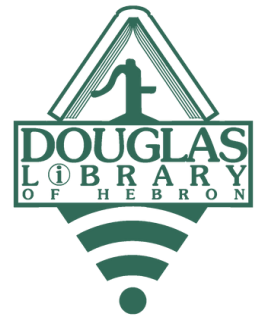


SHUSH!

The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



Riverside Reptiles shared some photogenic creatures with the library on July 22.

Program Spotlight:
Protecting Yourself
from Scams and Fraud

**Teens turn the library
into a haunted house**

Program Spotlight:
Medicare Benefits and
Changes



Douglas Library Needs Your Help: Take Our Patron Survey

The Douglas Library Strategic Planning Committee is distributing a survey during the month of September to gather information about the thoughts and wishes of the community for the library.

The survey can be taken online or on paper. The online version can be found at douglaslibrary.org; there will be a banner with a link to the survey at the top of the page starting on 9/1. Paper copies can be picked up at the Douglas Library. Additionally, scanning the QR code to the right of this text with your phone's camera will bring you directly to the survey. Responses are anonymous, though there is the option to add your name for follow-up questions. All responses must be received before October 1.

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to have a print copy mailed to you, please contact the library at 860-228-9312 or send a message to info@douglaslibrary.org.



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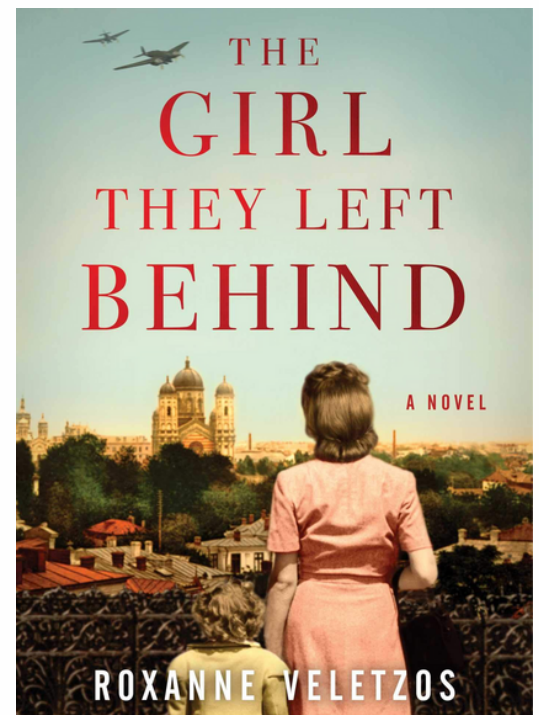
Protecting Yourself and Others from Fraud and Scams

Wednesday, September 15th 1:00-2:00pm

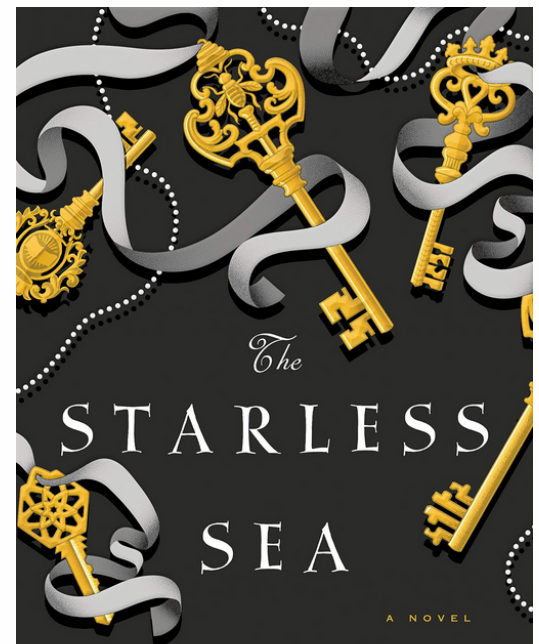


From phone calls about extended car warranties to fake emails that look like they were sent by friends or family, it can be difficult to navigate your life without someone taking advantage of you. A good education is the best defense. Kathleen Titsworth from the Connecticut Department of Banking will be presenting

information about how individuals can protect themselves from identity theft and fraud. It's free to attend and it just might save you a lot of money and headaches later.

**Double-discussion at this month's Spirit Book Club**

The "In the Spirit Book Discussion" will meet Wednesday Sept 15th at 7:00pm at the American Legion, next door to the Library. This month we will discuss *The Starless Sea* by Erin Morgenstern and also *The Girl They Left Behind* by Roxanne Veletzios. 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.

**Director's Corner****Strategic Plan Survey**

If you read the front page of this month's Shush! then you already know that we are collecting data through a public survey. Any responses that we receive will be used to help create goals for an updated version of the library's strategic plan that will run from 2022-2027. It's a fairly short survey - it will likely take less than five minutes to fill it out - but it's important that as the Strategic Planning Committee get as many responses as possible. Please take the time to fill out the survey yourself and encourage others to do so as well. The committee would especially like to hear from people who do not traditionally use the library.

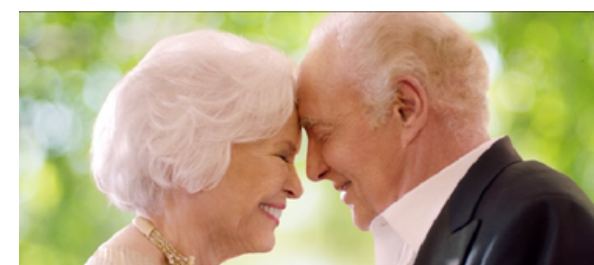
Hebron Greater Together Community Grant

The Douglas Library was awarded a grant for \$1000 from the Hebron Greater Together Community Fund in August. The funds will be used to bring back the Alliance for Collaborative Equity to the library for three sessions focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion over the next year. There will also be a book club component to the program that will allow participants to discuss some of the material presented by ACE using stories as a springboard. I don't have any specifics about dates or times or titles just yet, but look for those soon. Thank you to the Hebron Greater Together Community Fund for giving us this opportunity!



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

Friday Films



ELLEN BURSTYN JAMES CAAN ANN-MARGRET JANE CURTIN CHRISTOPHER LLOYD LORETTA DEVINE

QUEEN BEES

A COMEDY ABOUT THE YOUNG AT HEART
NOW
IN THEATERS & ON DEMAND



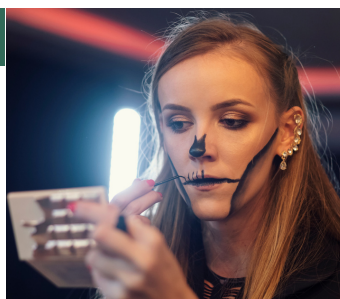
Friday, Sep. 24th
at 1:00pm

Friends of the Library

The Friends Book Sale will be on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 to 3:00pm. Specifics regarding health and safety measures will be provided on the Facebook page and in the Rivereast closer to the date.

Reminder: our \$5 a bag sale will run from 1:00 - 3:00pm and there is NO LIMIT to how many bags you can purchase. Time to stock up for autumn reading.

Parenting tip: consider purchasing a few books at the Friends book sale to donate to your child's classroom library - their teacher will appreciate your kind gesture as it's looking to be another challenging year for them!



Fall YA Programs include a haunted house, anime, and gaming

Attention teens! The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) will be beginning September with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 7th from 2:30-3:30pm. This meeting will be the first of four for preparation for the Haunted Library event, which will be occurring on Saturday, October 23. This is a really fun way to get your service hours in! The other meetings will be held on September 21st, October 5th, and October 19th. We will also be hosting a board game event on Tuesday 9/14 and an anime/manga club meeting on Tuesday, September 28. Registration is not needed for any of these events. We hope to see you all soon!

Program Spotlight:

Medicare: Updates, Benefits, & Changes
Tuesday, September 21st 6-7PM



On Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00pm in our Community Room, we're offering an educational event to review Medicare and how it can impact you as well as inform you if you're getting all the benefits you qualify for. We'll be discussing the difference between Original Medicare, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage and Prescription drug plans. The state assistance qualifications for the Medicare Saving Program will be covered and who fits into which tier. We'll also review how the Part D coverage gap or doughnut hole works and how the Insulin Saving program can impact your annual drug cost. Please register on douglaslibrary.org or at the main desk. This event is being facilitated by Mark Macrina - Licensed Medicare and Life insurance agent with Senior Health and Retirement Services.

Storytime is back!

Beginning at the end of September, in-person Storytime will resume at the Douglas Library. The program will be held on a smaller scale than it has been in the past.

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, the event will be held in our lower level Community Room. Pre-registration will be required as class size is reduced to 10 children with their caregiver at each class. Registration can be done online at douglaslibrary.org.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am. We are combining class ages from 0 to 5 for both classes. Please remember that COVID restrictions may change as the fall progresses. Children less than 2 years of age are not required to wear a mask; everyone else must wear a mask.

The Storytime schedule is as follows:

- September 21st and 23rd
- September 28th and 30th
- October 5th and 7th
- October 12th and 14th
- October 19th and 21st
- October 26th and 28th

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 (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.

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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A few photos from the Children's Department's August 12th program, "Bats and Birds," where participants met a friendly pigeon and were read "Stellaluna" by Janell Cannon.

