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SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday, August 6
6-9 p.m.**

**Quest Con is back
at the library!**

Mark your calendars and get ready to GEEK OUT during our 9th annual celebration of pop culture

This year, all your Quest Con favorites are making a comeback:

**Fan Art Contest • Costume Contest
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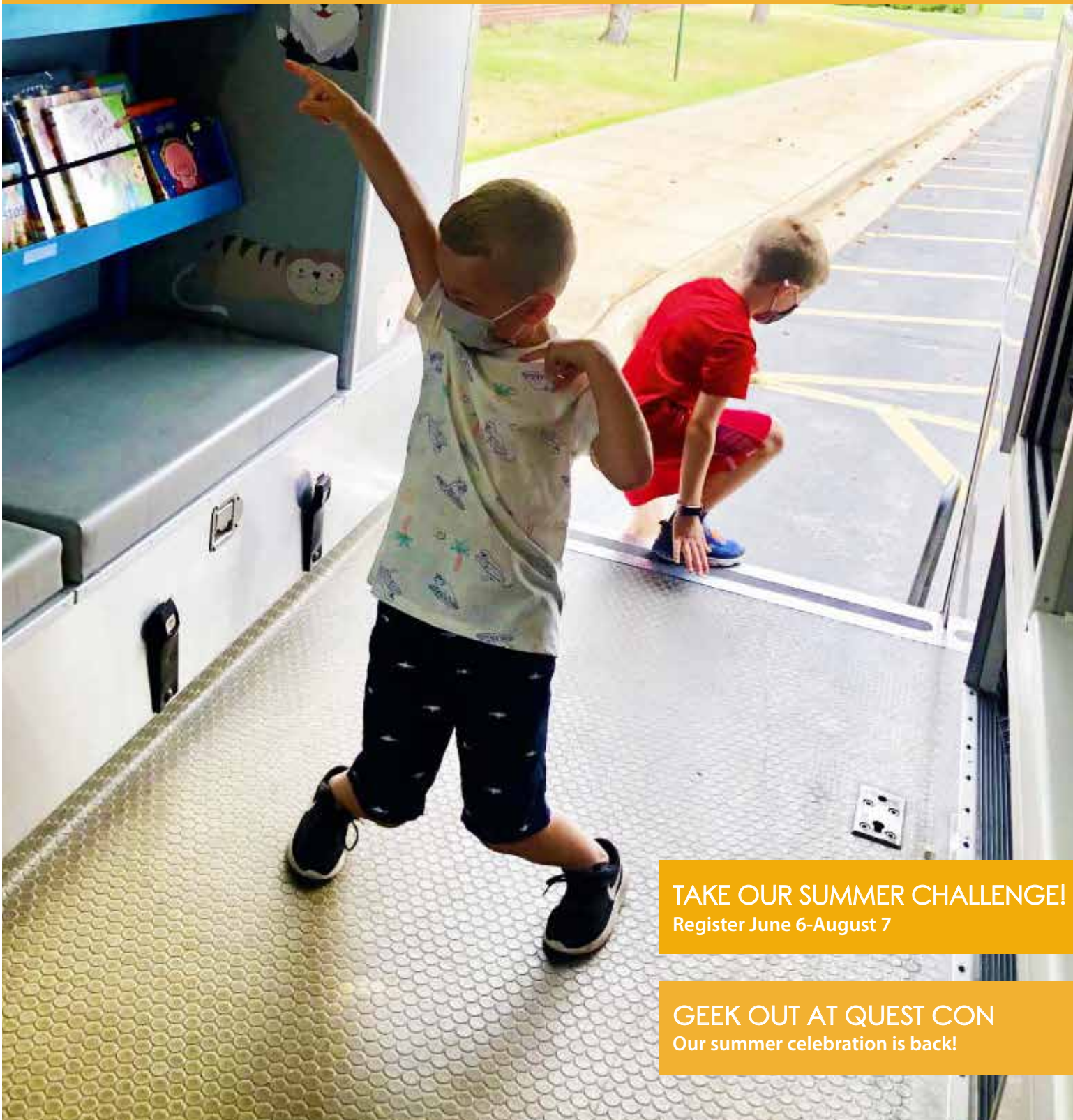
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Register June 6-August 7

GEEK OUT AT QUEST CON
Our summer celebration is back!

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Calling all musicians...
If you're interested in performing at the library as part of our Hedberg Harmony music series, contact René Bue.
Call 608-758-5803 or email rbue@hedbergpubliclibrary.org.



Free Adventure, no passport required.
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HedbergPublicLibrary.org

MAIN STREET HOURS

316 South Main Street
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

HPL EXPRESS HOURS

Uptown Janesville • 2500 Milton Avenue
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, July 4

CONTACT US

Information Desk 608-758-6600
Children's Desk 608-758-6585
Questions@HedbergPublicLibrary.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Never miss out on a program when you subscribe to receive weekly calendar reminders. Visit our website for details.

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Please note: Programs may be filmed by JATV public access.

ON THE COVER

One young reader can hardly contain his excitement while looking for books on the HPL Bookmobile during one of our summer school stops!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

There will be an Ocean of Possibilities for you to **Discover, Share, Create, and Connect** during our Summer Library Challenge at Hedberg Public Library!

We are excited to provide activities that will appeal to children and their families, adults, teens, and seniors. Visit us at the library, in Library Park, at the HPL Express, and on the road in the HPL Bookmobile.

Summertime offers the best opportunities for our library on wheels to get out in the community. Check our website for the Bookmobile's full calendar of stops, including a few new storytimes at Palmer Park in partnership with the City of Janesville Recreation Division.

hedbergpubliclibrary.org/bookmobile

However you use your library, we hope you have a sea-sational summer with us as we work to **Build Community** by bringing people together to stay **informed, connected, and engaged**. See you soon!

Bryan J. McCormick
Library Director

BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU

HEDBERGPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/BOOKMOBILE

NEW THIS SUMMER:

Win prizes with a Bookmobile Punch Card!



FROM FACEBOOK...

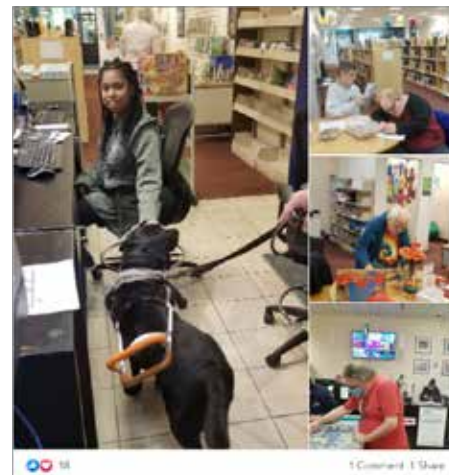
KANDU Industries gave us two things we absolutely love: a group visit to our HPL Express branch and a social media shout-out!

Who will be next? #stopin #tagus



KANDU Industries Inc. ...
May 5 at 10:00 a.m.

Some Day Services clients got the chance to meet Raven, a service dog, at the [Hedberg Public Library](http://HedbergPublicLibrary.org) express, located in the [Janesville Mall](http://JanesvilleMall.com). In addition to petting the pup, clients put together puzzles, perused books, and made some art! [#HedbergPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HedbergPublicLibrary) [#HPL](https://www.facebook.com/HPL) [#buildingcommunity](https://www.facebook.com/buildingcommunity)



ADOPT-A-PET AT YOUR LIBRARY

Get ready for a monthly dose of cuteness overload!

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin will bring one or two adoptable pets to our lobby on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Stop in for a cuddle!

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Thank you for giving!

The Hedberg Public Library Foundation would like to recognize the following gifts from January-March 2022:

- In Memory of Donald Hughes Robinson
- In Memory of Mary Andrea "Andy" Loveland
- Dr. Gregg Roy Dickinson and Helen Petry Dickinson
- In Memory of Brent and Gary Cullen
- In Memory of Palmer Larson
- Georgia A. Chirieleison
- Jennifer VanHaaften
- Mark Ceilley
- Richard and Donna Reinardy
- In Memory of Rocky S. Piccione
- S. K. Madan
- Wiley J. Kessinger



Interested in making a donation to the library's Foundation? Visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org or call 608-758-6594.



An Evening of Jazz

HPL Foundation held its inaugural spring fundraiser on Friday, April 29, under the library's skylight.

The night featured jazz musicians, The Daniel Bennett Group out of New York and raised money and awareness in support of library programs and services.

Thank you to those that attended the concert! We hope to see the spring fundraiser strengthen and grow in the years to come. Keep an eye out for details on the 2023 event.

FRIENDS OF HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

LOVE THE LIBRARY? BECOME A FRIEND!

The Friends of HPL is a nonprofit volunteer group that supports the library in many ways. The Friends operate **The Ground Floor** in the lower lobby, selling used books, gifts, snacks, and beverages.

Membership dues and proceeds from the shop and other fundraisers enhance the library and its services.

Memberships start at just \$20. Use our safe and secure PayPal link online OR fill out our membership form to become a Friend of HPL! Already a Friend? Renew today!

The Ground Floor
shop | eat | drink | read
at Hedberg Public Library

Become a Friend of HPL and you get 20% off your purchase.



In celebration of **National Volunteer Week**, the Friends of HPL held its volunteer recognition event on Thursday, April 21. Eleven library volunteers were presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

BRONZE AWARD (100-249 hours)
Terry Arneson, Rebecca Tisler, Patricia Thornton, Mary Knudson, Lois Smith, Linda Edwards, Eugene Durkee, Deborah King, and Carol Schneider.

SILVER AWARD (250-499 hours)
Robyn Huibregtse and Carrie Gumble

Learn more at presidentialserviceawards.gov.

TULIP SALE
Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
LOWER LEVEL LIBRARY ENTRANCE
\$6/dozen while supplies last.

USED BOOK SALE
Friday, August 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
PROGRAM ROOM
\$6/bag sale all day Saturday.



MY LIBRARY JOURNEY

BY SAMMY (JACKSON) NIEMAN
Former HPL Teen Volunteer & Current
Youth Services Librarian at Sun Prairie
Public Library



After most kids finish elementary school and enter middle school, they stop visiting the library as frequently as they used to. It's typically due to being busy with sports, plays, hanging out with friends, and many other things, and I did all those activities as well. However, I actually started going to the public library *more* once I got to middle school.

When I found out I could volunteer as a sixth grader and help check in the elementary school students who participated in the summer reading program, I was hooked. I volunteered every summer from sixth grade to twelfth grade, between 2003-2010. I totaled up more and more volunteer hours every summer, ending with well over 100 documented hours over the years.

Yes, I still have all the certificates I received. (See photo above!)

I vividly remember Sharon Grover, who was the Head of Youth Services at HPL at the time, telling me that I didn't have to just volunteer in libraries my whole life. She told me that I could actually become a librarian. For all the time I spent volunteering, it's quite ironic that this path hadn't really dawned on me until she told me this during my senior year of high school.

Right after she suggested I become a librarian, I remember making a beeline for the library's Job Resource Center section to look up information about what I needed to do to become a librarian. (Because that's what a librarian does!)

Fast forward to present day, I am now a Youth Services Librarian at Sun Prairie Public Library, checking in children who participate in the summer reading program, among many other things! I grew up at Hedberg Public Library, from participant, to volunteer, and eventually to being a shelver when I was home from college. Hedberg played a huge role in building the person and librarian I am today.

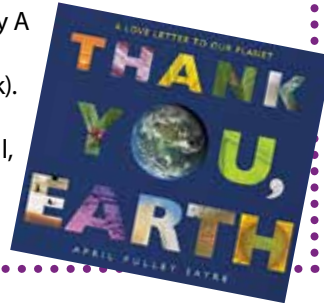


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A StoryWalk® is a book that has been dismantled, laminated, and presented page by page on pedestals. The StoryWalk® mission is to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time in nature.

The StoryWalk® in the Arboretum, located at 3550 W. Cty. Hwy A will be along the Jolyn Beeman Trail. The total distance is approximately a half mile (0.25 miles down and 0.25 miles back). The permanent StoryWalk® pedestals will be up year-round with the story changing out seasonally (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter). All stories will focus on a nature theme.

The spring book is *Thank You, Earth* by April Pulley Sayre.



HPL STAFF PROVIDES STATEWIDE TRAINING



One of the main tenets of the library mission is to #BuildCommunity. In service of that mission, our Head of Public Services, Michelle Dennis, has been sharing her expertise and strengthening relationships within the Wisconsin library community for years. She has provided trainings at several conferences on a variety of topics, fueled by more than 28 years working in libraries.

Her most recent trainings include three sessions at the May 2022 annual conference of the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL). She partnered with HPL's Innovation Librarian, Claire Kinder, to present *All the World's a Stage (Yes, And...)*, which highlights the pair's theatre background and explores some theatre skills they have found useful in working with patrons.

Another session from WAPL is one that she's taken to several libraries throughout the state. It's called *Keeping Your Staff Safe: Active Shooter Response Training in Your Library* and is presented alongside HPL's Public Services Librarian, Jill Osmond-Groell.

The final session presented was a solo endeavor, titled *What do YOU Think?: Empowering Your Team to Think and to Act*.

“IT'S ALL ABOUT NURTURING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LIBRARIANS - AND KEEPING OUR PROFESSIONAL BATTERIES CHARGED!” - MICHELLE DENNIS, HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES

This summer, Michelle and Jill will teach a continuing education course for UW iSchool on the overlap of library security and customer service. They have also been invited to present on this at the iSchool's biennial Back in Circulation Conference in October, as well as Michelle's presentation on empowering teams.

Michelle serves on the planning committee for the Wisconsin Library Association's (WLA) Annual Conference and looks forward to continuing to share her knowledge and experiences with area libraries.

Interested in having Michelle and her team offer training for your organization?
Call 608-758-6610 or email mdennis@hedbergpubliclibrary.org for details.



OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

2022 HPL SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

REGISTER, READ, WIN

JUNE 6-AUGUST 7

for babies, kids, teens & adults

Celebrate the “oceans of possibilities” at the library and in our community as you read and complete fun activities.

Babies, kids, teens, and adults can read and complete fun activities to earn prizes and a **free book**. Our new online program, **Beanstack**, makes it easy to keep track of your reading and activities. Don't forget: ebooks, audiobooks, podcasts, comics, and magazines count too!

REGISTER JUNE 6 - AUGUST 7

Visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org or stop by the library anytime between June 6 - August 7. You can also download the Beanstack Tracker App for iOS or Android.

Create a Beanstack account, then register for the Summer Library Challenge. You'll receive a welcome email from HPL at hello@beanstack.org with a link to the online program.

Once you have created your Beanstack account, registered for the Summer Library Challenge and logged in, you can begin!

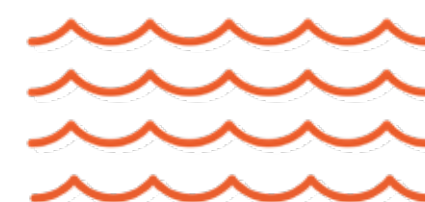
- **PICK UP A LANYARD & YOUR FIRST HPL BUTTON OR STICKER** at the library's Summer Desk. Lanyards, buttons, and stickers are also available at the HPL Express at Uptown Janesville and on the HPL Bookmobile.
- **COMPLETE BADGES** by reading, attending a library program, or completing other fun activities. You can complete up to three badges each week.
- **EARN WEEKLY PRIZES**
KIDS: Stop by the Prize Desk in the Children's Room to choose a prize from our treasure chest after completing your first weekly badge. Kids will be entered into mid-summer and end-of-summer prize drawings upon completion of badges 2 and 3. *Prizes available while supplies last.*
TEENS & ADULTS: Each badge completed automatically enters you into a weekly prize drawing. *All prize drawing winners will be announced on Facebook and notified via email.*
- **PICK UP A NEW BUTTON OR STICKER** on July 1 and August 1. Stop at the library's Summer Desk, HPL Express at Uptown Janesville, or visit the HPL Bookmobile.
- **EARN A FREE BOOK** at the end of the Summer Library Challenge. Books for all ages will be available to pick up at the library's Summer Desk from **August 1-19**.



CREATE AN OCEAN SCENE

Grab a blank sheet and use your creativity to draw a piece of art to add to our “oceans” throughout the library.

Complete as many sheets as you'd like. Return your completed sheet(s) to the box at the Summer Desk. Then explore our expanding Oceans of Possibilities around the library throughout the summer.





BOOK FEST

STORYTIME • AUTHOR FAIR • PANEL DISCUSSION • KEYNOTE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

@ HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY



10 A.M.

STORYTIME

with Michael Leannah

Enjoy an interactive family storytime with an award-winning children's author whose books include *Most People, Most Days*, and *Goodnight Whispers*.

Book sales and signing will follow.

10:30 A.M. – 4 P.M.

AUTHOR FAIR

Stroll through the library to visit with local authors.

Grab an "Author Passport" and get 10 signatures to be entered into our Book Fest prize drawing!

Participating authors include:*

Norman Aulabaugh • Marianne Ball-Dean • Sherry Blakeley
Robert Bottomley • Amber Boudreau • Tim Cullen • Patricia A. Davis
Cheaneulle DeRosier • Sherry Derr-Wille • Laura Diehl • Lolita Ditzler
John Graf • Pat Hall • Katie McIntyre • Carrie Meyer • Grace Pakes
Greg Peck • Jerry Peterson • Candice Rasco • Laureanna Raymond-Duvernell
Chris Sturdevant Mary Tellefson • Patrick Tibbits • John David Ulferts

**Participating authors subject to change.*



11:30 A.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION

**Writing Out of the Box:
Creative Outlets for Your Work**

Join authors Michael Leannah, Tess Nguyen, Patricia Hall, and Jim Lyke for a discussion about traditional and independent publishing, as well as other creative

outlets, open to writers. Discussion will be moderated by children's author and HPL staff member, Jamie A. Swenson and HPL staff member Emilie Anderson.

HPL welcomes Wisconsin's first Black female Poet Laureate as keynote speaker for the first-ever HPL Book Fest.



2 P.M.

WISCONSIN POET LAUREATE

Dasha Kelly Hamilton

Dasha is a writer, performance artist, and creative change agent, applying the creative process to facilitate dialogues around human and social wellness. She is the author of two novels, three poetry collections, four spoken word albums, and one collection of personal vignettes. She has taught at colleges, conferences, and classrooms and curated fellowships for emerging leaders.

An Arts Envoy for the U.S. Embassy, Dasha has facilitated community building initiatives in Botswana, Toronto, Mauritius, and Beirut. Her touring production, *Makin' Cake*, uniquely engages communities in a forward dialogue on race, class, and equity.

Dasha is a national Rubinger Fellow as well as Poet Laureate for the City of Milwaukee.

Learn more about Dasha at dashakelly.com.



Kara Blue (left) and Kathryn Jackson (right) explore the new Small Business Chrome Kits in the Hedberg Public Library's Small Business Resource Center.

ROCK COUNTY PARTNERS WITH LIBRARIES TO OFFER SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

This spring, Arrowhead Library System teamed up with Rock County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide small business planning kits, available for checkout at all seven Rock County public libraries, including Hedberg Public Library.

These Small Business Chrome Kits include a Chromebook, mobile Internet hotspot, case, and free access to LivePlan business and sustainability software.

This American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)-funded collaboration is aimed at supporting the economic growth of Rock County by eliminating technological barriers, such as access to computers and Internet service, and by providing professional business planning resources to local entrepreneurs.

In that same spirit, the Rock County Board of Supervisors recently set aside \$1.5 million of a \$5 million ARPA grant for SBDC technical assistance. It also hired a Business Consultant, Kathryn Jackson, to help entrepreneurs navigate available resources.

Kathryn has over 15 years of experience working in the business field, including sales and marketing, customer service, financial planning, and owning her own e-commerce business for more than eight years.

Kathryn believes partnering with libraries makes sense. In fact, she often uses HPL as a location to meet with clients.

“LIBRARIES ARE A REALLY NEUTRAL, SAFE SPACE.”

- KATHRYN JACKSON, BUSINESS CONSULTANT

"People feel comfortable and not intimidated," says Kathryn. Whenever I suggest the library as a meeting location, if they don't have a space as a newer entrepreneur or they don't have a brick-and-mortar business, they are excited to come to the library."

It's no surprise that libraries provide the perfect space for such access. Providing resources to meet the community's needs is exactly the purpose of the public library. Not only does HPL provide meeting spaces, computers, internet, WiFi, print materials, and free online databases, it also provides one-on-one help from its qualified staff, including Kara Blue, an HPL Public Services librarian specializing in job search and small business help.

Kara is available by appointment to help entrepreneurs learn about start-up resources, business databases, classes, or groups in the local entrepreneurial landscape to help move your business idea or new business forward.

"Rock County SBDC is one agency in our immediate area that supports small businesses by meeting one-on-one with entrepreneurs, offering programs or trainings, and directing individuals to additional agencies or resources in the entrepreneurial network," Kara says. "HPL's partnership with Kathryn, SBDC, and other agencies is important because public libraries are often a first stop for those needing help starting a business."

"There are a lot of resources at the library that we can connect people with to help them with their business," adds Kathryn. "The library seems very invested in helping people and small businesses succeed."

Through the SBDC and her own entrepreneurial experience, Kathryn is excited to connect people with the network of free resources available. "If there is something outside of my wheelhouse, I can connect them with someone in our network that can help," she notes.

Looking ahead, Kathryn and Kara are motivated to provide additional events and programming for entrepreneurs.

"A lot of times people are intimidated by the process of starting a business or they have a business and there are so many resources they don't know are available to them," Kathryn says. "The library provides the space and the resources for free."

HPL's Small Business Resource Center

Stop in to find a one-stop-shop to start or grow your business or visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org.

Need one-on-one help?

Contact **Kara Blue** at 608-758-5834 or kblue@hedbergpubliclibrary.org.

Rock County Small Business Development Center

Explore free classes and more at wisconsinbdc.org/centers/rock-county.

Need one-on-one help?

Contact **Kathryn Jackson** at 608-400-6784 or kathryn.jackson@business.wisconsin.edu.