March 2018

Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Become a Friend of the Library

During the month of March, the Friends of the Margaret Heggan Library are having their annual membership drive. The Friends of the Library support the library through fundraising and advocacy. All funds raised by the Friends benefit the library. In the past, the Friends have purchased computers for the Children’s Library, large print books for the library’s collection, a mural in the Children’s Library, landscaping in front of the library, the Children Reading on a Bench sculpture, a new flagpole, projection equipment in the meeting room, shelving, display furniture, nonfiction books, and more.

The Friends meet in the library on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends, please visit their website, www.hegganlibraryfriends.org. The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) organization and is eligible to receive tax deductible gifts.

Notable Books for 2018

The Reference and User Services Association’s Notable Books Council, first established in 1944, has announced the 2018 selections of the Notable Books List, an annual best-of-list of titles, written for adult readers and published in the US.

Here are the notable fiction books that are available in the library:

- Stay with Me by Ayobami Adebayo
- Days without End by Sebastian Barry
- The Last Ballad by Wiley Cash
- Here in Berlin by Cristina Garcia
- Less by Andrew Sean Greer
- Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
- Human Acts by Han Kang
- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
- Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

“There are many ways to enlarge your child’s world. Love of books is the best of all.”

~Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

The Margaret Heggan Library will be celebrating Makers Day on Saturday, March 10, between 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m., with activities for all ages. Learn how to digitally add basic color, shading, highlighting, special effects and layers to a simple black and white line drawing.

Give our new button maker a try! Design a 2¼ inch button. All materials are supplied, or you can bring your own image.

You can also design your own bookmark using a variety of materials. These activities are open to everyone. No registration is necessary.
Explore the country of Sweden on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. when the American Swedish Historical Museum will be here to present *Swedish for all Seasons* for children in grades 1-5. See beautiful photographs, dress up in traditional costumes, and create a Dala horse craft.

The Easter Bunny will be here on Sunday, March 25, for *Easter Bunny Storytime and Photo Opportunity* at 1:30 p.m. Children ages 0–10 are invited to listen to some stories and visit with the Easter Bunny.

Children ages 5–10 can join us for *Pottery to Go* on Wednesday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m. to hear a story and paint a piece of pottery! This activity is presented by Fahrenheit Ceramics Studio.

Mrs. Kramer has so many other activities planned throughout the month. Please pick up a calendar in the Children’s Library or visit our online calendar to see all the wonderful things that are happening this month.

Unless noted, advance online registration is required for children’s programs and is limited to Heggan Library cardholders. To register, go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org.

**FEBRUARY TEEN AND TWEEN EVENTS**

**Teen Slime Workshop**  
March 6 • 6:30 p.m.  
Do you have a slime recipe you’d like to test out? Join us in the story room to test out different slime recipes.

**Teen Jewelry Making**  
March 13 • 6:30 p.m.  
Register to make a piece of original jewelry for yourself or as a gift.

**Teen & Tween Cooking Club**  
March 20 • 6:30 p.m.  
Individual chili bread bowls are on the menu for this session.

These programs are open to Heggan Library cardholders in grades 6-12 only. Advance online or phone registration is required.

**COMING IN APRIL**

**Poetry Workshop**  
April 2 • 6:30 p.m.  
April 30 • 6:30 p.m.

**Ceramic and Wood Painting**  
April 10 • 6:30 p.m.

**Teen & Tween Cooking Club**  
April 17 • 6:30 p.m.

**S.M.I.L.E.**  
The pets from FURever as Friends will be here on Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. for a Welcome Spring Party and to listen to children read. No library card necessary. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

**Video Game Night @ the Library**

Monday, March 26 • 6:30 p.m.  
Let’s Play Splatoon!

*Splatoon* is rated E10 for Everyone 10 and up by the ESRB for cartoon violence.

Monday, April 23 • 6:30 p.m.  
Let’s Play Dynamite Headdy!  
*Dynamite Headdy* is rated E for Everyone.

Video Game Night is open to adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please call the library or go to Programs and Events at www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

**Minecraft Night**  
March 19 • 6:30 p.m.  
Let’s Build an Underwater City  
April 16 • 6:30 p.m.  
Let’s Build a Roller Coaster!

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration required.
**March is Women’s History Month**

The public celebration of women’s history in this country began in 1978 as “Women’s History Week” in Sonoma County, California. The week including March 8, International Women’s Day, was selected. In 1981, Sen. Orrin Hatch and Rep. Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored a joint Congressional resolution proclaiming a national Women’s History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the celebration to a month, and March was declared Women’s History Month.

**American Women’s History Online**

Available to cardholders through the library website, *American Women’s History Online* is one of the authoritative products included in *Facts on File*. This resource features biographies, subjects, primary sources, maps, charts, images and timelines that pertain to over 500 years of women’s history in America. Videos have recently been added to enhance the collection. Users can use keyword search or browse by topic or time period. All content may be printed, copied or saved for personal use. Full citations supply source information for both teachers and students.

**Wowbrary**

Do you want to know what’s new on the library’s shelves?

Wowbrary is a free weekly email featuring the library’s most recent acquisitions—books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. Sign up at the bottom of the library’s website, and you’ll know what’s new on the library’s shelves each week.

**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library, who recently gave the library $1811.55, we were able to purchase 72 new adult nonfiction books. The books purchased concern a variety of topics, including biographies, computers, home improvement, aging, parenting, business plans, gems, crafts, jewelry making, sports, travel, and more! Please consider joining the Friends of the Library. Membership is $5.00 per year and all proceeds benefit the library.

_Sheila Mikkelson_

**COMIC JAM**

*Monday, April 9 • 6:00 p.m.*

Create a comic book in a single sitting with the help of your fellow artists!

Learn how to create your own graphic novel by participating in the Comic Jam session. Come in with an idea, leave with a comic book!

Our theme for this session will be Space Exploration!

Create your own planet and have our heroes discover its secrets!

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration required.

**March is American Red Cross Month**

Since its founding by Clara Barton on May 21, 1881, the American Red Cross has been dedicated to serving people in need. The Red Cross received its first congressional charter in 1900 and continues to provide services to members of the armed forces and their families as well as providing disaster relief in the United States and around the world.

Have you ever given blood or received donated blood? The Red Cross developed the first nationwide civilian blood program in the 1940s and are still provide more than 40% of the blood products in this country.

The library hosts a number of blood drives during the year. Thanks to the generosity of our community, 681 pints of blood have been collected so far at the Margaret Heggan Library.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at the library is scheduled for June 11 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Knitting and Crocheting Basics
Saturdays, March 3, 17, 24, and 31, and April 7 • 2:00 p.m.

What Not to Put on Your Wound
Tuesday, March 6 • 3:00 p.m.

Crafting Tuesdays for Adults
Tuesday, March 6 • 7:00 p.m.

Introduction to Microsoft Word
Wednesday, March 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Music Tribute to the Emerald Isle
Thursday, March 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Beginner’s Suite Lecture
Monday, March 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Hooked on Sugar? How to Cut Back
Wednesday, March 14 • 6:30

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: Preservation and Grace, and American Legacy
Thursday, March 15 • 7:00 p.m.

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Container Gardening
Tuesday, April 3 • 7:00 p.m.

An Amazon Expedition
Wednesday, April 4 • 7:00 p.m.

Crafting Tuesdays for Adults
Tuesday, April 10 • 7:00 p.m.

Bluebirds
Wednesday, April 11 • 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Reading with Faleeha Hassan
Thursday, April 12 • 7:00 p.m.

Poetry Readings and Earth Day Art
Sunday, April 22 • 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Let’s Play Dynamite Headdy!
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Introduction to the Mouse
Wednesday, April 25 • 6:30 p.m.

Marvelous Monarchs
Monday, April 30 • 7:00 p.m.

These events are free and open to everyone, unless otherwise noted. Advance online or phone registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org or call the library to register.

NJ Writers Resource Group
This group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month 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 11:30 a.m.

March 1
Atonement by Ian McEwan

April 5
The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman

Mystery Book Discussion
meets on the third Monday at 6:30 p.m.

March 19
If Looks Could Kill by Kate White

April 16
Origin by Dan Brown

Catch Up with the Classics
meets one Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m.

March 20
The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James

April 17
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

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