

HAPPENINGS
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Librarians are tour-guides for all knowledge—*Patrick Ness*

From the Director's Chair

As the year is winding down, I am beginning to plan the new programs for the next year. Am also asking myself what new services can the library provide its patrons? One of things we are planning for the spring is community education programs that are fun, provide new skills, and be educational without feeling like school. Begin looking for the flyers in March.

I am always thinking about programs for all ages and especially programs for Summer time and the Summer Library program. May will be the time that everything will be ready to go for the fun activities in June for everyone.

The library is also finding ways to have more room at the library so programs can happen in much wider and open space so movement is easy and comfortable. The library is striving to be the 'happening' place in this community. It has been growing in the last decade, that although the need for space is evident, I am looking at maximizing the space that is available before taking on the challenge of expanding.

As the year closes out, it is a time of reflection and planning. Reflecting on the activities that have happened—how they can be improved and continued, what activities that need to end to make room for new and end the year with what has been good. Planning the activities that every community needs for services that are found at the library. So in this New Year look for the thing that the library will be adding to serve you better. Blessings to all in this upcoming year.

Spotlight on Books



Virginia Woolf

Adeline Virginia Stephen was an English author and Feminist who is considered one of the most important modernist writers of the 20th century. Her writing is known for its experiments with language, narrative, and time, and for its feminist themes. She is best known for her novels, “Mrs. Dalloway” (1925) and “To the Lighthouse” (1927).

Virginia was the seventh child of eight born into an affluent blended family. Her widower father with three children and her widowed mother with one child, married and had four more together. She was home-schooled in English classics and Victorian literature. Then attended the Ladies’ Department of King’s College London. Studying classics, history, coming to contact with early reformers of women’s higher education and the women’s rights movement.

When Virginia was 30, she married Leonard Woolf and five years later the couple founded the Hogarth Press, which published much of her work.

Woolf was an important part of London’s literary and artistic society. In 1915, she published her first novel. She was also known for her essays, such as “A Room of One’s Own” (1929).

Woolf became on the central subjects of the 1970s movement of feminist criticism. Her works, translated into more than 50 languages, have attracted attention and widespread commentary for inspiring feminism. A large body of writing is dedicated to her life and work. She has been the subject of plays, novels and films.

Virginia had an early affinity for writing. By the age of five she was writing letters to family and friends. From the age of ten, with her sister, she began an illustrated family newspaper, the “Hyde Park Gate News”, chronicling the life and events within the Stephen family.

Virginia had many troubles with mental health. From the age of 13, following the death of her mother, she suffered with periodic mood swings and depression. She suffered these bouts of depression, haunting her until her death. She suffered physical ailments along with the mental concerns. In 1941, following the bombing of her London home, Virginia had her final breakdown and committed suicide on March 28th.

Virginia Woolf is studied around the world, with organizations devoted to her. A woman ahead of her time, who helped women open doors for the future generations of women.

Spotlight on Our Library



Interested in Volunteering?

Looking for an easy New Year's Resolution? How about promising yourself to volunteer sometime at the Public Library? There is always something to do. Whether it is helping to setup for events, assisting with the Early Out Programs on Wednesdays, shelving books, or simply helping to dust the book shelves, (and we have a lot of book shelves)!

Help is always needed and greatly appreciated. Stop by any time. Whether you volunteer one hour just once or several times a month, your time is welcome and valuable to us.

Spotlight of Youth Programs



Early-out Program for January

January 8 Cookie Decorating and Uzzle
January 15 Bingo
January 22 Stem Cart Project
January 29 Sand Art



Needed at the Library

The library has more than 30 Stem/Steam kits in the library for check out, many of which are in backpacks for the convenience of check out and carry. These backpacks are checked out and used so often that the zippers are now not usable. Do you have any gently used backpacks that you or your children are no longer using? Please consider donating them to the library so we can switch the backpacks out and patrons can once again check out these kits. Thank you.

Social Center Meal Monday, January 6, 2025 11:30-12:30
Spaghetti Garlic Bread Salad Bars

