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Making "Connections" with Our Community of Readers

By now, you've probably noticed that this issue of the Canton Public Library newsletter looks quite different! We are pleased to bring you *Connections*, a new version of our newsletter that's chock full of library information, feature stories, recommendations and new programming choices for you and your family to enjoy. You will also be hearing from us more frequently: We are moving from four to six issues a year to ensure that you're getting the library news you need in the most timely fashion.

Our redesigned newsletter is just one of the many exciting changes we're making to better serve our patrons and the Canton community at large. For the first time ever, the library is going to open on Sundays in the summer, so you can continue to enjoy our services seven days a week throughout the year. Plans are also underway to open an indoor café, enabling you to relax with a cup of coffee and a snack while you peruse our vast array of materials.

Our program offerings continue to grow, including the launch of a dynamic series of multicultural programs to help you "Connect with Your Neighbor" at the library (see page 2). We welcome your feedback on the newsletter and suggestions for future articles. We're particularly interested in hearing about how the library has positively impacted your life, and plan to include a selection of these stories in an upcoming issue. Please send comments to the library, attention: Newsletter Editor.

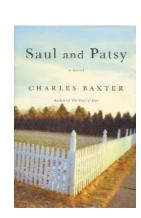
Mark Your Calendar for the 3rd Annual "Everyone's Reading..." Metro Book Club

Join readers from Canton and more than a dozen other communities in the 2004 "Everyone's Reading..." Metro Book Club, which kicks off in January. This year's book selection is Saul and Patsy, Charles Baxter's newly released novel.

Saul and Patsy is set in a small fictional town in Michigan's thumb. In this ordinary middle-American community, Saul and Patsy, a young married couple, are thrust into extraordinary circumstances. The novel, according to Baxter, "Is about aftermath...and how members of a community cope

with an event whose meaning seems always to be receding." Charles Baxter is considered one of America's best contemporary novelists; his last novel, *The Feast of Love*, was a National Book Award finalist.

A discussion guide for "Everyone's Reading Saul and Patsy" will be available at the library starting January 19 for book groups and individual readers. We hope you'll participate in a book talk at the library or one of the other special events being planned, including two "Meet the Author" programs in April. Watch our Internet Branch homepage and the March/April newsletter for details.

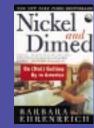


Cover to Cover

Looking for lively conversation and great reads? Why not join our monthly book discussions! Brown Bag it during Lunch and a Book, or enjoy an Evening Book Discussion sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

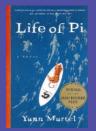
Lunch and a Book

January 8 at 12 noon Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich: In an attempt to understand the lives of Americans earning nearminimum wages, the author leaves her home



and former life behind to work as a waitress in Florida, a cleaning woman in Maine, and a sales clerk in Minnesota.

February 12 at 12 noon Life of Pi by Yann Martel: Zookeeper's son Pi Patel emigrates with his family from India to North America. When their ship sinks, Pi escapes on a lifeboat with a hungry



Bengal tiger. Can Pi's cunning and courage keep him alive until they land?

Evening Book Discussions

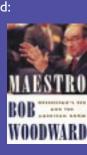
January 19 at 7 p.m.

The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan:

Matriarch LuLing, born in
China in 1916, gives her
daughter Ruth two packets
written in Chinese
calligraphy; one entitled
"Things I Know Are True"
and the other, "Things I
Must Not Forget." Ruth hires a
translator to decipher the messages
from LuLing, who suffers from Alzheimer's.

February 16 at 7 p.m.

Maestro by Bob Woodward:
Woodward called his bio
of Federal Reserve
Chairman Alan Greenspan
Maestro for good reason:
He conducts the political
and economic orchestra
that shapes our country.







Adult Registration

Registration for Adult Programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999.

Connect with Your Neighbor

Last fall, the Canton Public Library formed a Multicultural Initiative, comprised of staff members and community representatives, to celebrate the wonderful diversity of the Canton community, and ensure that this diversity is reflected in the range of programs and services offered by the library. We have already made significant increases in the number and variety of international language materials in our collection. Our Internet Branch is home to several multimedia collections on African American history, and we have added new collections on Native American history and Hispanic heritage. For 2004, we're pleased to launch a new series of multicultural programs, with the goal of creating a better understanding and appreciation for the diverse cultures and varied backgrounds we all share. Please join us to "Connect with Your Neighbor!"

One Community, One Voice: A Concert in Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. January 19 at 7 p.m.

Vision, the glee club from the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts, will fill our senses with their extraordinary talent. These young men will share renditions of gospel, classical, pop and jazz music. The Human Relations Commission of Canton will join the celebration and honor the winners of their Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. Registration limited to 100 participants.

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 27 at 7 p.m.

The Year of the Monkey, 4701, is here! Did you know that the Chinese New Year celebration lasts 15 days, and that each day has a special purpose? Join us as we explore the customs, traditions and superstitions of Chinese New Year. Registration limited to 100 participants.

Arabs, Muslims and Islam

February 19 at 7 p.m.

Skip McWilliams, founder of Teacher's Discovery in Auburn Hills, has produced an award-winning documentary video, *Arabs, Muslims & Islam*, illustrating the daily lives of Muslim teenagers around the world. His candid footage includes teens from Dearborn, South Africa, Lebanon and Malaysia. Aliyah Rab, a student, and Haaris Ahmad, former director of CAIR, Michigan, both members of Canton's Muslim community and participants in the film, will join in the video screening and discussion. Registration limited to 100 participants.

Learn to...Series

Learn to...Scrapbook February 5 at 7 p.m.

You took tons of pictures over the holidays; don't just stuff them in a box! Let Pam McIntyre show you how to save and display your treasured memories. Please bring 8-10 photos with the same theme. Registration required.

Friends, Authors & Others

5 Secrets to Permanent Weight Loss February 17 at 7 p.m.

Brian Brackney, D.C., will share safe and proven natural weight loss methods. Discover which foods work best based on your metabolism. This is news you can use to improve health and regain energy. Registration required.

Recommended Reads

Looking for some great reads to cozy up with this winter? These new fiction titles are worth a look.

Faith Fox by Jane Gardam

The Third Child by Marge Piercy

Some Kind Of Miracle by Iris Rainer Dart

Hottentot Venus by Barbara Chase-Riboud

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Teen Tuesdays

Hang out Tuesday evenings from 5-7 p.m. for fun, games, crafts, and snacks.

Chess Club

Join us every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. for open chess play.

Financial Aid for College: How Your Library Can Help

Are you planning on attending college in the near future? One big concern facing teens today is how to finance their college education. The good news is that vast opportunities for funding are available from the government, private sources and educational institutions — if you know where to look. The Canton Public Library offers many great resources to assist you in your search for funding sources, some of which are listed below:

Books

- The College Board College Cost and Financial Aid Handbook, 2004 (REF 378.3C)
- Taming the Tuition Tiger: Getting the Money to Graduate with 529 Plans, Scholarships, Financial Aid, and More by Kathy Kristof (378.38 K)
- Debt-free College: 79 Secrets for Successful College Financing by Robert A. Sparks and Mamatha Vaddi (378.38 S)
- Peterson's Scholarships, Grants and Prizes, 2003 (378.309 S)

Websites

www.fafsa.ed.gov This site lets you electronically file your Free Application for Student Aid Form (FAFSA), which is required for financial aid.

www.students.gov This Department of Education site is the official source of

information on federally-based student aid.

www.fastweb.com The Internet's largest free scholarship search service.

www.finaid.org This user-friendly site explains what financial aid is and the basics

of the application process.

www.msfaa.org This site provides information on grants and scholarships

specifically for Michigan residents.

Visitors can quickly search approximately 600,000 financial aid www.scholarsite.com

opportunities using general criteria.

Financial Aid Information Night

January 22 at 7 p.m.

For more help with your funding search, don't miss our special workshop on financial aid led by John Mason, Director of Student Financial Aid for the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Come learn about the best available sources for financial aid and get expert advice on navigating the application process. Parents and teens are both welcome!

TEEN

Teen Registration

Registration for Teen Programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999.

Book and Pizza Club

Join our monthly teen reading club for great books, lively discussion and a tasty pizza feast!

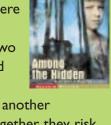
January 17 at 12 noon Hard Love by Ellen Wittlinger: Sixteen-yearold John's only outlet for his emotions is his zine, "Bananafish," until he meets the lovely and



unusual Marisol. Register by January 7.

February 14 at 12 noon

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix: In a future where the Population Police limit families to only two children, Luke has lived his life in isolation and



fear. One day, he spies another "shadow child" and together they risk everything to come out of hiding. Register by February 2.

January Programs

January 17 at 2 p.m. Make Your Own Door Hanger: Let family

know if you're home! Registration required.

January 29 at 7 p.m. Create a Plate: Have fun creating a dinner plate you can use at home. We'll make a

> template to send out; the process takes about a month. Registration required.

January 31 at 2 p.m. Make Your Own Beaded Treasure Box:

Use this fun craft to create a keepsake box.

Registration required.

February Programs

February 3 at 7 p.m. Poetry Slam: Read your own work or listen to others perform theirs. Register on-site.

February 10 at 7 p.m. Make Your Own Candle: Learn to make February 14 at 2 p.m. cool candles using beeswax. Registration required.

February 12 at 7 p.m. Make Your Own Dog and Cat Magnet: Create a fridge magnet of your favorite pet. Registration required.



Parents and the Library: **Partners in Reading**

It's never too early to help children develop a love of reading! Research shows that early literacy experiences in the first five years of a child's life have a lasting impact on future success in school. Parents can play an important role during this critical time in their child's development by reading aloud, singing, talking and playing with their children every day. In fact, reading to children is the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills needed for a lifetime of learning and reading success.

The library offers numerous resources to support families in providing a nurturing environment to encourage early literacy. These include:

Board Books: These simple storybooks have thick cardboard pages that infants

> can manipulate. Bright colors and large pictures provide visual stimulation. They are an excellent way to introduce a baby to

books and reading.

Picture Books: Children learn best when they are actively involved. As you read

> aloud, encourage your child to follow along. Ask open-ended questions to allow him to expand on the story. Picture books help to increase language development, develop print awareness and

acquire letter and sound knowledge.

CDs: Lullabies, songs and nursery rhymes provide excellent opportunities

to develop language and rhythm. Activities associated with music can

increase body awareness and coordination.

Puppets: Puppets foster creativity as well as language development.

Children are encouraged to use their imagination and gain

confidence as they role-play various situations.

CD-ROMs: Interactive computer games use rhymes and songs to further

cognitive and reading readiness skills.

Videos and DVDs: Interactive videos and DVDs enhance a child's brain development,

listening skills and vocabulary.

Parenting Collection: This special collection in the Children's Library includes books on

parenting skills and child development, with topics ranging from

phonics to toilet training.

Reading Readiness

Center:

This new program (described on page 5) provides a dedicated place for children and parents to explore sensory activities, puzzles, alphabet cubes, LeapPad Learning Systems and books. Each activity focuses on a specific stage of early literacy development. Parents will

get helpful tips and ideas for encouraging literacy at home.

Quicklinks: Every month, the Children's Library produces this free parenting electronic newsletter, listing a variety of fun and informational links

focusing on early childhood. To subscribe, send an email with the word "subscribe" in the message box to: quicklinks@cantonpl.org.

Children's Registration

Registration for children's programs begins one week in advance of program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999. Due to popular demand, the first three days of program registration are reserved for Canton residents only. Non-residents may register starting on day four. Programs not requiring registration are open to all children.

Recommended Titles for Young Readers

These tried and tested favorites represent just a fraction of the great titles available for early readers. Our children's librarians will be happy to give you additional suggestions based on your child's interests.

Board Books

10 Button Book Baby 1,2,3

Hickory Dickory Dock Flora McDonnell's ABC

Picture Books

Goodnight Moon

Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night? The Very Hungry Caterpillar

CDs

6 Little Ducks

Old MacDonald Had a Farm Singable Nursery Rhymes **Everything Grows**

Little Bear's Toddler Discovery Adventure

Reader Rabbit series

Curious George Reading and Phonics

"A" to Zap

Videos and DVDs

Between the Lions series Baby Einstein series Clifford's Fun with Letters

Baby Songs ABCs, 123, Colors and Shapes

Storytimes

For Babies 6-11 Months

Babies, 6-11 months, and their caregivers are invited to join us for a half-hour program that will introduce stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs designed for the young baby. Registration begins January 7.

Dates: January 14 - January 28
Times: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For Children 12-23 Months

Young toddlers, 12-23 months, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join us for a half-hour program of simple stories, fingerplays and songs. Registration begins January 6.

Dates: January 12 - January 29
Times: Mondays, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For Children 2-31/2 Years

Children, ages $2-3\frac{1}{2}$ years old, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join us for a half-hour program of stories, fingerplays and action songs. Registration begins January 27.

Dates: February 2 - February 19

Times: Mondays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

For Children 31/2-5 Years

Children, ages 3½-5 years old, who are not yet in kindergarten but are able to attend without a caregiver, are invited to a half-hour interactive storytime. A caregiver must remain in the library while storytime is in session. Choose ONE storytime to attend each week. Registration not required.

Dates: January 12 - January 29

Times: Mondays, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tuesdays, I p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and I p.m.

Internet Training for Kids

Beginners' Training

This half-hour session will teach children the basics of the Internet, how to use it and how to stay safe. Registration required.

Ages: 7-9 years old

Dates & Times: January 28 at 7 p.m. and January 31 at 2 p.m.

Advanced Training

This half-hour session is designed for older children who use the Internet to research topics for school. Site evaluation and searching tips will be taught. Registration required.

Ages: 9-12 years old

Dates & Times: January 21 at 7 p.m. and January 24 at 2 p.m.

Crafts and Clubs

Special K's

Stories, crafts, songs and fun! A snack will be provided.

Registration required.

Age: Kindergartners

Dates & Time: January 22 and February 19, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Afternoon Adventures

Bring your imagination and join us for stories, crafts, games and

snacks. Registration required.

Ages: Ist and 2nd graders

Dates & Time: January 12 and February 9, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Book Buddies

Get together with other kids, enjoy a snack and talk about a fantastic book. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the Children's

Information Desk beginning January 22. Ages: 3rd and 4th graders

Date & Time: **February 12**, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Kid's Club

Share ideas about good books, play games and work on other fun activities. A snack will be provided. Registration required.

Ages: 4th and 5th graders

Dates & Time: January 17 and February 7, 2-3 p.m.

Mid-winter Crafts

Creative? Imaginative? Drop by to make something unique with scrap box materials. Pick the morning OR afternoon one-hour session.

Registration not required.

Ages: 4-7 years old

Date & Times: February 25, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

It's a Mystery!

Be a super sleuth, study the clues and solve the mystery.

Registration required.

Ages: 8-11 years old

Dates & Time: February 23 or February 24, 10-12 noon

Friday Friends

Drop by the Children's Library on Friday mornings to enjoy a simple craft and playtime with other children and caregivers. Registration not required.

Dates & Time: Fridays, 10-12 noon

Reading Readiness Center

Come explore sensory activities, puzzles, nesting and matching games, alphabet cubes, flip books and the LeapPad Learning System with your young child. Registration not required.

Ages: Birth to age 5 and a caregiver Dates & Time: Fridays, 10-12 noon



Internet Classes

The Canton Public Library has added several brand new Internet classes to our schedule, in addition to a wide selection of returning favorites. Please register in person or by calling the library at (734) 397-0999. Classes are for adult Canton residents only.

Mouse Skills

January 9, 10-11 a.m. January 22, 7-8 p.m. February 17, 10-11 a.m.

If you have never used a computer mouse before, this beginners-only class will guide you in mastering basic skills.

Introduction to the Internet January 17, February 14 and

February 17, February 14 and **February 27**, 10-11 a.m. This class focuses on the basic features of Internet Explorer. Pre-requisite:

Email Basics: Using Yahoo! Mail January 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (n) (e) (w)

Learn to open your own email account, send and receive messages and more.

Pre-requisite: Mouse skills.

Job Search

Mouse skills.

January 31, 9:30-11 a.m.

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We will review the top employment websites for job hunters. Pre-requisite: Web navigation skills.

Canton Public Library Internet Branch: One-Stop Searching

February 20, 10-11 a.m.

Learn to use the Internet Branch to access library resources, including databases, My Account, online catalog, advanced search strategies and more. Pre-requisite: Web navigation skills.

Genealogy Online

February 21, 9:30-11 a.m. Explore *AncestryPlus* and other user-friendly genealogy websites. Pre-requisite: Web navigation skills.



Keep Current with the Internet Branch's Online Magazine Rack

No doubt, you're familiar with magazines such as *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Business Week* and *Rolling Stone*, but did you know that these and many other titles offer similar and sometimes original content online? Without the constraints of how much text can be squeezed onto the printed page, online versions of popular magazines often provide material that is more up-to-date than their hardcopy editions.

The Online Magazine Rack on the library's Internet Branch features more than 120 titles, in categories ranging from "Current Events, News & Opinion," "Health" and "Food & Cooking," to "Parenting," "Over 50" and "Children." We're adding new magazines all the time, so be sure to check back regularly. You can link directly to our Online Magazine Rack at www.cantonpl.org/magrack.html. Or just check the Internet Branch homepage; it's linked from the right hand column under "Timely & Topical."

Trouble Connecting?

Metro Net account holders can call (734) 397-0999 ext. 147 for assistance in connecting to servers in the library. Metro Net accounts are free to residents of Canton.

Best-selling Fiction and Nonfiction eBooks Are Here!

Downloadable titles offer an innovative solution to your reading needs

Using the OverDrive system, the library is offering an exciting new collection of more than 800 popular fiction and nonfiction eBooks, including for the first time best-selling titles that can be downloaded day or night from the library's website for offline reading on your home PCs and PDA devices. No trips to the library are required if you choose to be a virtual reader; your eBooks are automatically checked back into the system after a threeweek loan period. You can even put holds on titles that are checked out and receive email notification when they become available. For more information and to access this service, please visit the library's Internet Branch homepage at www.cantonpl.org and click on "eBooks."

Worth a Click

www.ipl.org/div/potus/

Presidents of the United States: Perfect for Presidents' Day or any time you need information about our Chief Executives.

www.stanford.edu/group/King/

Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project: Includes numerous published documents by this historic African American leader, plus audio excerpts of speeches.

www.lssu.edu/banished/

Banished Words and Phrases: Check the newly-released 2004 list, plus all others, in the popular Lake Superior State University

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contest to clean up the English language. Past offenders include "Must-See-TV," "Black Ice" and "Peel-and-Eat Shrimp."

www.stardate.org

StarDate Online: A companion to the public radio program offering tips on what you can find in the night sky and answering questions like "Why aren't stars visible in the daytime!"

Looking for more? The library's Internet Branch includes an archive of hundreds of noteworthy websites. You can find it on our homepage at www.cantonpl.org under "Site of the Day Archive."

Calendar of Connections

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Correction

In the November/December 2003 newsletter, the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs of Detroit-Canton, MI should have been listed under the category "Friend" in the donor list and on the photo of the plaque. The library regrets the error.

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Library Closings

Thursday, January I New Year's Day



Secondhand **Prose Monthly Specials**

January

Resolution Reading Buy Two, Get One Free!

If you overindulged during the holidays, now is the time to make those New Year's resolutions stick. Check out our large selection of diet and self-help books to keep you on track.

Secondhand Prose, the Friends of the Canton Public Library used bookshop, will soon have an updated look. We are making some changes to our shelving, storage and display units to make it easier to browse our extensive collection and find the used book titles you are looking for. In addition to our regular

monthly specials, we have added special "Members Only" hours on the first Tuesday of every month from 2-6 p.m. During that time, Secondhand Prose will be open only to Friends members,

with special sales and first pick of recently added titles.

Memberships are available for purchase at the door.

February

A Love...To Die For Buy Two, Get One Free!

Grab a cup of hot chocolate, an afghan and settle yourself in front of a cozy fire to enjoy a steamy romance or a chilling mystery. What a perfect way to spend a winter's night.

A Banner Year for the Library

2003 was a record-breaking year at the Canton Public Library! We made significant strides in our mission to offer information, enrichment and lifelong learning opportunities to every person living in Canton, and the community response was dramatic: Circulation surpassed 1.3 million items, making us one of the busiest libraries in the entire state. In addition:

- We answered nearly 100,000 patron questions at our Adult and Children's Reference Desks.
- We added more than 2000 new items to our collection every month, bringing the total number of circulating items to approximately 250,000.
- We welcomed approximately 700 new patrons every month.
- 2600 kids and 300 teens participated in our most successful summer reading program ever.
- Nearly 45,000 items per month were checked out using our three self-checkout machines.
- Secondhand Prose more than doubled sales from the previous year.



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