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The Newsletter of the Douglas Library of Hebron

Holiday Hours

The Douglas Library will be closed on: Friday, December 24th Saturday December 25th Monday, December 27th Friday, December 31st

Poetry Corner

FOUNDATION By Larry Zimmerman

I found them in the woods during my walk. Old stones piled on old stones. A pit surrounded by crumbling walls Now filled with leaves and twigs. A foundation of the forgotten.

What structure was once on these stones? Who lived in this forgotten house? What feet walked on this dirt floor?

Some poor farmer trying to force the land To bear the fruits of sustenance. Some herdsman living in the pastures with his flocks Returning each night to revitalize his body. Or was it just a way station where a trapper Could hide from the night Before returning to the woods.

What stories could these rocks tell? What history is captured in them? What lives are trapped forever in these stones?

But then, does it matter what they say, What they hold, what they remember? They are only a small relic of the past. In time they also will disappear And their memories will be lost To man and beast.

Teen Happenings

Tuesday, December 7th from 2:30-3:30PM - **Gingerbread House Building Contest.** Supplies will be provided and the winner will receive a prize.

Tuesday, December 14th from 2:30-3:30PM - **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting** for community service with pizza and video games, bring your own switch controller if possible.

Tuesday, December 21st from 2:30-3:30PM - Video Game Tournament. Bring your own switch controller if possible.

Give the Gift of Warmth

During the month of December, please consider donating mittens, gloves, a hat or a scarf (handmade or store-bought) to our library's mitten tree to keep hands and heads warm this winter. These will be given to HIHS for distribution to local families.

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.





Class: Origami Star Tuesday, December 7th 6:30PM

Make your own fabric star - no needles required. Learn to fold fabric into a fun decoration you'll never want to take down. Fabric and instruction provided by local craft instructor Dawn Zillich- The Stitching Coach. Register at <u>douglaslibrary.org</u>, valid email required. This program will take place on Zoom.

Friends of the Library

Tis the season to visit the Douglas Library for holiday gifts. We've got something for everyone on your list! Come visit the main floor and browse the shelves filled with fun items for stocking stuffers as well as gift-quality books. While you're there, check out the huge variety of gift packs, children's presents and decorations for the home.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent book sale on November 20th! The next one is not until March. we'll but be accepting donations throughout the winter. If you're interested in donating your time to help sort donated books. or help support the Friends of the Library in a variety of other ways, please visit the main desk of the library or email howardtimi@aol.com for more information.

The Friends of the Douglas Library wish everyone a happy holiday season filled with peace and joy!

"In the Spirit" Book Club Wednesday, December 15th 7PM

"In the Spirit" Book discussion is Wednesday, December 15 from 7-8:30PM at the American Legion, located next door. This month we will discuss "Christmas at Little Beach Street Bakery" by Jenny Colgan.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. Participants must be over 21 years of age.

Public Hearing

The Douglas Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 13th at 7PM regarding the library's revised computer use policy. The updated policy brings the library into compliance with the federal Child Internet Protection Act, which requires the library to filter Internet content to protect minors from accessing obscene visual depictions, child pornography, and/or other harmful material. The policy can be viewed at <u>douglaslibrary.org/proposed-policies</u>. The hearing will be held virtually on Zoom. Visit <u>hebronct.com</u> to find the meeting agenda and link.

Friday Films

Join us at 1PM each week to watch a flick and have some snacks in the Community Room. Reservations are not required.



Children's Department

Storytime classes will be winding down on December 14th and 16th. We will start up again in January. Sign-up online and join in the fun!

We wish all of our patrons, tall and small, a very happy and safe holiday season.

'Take and Make' projects are always available in our lobby and change weekly. Recorded stories are available on <u>douglaslibrary.org</u> under 'Children.'



Adult 'Take & Make' Craft

Pick up an Origami Star craft kit from the lobby beginning December 8th. These paper stars are great as ornaments, gift tags, stocking stuffers or decorations.

