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Need a space to promote your community organization?

Check out the library's display areas!

Contact Jodi at 608-758-6593 or  
jrichards@hedbergpubliclibrary.org.

## LIBRARY ART, EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

### SEPTEMBER

Painting, Drawing, & Printmaking

by Megan Cunningham

Paintings by Sandy Cook

Ceramics by Katie Swanson

### OCTOBER

Watercolors by Ken Marsden

Paintings by Dan Kelly

A Night at the Library by Library Staff

### NOVEMBER

Acrylic Paintings by Sara Czerniak

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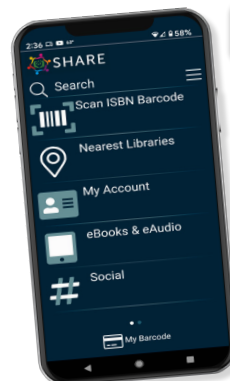
INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR ART?

Call 608-758-5803 to learn how.



**ALL DATA** is a free database that offers easy to find manufacturers' **auto repair information**. Quickly look up repair info by searching for the vehicle year, make and model. Visit our website's Research Database page for details.

## TRY OUR NEW APP!



SHARE Anywhere is the newest way to access your library anytime, anywhere.

### App Features

- Search the catalog
- Access your account
- Scan-able bar code
- Event calendar & alerts
- So much more



Non-Profit Organization

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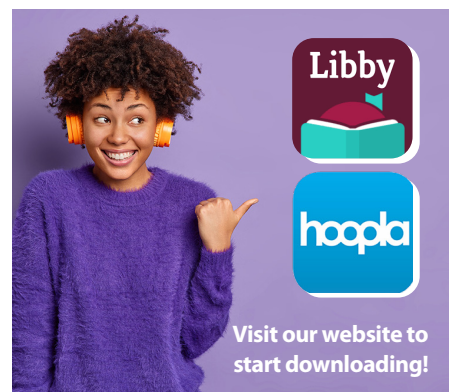
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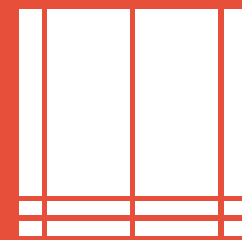
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“ I so appreciate the ability to read numerous books and audio books through Libby and Hoopla! I am semi-handicapped and it would be impossible for me to visit the library to choose reading material! Thank you so much for your services! ”

- DONNA P.



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# LIBRARY MATTERS

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL 2022



**SERVING THE UNHOUSED**  
Community partnerships make it possible.

**TEACHER OPEN HOUSE**  
Explore resources, technology, and more.





**HEDBERG**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Building Community

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, September 5  
Friday, November 11, *open at noon*  
Thursday, November 24

## 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

The WI Ghostbusters joined us for our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Quest Con celebration of books, movies, music, games, and more!

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



One of my Library Board members recently sent me a Peanuts cartoon where Linus, upon signing out his own library card, stated "I have been given my citizenship in the land of knowledge!"

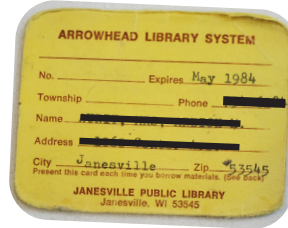
September is **National Library Card Sign Up Month**, and a library card continues to open up a world of possibilities for those that have one. From books to movies, computers to databases, the library card remains one of society's greatest opportunities to get equitable access of knowledge and learning. For those that don't yet have a card, now is a great time to stop in and get one. The world awaits!

Speaking of library cards, while working at the **HPL Express Branch**, I have come across a few of you that still have library cards from the days of the Janesville Public Library. Kudos to you for keeping those cards active and useful! Library heroes all.

Through our Community Engagement efforts, we are working to introduce library services to parts of the community that are unfamiliar with us or don't visit the library as often as some. We have had several great interactions through our **Bookmobile** visits, including handing out **285 new library cards** in June and July. That's about a third of the total number of cards issued library-wide!

Our summer has been full of adventures, and we have enjoyed serving you through it all. We look forward to continued engagements that introduce(or reintroduce) you to what the library has to offer. You, too, can be like Linus and be a 'citizen in the land of knowledge' - and the library will help you to get there!

Thank you for supporting the library and we look forward to seeing you again soon!



*Bryan J. McCormick*  
Bryan J. McCormick  
Library Director

### MISSION

We build community by providing an inviting space to discover, share, create, and connect.

**Discover • Share • Create • Connect**

### VISION

An informed, connected and engaged community.

### VALUES

**Inclusion**  
We welcome and serve all.

**Access**  
We provide information, programs, services, and technology for all.

**Service**  
We strive to deliver exceptional experiences.

**Innovation**  
We encourage open and creative thinking to meet changing community needs.

**Respect**  
We treat each other, our space and our community with kindness and respect.

**Excellence**  
We hold ourselves to the highest possible standards in everything we do.



**LIBRARY OF THINGS**  
HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

## COMING WINTER 2023

### Why buy when you can borrow?

Our **Library of Things** is a new collection of non-traditional items that you can enjoy on the go, like a telescope for stargazing, or an Amazon Firestick for catching your favorite shows.

Watch for details this fall! Visit our website and social media for updates.

[hedbergpubliclibrary.org/things](http://hedbergpubliclibrary.org/things)

## HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We appreciate the generosity of the individuals who gave to the HPL Foundation during April-June. **Interested in supporting your library?** Visit our website to learn all the ways you can give to HPL.

Cara Anderson  
June Baker  
Jessica Southworth Bates  
Carolyn Blakemore  
In Memory of Richard Blakemore  
William and Joyce Cain  
In Memory of Brent and Gary Cullen  
Myrna Cummings  
Anna and Denny Fox  
Don and Donna Friedl  
Kay Harrison Family  
Youth Services Staff at Hedberg Public Library  
In Memory of Kay Harrison  
Richard W. Harrison  
Patricia Henry  
Hufcor

Judith Jaggard  
Mary Kowal  
In Memory of Palmer Larson  
In Memory of Addie May Lyons  
Theodore and Linda Lyons  
S.K. Madan  
Margaret Meacham  
Charles and Helen Mortensen  
Raymond and Barbara Pegg  
Robert Piccione and Family  
In Memory of Rocky S. Piccione  
Richard and Donna Reinardy  
Ruth Robinson  
Lowell and Arlys Zellmer  
Margaret Zweck



## Why I Give

Your generosity and support allows us to serve the community in ways that wouldn't otherwise be possible. We're able to provide access to more resources, tools, classes, and materials. We appreciate it more than we can say.

We'd love to hear, in your own words, why you choose to give to your library. This feedback helps us better understand the value of our services and the impact they have - and allows us to share your reasons with our executive board, library staff, and library community.

Use the QR code below or visit our website to fill out a form to share your story of support with us. If you'd rather share your story personally, call our library director, Bryan McCormick, at 608-758-6594.



## FRIENDS OF HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

### WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF HPL?

The Friends of HPL are 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!

**NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK: OCTOBER 16-22**  
The 16<sup>th</sup> annual celebration, coordinated by *United for Libraries*, is an opportunity to recognize the incredible work our Friends do for the library. **THANK YOU!**



## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY? BECOME A FRIEND!



**A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: OLD HOLLYWOOD HORROR**  
**Saturday, October 22, 7 p.m.**  
HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of HPL's 13<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser is bringing the mingle back to murder mystery! Get ready for your close-up and join us at HPL Studios for your screen test. Dress in your favorite classic Hollywood genre, but remember that murder is on the menu. Solve the crime for a chance to win fun prizes while supporting library programs and services.

**Tickets on sale September 1.** Visit [hedbergpubliclibrary.org](http://hedbergpubliclibrary.org) for details or use the QR code.



### USED BOOK SALE

**Friday, November 18**  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

\$6 bag sale all day Saturday.



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

Happiness is a cup of coffee & a good book.

Lucky for you, we have both!



**Friends of HPL get 20% off their purchase.**



# NEW LIBRARIAN Q&A



**HPL welcomes Kasandra Weiland to the team as a new Public Services Librarian.**

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

**A:** I grew up in Campbellsport, WI. It has a population of 2k people and is between Fond du Lac and West Bend.

**Q: What made you want to be a librarian?**

**A:** I've always spent a lot of time in libraries, love learning new things and taking on challenges, and I have always been in customer service positions. Because of that I realized I really enjoy helping others and I could do a lot more for others as a librarian. In short it felt like a natural fit to me.

**Q: What book have you read more than once?**

**A:** I re-read the Lord of the Rings trilogy every summer! It's also my favorite book. (I say book because Tolkien wanted it published as one book)

**Q: Coffee or tea?**

**A:** I like both, but coffee.

**Q: Do you have any fur babies?**

**A:** I have an 8-year-old rescue mutt Maggie and an almost 2-year-old cat Max.

**Q: What do you think is the biggest misconception of librarianship and library services?**

**A:** The funniest one to me is sometimes people who haven't been to a library since they were a child think we read all day. I really, really wish!

## WHAT CAN OUR LIBRARIANS DO FOR YOU?

HPL's six Public Services Librarians have a combined 47 years as HPL librarians and 104 years in professional library services. They are credentialed, trained information specialists equipped to respond to a current information need. They use library reference materials, research databases, and authoritative digital sources to provide information and resources on a variety of topics. Below are just a few of the things our librarians can do for you!

- Locate current information about businesses, product reviews, municipal services, and other **consumer-based services**, including how to contact those locations without a phone book or access to the internet.
- Find obituaries published in the Janesville Gazette, instruct patrons how to access and use common web-based **genealogy** research tools, and do quick searches in those resources to help a patron start their genealogical journey.
- Provide access to and help search print genealogy materials such as cemetery indexes, county plat maps, and **historic city directories**.
- Run or demonstrate searches in newspaper databases, including the library's **Local History Database**, to find information about a person, place, topic, or event in Janesville or Rock County history.
- Help patrons navigate and learn their devices, demonstrate skills, guide patrons as they **learn a new skill**, help troubleshoot software or apps, break down steps in learning, and find sources to help patrons learn more.
- Help patrons access **digital book services** on devices that can be particularly tricky, help with set-up authentication, searching, downloading, or customizing reading preferences.
- Suggest book titles based on the **reader's preferences** and initiate interlibrary loan service when titles are unavailable within the library's consortium.
- Find options for patrons needing social service agencies, government programs, job and career placement agents, or businesses of a certain type, access directories and use a local network of partners to **connect people to resources**.

### AND THE INDUSTRY FAVORITE:

- Find that movie with **that one actor or that one scene** that came out sometime in the 70s. Or, they find that book with a blue cover that you read 20 years ago about that photographer who survived a plane crash somewhere in the mountains.

### To get all this help and more:

Email [questions@hedbergpubliclibrary.org](mailto:questions@hedbergpubliclibrary.org) or call 758-6600 and select number 5 to speak to a librarian.

If our librarians can't help remotely, they are happy to meet in person. Visit the library and ask to speak with a librarian!

HPL  
express  
your uptown library

## Visit us at Uptown Janesville!

Our HPL Express Branch is the perfect north-side pit-stop. Try your hand at a puzzle, browse popular books and movies for any age, or bring the kiddos in for some playtime. You can also return all your library materials to HPL Express, regardless of where you checked them out.



**HPL EXPRESS HOURS:**  
Monday-Saturday • 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



**JANESVILLE**  
Mobilizing **4** Change

Visit [JM4C.org](http://JM4C.org) or follow them on Facebook for an up-to-date list of programs and events!

Catch JM4C at the **ROCK FOR RECOVERY** event on **Wednesday, October 12** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** at the Craig Center on the Rock County Fairgrounds in partnership with the Substance Misuse Task Force.



**More than 800 people signed up for their first library card this summer and discovered a whole new world!**

From borrowing audiobooks to streaming movies to taking virtual classes, there is so much you can access with a library card.

Pursue your passions and dreams through your library's resources and programs.

Visit the library or start your application online at [HedbergPublicLibrary.org](http://HedbergPublicLibrary.org)

Stop at any public desk for your own picture with our giant library card!

**#LibraryCardSignUpMonth**



**Tuesday, September 13**  
**4- 6 p.m.**

As part of *Library Card Sign-up Month*, all teachers - public, private, and homeschool - are invited to explore library resources and opportunities, chat with library staff, visit our Tech Petting Zoo, sign up for a Teacher Card, and enjoy an afternoon snack!

*No registration necessary.*



### YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

HPL will now offer two monthly yoga programs including a new Chair Yoga for those with mobility issues or who work while sitting.

**Registration is required.** Register online, at the library, or call 608-758-6600.



“Whenever we move to a new city, one of my first priorities is a **library card**. I knew immediately upon entering Hedberg Public Library that we would feel at home here. I think it was the giraffes at the entrance to the children's section! The staff is friendly and helpful, and there is a good selection of materials. I always check out the new arrivals and staff picks. The library is my happy place.”

- LOIS H.



## CITIZENSHIP HELP AT HPL

**Each year, Citizenship Day helps thousands of eligible legal permanent residents to prepare and apply for U.S. naturalization.**

In times fraught with negativity and fear surrounding the word “immigration”, citizenship workshops and services offered in partnership by local non-profits help create a safe and welcoming place for all immigrants - and highlight the beautiful and powerful impact of immigrants in the U.S.

Library staff will partner with YWCA of Rock County and MMG Law to offer a **Citizenship Day Workshop** on Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The library will also provide bi-weekly **Citizenship Classes** starting in November with the help of Faith Literacy.

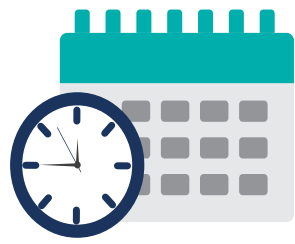
Visit our website for program details and requirements.

*Tell your library story!*



**We want to hear YOUR library story - big or small - because we know that small moments can sometimes matter the most.**





## COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE HOURS

Stop in to visit with an expert.  
No appointment necessary.

### SECOND HARVEST

STUDY ROOM 4

Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m.

September 13 • October 11 • November 8

Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 23 • October 21 • November 25

### ECHO PATH PROGRAM

STUDY ROOM 5

Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m.

September 13 • October 11 • November 8

Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

September 23 • October 21 • November 25

### ADRC ELDER BENEFITS SPECIALIST

STUDY ROOM 1

Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

September 15 • October 20 • November 17

### LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN\*

STUDY ROOM 5

Thursdays from 3-7 p.m.

September 1-December 29

\*for low-income residents facing housing challenges

## BOOKED!

PERSONALIZED READING SUGGESTIONS  
DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR INBOX.

Visit our website to check out  
our free service for readers.

## Janesville's Jolly Jingle

December 2-4  
Downtown Janesville, Wisconsin



JanesvilleJollyJingle.com for a full schedule of events.

# StoryWalk®

at the Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum

Brought to you by a partnership  
between the City of Janesville,  
Hedberg Public Library, and the  
School District of Janesville.

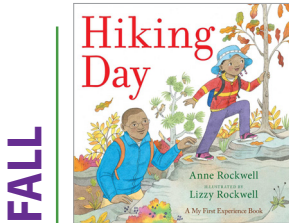
Visit our seasonal StoryWalk® in the Arboretum,  
located at 3550 W. Cty. Hwy A, along the Jolyn  
Beeman Trail.

**FALL TITLE** Available around September 22

**Hiking Day** by Anne Rockwell

**WINTER TITLE** Available around December 21

**We Want Snow** by Jamie A. Swenson



FALL

WINTER

We're looking for  
GUAC STARS!

JOIN US  
to help plan  
library programs  
& services for teens!

# tacos

teen advisory council of students



Register online, at the library or call 608-758-6600.

**FALL MEETINGS:**

TUESDAYS @ 4:30 P.M.

SEPT 27 • OCT 25 • NOV 29

WOODRUFF ROOM

Registration required.

## KINDNESS rockshop

for ages 8-adult

HPL's Kindness Rocks Garden offers tokens of  
kindness and motivation for anyone to take or  
share. Visit it on the south side of the building.

**Want to help us fill our garden?**

Make some kindness rocks at the library!

**Kindness Rocks Club**

Mondays from 4-6 p.m.

November 14, 21 & 28

PROGRAM ROOM

Bring your own supplies  
or use ours.

**Kindness Rockshop  
Paint Kit**

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Sign out a kit with everything  
you need to paint a rock!



“ I love that the library  
is a world of possibilities  
accessible to EVERYONE!  
I can't think of another  
place I can go for free  
where there is art,  
entertainment, learning,  
AND air conditioning. ”

- ANONYMOUS

# PARTNERING TO SERVE THE UNHOUSED



Each year, more than 140,000 people visit  
Hedberg Public Library, using a wide range of  
services. Whether attending a program, accessing  
technology, or checking out materials, the  
library's mission to build community by providing  
inviting spaces to discover, share, create, and  
connect means that all are welcome.

In August 2021, a patron approached Jenny  
Bynum, HPL Public Services Assistant, and, in  
a whispered voice, asked for assistance with  
obtaining some basic things, as he did not have  
a place to sleep.

“He looked so sad and embarrassed,” Jenny  
recalls. The encounter left her with the desire  
to help Janesville's unhoused population,  
above and beyond what the library was  
already providing.

She shared her experience with her supervisor,  
Michelle Dennis, Head of Public Services, as well  
as the rest of the HPL management team, and  
requested approval to solicit donations from  
friends and family to make Care Kits for library  
staff to give out as needed.

Both Michelle and Library Director Bryan  
McCormick responded in full support of  
Jenny's initiative.

“Libraries are about serving the community  
in many different ways,” says McCormick.  
“Jenny's idea was an easy yes, and was  
immediately embraced by our staff.”

In the past, HPL has had items available for  
Janesville's unhoused residents.

“We used to have socks and snacks available,”  
recalls Michelle, “but it was fairly informal and  
the supply was irregular and unpredictable. We  
wanted to do it better, be more consistent and  
create a process with a reliable resource.”

Jenny did some research and came up with a  
list of 21 most requested items. The first on this  
list? Socks, followed closely by snacks.

She used social media to inform her family and  
friends and began gathering donations. The  
kits include things like socks, gloves, a water  
bottle, bandages, wet wipes, toothbrush and  
toothpaste, sunscreen, as well as snacks.

While HPL was able to provide some snacks,  
Michelle says they quickly understood that “the  
folks that are coming in are in crisis. They need  
more than peanut butter and crackers - they  
need a day's worth of food.”

Jenny, who also works for the School District  
of Janesville, had a colleague respond to her  
request on social media. That colleague, Rita  
Milbrandt, volunteers at ECHO and offered to  
supply bags of food. ECHO, dedicated  
to meeting housing, food, and other basic  
human needs and addressing the barriers  
to self-sufficiency, routinely hands out these  
bags from their resource center, located at  
65 S. High Street in Janesville.

This partnership between ECHO and HPL is  
critical because “the need is right here,” Rita  
says. “The folks who need these services come  
to the library.”

Rita delivers the ECHO food bags as needed  
and checks a record that library staff keep of  
those who request Care Kits. “It helps us know  
where the bags are going so we can offer more  
help if they need it,” she explains.



Today, each of the Homeless Care Kits contain  
two bags: those 21 common items Jenny  
collected as well as a day's worth of food  
from ECHO. Since August 25, 2021, ECHO has  
provided HPL's initiative with 240 bags of food,  
at first ten bags each week, but now up to 20  
bags each week.

The kits also include referral information for  
community resources and services. Michelle  
emphasizes that the goal of this effort is not to  
care for these individuals long term, “but rather  
maintain them for now and help them find  
resources to move forward in life.”

“A little kindness goes a long way,” Jenny says.

Jenny volunteers her time to assemble the Care  
Kits, along with her young daughter, Adalynn.  
So far, all donations have come from generous  
coworkers, family, and friends.



Recently, however, Jenny and Michelle have  
been looking into grant opportunities to  
continue to meet the growing need.

Rock County has a variety of resources, like  
ECHO, available to those dealing with a lack of  
stable housing, but through the COVID-19  
pandemic, many of those resources had limited  
hours or were shuttered completely. “It was  
even more critically important for the library to  
step in,” Jenny says.

The role of a public library has evolved over the  
years and Hedberg Public Library has embraced  
that evolution. More than just a place to get  
books and media, “this is a community center,  
and we need to help everyone,” Jenny adds.  
“And if we can bring a smile to someone's day,  
that's important, too.”

Jenny and Michelle acknowledge that there  
have been instances where patrons questioned  
the role of a public library when it comes to  
those seeking assistance. “

“We often encounter people in crisis when they  
are in shock,” Michelle says. “It's the end of the  
day when they realize they don't have a place  
to sleep, and that's scary.” While the public  
library is not designed to assist in that manner,  
it can provide information about community  
resources, and even a place to charge electronics.  
“How can a person look for a job when they  
don't have an address or effectively work if  
they don't have food?” Michelle says. “We are  
serving some very basic, fundamental needs.”

City Manager Mark Freitag has charged all  
City of Janesville employees with focusing  
on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging  
within departments and throughout the  
community. Jenny, with the support of HPL  
leadership and coworkers, has taken that  
directive to heart by responding to a need  
she recognized.

This is just one example of how the staff at HPL  
live out the mission of building community and  
demonstrating the values of inclusion, respect,  
access, innovation, service, and excellence.

## “EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE LIBRARY.”

- JENNY BYNUM, PUBLIC SERVICES ASSISTANT

“Our mission as a library is to serve everyone in  
the community,” Jenny says. “Particularly those  
who are most in need.”

## WAYS TO GIVE

• Visit these organization's websites to view  
their current wishlist and donate online.  
• Or stop in to the library to learn more.

- **ECHO** [echojanesville.org](http://echojanesville.org)
- **HPL** [hedbergpubliclibrary.org](http://hedbergpubliclibrary.org)
- **House of Mercy** [mercyhealthsystems.org](http://mercyhealthsystems.org)
- **GIFTS** [giftsshelter.org](http://giftsshelter.org)
- **Family Promise** [familypromisebeloit.org](http://familypromisebeloit.org)