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# CURTIS TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

### LIBRARY BOARD

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**FEBRUARY  
2008**



Curtis Township Library  
4884 Bamfield Road  
Glennie, Michigan 48737  
Phone: 989-735-2601  
Fax: 989-735-2601  
Moira Maus-Library Director

### Library Hours:

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

**Time to join/renew !  
Friends of the Library !  
Individuals - \$ 12.00/yr  
Family - \$ 25.00/yr**

## THE GLENNIE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Glennie Friends Of The Library are a fun-loving group of library supporters who will do just about anything to make you get hooked on books. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The Friends volunteer an impressive 2000+ hours a year working in and around the library and also at various functions to raise funds for the library. These generous efforts offset the ever-dwindling state/local revenue.

The Glennie Friends of The Library donate books every Christmas to each student at Glennie Elementary School as part of the library's "Gift of Reading" Literacy Program.

In the 2000 US Census the percentage of age 25+ Alcona County residents that had completed high school was 41.9 %. In Curtis Township the figure was 43.1%. In other words over half of the adult residents of our community did not have the reading skills to function adequately in American society!

Come join the Friends' efforts to remedy this situation !

Tom & Ann Burton  
Urban & Margaret Grix  
Carol Hall  
Linda Howell  
Nancy James  
Casey Johnson  
Emily Kemnitz  
Beulah Lilley  
Margo Lowery  
Moira Maus  
Joanne Noe  
Charlotte Ott  
Melinda Rhodes  
Jim Szymaszek  
Vivian & Rudy Trecha  
Joanne Wiebelhaus  
Barbara Winn  
Kathy Wolka



**Nancy James** serves as secretary of the Friends of the Library organization. Before retiring to Glennie she was the lead journalist-reporter for a great metropolitan newspaper. Nancy won several prestigious awards for her hard-hitting anti-drug articles. However her work was continually overshadowed by the media frenzy over a fellow journalist's double identity.

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### CTL LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The CTL Library Endowment Fund for the 2007 fiscal year ( through the Community Fund Of Northeast Michigan ) achieved the following:

- Total donations in the 2007 fiscal year were \$3025.00
- Investments earned @ 13.5%
- Interest and gains earned 10/06 through 9/07 were \$592.83
- Total fund balance as of 10/30/07 is \$ 6066.28

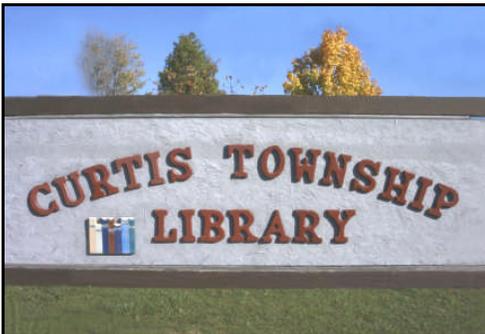
Michigan law provides tax benefits for charitable contributions made to public libraries. In short the taxpayer can claim 50% of their donation as a tax credit not to exceed \$100 or for husband and wife filing jointly \$200. So a couple filing a joint return can donate \$400 to our library and get a \$200 tax credit on their Michigan Income tax. For those of you who itemize you also qualify for a deduction on your federal tax.

Business taxpayers can make charitable donations to public libraries and claim a credit against the tax imposed by the Michigan Business Tax Act, 2007, PA 36 under section 421, MCL 208.1412.



### 2007 CIRCULATION

During the 2007 calendar year the library circulation was as follows: The total circulation at the CTL was 10852, which included books, CDs, DVDs, etc. The most popular categories were fiction book titles and DVDs. The library sent out and received 1830 titles from other libraries. The library's computers were accessed by patrons an average of 43 times a day.



### CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

**February 7- Curtis Township Library Board Meeting**  
7:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-2601

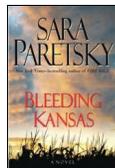
**February 21- Glennie Friends Of The Library Meeting**  
3:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Joanne Noe—President—989-735-2839  
**WE NEED TO BEGIN GATHERING ITEMS FOR THE LIBRARY'S JUNE YARD SALE!**

### NEW BOOKS TO LOOK FOR



**Musicophilia**  
By Oliver Sacks

This book takes up the subject of the connection between the brain and music. Each chapter introduces the reader to people, some of whom have severe neurological disorders, who have strange and profound relationships with music. Sacks deals with the science of the brain and the wonderful ways that the brain and music are intertwined. He writes in a manner that is easily comprehended by the laymen. This is a thoroughly enjoyable look at the human mind and its many mysteries.



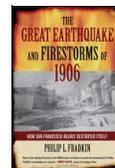
**Bleeding Kansas**  
By Sara Paretsky

This is not a light fiction book but neither is it a total downer. It is a novel to enjoy slowly. It is an account of a feud between two Kaw River Valley, Kansas families, the Grelliers and the Shapens. It is a story about the joys and sorrows of peoples' lives. Paretsky writes with her trademark 'hard-edged style but she has a masterful command of people's emotions and motivations. This is a more complex, gripping read. It hits the highs and lows of life and humor is a definite factor.



**Hand of Evil**  
By J.A. Jance

If you are a fan of J.A. Jance, you'll enjoy this yarn. This is the third in the Ali Reynolds series of suspense novels. The taut style is reminiscent of Mary Higgins Clark and the tale keeps the tension ratcheted on high. The story never takes a break. What the heroine goes through would give most people battle fatigue syndrome. Since Jance's writing style tends to build on previous works, you might be better served to read the first two Ali Reynolds mysteries first, Edge of Evil and second, Web of Evil.



**The Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906**  
By Philip L. Fradkin

" San Franciscans, not the inanimate forces of nature , were primarily responsible for the extensive chaos, damage, injuries, and deaths in the great earthquake and firestorms of 1906. Despite...warnings, they were dismissive of the past and failed to be prepared for the future. During the earthquake and fire, military and civilian officials reacted foolishly under great duress." Much of history is written by the wealthy but Fradkin has managed to piece together much of the forgotten minorities' accounts.