December 2015

Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Friends of the Library Purchase Sculpture for the Library

To commemorate the library’s 50th anniversary in 2016, the Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library have purchased a bronze sculpture of two children reading, which is now installed outside the library entrance. The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization that supports the library through fundraising and advocacy. New Friends are always welcome. Please consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Library.

Check-Out Some of our Newest Holiday Books for Children

The Very Hungry Caterpillar’s Christmas 123
by Eric Carle

The Reindeer Dance
by Christianne C. Jones

When Santa Was a Baby
by Linda Bailey

Dear Santa, Love, Rachel Rosenstein
by Amanda Peet

Merry Christmas, Mr. Mouse
by Caralyn Buehner

Hanukkah Cookies with Sprinkles
by David A. Adler

The Midnight Visitors
by Juliet David

Nonna’s Hanukkah Surprise
by Karen Fisman

Home Alone:
The Classic Illustrated Storybook
by Kim Smith

Hanukkah is Coming!
by Tracy Newman

The library will be closed on December 24 and 25 in celebration of Christmas.

The library will close at 1:00 p.m. on New Years Eve, December 31.

The library will be closed on Friday, January 1, New Year’s Day.

“The best of a book is not the thought which it contains, but the thought which it suggests; just as the charm of music dwells not in the tones but in the echoes of our hearts.”

~Oliver Wendell Holmes
Santa will visit the library on Friday, December 4 at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. He will share a story, followed by a parade and a personal visit with each child and family. Please bring your camera.

The dogs and cats from FURever as Friends will be here on December 3 and 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to listen to children read. On the 17th, there will be snacks and treats at the “Howl-iday” Party. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

Kids Music Round will be on Saturday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 0-3 will sing songs and play instruments in a group setting.

Yoga 4 Kids will be on December 14 at 7:15 p.m. for kids ages 6-9. Please bring your own mat.

Many more activities are planned. Please check our calendar of events on the library website or pick up a calendar in the library.

Advance online registration is required.

Registration for children’s programs is limited to Heggan Library cardholders.

To register, go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org

American Girl Book Club
for students in grades 1-5
December 16 • 6:30 p.m.
Happy New Year, Julie
January 20 • 6:30 p.m.
Josefina’s Surprise
Discuss the book, enjoy a snack and make a craft. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Visit the Children’s Library to get a copy of the book.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING
for students in grades 5-8
December 23 • 6:30 p.m.
Create a yummy treat for yourself, family or friends when you decorate cookies for the holidays!

Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online registration is required. Please go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Tween Cooking Club
For ages 9-12
December 21 • 4:15 p.m.
Advance online registration is required. Open to Heggan Library card holders only.

Go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

The Friends of the Library accept donations of used books to sell in their bookstore. They do not accept VHS tapes or magazines.

Game Night @ the Library
Monday, December 28
6:30 p.m.
Super Smash Brothers WiiU Tournament 2015
Join us for the library’s first video game tournament for Super Smash Brothers WiiU.

Open to everyone—adults and children. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please call the library or go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

Top Video Games of 2015
Wednesday, December 16
10:00 a.m.
This presentation will introduce you to the best new video games from 2015, detailing their merits as well as the audiences best suited to play them. For all ages. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

New Registration Procedure
Beginning on Monday, December 28, at 10:00 a.m., patrons will begin registering for children’s programs one week at a time instead of one month at a time.

For example, on December 28, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m., patrons will be able to register for programs that take place during the week of January 4–10, 2016.
DIRECTOR’S CORNER

We wish a fond farewell to Pat Lapps, who is retiring from the library after twenty-seven years. Pat’s fondest memory of working at the library is meeting Peg Heggan. Pat liked working at the library because she made new friends. In her free time after she retires, Pat plans to read, spend more time with her seven grandchildren, relax, and learn to crochet.

Pat will miss everyone at the library!

Sheila Mikkelson

ON OUR REFERENCE SHELVES

Find out more about prescription drugs.

The Gale Encyclopedia of Prescription Drugs
REF 615.1 GALE

Mosby’s 2016 Nursing Drug Reference
REF 615 MOSBYS

Physicians’ Desk Reference 2015
REF 615.1 PDR

BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND WRITERS GROUP

NJ Writers Resource Group (meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.) Aspiring writers ages 16 and up are invited to come and write, share and be inspired.

Novel Mornings (meets one Thursday each month at 10:30 a.m.)
December 10 • The Red House by Mark Haddon
January 14 • A Widow for One Year by John Irving

Mystery Book Discussion Group (meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.)
December 21 • The Christmas Train by David Baldacci
January 25 • Cause of Death by Patricia Cornwell

Catch Up with the Classics (meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.)
December 15 • Tess of the D’Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
January 19 • A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

These programs are free and open to everyone. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to EVENTS at www.hegganlibrary.org to register online.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Digitizing Your Art  Wednesday, December 2 • 10:00 a.m.
In this lecture, we will introduce several methods and concepts involved in migrating your artwork to a digital environment. Learn how to locate photos on a cell phone or digital camera, how to scan images, image file formats, how to edit images, and an introduction to platforms such as Tumblr.

Computer Autopsy  Wednesday, December 9 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn about the inner workings of computers in this hands-on lecture as we dismantle a computer in order to discover its components and how they work together.

Windows 10  Wednesday, December 30 • 10:00 a.m.
Learn about the new features of Windows 10 including Cortana and Edge. We will explain why you may want to upgrade and explain new settings that you should know about.

Computer Workshops in January
Introduction to the Mouse and Keyboard, January 6, 10:00 am; Introduction to Microsoft Windows 7 Desktop, January 13, 10:00 am; Introduction to Microsoft Internet Explorer, January 20, 10:00 am; Introduction to Email Workshop, January 27, 10:00 am.
ADULT PROGRAMS

Ancestry.com Basics  Tuesday, December 1 • 7:00 p.m.
Get started with your genealogy research. Learn how to do basic searches using Ancestry.com, including searching census records and passenger lists, and locating vital records. *(Heggan card holders only)*

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Coping with Grief During the Holidays  Monday, December 7 • 7:00 p.m.
Learn tips and techniques to help you recognize and cope with grief that may become pronounced during the holiday season. Presented by Caring Hospice Services.

Mobile Open House  Monday, December 7 • 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bring your tablet, laptop or cellphone, along with your questions, and we’ll do our best to answer them! No registration necessary.

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The Perfect Resumé  Thursday, January 21 • 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to create and distribute resumés that get noticed and produce positive results. Presented by business trainer and consultant Bob Marino.

Game Night @ the Library  Monday, January 25 • 6:30 p.m.
This month’s featured game – Ticket to Ride. (Manufacturer’s recommended age 8+) Traditional board games will be provided in addition to the featured game. For all ages—children and adults. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Creating a LinkedIn Account  Tuesday, January 26 • 7:00 p.m.
Join the Reference Librarian to learn about LinkedIn, the professional social networking site. Learn how to create an account and how it can be used to benefit your job search.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day  Wednesday, January 27 • 7:00 p.m.
Alice Kraus will speak about her family’s experiences and her flight from Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

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