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# The Herington Public Library Newsletter

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Hours: Monday - Thursday 11:00 - 6:00 PM Friday & Saturday 9:00 - 3:00 PM

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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

**Reopening:** The library is now open! The staff and board are asking visitors to follow these guidelines when visiting the library:

- \* **Remember:** If you don't feel well, please don't enter the library.
- \* We are now open Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. 3 p.m.,
- \* There is a limit of five people in the library at a time.
- \* Library visits are limited to 20 minutes.
- \* Use hand sanitizer before browsing. Gloves will be provided upon request.
- \* If possible, wear a mask.
- \* Browse with eyes rather than hands: keep book/DVD contact to a minimum.
- \* Follow social distancing guidelines (minimum distance of six feet).
- \* Computer time is limited to 20 minutes.
- \* Computer use is for printing and business only. At this time, there will be no gaming or social media use.
- \* The restrooms, water fountain, and meeting room are not available.
- \* Curbside service is still available.
- \* These services are subject to change at any time.

**Returns:** Library patrons are asked place returned items in a plastic bag of some type. They are available at the library! Return items will be quarantine for 72 hours, then checked in and returned to the shelves.



## 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:

- \* The Revelators by Ace Atkins
- \* Mrs. Lincoln's Sister by Jennifer Chiaverini
- \* Holding out for Christmas by Janet Dailey
- \* The Summer House by James Patterson
- \* Daddy's Girls by Danielle Steel
- \* Paddington and the Painting by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- \* Please Don't Eat Me by Liz Climo
- \* Dandy by Ame Dyckman
- \* The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
- \* You Never Forget your First by Alexis Coe
- \* Half Broke: a Memoir by Ginger Gaffney
- \* Feed the Birds by Chris Early

**Library Improvements:** The library board had voted to have the basement lights placed on motion sensors. The upgrade was recently completed. This should be a more energy efficient use of electricity for the library. Should the lights go off while using the library, patrons need to move to reactivate them.

**2020 Census:** Remember to complete the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, determine hundreds of billions in federal funding every year, and provide data that impacts communities for the next decade.

Fill out the census on line by going to <https://2020census.gov/>

**New Webpage:** Library staff members are excited to announce work on a new website design! In the last news letter, plans called to have it completed by April. Due to the Covid-19 that is now pushed back to July. Apologies are expressed for any out-of-date information that may be on the current site. Thanks for understanding and patience during this exciting transition.

**Rotating Books:** The rotating books provided through the North Central Kansas Library System will be exchanged on Wednesday, July 8.

**Book Discussion Group:** For June the book group met via Zoom. Members discussed the book "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" by William Kamkwamba.

In July, the group will talk about favorite books read. Those wanting more information about the book group may call Shelly at 785-258-2011.

**Summer Reading:** The annual summer reading program has started at the library. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story." Although Covid-19 has limited in-person contact, there are still fun ways to participate and keep on reading!

Adults and youth may register by calling the library at 785-258-2011 or sending an email to [summerreading@heringtonlib.info](mailto:summerreading@heringtonlib.info) For adults, just a name and email are needed. For youth, a name, age, parent(s) name and email are needed.

Youth who register may watch a virtual story time on the library's Facebook page posted at 10 a.m. each Thursday (it can be watched anytime after posting.) Also craft packets will be provided for all youth registered. They can be picked up on Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or Fridays, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Special pick-up arrangements can be made by calling 785-258-2011.

**Reader Zone App:** Something new offered through the Herington Public Library is an electronic app called Reader Zone. To use Reader Zone, first download the app onto a phone or tablet. Register with a name and password to create an account. Go to Herington Public Library Goals and join a reading group. They are sorted by age. To join, use the code d06bd. When asked, add a number to the Reading Entry and then add a book to the Book Bank. The app will record the number of books read in each age category. The state library system is seeking to use this to help record the number of summer readers.

Like many apps, it make take some time to figure out all the details. Don't get frustrated just try to learn something new. Please contact the library with questions.

