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The Newsletter of the
Douglas Library of Hebron



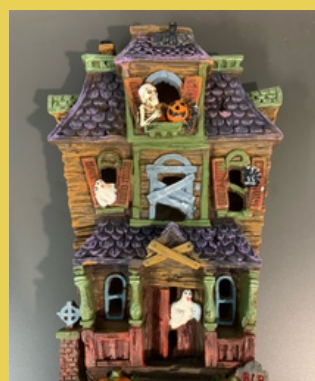
Medicare Benefits and
Changes



Volunteers wanted for YA Haunted House

Do you have what it takes to turn shelves of books into shelves of BOO!-ks? Can you turn a study room into a BLOOD-y TOMB?

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) is looking for teen volunteers to transform the Douglas Library into a haunted library for the Town Center Project's Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, October 23rd. Volunteers can help to plan and create decorations by attending the preparatory meetings on October 5th and 19th at 2:30PM. They can also serve as tour guides or 'scare-ers' during the event on October 23rd starting at 1PM. These meetings - as well as participating in the haunted library - all count toward volunteer



The Douglas Library on
10/23, probably.

hours required for school.

These volunteering opportunities are for teens (ages 12-18), but all ages are welcome to attend the main event, which will be open to the public from 4-6PM on October 23rd. Entry is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$2 that will go toward future TAG events.

If you would like to participate or just learn more about the event, send us an email at teens@douglaslibrary.org.

WITCHES IN CONNECTICUT!

Tuesday
October 19th
6:00pm

CHS Presentation on the harrowing story of the trials and executions of witches in CT predated the more famous Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories and learn how CT successfully controlled the spread of witch accusations long before Salem erupted in panic and violence. Registration required.

Connecticut Historical Society
museum & library



Take & Make Craft: Paper Masks



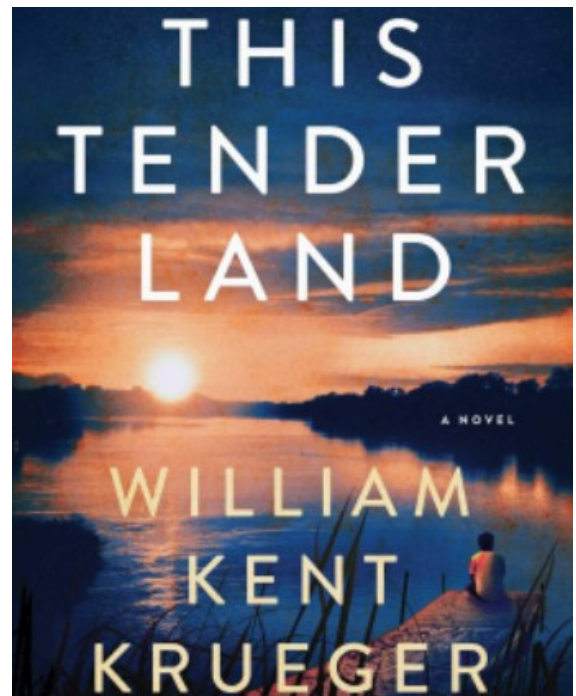
Beginning Monday October 4th, Mask Take & Make kits will be available to pick up in the lobby.

Made of high quality eco-friendly hard paper pulp, easy to paint, color or attach items, the masks have no preplanned pattern or design. Use your imagination to create a beautiful/creepy/funny mask that you can wear this Halloween!

Program Spotlight: In the Spirit Book Club

Tuesday, October 12th 6-7PM

This month's "In the Spirit" book discussion is Wednesday, October 20 from 7-8PM at the American Legion, located next door to the library. This month we will discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the main floor circulation desk. Participants must be at least 21 years old.



Program Spotlight: Class Acts Extracts

Tuesday, November 2nd 6:30PM



Join the Grounded Goodwife via Zoom on Tuesday November 2nd at 6:30pm to learn how to make your own extracts. If you do a lot of baking or cooking, then this class is for you. These are inexpensive and make great holiday gifts as well. Please register at douglasslibrary.org, valid email required.

Program Spotlight: Medicare: Updates, Benefits, & Changes

Tuesday, October 12th 6-7PM

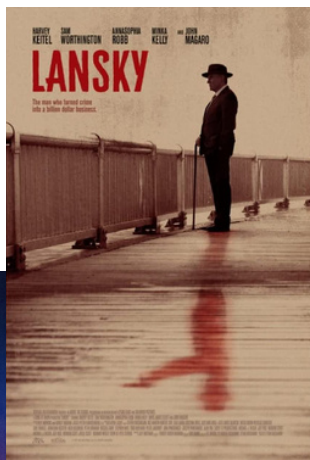
On Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00pm in our Community Room, we're offering an educational event to review Medicare and how it can impact you as well as inform you if you are getting all of the benefits you qualify for. We'll be discussing the difference between Original Medicare, Medicare Supplements, Medicare Advantage and Prescription drug plans. The state assistance qualifications for the Medicare Saving Program will be covered and who fits into which tier. Please register on douglasslibrary.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.

Friday Films

Lots of fun movies this month on Friday afternoons! Join us at 1 PM each week to watch a flick and have some snacks in our Community Room. Reservations are not required.

LANSKY

October 1
2hr



IN THE HEIGHTS
October 8
2hr 23min

CRUELLA

October 15
2hr 14min



OUT OF DEATH
October 22
1hr 35min

OLD

October 29
1 hr 50min



Young Adult Program: Pumpkin Painting



ATTENTION TEENS!! Join us on Tuesday, October 12th from 2:30-3:30 PM to paint a personal pumpkin. Pumpkins and paint will be provided as well as snacks and drinks. All that we ask is that you don't make the pumpkin so scary that it gives the library staff nightmares. We need our sleep!

Director's Corner

Harvest Moon Festival

Keep an eye out for the Harvest Moon Festival taking place in the library's front parking lot on October 23rd. The festival is being put on by the Town Center Project, a group that organizes a lot of great events throughout the year. There will be pumpkin carving, trick or treating and the library's Teen Advisory Group is turning the building into a haunted house. It promises to be a lot of fun, so please stop by and enjoy!

I love that the library gets to be a part of these community activities. After all, a public library is more than just a media collection. The Douglas Library is a community hub where the town can help grow its culture. Our main goal is to facilitate lifelong learning and while events like the Harvest Moon Festival are not overtly educational, they provide opportunities for creativity and a free exchange of ideas. Sometimes that can be more valuable than a book or lecture.

Annual Reading Check-in

There is not much time left in 2021, is there? As we're nearing the end of the year, I've been thinking a little bit about my annual reading goals. This year, I challenged myself to primarily read books written by authors of color. While I haven't read as many titles as I would have liked to – I'm always fighting off a certain amount of guilt for the never-ending pile of media I intend to consume – I'm happy to report that I've really enjoyed just about everything I got through. I had feared that this restriction would make all of my reading feel like a homework assignment, but that hasn't been the case at all. My favorite thing I've read so far? *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. I welcome any suggestions out there for authors and titles to check out.



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

Friends of the Library need extra hands

Looking for a way to give back to the community? Have some extra time on your hands? Are you willing to share your skills?

To better enable The Friends of the Douglas Library to support the library's growing needs, we are looking for new volunteers to help with a variety of aspects of our organization. We would like to thank all current active members, and take this opportunity to encourage other town residents to consider becoming a Friend. Below is a list which includes several options of how individuals can offer their assistance:

- Support/ help design our new website
- Help develop and/or manage our social media presence
- Help set up and/or break down our 4 annual book sales
- Volunteer at our 4 annual book sales
- Sort donated books
- Write updates for the monthly library newsletter
- Communicate with local papers about news articles
- Revise and update forms and other publicity documents

Please stop by the library to get more information on joining or email mbkeleher@comcast.net

Storytime is back!

The Children's department is very excited to be hosting in-person storytime again. Our classes are smaller to allow for social distancing. You can register for classes online at douglaslibrary.org.

Storytime Class Schedule

Classes are Tuesday OR Thursday

October 5 and 7

October 12 and 14

October 19 and 21

October 26 and 28

Remember that your child is able to receive their own library card. They must have a parent or authorized caregiver present and proof of the child's residential address and parent's permission.



Halloween decor on sale

It's time to pick up some Halloween items to decorate your home or give as gifts - and we've got you covered on the Friends' shelves.

Did you know... there are 4 long shelves of FREE BOOKS on the main library floor on the right side as you enter? they are restocked weekly so stop by and see what piques your interest. It's a great opportunity to branch out and pick up something different to read!



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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