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### SHELVING UPDATE



Well the library is still in a state of transition. The old shelving has been removed. The remaining shelving has been moved to its new position and a space has been reserved for the new high-capacity shelving but before we can put up the new shelving our volunteers had to move approximately a quarter of the library's book inventory (about 3000 books) to tables. A big thanks to the crew of "Bookies" who accomplished that task on one very busy Saturday afternoon.

Joanne Noe  
Linda Howell  
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Alec Maus  
John Maus  
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### LIBRARY GARAGE SALE ! SATURDAY JUNE 20

We're still looking for donations for the Library Garage Sale which will be held on the same Saturday as the Glennie Auto Show. When you're in town to admire all of that Detroit iron drop by the library and shop for some of the treasures we have for sale. Prices by donation. We will accept anything except clothing. Unsold items will go to the Habitat For Humanity program.

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to **Beth Allen**, owner of the **CHAT-N-CHEW RESTAURANT** of **Glennie** and **Jackie Adamiec** who donated the entire Stephanie Meyer "Twilight" series of books to the library. This series is so popular that it is going to be kept as a 'local only' part of the library collection.

### THANK YOU

You may have noticed our new large American flag flying proudly in front of the library. Thank you to the 'Friends of Robert Dennis' for that donation.

### WANTED !

Got old ink jet printer or laser toner cartridges? Instead of adding them to the local landfill drop them off at the library. We'll recycle them. It's the way for you to dispose of them responsibly.

Curtis Township Library  
4884 ( F-30 ) Bamfield Road  
Glennie, Michigan 48737  
Phone: 989-735-2601  
Fax: 989-735-2601  
Moira Maus-Library Director

### Library Hours:

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

### SIGN UPDATE



The biggest thanks for this month's sign project progress goes to Ken Walls, "our lawn angel" who 'just happened by one day' with a trailer full of landscaping power tools, tractor, rototiller and lawn roller. He and Moira and John Maus proceeded to level out the library lawn ruts left over from last fall's heavy equipment and re-seeded the grass with donations from Harger's Nursery. A heartfelt thanks to you, Ken !

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## CALENDAR OF LIBRARY EVENTS

- June – 4 **Curtis Township Library Board Meeting**  
7:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Moira Maus—Library Director—989-735-260
- June – 17 **Glennie Friends Of The Library Meeting**  
1:00PM at the Library Meeting Room  
Contact: Joanne Noe—President—989-735-2839
- June – 20 **Curtis Township Library Annual Garage Sale**

## BAD NEWS FROM THE STATE ( SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW!)

The Governor and state government have issued numerous cuts to the budget. State Aid for public libraries has been reduced 36% and another 14% has been recommended by the State Senate. Local public libraries have been cut 4% for this year alone (\$400,000). State Aid drops from \$0.3247 to \$0.3118. Our Superiorland Co-op's loss is \$16,000. Library of Michigan reduction is \$344,500. Federal LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) funds pay for 100 percent of the MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) and MelCat (Catalog) which every library in Michigan uses. As State Aid decreases, federal aid decreases because LSTA requires local support (State Aid). To put all of this in perspective: Michigan residents performed over 40 million in the subscription databases, an increase of over 60% over 2007. 28.3 million articles were downloaded (an increase of over 8%) 213,439 electronic books were used. If Michigan's public libraries had purchased these subscriptions individually, the cost would have been about \$72,223,000. If Michigan residents had paid for each article they downloaded the cost to them would have been about \$424,500,000. Since MeLCAT databases can be accessed from home or the library, the figures are probably much higher. MeLCAT serves 351 libraries and contains 9.12 million records with over 37 million holdings. In 2008, Michigan residents borrowed 680,593 items, a 75% increase over 2007.

Michigan residents are using their local libraries more than ever before to apply for unemployment benefits, look for jobs, taxes and write resumes online. Unemployed residents often discontinue their Internet access at home to save money and rely on their libraries. Many libraries supply basic computer training for their users. LSTA funds provide a learning platform called the Learning Express Library which provides practice tests for high school students' ACT and SAT tests. Residents can take practice tests for GED, citizenship, civil service, commercial driver license, firefighters, law enforcement and nursing. Children are among the heaviest users of library services. Summer reading programs help children increase their reading scores. LSTA funds are used to buy summer reading manuals. Children that do not participate in reading programs drop one grade level in reading ability over the summer.

Contact your state government officials (you can find their names in the *GC News Classifieds* as well as [www.curtistownship.com](http://www.curtistownship.com) and let them know, in no uncertain terms that now is not the time cut library services state funds.

*Editor's Note: If you have recently read a book that you enjoyed, the Friends of The Library Newsletter would be happy to print your review in a future issue.*



Time to join or renew  
your membership  
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Glennie  
Friends of the Library !  
Single - \$ 12.00/yr  
Family - \$ 25.00/yr



IF YOU BUY A "BOOKIE" T-SHIRT  
WE CAN BUY SHELVES.  
WE ALSO HAVE "BOOKIE" BAGS!

## EDITOR'S BOOKIE T-SHIRT (WET OR DRY) CONTEST

Last December the library held a "Bookie T-Shirt Contest". If you were spotted wearing your Bookie T-shirt during the course of a weekend you could win a prize. That was probably not the best idea I've ever had. December is not ideal T-shirt weather in Curtis Township. So I am resurrecting this contest for the summer. Each day you are spotted wearing your Bookie T-shirt during July and August your name will go into the hat and one lucky "Bookie" will win a \$100 cash prize for that month. The more days you wear your 'colors', and are spotted by myself or one of my 'secret agents' the more chances you have to win. So get that Bookie T-shirt out or get over to the library and buy one and wear it this summer, a lot!