



HRLS

Director's Report and Highlights

October 2022

A Visit to the Library

In the month of October alone, over 1,000 students and teachers participated in the interactive and educational Library Field Trip program. Students are given a kid-friendly building tour, get to explore and interact with the Youth Services space, experience a library skills program, and get their first eLibrary Card after their visit. These efforts have allowed for more families to return to the library where students excitedly bring their parents/caregivers and siblings to experience the library just as they did. More bilingual families are coming to the library too, allowing staff to promote the vast range of titles and services that can support their readers. This program will be offered again in the Spring, with the goal to see every Winchester Public Schools student from Pre-K-8th Grade.



We've Got Friends!



For almost 45 years, "The Friends of Handley Library" have worked to support the library system and the services it provides to the community. Perhaps, best known for its Book Sales, the organization raised \$15,220 at its October Sale, due in no small part to the 255 hours of volunteer time it took to prepare and staff the 6 day sale.

Perhaps not as well known is the active part the group plays in providing culturally enriching programs to the community. Most recently, the Friends "A Little Noon Music" program hosted the Shenandoah University Jazz's Halloween Songs.

The Friends also hosted a program by Laura Ellen Wade entitled "Tash Tudor, A New England Legend, for which Mrs. Wade brought over 30 original works by Tash Tudor to share with the audience.

Information Access Anywhere 24/7



Hoopla is a web and mobile library media streaming platform that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone, even your TV. Instant titles can be streamed immediately with no waiting or be downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. More popular titles are listed as Flex titles - if you've reached your limit, return one to get another!





Teen Advisory Council at Bowman

The Teen Advisory Council of Bowman Library selected their leadership for the next year. The Council includes kneeling members: Mary Costello, Gigi Cutshaw, and Eowyn Gutshall, standing members: Myles Fraizer, Madi White, Teagan Willoughby, Julia Ignot, Josiah Cumbee, and Andres Pacheco. Active for almost 20 years, the advisory group works hard to make programs popular for the local teens. This current board represents area middle and high school students from public, private and home schools.

Franken Toys

The Handley Youth Services Department hosted the popular “Franken Toys” event in October. Just in time for the spooky Halloween season. Thirty teens and tweens attended this after-hours event hosted in partnership with Valley Makers Association. Attendees took old toys apart and “Frankensteined” them into new ones allowing them to channel their inner spook to make something both creative and creepy.



at Handley Library will be closed for renovation from
**OCTOBER 31-
DECEMBER 3**

Archive digital resources are available on our computers in all branch locations.

Just a Quick reminder

The Stewart Bell Jr. Archives continue to be closed to the public while additional movable shelves are installed. This major renovation involves removing thousands of items from old, stationary shelves, storing the items, removing the old shelving, installing the new moveable shelving and then restoring the thousands of items to their new locations. The benefit of the new shelves is that they can be compressed when not be searched, allowing for both greater storage capacity and more flexible workspace.

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