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Heggan Happenings

MARGARET E. HEGGAN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday & Saturday
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*“Reading
gives us
someplace
to go when
we have to
stay where
we are.”*

~ Mason Cooley

Temporary Library Cards Now Available

The library is issuing temporary library cards to those who are eligible. The cards will allow access to the library's electronic resources including eBooks, recorded books, movies, magazines, newspapers, databases, and online courses.

To receive a temporary library card application, please email info@hegganlibrary.org. Once the

application is completed, the library will send your temporary barcode and PIN via email. Please allow 2-3 business days.

Parents and/or legal guardians will need to initiate the temporary library card process for anyone under the age of eighteen.

Upon the library reopening, you may visit the library to convert your temporary card to a permanent card.

Library Offers Two More Online Learning Resources

While the library has been closed, it has been working diligently to provide cardholders more access to electronic resources.

Two new products that are geared for learning, Brainfuse LearnNow and Universal Class, have been added to the library's collection.



Brainfuse LearnNow provides content, lessons, and tutorials to cardholders in elementary school, middle school, high school, college, and adult learners.



Universal Class provides over 500 in-depth classes to cardholders about a variety of topics.

Please visit www.hegganlibrary.org to access these resources.

Feeling creative?

The library has added Creativebug to its collection of online resources that are available for Heggan Library cardholders.

Creativebug has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists and is the number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters, and makers.



Please visit www.hegganlibrary.org for access to Creativebug.

Do you have questions?

The library may be closed, but our Reference Librarians are still assisting patrons with questions related to research, readers' advisory, databases, and other electronic resources.

You can reach our Reference Department by sending an email to reference@hegganlibrary.org.

A librarian will respond within 24 hours in most cases.

KIDS' CORNER

We miss each and every one of the children who spent time with us at the library. We hope to see everyone soon.

Until the library is open again, please follow us on Facebook for up-to-date information and

Miss Laura's Online Storytime.

S.M.I.L.E.

Our partners at FURever as Friends invite parents and caregivers to contact them so children can still read to a therapy pet, but virtually in order to remain safe.

Send an email to info@FUReverAsFriends.org to schedule a day, time, and platform for your child to read to one of their pets. Each session lasts about 10-15 minutes.

TAB Chapter Chat is BACK!

Virtual Teen Book Discussion

The Book Worm Crush

May 21
at 6:00 p.m.



The Book Worm Crush is in both eBook and audiobook formats on HOOPLA and OverDrive.

This will be a virtual book discussion with author Lisa Brown Roberts using ZOOM

Please contact Librarian Barb at bpilling@hegganlibrary.org for more information.

State of America's Libraries

The American Library Association (ALA) released its 2020 State of America's Libraries report during National Library Week that outlines statistics and issues affecting all types of libraries.

Although the report focuses on 2019, libraries are shown to be on the frontlines addressing societal and community challenges – a role they are certainly playing during the COVID-19 pandemic today.

The report found that the popularity of libraries in 2019 continues to soar. According to a recent Gallup poll, visiting the library is the “most common cultural activity Americans engage in by far.” In 2019, US adults reported taking an average of 10.5 trips per year to the library.

The best proof that public libraries are about more than just books is their evolution into libraries of things, offering nontraditional collections that are community-specific and imaginative. The wide array of items available to check out includes dolls, bicycles, binoculars, museum passes, and accordions.

Our nation's academic libraries have a major impact on student success. Academic library staff provided instructional sessions (both face-to-face and electronic) to more than 7 million students. More than 57% of the almost 800,000 instructional sessions were digital or electronic.

Additional report findings illustrate a 17% increase in the number of books targeted for removal or restriction fueling library staff efforts to protect the freedom to read. Hundreds of attempts from the public to remove or restrict materials, cancel programs, and dismantle displays and exhibits took place in libraries. The majority of library materials targeted for removal included or addressed LGBTQIA+ content.

The full text of the State of America's Libraries 2020 report is available at <http://bit.ly/soal-2020>.

American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources and information for library professionals. For more information, visit ala.org.

VIRTUAL COMIC LAB

Learn a new creative outlet from your very own home in our new **Virtual Comic Lab** program! This virtual workshop includes video lessons, live demos and chats, and an online comic posted onto our website created by our students! Content is accessible to all, but to participate please email programs@hegganlibrary.org.

Comic Lab Lessons: Tuesdays

Watch a video lesson explaining how to get started creating your own comic, from planning to publishing!

Comic Lab Demos: Wednesdays at 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Join our Comic Lab livestream on Discord or follow along on our website for live lessons on drawing and a live Q&A!

Online Comic Jam

Participate in a growing comic on our website by submitting your own panels to programs@hegganlibrary.org! Your panel may be the next entry in our story!

Go to www.hegganlibrary.org for more details.