



Fred & Harriett Taylor Memorial Library

Library Update • November—December 2020

The 2020 Chronicles—Looking Ahead

From the Director

Greetings! We hope you are all doing well and are healthy as we move from spooky season into cozy season. The library is doing well and, while the pandemic continues, we cannot express how lucky we feel to be a part of a community that has worked hard to keep each other safe and showed support in ways small and large. It is because of all our patrons that we are happy to report our circulation is steady and we have been able to continue to have in-person browsing. We are also excited at the response to our take-home de-stress craft kits for all ages (all you have to do is ask for one at the front desk!) as well as weekly kits for our Little Bookworms (ages 1-4). While we cannot wait to return to normal life, we know safety is important and we could not be more thrilled with the way our small community continues to work together. So stop in and see us! We are breaking out the Holiday books and have new materials arriving every week!

Sally Jacoby Murphy

We are open for limited browsing during our open hours:

Monday 10-6 - Tuesday 2-6 - Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 2-6 - Friday 10-5 - Saturday 10-2

The Rules: Enter at the William Street front entrance. There is a sign-in station, hand sanitizer and masks, if you forgot yours. Wearing a mask is required. We ask that you wear gloves, which we will provide, to handle the library materials. Sneeze shields are in place at the circulation desk. You will be exiting on the Shethar Street side. The parking lot is easily accessible from both sides of the building.

Inside the Library: Right now hanging out for any reason, such as reading, using your own or the library's laptops, using the copier yourself, using the restrooms, spending time in the Children's play area is not allowed. As these features become available, we will let you know by posting it on the website and on facebook.

Outside the Library: Our **WIFI** is available 24/7 and accessible on the patio and in the parking lot. The network and password are posted on the front and back doors.

Interlibrary loan within our system is available. Log onto STARCat and place a hold to your account, or call us at 569-2045 with your requests. Out-of-system loans are not available as of yet.

Curbside Service is still an option. Please let us know if you prefer to pick your materials up at the door. You may place holds on line, or call us with your requests. When we have them ready, we will check them out to you, let you know they are here. You can knock on the front door on William Street and will hand you your materials.

The Book Sale Rooms are open EVERY Saturday from 10-2

SPECIALS

November 7 — Bag of Paperbacks for \$5 (We provide the bag.)
December — Every Saturday All Children's Books are \$.25 each

Safety precautions are in place and wearing a mask is required. Enter at the lower end of the building ... browse the extensive selections. More coming in weekly.

Monthly — Special Selections of Free Books

Go to our website —
hammondspportlibrary.org
and explore

For books and DVDs, go to
STARCat
our online CATALOG
and sign into your account

Have your library card
number and pin ready.
Call us if you need assistance.

Digital Options
Read magazines with

rb digital

Download ebooks
& audiobooks with



Or get the libby app



Enjoy free Wi-Fi 24/7
Network is HPL
Password is FHTMLibrary
Includes patio & parking lot areas.



Little Bookworms Weekly Kit Overview

Facebook Live —Wednesdays at 9

Lauren Kennedy will explain the week's kit.

As the school has had to suspend pre-K this year and we have had to do the same with our in-person Little Bookworm program, we have decided to offer **take-home kits for children ages 1-4** with a number of activities to help with sensory, motor, and literary development. We want to make sure our kiddos are up to speed for next year! To sign up, message us on Facebook or call the library. We currently have 30 spots available and have an active waiting list. As soon as we can, we will open it up to more little ones!



Virtual Story Walks

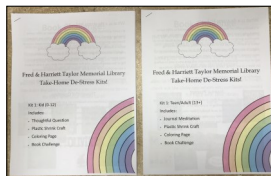
Walk around the grounds and read a children's picture book story, starting at the front door on William Street. So far we've done **Peter Rabbit**, **City Dog**, **Country Frog**, **Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!** and **Curious George Goes to a Costume Party**. The next book is **Snowy day** by Ezra Jack Keats.

Look for the story pages on the outside of the building, the trees and park benches!

Watch Facebook LIVE every Thursday at noon
with Sally Jacoby Murphy

... who will be presenting an activity or craft.
The videos will be available to view at your leisure.

Take Home De-Stress Kits include an easy craft ... for all ages.



Ask at the front desk for our latest one.
New take-home kits will be available about
every two weeks — on November 6 & 20,
and December 4 & 18.

Hammondspport Book Club is meeting at 6:45 pm on Zoom

Monday, November 16, 2020 — **Bertown**, by Fredrik Backman
Monday, December 14, 2020 — **Giver of Stars**, by JoJo Moyes
Contact Sally Murphy at murphys@stls.org to request your zoom invitation, or call her at 607-569-2045.

Copies of both titles are available at the library to check out now.
The book club is open to everyone.

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