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LIGHTS, CAMERA...LIBRARY
Venture behind-the-scenes with local filmmakers.
CELEBRATING THE PAST, LOOKING AHEAD
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we welcome spring and embrace the opportunities of 2023, I’d like to take a moment to consider the successes of 2022. We were able to offer more programs and activities for the community, saw an increase in patron visits to the library, and were recognized for our service by Forward Janesville and Dollar General. All these accomplishments were made possible by our incredible staff and their ability to navigate the return to normal after the difficult pandemic years.

As always, we appreciate the support our community has provided to the library. We will continue to find ways to support you in return.

We will continue to focus on our philosophy of Building Community as we invite people to participate in programs and activities, perform research, or simply relax and read in many of our comfortable spaces.

We also look forward to getting out in the community and engaging with our patrons, both existing and new, and introducing to them the many exciting, enriching, and rewarding experiences that await at Hedberg Public Library. There will be new activities planned, variations on existing programs, and more opportunities to discover, share, create, and connect with you.

To help us develop our programs and services, we’d love to hear your library stories! Share how you use the library, how it’s impacted your life, or your favorite library resource. Big or small, your stories are important to us. Visit our website or use the QR code below to share what the library means to you.

I hope you’ll stop in, at our Main St. location or our HPL Express branch at Uptown Janesville, to see what HPL has on deck for spring. We look forward to an exciting season!
LOCAL FILMMAKERS USE LIBRARY AS BACKDROP

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY IS A LOT OF THINGS FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT A MOVIE SET?

Absolutely, says Janesville filmmaker, Brad Allen. Over a couple of days in November and December, Allen and his co-directors Mike Alan Watson and Jonathan Major Condon used HPL as the setting for their short film Immortal Author.

The three-scene film, screenplay by Allen, opens with a shot of HPL’s recognizable lower entrance and leads the viewer up its striking staircase.

“The spiral staircase is such a defining feature of the library,” says Allen. “We thought that would be good to showcase—it’s exciting to viewers.”

While the library features prominently in the film, Allen says the idea of it being the primary setting came late in the project process.

“We originally planned to film outside—maybe Palmer Park,” he relates. “But as it was getting colder to winter, casting took longer than expected and we were worried about snowing on the day of shooting!” Allen and his directing partners explored a few options and decided to look at filming at HPL. He and his family moved to Janesville when he was just six, and he grew up taking part in the community’s annual Forward Janesville networking event.

Allan says incentives provided by the Summer Library Challenge and the influence of his family and school programs motivated him to read, which benefited his writing skills.

“Having the resource of the library and encouragement as a kid to read, that has paid off later in life,” he says.

“The library is one of the few places you can go to just exist as a human being without having to pay to be there,” Brad Allen, Filmmaker

HPL hosted a screening of Immortal Author on Thursday, February 2. After viewing the short film, cast and crew joined Allen to answer questions, and discuss how the project was brought to life, what ideas they hope viewers take away from the story, and other details about the process of creating and sharing film projects with local and online audiences.

In addition to promoting the short film, Allen hopes the screening will encourage others interested in film production to pursue the craft.

“Anyone can do it,” he says. “You can jump in—don’t feel unqualified. We’re not professionals; we hope to encourage others that way. If it helps other people to learn about the process and help them get a leg up, that’s awesome.”

Allen is no stranger to the public library. He and his family moved to Janesville when he was just six, and he grew up taking part in HPL’s Summer Library Challenge, reserving computer time for video games, and borrowing movies he couldn’t find at the local video store. “I spent a bunch of time there,” he recalls.

Additionally, the UW-Whitewater graduate self-published a book he wrote through his teenage years, Fallen Heroes: Exorcist, which is still available for checkout at HPL.

“I’ve taken it off the market because I want to do some revisions,” Allen notes. “I’m close to having that done and will re-release it.” He also recently connected with Kara Blue, HPL Public Services Librarian, at a Forward Janesville networking event.

Brad Allen
Jonathan Major Condon
Mike Alan Watson

“Save money & time with these free resources for businesses & non-profits”

Starting a nonprofit organization can take a lot of time and effort, but one of the most crucial parts is fundraising efforts. As 90% of U.S. foundations do not have websites, the insights you need to find funders for your nonprofit will not be discovered via standard search engines. You need up-to-date, in-depth information to reach the philanthropists that want to support your mission. The grants information available in Cand’s Foundation Directory at the HPL allows you to tap funding opportunities beyond open Requests for Proposals. In addition, we provide access to other materials on starting, staffing, fundraising, recruiting business, promoting diversity, marketing, budgeting & accounting, and planning a nonprofit. Stop in to access Foundation Directory, ask for research help, or view these titles in our collection:

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Small Business Active Shooter Training Wednesday, May 17, 6 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the HPL Foundation spring fundraiser! Join us for An Evening of Jazz with a Milwaukee jazz stalope. Led by Saxophonist Christopher Pipkins, Christopher’s Project is a 3-time winner at Showtime at the Apollo in NYC, a recipient of The Black Excellence Award in Music, and is currently on the Milwaukee Bucks Entertainment Team. Tickets $25 • Cash Bar (Beer & Wine) Visit our website, call 608-758-6584 or scan the QR code.

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The theme: Oceans of Possibility. The vision: floating jellyfish. The name: HPL Skies. Patrons and staff alike oohed and ahhed at the colorful addition to the skyline, which spurred the team to commit to a new theme each season. So far it’s been falling leaves, sparkling snowflakes and crystals, and spring cherry blossoms (available to view now). What do they have up their sleeves for this year’s groovy summer vibe? You’ll have to stop in to find out!

The Display Team at HPL Picture standing: J to R: Brenda W., Jennifer S., Elizabeth H. & Jodi R. Sitting: Linda K.

2023 HPL SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE
June 12 - August 4 for all ages
Get groovy with us all summer long!
Register online or at the library starting June 12. Watch our website and social media for SLC updates, registration information, and a full list of summer activities.

#HPLSummer #AllTogetherNow #BuildingCommunity #DiscoverShareCreateConnect

HedbergPublicLibrary.org/summer