

HYDE PARK FREE LIBRARY



November 19, 2020

Dear Hyde Park Library Patrons,

If you've visited the library recently--or been on our website or Facebook page--you may have noticed wording to this effect: **The Hyde Park Library Children's Room will be closed from November 16th to November 30th**

We regret any inconvenience, but we trust everyone will be impressed by the results of the refurbishing and renewal of this much loved library space. We're repainting the walls and putting down attractive new carpeting. Work is going very well (actually a bit ahead of schedule). We should be up and running and significantly spruced up very soon indeed.

The adult section upstairs remains open and all materials housed in that area continue to be available. In the meantime, our staff will be glad to assist you in ordering children's materials from other libraries in the MHL System or even through interlibrary loan to libraries outside the system if necessary.

We are very excited about these new changes and hope you will be as well. It's sure to be a great way to usher in the holiday season.

PROGRAMMING IN THE AGE OF COVID

We've been experimenting a bit with hybrid programming during the past month. We are still doing some virtual programming, but have also done some "live" programs...with strict attendance limits.

Going forward, we ask patrons to observe the notice in our fliers and ads that "pre-registration is required."

Should there be a significant demand for a program, one that exceeds the registration limits--we will look at scheduling additional sessions whenever we can. This is a readily available option for our book clubs, any movies that we screen and much of our children's

programming. We will be requiring pre-registration for all events (including our book discussions).

We'll be hosting a "live" book club session to discuss *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict this Friday, November 20th at 12:00 PM. As of this writing, there is still slots available for this event. If we have significantly more interest, we will schedule an alternate "live" session.

We also recently set up a virtual session for the same title. So book club members (or anyone else who has read *Carnegie's Maid* and would like to participate in a discussion) can join us online Monday, November 23rd at 6:30 PM. Email us at director@hydeparklibrary.org or call (845)229-7791 ext. 205. Information will also be posted on the Hyde Park Library Facebook page.

AND THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22...

Some of our programming remains virtual. It's possible that we will be doing live music sometime soon. (One hopes.) But for now, we've had some success with our virtual open mics. This coming Sunday, November 22nd, we'll have another open mic session at 1:30 PM (for pre-show and sound check...2:00 is the actual begin time). One of our favorite regional artists, Pat Lamanna, will be our featured act. Pat is something of a local legend--someone whose dedication to her craft and equally profound dedication to humanitarian causes seems (miraculously) to begin to unify audiences in unexpected ways in these fractured times. Don't miss her...and all our other open mic acts who always seem to bring new and unexpected miracles to our open mic events.

Sound check and pre-show begin at 1:30 PM.

Open mic acts begin at 2:00 PM

Pat Lamanna take the stage at 3:15 PM

More Open mic acts (if any) at 4:00 PM

The Hyde Park Free Library's

zoom **Open Mic**

Sunday, Nov. 22nd 1:30pm

With Featured Performer: **Pat Lamanna**

Contact Greg Callahan at director@hydeparkfreelibrary.org for log-in access or click the provided link

The poster features a vibrant background of musical notes and a photo of Pat Lamanna, a woman with short grey hair, smiling and holding a guitar. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title and date prominently displayed.

HOOPLA FOR HOLIDAYS

We hope that by now many of you have had a chance to check out the popular on-demand streaming service "hoopla digital" here at the Hyde Park Library. As we reported back in June, library card holders can access over 750,000 titles (audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies and TV). Content can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the hoopla digital app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

The hoopla digital collection includes fan favorite movies, newly released albums, *New York Times* bestselling titles and exclusive STEAM educational content to enhance each users experience.

With hoopla digital, Hyde Park Library patrons can borrow, instantly stream and download dynamic content with a valid library card. (Don't have one, click the "register" button on the right hand side of our homepage (hydeparkfreelibrary.org) for a temp card, valid for 30 days and perfect for just such eContent as hoopla has to offer.

Even if you are currently "knee deep in the hoopla" (as Starship might put it), you will be glad to know that for the remainder of the month you take advantage of their "bonus borrows" link. That means that in addition to the monthly quota of eight borrows, patrons get to borrow additional titles in all formats.

And in December and January, our library will celebrate the holiday season by temporarily upping our loans to our patrons to 10 borrows for those two months. We know many patrons will be spending more time at home will benefit from this increase.

HPFL's 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

As in previous years, we are including a form in our year-end newsletter for an "annual appeal" donation. For those who are in a position of making a seasonal donation to our library, we ask that consider doing so at year's end. You can print out the attached form at the bottom of this newsletter if you like...or simply make whatever donation you can on your next visit to the library (perhaps noting on your check's memo line that your donation is for the annual appeal).

As we noted in previous campaigns, some people are legitimately confused about the deductibility of their charitable giving this year, and it is certainly advisable to do some research (or to consult with a professional) about how the changes approved by Congress late 2017 will affect one's own situation. Some of the online sources we've consulted do suggest that such donations will be deductible for those who will continue to itemize, but given the uncertainty out there, it likely would still be wise to seek the advice of a professional in this matter.

However one looks at it, fundraising remains a significant part of our budget (and goes a long way in keeping down our tax levy each year), so any voluntary financial contribution by our patrons is deeply appreciated at any time of year. Many of our patrons may have already made a significant donation during other fundraising events held this year, and we cannot thank you enough for your

support. But this year-end campaign affords patrons one more opportunity to demonstrate their support, and as always, we remain deeply grateful for whatever donations our patrons can make. For your convenience, we are including a copy of the Appeal Donation Form below. You may find it useful to print it out to attach with your gift.

We will also put a link to a reproducible form on our website. Paper copies will also be available at the library circulation desk. Should you be unable to print the form, you may find these paper copies useful.

It is, of course, not absolutely necessary to enclose this document with any gift. You may simply note on your check's memo line that you are making a contribution toward the Year End Appeal or otherwise indicate the nature of your gift, as you prefer.

Donations can be dropped off at the circulation desk on your next visit--or mailed directly to The Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main St., Hyde Park, NY 12538.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

ANNUAL APPEAL FORM

Attached is my gift to help support the Hyde Park Free Library (Please Circle Amount):

- \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 Other

- Please keep my gift anonymous.

Name

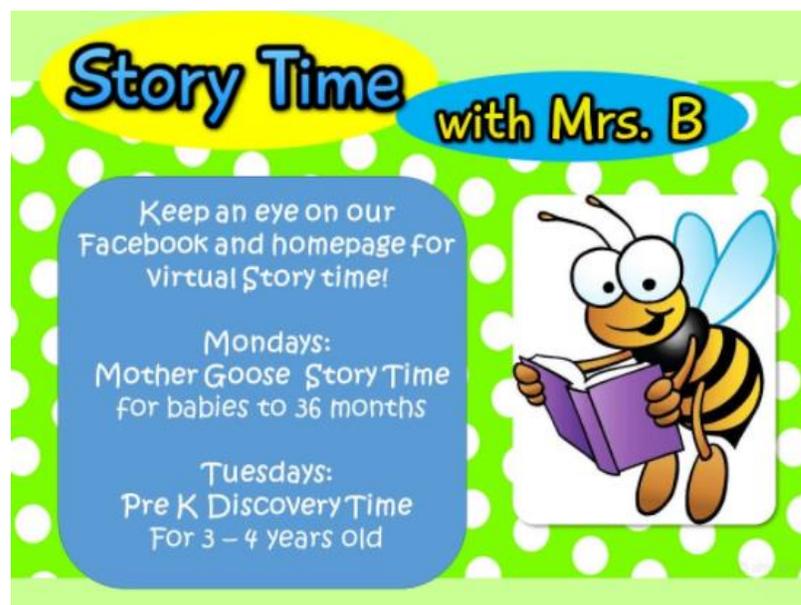
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JUST A REMINDER...NEW HPFL HOURS



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Parents and caregivers, don't forget: our virtual story times are held on Monday and Tuesday mornings and are available for a limited time (for copyright purposes). You can find them on our home page (hydeparkfreelibrary.org) or on the Hyde Park Library Facebook page.



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