

LIBRARY NEWS!

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September

September brings the beginning of fall, a new school year, and plenty of opportunities to learn, explore, and discover something new at your library!

This month, we're celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month and reminding you that your library card opens the door to much more than books.

From telescopes and our Library of Things to digital resources, video tutorials, programs, and more, there is always something new to explore at Heartland Regional Library.

As the seasons change, we hope you'll make the library part of your September routine. Check out something you've never tried, learn a new skill with Niche Academy, explore the night sky with one of our telescopes, or simply find your next great read.

Your library card is your passport to discovery—where will it take you this month?

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NEW ITEMS!

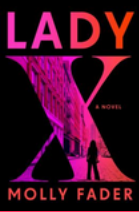
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ADULT FICTION

Lady X by Molly Fader

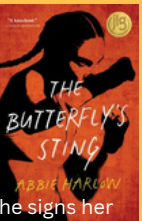
Los Angeles, 2024. After learning that her A-list actor husband sent explicit photos to multiple girls on social media, Margot Cooper runs away from the world -- and the paparazzi -- by fleeing to her childhood home with her teenage daughter in tow. But home isn't the sanctuary Margot was hoping for. In a cardboard box in the corner of the attic, she finds damning evidence of an infamous urban legend, the mysterious vigilante "Lady X" -- including a blurry newspaper photo of a woman who looks an awful lot like Margot's mother. New York City, 1977. In the midst of an infamous summer, Ginger Daughtry and her two beloved roommates are able to shield one another from the chaos -- until one of them is assaulted. Astounded by the lack of response from police, the young women decide to engage in some light payback, signing their handiwork as "Lady X." Soon copycats appear, and a movement inspired by acts of vandalism against terrible men spirals out of control, with criminals running amok under the guise of the enigmatic Lady X. When a body is found fallen -- or pushed -- from five stories high, the hunt reaches a boiling point.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

The Butterfly's Sting by Abby Harlow

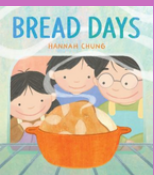
Never again. That's what seventeen-year-old Bo Clark has promised her two younger siblings ever since they were put in separate foster homes -- a situation that nearly turned deadly for her little brother, and that they have vowed never to repeat. Bo will do anything to keep that promise. Even if it means enduring the abuse of Uncle Jack, their new guardian. When Jack discovers that Bo has a talent for boxing, he signs her up for an underground fight club tournament, which could bring in enough money for her to move out with her siblings as soon as she turns eighteen. But the ring is a brutal place, and when Bo's cutman is arrested, Jack is forced to bring a new one onto the team. Liam turns out to be a schoolmate of Bo's, and even as the two of them grow closer, she worries that he will go to the authorities if he ever finds out Jack is hurting her. As Bo makes her way closer to the big prize, Jack starts to set his sights beyond the tournament, and in an explosive finale, the violence moves outside the ring, putting everything Bo loves at risk.



PICTURE BOOK

Bread Days by Hannah Chung

Nara loves nothing more than her bread days with Papa. Together, they mix, fold, and score dough, and eagerly watch as it rises to a delicious loaf in the oven. But one day, Papa is no longer there, and Nara's bread days are suddenly empty. Instead, she's left with feelings and memories that sadden and confuse her. But when Nara learns to take care of the sourdough starter she and Papa once made, she finds solace in bread days again -- and, together with Mama, is able to keep a family tradition alive in memory of past loved ones. From the author of The Most Perfect Persimmon, this picture book is a touching story of parent-child connection and the love language of food, as well as a comforting read for anyone who has experienced loss.



Library of Things

 Look Up! Check Out a Telescope

September is a great month to explore the night sky! Check out one of our telescopes and discover what's waiting above Missouri. Depending on the night and viewing conditions, you may be able to see the Moon's craters, Saturn and its rings, Jupiter and its moons, double stars, star clusters, and even our neighboring Andromeda Galaxy.

A telescope can turn an ordinary evening of stargazing into an opportunity to explore the universe from your own backyard!

Tip: For the best viewing, choose a clear night away from bright lights and give your eyes time to adjust to the darkness.



Resources



September is **Library Card Sign-Up Month**, making it the perfect time to make sure everyone in your family has a Heartland Regional Library card! A library card opens the door to so much more than books. Check out movies, fishing poles & tackleboxes, audiobooks, magazines, telescopes, Tonieboxes, sewing machines, tools, and other Library of Things items—or explore our many free online resources from home.

Whether you're looking for your next great read, learning a new skill, helping with homework, researching your family history, or simply trying something new, your library card gives you access to a world of possibilities. If you don't have a card yet, September is the perfect time to sign up. And if you already have one, share the library love and remind a friend or family member to get theirs!

Learn Something New with **Niche Academy**



Your library card gives you access to more than books! With Niche Academy, Heartland Regional Library patrons can explore easy-to-follow video tutorials covering a wide variety of topics. Learn new technology skills, discover helpful online resources, improve your computer skills, and explore tutorials at your own pace—all from the comfort of home.

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