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SHELF LIFE

BEYOND THE STACKS

News from Tecumseh District Library

We've been enjoying some lovely fall days as this update is written, but the weather is sure to turn colder eventually. When that time comes, remember your library and all the resources we have for you. As we say, "Books are just the beginning!"

Inside the newsletter you will find a list of the services, nontraditional items and digital resources that TDL offers. From wifi hotspots to digitized Tecumseh Yearbooks, we have many interesting and useful collections.

One of the true treasures of the library is the Clara Waldron Historical Room. The room was named in honor of Clara Waldron, author of *One Hundred Years A Country Town*, a history of Tecumseh from 1824 to 1924. There are many interesting documents in the room, but in this issue we focus on early businessman William Hayden and his amazing and adventurous story.

Children's programming has returned to in-person status, with Story Time, Crafty Crew, and Mosaic Maniacs all rolling out. Our teens have some new clubs as well – Board Game Club, Video Game Club and Teen Book Club.

Our annual holiday book project with the Tecumseh Service Club, called the "Gift of Reading", will take place again this year. Purchase new books for children or teens and bring them, unwrapped, to the TDL Circulation desk by December 12. They will be added to the traditional Christmas baskets of food, clothing and toys given out by the Service Club each year. If you prefer to do a monetary contribution, checks may be made out to the Tecumseh Service Club.

We hope to see you at the library this winter. Come in to read by the fire, exercise on our recumbent bikes, use our wifi (even from the parking lot), check out some DVDs, or take home some free jigsaw puzzles. We even have books!

Happy Holidays from the Staff at TDL

LEARN

EXPLORE

INTERACT

CREATE

ENJOY

Our Vision Statement:

The Tecumseh District Library strives to be a premier facility offering a welcoming, accessible community resource where all people can learn, explore, interact, create, and enjoy.

BOOKS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING

Did you know we offer...?

Services

- ♦ Notary
- ♦ Fax, copy, & print
- ♦ Public & Express Computers
- ♦ Outreach Homebound Services
- ♦ Interlibrary Loan
- ♦ Assistance with personal devices
- ♦ Free Wifi
- ♦ DVDs
- ♦ Audiobooks
- ♦ Video Games
- ♦ Magazines & Newspapers
- ♦ Quiet Study Rooms
- ♦ Meeting Rooms
- ♦ Take-Read-and Return
- ♦ Early Literacy Stations
- ♦ Book Clubs
- ♦ Clara Waldron History Room
- ♦ Digital Station
- ♦ Library App

Nontraditional Items

- ♦ Wifi Hotspots
- ♦ iPod Shuffles with Speaker
- ♦ Jigsaw Puzzles
- ♦ Michigan Activity Passes
- ♦ Read & Relax—Hidden Lake Garden Pass
- ♦ Energy Usage Meters
- ♦ Seed Library
- ♦ Recumbant Exercise Bikes
- ♦ Puppets

Digital Resources

- ♦ hoopla
- ♦ Libby
- ♦ America's News & News Magazines
- ♦ Mango Languages
- ♦ Ancestry Library Edition
- ♦ MeL Library
- ♦ Tutor.com
- ♦ Digitized Tecumseh Public Middle & High School Year Books
- ♦ Digitized Tecumseh Herald 1940-1979



Michigan eLibrary

Can't find what you're looking for at Tecumseh District Library? Try MeLcat!

Go to **MeL.org** to request material from over 400 libraries across the state of Michigan. We will notify you when it arrives for pickup.

MeL.org also has an extensive collection of digital resources you can access from TDL's computers or from your own home. Databases include Consumer's Reports, various repair manuals, genealogy, ebooks, business, education, government publications, and so much more!



Let Tecumseh District Library bring the library to you with our **OUTREACH SERVICES**

Our Outreach program is a free delivery of TDL materials to patrons who are physically unable to visit the library. This includes the elderly, the disabled, and those who might be temporarily incapacitated due to injury. Any material that circulates from TDL can be requested. Materials are delivered monthly by one of our Friends of Tecumseh District Library. Call (517) 423-2238 to sign up.



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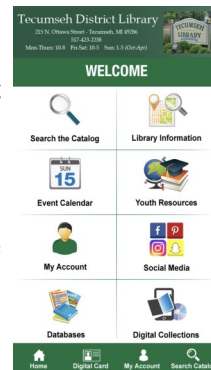
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Library Mobile App

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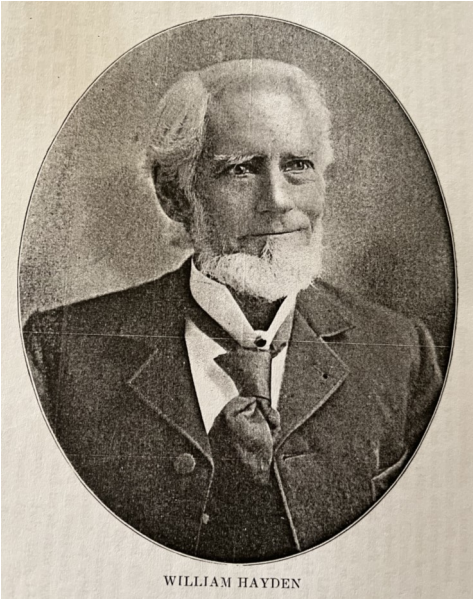
iPod Shuffles

Borrow a preloaded iPod Shuffle from TDL! The shuffles come with their own speakers and are controlled by a push of a button. You do not need to be tech-savvy to enjoy them. Each shuffle has a carefully curated selection of music based on a particular musical genre. You can choose from:

- ♦ 50's Music
- ♦ 60's Music
- ♦ 70's Music
- ♦ Hymns & Christmas



TREASURES FROM THE HISTORY ROOM



William Hayden was a founding member of the Tecumseh Haydens, as well as an early businessman. He arrived in Tecumseh in 1857 and purchased the Globe Mill at a bankruptcy sale. However, he'd had real adventure before arriving in our peaceful community where he lived for the rest of his life.

He was born March 25, 1819 in Springfield, Otsego County, New York near Cooperstown. His parents were Hannah and Hezekiah Hayden, who moved to pioneer upstate New York from established farms and families in Hartford, Connecticut. Hezekiah had learned the trade of weaver and cloth dresser in his youth, even making a trip to Rotterdam as a young man, and operated a woolen factory from 1811 to 1823 in Springfield. Hezekiah was a man of great energy but his life was cut short at the age of forty-six during a typhoid epidemic. Hannah died a few weeks later, leaving their nine living children (out of twelve) orphans. William was the tenth child and the seventh son and was four years old when his parents died.

The children were distributed to various relatives, with William going to Windsor to be "bound out" to an uncle. He remained there for three years and then returned to New York and Genesee County to live with another uncle until he reached adulthood. He went into business for himself in 1840, purchasing the shoe shop and tannery of his uncle at Bennington and with a partner operated and enlarged the business until 1846. He engaged in the milling and lumber trade for a brief time and then worked as a carpenter in New York City repairing and refitting vessels for sea. This was around the time that Gold Rush Fever hit hard and thirty year old William joined a group of twelve making the overland journey to California. After traveling for 100 days and reaching the Platte River, cholera broke out among the group and four died, including Albert Hayden, brother of William. William contracted the disease but recovered and the group continued on. Near the South Pass of the

mountains, William and another member of the party came down with mountain fever, and with provisions being short, the rest of the group pushed on and left the sick ones to perish. The sick ones treated themselves with white oak bark, using a skillet borrowed from Daniel Boone, grandson of the old Kentucky trapper who was traveling in the area. Recovering well enough to overtake their group, now numbering eight, they arrived in Sacramento by September, having "been on the road" since February.

William engaged in mining, building and contracting for two years and then took passage for home via the Isthmus. Five days later the steamer was wrecked 700 miles below San Francisco. Fortunately all the passengers survived and sixteen days later they boarded another vessel.

Unfortunately, as William was moving from one vessel to another, his carpetbag sank beneath the waves and with it, his earnings of \$4,000 in gold. He had absolutely nothing left, not even a change of clothing and no money to pay his fare home. To his great relief, the wife of the Governor of California came to his rescue and funds were raised to cover the cost of his ticket. The Isthmus was crossed and William boarded a steamer bound for New York City, surviving a terrible storm and a fire, and reaching port on August 20, 1851.

William still wanted to go west and traveled to Jackson, Michigan where he purchased a mill from his brother Henry. William operated the Vandercook Mills for three years. He then purchased the Globe Mill in Tecumseh where he achieved great success for many decades. His home on Pottawattamie Street in Tecumseh, where he and his wife Sarah Hosmer Hayden raised their eight children, still stands today.

One of the special treasures of our History Room is the collection of diaries written by Perry Hayden, grandson of William. The twenty plus volumes cover the years from 1913 to 1954, beginning first as handwritten records and then transitioning to typewritten ones and back again. Years of Hayden family Holiday Letters are also in the collection.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

RAZZLE-DAZZLE!

by Mrs. Reasoner, Children's Librarian

Here's a look at a few of the programs awaiting TDL's young patrons this season!

STORY TIME

Story Time is presented once a month for forty-five minutes with a themed program designed for 3-year-olds through second graders. Story Time begins at 6:45 pm in Imagination Station which is our programming room within the Children's Section. Registration is required with room for 15 children and their caregivers.

STOCKINGFUL OF JOY: A Winter Holiday Story Time,
Tuesday, December 20th

SERENDIPITY: A Winter Wonderland Story Time,
Tuesday, January 10th

HEARTS AND HUGS: A Valentine's Day Story Time,
Tuesday, February 7th

POT O' GOLD: A St. Patrick's Day Story Time,
Tuesday, March 14th

CRAFTY CREW

Crafty Crew is a Make-it & Take-it Crafts Program for Third and Fourth Graders.

We enjoy making crafts on the second Thursday of each month after school for two hours in Imagination Station. So far we have created Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Fall Crafts and coming up soon will be Christmas and winter crafts. Registration is required with room for ten students. The Crafty Crew's handiwork will soon be on display in January in the Clara Waldron Case near the front Circulation Desk!



GIFT OF READING: a Joint Holiday Book Project with the Tecumseh Service Club

This project is near and dear to our hearts as over the last thirty years our patrons have provided thousands of new books for children, tweens, and teens to be included in the traditional Christmas baskets of food, clothing, and toys. Area residents may participate in two ways:

- ◆ Purchase new children's books and/or teen paperbacks from your favorite bookstore. Then bring the unwrapped books to the front Circulation Desk by Monday, December 12th.
- ◆ Send a tax-deductible check payable to the "Tecumseh Service Club" to the Tecumseh District Library, 215 North Ottawa Street, in care of "The Gift of Reading" by Monday, December 12th. Designated shoppers from the Service Club will use these donations to buy additional books for the project.

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We feel so fortunate to have the support of our community and we thank the following donors who have contributed to TDL in the last quarter.

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