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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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What I Give
Your generosity and support allows us to serve the community in ways that wouldn’t otherwise be possible. We’re able to provide access to more resources, tools, classes, and materials. We appreciate more than we can say. We’d love to hear, in your own words, why you choose to give to your library. This feedback helps us better understand the value of our services and the impact they have - and allows us to share your reasons with our executive board, library staff, and library community. Use the QR code below or visit our website to fill out a form to share your story of support with us. If you’d rather share your story personally, call our library director, Bryan McCormick, at 608-758-6600.

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NEW LIBRARIAN Q&A

HPL welcomes Kasandra Weiland to the team as a new Public Services Librarian.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I grew up in Campbellport, WI. It has a population of 2k people and is between Fond du Lac and West Bend.

Q: What made you want to be a librarian?
A: I’ve always spent a lot of time in libraries, love learning new things and taking on challenges, and I have always been in customer service positions. Because of that I realized I really enjoy helping others and I could do a lot more for others as a librarian. In short it felt like a natural fit to me.

Q: What book have you read more than once?
A: I re-read the Lord of the Rings trilogy every summer! It’s also my favorite book. (I say book because Tolkien wanted it published as one book)

Q: Coffee or tea?
A: I like both, but coffee.

Q: Do you have any fur babies?
A: I have an 8-year-old rescue mutt Maggie and an almost 2-year-old cat Max.

Q: What do you think is the biggest misconception of librarianship and library services?
A: The funniest one to me is sometimes people who haven’t been to a library since they were a child think we read all day. I really, really wish!

WHAT CAN OUR LIBRARIANS DO FOR YOU?

HPL’s six Public Services Librarians have a combined 47 years as HPL librarians and 104 years in professional library services. They are credentialed, trained information specialists equipped to respond to a current information need. They use library reference materials, research databases, and authoritative digital sources to provide information and resources on a variety of topics. Below are just a few of the things our librarians can do for you!

• Provide access to and help search print genealogy materials such as cemetery indexes, county plat maps, and historic city directories.
• Run or demonstrate searches in newspaper databases, including the library’s Local History Database, to find information about a person, place, topic, or event in Janesville or Rock County history.
• Help patrons navigate and learn their devices, demonstrate skills, guide patrons as they learn a new skill, help troubleshoot software or apps, break down steps in learning, and find sources to help patrons learn more.
• Help patrons access digital book services on devices that can be particularly tricky, help with set-up authentication, searching, downloading, or customizing reading preferences.
• Suggest book titles based on the reader’s preferences and initiate interlibrary loan service when titles are unavailable within the library’s collection.
• Help patrons find local resources, social service agencies, government programs, job and career placement agents, or businesses of a certain type, access directories and use a local network of partners to connect people to resources.

AND THE INDUSTRY FAVORITE:

• Find that movie with that one actor or that one scene that came out sometime in the 70s.
• Or they find that book with a blue cover that you read 20 years ago about that photographer who survived a plane crash somewhere in the mountains.

To get all this help and more:

Email questions@hedbergpubliclibrary.org or call 758-6600 and select number 5 to speak to a librarian.

If our librarians can’t help remotely, they are happy to meet in person. Visit the library and ask to speak with a librarian!

Visit us at Uptown Janesville!

Our HPL Express Branch is the perfect north-side pit-stop. Try your hand at a puzzle, browse popular books and movies for any age, or bring the kiddos in for some playtime. You can also return all your library materials to HPL Express, regardless of where you checked them out.

SEPTEMBER 15
Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination sing at the library

More than 800 people signed up for their first library card this summer and discovered a whole new world!

From borrowing audiobooks to streaming movies to taking virtual classes, there is so much you can access with a library card.

Pursue your passions and dreams through your library’s resources and programs.

Visit the library or start your application online at HedbergPublicLibrary.org

Stop at any public desk for your own picture with our giant library card!

#LibraryCardSignUpMonth

Tuesday, September 13
4-6 p.m.

As part of Library Card Sign-up Month, all teachers - public, private, and homeschool - are invited to explore library resources and opportunities, chat with library staff, visit our Tech Petting Zoo, sign up for a Teacher Card, and enjoy an afternoon snack!

No registration necessary.

LIBRARY HELP AT HP

Each year, Citizenship Day helps thousands of eligible legal permanent residents to prepare and apply for U.S. naturalization.

In times fraught with negativity and fear surrounding the word “immigration”, citizenship workshops and services offered in partnership by local non-profits help create a safe and welcoming place for all immigrants - and highlight the beautiful and powerful impact of immigrants in the U.S.

Library staff will partner with YWCA of Rock County and MAD Academy to offer a Citizenship Day Workshop on Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The library will also provide bi-weekly Citizenship Classes starting in November with the help of Faith Literacy.

Visit our website for program details and requirements.

YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

HPL will now offer two monthly yoga programs including a new Chair Yoga for those with mobility issues or who work while sitting.

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Visit HPL or follow them on Facebook for an up-to-date list of programs and events!

HPL EXPRESS:
Monday - Saturday - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

HPL EXPRES HOURS:

JANESVILLE
Mobilizing 4 Change

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Catch JMC at the HOMECOMING event on Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Craig Center on the Rock County Fairgrounds in partnership with the Substance Misuse Task Force.

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You said it!

“Whenever we move to a new city, one of my first priorities is a library card. I knew immediately upon entering Hedberg Public Library that we would feel at home here. I think it was the way the librarians were so friendly and helpful, and there is a good selection of materials. We always check out the new arrivals and staff picks. The library is our happy place.”

- LOIS H.

We want to hear YOUR library story - big or small - because we know that small moments can sometimes matter the most.
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Visit our seasonal StoryWalk® in the Arboretum, located at 3550 W. Cty. Hwy A, along the Jolyn Beeman Trail.

**STORYWALK®** at the Robert C. Cook Memorial Arboretum.

Each year, more than 140,000 people visit Hedberg Public Library, using a wide range of services. Whether attending a program, accessing technology, or checking out materials, the library’s mission to build community by providing inviting spaces to discover, share, create, and connect means that all are welcome.

In August 2021, a patron approached Jenny Bynum, HPL Public Services Assistant, and, in a whispered voice, asked for assistance with obtaining some basic things, as he did not have a place to sleep.

“He looked so sad and embarrassed,” Jenny recalls. The encounter left her with the desire to help Janesville’s unhoused population, above and beyond what the library was already providing.

She shared her experience with her supervisor, Michelle Dennis, Head of Public Services, as well as the rest of the HPL management team, and requested approval to solicit donations from friends and family to make Care Kits for library staff to give out as needed.

Both Michelle and Library Director Bryan McCormick responded in full support of Jenny’s initiative.

“Libraries are about serving the community in many different ways,” says McCormick. “Jenny’s idea was an easy yes, and was immediately embraced by our staff.

In the past, HPL has had items available for Janesville’s unhoused residents.

“We used to have socks and snacks available,” recalls Michelle, “but it was fairly informal and the supply was irregular and unpredictable. We wanted to do it better, be more consistent and create a process with a reliable resource.”

Jenny did some research and came up with a list of 21 common items as a day’s worth of food from ECHO. Since August 25, 2021, HPL has provided HPL’s initiative with 240 bags of food, at first ten bags each week, but now up to 20 bags each week.

The kits also include referral information for community resources and services. Michelle emphasizes that the goal of this effort is not to care for these individuals long term, “but rather maintain them for now and help them find resources to move forward in life.”

“A little kindness goes a long way,” Jenny says. Jenny volunteers her time to assemble the Care Kits along with her young daughter, Adalynn. So far, all donations have come from generous coworkers, family, and friends.

Recently, however, Jenny and Michelle have been looking into grant opportunities to continue to meet the growing need.

Rock County has a variety of resources, like ECHO, available to those dealing with a lack of stable housing, but through the COVID-19 pandemic, many of those resources had limited hours or were shuttered completely. “It was even more critically important for the library to step in,” Jenny says.

The role of a public library has evolved over the years and Hedberg Public Library has embraced that evolution. More than just a place to get books and media, “this is a community center, and we need to help everyone,” Jenny adds.

“And if we can bring a smile to someone’s day, that’s important, too.”

Jenny and Michelle acknowledge that there have been instances where patrons questioned the role of a public library when it comes to those seeking assistance.

“We often encounter people in crisis when they are in shock,” Michelle says. “It’s the end of the day when they realize they don’t have a place to sleep, and that’s scary.” While the public library is not designed to assist in that manner, it can provide information about community resources, and even a place to charge electronics.

“How can a person look for a job when they don’t have an address or effectively work if they don’t have food?” Michelle says. “We are serving some very basic, fundamental needs.”

City Manager Mark Fregat has charged all City of Janesville employees with focusing on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging within departments and throughout the community. Jenny, with the support of HPL leadership and coworkers, has taken that directive to heart by responding to a need she recognized.

This is just one example of how the staff at HPL live out the mission of building community and demonstrating the values of inclusion, respect, access, innovation, service, and excellence.