

# SHUSH!

The Newsletter of the  
Douglas Library of Hebron



Tess introduces patrons to a Kingsley, a short-eared owl, on July 15th



## Program Spotlight: Spirit Book Club

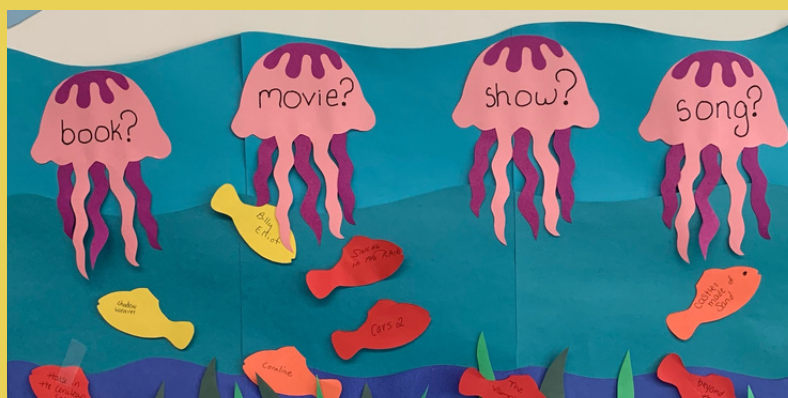


## Summer Reading Raffle Deadline



## Cardboard Owl Take-away Craft

## Teen Zone Announcements



Come add a fish with your favorite book, movie, tv show, or song and check out other teens' favorites! This display can be found in the teen zone on the main floor!

Attention teens! Here is some information that you might find useful:

- The summer reading challenge and teen summer programs are now listed on our website. Visit [douglaslibrary.org](http://douglaslibrary.org) for more information and to register.
- Join us for our fourth teen summer reading program, a 1920s-themed **murder mystery event** on August 10th!
- Looking for volunteer hours? Don't forget about the library! We can always use help with programs, cleaning, and creating book displays. Check the website for current volunteer opportunities.

## Director's Corner

### Library Awarded Grant

At the end of June, the library was approved for a grant of \$16,844 to purchase materials to make library services more available to the public and reduce the digital divide. These funds came as part of the American Rescue Plan Act that was passed by the federal government in March of this year and distributed to towns across Connecticut by the State Library.

Monies from the grant will be used to purchase the following items over the next several months: Wi-Fi extenders to make wireless internet available throughout the parking lot of the library building, replacement water fountains with water bottle filling stations, two Chromebooks for circulation, and an outdoor locker system that will allow patrons to pick up holds after hours.

I'm excited about the prospect of these purchases and think that they will have a positive impact on our users. I will go into detail about several of these items when they are installed and ready for public use.

### Hoopla Lend Rule Change

I field a lot of questions about the 'spending cap error' from patrons who love the Hoopla service. Starting in August, we will be reducing the number of loans that individuals can make from Hoopla each month from five to three.

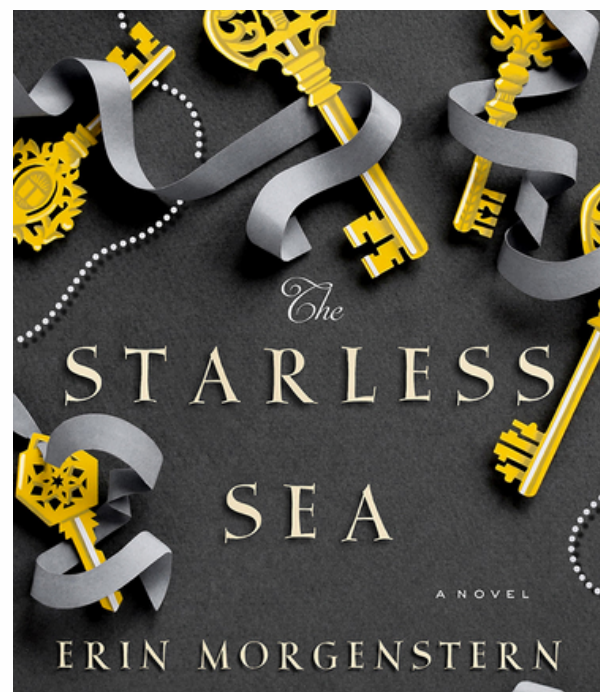
Hoopla is unique among most library services because it is finite. The library pays for each item that is checked out from the service. I set a budget for how much the library can afford to spend per day and when it runs out of cash, patrons are denied loans until the next day's pool of money opens up. By further limiting how many items can be taken out per month, I am hoping to be able to spread out the funds among more patrons. I'm thrilled by how people have responded to the introduction of Hoopla here. One of the challenges of my position is finding the right balance between budget, use level, and user experience. I'm going to keep my eye on usage going forward and will raise amount of borrows again if I am able.



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

## Monday Knitting Club

The Knit-Wits knitting circle is back in full swing with our own Jean Buggie PHD (Projects Half Done) leading this fun group. They will meet every Monday evening in August from 6-7:45pm. Crocheters and needle pointers are welcome as well as all levels of knitters.

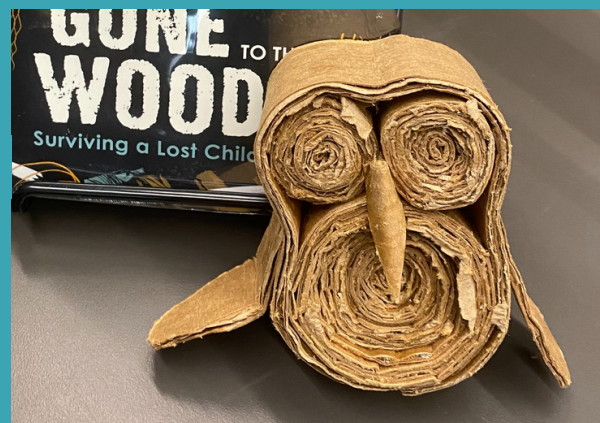


## Spirit Book Club Returns!

The "In the Spirit Book Discussion" will meet Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion (next door to the Library). This month we will read *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Adult Circulation Desk. Weather permitting, we will meet behind the Legion by the firepit. Please bring your own chair. We will meet inside in case of inclement weather.

## New Adult and Teen Craft

This month's take & make is an owl made out of recycled cardboard and craft glue. Each kit takes about 45 minutes to assemble. They are available to pick up in the lobby as long as stock permits.





## Poetry Corner

### Essence of Existence

by Gregory Robert Baier, 2021

Heavenly earth rumbles quietly through the souls.

Spilling vibrant senses throughout its delicate grandness.

From the skies and from its core.

It gifts us dawn through dusk with its vastness.

From a flight of a firefly to the roar of eruptions.

We feel of our footsteps and a breeze on our face.

All the fragrances beyond our reckoning.

And the bouquet of aromas pleasing our taste.

Bitter like sprouts and sweet as honey.

Musty and salty all lie on our tongue.

Climates abound booming with fear.

Seas of calm, skies of blue our blessings are met from a world still young.



## Friends of the Library

Come inside for a break from the heat and browse our freshly stocked shelves. They're filled to the brim with books to please everyone in your family. Our special category shelves are back! Take some time to browse the following: Summer Entertaining, Beach Reads, Titles for Teens and the ever-popular Book to Screen.



Looking for a BARGAIN? Our shelves are stocked with plenty of 2020-2021 "newly released" books, GREAT deals at only \$1-\$3 each! And since we're half way through summer, now is the perfect time to restock kids' summer reading choices from the section specially dedicated to gift-quality children's books, most priced at \$1.

## Friday Films Lineup

The Oscar Best Picture Nominees series continues on Fridays at 1:00 in the air conditioned Community Room with the following schedule. Reservations are not required.

August 6



August 13th



August 20th





Clay Cartooning with Debi Hamuka-Falkenham on July 8



## Poetry Corner

### Pollination

by Morgan Bronzo

Grade 3, Hebron Elementary School

Runny nose red eyes  
Allergies to the flowers  
Dust mites in your house

To have your work considered for the **Poetry Corner**, submit it to [info@douglaslibrary.org](mailto:info@douglaslibrary.org) with the subject line 'Poetry Submission.' Individuals of all ages (including children!) 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.

## Summer Reading Deadline

The Douglas Library's 2021 Summer Reading program is coming to an end in the next few weeks. **August 20th** will be the final day to submit completed entries for raffle tickets. The more you participate, the better chance you have of winning a prize!

If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late to start! Come to any of the public desks at the library or visit [douglaslibrary.org](http://douglaslibrary.org).

## Library Information

### HOURS

Monday - 12PM-8PM

Tuesday - 10AM-8PM

Wednesday - 12PM-8PM

Thursday - 10AM-8PM

Friday - 12PM-6PM

Saturday - 10AM-3PM

The library is closed on Sunday

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@douglaslibraryhebron on social media

## Children's Department

The summer reading challenge has been very popular this year. Students are busy reading and completing challenges for chances to win the prizes. Don't forget to check out our "Take & Make" craft kits that are in the lobby of the library, projects change weekly.

- August 5th - Mary Jo Maichack Stories & Music
- August 12th - Bats & Birds

All programs will take place on Thursdays at 1 PM. Here are a few guidelines for attending our programs this summer:

- In-person programs will take place outside in the rear of the library under a large tent.
- We ask that those attending please bring a blanket for your family unit to sit together on. We observe social distancing.
- Please pre-register your child for programs as space is limited. These are children's programs but a parent or guardian must be present.
- For your convenience, sign-up is done from the calendar on the library website.