

LIBRARY NEWS!

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Hello June!

Summer is here, and your library is the perfect place to kick off the season with adventure, discovery, and fun for all ages.

Whether you're diving into our Summer Library Program, attending exciting events, or just enjoying the cool air and a good book, we've got something for everyone.

Be sure to check out our June calendar for storytimes, crafts, workshops, and more. Let's make this summer one to remember—at the library!



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NEW ITEMS!

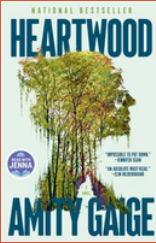
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ADULT FICTION

Heartwood by Amity Gaige

In the heart of the Maine woods, an experienced Appalachian Trail hiker goes missing. She is forty-two-year-old Valerie Gillis, who has vanished 200 miles from her final destination. Alone in the wilderness, Valerie pours her thoughts into fractured, poetic letters to her mother as she battles the elements and struggles to keep hoping. At the heart of the investigation is Beverly, the determined Maine State Game Warden tasked with finding Valerie, who leads the search on the ground. Meanwhile, Lena, a seventy-six-year-old birdwatcher in a Connecticut retirement community, becomes an unexpected armchair detective. Roving between these compelling narratives, a puzzle emerges, intensifying the frantic search, as Valerie's disappearance may not be accidental.



YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honor of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves. When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker, and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight ... and have that fight reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.



JUVENILE FICTION

Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In the spring of 1776, thirteen-year-old Elsbeth Culpepper wakes to the sound of cannons. It's the Siege of Boston, the Patriots' massive drive to push the Loyalists out that turns the city into a chaotic war zone. Elsbeth's father -- her only living relative -- has gone missing, leaving her alone and adrift in a broken town while desperately seeking employment to avoid the orphanage. Just when things couldn't feel worse, the smallpox epidemic sweeps across Boston. Now, Bostonians must fight for their lives against an invisible enemy in addition to the visible one. While a treatment is being frantically fine-tuned, thousands of people rush in from the countryside begging for inoculation. At the same time, others refuse protection, for the treatment is crude at best and at times more dangerous than the disease itself. Elsbeth, who had smallpox as a small child and is now immune, finds work taking care of a large, wealthy family with discord of their own as they await a turn at inoculation, but as the epidemic and the revolution rage on, will she find her father?



Resources

Telescopes

Exploring the night sky is a magical experience, and your library makes it easy and free with our telescopes available for checkout! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned stargazer, our telescopes are user-friendly and come with instructions to help you get started. Observing the stars, planets, and moon from your own backyard is a great way to connect with nature, spark curiosity, and learn something new. It's also a perfect family activity—kids and adults alike will be amazed at what they can see when they look up.



June is a fantastic month for stargazing! This month, keep an eye out for the bright planet Saturn, which rises in the early morning hours, and Jupiter, which becomes visible just before dawn. The Summer Triangle—a group of three bright stars (Vega, Deneb, and Altair)—will be climbing higher into the sky each night. June 20 marks the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year, and while that means shorter nights, it also brings warmer weather for comfortable evening skywatching. Around the full moon on June 21, you'll have a great opportunity to observe the moon's craters and surface details. Stop by the library, check out a telescope, and discover the universe from right where you are!

Available for checkout at your library branch



Job & Career Resources

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Are you looking for a summer job or wanting to brush up on your workforce skills? The Heartland Regional Library System is committed to supporting your career and educational goals with a variety of free, accessible resources. Through our website, you can access JobNow, a versatile online service designed to support every step of the job search process. JobNow features live online coaches who assist in resume and cover letter preparation, and help patrons prepare for job interviews.

For those preparing for standardized tests or seeking to enhance their skills, the LearningExpress Library offers over 300 online academic and licensing practice tests, including SAT, ACT, GRE, HiSET, LSAT, Advanced Placement, civil service, military, real estate, law enforcement, citizenship, TOEFL, ESL, and basic skills for elementary, middle, and high school improvement. This resource provides instant scoring and customized feedback to help you succeed.

Veterans can also benefit from VetNow, where Brainfuse Veteran Navigators are available to help determine eligible benefits, such as assistance in buying homes, earning degrees, starting careers, and staying healthy. All these resources are available with your library card, providing valuable support for your career advancement and personal development.

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