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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## LOOKING BACK ON 2007

- January — The library received a \$1050.00 donation from the Detroit Tigers that went to the Curtis Township Library Endowment Fund.
- Robert & Emily Kemnitz donated \$250.00 to the Endowment Fund
  - Dick & Corky Tarr donated \$100.00 to the Endowment Fund
- June — The Library Yard Sale was hosted by the Glennie Friends of The Library on 6/19
- The Family of Deanne Thelen donated \$1250.00 to the Endowment Fund
  - The CTL Library upgraded its automated online software by moving to the larger Inter-Library Loan System in the Upper Peninsula. It offers our library patrons a collection of 1.6 million books, cassettes, DVD's, etc. at a lower cost!
- July — The Summer Reading Program began on 7/17 (made possible by a \$1050.00 grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan) with a program entitled "Michigan's Valuable Wetlands" presented by the MUCC.
- The CTL Library hosted a Harry Potter Party on 7/21
  - The Summer Reading Program continued with the "Bugs and Spiders" program presented by the Raven Hill Discovery Science Center on 7/30.
  - The CTL Library joined the Statewide Library Catalog which expanded the access of library materials for our members by over 12 million items. Central Michigan University Library, Detroit Public Library, Eastern Michigan University Library, Kent District Library and East Lansing Public Library are just a few of the libraries that are now accessible to our readers.
- August — Summer Reading Program continued on 8/15 with "Flattened Fauna", a humorous presentation, subject: roadkill, by Roger Knutson, a retired science professor.
- The CTL Library ended the Summer Reading Program by hosting the "Super Smash Bros" gaming tournament on 8/18.
  - The Curtis Township Library collection of onsite items grew to over 10,000 items, up from the approximately 3500 items that were in the CTL library inventory when Moira Maus became Library Director in 2000.
- November — The CTL library received a \$7000.00 donation from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for 6 new Dell computers with 17" LCD monitors.
- The CTL Library received a \$1000.00 grant from the Northland Library Cooperative to be used to defray the cost of the library's online booking system software.
  - The CTL Library received a \$472.00 grant from the Glennie Friends of the Library to be used to defray the cost of the library's online booking system software.
  - The Glennie FOL held its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party on 11/29

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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

*After listing the library's events, accomplishments and donations of the past year in the lead article of this newsletter I was struck by the thought: "Look at all those zeros! How can we ask the people of Glennie and Curtis Township for more donations?" Then I realized: yes, the library has received some impressive donations but these amounts are only a small part of the money required to maintain and improve the library. For example, in November our library director, Moira Maus, obtained two grants in the total amount of \$1470.00 for the expense of subscribing to the statewide network of libraries online. The problem is that the cost of bringing 14 million books to you online for the year is almost \$2000.00! The constant cuts by the state to our library budget put an ever-larger burden on the library's patrons to keep the library running. I am continually amazed by frugality, resourcefulness and creativity of the staff and volunteers of the library but your help is needed more now than ever. We have an outstanding library. Donate some of your time to help maintain it. Make a monetary donation if you can. Your help will be most welcome! It definitely is needed now! Your gifts to the library will be returned a thousand-fold as the best gift of all, knowledge. - the editor*

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## CTL LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

### WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

In the last few months' newsletters the founding of the Curtis Township Library Endowment Fund was described. Our library won the **PLA EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award**, one of only 11 libraries in the entire country to win that award. As part of the award, the library was given a \$1000 dollar grant. The CTL Library Board used that grant money to create the Curtis Township Library Endowment Fund which is to be used to maintain and improve our library's services.

The Curtis Township Library Endowment Fund is maintained by the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan ( [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org) ).

When you make a donation to the Community Fund of Northeast Michigan in the name of the Curtis Township Library Fund, the Community Fund then administers and invests

those dollars. An independent audit is performed each year and the results are available to the public on request.

**The most important thing to remember is that your donation dollars to the library are never spent. They are invested and returned ONLY to the Curtis Township Library as grants based on the needs of our library alone.**

The amount of the grants can never exceed the interest accrued by the fund. The moneys can only be spent on our library's upkeep, the library's collection ( books, audio books, videos, etc. ) and technology improvement such as computers, hardware and software.

Your donations can be in the form of a check, credit card by phone or online, bequests in wills or trusts or charitable gift annuities. The details of all of these options are available at the CTL or directly from the Northeast Michigan Community Fund by toll-free phone at 1-877-354-6881 or at [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org).

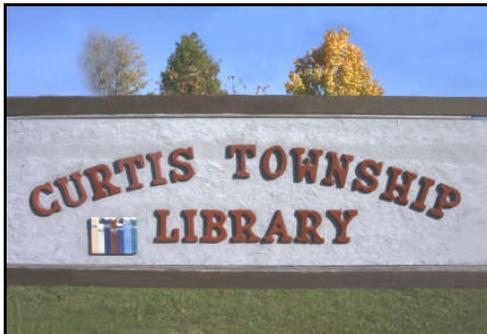


In summary, your donations, be they large behests or small change when you visit the library, are sorely needed. With the state cuts in funding to the library system in full swing, your gifts are needed not only to merely maintain the level of service that you have become accustomed to at the CTL but also to help the library keep moving forward.

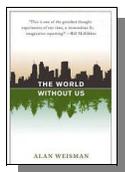
With the emerging information technologies such as Internet computers with current software, Wi-Fi, online library catalogues which give you access to literally millions of books and other materials making ever larger demands on the library's budget, your donations are absolutely necessary to the library's continued operation. Our library stretches every dollar to its fullest possible use and ultimately depends on your support!

## CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

- January 3-** **Curtis Township Library Board Meeting**  
7:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-2601
- January 17-** **Glennie Friends Of The Library Meeting**  
3:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Joanne Noe—President—989-735-2839

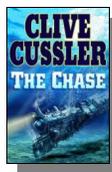


## BOOKS TO LOOK FOR ONLINE



**The World Without Us**  
By Alan Weisman

If every person on earth disappeared tomorrow what would happen to the works of man? Your house would completely disappear in 500 years. Lexington Avenue in New York would collapse in two days and become a rushing river. The world's 441 nuclear reactors would become a plague of Chernobyls for 250,000 years. But Weisman is optimistic for Planet Earth if not for the human race. This is a cautionary tale about the fate of other societies that outran the potential for their environment.



**The Chase**  
By Clive Cussler

A new Clive Cussler adventure without any co-authors, Dirk Pitt or any of his old collection of stock characters and story lines. This adventure begins, as most Cusslers do, in the past, but there the similarity ends. When the story skips to the present, it is still the early 1900's. A new protagonist, Isaac Bell, is on the trail of a serial killer. This is a refreshing new tale without NUMA and possibly is the beginning of a new series. Cussler remains the consummate storyteller.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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



**Emily Kemnitz** (nee O'Hara) is the Vice-President of the Friends Of The Library organization. Born on the family estate near Atlanta, Georgia, her childhood friends nicknamed her "Red". She oversaw the family estate after the death of her parents and was a headstrong, iron-willed, hands-on manager.

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