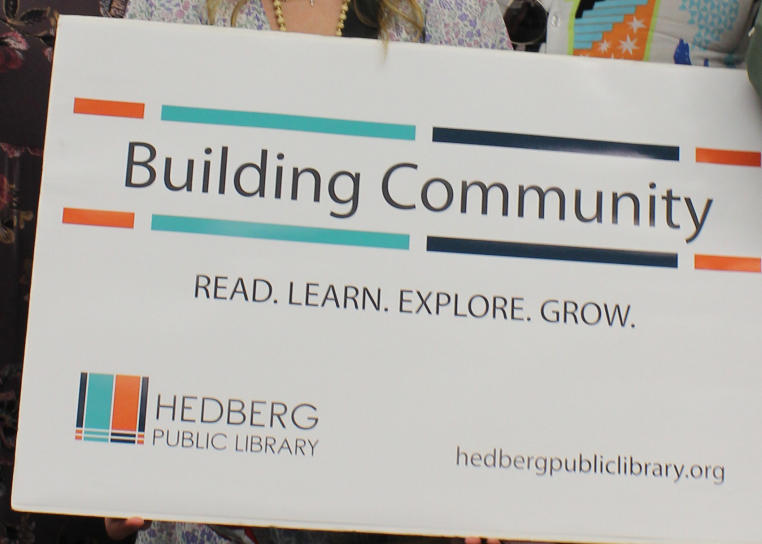




LIBRARY MATTERS

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER 2024-2025



NEW STORYTIME UNVEILED

A sensory-friendly program for little ones.

LOCAL ARTISTS NEEDED

New artist preview dates announced.



HEDBERG
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Building Community

HedbergPublicLibrary.org

MAIN STREET HOURS

316 South Main Street
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

HPL EXPRESS HOURS

Uptown Janesville • 2500 Milton Avenue
Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Tuesday, December 24
Wednesday, December 25
Tuesday, December 31; closed at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1
Monday, February 17; open at 12 p.m.

CONTACT US

Information Desk 608-758-6600
Children's Desk 608-758-6585
Questions@HedbergPublicLibrary.org

PROGRAM REMINDERS

Never miss out on a program when you subscribe to receive weekly calendar reminders. Visit our website for details.

MEDIA RELEASE

All persons visiting Hedberg Public Library may be photographed or recorded by library staff, local media or others. These images may appear without compensation or notification in the newspaper, regional broadcasts, publications, productions, on the Web, or in other printed or electronic materials related to the role and function of Hedberg Public Library. Individuals who do not wish to be photographed or recorded at a library program should contact library staff. Please note that no names will be used without expressed permission.

Please note: Programs may be filmed by JATV public access.

ON THE COVER

Area teachers converged at the library for the 3rd annual Teacher Open House.

HPL BOOKMOBILE OUT & ABOUT

Bringing the library to you!

Our HPL Bookmobile spent the summer and fall visiting schools, city parks, local events, and more. Our library on wheels is an invaluable tool that allows us to serve the community where YOU are, offering materials and programs for all ages.

Bookmobile upgrade coming soon.

In the coming year, the HPL Foundation will begin raising funds to replace our aging vehicle with a new, state-of-the-art Bookmobile that is custom-built to best serve our community.

Look for details on this capital campaign on our website and social media pages.



Library staff brought the HPL Bookmobile to Skelly's Farm to kick off the fall season!



HPL is looking for exhibit artists for the 2025-2026 season.

Hedberg Public Library offers 2D & 3D art exhibits throughout the library. Exhibits are scheduled June through April with an Artist Sneak Peek hosted in May. The Sneak Peek is an opportunity for the public to get a preview of the upcoming exhibits and speak with the artists about what inspires them.

Interested?

Artists may submit 2-3 pieces for jurying to the library's Administration office **Monday-Friday, February 3-10 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

Jurying will occur on February 12, and artists will be notified within a week.

For more information, please contact René Bue at 608-758-5803 or Megan Fisher at 608-758-5837.

LIBRARY ART, EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

DECEMBER

Acrylic on Watercolor Paper

by Woody May

Nativity Sets *by Ron Shuler*

JANUARY

Train Drawings *by Robert Witzack*

Train Photos *by Den Adler (in memoriam)*

Model Trains

by WIS-ILL HO Modular RR Group

FEBRUARY

Acrylic Inks & Paints *by Kath Brinkman*

Alcohol Ink on Glass *by Jennifer Sturgeon*

INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR ART?

Call 608-758-5803 to learn how.

NON-PROFIT DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

Local non-profits are invited to create informational or visual displays at the library.

Interested? Contact Jodi at jrichards@hedbergpubliclibrary.org or 608-758-6593.



LIBRARY OF THINGS TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!



Our Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items that you can enjoy on the go, like a telescope for stargazing, an Amazon Firestick for catching your favorite shows, or even a pass to the Milwaukee Art Museum!

Visit our Library of Things display. If you see an item you'd like to borrow, take the item's card to the Checkout Desk. Library staff will retrieve your item and check it out to you.*

If you see a QR code, the item has already been checked out and is not currently available. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to place a hold on the item* or visit the Checkout Desk and ask staff to help you place a hold.

You can also browse the collection online and place a hold anytime, from anywhere!*

**Age restrictions may apply. *Some exclusions apply. Visit the items record for details. Experience Passes are not available for hold.*



“This whole list of [Library of Things] items is so amazing. I can't wait to try a few things!”

- Sheridan M.

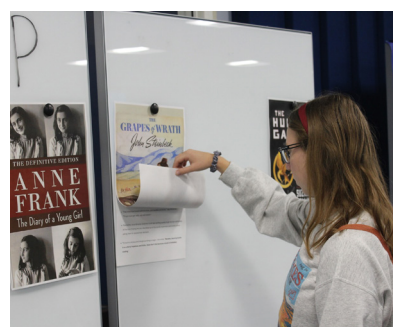
THE BIG SHIFT



If you haven't been in the library in a while, stop in to see some of the changes we've made in the last few months! In an effort to create a more browsable layout and more comfortable, usable spaces, you may notice furniture and stacks on the move.

If it looks a little chaotic right now, never fear! We'll be shifting the materials and seating through the winter as we finalize the new layout plan.

WE'RE WITH THE BANNED



HPL celebrated **Banned Books Week: Freed Between** the Lines with another Banned Books Giveaway on September 24, 2024. More than 300 books found new homes and visitors were given information on how they can help fight against book bans.

Janesville's Jolly Jingle



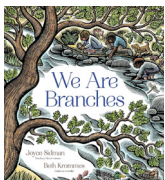
HPL will once again offer **Stories with Santa & Mrs. Claus** during downtown's Janesville Jolly Jingle, held the first weekend in December.

STORIES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
Saturday, December 7, 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Photo Op: 10-11 a.m.
 PROGRAM ROOM

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a festive storytime filled with holiday stories, songs, and fun. Get your photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 10-11 a.m. *No registration necessary.*



Visit our **StoryWalk** at the Robert O. Cook Memorial Arboretum, offered in partnership with the City of Janesville's Parks and Recreation Division and the School District of Janesville.



WINTER TITLE:
We Are Branches
 by Joyce Sidman
 illustrated by
 Beth Krommes

Installed around the solstice.

Branches are all around us: in butterfly wings, on gecko toes, in flowers, frost, and mud. Whether as electricity moving across the sky or rivers flowing to the sea, branches are nature's most efficient way to spread and to connect.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Saturdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
January 25 & February 22
 PROGRAM ROOM

Drop in to explore play stations and activities that help kids express emotions, build relationships, and master difficult situations. Discover how you can duplicate the stations at home! An adult caregiver must accompany children. Families welcome. *No registration necessary.*



NEW! SENSORY-FRIENDLY STORYTIME



Mariah Smitala, HPL's Youth Services Librarian, began the process of adding a sensory friendly storytime to the Hedberg Public Library calendar in 2019. She attended webinars, visited other libraries to attend their sensory storytimes, and did a lot of research. Finally, in spring of 2020, the Children's Room was ready to launch, the new program. Alas, the world had other plans.

The library canceled all programming due to COVID-19 on the day the team was meant to host its first-ever sensory friendly storytime, and shut down all together the following day.

"It was devastating to put this program on hold," said Smitala. "But now, nearly 5 years later, it is finally time to introduce it to our families!"

On the first Friday of the new year, HPL will host its first SENSE-ational Storytime. This sensory-friendly program has been thoughtfully designed with our neurodivergent patrons and those who have sensory processing needs in mind, but all are welcome. The storytime begins at 9:45 am with a 15-minute playtime in our program room.

After putting the toys down for a nap, attendees will make their way to their individual floor seat for 30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and of course stories. Those in need of extra stimulation can grab a fidget or two to use during the storytime, and those that benefit from lower stimulation will appreciate a program without bright screens or loud music. All attendees will benefit from a visual schedule and many songs and rhymes that remain consistent every week.

Miss Mariah and Miss Sara can't wait to see you at our newest storytime!

WINTER STORYTIMES
BEGIN JANUARY 3
Music and Movement
Mondays at 6 p.m.
Babies in the Library
Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wiggle and Rhyme
Thursdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
SENSE-ational Storytime
Fridays at 9:45 a.m.



LEGOS® ANYONE?

The Children's Room now has a custom-built LEGO® table in addition to the LEGO® Wall.

Our Building Maintenance Technician, Chip, handily repurposed an old library table to create this fun, new activity in KidSpace!

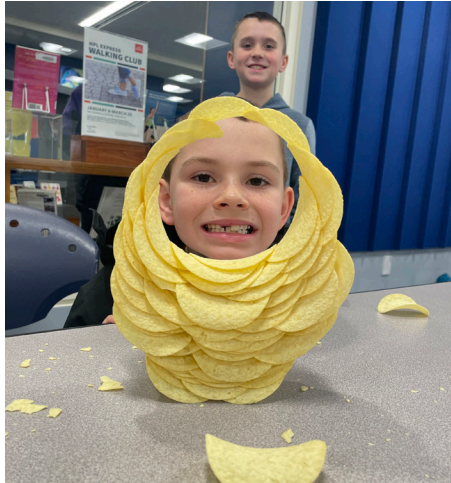
KidSpace is a special area especially for kids 8-11. Duplos building blocks are also available in the play area for our younger library friends.

Special thanks to Chip for going above and beyond.

Stop in and start building today!

A SECOND HOME(SCHOOL) FOR JANESVILLE FAMILIES

by Jamie Swenson, Youth Services Associate



One of my favorite moments from 2024 was challenging our Homeschool Idea Lab kids to complete the Pringles Ring Engineering Challenge. That's right. The challenge is to create a freestanding ring using only chips – no glue, no tape, no sticky dips... just Pringles and a dream. The kids not only accepted the challenge – they succeeded brilliantly! (and deliciously!)

It was more complex, funnier, and tastier than I had imagined.

This challenge required a steady hand, patience, perseverance – and enough willpower not to eat all the chips before the ring was completed! (Some groups made U shapes due to the whole “don't eat the chips” part.)

We are about to start our third year of **Homeschool Idea Lab** in February. I just love IDEA LAB so much. Our weekly themes will be (in order): Contraptions, Cause & Effect, Eggcellent Ideas, and Smorgasbord.

What I love most about it is: IDEAS & LAB. We get to have a ton of ideas and see what happens and how the group experiments with the sparks we provide. Our themes change each week, but we always encourage the kids to work at their own pace and try what they want to try. We usually end up having a ton of fun and learning something new.

If you have a homeschooled student who might enjoy group and individual challenges, join us. We will meet each Tuesday in February from 2 to 3 p.m. Our themes will be announced soon, so stay tuned for that information!

Last year, we received requests for a morning social time for our homeschooled families in addition to Idea Lab. We heard and hope you will join us at **Homeschool Games Galore** on Tuesday mornings in January from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Library staff will have some games on hand for families to play, but participants are welcome to bring their own, too. This is a drop-in, self-directed social time for families. Staff will not be leading activities (or challenges). Please come and enjoy time together playing games.

It has been so much fun getting to know our homeschool families a bit better through Idea Lab and now, I hope, through Games Galore. We are open to your ideas and would love to know how we can better serve our homeschool families.



HOMESCHOOL GAMES GALORE

Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
January 7, 14, 21, & 28
PROGRAM ROOM

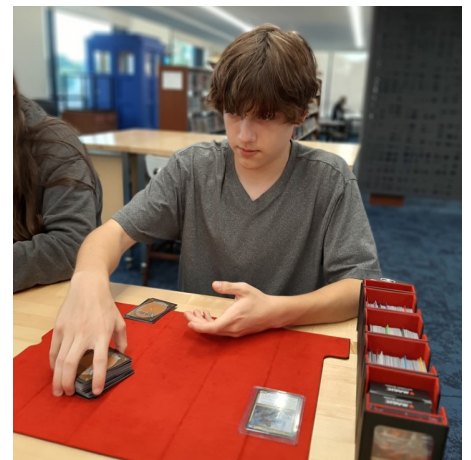
HOMESCHOOL IDEA LAB

Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m.
February 4, 11, 18, & 25
PROGRAM ROOM



A DONATION THAT'S MUSIC TO OUR EARS

A new piano is now gracing our Fireplace Room courtesy of a generous library patron, Andy Nielson. New to the area, Andy recently visited HPL and got a tour from staff. Not long after, he reached out with this incredible gift. His donation will immediately be put to good use during our Hedberg Harmony sessions! Visit our website to see the full calendar of performers.



MONDAYS ARE MAGICAL IN LAB 316

Magic the Gathering, a.k.a Magic or MTG, is one of the worlds most popular tabletop collectible card games.

Players of the game represent dueling wizards, drawing magical spells from a deck to use in battle. Although originally inspired by role-playing games like Dungeons & Dragons, it's a unique experience unto itself.

Magic can be played by two or more players in various rule formats. And whether you're a wizarding pro or brand new to the game, the library is the place to be on Monday nights.

Stop in to join or start a game! Library staff will be on-hand to show you the ropes if you're just starting - or bring your friends to wage an epic battle.

MONDAY NIGHT MAGIC for teens & adults
Mondays from 5-7 p.m.

January 6 & 20 and February 3 & 17
LAB 316

No registration necessary.

UKE CAN DO IT!



Our **Ukulele Play-Along Circle** (for ages 7-adult) is the perfect opportunity to try something new! Staff from Knapton Musik Knotes will show you the basics. Don't have a uke? We'll have a small supply on-hand!

Thursday from 6-7 p.m.

January 30 & February 27

Registration is required. Register online, at the library, or call 608-758-6585.

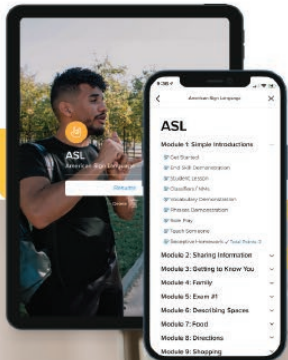
YOU
SAID IT!

“ Me encanta el trato que dan. Explican con mucho detalle, tienen paciencia y hay muchísimo para aprender ahí. Simplemente amo la biblioteca.

” - Patricia F.



Learn ASL with Mango Languages



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AT YOUR LIBRARY



**Learn English as a second language with instructors from Blackhawk Technical College.
Aprenda inglés como segundo idioma con instructores de Blackhawk Technical College.**

Hedberg Public Library is proud to partner with Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) to offer English Language Learning (ELL) classes to area residents. While BTC offers ELL classes at its Central Campus, staff saw a gap for people who have transportation issues getting there. Being able to offer ELL classes at the library will allow for a more central location and easier access.

ELL CLASS WITH BTC

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

January 14-May 6

FRIENDS COMMUNITY ROOM

Space is limited. Registration is required. Contact René Bue at 608-758-5803 to register or if you have any questions.

CLASE ELL CON BTC

Martes y Jueves de 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

14 de enero-6 de mayo

SALA COMUNITARIA DE AMIGOS

El espacio es limitado. Es necesario registrarse. Comuníquese con René Bue al 608-758-5803 para inscribirse o si tenga alguna pregunta.

In addition to offering the classes at HPL, Blackhawk Technical College offers multi-level courses at several other locations. Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced level ELL classes are offered at the Beloit-Janesville Campus and at the Cunningham Success Center (Beloit Even Start). ELL classes are also available at the BTC Monroe Campus and will soon be offered at the Beloit Public Library. Spanish GED classes are offered at the Cunningham Success Center in Beloit and will soon begin at the Beloit Public Library. Visit Blackhawk.edu for class lists and schedules.



Learn To Speak English



Looking for an app that teaches English? Mango Languages provides over 20 English courses — taught from your native language!

All you need is a library card to learn for FREE. Visit our website or use the QR code to get started!





GET ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

Get a new gadget over the holidays?

Let our Innovation Librarian, Tyler, help you navigate your new technology! Sign up for a 45-minute appointment! Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is recommended. Call 608-758-5833 to make your appointment today!

TECHNOLOGY HELP OFFICE HOURS @ HPL

Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m.

December 4 & 18

January 15 & 29

February 12 & 26

STUDY ROOM 1

TECHNOLOGY HELP OFFICE HOURS @ HPL EXPRESS

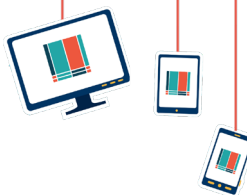
Thursdays from 11 a.m. & 12 p.m.

December 12

January 9 & 23

February 6 & 20

HPL EXPRESS / UPTOWN JANESVILLE



COMING THIS SPRING: MEMORY CAFÉS



A memory café is a supportive social gathering for individuals experiencing early-stage dementia, mild memory loss, or mild cognitive impairment (MCI), along with their caregivers.

These cafés create a welcoming atmosphere where participants engage in activities, share experiences, and connect with others facing similar challenges.

They also provide support for family members and caregivers, helping to foster a sense of community and alleviate feelings of isolation.

Activities may include games, art, music, or discussions centered on memory and brain health.



MEMORY CAFÉ KICK-OFF

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Monday, March 17

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Those that are experiencing memory loss, as well as caregivers, are invited to stop in to our first Memory Café event. HPL is partnering with Rock County ADRC to screen participants. *No registration necessary.*

For questions, please contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615.

Memory Cafés will be held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Visit our website or watch social media for details.



NEW BOOK CLUB FOCUSES ON HEALTH AND HAPPINESS



Your greatest project is yourself.

Find resources and community in your pursuit of your highest self with our Wellness Book Club! Read and discuss books about different aspects of wellness. For teens & adults.

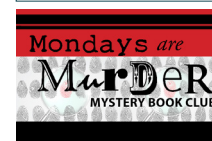
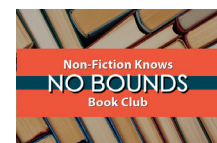
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

December 2: *Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art* by James Nestor

January 6: *Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* by Katherine May

February 3: *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Conversations and the Language of Human Experience* by Brene Brown

OTHER BOOK CLUBS:



PAGES AND POSITIVI-TEA

UNIBOOK CLUB for teens & adults

Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

December 3, January 7, February 4

FIREPLACE ROOM

NON-FICTION KNOWS NO BOUNDS

Wednesday, January 15 at 6 p.m.

McDonald's: Behind the Arches by John Love
MCDONALDS - 1622 MILTON AVE.

Wednesday, February 19 at 10 a.m.

Two Old Women by Velma Wallis
JANESVILLE SENIOR CENTER - 69 S. WATER ST.

MONDAYS ARE MURDER

Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

WOODRUFF ROOM

January 20: *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

February 17: *The Murders in the Rue Morgue: The Dupin Tales* by Edgar Allan Poe

READING ON THE ROCK

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

WOODRUFF ROOM

January 23: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

February 27: *James* by Percival Everett

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We appreciate the generosity of the individuals who gave to the HPL Foundation July 1-September 30, 2024: Margaret Zweck, Judy Gray Catterall, Anthony and Kay Briski, and a Grainger matching grant.

In 2024, the HPL Foundation was able to provide the library with nearly \$40,000 in monetary gifts. Examples of how we have and used these gifts include:

- Digital items available through Overdrive, Hoopla, and Kanopy, as well as additional copies of print materials.
- Program supplies for activities at the library and through community outreach.
- Presenters for a variety of programs.

In 2025, we hope to use the HPL Foundation's support for projects like a new and improved Bookmobile and an updated, more accessible Children's Room. Look for details to come!

Interested in making a donation to the library's Foundation?

Use the QR code, visit
HedbergPublicLibrary.org,
or call 608-758-6594.



A GHOULISH GOOD TIME FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Screams, smoke, and the peculiar scent of singed bat filled Hedberg Public Library on Saturday, October 19 during the 15th annual mingle murder mystery, **A Night at the Library: Creatures Ball**, presented by the Hedberg Public Library Foundation. The evening raised more than \$3000 to support library programs and services.

Creatures from all over assembled in the Beastly Ballroom to mingle, dance, and witness the World Finals of the Danse Macabre Competition. However, the night took a deadly turn when a spotlight - fitted with a UV bulb - became a murderous weapon. After thorough investigation of the crime scene and suspects by attendees, as well as delicious bites and bevs among the books, the murderer was revealed.

The cast of characters featured local actors who spent the first part of the evening interacting with guests and setting the scene for the dastardly deeds yet to come. It was improv at its finest, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and talents offered by these community members.

Take a peek at some of the evening's highlights on the library's Facebook page and stay tuned for an announcement of the 2025 date and theme and how you can be involved!

Thank you to our generous 2024 sponsors: Hoffman House Catering, Panda Garden, R.K. Smith Realty, ForZack Trucking, Nowlan Law, Package Pro, First National Bank & Trust Company, Blackhawk Community Credit Union, Hagen CPA, Christian Ray/KC Group, and Festival Foods.

FRIENDS OF HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends of HPL is a nonprofit volunteer group that supports the library in many ways. The Friends operate **The Ground Floor** in the lower lobby, selling used books, gifts, snacks, and beverages.

Become a member today!

Membership dues and proceeds from the shop and other fundraisers enhance the library and its services.

Use our safe and secure PayPal link online
OR fill out our membership form to become
a Friend of HPL! Already a Friend? Renew today!

LOVE THE LIBRARY? BECOME A FRIEND!



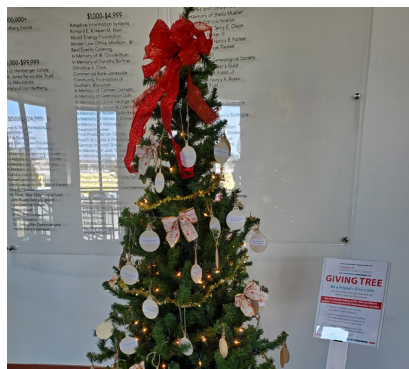
GIVE TO OUR GIVING TREE

Stop in to grab an ornament off the Friends of HPL's Giving Tree in the library's atrium.

Each ornament features an item that our library staff needs to support programs and services in the coming year. Craft supplies, tools, and more will be used to provide hands-on experiences for library patrons of all ages.

Prefer to make a financial donation?

Visit our website, stop at the Ground Floor, or grab an ornament with a donation QR code to donate online.



The Ground Floor shop | eat | drink | read at Hedberg Public Library

**Become a Friend of HPL and
you get 20% off each purchase.**



USED BOOK SALE

Friday, February 28, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, March 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

\$6/bag sale all day Saturday.