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The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



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Available**

Library is now open!

As of February 22, the Douglas Library building is now open to the public. Please feel free to come in, browse, and make use of the Library. Curbside pickups are still available for those preferring contactless service. Here are our hours:

Monday/Wednesday - 12-7:30

Tuesday/Thursday - 10-7:30

Friday - Curbside Pickup Only

Saturday - 10-2:30

Did you know:



Overdrive has over 3,000
e-magazines available for
checkout on the Libby app
- most with no waiting!

Director's Corner

After three months, the library has finally reopened its doors to the public. Myself and the staff are probably as relieved as patrons are to be able to come back in and browse through materials and use our computers. We're sick of riding this open again/close again rollercoaster and the library is too quiet with just the staff in here.

The biggest reason we wanted to reopen the building was to provide computer access so individuals can register for the COVID-19 vaccine and obtain forms to file their taxes. We have the 1040 and 1040-SR forms (in English and Spanish) and instruction booklets, as well as Schedule A and B forms on hand and can assist with printing out any items one might need from the IRS website.

The library continues to follow the standards put in place by the state regarding pandemic-safe protocols for handling materials and mitigating the risk of virus transmission. Patrons will be required to continue wearing masks (regardless of whether they have been vaccinated) while in the building. Some services may be limited and programming will remain virtual through at least the summer. Curbside pick-up of materials and takeaway crafts will continue to be distributed in the lobby.

Library service has always been about more than the materials we loan or the answers we are able to provide. It's about coming together to create relationships and share ideas with other community members. I'm excited about this movement toward a more recognizable library experience for the town and I hope we can get all the way back to normal soon.



Kevin Sullivan has been the director of the Douglas Library of Hebron since 2018.



The library's carpeting was updated while the building was closed to the public. It feels like a whole new building!



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Douglas Library welcome back all patrons and invite you to stop by our book and gift shop area on the main floor. It's freshly stocked with plenty of gift-quality books for adults and children. Our shelves are loaded with plenty of choices for curling up with on these cold winter days!

Support the Douglas Library by purchasing one (or more) of our themed Easter baskets and buckets for the little ones in your life. We have a wide assortment to choose from! There is also a large selection of Easter and Spring themed items for sale on the Friends' shelves. Make it your one stop shop for the Easter season.

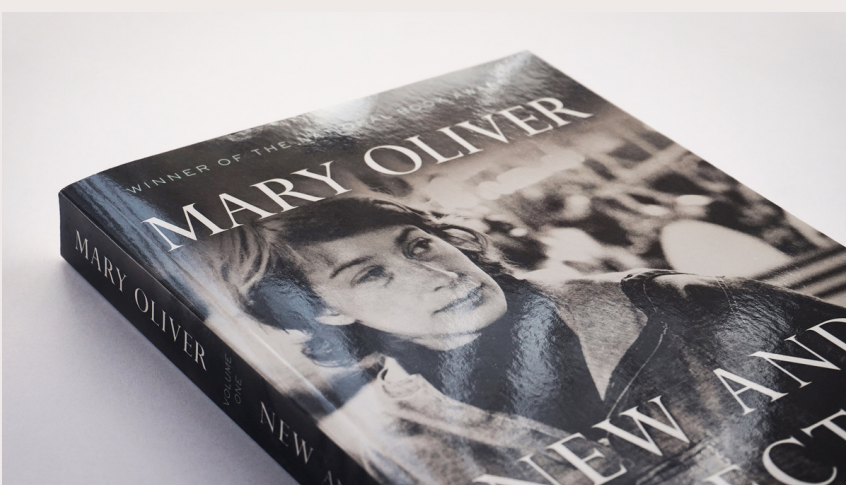
Sign up to volunteer for the Friends of the Library by emailing Maureen at howardtimj@aol.com.

Take & Make Craft: Felt Succulents

No green thumb? No worries. Stop by the lobby and pick up a bag to make your own felt succulents.

To make the succulents, trace the included template onto the felt, cut it out, roll it, and secure with a rubber band (or a hot glue gun if you have one at home). Because of the intricacies of this activity, it is recommended for ages 12+

Kits can be picked up in the lobby. All supplies are included!



Call for Poetry Submissions

In celebration of the creation of a poet laureate appointment for the town of Hebron, the Douglas Library is providing an opportunity for local poets to share their work with the community.

Each month, one poem will be published as a part of this newsletter. To have your work considered for inclusion, submit it to info@douglaslibrary.org with the subject line 'Poetry Submission.' Individuals of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate. Poems should be original creations, written by individuals living in the Hebron/Amston area, and not subject to any copyright claims that would prevent the work from being published here.

We look forward to reading your submissions!

Teen Advisory Board Rises

Our new heads of teen volunteering and teen programming, Ashley and Jordan have relaunched the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB is a group where young adults can work with staff to plan fun things to do at the library. Participants earn service hours for school while making friends and learning about event planning. The next TAB meeting is on March 19th at 2 p.m. There is also a video game afternoon on March 10th at 3p.m. Keep an eye on the Teen Volunteering page for future meeting dates and other ways that young adults can get involved at the library.



Program Spotlight: *Foundations of Equity Literacy Workshop*

Mar. 24, 2021, 6:00-7:30p.m.

If you want a better understanding why the national conversation around racism and white supremacy has exploded over the past few years, this is the program for you.

Join facilitators from Alliance for Collaborative Equity (ACE) to take the first steps in understanding how our society continues to consciously and unconsciously reward and punish citizens based on the color of their skin. Foundations of Equity Literacy is a workshop that covers the basics of equity, racial equity lens, bias and more in 90 minutes.

ACE is a non-profit organization dedicated to partnering with rural communities, schools, and businesses to advance equity education. As experts in adult learning facilitation, they ensure that their workshops appeal to the unique learning and processing styles of different adults. Their goal is for each participant to have an interactive and self-reflective experience for continuous learning and ongoing engagement.

This event will be held on Zoom. Registration is required to receive the program link.

Space in this workshop is limited.
[Register at douglaslibrary.org](https://www.douglaslibrary.org)

Our children's collection now has five great STEM KITS: 'Magnets,' 'Decimals and Rounding,' 'Science and Nature,' 'Math Patterns and Tactile Kit', and 'Ready for Kindergarten.' These kits include reading materials and activities that are educational and engaging. Take one home today!



The Children's Library has so many great books just waiting to go home with you. They have missed visiting with you and telling you their great stories!



A FRESH START!

Online Story Times

March 5th - Star Stuff by Stephanie Roth Sisson. Explore the universe with us while we read a tale about a young astronomer, then build your own galaxy in a bottle and a space helmet picture frame with our activity kit!

March 12th - Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett. This heart-warming story is all about kindness and giving, and so is our craft this week- friendship bracelets!

March 19th - Roof Octopus by Lucy Branam. Learn all about octopuses and their mischievous ways during our story time and build your very own stuffed animal octopus.

March 26th - Miss Brooks Love Books (and I Don't) by Barbara Bottner. Fall in love with this story about a little girl who learns to fall in love with reading, then make a monster-themed bookmark for your own favorite book.

April 2nd - Kate, Who Tamed the Wind by Liz Garton Scanlon and How to Find a Bird by Jennifer Ward. Our last Friday story time with Christine is all about nature! Share two books with us about the environment, go on a nature scavenger hunt, and build a bird feeder at home!

Story times can be found at douglaslibrary.org/children/virtual-storytime/

