

SHUSH!

The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



Program Spotlight:
Out of Rushmore's
Shadow

**Summer Reading
Theme Announced**

Memories of Youth
by Larry E.
Zimmerman

Friends of the Library Book Sale on April 17th

The Friends are excited to announce that the first Book Sale for 2021 is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 17th from 9am to 3pm.

We have an AMAZING number of books in all categories, from children's and teens and adult fiction, through to special authors and particular categories like health, cookbooks, self-help and business- so stop by to stock up!

The \$5 a bag sale will run from 2-3pm and there is NO LIMIT to how many bags you can purchase. We provide the bags and you fill them to the brim!

More details will be provided on the Facebook page and in the Rivereast closer to the date.



Coming Soon... Spring themed gift items and gardening book topics plus so much more on the Friends' shelves in the main lobby.

Library is now open!

Hours:

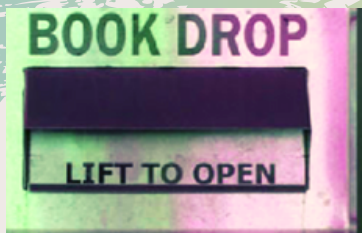
Mon/Wed - 12-7:30pm

Tue/Thu - 10-7:30pm

Fri - 10-4pm (Curbside

Pickup Only)

Sat - 10-2:30pm



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.

Returning Items: To avoid unnecessary handling of items, patrons are asked to return any items to the outside book and dvd drops. These items are put in quarantine for 48 hours then backdated upon check-in.

Program Spotlight: *Out of Rushmore's Shadow* Friday, April 16th at 1:00pm



2021 is the 80th Anniversary of the completion of our nation's greatest memorial, Mount Rushmore. On Friday, April 16th at 1:00pm, storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, and talks about his unsung contribution as chief carver on Mount Rushmore in this 45-minute special virtual presentation for the entire family. Lou uses authentic photos, timelines and primary source documents to bring Luigi's story to life. Now a published book authored by Lou, "Out of Rushmore's Shadow" is a dramatic and touching story about Luigi's legacy and the immigrant struggle. Registration with a valid email is required.

Director's Corner

Building Update

The first floor of the library is now open to the public. This includes two first-come first-serve study rooms, but the community room and conference room are not available for use.

Governor Lamont lifted building capacity restrictions for public libraries starting on March 19th. That's good news, but it will not have much of an impact on the Douglas Library. While we are technically allowed to have larger crowds in the building, those people are still need to maintain proper social distancing. Our space is large enough that we rarely reach 25 percent capacity at one time, so having permission to go to 100 percent does not make a difference. We will continue to operate as we have since reopening in February: by exercising as much caution as we can while making most services available. In person programs will not resume for a while longer, but that is becoming increasingly possible within the next few months. Keep reading SHUSH! to stay in the loop!

Museum passes

As COVID restrictions melt away with the last (fingers crossed!) piles of winter snow, it is a great time to visit Connecticut's museums and other attractions. Thanks to a generous donation by the Friends of the Library, the Douglas Library is able to offer free and reduced admission to 22 area cultural centers. There are passes in the collection for all sorts of ages and interests. Here are a few examples: buy one admission and get one free at the Mark Twain House and Museum, free admission to the Wadsworth Atheneum, take half-off up to six admissions at the Lutz Children's Museum, save \$4 off each ticket to Mystic Aquarium. All you need to take advantage of these savings is your library card. Most passes can be accessed completely from home - there is nothing to return to the library and no late fees. Passes can be reserved up to a month in advance. The full list and instructions for use is at douglaslibrary.org (navigate to 'Museum Passes' under the 'Services' menu). As always, let us know what you like and what you wish we offered as part of the program; we are always looking for ways to improve.



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

Poetry Corner

MEMORIES FROM YOUTH

by Larry E. Zimmerman

I would often sneak down to the general store
on a Saturday night in the winter time
to listen to the old men sitting around the pot-belly
stove
telling their worn-out war stories
trying to make them just a little different
so they would sound like new.
War is always yesterday.

The smoke from their pipes and cigars lingered in the air
undisturbed by any breeze from wind or word.
I hid behind the hardware counter
peering between the rakes and shovels
often letting the old tabby cat
curl on my lap in purring warm comfort.
Cats are always present.

Their wars would be fought in the most fascinating ways.
Visions of beachheads and invasions
would flood my imagination with each romantic scene.
I would be a hero in battle and lead my men to victory.
Youth always dreams of the future.

It was not real, this scene
in the general store in the wintertime,
with its pot-bellied stove
and old men telling lies about the past.

War is death and destruction and maiming and useless.
War belongs to yesterday.

To have your work considered for the Poetry Corner, 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.



Take & Make: Seed Kits

In our lobby you will find the monthly Take & Make craft bag. April features a flower seed sprouting project. This kit includes the seeds, soil, and plastic pot. These will be available for pickup during our normal business hours and please only take one per household.

Upcoming Events for Teens

Register online at the
Douglas Library Events Calendar



Video Game Tournament
Thu. April 1, 2:30-4 PM

Decades Trivia
Fri. April 16, 2-3 PM



Teen Advisory Board
Meeting
Fri. April 30, 2-3 PM



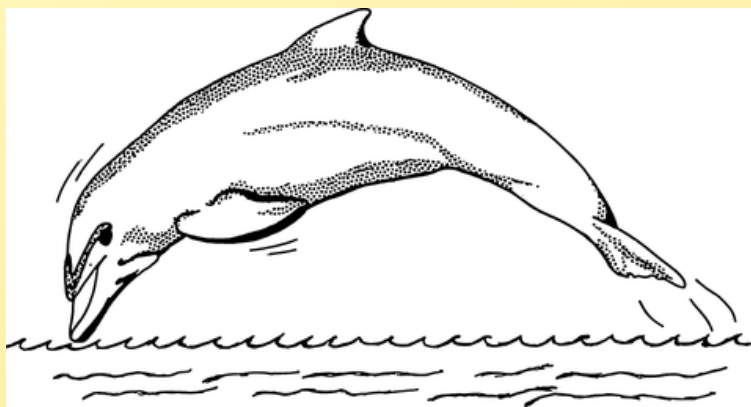
Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Program

Thursday April 22nd the Korean Spirit and Culture Project will walk participants through the creation of a lotus flower lantern and share information about Korean history and culture.

There is no charge to participate, but patrons must register to receive materials to make the lantern and the Zoom link to the program. This is a great program for individuals aged 13+ or for entire families to work on together.

Children's Craft Kits

Please take one per child.
Projects change with demand.



Word search

Can you find the words on the left hidden in the word square. They can be read horizontally, vertically or backwards.

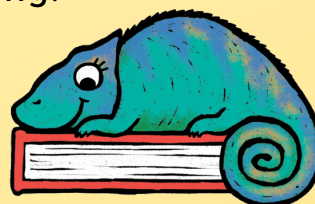
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CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

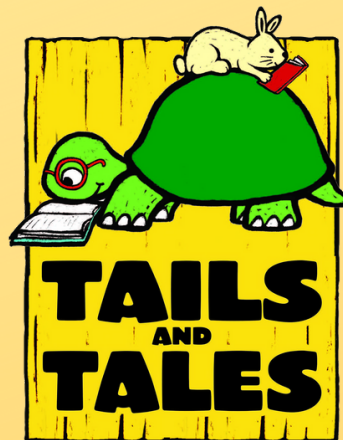
It's wonderful to see so many old friends and meet some great new friends! Stop in and see all the new items we've added to our collection.

The Children's Library is keeping positive thoughts that we will be able to move forward with summer programming.



We will offer ZOOM programs, but if restrictions change, we can do outdoor or community room programming with sign-up due to limited admission numbers.

This year's theme is "Tails and Tales". We plan on featuring all things animal with our books and crafts.



ENJOY! SPRING IS HERE!

