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Director's Report and Highlights

September, 2022

The Most Valuable Card You Can Own?

This September, Handley Regional Library System took part in the American Library Association's annual national Library Card Sign-up Month campaign. During the month, staff members created numerous outreach events and hosted school visits with the goal of spreading the word about the valuable resources available to cardholders, from books, movies, music and video games to educational and entertaining programs, and an extensive 24/7 digital library. As a result of all the activities, 716 new library cards were issued. And cards now renew for 3 years instead of just 2.



Top Summer Readers



This year 401 patrons registered for the Adult Summer Reading Program that ran from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Pamela Pampe who is shown in the photo with her prize bag full of goodies, was among the top 3 Summer Reading participants that included Paula Kelsey and Robin Casey. Raffle Prize winners were Christina Rash, Miaomiao Liu, and Charline Allen. Pamela appreciated her prize so much that she sent a little Thank You note.

*Dear Handley library,
I was a winner for
the Adult Summer Reading Program
Thank you for the wonderful bag
of goodies. I was so surprised!
Thank you for running this
program for Adults!
Pam Pampe*

Stewart Bell Jr Archives to be closed October 31st through December 3rd for storage room renovations

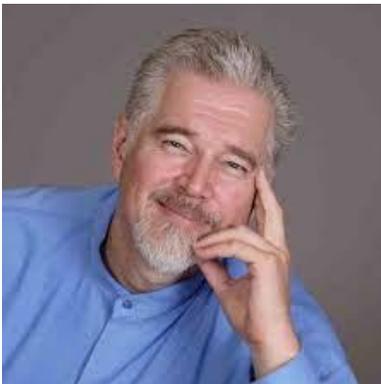
The Archives located within the Handley Library branch will undergo significant renovations of its storage room with the addition of new movable shelves. This long-awaited and exciting project, funded by the Dorothy Robinson trust, will improve organization, increase the space available for collections, and help staff to better assist researchers. During this time the Archives will be closed to the public beginning Monday, October 31st through Saturday, December 3rd. Normal operations should resume on Monday, December 5, 2022.



THE STEWART BELL JR. ARCHIVES

**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.**



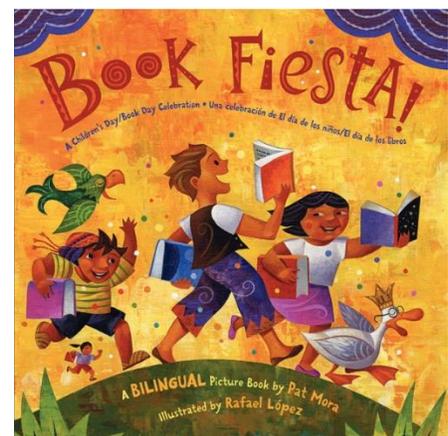
“Todd Strader Replaces Laurine Kennedy”

September 30th marked the last official day of Laurine Kennedy’s 11-year stint as the Clarke County Library Branch Manager. Prior to becoming the Branch Manager, Laurine worked at the Clarke County Library for 5 years as a part-time library assistant.

Todd Strader, former Information Services Coordinator for the Handley Library Branch will be filling the position as the Clarke County Branch Manager and brings with him more than nine years of experience within the Handley Regional Library System.

Book Fiesta Spirit Night

The Handley Youth Services Department hosted a Book Fiesta Spirit Night for each of the Winchester Public Schools preschool programs during the last week of September. The bilingual Sprit Nights offered a chance for preschool teachers, parent/caregivers, and students ages 3-4 to experience a curated library program just for them. This exposure brought many new families into the library to learn about what a free library card can provide. The program focused on the five senses and emotions through an interactive storytime.



“A Little Noon Music” Returns

“A Little Noon Music” programs sponsored by the Friends of Handley Library” have returned after a COVID hiatus. The programs feature free live musical performances on the 2nd Friday of each Month at noon and are scheduled until May 2023. Shenandoah University Jazz, led by Dr. Matthew Niess performed this month, and will be featured throughout the season. Dr. Niess is a current member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra. In 2021, he became director of jazz studies and professor of trombone at Shenandoah Conservatory.



Guided Tours Also Returning to Handley

The popular “Behind the Scenes” guided tours of the Handley Library are returning. Tours will take place on the second Saturday of each month and will be led by Paulette Jennis, a library volunteer, and President of the Winchester Newcomers Club, (photo). Tours start at 11:00 AM in the entrance rotunda. The guided tours allow visitors access to areas not available to individuals who take a self-guided tour, like the glass floor area above the circulation department or the well under the auditorium stage. The tours are free, and no registration is required.

“Finding Your Voice at the Library”

Exploring this theme of the National Library Card Sign-up Month. Bowman Library had a notable and busy month. Preschoolers and teens found joy in dancing and singing with puppets during story time and elementary-age student experienced a variety of themes through book displays, LEGO Club and the Thursday Five O’Clock Spot programs of art, gardening, coding and circuitry, and graphic novels. Senior adults at Spring Arbor joined the story time on apples and led children in creating apple prints while talking to them about apples. All ages found their voice at the library



Arts Supplies Swap

The first Community Art Supplies Swap at the Bowman Library was a huge success. Donations were accepted September 1-16, and more than 80 participants attended going home with beads, fabric, craft books, yarn, and woodworking supplies and much, much more.

New Resource Allows You to Explore All Sides of an Issue

Having a clear, compelling point of view on today's most debated political and social issues requires finding the most credible facts and insights. *Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints* simplifies your search by bringing together thousands of resources to provide authoritative

articles, research reports, videos, and statistics. This database steers you away from unreliable content that online browsers sometimes serve up and helps you draw your own conclusions about global warming, the minimum wage, and hundreds of other debated topics.



School and Homework Help with Electronic Resources

As children began returning to school and their home-schooling routines, Handley Youth Services staff made themselves available to help by introducing students and their families to the electronic resources available to them. Using a kid-friendly eLibrary card, kids are able to access free online materials, like homework help and eBooks, Learning Express Just for Kids and HelpNow.

The staff was also busy explaining and promoting Ready4K, an initiative of the Campaign for Grade Level Reading, that allows families to reinforce learning standards from school to home and back again using easy apps on a family's cell phones.

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