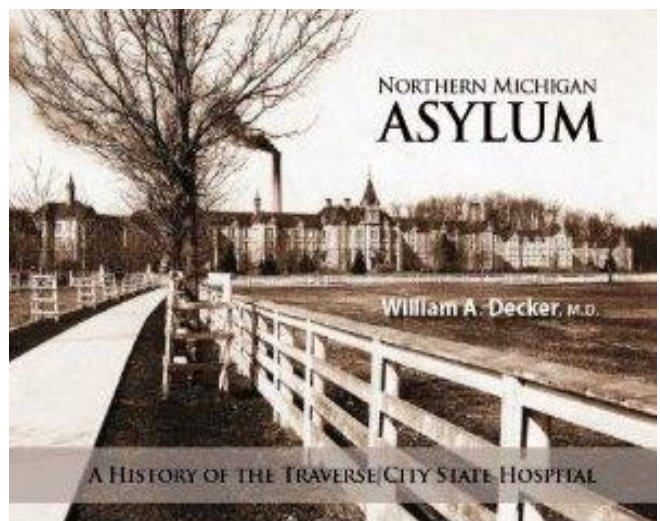
*The Greatest Movie Ever Sold*   *Prohibition*   *Doc Martin*

*Rango*   *Mars Needs Moms*   *Queen to Play*   *Win Win*

These are just a few of the hundreds of titles added to our shelves in recent months. For a more complete listing, browse **Hot Titles** on our Internet Public Access Catalog.

### Meeting Room gems

Unless you've needed a drinking fountain, attended a story hour, or used a study table, you may not have discovered some of our most unique resources. Tucked away in the meeting room are a number of special collections. First are **Board Books**, colorful, chunky little volumes perfect for pre-readers. You'll find these mini-books in a red cart, along with a variety of puzzles, in a cozy nook that serves as an extension of our children's section. Also found in the meeting room are **Oversized Books**, large, handsome volumes covering a range of subjects, but with a concentration on the arts and history. Finally, on the shelves above the oversize books, is our **Michigan Library**, with nearly 600 volumes pertaining to the cultural and natural history of our state. Of particular interest in the Michigan Library are numerous local history titles. All of these books are available for checkout. Next time you visit the library save some time for exploring these Meeting Room resources.



*William Decker's recent pictorial history is one of the newer additions to our Michigan Library.*

## KidsStuff@www.glenlakelibrary.net

From the Kids section of our Links page, take a look at these educational, engaging & entertaining websites designed specifically for young people.

### Hooda Math (<http://hoodamath.com>)

The ingenious animated math & logic games on this site will challenge the thinking skills of older kids – and even some adults!

### National Geographic Kids (<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>)

This multimedia resource features games, stories, photos, and videos about animals, the environment, and different cultures around the world.

### PBS Kids (<http://pbskids.org>)

Along with content related to popular PBS programs, this site offers many games & other learning activities for young kids.

### Internet Public Library for Kids (<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace>)

This virtual children's library links to hundreds of sites in dozens of different subject categories.

## In Brief

This year's *Michigan Reads!* picture book is "Memoirs of a Goldfish" by Devin Scillian. Read this fun book, then stop in and sign our poster – and get a free book to keep!

Our public access computers at the **Maple City Health & Fitness Center** and Glen Arbor's **Bear Paw Pizza & Market** can be used anytime during normal business hours.

Three new animal puppets – a bobcat, fox and beaver – have been spotted in our kids' section.

We're evaluating a potential new Internet public access catalog. For a preview of this new software, go to <http://vufind.org/demo>.

Our canvas book bags, in three attractive colors, can be purchased for our cost of \$6.50.

## Be a Friend of the Library

Make checks payable to: Friends of Glen Lake Community Library  
PO Box 325, Empire, MI 49630

- Associate \$10.00       Patron \$50.00       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Friends may publicly acknowledge donations in the future. Please print your name above as you would like it to appear. If you would prefer not to be included in such lists, please check this box .

*The FGLCL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.*

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M, W, F, S: 10:00 – 5:00  
T, Th.: 10:00 – 7:00  
closed Sunday

David Diller, *library director*  
Janette Berkshire, *assistant librarian*

The average Michigan resident borrows 8 library items per year, and pays less in annual taxes for public library services than the cost of one hardcover book.

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