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The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



Program Spotlight

Katharine Hepburn:

From Hartford to Hollywood

2022 Nutmeg Titles Announced!

**The Library is Closed on
Monday, May 31st for
Memorial Day**

TAB and Trivia for Teens

GGG Seeks Volunteers

On Friday May 14th starting at 2:30 p.m., the library will host a trivia event for teens. The theme is movies, so come prepared with all your random movie knowledge! The winner will get a prize!

The final Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meeting of the school year. will take place on Friday, May 28th at 2 p.m. We will talk about summer reading, summer programs and more! As always, TAB meetings earn community service time for participants.

Visit the calendar on our website to register for each of these events to receive the Zoom link.



The Green Garden Gang is looking for volunteers to assist with maintaining the gardens around the library on both an 'as needed' basis and to maintain a section of the garden. Interested individuals can contact Michele Sinkez at blissmeadow@comcast.net.

Director's Corner

DIGITAL MATERIALS

Digital items currently make up about one-third of the Douglas Library's total circulation. Although we have offered e-book and e-audiobook downloads for quite some time, interest in the format has grown significantly over the past few years; most months it makes up about one-third of our total circulation. There will always be physical media partisans (and ink and paper books have plenty of their own advantages), but it is easy to understand why some users choose digital over traditional items: they can be accessed from nearly anywhere, they don't weigh anything or take up space, and users can customize things like font and text spacing to their preference. The pandemic added one more positive attribute to that list: you can't contract COVID-19 from a download.

Purchasing digital materials for library use is not easy. Items are generally more expensive than their physical counterparts and frequently come with onerous restrictions that make their price tags unjustifiable. We are exploring different strategies to see what lending models and content types are most in demand in Hebron and making adjustments along the way. I know it can be confusing - I occasionally have a hard time keeping track of some of the finer points of each service, myself.

Here's a brief overview of our current offerings:

- Overdrive (or Libby if you are using the app) materials mostly function like physical items: each item can be used by one person at a time. Overdrive lets us purchase individual items for a collection only accessible to Hebron residents while sharing a larger base collection with the other libraries in our consortium.
- Hoopla and Kanopy allow for multiple users to take out an item at the same time, but the library has no control over what is in the collection and no ownership of any of the materials. Those services bill the library for each item used, so we have to place limits on circulation for each day and each individual in order to ensure the budget lasts the entire year.
- SimplyE is an app developed by the Connecticut State Library to distribute their own collection of e-books and audiobooks (the wider service is called EGo). Items here function similarly to Overdrive, though we do not have any local ability to add to this collection yet. As a bonus, Overdrive materials are viewable from within the SimplyE app, so users can search two collections at once.



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



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Katharine Hepburn: From Hartford to Hollywood

Join Natalie from the Connecticut Historical Society on Friday, May 14th at 1:00 p.m. for a virtual presentation about Katharine Hepburn. She is an American icon with a stage and film career that spanned six decades. Born and raised in Connecticut, Hepburn had a career in stage, film and television that reflected the changing role of women in broader society. The story of her life-long ties to Connecticut offers a complete picture of how Hepburn became the woman and the star she was. Registration with a valid email is required.

Adult & Teen Craft

Tetrahedron Kite Kits

Our adult and teen take and make craft for the month is a tetrahedron kite kit. Create a pyramid-shaped



kite out of string, straws and tissue paper (bring your own scissors). These things really fly! Add your own tail to make it a little easier to control. Craft kits are available to pick up in the lobby of the library whenever curbside pick-up service is available. First come, first served.



POETRY CORNER

Grief

by Maryanne Egan Steiner, 2001

I've seen the dark side
of the moon
where there is no sun,
the world like a tomb
the absence of love.
It made me long for
spring—
Baby birds
chirping among twigs
children on swings.
Easter eggs and lilacs
adorned my youth.
I remember the beach—
The waves I knew
would always reach shore
then swim back
out to sea.
Whether the sun blessed
the sky or a storm
darkened the earth
the waves never lost their way.
On cloudy days I knew
the sun would return soon.
I know God, my Creator,
heals broken hearts.
The harvest moon
will light my evening sky
in due time.

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.

Friends of the Library

The Friends would like to extend a huge thank you to all the volunteers and customers who helped to make our April book sale a success. It was wonderful to see so many familiar and new faces enjoying the event. Stay tuned for details about our next sale which is planned for June 5th!

It's time to get outside and in touch with the nature in your yard. Gardening season is underway and we're here for you. We've got a special section of shelves now dedicated to outdoor projects, learning about organic gardening and perennials, designing new areas, and much more. Stop by, get inspired, take some home and enjoy your time outside! All gardening books are just \$1.00 each.

Coming next month: Are you looking for ideas to keep your kids busy this summer? We've got you covered. Starting in June and throughout the summer months we will have a variety of children's book and activity packs available!

2022 YA Nutmeg Nominees

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Cosmoknights (Book One) by Hannah Templer

A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer

Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia

The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys

Grimoire Noir by Vera Greentea & Yana Bogatch

When My Heart Joins the Thousand by A. J. Steiger

Sadie by Courtney Summers

Solo by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs

The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

Good Enough by Jen Petro-Roy

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi

Snapdragon by Kat Leyh

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia



Children's Library

The Children's Department is keeping our fingers crossed and planning a great Summer Reading Program for 2021.

"Tails and Tales" is this year's theme and we are packing our programming with magic, stories, music, cartooning and animals of all shapes and sizes. Summer reading will start on July 1st. You can pick up your information and reading log in the Children's Library or the Main Lobby Entrance any time after Monday, June 28th, 2021.

Programs will be on Thursdays at 1pm starting on July 8th. Please keep an eye out for sign up and programming information as some programs may be virtual.

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duck



doll



globe



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green



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We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom, art by Michaela Goade

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 4-6)

Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

COG by Greg Van Eekhout

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Emmy in the Key of Code by Aimee Lucido

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

You Don't Know Everything Jilly P! by Alex Gino

Planet Earth is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

Sanity & Tallulah by Molly Brooks

Wink by Rob Harrell

