

Book Worm

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January Calendar

December 31 - New Years Eve, Library Closed

January 1 - Happy New Year!

January 2 - Library Closed in observance of New Years

January 3 - School resumes

January 3 - Orangeville Twp meeting 7pm

January 5 - Watson Twp meeting 7pm

January 9 - Writer's Group 6pm

January 9 - Friends of the Library 6pm

January 9 - Scandalous Allegan County with Scott Kuykendall 6pm

January 11 - Early release for Martin students 1pm

January 11 - Martin Twp meeting 6:30pm

January 14 - Winter Activity for K-6 at the library 10:30am

January 16 - School Board meeting 6pm

January 19 - 1/2 day for Martin schools 11am

January 20 - 1/2 day for Martin Schools 11am

January 24 - Toddler Time 10:30am

January 24 - Library Board meeting 5pm

January 28 - Family Flix 10:30am

January 30 - Book Club 1pm

January 30 - Teen Council 3pm

January 31 - Toddler Time 10:30am

Hours:

Monday 12p-7p

Tuesday 10a-5p

Wednesday 10a-5p

Thursday Closed

Friday 10a-5p

Saturday 9a-1p

Sunday Closed

Scandalous Allegan County

This fall we had to reschedule our talk given by Scott Kuykendall, president of the Allegan County Historical Society, but it's on the calendar and we cannot wait to hear some Martin History

from our local historian. Join us at the Township Hall on Monday, January 9 at 6pm for this informative and entertaining evening. See page 4 for an educational article written by Scott Kuykendall.



Library Board of Trustees Minutes

JC Wheeler Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 25, 2016

Call to Order 5:02 P.M.

Roll Call – Diane Gilson, Alice Kelsey, Gloria Lynema, Julie Pallet, Natalie Van Houten, and Director Alicia Kershaw, Absent, Angie Cameruci.

Approval of Agenda – Gloria motioned, and Diane seconded, all approved.

Public Comment – None.

Approval of September minutes – Diane motioned and Gloria seconded, all approved.

Review of Bills - All bills approved.

Director's Report – Toddler Time is booming, we have more than made up for the kids we lost to school. We had 13 kids today with some missing. We now have 15 kids in the program. '1000 BBK' is going well, we are off to a good start. We are still pushing enrollment with the preschool classes. Our first fall Saturday story time is scheduled for this

Saturday, October 29, 2016. Our first fall Teen Council went well. Harvey and Debbie Leep donated pumpkins that we painted and sent home with the teens. Book Club had great discussion on Frankenstein. Our next meeting is November 28, 2016 when we will discuss Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*. On December 19, 2015, Book Club will discuss Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The Friends are starting to look for individuals or businesses to do trees for their fundraiser this winter. If you know of anyone who might want to participate, please let Marlene Leep know. Setup for the trees is the last week of November. Scandalous Allegan County was postponed because of a death in the family. We will reschedule as soon as Scott can. Skip Coryell's book signing went well. Skip is donating \$80 from his profits to the Friends of the Library. The Friend's book sale is moved to November 11 and 12 at the Township Hall due to elections. Holiday schedule for the library is as follows: According to policy book, in November we will be closed the 24th thru the 27th for

Thanksgiving, in December we will be closed December 24th thru the 26th for Christmas and December 31 thru January 2nd, 2017 for New Years. We will reopen on January 3, 2017.

Old Business – The sign is up, just a couple issues to address. The sign looks great, and the stone sign looks good as well.

New Business – November meeting – Natalie motioned and Gloria seconded that we not meet in November and our December meeting's date be moved to December 13, 2016, all agreed.

Update on Township Meetings – All townships and the Village were updated on library news.

Public Comment – None.

Board Member Comment – None.

Next meeting – December 13, 2016, at 5:00 P.M.

Motion to Adjourn – Gloria motioned and Diane seconded. All agreed. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Holiday Hours

We are Closed:
Dec 31,
Jan 1, &
Jan 2 for
New Years

We will open
our regular
hours on
Tuesday
after the
holidays



Toddler Time

Our Toddlers are so fun! There will be NO Toddler Time until January 24th. We are taking a long Christmas break and when we start up in January again we'll have new stories and crafts ready. So mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 24 at 10:30 am for Toddler Time's return!



We are updating our policies on computers.

Please be sure to look over our new Computer Policy and sign the User Agreement. Thanks!

Teen Council

Teen Council met December 19th for a special Christmas get together. The teens made coasters and had a lot of fun making something

they could use or give as a gift. Next Teen Council is Monday, January 30th at 3pm.

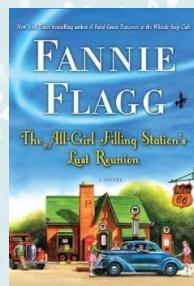


Book Club

Book Club gathered together on December 19 on THE DATE that A Christmas Carol was first published 173 years prior. Book Club is just that awesome to have planned that...actually, it was a fun coincidence. We had fun chatting how the

book differed from the movies we have grown up on and what movies were our favorite and there are always rabbit trails of conversations during book club. It makes it the fun gathering it is! We meet next on Monday, January 30th at 1pm to discuss Fannie Flagg's

book The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion. You can view all our books to read for 2017 on the website or blog.



Finding FOGO

By Scott Kuykendall

What or who is Fogo? I know this may be an odd question and I am sure your mind is trying to process these four letters either as an acronym or an abbreviation. These four letters are actually a part of our township's history. I found these four letters in a very obscure document while conducting research on our county.

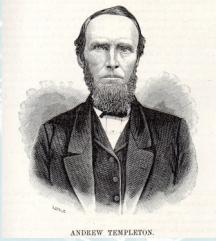
The Martin Public Library and the Allegan County Historical Society have joined together to answer the question "What or who is Fogo?" Over the next few months, we will be making a journey around the Township of Martin searching for Fogo, and along the way, we will discover and explore the history of Martin Township since its inception in 1836.

So, let us jump in our time machine and hop through time and across our township to learn about the people, places and interesting facts that make our community such a fantastic place to live today.

Our time machine brings us to September of 1865. Our journey starts right after the end of the Civil War. Martin Township's boys are just now starting to come home from the war. We are just outside of Martin Corners (current Village of Martin) and we start walking north on the plank road (The plank road is located on what is 10th Street today.) It is a toll road and while it is being used, a charge of two cents a mile is made for a wagon or carriage drawn by two horses, and one cent a mile for every sled or sleigh drawn. If more than two horses are used, an additional charge of three-quarters of a cent per mile for each additional

animal is levied. A toll of one cent per mile is made for a vehicle drawn by one horse, as well as for a horse and rider. Tolls of one-half cent a mile are levied for every score of sheep, swine or "neat cattle." Since we are walking, we will not need to pay the toll. That is a good thing. I forgot to bring any money with me.

As we walk north on the road, we are only able to see farm land and trees for as far as the eye can see. We walk past the farm land and residences of William Russell on the left and David Wylie on the right until we get to section 19 of the township and the beautiful 180 acre farm and house built and owned by Andrew Templeton. He



ANDREW TEMPLETON.

emigrated from Scotland and joined his cousins here in Martin Township to start his new life. His farm eventually became known as one of the finest in the Township. He built many of the structures in the township, was a leader in the Presbyterian faith and an office holder in the Republican Party. (His house still stands today.)

Since we have not seen any signs of Fogo, we depart the Templeton house and continue north on the plank road passing through sections 17 and 18 of the township. While we walk through these two sections, we pass by the Samuel Eldred farm, the Wilder farm, and the Isaac Harding and David Brown farms and then we see the 310 acre

farm and residence of William F. Harden in section seven. (On what is today's 120th Avenue.)



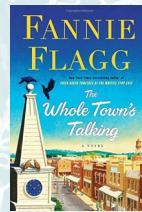
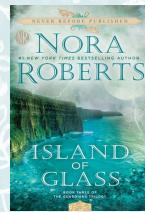
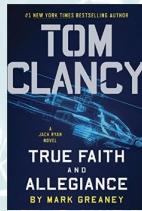
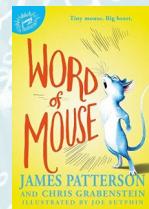
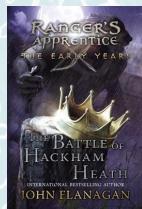
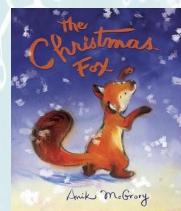
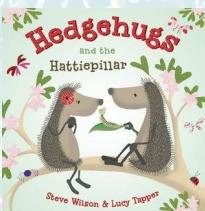
Mr. Harden moved here from New York and he is known as one of the most successful farmers in the township. The Hon. William Harden is very active in politics serving as the Township Supervisor for twelve years and currently representing the area in the State House of Representatives.

But then we see a small building in section seven along the plank road. (North of what is today's 120th Avenue.) Is that Fogo? Let us go look closer. No, it is not Fogo, but it is the No. 3 school located right across the plank road from the J. C. Wheeler farm. This is one of seven schoolhouses that were in the township during this time. It is fun to think how far our school system has come since John McVean taught the first school group at district No. 2 in Martin Corners in 1842.

But we need to remember why we are here. We are looking for Fogo. Let us hop back in to our time machine and transport ourselves to another time and place in the township. In our time machine we enter Section 32, Monteith Station, 1895. Will we find Fogo there?

Stay tuned for the next installment of Finding Fogo!

New Books



Santa's Visit to the Library!

Santa made a special trip to Martin to visit with all the boys and girls at the library. We had a large turn out to visit with Santa and he listened to all the boys and girls requests for presents. We were so grateful for the time with Santa during his busy season. A very special thank you to Santa who has been

with us for many years but told us that he is entering retirement. What joy he has spread in his time as Martin's Santa!

If you know of a good 'Santa' that is willing to give his time to our little community in years to come, please let us know!



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Happy New Year from the
Martin Library Staff!

Top Ten Books for Martin in 2016

Adults:

10. 'Private Paris' by James Patterson
9. 'The Obsession' by Nora Roberts
8. 'Blue' by Danielle Steel
7. 'Off the Grid' by C.J. Box
6. 'The Guilty' by David Baldacci
5. 'Rogue Lawyer' by John Grisham
4. 'The Murder House' by James Patterson
3. 'NYPD Red 4' by James Patterson
2. 'A Cup of Dust' by Susie Finkbeiner
1. '15th Affair' by James Patterson

Young Adult:

10. 'Allegiant' by Veronica Roth
9. 'The Rules' by Nancy Holder
8. 'Harry Potter & the Cursed Child' by J.K. Rowling
7. 'The Siren' by Kiera Cass
6. 'Happily Ever After' by Kiera Cass
5. 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' by Ransom Riggs
4. 'The Vanishings' by Jerry B. Jenkins
3. 'The 5th Wave' by Richard Yancy
2. 'Hollow City' by Ransom Riggs
1. 'The Rule of Three' by Eric Walters

Children:

10. 'The Very Cranky Bear' by Nick Bland
9. 'Splat & the Cool School Trip' by Rob Scotton
8. 'Scowl' by Steve Smallman
7. 'Waiting is Not Easy' by Mo Willems
6. 'Today I Will Fly' by Mo Willems
5. 'If I Built a Car' by Chris VanDusen
4. 'Fairest of All' by Sarah Mlynowski
3. 'My New Friend is so Fun' by Mo Willems
2. 'I'm a Frog!' by Mo Willems
1. 'I Really Like Slop' by Mo Willems