LIBRARY MATTERS HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER 2024

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WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR Get to know Eric Robinson with a fun Q&A.



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ON THE COVER

Eric Robinson joined the library staff as the new Library Director on May 13.

A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR



It has been my honor to serve as Interim Director for the almost 10 months while we searched, and finally found, a new leader for our library. It has truly been a team effort - from our shelvers, to the librarians, to the managers to maintain the excellent services our community deserves.

I appreciate the assistance received from City staff when needed and the wonderful support from our Board of Trustees during this time of transition. It has been a learning experience for all of us.

We now turn the page to welcome the new Library Director. I am excited to see where the story takes us!

Charles Teval Assistant Library Director

Q&A WITH NEW DIRECTOR, ERIC ROBINSON

- Q: As this is a library, we'll start with a literary-focused question: Name a book you've read more than once.
- **A:** Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance by Robert M. Pirsig
- Q: If you started a band, what kind of music would you play and what would be the name of the band?
- A: The band would play Hair Metal; mostly mid-'80s glam rock. I think we would be Fever Dream.
- Q: What was the last live performance you attended (theater, music, etc.)?

A: Hamilton (theater)

Q: What's the worst advice you've ever received?

A: It was more of a dare. I was convinced that I could run an ultramarathon in three month's time because I was told 'you used to be athletic.' I did run 39 miles in the dark on the Ice Age Trail with a few weeks of training. It was a bit uncomfortable. 😔

Q: What are your go-to emojis?



Q: What's one thing/skill you wish you knew how to do?

A: Fly a plane. But I am absolutely terrified of flying ...

Q: Flipping through the TV channels, what show/movie do you have to stop at every time?

A: Caddy Shack or any terrible action movie from the '80s.

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Q: Do you have any special/hidden/useless talents?

A: I am incredible at washers. It is a game where you dig a hole in the ground and 'pitch' large washers at the hole for points from about 30 ft away. 😏 Totally useless unless a professional league for it starts up like bags has.



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BOOKMOBILES BUILD COMMUNITY! ZVISITED THE Visit our website to see where the HPL Bookmobile will be this summer, then stop by to say hello!





JOIN OUR FREE SUMMER PROGRAM!

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. *Note: A library card is not needed to participate in the program*.

REGISTER STARTING JUNE 10

Stop by the library anytime between June 10 - August 2, use the QR code above, or visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org. You can download the Beanstack Tracker App for iOS and Android, create a Beanstack account, and 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 have an existing Beanstack account, 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, at HPL Express in Uptown Janesville, or on the HPL Bookmobile.
- **COMPLETE BADGES** by reading or completing fun activities. Both types of badges count toward prizes and prize drawings, and you can complete any activity badges that you missed in previous weeks. Don't forget that ebooks, audiobooks, podcasts, comics, newspapers, and magazines count toward your reading and activity badges.

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. Earn a bonus **HPL-INKO** turn if you complete 3 badges in a given week. *Prizes available while supplies last.*

TEENS & ADULTS: Each badge that you complete automatically enters you into a weekly prize drawing. Visit our website or Facebook page each week to see the upcoming prizes. *All prize drawing winners will be notified via email.*



 PICK UP a new button or sticker on June 24, July 8, and July 22.
Visit the library's Summer Desk, HPL Express at Uptown Janesville, or the HPL Bookmobile.

• EARN a free book at the end of the Summer Library Challenge. Books f

READ 700,000 MINUTES

We're challenging all participants to help us reach **700,000 MINUTES** of reading this summer! Every minute that you log will help us toward this goal.

CREATE YOUR OWN Adventure challenge!

Complete all 12 reading badges, 24 activity badges, or all 36 badges in this year's Summer Library Challenge and you'll receive **special recognition** at the end of summer.

SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES

We want to see your favorite adventures!

It could be an adventure in a book, one you've had in Janesville, an adventure you would like to have - or anything you can imagine.

- Grab a sheet at the library, draw your adventure, then bring it back to the library so we
- can post it on our wall of adventures! Check back often to see the fun experiences
- people share all summer long!

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SUMMER LIBRARY Challenge Finale

Monday, August 5, 4-6 p.m. PROGRAM ROOM

Join us to celebrate a summer full of great adventures and see if participants read over 700,000 minutes this summer.



HEDBERG DUBLIC LIBRARY Widing Community SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

9:30-10:30 A.M

Writing Workshops

Coloring Outside the Lines: Creating Better Novel Characters *presented by Rod Vick* PROGRAM ROOM

Mystery, Humor and Love: Elements of a Powerful Memoir presented Greg Peck, Angela Bier, Jim Landwehr, and Katy Grogan WOODRUFF ROOM

Self-Publishing - From Book Idea to Publishing presented by Eileen Troemel LAB 316

10:45-11:45 A.M. Writing Workshop

Writing Workshops

Perspectives on Point of View presented by Kathie Giorgio PROGRAM ROOM

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

Try Everything: Overcoming Pitching Anxiety presented by Carol Paur LAB 316

12:30–2 P.M. Master Class with Ann Garvin STORY BUILDING AND PLOT

PROGRAM ROOM

Build a page-turning story filled with emotion without getting stuck! Explore writing exercises that get you ready to write your book without running into problems like the "mushy middle", readers asking what's the point, or not knowing what to do next. Appropriate for writers of all levels.

HPL welcomes Wisconsin author Ann Garvin as a featured guest at the 3rd annual HPL Book Fest.



2:30-4:30 P.M. AUTHOR FAIR

Stroll through the library to visit with local authors. **Participating authors include:***

Angela Bier // Lisa Marie Brodsky // Michelle Caffrey // Jennifer Carmody Laura Diehl // Patricia A. Davis // Pamela Fullerton // Ann Garvin Kathie Giorgio // Stephen Glick // Pat Hall // Audrey Henley // Susan Kies Jim Landwehr // Ellison Lane // Terri Mason // Mary Ann Noe Mike O'Connor // Carol Paur // Greg Peck // JP Rindfleisch // R.B. Simon Cat Stark // Eileen Troemel // Rod Vick *Participating authors subject to change.

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HPL PROGRAM ROOM

Mingle with authors, including Ann Garvin, while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Free for members of the Friends of HPL.

Not a member? Stop by The Ground Floor or visit HedbergPublicLibrary.org/friends to become a Friend today!

NEW CLUB CATERS TO THE **CLEVER SILLINESS OF TWEENS**

AN UPDATE FROM YOUTH SERVICES ASSOCIATE JAMIE SWENSON



For those keeping track, we have officially had TWO Tween Team Meet-ups. For those not keeping track, Tween Team is a new club designed specifically for 9-12-yearolds, and it's a mixture of games, crafts, service projects, and craziness. The type of craziness that only 9-12-year-olds can bring. The kind that is silly, full of energy, and very clever. Oh, and snacks. Snacks are important. Very important.

The idea behind Tween Team is to give these kids a space and place of their own. Often, this is the group that is asked to join

in with the younger kids or to wait to be teens. They're sort of the middle child of programming. What do you do with the Tweens!? You ask them! And then do THAT.

They want to play group games, individual challenge games, silly games, and serious ones, too. So, we always play games for at least half of our meet-ups. And then, because these kids know their stuff - we spend a bit of time picking books for their book display. All of the titles we've displayed are books that the tweens think should be read by younger kids (Peppa Pig anyone?) or their peers (Percy Jackson, Amulet, or Smile anyone/everyone?!)

We end our meet-ups with a service-type project. In March, they put Take & Make craft kits together for younger kids, a project that Tween Team member Dawson said he especially enjoyed. In April, they painted rocks that will be used for programming and for our Kindness Rocks Garden (there's a kit that can be used in the Children's Room with rocks ready to be designed by kids to fill our Kindness Rocks Garden out in the Library Park).

In March, we asked the Tweens what exactly they think we should do at future meet-ups. They want to play water games (I believe they called it Splish Splish Splash Water Day), tie-dye shirts, freeze tag, hot potato, flag football, NERF wars, and laser tag. Okay then. That is what we will do-not all at once and NOT inside the library.

MY FAVORITE PART SO FAR HAS BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT THE ACTIVITIES.

- EVELYN R. TWEEN TEEN MEMBER, AGE 12

Because some of the ideas are weather-dependent, we'll do our best to plan and hope that the weather cooperates. Below are the programs they've come up with for summer.



SUMMER FUN - Saturday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.-12p.m.

We're going to try some of those water games outside in Library Park, along with some other (non-water) ideas! Wear clothing that can get wet (and bring a towel and dry shoes!). Bring a T-shirt for tie-dying (it doesn't have to be newany lighter-colored shirt will work!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE GAMES - Friday, July 26,1-2:30 p.m.

We will have a few different games ready to go, and the group will vote on which games they'll play. More info to be announced!

Tween Team is aeared for 9–12-year-olds. Younger/older siblings/family members are not invited to this program. We also ask that kids who register are between the ages of 9 and 12 during the month of the program. Registration is required. Register online, in person, or by calling 758-6585.

Tween Team is just beginning, and like the kids themselves, it will grow and change and become whatever it is meant to become. We've had a great turnout so far and hope to keep the fun coming!

DONATIONS WELCOME

NERF toys and blasters needed!

If you have any NERF items that you're willing to donate to the library, we will use them! Please drop them off at the Children's Desk.





TWEEN TEAM PICKS

The titles below are recommended by the Tween Team readers from the March and April meet-ups: Reagan, Kenzie, Caleb, Jay, Briana, Finn, Jarrett, Roo, Evelyn & Evelyn, Dawson, Lily, Abigail, Emma, Kaylin, Ethan, Viviana, Liam & Amelia.



Real Friends by Shannon Hale Green

by Alex Gino

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Hard Luck by Jeff Kinney

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Trapped in a Video Game Robots Revolt Hatchet by Dustin Brady

Riverstar's Home / Warriors series by Erin Hunter

Percy Jackson and the The Last Rabbit **Olympians** by Rick Riordan

Daisy the Deer / Fairy **Animals series** by Lily Small

Catwings Return / A Catwings Tale by Ursula K Le Guin

Francis and the Werewolves of the **Black Forest** by Refe Tuma

Choose Your Destiny Star Wars an Obi-Wan & Anakin Adventure by Disney

The Tea Dragon Tapestrv by K. O'Neill

by Gary Paulsen **Blue Stars Vice** Principal Problem by Kekla Magoon

by Shelley Moore Thomas

Bradford Street Buddies Backyard Camp-out by Jerdine Nolan

Three Summers by Amra Sabric-El-Rayess

Wings of Fire series by Tui Sutherland

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

I Survived Hurricane Katerina, 2005 / I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

. Stop in to browse our Tween Team book display!

A NEW TWIST ON AN **OLD BOOK CLUB**

BY GABRIELLE DRAXLER, TEEN LIBRARIAN



The Community of a Book Club without the Homework!

We are giving our old Pages & Positivi-Tea online book club a makeover and it will now be held in person!

But this isn't like any book club you've been in before. For starters, there is no assigned book! This concept is sometimes called the "UnBook Club" model where we won't have a specific book to read or discuss. Just bring your current read with you! It gives participants the chance to choose what they like to read, and share about it with other readers without the pressure of reading a book on time, one they don't enjoy, or can't get a hold of.

Our refreshed Pages & Positivi-Tea book club is an opportunity to bring reading, an often solitary activity, into a communal space and create connections based on enjoying similar titles, or just enjoying reading. Drop in when you want, stay as long as you'd like, and read your current book in our comfy chairs and enjoy light snacks. We'll save time at the end for those who want to share about what they are reading.

With the rise in popularity of BookTok and book discussions on other social media platforms, there is a lot of "talking" about books. But there is often still a lack of connection as social media is often one-sided beyond "liking."

We hope that bringing readers together creates a shared community for book lovers that goes beyond the page.

Join our "unbook club" this summer!

PAGES & POSITIVI-TEA

Thursdays, June 6 & 20, 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10 & 24, 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays, August 6 & 20, 5:30-7 p.m.

A "GROWING" INITIATIVE



Healthy@Hedberg is a new initiative for all ages that prioritizes health and wellness through library resources. The initiative includes programs, services, book displays, Library of Things items, community partnerships, and more to promote and support healthy habits.

A lot of what we already offer is a part of this initiative, such as: Evening Yoga, Chair Yoga, Meditation & Sound Bath, the Seed Library, HPGs@HPL, the Library of Things, Elder Care Kits, and more. We will be adding resources and expanding opportunities to explore health and wellness through the course of this initiative.





JANESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER GET GROWING THIS SUMMER

FREEDOM GARDEN This summer's featured Healthy@Hedberg offering will be held at the new Janesville Community Center's Freedom

Garden. Below are the dates and times you'll find library staff digging in the earth and ready to welcome you with fun activities.

Freedom Garden Launch & Community Plant Day Tuesday, June 4, 4-6 p.m.

Visit the Bookmobile, participate in a variety of activities, or admire the gardens.

Come Grow With Us!

Mondays from 2-4 p.m. - June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19* Mondays from 9-11 a.m.- June 17, July 1, 15 & 29, August 12 & 26

Give us a hand in the garden, get to know library staff, or join us in an activity! Stop in to the library, visit our website's Health & Wellness page, or watch our social media to find out what we're doing each week. We plan to make salsa, pickle a variety of fun snacks, herb butter, and more as long as the growing goes well! All are welcome to participate, learn, hangout, or just to enjoy the garden. *Hedberg Hangout for kids and the HPL Bookmobile will be on hand from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

COMING THIS FALL: **HEALTHY @ HEDBERG WELLNESS FAIR**

Saturday, November 2, 11a.m.-3 p.m.

The Wellness Fair will feature a wide variety of health and wellness topics with local practitioners and businesses on hand to talk about and provide their skills. Entrance to the Fair is free. Some products and services will be available for purchase through individual vendors. More information will be coming soon!

Interested in hosting a booth?

Visit our website for information and to fill out the application form.



NEW INNOVATION LIBRARIAN OPENS TECH HELP OFFICE HOURS

After 6 years helping patrons at HPL as a Public Services Associate, and earning his Masters in Library Science in 2022, Tyler Kellman has been promoted to the role of Adult Services Innovation Librarian.

"There are people that have tools they don't feel confident using," said Kellman. "I am just doing what I can to fix that problem."

Tyler decided his first step would be to provide designated times that patrons can sign up for one-on-one appointments to focus on tech learning. Get help with a new device, troubleshoot tech problems, or learn a new skill! Visit our website to sign up for a 45-minute time slot.

TECHNOLOGY HELP OFFICE HOURS

Get help at our main branch OR at HPL Express!

June 5 & 19, July 3, 17, & 31, August 14 & 28 @ HPL - STUDY ROOM 1

Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m. Thursdays at 11 a.m. & 12 p.m. June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25 August 8 & 22 @ HPL EXPRESS | 2500 MILTON AVE.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **Creatures Ball** needs YOU to spend **A Night at the Library!**

The HPL Foundation is looking for some enthusiastic volunteers (18+) for our annual Mingle Murder Mystery fundraiser. *No experience necessary.*

WHO WE NEED:

- Actors* (to play suspects/witnesses)
- Dancers*
- Ticket takers
- Bartenders

WHEN WE NEED YOU:

Volunteers need to be available on **Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19.** *Additional practice dates will be required for Actors and Dancers.

Interested?

Email jswenson@hedbergpubliclibrary.org or call 608-758-6600.

A Night at the Library raises funds to support library programs and services not covered by the annual budget.

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To learn more, visit the library's website.

HedbergPublicLibrary.org/murder

FRIENDS OF HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

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!



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

LOVE THE LIBRARY? BECOME A FRIEND!





In celebration of **National Volunteer Week**, the Friends of HPL held its volunteer recognition event to honor and thank the superstars that serve the library. Select library volunteers were presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award.

PUZZLE ME THIS

Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring the 2nd annual Jigsaw Puzzle Competition



USED BOOK SALE Friday, August 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. PROGRAM ROOM \$6/bag sale all day Saturday.



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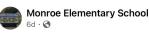
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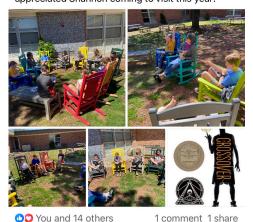
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Interested in scheduling a group tour or visit? Fill out our online form or call 608-758-6600.



C Love

Shannon from Hedberg Public Library came to Monroe today for a book club discussion of Kwame Alexander's The Crossover with Mr. Gremminger's fifth grade reading group. It was many students' first time reading a story in verse and it was a fantastic book and discussion. We have appreciated Shannon coming to visit this year!



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GIFTS Men's Shelter Apr 12 · 🚱

We love our collaboration with Hedberg Public Library!

We are so blessed to have Kasandra W come to the shelter and help our guests with online employment applications, developing work histories, cover letters, and resumes.

Thank you to Kasandra for your time and knowledge to assist the men in securing stable employment!



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HPL welcomed hundreds of skygazers of all ages to our Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday, April 8.



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