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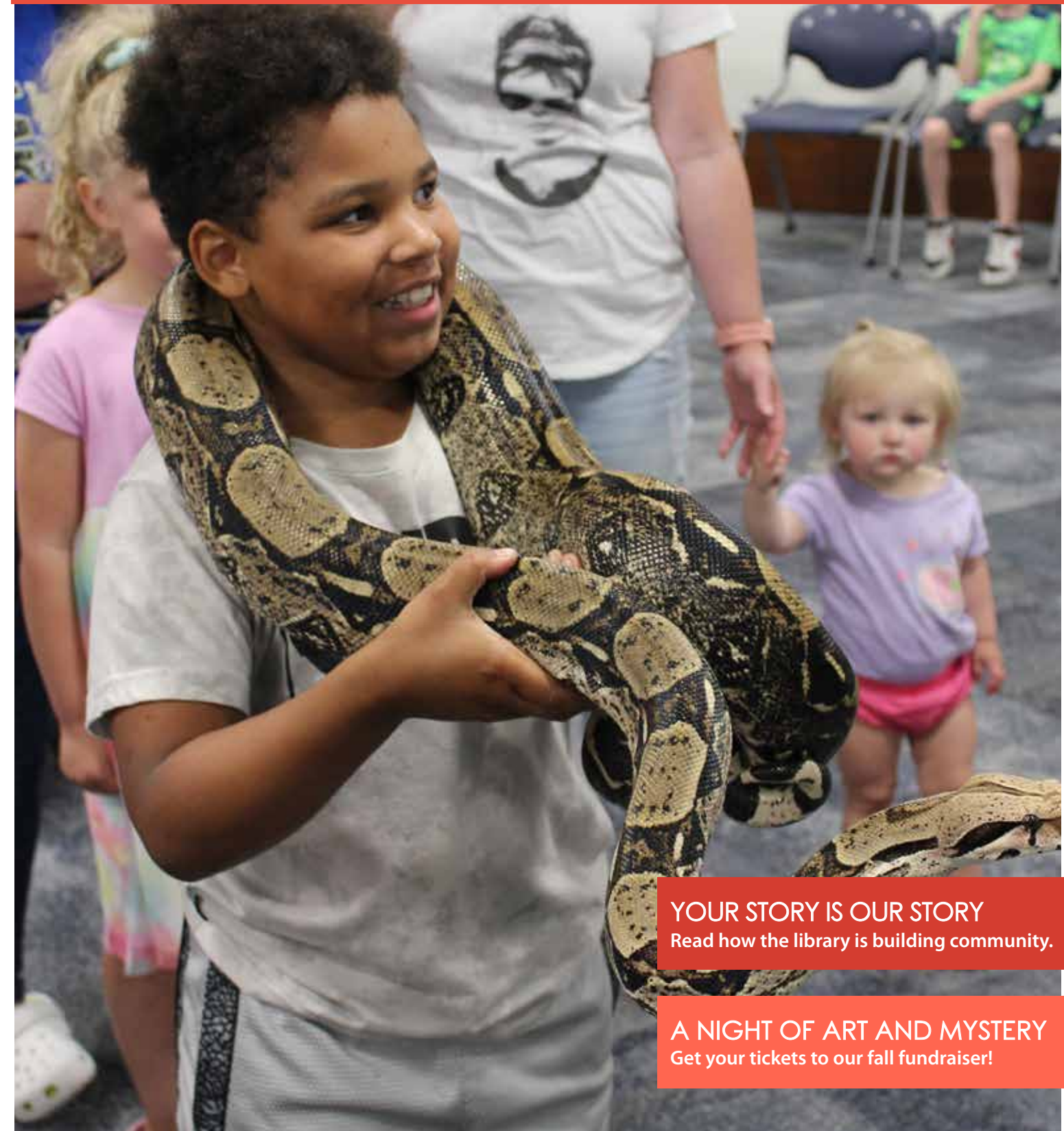
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FALL 2023



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A NIGHT OF ART AND MYSTERY
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SEPTEMBER

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Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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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 4
Friday, November 10; open at 12 p.m.
Thursday, November 23

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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

Snake Discovery brought some slithering friends along to one of our July Family Fun programs!

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR



Where did the summer go? As we transition to fall and the kids head back to school, I can't be the only one with that question. Summer 2023 was an eventful one for everyone here at HPL and there's more to come.

In June, we welcomed hundreds of attendees to our second annual celebration of authors and writing, **Book Fest 2023**, including Wisconsin's own, Michael Perry. We recently celebrated a successful Summer Library Challenge, **All Together Now**, in which we saw the return of the excitement and participation levels we enjoyed pre-pandemic. And, our 10th annual celebration of pop culture, **Quest Con**, encouraged fandoms to geek out at the library with activities, costumes, art, and more.

This fall, the Children's Room will be experiencing its own **transformation** as we work to upgrade the lighting and ceilings to better match the rest of the building efficiency and aesthetic. During the construction, portions of the collection - as well as our Program Room - will be unavailable. That means fewer programs as well, with some being held in new locations, so check our calendar for details. The contractors should wrap up around November and full use of our spaces will be restored.

On October 21, we invite you to experience **A Night at the Library**. Tickets for The Friends of Hedberg Public Library's 14th annual mingle murder mystery fundraiser: **The Art of Murder** are available online and in The Ground Floor. It's a unique chance to sip a glass of wine in the stacks while becoming an amateur sleuth for the evening. Come in costume to enjoy the full experience!

HPL's **online presence** is also being transformed. We've partnered with LibraryMarket, a design agency that specializes in technology solutions for libraries, to update and improve our calendaring system and website. Among our staff, two dedicated teams have been formed to lead the redevelopment of both assets, with the calendar expected to launch September 1 and a new hedbergpubliclibrary.org near the end of 2023.

During my nine years as Assistant Director, HPL has grown its presence in the community through developing a responsive and diverse collection, hosting programs that serve our patrons, partnering with local organizations and businesses, and participating in neighborhood and school events. It is because of these **staff-led efforts** that your library is the valuable resource that it is.

At the July meeting of the HPL Board, I was proud to be appointed Interim Library Director while we conduct the search for a new permanent director. I am honored to be able to lead and work alongside the people here at the library throughout this season of transition.

Charles B. Teval
Interim Library Director

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff."

- Timothy Healy
Former President, New York Public Library



DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATES

After library director Bryan J. McCormick resigned in June, the HPL Board of Directors initiated the search for a replacement. At the July meeting, they voted to name Assistant Director Charles Teval the Interim Director, effective August 12. At that same meeting, they voted to hire an executive recruiting firm to conduct the director search. The Board is working with the City of Janesville Human

Resources department to issue an RFP – Request for Proposal – to find a firm best suited to conduct our search. It is an important process, essential to finding the right Librarian to lead the Hedberg Public Library in the coming years. The board is committed to maintaining transparency during the search, so watch this newsletter, the library's website, and social media for updates.

NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

Hedberg Public Library is working with LibraryMarket to create an updated and responsive website and calendar to better serve community and library needs.

The new calendar will be available in September, while the newly designed website will launch at the end of the year.

Stay tuned for updates - and we thank you for your patience while we bring our website into the 21st century at last!



HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



DONATE TO OUR HOMELESS CARE KITS

Help us serve the unhoused population in our community by giving to the HPL Foundation. Be sure to denote HOMELESS CARE KITS in the memo or notes field.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We appreciate the generosity of the individuals who gave to the HPL Foundation May-July 2023.

Robert Bryan, Richard and Nancy Cope, In Memory of Donald Hedberg, Kay and Neil Deupree, Dr. Gregg and Helen Petry Dickinson, Knipp Poulter Designated Fund, Ruby Nagel, David Nelsestuen, Curt Parish, In Memory of Joe Wolfe, Richard and Donna Reinardy, Richard Thurner, D.R. Schaller, Barb and Carl Weber, Lori Wirth, and Margaret Zweck

Donations to the Foundation made many things possible this summer. Your generosity helped bring special programs to the library, supported outreach through our Bookmobile, and more!



Interested in making a donation to the library's Foundation?

Visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org, scan the QR code, or call 608-758-6600.



Tell Us Why You Give

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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!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY GIVING TREE

The Friends of HPL would like to thank all the donors who chose an ornament from the summer Giving Tree and generously donated that gift. Gifts included sidewalk chalk, bubbles, coloring books, markers, and crayons, bookmarks, snacks, and more to be used on the Bookmobile.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. We sincerely appreciate the community support.

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

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



USED BOOK SALE

Friday, November 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY
\$6/bag sale all day Saturday.

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Learning new skills is a process, but it's always worth it. Break down your goals in phases to help.

Phase 1
• Set your goals
• Make a learning plan

Phase 2
• Start learning something new
• Take time to study

Phase 3
• Test your skills
• Celebrate the milestones

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Visit our website to get started - free with your library card!

NEW SYSTEM FOR CALENDAR & ROOM RESERVATIONS



This fall we will introduce a new and improved website, creating a more dynamic and intuitive online presence.

The first step is launching our new **Calendar and Room Reservation system**, which will go into effect September 1.

The updated calendar will feature filtering and printing capabilities, as well as reminders and social media shares.

The new Room Reservation system allows you to search by room or by day. As part of the migration, some patrons with standing and/or approved room reservations may receive notifications from the new system. These are automatic messages triggered by the move and require no action.

If you have questions about your room reservation, please call 608-758-6600.

OFFICE HOURS AT HPL EXPAND REACH



Offering regular office hours at the library is just one of the ways community organizations further their reach and provide an opportunity for HPL to meet its mission of **building community** by providing spaces to **discover, share, create, and connect**.

This fall, five organizations will hold office hours in HPL study rooms, including **Project 16:49, VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Second Harvest, and The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Rock County**.

SERVING SENIORS

Lachel Fowler, elder benefits specialist at the **ADRC**, assists Rock County residents (60 and older) by providing information on programs, services, benefits, and long-term care options. "I have outreach sites throughout the county to make myself more accessible to people," she notes. Lachel will be available at HPL on **Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. September 21, October 19, and November 16**.

HELPING HOMELESS TEENS

Project 16:49 is a non-profit serving unaccompanied homeless youth (ages 14-21) throughout Rock County and started hosting hours in July. The organization ensures every young person has access to the services and support they need to remain in school, graduate, and become self-sufficient adults.

"We chose to host office hours at HPL because of the presence the library has in the community, we thought it was a great place for community youth who are struggling with poverty and homelessness to find us," says Katelyn Raatz, outreach specialist.

Project 16:49 serves about 300 youth throughout the Rock County area, usually through the schools, and is directly involved with about 60 each year. "We are hoping that with drop-in hours we will be able to increase that number to around 100," Katelyn says.

Project 16:49 office hours at the library will continue throughout the fall on the **first and third Tuesday from September 5 - November 21, 1-5 p.m.**

"I hope the impact of having hours at the library will be an easy way for community youth to find us and the resources we are connected to in the community. Helping one youth will be worth it!" adds Katelyn.

MENTORING OUR YOUTH

Melissa Morse, enrollment and matching specialist with **Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)** of South Central Wisconsin, explains that the group's mission in 2023 is exposure and awareness of the mentoring services it provides in the communities it serves. "When I started on this mission in the Janesville community, I knew the Hedberg Public Library would be my first stop to learn more about community events and to engage with more members and families in the community," she says.

This fall, Melissa is available at the library from **4-5 p.m. on September 12, October 10, and November 7**. "By being involved with office hours at the library, our BBBS is getting the opportunity to be in the heart of Janesville while having a safe and secure location to meet with potential volunteers or families," she says.

Office hours at HPL have improved awareness of BBBS' services in Janesville and inquiries into the program have increased as well, Melissa adds. "Every time we hold office hours, there is a family or volunteer we can reach that may have not even known we are a resource in Janesville. We love having this extra resource to better reach the community."

KEEPING VETERANS HEALTHY

Cassandra Barnett, outreach social worker, and Brian Determan represent **Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)**. Available at HPL **Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, and November 7 & 21**, HCHV's goal is to reduce homelessness among Vets by engaging and connecting them with healthcare and other needed services.

FILLING HUNGRY BELLIES

Second Harvest's FoodShare outreach specialist, LaShima Grosskopf connects with those facing hunger in the community and provides FoodShare outreach and access to nutritious food. This fall, LaShima will be available **September 12, October 10, and November 14 from 2-4 p.m. and September 22, October 27, and November 24 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

"We recognize that these outreach efforts are vital to many of our patrons," says Charles Teval, Interim Library Director. "Like the materials in it, our building is a resource and it's great that these organizations can use our space to reach the people who benefit from those resources."

Community organizations interested in hosting office hours at HPL are encouraged to contact Rene Bue at 608-758-5803.

SUMMER RECAP: ALL TOGETHER NOW



HPL's **2023 Summer Library Challenge** came to an end on August 4. A total of **1,139** participants read **650,777** minutes and completed **8,152** activity and reading badges.

Thank you to all who got groovy with us this summer and attended our many programs. We look forward to next year's challenge: *Adventure Begins at Your Library!*



Our 10th annual **Quest Con**, a celebration of pop culture, was the perfect way to wrap up a summer of fun. Hundreds of visitors enjoyed interactive booths, photo opps, food trucks, and more.

Prizes were awarded for trivia, Grogu guessing, fan art, and costumes.



A NIGHT at the LIBRARY
14th ANNUAL LITERACY FUNDRAISER

The Art of MURDER

Mingle Murder Mystery

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7 P.M.
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IT'S THE ANNUAL ART GALA, WHERE HIGH FASHION MEETS HIGH DRAMA.
ARTrageous costumes encouraged.
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FRIENDS OF HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's time for the Friends of Hedberg Public Library's 14th annual mingle murder mystery fundraiser - and this year will be ARTrageous!

You're invite to the most exclusive night on the social calendar: the annual Art Gala, where high fashion meets high drama.

GET TO THE GALA

Originally known as the Flindenschneider Art Institute of Innovation, Creativity, Design and Exploration Benefit Gala, it is now simply known as The Art Gala. It's an evening of excess for a good cause - at least, that's what the excuse has always been. Benefactors, socialites, artists, celebrities, and social climbers use the night to be seen in each other's company.

DRESS TO IMPRESS

The theme of this year's Gala is **ARTrageous Fashion**. Guests are encouraged to come in haute couture inspired by any and all genres of art - sculpture, modern, classical - as long as it's stunning, expensive, unique, and often controversial, it's perfect for the evening.

SOLVE THE MURDER

The Art Gala has not been without controversy. Themes have stepped on toes, outfits have caused outrage, and each year someone is publicly snubbed. The evening begins with guests walking the red carpet, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and the annual unveiling of the top art acquisitions for the year. Donors who have placed it on loan to the gallery will be on hand, and of course, many of the artists make appearances, too.

Tickets are just \$40 and are available online and at The Ground Floor.



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.

HPL Express @ Uptown Janesville Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
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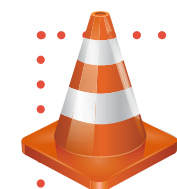
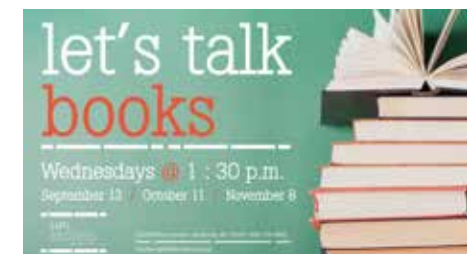


STORIES & MORE @ HPL EXPRESS



MONDAYS AT 11 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 18

Start your week with fun at the library!
Enjoy a story or playtime activity featuring a new theme each week.
An expiration necessary.



EXCUSE OUR DUST

The Children's Room is undergoing some construction this fall and

portions of the collection will be unavailable for checkout.

The library's Program Room will also be unavailable during this time. Check our calendar for program locations.

Thank you for your patience!



"I am visiting the community and wanted to comment on how I enjoyed the Poetry Trail."

- Sue M.

A POETIC STROLL

The 2023 Poetry Pathway has been installed on the Ice Age Trail at Palmer Park! In partnership with the City of Janesville Parks & Recreation Division, HPL invited local poets to submit pieces during National Poetry Month. Those poems were reviewed and eight new pieces of poetry were selected. Hop on the trail and find your favorite!



Hedberg Public Library will once again partner with the City of Janesville's Parks Recreation Division and the School District of Janesville to provide the **StoryWalk** at the Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum.

Grab your coat and a friend and check it out!



FALL TITLE:
Trees
by Tony Johnston

Installed around the fall equinox.

Explore a fantastical forest in this exquisite and lyrical picture book that celebrates all trees, from maple to elm to ginkgo to magnolia to redwood.



WINTER TITLE:
Ten Ways to Hear Snow
by Cathy Camper

Installed around the winter equinox.

A snowy day, a trip to Grandma's, time spent cooking with one another, and space to pause and discover the world around you come together in this perfect book for reading and sharing on a cozy winter day.

YOUR STORY IS OUR STORY

A library is filled with stories. Not just those in the books that are housed on its shelves, but those of the people who benefit from its programs, resources, and services every day. At HPL, we've asked patrons to share their library stories with us.

RIVER'S STORY



River, daughter of Cassandra and Kati Simpson, is a two-year-old who has been coming to the library nearly all her life. "We are at one of the local libraries pretty much every day," Cassandra says. "The library classes have helped her graduate from the Birth to 3 Program by being around same-aged peers and learning in the structured classes that [HPL] provides."

With her frequent visits to HPL, River has developed a special relationship with all the Children's Room staff and is excited to see them. HPL Express at Uptown Janesville is also a favorite, and Cassandra says she loves that the Prairie Lakes Library System allows the family to check out resources and return them to any location.

"There are so many reasons to love Hedberg Library, they are always adapting and creating new events and activities!"

- Cassandra S.

Because River is a Child of a Deaf Adult (CODA), the family especially appreciates that HPL provides an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter during Wiggle & Rhyme Storytime on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Gale Courses like American Sign Language I and II have also been an important resource.



DEB'S STORY

"I've always found visiting my local library a way to transcend life and experience people, places, and actions I would never have had the opportunity to have."

- Deb S.

For seven years, Deb and her certified therapy dog, a Lhasa Apso named Maggie May, worked with kids on reading in the Children's Room. "The memories of the impact Maggie had with so many children and their love of reading are cherished and will never be forgotten," Deb says. "Maggie

had the uncanny ability to realize what each child needed and to become that dog. I was told many times, 'She was one in a million,' and she was."



JACK'S STORY

Jack F. is typically a reader of books by Stephen King, The Expanses Series, or fantasy adventure, he says, but a recent visit to HPL's Staff Picks section opened him up to a new genre and a book and author he might not have found on his own. "Shoutout to Mariah!" says Jack.

"I'm trying to expand my author pool by trying others than those I unintentionally default to."

- Jack F.

Youth Services Librarian, Mariah Smitala's pick was *White Smoke*, by Tiffany D. Jackson. "The cover was cool and alluded to it being scary, so that's what made me give it a try," Jack explains. "I enjoyed it because the plot was fast paced, actually creeped me out in a few scenes, and the length was perfect. Having a 300-page young adult novel instead of a dense 500-700 story with multiple characters and locations to keep track of was a nice change of pace."

ERIK'S STORY

From his early years in his school libraries to HPL as an adult, Eric K. says libraries have been a source of information and communication.

"As a kid, books and magazines offered a way to see beyond the small town I lived in. As an adult, they became a lifeline."

- Erik K.

Eric credits HPL staff with helping him create a resume and write cover letters catered to each job posting to which he applied. And, free email with computer access at the library provided a vital connection during tougher times when Eric didn't have a phone. "I love libraries and what they've provided me in my life," he adds.

Tell us your library story!



From book recommendations and children's entertainment to education and job resources, we want to know how your library has impacted your life.

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Download an eBook or audiobook, put one of the titles below on hold, or stop in to browse our Hispanic Heritage Month display!



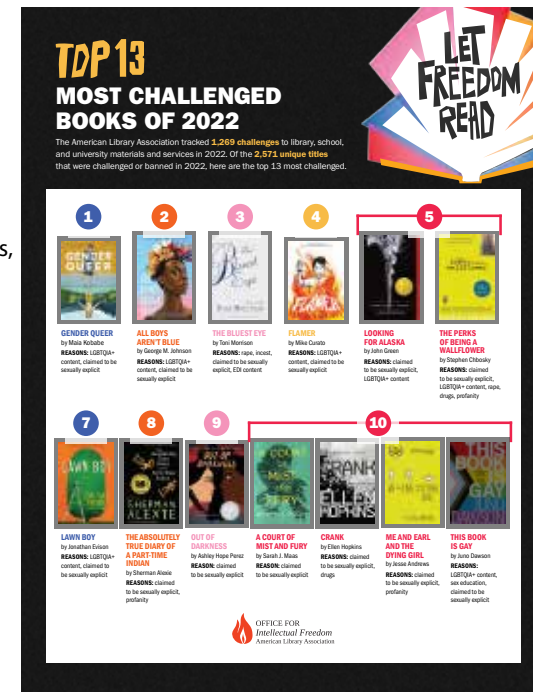
WE READ BANNED BOOKS!

Launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries, Banned Books Week has become an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community - librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The 2023 theme for Banned Books Week is **Let Freedom Read** and will be held **October 1-7**.

Hedberg Public Library believes in Intellectual Freedom and supports the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Statement, as well as the Library Bill of Rights. We stand with ALA in opposing the widespread efforts to censor books in schools and libraries.

Stop in to the library to see our display of banned or challenged books - and don't miss your chance for a **FREE book at Banned Books Giveaway** on Tuesday, October 3, from 3-7 p.m. in Library Park. Books will be available for all ages and reading levels.



CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS CULTURE

November is National Native American Heritage Month

Mango Languages helps to preserve Endangered and Indigenous languages by offering free courses, which allows native speakers to connect to and honor their heritage, and helps enthusiastic learners gain a better appreciation of the culture. The list includes Potawatomi, a language critically endangered in North America.

The Mango team worked closely with The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, a community located in southwestern Michigan and northeastern Indiana. There are fewer than 10 native speakers of the language. The course instructs learners on the language's unique grammatical structures, vocabulary, and cultural traditions, all recorded by language specialists from the community.

Visit our website to find a link to Mango Languages and explore a full list of courses!

LIBRARY STAFF ATTEND ALA



Youth Services Librarian Mariah Smitala gets a book signed by award-winning author Kate Dicamillo.

In June, HPL Public Services Librarians Mariah Smitala, Kasey Weiland, and Mary Buelow attended the American Library Association's (ALA) Annual Conference in Chicago which provides more than 7,000 library staff from around the country the opportunity to learn, share information, and connect with each other. It features special guests, exhibitors, educational programming, important announcements and updates, and relevant legislation and policies.

HPL librarians attended sessions on book bans, serving autistic youth, information access, digital literacy skills, and more.

The conference included an opening session featuring author Judy Blume, among other special guests, who explored the "boundless horizons that lie ahead for libraries and library workers."

The closing session welcomed Amanda Gorman, the youngest presidential inaugural poet in U.S. history and a #1 New York Times bestselling author, and Christian Robinson, a Caldecott Honor and a Coretta Scott King Honor Award winner.

The ALA Annual Conference is attended by library staff each year on a budget-dependent rotation.