

How We Celebrated Outside the Box at Kalamazoo Public Library

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Enclosed:

- 📎 Sample scavenger hunt: "Follow the Clues to Government News"
- 📎 Answer sheet for "Follow the Clues to Government News"
- 📎 How to purchase a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol Building
- 📎 Sample coloring page – custom-drawn by KPL staff member, Jeff Rybicki
- 📎 Template for Temporary FDLT Tattoos (originally supplied by Grace York, University of Michigan.)

BONUS!

SCAVENGER HUNT

FOLLOW THE CLUES TO GOVERNMENT NEWS...



KPL celebrates 100 years of providing government information this year. In honor of this service, the adult summer reading game features an optional scavenger hunt. Answer these questions and earn a bonus raffle chance for the prizes to be awarded at the end-of-summer reading party on September 15.

Government information is available in many formats, including books, magazines and online. The answers to all but one of these questions are in print somewhere in the Central Library, either in the Reference area, the Local History room or the Law Library. Explore all three areas in your quest for accurate information. Turn in your completed form at the **Reference Desk** and get a flag sticker for your game board.

1. What were the median national annual earnings of a private investigator in May 2004?
(Hint: Check the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. Discover it at the **Reference Desk** and online, through the U.S. Bureau of Labor website.)
2. Name one way that a U.S. citizen *and* Michigan resident may register to vote.
(Hint: The **Reference Desk** can help you with this question, too!)
3. Epaphroditus Ransom was the only governor in Michigan history from Kalamazoo. What years did he serve as governor? (Hint: Seek out the Michigan Manual in the **Local History Room**.)
4. How old must someone be to legally marry in Michigan?
(Hint: Follow a trail to the **Law Library** to uncover the answer.)
5. Imagine debt collectors are hounding you day and night. Help! What act defines your rights in dealing with debt collectors? (Hint: Check in the **Law Library**.)

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1) What were the median national annual earnings of a private investigator in May 2004?

A: \$34,110

Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook, pp. 366-368

2) Name one way that a U.S. citizen *and* Michigan resident may register to vote.

A: You can register to vote for federal, state and local elections by mail, by visiting your county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State branch office. In addition, specific agencies providing services through the Department of Human Services, the Department of Community Health and the Department of Career Development offer voter registration services to their clients. Military recruitment centers also provide voter registration services.

You can also register at the same time you renew your driver's license by mail. Eligible drivers will receive their voter registration applications in the mail with their driver's license renewal information.

Source: Department of State Voter Information Center FAQ

http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1607,7-127-1633_11619-123989--,00.html#53

3) Epaphroditus Ransom was the only governor in Michigan history from Kalamazoo. What years did he serve as governor?

A: 1848-1850

Source: 1967-68 Michigan Manual, p. 85. (Answer would be found in other editions, too.)

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4) How old must someone be to legally marry in Michigan?

A: One can legally marry in Michigan without a parent or guardian's consent at the age of 18.

Source - Michigan Compiled Law 551.2

5) Imagine debt collectors are hounding you day and night. Help! What act defines your rights in dealing with the debt collectors?

A: Debt collection practices are governed by the "Fair Debt Collections Practices Act," which provides you with a variety of rights, including protection from harassing phone calls.

Source: Title 15, Sect 1692 of the United States Code

** Feel free to use this concept, or any of these questions, if they are useful to your library. **

At our Centennial Celebration event, we held a drawing for a flag flown over the US Capitol Building.

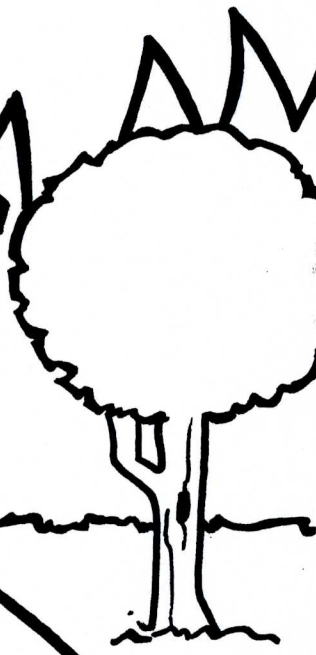
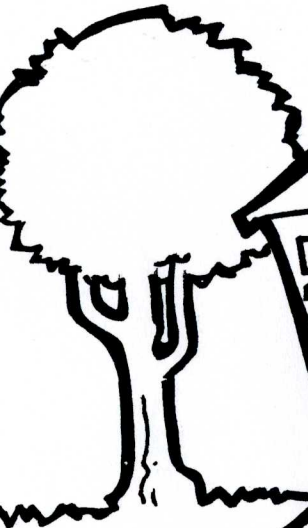
To purchase a flag flown over the US Capitol, contact your state's US Senator or Congressional Representative. One can request that the flag be flown on a particular date. Submit your request 8-10 weeks prior to that date.

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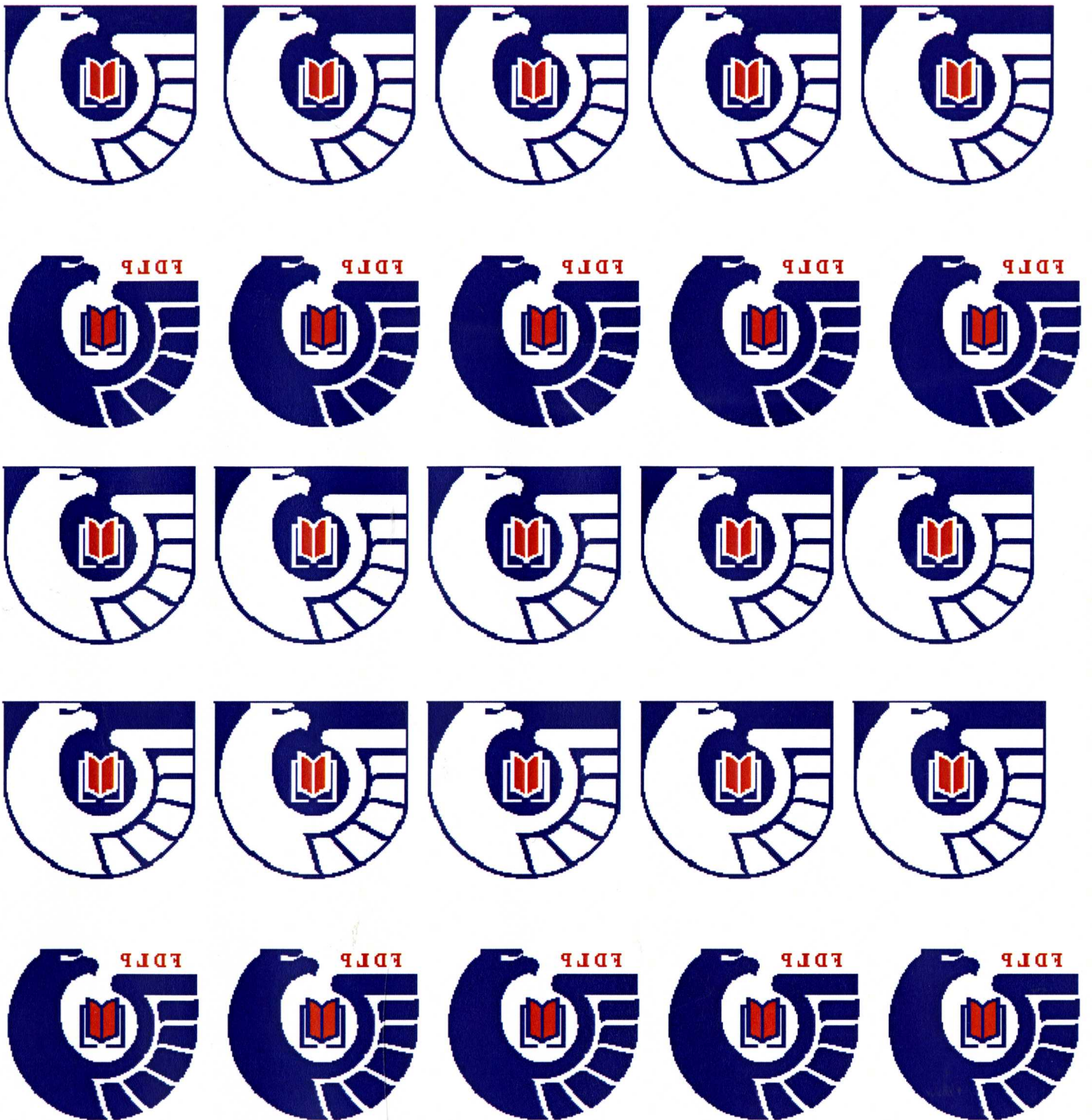


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