

# HYDE PARK FREE LIBRARY



September 2, 2020

Dear Hyde Park Library Patrons,

Well, we have been open to the public for several weeks now, and it has been great to see things going so well and to welcome our patrons inside the building once more. There are still some limitations and likely will be for some time. We ask that our patrons be understanding of some of the new demands placed upon us.

We do have to limit the number of people in the building at any one time. So far this has not been too much of a problem. We do allow for up to 15 patrons in the upstairs section of the building at any one time. **Masks must be worn.** Recent studies indicate that bandanas and face shields do not provide adequate protection, so **we do require actual face masks.**

To accommodate all of our public, patrons are required **limit their visits to no more than 45 minutes.** This policy also diminishes the risk of contagion since duration of exposure has been shown to be a key factor in contracting COVID-19.

Our patrons are encouraged to sign in on our visitors' log. In the event that tracing of our visitors became necessary, having a record of who was in the building on a given date would facilitate tracing.

Appointments are necessary for computer use. Appointments are made from the top of the hour and are for a 45 minute period from that starting point. Sessions cannot be renewed.

The Children's Room, is accessible by appointment and visits are limited to 45 minutes. Masks are required for ages 2 and up.

We value your patronage and are delighted to be able to serve our patrons face-to-face again.

For patrons who do not feel comfortable coming in to the building at this time, however, the curbside service option will continue for the foreseeable future. Call us at 229-7791 to learn more about this option.

## **BOARD ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 8th -- *No Tax Levy Increase For 2021***

This year's board election vote will take place on October 8th here at the Hyde Park Library. We'd like to take this occasion to invite any and all individuals interested in possibly serving on the library board to consider running for election this season.

Two slots will be up for a vote this October. Candidates need to be registered voters residing within the Hyde Park Library District. For more information, please consider contacting library director Greg Callahan at (845)229-7791 ext.205.

Despite all the technological advances and changes in the way information is disseminated and received, public libraries remain a vital public resource. In this fast-moving, ever changing environment, the need for a diverse and forward-looking board--one ready to meet head on the many challenges and opportunities we face--is clear. If you have ever thought about such service, please do not hesitate to contact our director or any current board member for more information.

At our mid-summer board meeting, the library board opted not to increase the tax levy for 2021. It was felt that given the shock waves sent out by the pandemic and its attendant economic hardship for many in the community that forgoing an increase for the 2021 calendar year would be appropriate. We will be looking long and hard at the budget for next year to determine how to minimize the impact of this decision in terms of services and materials provided.

We will likely try to run a few more fundraisers for next year in hopes that patrons who can do a bit more to meet our budgetary needs will consider doing so. Fundraising activities during a pandemic can be tricky, of course, but we hope to come up with a few options--including our annual Delivery Fundraiser (see below) that will be no- or low-contact. We sincerely appreciate the support of our community members.



Our annual quilt raffle, originally scheduled for last April, was put on hold along with just about everything else in the world last spring.

It was quite a shame in so many ways, not least because the colorful floral pattern seemed to celebrate the spring season in a big way.

But quilts are also associated with fall and the coming of colder weather, so it's certainly not inappropriate that we move the drawing date to the last Saturday in October, which happens to be Halloween.

No "trick" involved, but why not "treat" yourself to a booklet of raffle tickets (a bargain at six tix for a mere \$5.00).

This could be your year. And what a great way to support your library.

## Hyde Park Library Annual Quilt Raffle:

### "Oopsie Daisy"

Presented By The Hyde Park Library Craft Guild



Full/Queen Size

Hand-crafted by members of the Hyde Park Library Craft Guild, "Oopsie Daisy" is the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Quilt donation made by the guild.

This quilt will be raffled

**Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 2020**  
with the proceeds to be donated to the Hyde Park Free Library.

**1 ticket for \$1**

**6 tickets for \$5**

