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# The Herington Public Library Newsletter

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## Happenings at the Herington Public Library:

Thanks for taking time to read the Herington Public Library newsletter. Watch the Facebook page, the website and the newspaper for updates.  
~ Susan Mueller, Children's Librarian, and Shelly Wirtz, Library Director

**Illness:** The Herington Public Library staff respectfully ask that those who are sick (throwing up, running a fever, terrible cough, etc.) to stay home or wear a mask. The HPL staff is trying to keep the library as healthy as possible for patrons.

**2020 Census:** The Herington Public Library currently has information available about the 2020 United States Census.

Every 10 years, a census is conducted to obtain an accurate count of residents. These numbers affect how many seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as determining the need for roads, hospitals and funding for many other community, state and national needs.

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently seeking census takers.

All applicants must be a minimum of 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and have a valid Social Security number and email address. Males born after Dec. 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective Service System or have a qualifying exemption.

Visit [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) to find out more information or to apply. Potential applicants may also call 1-855-562-2020.

**Spring Story Time:** "Fun with Forest Friends" is the spring story time theme for all area preschoolers. Weekly sessions will be held at 9 a.m. Thursdays starting March 26.

Each story time session includes stories read by Ms. Susan, a craft or activity, sometimes a song, and snacks. There is no charge to attend story time.

**Summer Learning:** Since the summer reading program includes so much more than reading, it's now being referred to as Summer Learning. Typically, the Herington program begins the last week of May and concludes around July 4th. Other events will be held in July and August on a to-be-announced basis.

This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story," and will focus on imagination, daydreams, fairy tales, mythology and other fun topics.

Registration will be offered in person or on-line in late May. Watch for more details as plans are finalized.

**New Webpage:** Library staff members are excited to announce work on a new website design! Apologies are extended for any out-of-date information that may be on the current site. Hopefully, the new site will be completed by late March or early April. Thanks for understanding and patience during this exciting transition.

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## Herington Public Library Services:

High Speed Internet

Wireless Internet

4 Patron Computers

Copy Machine

Fax Machine

Homebound & Outreach Service

Handicapped Accessibility

Book Group

Children's Story Time

Summer Reading Program

Tax Forms

DVDS

Audio Books

Paperbacks

Newspapers

Magazines

Kansas Library Card

### Books on order:

- \* Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
- \* In the Lion's Den by Barbara Bradford
- \* The Private Cathedral by James Lee Burke
- \* Quantum by Patricia Cornwell
- \* Wrath of Poseidon by Clive Cussler
- \* Camino Winds by John Grisham
- \* Being Known by Robin Jones Gunn
- \* Robert B. Parker's Grudge Match by Mike Lupica
- \* Close Up by Amanda Quick
- \* Big Summer by Jennifer Weiner
- \* Prank You Very Much by Megan McDonald
- \* Big Nate Blow the Roof Off by Lincoln Peirce

**Find your place at the Library:** National Library Week is being celebrated April 19-25. The local library will offer fine forgiveness week to celebrate.

There's something for almost everyone at the library, and each library serves the needs of its own unique community. This is reflected in their collections, programming and events. Celebrate by visiting your library and show your support for libraries on social media.

**Rotating Books:** The rotating books provided through the North Central Kansas Library System will be exchanged on Thursday, April 9th.

**Display Case:** Anyone who would like to display treasures at the library may call Shelly at 785-258-2011 to schedule a display.

**Book Discussion Group:** The book group meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library. Everyone is welcome. Those wanting more information about the book group may call Shelly at 785-258-2011.

In March the group is reading "The Boy who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba. The April book will be "The Japanese Lover" by Isabel Allende.

If there is another book group in the area that would like the library to order books, please contact Shelly. There are several different ways she can obtain books for a group.

**Kansas Talking Books:** Talking books provide personalized library support and materials in a specialized format to eligible Kansas residents to ensure that all may read. This no-cost library service features: audio books, audio magazines, Braille books and Braille magazines mailed directly to one's house and returned postage free. Special equipment lent at no charge.

Any Kansas resident with visual impairment, physical impairment or reading disability is eligible for Kansas Talking Books. Schools and medical facilities who serve qualifying individuals may also be eligible.

Teachers, librarians, registered nurses, therapists, social workers, case workers, counselors, and doctors may register residents for talking book services.

Find that next good read and get library help by calling 800-362-0699, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or stop by HPL, to see one of the machines and complete an application.

**Catholic Charities:** Catholic Charities' Mobile Outreach van comes to Herington to assist community residents on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., by appointment only. Catholic Charities can help with items such as food, hygiene products, diapers, wipes and formula. The program may also assist with rent, utilities, or prescriptions. Call 785-323-0644 to determine eligibility for financial assistance. To receive food, hygiene products, diapers, wipes, or formula, call the Herington Public Library to schedule an appointment at 785-258-2011.

**State Data Bases:** The Herington Public Library has new information for the general public about on-line data bases offered through the State Library of Kansas. The SLK provides free access to more than 60 on-line data bases at no charge.

Many of the data bases will be of use to those doing research, exploring careers, genealogists, studying current events, school teachers, home school families and those preparing debate topics, speeches or factual presentations.

Those having a specific interest may ask librarians for the data bases that meet their needs. There is no charge to access the data bases at <https://kslib.info> Those wanting to access the data bases from home will need a Kansas Library Card available free at the library.

