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Sunday, August 13
2-6 p.m.

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

Mark your calendars and get ready to GEEK OUT during our 10th annual celebration of pop culture.

NOW ON A SUNDAY!

**Fan Art Contest • Costume Contest
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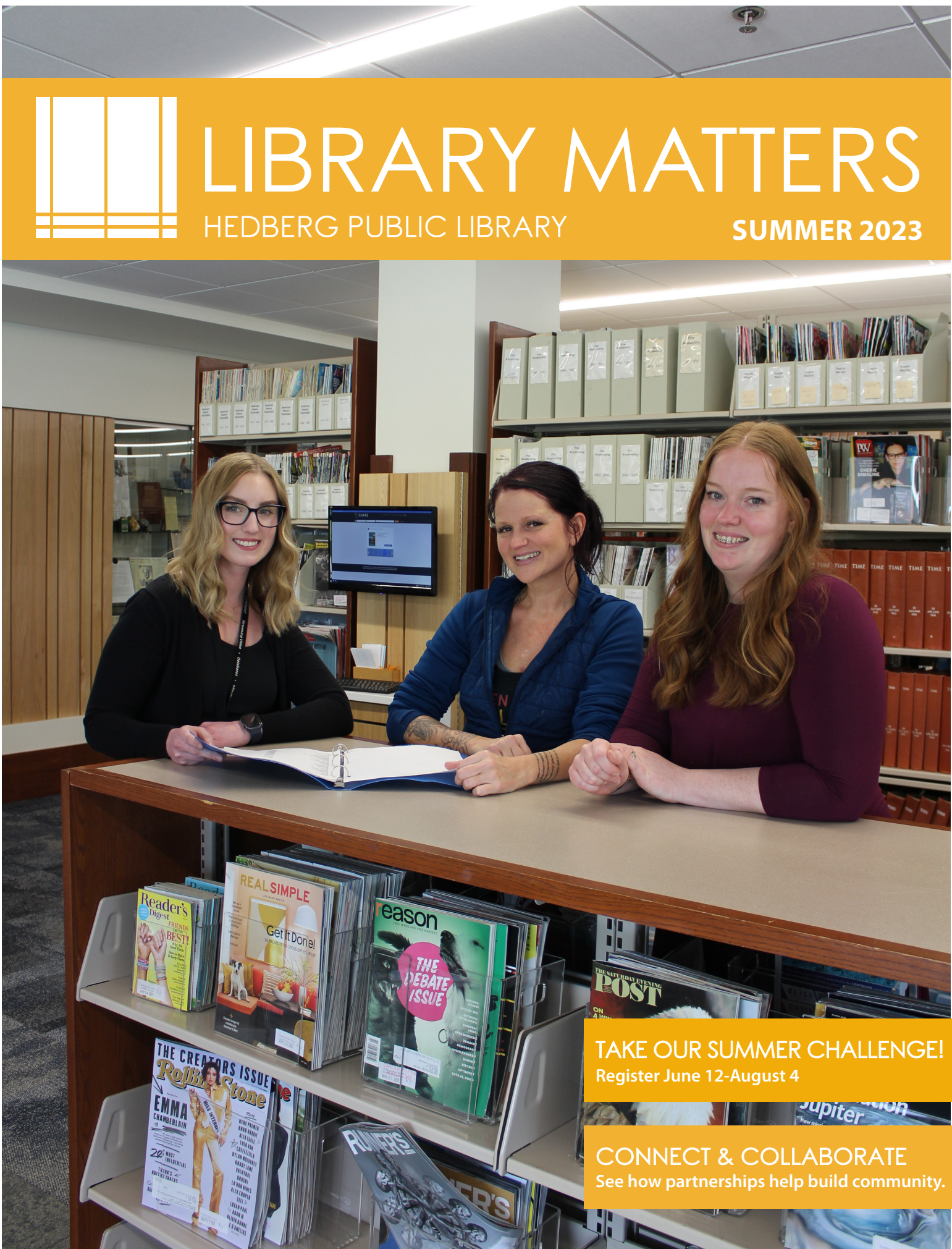
FREE FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, August 5, 1-3 p.m.
LIBRARY PARK
Rain location: Program Room
Join us for snacks and games as we celebrate a groovy Summer Library Challenge.
Bring your chairs and blankets!
for all ages

**BACK TO SCHOOL
CLOTHING
DRIVE**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. PROGRAM ROOM
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2-7 P.M. 316 S. MAIN ST.

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Donation of school-age to adult clothing accepted July 15-August 25.
While supplies last.





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MAIN STREET HOURS

316 South Main Street
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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

Tuesday, July 4

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Children's Desk 608-758-6585
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Please note: Programs may be filmed by JATV public access.

ON THE COVER

Kasey Weiland, Marcia Galvan, and Sharon Nouansacksy discuss potential strategies to serve community members reentering society after incarceration.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Association of Fundraising Professionals International Conference in New Orleans. While there, the sessions reinforced two things for me. First, that people want to have meaning in their life. And second, that they want to be involved with organizations where they feel a connection. For many, that organization is the local public library.

Here in Janesville, the Hedberg Public Library provides meaning in various ways for members of the community. Over the years, you may have checked out books and materials, enjoyed a program or activity, interacted with staff out in the community, or simply relaxed and read a book or newspaper.

Because of the connections made at the library, many of you have identified us as your organization of choice when it comes to finding meaning through giving back to the community. Some of you have become active volunteers, joining the Friends of HPL or volunteering in the The Ground Floor coffee and book shop. Others have been program presenters, sharing your life experiences with the community. And still others have been able to provide monetary support, giving generously to the library Foundation which provides additional funds for programming, activities, and capital campaigns.

In my time as library director, I've had the opportunity to meet with many of you as you shared your love of and interest in the library. I always enjoy hearing your stories and learning about you and the ways you've connected with our services and resources.

As we jump into our busy summer season, I invite you to visit the library, participate in our programs, engage with us out in the community, and continue to connect with the library. For our part, we'll do all we can to ensure those connections help provide meaning for you and for our community.

Thank you for your continued support,

Bryan J. McCormick
Library Director



BRINGING THE LIBRARY TO YOU

HEDBERGPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/BOOKMOBILE



WATCH FOR MOSI
Visit the HPL Bookmobile
and you may just meet our
mascot, Mosi the Giraffe!



STOP IN TO OUR NORTHSIDE BRANCH

**HPL Express, located inside
Uptown Janesville, is the
perfect shopping pit-stop!**

Browse books, movies, music, and more. While you're there, take a second to help us put together our featured puzzle - or take one home from our ever-growing collection.



Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Steven Falk for donating "Pillow Talk Snoopy Peanuts" to the HPL Express branch library
Stop in to see it for yourself!

HPL Express @ Uptown Janesville
Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
2500 Milton Avenue • Janesville, WI

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We appreciate the generosity of the individuals who gave to the HPL Foundation January - April 2023.

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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 second spring fundraiser on Friday, April 28, under the library's skylight.

The night featured Milwaukee jazz artist Christopher Pipkins of the Christopher Project and raised money to support 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.

Tell Us Why You Give

We'd love to hear, in your own words, why you choose to give to your library. Use the QR code or visit our website to share your reasons.



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 20. Fourteen library volunteers were presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award. Special thanks for all the hours our volunteers give to the library!

USED BOOK SALE
Friday, August 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, August 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
PROGRAM ROOM
\$6/bag sale all day Saturday.



REENTRY SIMULATION CREATES COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



(L to R) Kasey Weiland, Marcia Galvan, and Sharon Nouansacksy

In April 2023, HPL's Kasey Weiland, public services librarian, and Michelle Dennis, head of public services, participated in a reentry simulation facilitated by Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board and Rock Valley Community Programs. Other agencies, including AMS, Rock County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Nehemiah, Empowered Therapy, Community Action, and Justice Point had staff on the planning and volunteer committee.

Each of the more than 100 simulation participants was given a persona with a unique set of circumstances and struggles, like access to identification cards and/or access to money or things. The goal was to complete a list of assigned tasks for each work week (four weeks, 15 minutes long each), Kasey explains. Once the week (time limit) was up, all services stopped, regardless if the participant was waiting in line.

This simulation experience is designed to provide participants an understanding of the obstacles and barriers faced by persons upon their release from incarceration and return to the community, and encourage discovery of ways to help justice-involved persons succeed and build healthier, safer communities.

RECIDIVISM IS HIGH FOR A REASON

"It helps to build empathy in the community and not only point out the barriers and challenges that exist, but also make sure that we're not erecting new ones," explains Marcia Galvan, special projects supervisor for the WI Pathway Home 2/Support to Communities Grant through the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.

"It's important to understand the systematic barriers and the amount of time, money, and stress the reentry process is for the majority," Kasey says. "Recidivism is high for a reason."

Kasey's assigned persona was recently released after ten years in prison. She had all of her identification cards, but no money. "Week 1, I went to work, cashed my paycheck, and I was out of transportation tickets immediately," she says. "I went from table to table asking for tickets, but all told me I needed one to get one from them. The location listed as a place to go for free tickets said they didn't have any."

Each week her persona also had to take a drug test. Rather than use the free health clinic, Kasey opted to pay \$5 for each test, which she says was an easier pass than the free health clinic.

Week 2, Kasey says, "I darted for the free transportation ticket table using new language, 'transportation voucher,' and suddenly I got one. Immediately I got in line to the transportation ticket station and spent all my time trying to purchase tickets, which would run out sporadically."

This struggle continued and led to Kasey not paying her rent and she was evicted. "I was now homeless and jobless, as I had missed work," she says.

"When you're worried about basic things like eating and sleeping, it's easy to forget your priorities like finding a job and not re-offending," says Sharon Nouansacksy, federal case manager at Rock Valley Community Programs.

Now jobless and homeless in Week 3, Kasey says she focused on securing enough tickets to perform other tasks. She had to pay \$200 in child support, complete a drug test, and buy food.

"Right away, I paid child support, got drug tested, and then got back in line for transportation tickets, which ate up all of my time," she says. "By the end of the week, I had \$105 left."

Week 4, Kasey was again drug tested and had a meeting with her probation officer. "As every time, I was negative for the drug test," she says. She then opted to attend an AA/NA meeting, where she failed a drug test. "After this I decided to finally get food, as I had forgotten about it completely the entire time."

Without a job, Kasey had leftover time in Week 4 and used it to chat with others about how things had gone wrong for them. "It was interesting to see how people coped with circumstances and stress," she says. Some participants purchased multiple transportation tickets in order to resell them, some kept trying to get ahead, while others decided giving up and going back to jail would be easier.

FREEDOM IN LETTING GO

"There's uncertainty in the outside world," Sharon says. "It's easier for them to go back to prison because they already know how to live that life. There's a freedom in letting go."

In reflection, Kasey says she has a deeper understanding of what it means to feel like the entire system is working against someone and to see the dysfunction in how the system works.

"In some ways, it was easier and much calmer to me once I decided to give up, rather than continue to keep trying," she relates. "Before that point, my heart was

racing, I was not thinking clearly, and I was completely stressed out."

By the end of the training, the majority of participants were back in jail, as they had not completed the necessary tasks. It was those with a strong support system that fared well.

A key part of any support system are community organizations like those that facilitated and took part in this simulation. While there are ways the library can assist those in this situation, it is something that cannot be solved by just one organization.

The library's resources, including technology skills classes, are greatly needed, Sharon relates. After an extended incarceration, they might not have the knowledge to be productive in today's tech-heavy environment and may be more susceptible to scams, for example.

THE LIBRARY AS A SAFE SPACE

Among the resources available, HPL is a warming and cooling shelter during regular hours and provides access to free Wi-Fi, computers, reference questions services, and guidance to other services and programs in the community. HPL can serve as a "safe space," Sharon adds, as those reentering experience homelessness at a much higher rate. Library employees have assembled Homeless Care Kits through donations, which include things like socks, gloves, a water bottle, bandages, wet wipes, toothbrush and toothpaste, sunscreen, as well as snacks.



Kasey encourages the community to practice empathy. "You might be surprised to find out who has gone through the department of corrections and what challenges they had faced," she adds.

"Although there are only a few things the community can do like vote or volunteer, being kind and empathetic is free."

Since the simulation, several HPL employees have toured Rock Valley Community Programs' facilities and they, along with Marcia's organization, are collaborating on ways to further assist the community.

READ ABOUT REENTRY



The Ex-Offender's New Job Finding & Survival Guide: 10 Steps for Successfully Re-Entering the Work World

The Ex-Offender's Job Interview Guide: Turn Your Red Flags into Green Lights

ALL TOGETHER NOW

Register, Read, & Win

JUNE 12 - AUGUST 4

2023 HPL SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE

for babies, kids, teens & adults

Get groovy with us all summer long!

Babies, kids, teens, and adults can read and complete fun activities to earn prizes and a **free book**. Our 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 12 - AUGUST 4

Visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org or stop by the library anytime between June 12 - August 4.

You can also download the Beanstack Tracker App for iOS or Android and 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.

If you created a Beanstack account last summer, you will use the same username and password.

Need help? Visit the library's website or ask staff for assistance.

Once you have created your Beanstack account, registered for the Summer Library Challenge, and signed 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.

- **COMPLETE BADGES** by reading, attending a library program, or completing other fun activities.

EARN WEEKLY PRIZES

KIDS: Complete at least one badge each week, and stop in the Children's Room and play **HPL-INKO** to get a prize. Every badge you complete enters you into three special prize drawings held throughout the summer. *Prizes available while supplies last.*

TEENS & ADULTS: Each badge completed automatically enters you into a weekly prize drawing. *All prize drawing winners will be notified via email.*



- **PICK UP a new button or sticker** on July 3 and July 31. Visit the library's Summer Desk or HPL Express at Uptown Janesville.

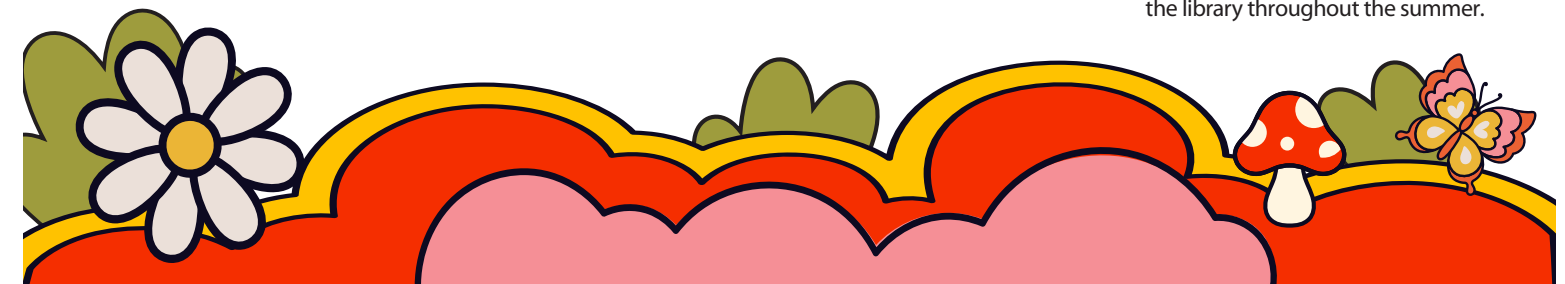
- **EARN a free book** at the end of the Summer Library Challenge. Books for all ages will be available at the library's Summer Desk from **August 1-19**.



HPL FLOWER POWER

Grab a blank sheet and use your creativity to draw a piece of art to add to our flower power 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 garden of peace and love at the library throughout the summer.





BOOK FEST

WORKSHOPS • AUTHOR FAIR • KEYNOTE • FRIENDS RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

9:30-10:30 A.M.

Writing Workshops

Elevated Writing:
15 Dialogue Techniques Create Masterful Prose
by Christine DeSmet and Peggy Joque Williams

Fearless Truth-Telling: The Power of Owning Your Story
by R.B. Simon and Lisa Marie Brodsky

So You Want to Write A Children's Book!
by Gayle Rosengren

10:45-11:45 A.M.

Writing Workshops

Seeing Characters and Their World: Filtering Details through Point of View
by Ann Angel

A 10-Step Plan for Self-Editing
by Nick Chiarkis

A Six-Month Marketing Road Map for Launching Your Book
by Maggie Smith

12:30-2:30 P.M.

AUTHOR FAIR

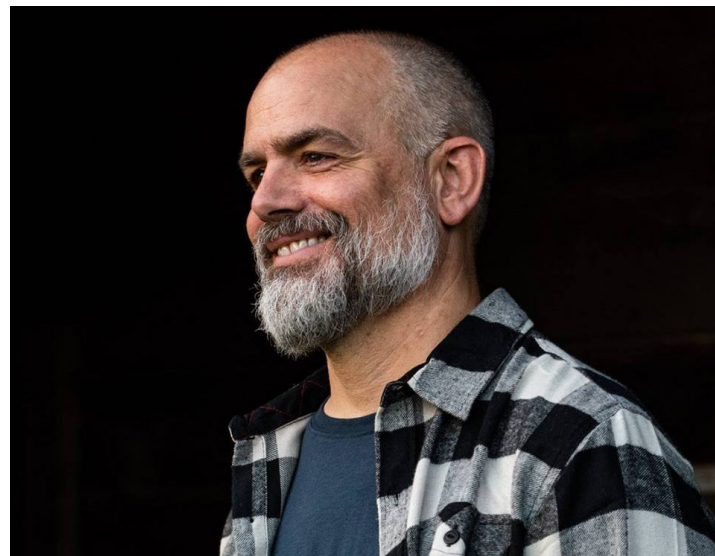
Stroll through the library to visit with local authors. Participate in our Author Scavenger Hunt for a chance to win a fun prize!

Participating authors include:*

Ann Angel // Laura Anne Bird // J. Ellis Blaise // Michelle Caffrey
Jennifer Carmody // Nick Chiarkis // Patricia A. Davis // Christine DeSmet
Bill Gillard // Pat Hall // Audrey Henley // Amy C. Laundry // Andrea Nelson
Grace Pakes // Greg Peck // Laureanna Raymond-Duvernell
Gayle Rosengren // R.B. Simon // Patricia Skalka // Maggie Smith
Sean Sorce // Ben Strand // Eileen Troemel // Rod Vick // Peggy Joque Williams

*Participating authors subject to change.

HPL welcomes Wisconsin author and humorist Michael Perry back to the library as keynote speaker for the 2nd annual HPL Book Fest.



3 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS Michael Perry

Michael Perry is a New York Times bestselling author, humorist, playwright, and radio show host from New Auburn, Wisconsin. Perry's bestselling memoirs include *Population: 485* (recently adapted for the stage), *Truck: A Love Story*, *Coop*, *Visiting Tom*, *Million Billion*, *Peaceful Persistence*, and *Hunker*. Among his other dozen titles are *The Scavengers* (for young readers) and his novel *The Jesus Cow*.

Learn more about Michael at sneezingcow.com.

BOOKS ABOUT BOOKS

As we celebrate books and authors at our second annual Book Fest, we thought we'd recommend these books about...books!

Want more reading recommendations? Visit our website or use the QR code below to sign up for BOOKED! and get personalized suggestions sent straight to your inbox.

BOOKED!



Yellowface
by RF Kuang
- First person narratives; satire and parodies
- Fast-paced, character-driven, and darkly humorous



Hell of a Book
by Jason Mott
- African American fiction; book club best bets
- Moving, reflective; unconventional



Seven Days in June
by Tia Williams
- Contemporary romance: African American fiction
- Intricately plotted; steamy and atmospheric



The Paris Library
by Janet Skeslien Charles
- Historical fiction; multiple perspectives
- Inspired by real events; richly detailed and engaging



The Bookish Life of Nina Hill
by Abbi Waxman
- Relationship fiction; sympathetic and relatable
- snarky, sardonic, and engaging



Less
by Andrew Sean Greer
- LGBTQIA fiction; satire and parodies
- Bittersweet. lyrical, wordplay-filled

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB HELPS RETIRED NURSE FIND NEW CALLING



HPL's non-fiction book club, Non-Fiction Knows No Bounds, has been meeting for a little more than a year. The club gathers at a location in the community that relates to the book of the month. For February, participants read *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*, by Daniel Tammet, and met at KANDU Industries for a presentation from staff and a tour of the Adel Street facility.

"It turned out to be an emotional and happy experience for one of our members," recalls HPL's Mary Schweigel.

Karen D., a nurse of 42 years, recently retired and attended the February meeting and tour. She says for the first several months of her retirement, she enjoyed all of the new-found free time.

"I picked up a few hobbies and I was able to get back to my love of reading," she says. She joined Non-Fiction Knows No Bounds and especially appreciates that it meets at locations related to the read of the month.

"This is a fantastic concept," she says.

Around the same time as she joined the book club, she admits to beginning to feel restless in her retirement. "I was missing my calling," she states. "I missed my patients. I was beginning to feel that I didn't have a purpose anymore."

That visit to KANDU with HPL's book club pointed Karen in a new direction, she says. "I actually did not like the book that much and I almost wasn't going to go to the meeting, but I'm so glad I did! The minute I began interacting with some of the clients, I felt like this is where I should be."

KANDU Industries is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides opportunities to people with disabilities or disadvantages. For almost 60 years, these work, social, and daily activities enable KANDU clients to achieve their maximum potential and enjoy the dignity of being productive citizens.

Karen has experience working with children with developmental and physical disabilities, and says being at KANDU brought back wonderful feelings.

"I unexpectedly began to cry during our tour. I felt overwhelmed with emotion. I didn't want to leave; I wanted to spend the whole day there," she recalls.

This experience propelled Karen to pursue opportunities with KANDU and she has since accepted a position working one-on-one with a KANDU client in the production area.

"I KNOW MY HEART WILL BE FULL AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR HAVING THE BOOK CLUB IN THE FIRST PLACE AND ENABLING ME TO START AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY."
- KAREN, RETIRED NURSE

Mary says this is the second time a local business welcomed Non-Fiction Knows No Bounds for a tour and on-site meeting. The club toured SHINE in January after reading *The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women*, by Kate Moore.

"I hope we can continue to provide meaningful experiences for patrons through reading and learning about their community," Mary says.

HPL offers four book clubs for adults: Reading on the Rock (contemporary fiction), Mondays are Murder (mystery), Non-Fiction Knows No Bounds (non-fiction), and Rainbow Reading Club (for teens and adults, books explore LGBTQ+ themes).

Mondays are Murder and Reading on the Rock are taking the summer off, but two of our book clubs will have titles to explore. See full details, including where the clubs will meet, by visiting our website.

5 P.M. FRIENDS OF HPL AUTHOR RECEPTION

THE VENUE / 37 S. WATER STREET
Join Michael Perry for a private reading while enjoying delicious food catered by Genisa. A cash bar will be available.
Get tickets online, with the QR code, or at the library.
\$10 for Friends Members // \$30 Non-Friends Members



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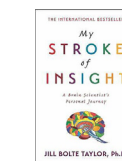
Tell us your library story!



How has the library impacted you? What are your fondest memories of your time at the library? What resources do you depend on?

Use the QR code or visit our website to share.

NON-FICTION KNOWS NO BOUNDS Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



June 21



July 19



August 16

RAINBOW READING CLUB Wednesdays at 6 p.m.



June 26



July 31