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The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



Jan Souza and Diane Blume oversee the garden behind the library.

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Summer Reading Program Begins June 25th!

The Douglas Library of Hebron is giving children, teens and adults a chance to win prizes this summer by taking part in the Summer Reading Program. Each age group has a unique bingo card with different activities to try.



The children's program runs for six weeks - from July 8th to August 12th. Each week participants may complete two challenges in order to receive a raffle ticket and a special prize. Raffle tickets are for one of the grand prize drawings at the end of the reading challenge.

Adult and teen players can pick up a bingo card at the main desk filled with challenges to take on throughout the summer. Contestants who complete a line on their card earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win gift cards or a Kindle Paperwhite. The program runs for a little longer than the children's program: eight weeks - from June 25th to August 20th.

The theme of the Summer Reading Program this year is "Tails & Tales," so look for connections between the animal kingdom and the world of literature in programming and projects at the library.

Director's Corner

It feels like the end is in sight.

At long last I can report that the library is taking a big step toward pre-pandemic norms. Our building will be **open for our full hours** for the first time since March 2020. Those hours are (in case you don't remember): Mondays and Wednesdays, 12PM to 8PM; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10AM to 8PM; Fridays, 12PM to 6PM; and Saturdays, 10AM to 3PM. The library is closed on Sundays.

Additionally – and this is perhaps more exciting – the library will be able to resume in-person programming! There are, of course, still some restrictions in place. Programs for children and young adults will need to be held exclusively outdoors. Adult programs can take place inside the building as long as proper mask and social distancing protocols are followed. Outside groups may reserve library spaces for outside meetings so long as their use fits within the same guidelines that the library has set for its own programs.

These changes all come from recommendations made by the local health district and could change at any time. Hopefully, they will continue to loosen over the summer. The library is still committed to providing information services in a safe environment where we can discourage the spread of COVID-19. Staff continues to sterilize returned materials, common touchpoints, and public restrooms multiple times a day. Mask usage is suggested inside of the building and strongly recommended for outdoor programs.



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

New Feature: Automatic Renewals

This month brings an exciting new feature for slow readers and people who have trouble keeping track of due dates.

Starting in June, the library will begin automatically renewing most checked out items to patrons on the morning of their due date. Library users do not need to opt in to this service. This automatic renewal only happens one time per check-out; if a patron needs an item for a third lending period, they will need to renew it themselves through the catalog or contact the library directly. Automatic renewals will be denied for items on hold for other users and blocked user accounts.

The following items are not part of the automatic renewal service: new movies, museum passes, interlibrary loans, certain summer reading books, book discussion group items, and portable Wi-Fi routers.



Program Spotlight Something Old, Something New CT Weddings Through the Ages

Join Jennifer Busa of the CT Historical Society for a virtual presentation on Friday, June 11th at 1PM to learn how Connecticutans tie the knot. How did they celebrate? What did they wear? And how did some of our cherished wedding customs originate? This program uses CHS's extensive collection of wedding clothing, accessories, photographs, and prints to examine some of our ideas about what makes a "traditional" wedding, and what those traditions can reveal about how ideas about marriage have changed through the years. Registration required with a valid email address at douglaslibrary.org.

Friday Films Return



The Douglas Library will begin showing newly released feature films in the Community Room on Friday, June 25th at 1PM. We will kick off with the Oscar Best Picture Winner *Nomadland* (rated R). Water and individually wrapped snacks will be provided. Films will be shown on our 80" 4K TV with surround sound speakers. Please call the Main Desk at (860) 228-9312 with any questions.

Museum Spotlight: Connecticut Historical Society



The Connecticut Historical Society Museum and Library (CHS), located in the West End of Hartford, dives deep into the past and culture of Connecticut, its role in the U.S.A. and the world through their collections, exploration, learning programs, and exhibitions. Your Douglas Library card gains you complimentary family admission to the galleries (two adults and up to four children). The Edgar F. Waterman Research Center is not included.

Access the discount by visiting douglaslibrary.org and reserving a digital pass. Click the services bar on the left of the screen and choose 'Museum Passes' from the dropdown box. From here, pick which day you want to reserve the Museum Pass and print it out to use for your selected day.

Museum passes like this one have been made available to card holders through generous donations by the Friends of the Library. Visit all 23 this summer!

POETRY CORNER

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.

Program Spotlight: Pollinator Gardens and Perennials with the Green Garden Gang



Hebron's own master gardeners of the 'Green Garden Gang' will be here for an in-person discussion on pollinator gardens and perennials on Tuesday, June 22nd at 4PM. This program will held outside behind the library, or in the case of rain, in the Community Room. Bring your questions! Call (860) 228-9312 or visit our website to register.

Friends of the Library

School is almost out for summer vacation - are you ready????!! If you're looking for ideas to keep your kids busy this summer, we're here to help. Starting in June we will have plenty of gift quality children's books for sale for you to stock up on. Come browse our selection of summer activity beach buckets as well: filled with toys, creative tasks and games, stuffed animals and of course books!



The Friends second Book Sale for 2021 will be on Saturday, June 5th from 9AM to 3PM. More details will be provided on the Facebook page and in the Rivereast closer to the date. Due to current space and number restrictions, we will be requesting that people limit their browsing and purchasing time to a half- hour. Now's the time to fill your shelves with titles for summer reading. Something new: the \$5 a bag sale will run from 1-3pm for this sale, and there is NO LIMIT to how many bags you can purchase. We provide the bags and you fill them to the brim!

Knitting Circle Resumes

The Knit-Wits knitting circle will resume meeting in-person at the library on Monday evenings from 6-7:30PM in June. Beginner and Advanced knitters are welcome. Meetings will take place in the conference room in most cases.

Children's Library

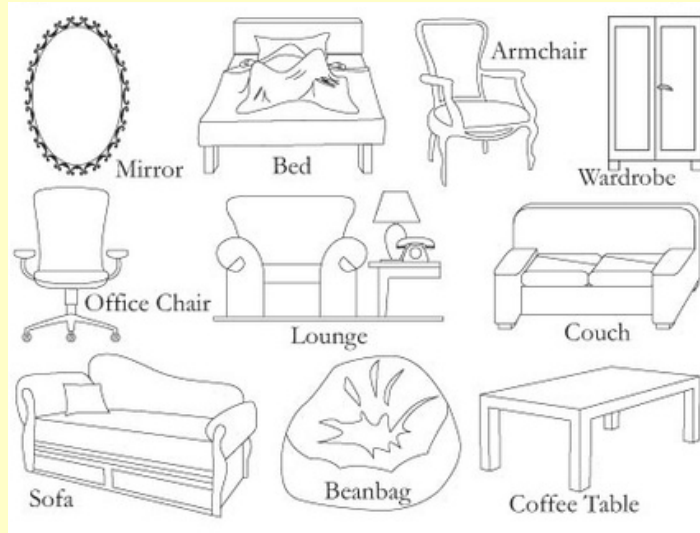
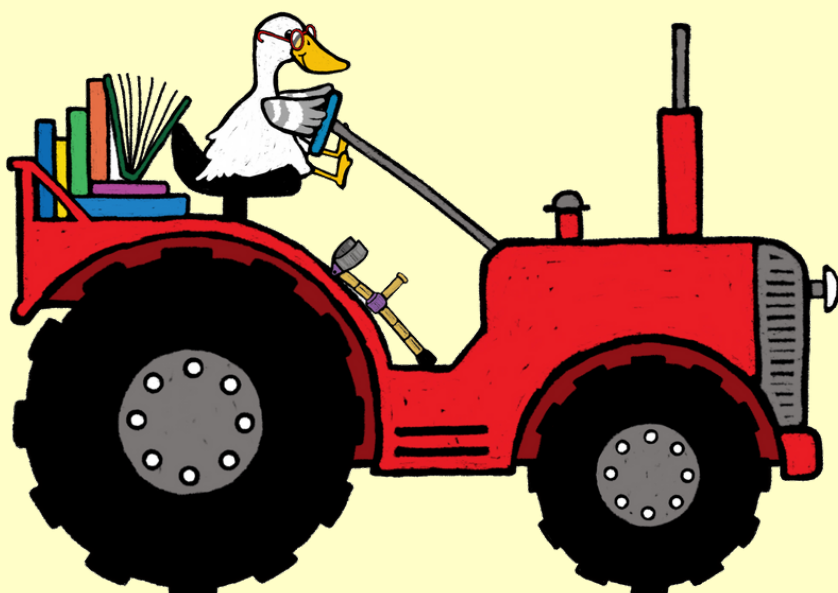
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Our summer programs are booked. Five will (hopefully) be in-person behind the library building. The magic show will be done via Zoom. Our schedule is as follows:

July 8th - Clay Cartooning
 July 15th - Owl Babies
 July 22nd - Riverside Reptiles
 July 29th - Brian Richards Magic & Comedy (Virtual)
 August 5th - Mary Jo Maichack Stories & Music
 August 12th - Bats & Birds

All programs will take place on Thursdays at 1 pm.



Word Search: Furniture

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Library Information

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