

THE WHOLE STORY



THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL EDITION

A Note from Library Director Frank Novak

It's amazing how the world can change in just a few short weeks. The library is experiencing a great deal of change right now, not only due to the COVID-19 virus situation, but also as a result of the library's construction project that is currently in full swing. When we reopen in the future, there will likely be some changes in how we are able to provide services.

Once we are given the okay to reopen, we will probably begin with curbside service only. We will be working to set up a system for getting materials to our library users, taking cues and implementing best practices garnered from restaurants and other COVID-compromised businesses. Once the library is able to stabilize operations through curbside service, the next step will be to open the library up to limited public access.

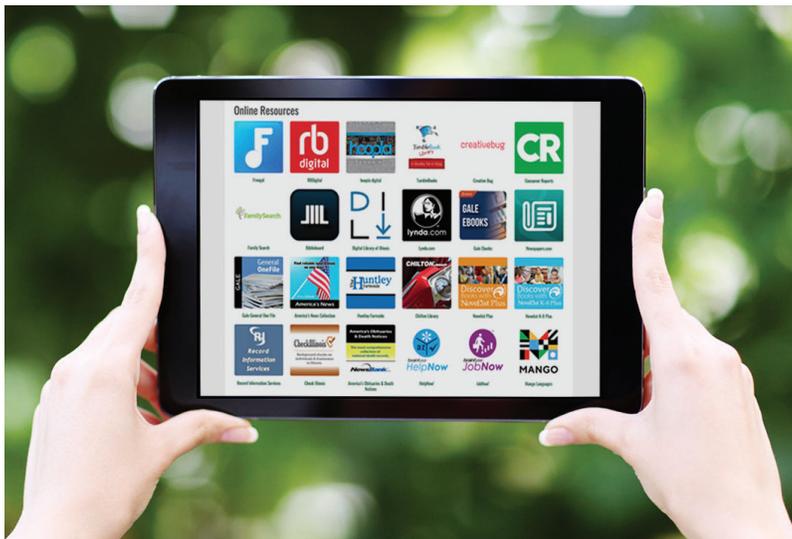
Depending on what guidelines the authorities (e.g., State of Illinois, the federal government, CDC, etc.) establish for us, we will lose the limited public space that we had before the COVID closure. Due to continuing social distancing efforts, the quarantining of returning materials, and the loss of space as a result of construction on the new building,

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FREE ACCESS TO THESE DIGITAL RESOURCES

Grab your Huntley Area Public Library Card and visit huntleylibrary.org/online-resources to explore services available to you while at home.



Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest Online, or Family Search - Use library databases to complete your family tree and research family history

ConsumerReports.org - 24/7 access to the authority on expert ratings and product recommendations

Chilton Automotive Database - learn how to maintain or fix your vehicle

Creative Bug - over 1,000 arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized experts and artists

Newsbank - View full-text articles from local and regional newspapers (continued on page 3)

INSIDE: GET A DIGITAL LIBRARY CARD, APPS AT HOME & MORE



GET HELP, ASK QUESTIONS WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

The only bad questions are the ones that are never asked.



Circulation

circulation@huntleylibrary.org

Library card account inquiries may be sent to the circulation email. Use this email address to get a digital library card, a password reset, or if you have questions about checkout periods or renewals.



Information/Reference

reference@huntleylibrary.org

Inquiries may be sent to the Information Desk regarding website assistance, recommendations for reading, listening, viewing, or general help routing your question.

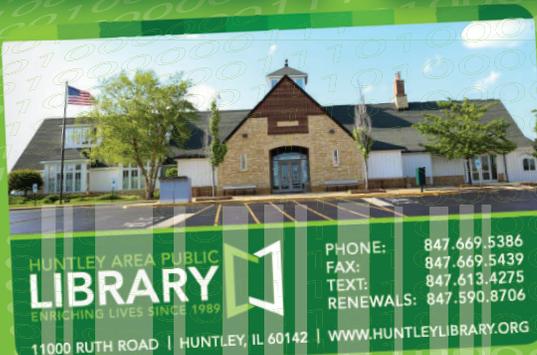


Youth Services

youth@huntleylibrary.org

Contact the library's Youth Services Staff with general questions about Children's Services.

GET A DIGITAL LIBRARY CARD



Get a Digital Library Card good through September 1. If you have a card but don't know your number, or if you have a card that has expired, we will attempt to renew your card.

Send an email including:

- your full name
- date of birth
- full address
- phone number
- your email address

to Circulation@huntleylibrary.org You must be a resident of the Huntley Area Public Library District to qualify. Emails will be checked twice daily and digital cards issued via the email address you provide.

If you already have a library card, the card number is your key to explore the library's digital and online resources. Grab your card and head over to <https://www.huntleylibrary.org/online-resources/>

APPS YOU CAN USE *at Home & Beyond* best of all they are free

Huntley Area Public Library App: Search the library's catalog, place holds, check out, renew, and consume digital content – all within the app. Discover and register for programs, classes & events. Get library info, including directions and opening hours. Can't find your card number and want to access digital services? A digital version of your library card is available in the app.

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Mango Languages (learn a new language): A powerful language platform that delivers fast, easy, and effective learning. Learn over 70 world languages at your own pace. Be sure to create an account at www.huntleylibrary.org/mango before using the app.

Overdrive (ebooks & audiobooks): Check out, browse, and download eBooks and audiobooks from the Digital Library of Illinois on your Kindle. Share information about the book you're reading on social media sites.

RB Digital (digital magazines): Whether you're on the go or at home, explore 1000s of RB Digital magazine titles to read on your Apple, Android devices, or your personal computer. Read them online or download them for later use.

Tumblebook Library (kids ebooks & interactive stories): Enjoy a variety of children's ebooks, interactive stories, and animated adventures. All you need is your library card after you install the app on your digital device.

FIND THEM ALL AT: WWW.HUNTLEYLIBRARY.ORG/APPS

WHAT ABOUT PROGRAMS?

We wish we could tell you precisely when we will reopen and when regular programming will resume, but anything we tell you would be a guess at the time of this printing. Until then, staff have been creating digital programming so you can *Find the Library at Your Place*.

What can you do to stay informed while at home? When regular programs return, or the library adds a digital or virtual event, you can find the schedule online at huntleylibrary.org/events or in the library app. You can download the official HAPL App in the Google Play Store, Apple Store or visit huntleylibrary.org/library-apps

You may also subscribe to eNews at huntleylibrary.org/enews to get a weekly update full of library news.

SUMMER READING GOES ON! JUNE 3 – AUGUST 1

We are dedicated to forging on with the Summer Reading Program, Eye Spy 2020. It just may "look" a little different.

The bulk of our summer reading program will be done online using Beanstack. Programs are available for all ages – Babies, Children, Teens, and Adults! Printable logs will also be available on our website June 3 if you need a tracking sheet.

On Beanstack you can earn badges for completing your reading goals and entries to win prizes. This year we will be purchasing gift cards to support the local businesses who have been so generous to the library in the past.

Set up your Beanstack account anytime at <https://huntleylibrary.beanstack.com> and start reading on June 3 to begin earning badges and entry tickets!

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Huntley Area Public Library
Summer Reading Challenge



LOCAL HISTORY AT HOME

Interested in learning more about Huntley's history? Visit the local history website at lh.huntleylibrary.org

Explore stories about the town's founding fathers or download a map of historic downtown complete with information about the buildings. Use the map to "tour" the square with your family. Find a link to digitized historic photographs and searchable copies of the Huntley Farmside.

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Gale Ebooks - contains a wide variety of reference books

General Reference Center Gold - search by topic for articles from magazines, journals, and newspapers

Huntley Farmside and Illinois Digital Archives - research local history by searching online archives

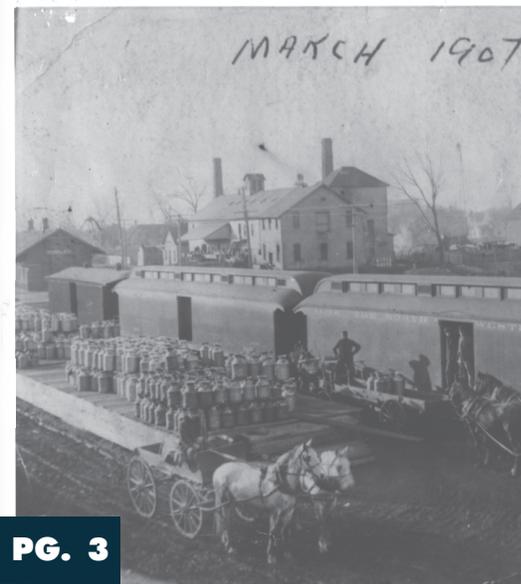
Lynda.com - learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals

All of these free services are available to you with an active Huntley Area Public Library Card. The number on the back of your card is your key to using them. There's a reason we call it the most valuable card in your wallet! If you don't have a card, contact us, and we will provide you a temporary digital library card that's valid through September 2020.

Follow the instructions on page 2 or visit huntleylibrary.org/get-a-library-card.

During the crisis, many of our partners have expanded their service including Ancestry.com, hoopladigital, and others. Find out what services have been bolstered for a limited time by visiting huntleylibrary.org/expanded-service

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Library District Box Holder

Socialize with us:      

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the library will not be able to provide public space for reading, studying, programs, playing games, or any of the other myriad activities that typically happen at the library during “normal” times.

Additionally, we believe that until an all-clear is given, we will need to stop public browsing of the library’s collection in an effort to limit COVID-19 virus exposure for our users. We will be working hard to disinfect the library and its collections, but in order to better accomplish that, we will not be able to allow the public to handle the materials that are on our shelves. Users will instead need to access our online catalog, order materials from the library using a variety of methods, and then take delivery of those materials directly from library staff. On the other end, when materials are returned to the library, we will observe a strict three-day quarantine for those items, per CDC guidelines, and then take other measures, as needed, to further disinfect items that come back to the library.

Our top priority is public health and safety, so we hope that you will bear with us as we work our way through this situation. Like everyone else, we are really looking forward to the day when we no longer need to be concerned with COVID-19. Until that time, however, we will provide the very best service possible under the circumstances, while being mindful of you and your family members’ safety.



A note from the Friends Foundation...



We look forward to hosting our general meetings and fundraisers when it is safe for us to meet. For updated information please visit the Friends website at huntleylibraryfriends.org and follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/huntleyfriends

Be safe and stay healthy! *- Your Friends*