

Heartland Regional Library System presents **LIBRARY NEWS!**

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Promising Times

The vaccinations seem to be working. The number of cases and deaths have fallen considerably. We are looking forward to the days when we can open the library to programming again. Most Missouri libraries will open further to programming when their communities reach a certain percentage of being vaccinated and also what the government allows us to do. Our library system will likely follow suit. Please do your part by getting vaccinated so we can all get back to the things we enjoy.

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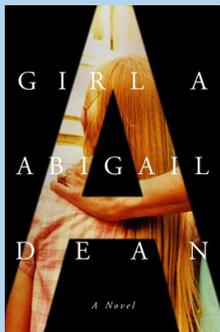
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HRLS Director, Lisa Garro, MLIS

New Items!

Reviews from www.goodreads.com

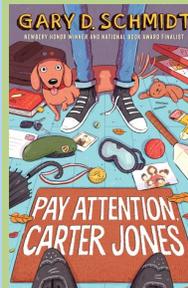
Adult Fiction:



Girl A By Abigail Dean

Lex Gracie doesn't want to think about her family. She doesn't want to think about growing up in her parents' House of Horrors. And she doesn't want to think about her identity as Girl A: the girl who escaped, the eldest sister who freed her older brother and four younger siblings. It's been easy enough to avoid her parents—her father never made it out of the House of Horrors he created, and her mother spent the rest of her life behind bars. But when her mother dies in prison and leaves Lex and her siblings the family home, she can't run from her past any longer. Together with her sister, Evie, Lex intends to turn the House of Horrors into a force for good. But first she must come to terms with her siblings - and with the childhood they shared.

Juvenile Fiction:



Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt

Carter Jones is astonished early one morning when he finds a real English butler, bowler hat and all, on the doorstep—one who stays to help the Jones family, which is a little bit broken.

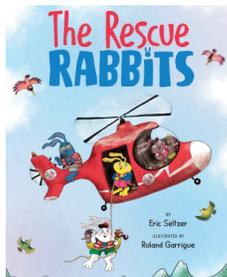
In addition to figuring out middle school, Carter has to adjust to the unwelcome presence of this new know-it-all adult in his life and navigate the butler's notions of decorum. And ultimately, when his burden of grief and anger from the past can no longer be ignored, Carter learns that a burden becomes lighter when it is shared.

YA Fiction:



Tiger Queen By Annie Sullivan

In the mythical desert kingdom of Achra, an ancient law forces sixteen-year-old Princess Kateri to fight in the arena to prove her right to rule. For Kateri, winning also means fulfilling a promise to her late mother that she would protect her people, who are struggling through windstorms and drought. The situation is worsened by the gang of Desert Boys that frequently raids the city wells, forcing the king to ration what little water is left. The punishment for stealing water is a choice between two doors: behind one lies freedom, and behind the other is a tiger. But when Kateri's final opponent is announced, she knows she cannot win. In desperation, she turns to the desert and the one person she never thought she'd side with. What Kateri discovers twists her world—and her heart—upside down. Her future is now behind two doors—only she's not sure which holds the key to keeping her kingdom and which releases the tiger.



Picture Books:

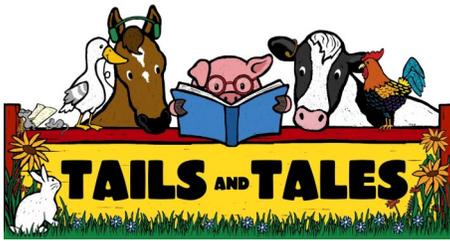
The Rescue Rabbits by Eric Seltzer, illustrations by Roland Garrigue

The four zany Rescue Rabbits invite you to race along with them as they save their fellow animal friends both big and small. From limping elephants to seasick kangaroos, it seems there is no problem they can't handle.

But when the Rescue Rabbits meet a rhino prince with a very unique problem, they will have to put their heads together (in a Rescue Rabbits huddle, of course!) and find a special solution in order to save the day. And that's just what they will do, because they are...
THE RESCUE RABBITS!

Summer Programs

Summer Reading Programs



Dawn, our children's librarian, is gearing up for the summer reading programs at each of our branches. We are all so excited about this as we were only able to do virtual programs last summer. This summer, depending on

the COVID-19 situation and what the vaccination rate in our areas are, we are planning to have our programs in person. We may be outside and wearing masks but we will make it work. Mad Science will join us in July! Be sure to check our website for upcoming events.

Remember, you can print tax instructions and forms at the library for FREE! You can also use one of our public computers to file your taxes electronically. Remember, staff can help you with finding and printing forms but **not** with filling out forms or filing



your actual taxes.

Great Courses now on DVD

We have recently purchased some of the Great Courses on DVD. These Great Courses offer engaging and immersive learning experiences. So far, we have acquired courses in history. These would be perfect for high school history teachers! The benefits are no commercials, no internet glitches, pause, rewind, fast-forward, re-watch as much as you like. Some of the titles available so far:



Happy National Library Week!! (April 4- April 10th)

beanstack

We will be using the Beanstack app to create some fun this spring and summer! Read books to earn badges and prizes. We will also create some activity challenges where you can earn badges after completing activities in your community. Fun for the whole family!! Be sure to check our website for updates.



Star Wars DVD set.

We now have the entire set of the Star Wars saga. Watch them in chronological order or by their creation dates.



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