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WE HAVE A NEW LOOK !



For those of you who use our library's web-site, you've become used to seeing the home screen on the left, possibly with a few added categories such as: archived issues of this newsletter or planning commission updates and current events articles. Our website has been re-designed by our library staff and what will greet you on your computer monitor when you open up our home page is seen in the picture below. Much of what you've become accustomed to is the same but we have some great new changes too!

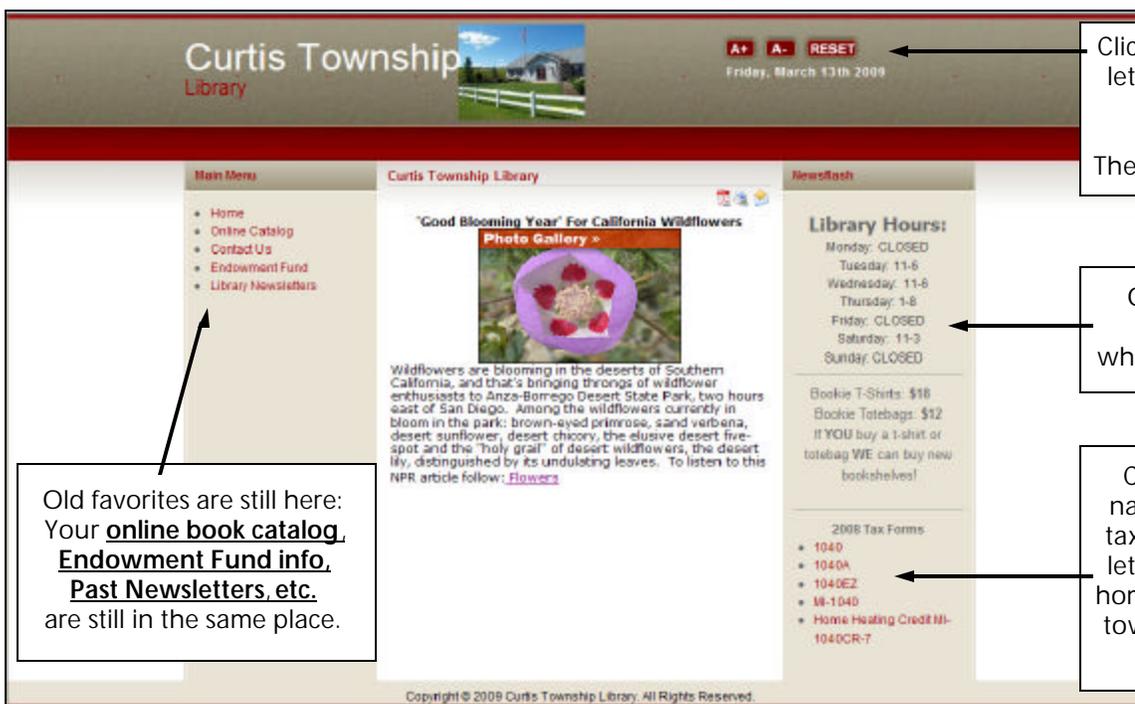
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Library Hours:

Monday Closed
 Tuesday 11AM-6PM
 Wednesday 11AM-6PM
 Thursday 1PM-8PM
 Friday Closed
 Saturday 11AM-3PM
 Sunday Closed

Our address is still:

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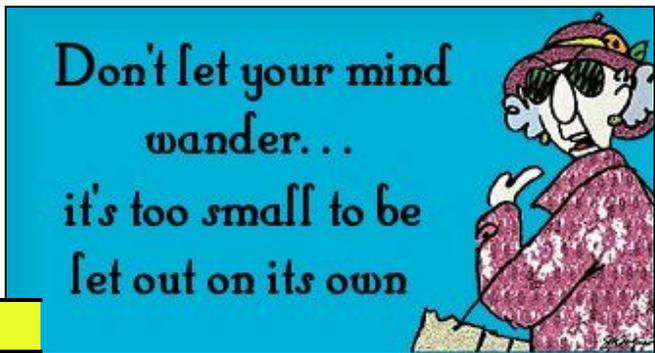


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 The current date is displayed.

Our **Schedule Of Hours** is now right here when you go to the website

Old favorites are still here: Your **online book catalog**, **Endowment Fund info**, **Past Newsletters**, etc. are still in the same place.

Clicking on the **tax form** name brings up the actual tax form in PDF format and lets you print it right out at home. No more extra trips to town to try to find the right paperwork!



Calendar of library events

April – 1	Curtis Township Library Board Meeting 5:00PM at the Library Meeting Room Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-2601
April – 21	Glennie Friends Of The Library Meeting 1:00PM at the Library Meeting Room Contact: Joanne Noe—President—989-735-2839

NEWS UPDATES

- The last piece of the new section of large-capacity book shelving has arrived so expect a tap on your shoulder to volunteer to move books and old shelving and build the new unit.
- Spring is right around the corner and the new library sign is appearing from the depths of the snow. The sign-builders will begin work anew soon and we will need help to repair the ravages of heavy equipment. Get those muscles in shape!
- As with the rest of the world today, money is getting tighter and state funds are fewer. We really need more volunteers and donations to keep the library going!

My BOOK REPORT

Those who are hunting for the Friends of the Library feature in this newsletter will notice that it is missing this month. It may return on an irregular basis as the spirit moves me but 'victims' and ideas have become too few or non-existent. In a recent conversation with Moira, never-at-a-loss-for-ideas-Library Director, she suggested that it is time to hear from our readers. Those book lovers who prowl the shelves looking for new titles and authors are the folks we would like to hear from. Has anyone suggested a new author or title to you? Has a whole new world of literature opened up to you recently? We'd like to hear from you now about one of your recent literary discoveries. Perhaps you found a new title, author or genre that you had never read before. Write a short review and we will include it. I guess I'll be the first to give it a try.

In my youth I was a rabid science-fiction fan. Heinlein, Asimov, Van Vogt and the other authors of the 'golden age' of sci-fi were what I devoured. They gave me my love for science and opened future vistas that now are becoming reality. When sci-fi began to move into the realm of fantasy, wizards and magic I moved away from that genre. I discovered the geo-techno-political thriller when John F Kennedy said that Tom Clancy's *Hunt For Red October* was his favorite book. From there I discovered Larry Bond, Clive Cussler and the rest of that group and my last 20 years of recreational reading have been mostly literature of that ilk.

Recently Moira recommended a new author, Jim Butcher, and his series of books called *The Dresden Files*. His main character, Harry Blackstone Copperfield Dresden, is the only professional wizard practicing in Chicago. (He's listed in the Yellow Pages under "Wizard"). Harry works with the police to solve out-of-the-ordinary-world crimes committed by vampires, werewolves, giant scorpions, demons and the like. Sounded weird and the reason I left sci-fi but I grit my teeth and dove in to the first book of the Dresden Series, *Storm Front*, on Moira's recommendation. I was hooked after the first chapter. Harry is a combination of those wise-cracking PI's of literature and users of magic spells. Harry's assistant, Bob, a spirit who lives in a human skull and has an overactive libido, is a laugh a minute. Jim Butcher's characters come out as real people in a supernatural world. Reading Butcher almost makes you come to believe that wizards are out there. It was a fun read and I'm now on the third book in the series. Jim Butcher has ten books in the series with more on the way and the library will soon have them available. A word of warning, the series has to be read in order because characters and story references are carried from one book to the next. The second book was *Full Moon* and the third is *Grave Peril*. All I can say is that if you are looking for a fun read you've got to at least try the Dresden Series. After I finish, or I should say, get caught up with Butcher's Dresden series, I'll move on to his next series, *Codex Alera*— think Roman Empire in a fantasy world. Try *Storm Front*, I think you'll be hooked too. P.S. The Dresden Files was a TV series on the Sci-Fi Channel but you'll have to wait in line for the DVD when it arrives at the library. I've got first dibs.

-Jim Szymaszek



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