

Finance: None

7. Director's Report

The director's written report was presented.

8. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Grant approval

Motion by McCarthy to approve acceptance of the teen space grant in the amount of \$22,700

Second by Peterson

Discussion: None

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

9. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: Policy & Personnel Committee Charter

Motion by Peterson to approve the charter.

Second by McCarthy.

Discussion: None

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

10. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Motion by Peterson to approve the new organizational structure recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee.

Second by Whiteley.

Discussion: Peterson noted the structure makes use of knowledge and experience of existing staff and minimizes the need to extensively train new staff.

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

11. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM: 2023 BUDGET

Motion by Whiteley to approve the 2023 budget of \$990,659, which is based on the new organizational structure.

Second by McCarthy.

Discussion: Berning said he appreciated staff developing a budget based on the library's current financial parameters.

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

12. Future agenda items: Closed session for two topics: director evaluation and employee performance data. Option for book recommendations video with board members.

13. ACTION ITEM: Adjournment

Motion by McCarthy to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Second by Whiteley

Discussion: None

Vote Taken: MOTION CARRIED – 5 Ayes/0 Nays

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Tougas

Monthly Expenditure Statement
November 30, 2022
Hudson Area Public Library

Acct Code	Object Description	Budget w/ grants	MTD	YTD	Balance	%YTD
240-55111	Library					
Personnel						
121	Full-Time	\$ 244,170	\$ 18,834	\$ 223,819	\$ 20,351	92%
125	Part-Time	\$ 311,249	\$ 20,236	\$ 227,804	\$ 83,444	73%
151	FICA	\$ 42,490	\$ 2,903	\$ 33,639	\$ 8,850	79%
152	WRS	\$ 26,763	\$ 2,046	\$ 24,033	\$ 2,730	90%
154	Health Insurance	\$ 91,400	\$ 6,356	\$ 79,479	\$ 11,921	87%
Personnel Total:		\$ 716,071	\$ 50,375	\$ 588,774	\$ 127,297	82%
Contractual Services						
212	Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,220.00	\$ (1,220)	
213	Professional Services	\$ 14,700.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 13,854.00	\$ 846	94%
216	IFLS Ops	\$ 47,500.00	\$ -	\$ 47,468.00	\$ 32	100%
217	IFLS Courier	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,280.00	\$ 220	94%
225	Telephone	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 333.77	\$ 4,005.79	\$ 494	89%
249	Contract Maint.	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 214.90	\$ 185	54%
294	Programming: Adults	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 919.01	\$ 4,684.71	\$ 2,315	67%
295	Programming: Children	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,805.03	\$ 20,122.90	\$ (123)	101%
298	Maint. Agmts / Leases	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 573.64	\$ 8,602.27	\$ 1,398	86%
299	Other Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contractual Services Total:		\$ 107,600.00	\$ 5,881.45	\$ 103,452.57	\$ 4,147.43	96%
Supplies & Expenses						
311	Postage	\$ 850	\$ 139	\$ 568	\$ 282	67%
312	Office Supplies	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,662	\$ 8,207	\$ 1,793	82%
324	Memberships	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 330	\$ (80)	132%
326	Advertising	\$ -	\$ 84	\$ 1,084	\$ (1,084)	0%
338	Staff Development	\$ 1,500	\$ 705	\$ 1,644	\$ (144)	110%
339	Travel / Conferences	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ (100)	140%
396	Technology	\$ 8,000	\$ 249	\$ 6,708	\$ 1,292	84%
399	Activity Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,555	\$ (55)	104%
Supplies & Expenses Total:		\$ 22,350	\$ 2,839	\$ 20,445	\$ 1,905	91%
Collection						
395	Books	\$ 47,000	\$ 4,822	\$ 44,771	\$ 2,229	95%
397	Periodicals	\$ 7,000	\$ 231	\$ 4,816	\$ 2,184	69%
398	Audio-Visual	\$ 12,000	\$ 560	\$ 9,720	\$ 2,280	81%
Collection Total:		\$ 66,000	\$ 5,613	\$ 59,308	\$ 6,692	90%
Fixed Charges						
510	Workers Comp	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ 771	\$ 79	91%
511	Public Liability	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	0%
513	Public Officials	\$ 2,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,350	0%
517	Property Insurance	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 2,568	\$ (68)	103%
519	Unemployment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
532	Occupancy Agreement	\$ 99,595	\$ 8,295	\$ 91,240	\$ 8,355	92%
Fixed Charges Total:		\$ 107,295	\$ 8,295	\$ 94,579	\$ 12,716	88%
812	Furniture and Furnishings					
829	Other Repair and Improvements		\$ 23,610.37	\$ 33,403.67		
Capital Expenses Total:				\$ 33,404		Remaining
Total Expenditures		\$ 1,019,316	\$ 73,003	\$ 899,963	\$ 152,757	15%
%of Year Completed						92%

Year-to-Date Monthly Comps		Nov-22				Year to Date Comps			
		2021		2022		2021		2022	
		Actual		Actual		YTD		YTD	
Library Revenues	46710	\$	160	\$	752	\$	5,513	\$	10,879
City of Hudson	47301	\$	-	\$	-	\$	182,183	\$	364,365
Village of N. Hudson	47302	\$	-	\$	-	\$	43,285	\$	85,495
T. Hudson	47303	\$	-	\$	-	\$	203,456	\$	204,197
T. St. Joseph	47304	\$	-	\$	-	\$	91,660	\$	94,410
County Levy Act 120	47311	\$	-	\$	-	\$	11,050	\$	9,756
County Levy Act 420		\$	-	\$	-	\$	61,321	\$	60,012
Interest	48100	\$	-	\$	-	\$	277	\$	-
Net Change	48120	\$	-	\$	-	\$	750	\$	(139)
Grants	48500	\$	-	\$	-	\$	38,150	\$	105,599
Donations		\$	45	\$	-	\$	307	\$	5
Misc. Revenues	48600	\$	17	\$	30,822	\$	539	\$	35,842
Unrestricted Funds		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
		\$	222	\$	31,574	\$	638,491	\$	970,422
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Personnel Services		100	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	
			Actual	Actual	YTD	YTD			
Full-Time	121	\$	17,604	\$	18,834	\$	139,549	\$	223,819
Part-Time	125	\$	16,378	\$	20,236	\$	175,660	\$	227,804
FICA	151	\$	2,505	\$	2,903	\$	23,458	\$	33,639
WRS	152	\$	1,775	\$	2,046	\$	15,937	\$	24,033
Health Insurance	154	\$	8,498	\$	6,356	\$	51,953	\$	79,479
Personnel Totals		\$	46,760	\$	50,375	\$	406,557	\$	588,774
Contractual Services									
Legal Services	212	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,323.00	\$	1,220.00
Professional Services	213	\$	1,146.00	\$	1,250.00	\$	10,314.00	\$	13,854.00
IFLS Ops	216	\$	-	\$	-	\$	45,549.00	\$	47,468.00
IFLS Courier / Self Check	217	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,010.00	\$	3,280.00
Telephone	225	\$	336.00	\$	333.77	\$	3,045.00	\$	4,005.79
Contract Maintenance	249	\$	-	\$	-	\$	77.00	\$	214.90
Programming Adults	294	\$	34.00	\$	919.01	\$	4,032.00	\$	4,684.71
Programming Children	295	\$	2,631.00	\$	2,805.03	\$	20,403.00	\$	20,122.90
Maintenance Agmt/ Lease	298	\$	311.00	\$	573.64	\$	7,165.00	\$	8,602.27
Other Contract Services	299	\$	-	\$	-	\$	63.00	\$	-
Contract Services Totals		\$	4,458.00	\$	5,881.45	\$	94,981.00	\$	103,452.57
Supplies & Expenses									
Postage	311	\$	52	\$	139	\$	468	\$	568
Office Supplies	312	\$	43	\$	1,662	\$	7,153	\$	8,207
Memberships	324	\$	204	\$	-	\$	229	\$	330
Advertising	326	\$	234	\$	84	\$	617	\$	1,084
Staff Development	338	\$	-	\$	705	\$	381	\$	1,644
Travel / Conferences	339	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	350
Technology	396	\$	121	\$	249	\$	3,837	\$	6,708
Activity Supplies	399	\$	(11)	\$	-	\$	7,179	\$	1,555

Supplies / Expense Totals		\$	643	\$	2,839	\$	19,864	\$	20,445
Collection Materials									
Books	395	\$	12,724	\$	4,822	\$	44,540	\$	44,771
Periodicals	397	\$	135	\$	231	\$	4,132	\$	4,816
Audio Visual	398	\$	2,492	\$	560	\$	12,713	\$	9,720
Collection Totals:		\$	15,351	\$	5,613	\$	61,385	\$	59,308
Fixed Charges									
Workers' Compensation	510	\$	-	\$	-	\$	678	\$	771
Public Liability	511	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,332	\$	-
Public Officials	513	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,668	\$	-
Property Insurance	517	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,008	\$	2,568
Unemployment	519	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Occupancy Agreement	532	\$	11,917	\$	8,295	\$	107,250	\$	91,240
Fixed Charges Total:		\$	11,917	\$	8,295	\$	112,936	\$	94,579
Capital Expenses (storm)									
Furniture & Furnishings	812	\$	-	\$	20,656	\$	-	\$	20,656
Other Repair & Improvements	829	\$	-	\$	2,954	\$	-	\$	12,747
Capital Expenses Total:		\$		\$	23,610	\$		\$	33,404
			2021		2022		2021		2022
Total Revenues		\$	222	\$	31,574	\$	638,491	\$	970,422
Less Operating Expenses		\$	79,129	\$	73,003	\$	695,723	\$	899,963
Balance (Deficit)		\$	(78,907)	\$	(41,429)	\$	(57,232)	\$	70,460

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

Library Board of Trustees

Director meetings

November 16 - Rotary
November 16 - Foundation committee
November 23 - Rotary
November 30 - Golden Rule
December 7 - Rotary
December 7 - Construction meeting
December 7 - Department head meeting
December 15 – Open house planning meeting
December 17 - Community Christmas at the Library
December 19 - Policy and Personnel Committee
December 20 - Kiwanis
December 20 - Finance Committee and Library Board

Grants

We're thrilled and grateful about the news that we received two large grants from the Wendell Peterson estate. The estate is giving the library nearly \$50,000 for two proposals we made. The first is to move the young adult collection to the main floor, grow the collection and create a social space in the existing teen area. The second funds all of our 2023 programs, including the Summer Reading Program.

Also, the Hot Air Affair has chosen the library to be the recipient of their fundraising efforts this year, and the Red Hat Society also chose the library to be the recipient of a donation. We're feeling the warmth of the season and the incredible community support.

Building update

Mike Mroz and I did a walk through with the construction supervisors as a final (almost final) step in the project. The only noteworthy issue is that the patch job on the staircase wall doesn't match the paint. This specialty paint is no longer made, so the crew tried to do a match. Unfortunately, the spots are at eye level and quite prominent. The team is checking with insurance to see if the company will pay for a complete paint job. The last two windows arrived and are currently being installed. The large glass panes had to be stored in the vestibule, prompting the closure of the front door for about one week.

Staffing

The reorganization and additional hours don't begin until Jan. 1. We've been extremely busy handling the extra duties and juggling planned PTO. Everyone has stepped up and been incredibly helpful.

Rotary mission trip

I won't be attending the January meeting. I'm traveling to Guatemala Jan. 12-19 with a group of Hudson Rotarians. Our ongoing project there involves building brick ovens for cooking. Women in Guatemalan villages cook over open fires inside their homes, which is a major health hazard. Additionally, the country is facing deforestation. Kids have to gather firewood each day to cook meals. The brick ovens use about 90 percent less wood and filter the ash and contaminants. We will also meet with the Rotary Club in Guatemala City and share some cultural experiences.

I've asked Michelle Saifullah, program and marketing director, and Jamie Smith, the new operations coordinator, to substitute for me. While we don't need two people there, it's a great chance for them to meet board members.

Building event/open house

The Foundation and Afton House will be sponsoring a public open house at the library to celebrate the completion of storm repairs. It's also a wonderful way to thank the community for their support. The event will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25. Please add that to your calendars. We hope to have good representation from both the board, the Foundation and the Friends.

The event includes appetizers, desserts and refreshments, which are paid for by the Foundation with support from the Afton House. The Foundation planned a library fundraiser for 2020 on the riverboat with catering from the Afton House. The event had to be canceled because of the pandemic, but the Afton House graciously held the deposit for nearly three years.

Also planned: tours of specific areas of the library and activities for families. I will do three staggered presentations about the storm and our recovery in the conference room. The room is small, but hopefully three sessions will accommodate everyone who wants to see it.

Hudson Area Public Library Statistics Summary

Nov-22

YTD Circulation Comparisons		Month to Month Comparisons			Library Visitors YTD	
	2022	2021	2021	2022	2021	2022
Physical Materials:	148,580	130,487	3,423	Physical CKO	10,421	33,335
Digital Materials:	53,080	47,897	5,405	Check-ins	9,873	54,726
Total All Circulation:	201,660	178,384	535	Renewals	3,758	
			3,958	Total Physical Circ	14,179	Monthly Visitors
% Physical Materials	73.68%	73.1%	4,575	Digital Circulation	4,723	2021
% Digital Materials	26.3%	26.9%	8,533	Total All Circulation	18,902	0
				Proctoring-YTD	Cardholders	9,426
New Patrons	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	10,375
	25	73	728	1,256	14	11
Technology Use YTD		Meeting Room Use				
	2021	2022	2021	2021	2022	
	Pharos	1,362	2,695	Monthly	0	929
	Wi-Fi	57,956	28,854	YTD	688	6098
Year-to Date	59,318	31,549				
Programming at the Library						
YTD Programs Held:			Comparisons			
	2021	2022	Programs Held	2021	2022	Change
	1048	337	Children	74	17	(57)
			Teens / Tweens	5	2	(3)
			Adult	16	4	(12)
YTD Program Attendance:	2021	2022	Drop-in	3	7	4
	16,255	9,743	Totals:	98	30	(68)
			Attendance	2021	2022	Change
Self Directed Activities 2022:			Children	375	258	-117
	MTD	YTD	Teens / Tweens	46	9	-37
	18	157	Adult	158	32	-126
			Drop-in	52	73	21
			Totals:	631	372	-259

Hudson Area Public Library

Circulation Statistics		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Year-to-Date	
Check-outs		2018	13,266	12,994	16,153	14,102	15,400	19,450	18,509	17,830	13,527	13,869	13,289	11,439	179,828
		2019	14,754	13,485	15,567	13,828	12,865	16,711	18,359	16,262	12,420	13,610	12,570	10,826	171,257
		2020	13,321	12,959	7,285	990	3,005	3,496	8,169	9,461	8,752	8,613	8,736	8,225	93,012
		2021	8,636	9,333	11,147	9,429	7,955	13,175	12,805	11,320	6,425	3,423	3,548	3,374	100,570
		2022	6,666	6,908	9,020	8,699	8,052	13,128	13,582	14,057	9,615	10,421	9,660	109,808	
Check-ins		2018	12,303	12,771	15,258	14,669	14,220	17,791	18,773	18,539	14,420	14,490	13,087	11,980	178,301
		2019	13,108	13,381	15,053	14,514	13,619	13,745	18,230	17,816	13,092	13,836	12,354	12,308	171,056
		2020	12,297	12,798	6,163	232	3,567	5,104	7,995	6,777	7,931	7,422	6,380	5,812	82,478
		2021	6,064	6,930	8,246	9,436	8,539	10,618	11,893	12,201	7,124	5,405	5,279	4,864	96,599
		2022	4,913	6,637	8,532	8,441	8,527	10,608	13,493	13,034	10,594	9,873	10,430	105,082	
Renewals		2018	5,371	5,333	8,729	6,698	6,807	7,936	6,803	5,884	5,275	5,090	4,693	4,589	73,208
		2019	4,850	4,521	5,202	5,155	4,378	4,506	6,292	5,414	4,557	4,896	4,637	4,666	59,074
		2020	4,192	4,058	2,404	92	84	805	3,344	3,071	3,319	3,219	3,324	3,876	31,788
		2021	4,113	4,156	4,676	4,262	3,952	4,160	4,758	4,937	1,290	535	1,229	2,023	40,091
		2022	2,405	2,658	3,760	3,475	3,558	3,571	4,362	4,184	3,466	3,758	3,575	38,772	
Total Physical Circulation		January	18,637	18,327	24,882	20,800	22,207	27,386	25,312	23,714	18,802	18,959	17,982	16,028	253,036
		February	19,604	18,006	20,769	18,983	17,243	21,217	24,651	21,676	16,977	18,506	17,207	15,492	230,331
		March	17,513	17,017	9,689	1,082	3,089	4,301	11,513	12,532	12,071	11,832	12,060	12,101	124,800
		April	12,749	13,489	15,823	13,691	11,907	17,335	17,563	16,257	7,715	3,958	4,777	5,397	140,661
		May	9,071	9,566	12,780	12,174	11,610	16,699	17,944	18,241	13,081	14,179	13,235	-	148,580
		June	(3,678)	(3,923)	(3,043)	(1,517)	(297)	(636)	381	1,984	5,366	10,221	8,458	(5,397)	7,919
Digital Circulation		January	3,625	3,424	3,781	3,455	3,531	3,589	3,890	3,737	3,591	3,539	3,433	3,536	43,131
		February	4,021	3,631	3,956	3,729	3,943	3,983	4,318	4,251	3,927	4,089	3,958	3,978	47,784
		March	4,213	3,911	4,316	4,914	5,044	5,034	5,041	4,704	4,471	4,359	4,150	4,273	54,430
		April	4,800	4,773	5,246	4,558	4,611	4,696	4,922	5,061	4,655	4,575	4,488	4,581	56,966
		May	5,245	4,172	5,000	4,742	4,811	4,971	5,104	4,998	4,673	4,723	4,641	4,641	53,080
		June	445	(601)	(246)	184	200	275	182	(63)	18	148	153	(4,581)	(3,886)
Total Digital & Physical Circulation		January	14,316	13,738	17,780	16,916	16,421	21,670	23,048	23,239	17,754	18,902	17,876	-	201,660
% of Circulation Physical		January	63.4%	69.6%	71.9%	72.0%	70.7%	77.1%	77.9%	78.5%	73.7%	75.0%	74.0%	-	73.7%
% of Circulation Digital		January	36.6%	30.4%	28.1%	28.0%	29.3%	22.9%	22.1%	21.5%	26.3%	25.0%	26.0%	-	26.3%
Materials Statistics		January													
Items Borrowed		2022	3,153	2,486	3,084	2,691	2,514	2,748	2,750	2,694	2,681	2,709	2,543		30,053
Items Loaned		2022	3,410	3,070	3,738	3,592	2,692	3,115	3,218	2,851	3,365	3,086	2,969		35,106

Items Added		2022	329	427	650	431	412	307	466	517	403	570	493	5,005
Technology Use														
Pharos														
2018	696	765	872	826	807	838	837	882	745	850	690	560	9,368	
2019	659	581	754	775	740	701	710	807	615	728	605	561	8,236	
2020	654	609	287	-	-	-	109	115	111	109	98	99	2,191	
2021	108	97	130	106	114	217	215	249	126	-	-	-	1,362	
2022	186	227	249	252	246	221	226	295	265	256	272	272	2,695	
Wireless														
2018	4,877	5,100	5,553	5,508	5,687	6,475	6,347	5,992	4,807	5,860	5,627	4,724	66,557	
2019	5,799	1,012	4,690	5,378	6,005	5,977	4,410	4,529	3,927	4,247	3,750	3,333	53,057	
2020	4,127	3,969	2,804	1,286	2,060	5,250	7,607	7,017	5,939	5,767	5,793	5,866	57,485	
2021	4,898	4,514	5,220	5,184	5,961	6,764	7,377	7,867	5,796	4,375	3,577	3,539	65,072	
2022	2,504	2,309	2,475	2,556	1,777	2,693	3,414	3,003	3,039	2,698	2,386	2,386	28,854	
Proctoring Services														
2018	3	3	0	2	1	7	6	1	0	4	4	4	33	
2019	-	4	4	-	3	8	7	6	2	6	4	4	48	
2020	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	1	13	
2021	1	2	-	2	1	2	3	1	2	-	-	-	14	
2022	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	2	0	0	0	0	11	
Patron Statistics														
Visitors														
2018	8,678	9,559	10,858	9,757	9,958	13,025	13,214	12,023	10,750	10,525	8,843	9,765	126,955	
2019	13,007	9,265	11,314	10,123	10,576	14,388	13,254	11,994	10,765	11,757	9,241	9,016	134,700	
2020	11,254	9,832	5,983	-	-	-	2,346	2,825	2,362	2,146	2,268	2,299	41,315	
2021	2,184	2,398	2,990	2,686	3,192	5,752	5,784	5,908	2,441	-	-	-	33,335	
2022	2,949	3,661	4,549	4,639	4,761	5,677	6,264	6,551	4,983	5,299	5,393	5,393	54,726	
Monthly Average 2022	2,949	3,305	3,720	3,950	4,112	4,373	4,643	4,881	4,893	4,933	4,975	4,975	54,726	
Days Open 2022	20	24	27	22	25	26	25	27	23	25	22	21	24	
Daily Average 2022	147	153	168	211	190	218	251	243	217	212	245	245	188	
New Patrons														
2018	83	74	73	103	141	174	127	134	92	87	82	78	1,248	
2019	126	87	130	126	90	217	147	99	85	91	73	75	1,346	
2020	104	106	56	19	26	29	50	47	52	38	62	44	633	
2021	44	57	46	34	52	156	141	99	74	25	27	22	777	
2022	88	98	94	107	124	222	144	114	96	73	96	96	1,256	
Curbside Services														
Patron Pick-ups 2020	0	0	0	92	962	1197	501	357	376	347	311	344	4487	
Patron Pick-ups 2021	351	310	329	249	105	65	65	32	372	1071	988	991	4928	
Patron Pick-ups 2022	86	49	45	55	34	28	32	22	36	29	19	19	435	

https://www.hudsonstarobserver.com/news/hudson-area-library-foundation-seeks-100-000/article_f048735e-6456-11ed-b3d8-c37f8979b847.html

LOCAL NEWS

Hudson Area Library Foundation seeks \$100,000

written by Hannah Coyle

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Thanks to the sponsors, the Hudson Area Library Foundation annual campaign will have zero printing or postage costs which will get it closer to the goal faster. Sponsors were represented left to right by Sam Cari, Heywood Cari & Anderson; Jason Howard, First State Bank and Trust; and Jamie Grupe, Vallis Advisors

Submitted

The Hudson Area Library Foundation is looking to raise \$100,000 to keep the library afloat during 2023.

“Before the pandemic, the Hudson Area Library Foundation primarily focused on fundraising to help support the library programming for all ages for the entire year,” Tricia Christiansen, Hudson Area Library Foundation marketing chair, said.

Things like genealogy for adults, teen cooking classes or the much beloved summer reading programs were supported directly by the foundation. A typical campaign would bring in between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The foundation has shifted its priorities as the joint area library will cease to exist as such and is en route to becoming a stand-alone city library, as the town of St. Joseph, town of Hudson and Village of North Hudson recently voted not to renew their participation.

That shift will not happen until 2024; therefore, a funding gap is projected to occur from now until then.

The foundation sat down with the library board and Friends of the Hudson Public Library to identify the needs during this critical transition period and determine how the three entities could collaborate best to fulfill those needs.

Friends of the Hudson Area Library primarily raises funds through the sale of donated and withdrawn books in its bookstore on the second floor of the library. It is open during library hours.

The foundation has decided to double its fundraising efforts and raise \$100,000. These funds will go toward ensuring the continuation of programming, staff support and library hours.

The Friends of the Hudson Area Library have pledged a major gift for 2023 that will enable the library to remain open during the same hours during the first six months of the year.

“There have been so many hurdles over the last few years that we’ve tried to support: the pandemic, then the storm repairs, now the shift in funding and that’s all on top of the normal staff turnover everyone is experiencing,” Christiansen said. “This year the Library Foundation is trying to step up and do things differently so that our entire greater Hudson area can experience the library in as much of a pre pandemic way as possible.”

The first campaign goal is to bring in funds, but another effort is to raise overall support and awareness for the library and the people who run it, Christiansen said.

Starting¹⁸ this month, the foundation will send out nearly 14,000 mailers to local residents, past donors and businesses to ask for contributions. First State Bank and Trust, Heywood Cari and Anderson, and Vallis Advisers offered to cover all costs of the campaign to make sure every dollar donated goes to the library.

“Our community has not disappointed us in the past,” Christiansen said. “If everyone who received a mailer donated just \$10, we’d hit our goal.”

Realistically, Christiansen and the foundation know not everyone is able to monetarily contribute. On the backside of the mailer is a poster. The foundation invites the community to hang the poster at work, in your window or post a photo on social media. It includes a QR code that will take people directly to the online donation page when scanned.

Additionally, one of the houses on the Hudson Christmas Tour of Homes has dedicated a room on the tour to library awareness with foundation information visitors can take.

This isn’t the first round of donations the foundation has made to keep the library going at such a capacity, either.

Just in the nick of time, the foundation made a donation to keep the library open on Mondays in 2022. It had had a record breaking fundraising year, hitting \$90,000 in late December 2021, meaning there were additional funds even after paying for library programs and special projects.

The 2022 budget was supplemented by \$15,000 from the Friends of the Library and \$5,000 from the Hudson Daybreak Rotary Club as well.

It was evident, in that moment, that support for the library and its success was there.

“Anyone who has raised their kids at the library or found their new friend group through the craft programs or the book clubs knows that it is hard to make connections in a community you are not from originally,” Christiansen said. “The library is our one local resource that serves all generations at no cost. The free Wi-Fi is critical for some teens, and some local grandparents have shared it’s the one place they can afford to bring their grandkids every single day for an activity.”

The library is more than a building filled with books.

“It’s about creating connections for all of our Hudson area generations,” Hudson Area Library Foundation President Sam Cari said.

The details

Despite the storm, pandemics and the loss of three partner municipalities, communities are still using the library. Here are just a few statistics that show how the Hudson library is doing and compared to other libraries in the IFLS Library System, which is the state-funded support agency for 53 public libraries in a 10-county area of west-central Wisconsin.

- 1,000 new cardholders were added to the Hudson library in just the first half of 2022.
- 39,000 ebook checkouts this year. That’s the second-highest number of all libraries in the entire IFLS system.

- 65,¹⁸000 uses of the library's Wi-Fi in 2021 – that's the highest use in the entire IFLS system. The extended, off-site Wi-Fi allowed 17,200 of those uses to occur during overnight hours, 9 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- 203,000 items were circulated in 2021, even with the storm closure. That number is close to the Hudson library's pre-pandemic circulation levels.

Where to donate

Visit hudsonarealibraryfoundation.org/donate to make an online donation.

Checks should be made out to the Hudson Area Library Foundation and sent to 700 First Street, Hudson, WI 54016.

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LOCAL NEWS

Popularity of e-books put the 'e' in expensive

Shelley Tougas

Published on Nov 22, 2022



Shelley Tougas is the Hudson Area Public Library's director.

File photo

E-books. The waitlist, the cost, the licensing issues. Readers love them. As a librarian, e-books leave me, as the kids would say, smh. (That's shaking my head.)

Pew Research reports people in 2021 checked out more than half a billion "e-items," up 55 percent from the previous two years. Libraries struggle to meet the demand for these increasingly popular items, and people generally are unaware of the tension between the publishing industry and public libraries.

Let's take a look at the challenges:

Libraries don't buy e-books. The publishers won't allow it. We buy the right to offer the public an e-book for a limited period of time, generally two years. Then it has to be purchased again. On the other hand, libraries only re-purchase a physical book when it's chewed by a puppy or accidentally dropped in a mud puddle.

Libraries don't get consumer pricing. You might buy an e-book for \$12.99 and keep it forever, but the same book could cost libraries \$50 for a two-year lending period. However, we get great discounts on paper books.

Libraries sometimes don't have immediate access to purchase e-books. When a hot title is released, many publishers sell to the public first, libraries last. And the publisher might decide to sell just one copy of an e-book to a single library, including some of the country's largest libraries.

Imagine a Milwaukee library with one copy of a bestseller. The waitlist might have hundreds of patrons.

Libraries couldn't purchase Amazon titles for years. Even now, the purchasing options are limited.

Libraries have to explain the model to new readers: one patron, one e-copy. In theory, an e-book could be read simultaneously by multiple people. But e-books are just like physical books. You have to take your turn.

Publishing is a business, not a charity. Amazon has turned the industry upside down, and publishers are adapting to survive. We understand publishers need to be profitable, but there needs to be a reasonable balance between profitability and America's library tradition.

Intellectual freedom is a core value for libraries. We provide universal access to information, an essential foundation for democracy. Libraries have educated, informed and entertained Americans for nearly two centuries.

Keep checking out those e-books. We enjoy them, too. But if you're frustrated by the waitlist or because we don't have your favorite author's new book, please know librarians nationwide are advocating for more titles and shorter waitlists.

Shelley Tougas is the director of the Hudson Area Public Library.

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LOCAL NEWS

Saving Hudson history at the library

written by Hannah Coyle

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Nancy Toll²³ and Amy Thurston sit on a Tuesday afternoon in the Nancy L. Hawkinson History Room at the Hudson Area Public Library.

In a small, cozy room overlooking the St. Croix River, Nancy Toll and Amy Thurston sit sifting through bins, files and binders of clippings of old newspapers.

They met each other teaching in Hudson and became friends. Now, as retirees with an ever-budding passion for history and a desire to preserve and tell it, they've found themselves the perfect, not-so-little gig in the Nancy L. Hawkinson History Room.

Named after Nancy Hawkinson, who spent decades keeping up the room, Toll and Thurston took on the "job" this past summer at the Hudson Area Public Library.



Maps, directories, year books, newspaper clippings and more can be found in the small and cozy room.

Nancy Hawkinson died about five years ago, and the library does not have the staff to dedicate the time and resources necessary to keeping up the room as Hawkinson had as a volunteer.

"Since then, the history room has been without a 'mother.' We don't have staff resources to manage it," Hudson Area Public Library Director Shelley Tougas said. "It's hard to emphasize enough how she created this amazing local resource and took care of it for so many years."

History of the history room

On May 1, 1984, the history room opened at the Hudson Public Library.

“Tastefully decorated in eye pleasing shades of brown and rust, the room contains local history in the form of books, newspapers, photos, yearbooks, journals and slide presentations. Besides bookshelves and files, the room has a large oak work table with matching chairs and two study carrels,” reads a Star-Observer story from April 19, 1984.

Though not located in the old library building on the southeast corner of Third and Locust Streets, the room is still filled with all of those documents and the oak work table.

The library moved to 911 Fourth St., and this history room moved with it.

Hawkinson, though she gave many hours and a lifetime of love and care to the history room, was not the only one to make it what it is today.

Gordy Anderson made the bookshelves for the library by hand, according to a 2012 story in the Star-Observer.

“It took five, 4 feet by 8 feet full sheets of plywood to construct the shelves for the history room at the public library,” the story read.



Art Hawkinson and Karine Maynard pose with a painting of their wife and mother, Nancy. Nancy Hawkinson's painting, newly finished, will hang in the history room named for her at the Hudson Area Public Library. Submitted photo

Back to life

Since Hawkinson, no one has taken the room on as their project, so the second floor room on the west side of the building has fallen into a bit of a catch-all disarray.

The two women who have taken on Hawkinson's project came into the room, which is filled floor to ceiling and in every nook and cranny with history.

“Together, they've been miracle workers. It's not done, but it's leaps and bounds from what it was,” Tougas said.

Toll spends time traveling the country with her family, researching their genealogy in various libraries. The genealogy section in the Hudson Area Library history room is brimming with family stories, something Toll would love to spend more time expanding, collecting and encouraging people to use.



Amy Thurston flips through a few files, determining where their new home might be.

Thurston, who found herself needing a project during COVID-19, began the Historic Hudson, WI Facebook page. She posts nearly every day, providing about 3,500 Hudson residents with small snippets into history.

It was through works from other local historians, like previous Star-Observer reporter Willis Miller, that helped Thurston first begin her posts.

The late Willis Miller “would appreciate the hundred of hours library volunteer Nancy Hawkinson put into photocopying and indexing the complete collection of ‘Historic Hudson,’ a column he wrote that ran in the Star-Observer from 1984-1998,” reported the Star-Observer in 2013.

Half the joy for Thurston is seeing the connections people make. There are so many unplanned and unknown familial connections and stories that are shared when she posts. You might see anywhere from five to 50 comments on a given Historic Hudson post.

Thurston began researching from her home during the pandemic, but quickly moved her hobby research into the history room when it was reopened – a long process after the fall storm caused dramatic damage to the library.

Since July, Toll and Thurston have spent, what they estimate as 20 hours a week on reorganizing the history room. Some of those hours they’ve been able to bring home with them. In the closet sits two large tote bins filled with newspaper clippings waiting to be sorted, including many from the Star-Observer.

“It’s a town that just oozes history,” Toll said.



There are numerous drawers, file cabinets, shelves and bins of history in the room. Toll was working on organizing pamphlets.

They’ve already done more than 1,000 clippings and there are over 500 newspapers left to sift through.

The number of things they've learned about Hudson along the way is innumerable, but a few that stand out include the visit of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson to Hudson.

One of Toll and Thurston's biggest challenges ahead is space. The room is cozy and has collected a lot of historical documents. To make it the most applicable, they are going to prioritize keeping Hudson area history, using the school district as a good marker.

For Wisconsin and St. Croix County history, there are other organizations that are available and preserving those larger histories. They figured if someone is seeking history from Pierce County, they're likely to go to the neighboring county for that information. Some materials were returned to various parties, finding new and more relevant homes.

Other items are being organized and categorized for swift viewing, like COVID-19 related information. It's events like this that Thurston and Toll know will be a point of interest for future historians and community members, so they plan on creating a collection of clippings relating to the pandemic and Hudson.

There are other categories like this already. A few binders sit on a shelf in the history room filled with home information organized by address. For new or old homeowners in Hudson, it's a perfect way to see if there is any documented history of their home or pictures of it from earlier days.

Nancy L. Hawkinson History Room

"We weren't necessarily history buffs back in our youth," Toll said.

"But it became that way," Thurston said.

They're both drawn to stories of the past; stories that define families; stories that built Hudson.

The goal is to make the Nancy L. Hawkinson History Room user friendly. Both of these women speak in such high regard of the resources of the room and with such affection for sharing it with others. Their hours of dedication and meticulous organization is preserving history from then and now for those in the future.

"The building is coming back together post-storm, but it's not just glass and carpet," Tougas said. "It's people like Nancy and Amy who are making us the best library we can be."

Written By

Hannah Coyle



HUDSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 Library Programs

*Creating opportunities
Expanding minds
Making memories*

About our programs

The Hudson Area Public Library's service area encompasses the Hudson School District's boundaries. We serve 30,700 people, which is one-third of St. Croix County.

In 2019, more than 20,000 people attended our programs and classes.

We're excited to tell you about our innovative programs.

We collaborate with other community organizations.

Collaborations maximize funds, reduce duplication and ensure participants benefit from the expertise and resources in our community. Our partners have included the YMCA, Kiwanis, Hudson Hospital, the Phipps Center for the Arts, other regional libraries, the Octagon House, the Dancing House and many others.

We've created one of the largest collections of virtual programs in the region.

We offered variety of virtual programs for all ages during the pandemic, including a one-of-a-kind series for youth: interviews with high-profile women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) careers. Our YouTube Channel has nearly 300 videos!

The library has no tax revenue for programs. All programs are free. The library offers an outstanding slate of programs, classes, camps and performances thanks to grants and generous donors.

Key program categories include:

- Summer Reading Program
- Family events and celebrations
- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs

We're eager to tell you about them!

Summer Reading Program

For kids, the program is simply *fun*. (We're not sure they even notice it's educational, too!)

For parents, the program is 10 weeks of fun, safe and free events for the family.

And for educators, the program helps them do their jobs. National studies show kids who participate in summer reading programs increase their reading skills, motivation and confidence. They're more likely to maintain their academic skills over the summer.

The Summer Reading Program is funded entirely by donations.





About our programs

Summer Reading Program

Reading incentives for preschoolers through high schoolers

Participants track their reading for weekly incentives. They earn chances to win prizes such as Lego kits, amusement park passes and more.

Performances

Every week we have special events at the library or parks throughout Hudson. Magicians. Reptile shows. Petting zoo. Music. And more!

Fun activities

Crafts and cooking. Rockets, drones and airplanes. Movies with popcorn, candy and lemonade. Bingo and book clubs. Lawn games. Storytimes in the park. History camp and Harry Potter camp. We have dozens of options all summer long.

Family Events and Celebrations

Our community events and celebrations draw hundreds of people. A few favorites:

Trick or Treat Trail

*Santa at the Library
(Every kid gets a book from Santa's bag!)*

Live-action Candyland

Book Character Day

Golden Rule Booyah



Community events and celebrations are funded entirely by donations.

Our mission

The Hudson Area Public Library connects people to information, services, culture, lifelong learning and each other.





About our programs

Youth Programs

All year, youth can explore science and technology, create works of art, test their cooking skills and learn new things.

Science Guy Tuesdays, special storytimes, after-hours teen nights, after-hours tween nights, K-Kids Club, teen jewelry-making, Read with Marley and Fergus (trained dogs for reluctant readers), book clubs, sensory room fun and more!



Adult Programs

We offer classes, technology assistance, book clubs and other programs for adults.

Genealogy, Just Craftin' Around, author visits, interesting lectures on topics of the day, cooking, career planning, special parenting topics, chair yoga for seniors and more! We take programs to senior living centers to ensure they can enjoy library resources despite barriers like bad weather or a lack of transportation.

Youth and adult programs are funded entirely by donations.

Our vision

The Hudson Area Public Library fosters the spirit of exploration, the joy of learning and the pursuit of knowledge for all.





Our request

2023 Summer Reading Program - \$13,000

Performers, speaker and presenter fees, prizes, supplies, promotions, snacks and summer teen aides to assist librarians with preparation and running events.

2023 Family Events and Celebrations - \$5,000

Performers, movie license, speaker and presenter fees, prizes, books for Santa's bag, supplies, promotions, snacks and goodies for Trick or Treat Trail.

2023 Youth Programs - \$5,000

Supplies, speaker and presenter fees, technology, prizes, promotions and snacks.

2023 Adult Programs - \$3,000

Supplies, adult winter reading program, speaker and presenter fees, technology, prizes and promotions.

Total: \$26,000



Our Program Scrapbook 2018-2020



Library fort night



Preschool snacks



Extreme Candyland



Revolutionary War encampment



Hamilton: the man and the show

Our Program Scrapbook 2018-2020



All about physics



Preschool science



Learning about reptiles



Halloween fun



Harry Potter Quidditch



Book Character Party

Our Program Scrapbook 2018-2020



Dr. Seuss



Puppet shows



Superhero stories



Teddy bear slumber party



Popsicles at Lakefront Park

March 2022: our programs & events

HUDSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR of EVENTS



OUR BUILDING HAS REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC! EVERYTHING IS ACCESSIBLE EXCEPT THE CHILDREN'S AREA, WHICH IS CLOSED DUE TO GLASS DAMAGE. PLEASE USE THE REAR ENTRANCE. CALL 715.386.3101 OR EMAIL US AT HUDSONPL@HUDSONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

MARCH 3 / THURSDAY / 5:30 - 6:30 PM : ROADS ON ICY WORLDS CHALLENGE INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Learn how to fly a drone, program a LEGO SPIKE rover, and find out if there is life on other worlds in our solar system. Bring your parent or guardian to this informational meeting. Kids grades 3-5. Meeting at the library.

MARCH 5 / SATURDAY / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM : K-KIDS - A SERVICE CLUB FOR KIDS
K-Kids is a member-led service group for kids in grades 3-6. Meeting at the library.

MARCH 8 & 29 / TUESDAYS / 5:30 - 6:30 PM : SCIENCE GUY TUESDAYS
A fun, interactive, scientifically spectacular event! Ages 5-9. Meeting at the library. Please register.

MARCH 10 / THURSDAY / 6:30 - 7:30 PM : GENEALOGY - USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO ENHANCE YOUR RESEARCH
Ages 18+. This class is being held virtually. Please register.

MARCH 11 / FRIDAY / 4:30 - 5:30 PM : T.A.B. TEEN ADVISORY BOARD
New members welcome. Meeting at the library.

MARCH 14 - 18 / MONDAY - FRIDAY / 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM : TODDLER & PRESCHOOL SENSORY ROOM
We'll have fun activities like scooping, squishing, digging, crawling and more! Upstairs at the library.

MARCH 14 / MONDAY / 10:15 - 10:45 AM : MUSIC & MOVEMENT
A fun, free class! Ages 2-5. We'll be at the Dancing House, 2000 O'Neil Road. Please register.

MARCH 15 / TUESDAY / 5:30 - 8:00 PM : LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

MARCH 19 / SATURDAY / 6:00 - 8:00 PM : TWEEN/TEEN NIGHT
Food too! This program is being held in conjunction with the Teen Thrive Program. Grades 6-12. YMCA Teen Center. Please register.

MARCH 21 / MONDAY / 6:30 - 8:00 PM : JUST CRAFTIN' AROUND
We'll be making Terrariums. Ages 14+. Meeting at the library. Please register.

MARCH 24 / THURSDAY / 6:30 - 7:30 PM : WHY READ POETRY - WITH POET LEE KISLING
Twelve modern poems and why they are great. Why Read Poetry is a series of four live get-togethers hosted by local poet Lee Kisling once per month through June 9th. This is part of our NEA Big Read programming and sponsored by Art Reach St. Croix. Meeting at the Library.

APRIL 2 / SATURDAY / 10:30 - 11:15 AM : SPRING BUNNY STORYTIME
Join Mr. Bunny and his Spring Storyteller for this interactive storytime. Afterward, kids can meet Mr. Bunny and pose for photos.

APRIL 14 / THURSDAY / 6:30 - 7:30 PM : GENEALOGY
Hop in for a Genealogical Road Trip! How to plan a genealogical jaunt to see the family sites. Ages 18+. This class is being held virtually. Please register.



REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM AT HUDSONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG OR CALL 715.386.3101.

HOURS

SUNDAY
CLOSED

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

STORYTIMES

JOIN MISS SARA IN
THE LIBRARY LOBBY.

TODDLER TIME
TUESDAYS | 10:15 - 10:45 AM

BABIES & BOOKS
WEDNESDAYS | 10:15 - 10:45 AM

STORIES FOR ALL
WEDNESDAYS | 11:15 - 11:45 AM

BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL BUNCH BOOK CLUB
EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 7:30 PM

BOOKMARKS BOOK CLUB
EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
10:30 - 11:30 AM

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August 2022: our programs & events

HUDSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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AUGUST 2 / TUESDAY / 5:00 - 8:00 PM : NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join us at Lakefront Park for National Night Out! Magic Norm will be there, and we'll have fun giveaways. Everyone welcome!

AUGUST 6 / SATURDAY / 10:00 - 12:00 PM : K-KIDS - A SERVICE CLUB FOR KIDS

K-Kids is a member-led service group for kids in grades 3-6. Meeting at the Library.

AUGUST 10 / WEDNESDAY / 9:30 - 10:30 AM : STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN

Join Miss Sara for a special storytime at the First Presbyterian Church Give It Away Garden!

AUGUST 12 / FRIDAY / 4:30 - 5:30 PM : T.A.B MEETING

New members welcome!

AUGUST 16 / TUESDAY / 5:30 - 8:00 PM : LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

LIBRARY
PROGRAMS
ARE ALWAYS
FREE!

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

AUGUST 1 / MONDAY / 1:00 - 2:00 PM : READ WITH TEACHERS FROM WILLOW RIVER ELEMENTARY

Teachers from Willow River Elementary read to kids and help them choose good books for their summer reading. No registration required.

AUGUST 1 / MONDAY / 3:00 - 4:30 PM : SUMMER STORIES, STEAM & SNACKS

Join Willow River Elementary teacher Lisa Plackner for a story, hands-on STEAM activity and snack. Grades 1-3. Please register.

AUGUST 3 / WEDNESDAY / 9:30 - 10:30 AM : OUTDOOR STORYTIME

Storytime will be followed by Music & Movement at 10:00 am. Williams Park. No registration required.

AUGUST 3 / WEDNESDAY / 1:00 - 3:00 PM : WEDNESDAY MOVIE MATINEE - "BIG MIRACLE"

Bring a beach blanket and picnic and chill out with us at the library. Beverages and desserts provided. Everyone welcome!

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AUGUST 4 / THURSDAY / 1:00 - 2:30 PM : SUMMER CRAFT CLASS - SEASHELL CREATURES

Sign up to create a fun sea animal this summer. Grades 1-5. Please Register

AUGUST 6 / SATURDAY / 3:00 - 6:00 PM : INTERACTIVE MOVIE NIGHT - "PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL"

Watch Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl, where you can cheer, boo, sword fight with your neighbor, and snack! Grades 6-12. Please register.

AUGUST 9 / TUESDAY / 6:30 - 7:30 PM : TALEWISE - PIRATES: LOST AT SEA

Join us to experience a fun, interactive nautical tale - with a refreshing splash of science! Weitekamp Park pavilion. A whole family event!

AUGUST 12 / FRIDAY / 3:00 - 4:30 PM : THE GREAT OREO TASTE OFF WITH "MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE" PAPER CRAFT

A taste-off of oreos featuring ten different flavors! Make paper stars for your own "message in a bottle". Grades 6-12. Please register.

AUGUST 15 - 19 / MONDAY - FRIDAY : BOOK COVER LOOK-ALIKE CHALLENGE

Take a photo recreating a book cover and submit for a chance to win a prize! No limit to entries. Grades 6-12. No registration required.

AUGUST 15 / MONDAY / 10:00 - 11:00 AM : STEM BOOK CLUB: GRADES 1-5

Join us for the discussion portion of our summer STEM book club! Refreshments will be served. Grades 1-5. Please register.

AUGUST 16 / TUESDAY / 10:30 - 11:30 AM : BRUCE THE BUG GUY

Unique and entertaining education program. We'll be meeting under the pavilion at Weitekamp Park. Everyone Welcome!

AUGUST 18 / THURSDAY / 11:00 - 12:00 PM : STEM BOOK CLUB: GRADES 3-6

Join us for the discussion portion of our summer STEM book club! Refreshments will be served. Grades 3-6. Please register.

AUGUST 19 / FRIDAY / 4:00 - 6:00 PM : SHARK & FISH ROCK PAINTING

Spend an afternoon painting sharks and fish onto rocks while enjoying some light snacks. Grades 6-12. Please register.

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BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL BUNCH BOOK CLUB
EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 7:30 PM
"THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY"
BY MATT HAIG

BOOKMARKS BOOK CLUB
EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
10:30 - 11:30 AM
"BORN A CRIME"
BY TREVOR NOAH



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October 2022: our programs & events

HUDSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

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OUR BUILDING IS OPEN! STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS CONTINUE. PLEASE USE THE REAR ENTRANCE. CALL 715.386.3101 OR EMAIL US AT HUDSONPL@HUDSONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG FOR UPDATES.

OCTOBER 1 & 3-7 / SAT & MON-FRI / DURING OPEN HOURS : TODDLER & PRESCHOOL SENSORY ROOM
Bring the kids for our special sensory play time! We'll have dedicated space for digging, squishing, crawling & more!

OCTOBER 1 / SATURDAY / 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM : K-KIDS - A SERVICE CLUB FOR KIDS
K-Kids is a member-led service group for kids in grades 3-6. Meeting at the Library.

OCTOBER 1 / SATURDAY / 2:00-6:00 PM : GOLDEN RULE HURRAH FOR BOOYAH! COMMUNITY PICNIC
A free family event that celebrates community and spirit! Everyone welcome. Weitekamp Park Picnic Pavilion.

OCTOBER 8 / SATURDAY / 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM : FAMILY GAME DAY
Join us for Family Game Day. We'll set out our collection of games for you to play. Snacks too!

OCTOBER 10 / MONDAY / LIBRARY CLOSED : STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

OCTOBER 11 / TUESDAY / 5:30 - 6:30 PM : SCIENCE GUY TUESDAYS
A fun, interactive, scientifically spectacular event! Ages 7-10. Supplies provided for the first 10 participants. No registration required.

OCTOBER 13 / THURSDAY / 1:00 - 2:00 PM : HOMESCHOOLER BOOK CLUB KICK-OFF
A book club especially for homeschoolers! We'll be talking about reading list possibilities at this kick-off event. No registration required.

OCTOBER 14 / FRIDAY / 4:30 - 5:30 PM : TEEN ADVISORY BOARD - T.A.B.
New members always welcome.

OCTOBER 15 / SATURDAY / 10:30 - 11:30 AM : FAMILY STEM SATURDAYS
Join Mr. Chris in our Maker Space for some hands-on STEM fun. Space limited. No registration required.

OCTOBER 17 / MONDAY / 10:15 - 10:45 AM : MUSIC & MOVEMENT
A fun, free class! Ages 2-5. In the Storytime Room. Please register.

OCTOBER 17 / MONDAY / 6:30 - 8:00 PM : JUST CRAFTIN' AROUND - HALLOWEEN DOOR HANGER
Come hang out, chat and craft around with us! Ages 14+. Please register.

OCTOBER 18 / TUESDAY / 6:30 - 8:00 PM : LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 20 / THURSDAY / 10:15 - 11:15 AM : PBS KIDS STEM PROGRAM
Ages 3+. No registration required.

OCTOBER 25 / TUESDAY / 5:30 - 6:30 PM : SCIENCE GUY TUESDAYS
A fun, interactive, scientifically spectacular event! Ages 7-10. Supplies provided for the first 10 participants. No registration required.

OCTOBER 28 / FRIDAY / 6:00 - 8:00 PM : ALL HALLOWS EVE WITH THE SANDERSON SISTERS
Join us for an after-hours party and choose from several different activities including cookie decorating, costume contest, and more. Grades 6-12. Please register.

OCTOBER 29 / SATURDAY / 12:00 - 2:00 PM : TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL AT LAKEFRONT PARK
Join us for a spook-tacular Halloween party! Bring the kids for trick-or-treating, crafts and activities. Everyone welcome!

**LIBRARY
PROGRAMS
ARE ALWAYS
FREE!**

REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM AT HUDSONPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG OR CALL 715.386.3101.

HOURS

SUNDAY
CLOSED

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

STORYTIMES

STORYTIME WITH MISS SARA
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 6TH

TODDLER TIME
TUESDAYS | 10:15 - 10:45 AM

BABIES & BOOKS
WEDNESDAYS | 10:15 - 10:45 AM

STORIES FOR ALL
WEDNESDAYS | 11:15 - 11:45 AM

BOOK CLUBS

NOVEL BUNCH BOOK CLUB
EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY
6:30 - 7:30 PM
"STATE OF TERROR"
BY LOUISE PENNY & HILARY CLINTON

BOOKMARKS BOOK CLUB
EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
10:30 - 11:30 AM



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO SUPPORT THE HUDSON AREA LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY.

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY & NEW BOARD STRUCTURE

Topic: Municipal library board structure

Discussion only

The City of Hudson completed the steps to become a third-class city (from a fourth-class city). This distinction affects the structure of municipal library board. Instead of seven members, the board will have nine members unless the council votes otherwise.

Third-class city

- Nine-member board, or:
 - The council may, by a two-thirds vote, reduce the number of appointed members to seven.*
- Members appointed by the mayor with approval of the council.
- Only one member of the council can serve on the library board at one time.
- Members shall be residents of the city except two members may be residents of other municipalities. (Hudson Mayor still makes the appointment, not the other communities' elected officials.)
- One of the members appointed must be a school district administrator, or the administrator's representative, to represent the district in which the library is located.
- Upon their first appointment, the members shall be divided as nearly as practicable into 3 equal groups to serve for 2-, 3- and 4-year terms, respectively. Thereafter, each regular appointment shall be for a term of 3 years. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as regular appointments are made.
- The county can appoint county residents to a public library board. (Only one of which can be a county supervisor.)
 - The number of appointees relates to the funding ratios.
 - Example: If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least one-sixth, but less than one-third, of the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located during the preceding fiscal year, one additional member.
 - The county has not been doing this with its libraries.
- After the first appointments, at a date and place fixed by the appointing officer, and annually thereafter within 60 days after the beginning of terms, the members of the library board shall organize by the election, from among their number, of a president and such other officers as they deem necessary.
 - This means the annual meeting will be in February or March.

* Thereupon, whenever a term expires or a vacancy occurs, no appointment shall be made until the number of such members has been so reduced, whereupon the remaining members shall be by lot divided by the common council into 3 classes, 3 to serve for 3 years, 2 to serve for 2 years

and 2 to serve for one year, respectively, from the date of such completed reduction, and thereafter each regular appointment shall be for a term of 3 years.