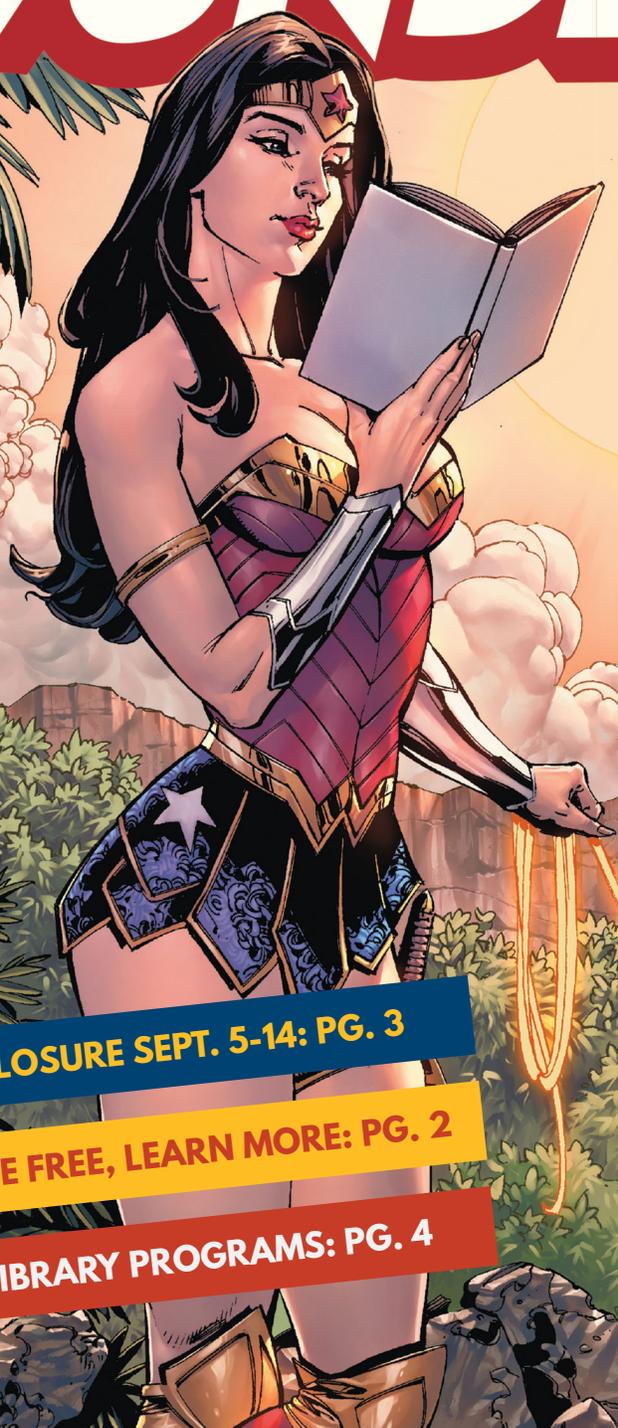


# LIBRARIES ARE WONDERFUL!



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2020

THE HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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**CELEBRATE LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH WITH WONDER WOMAN THIS SEPTEMBER.**

# WE'RE NOW FINE FREE!



## Library users will no longer pay fines for returning materials after their due date!

If you need a few extra days to finish that book, no problem! Didn't quite finish that last disk of a TV Series you're catching up on? No worries - keep it a few more days.

You will still see a due date on your receipt when you borrow items. That's because we want them back. Everyone still needs to return items and keep them in good condition for the next borrower. Previous overdue fines will be waived. Other fees such as those for lost or damaged items will not be waived.

## Please note these important changes to our Check-Out Policy:

- You will still get reminder notices when an item is due for return to the library

- If something is more than 2 weeks overdue, you will be unable to check out or use digital services until the item is returned
- If an item is more than 45 days past due, your library card account will be billed the replacement cost for your item. At this time, a nonrefundable \$9 fee may be assessed. You may either return the item or pay the bill to replace it
- We will still charge for lost or damaged items, so please take care of them
- If you locate a lost item within 30 days after paying to replace it, you may receive a refund

These steps ensure that everyone still returns their items in a timely manner and other people will have access to them.

We look forward to a more seamless experience and serving you with no more overdue fines!

## WE ARE OPEN! GUESTS ARE WELCOME

**W**e are happy to now allow residents to browse the collection, get help locating an item, copy or fax, get a library card, and, of course, check out some great books, movies, or music to enjoy at home.

Unfortunately at this time, we are unable to offer seating or newspapers to enjoy while you visit and we request that due to the pandemic, guests keep their visits to the library short and sweet. Face cover-

ings must be properly worn at all times and are required to enter the library. Interlibrary Loan has restarted, which enables us to fill holds from our neighboring libraries. However, there may be some delay in getting items from outside our library.

A limited number of computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but please note that users will be limited to a maximum of one hour per day.



## LOCAL HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT-LEY

Think you know Huntley?

Explore the Friendly Village with Country Charm and learn some Huntley History while you are at it!

Download the Town Square Scavenger Hunt-ley.

This joint effort between the Huntley Area Public Library's Local History Department and The Huntley Historical Society is a fun way for all ages to learn about Huntley's rich past.



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## NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGNUP MONTH WITH US, IT IS THE PERFECT TIME TO GET YOUR FIRST LIBRARY CARD OR RENEW YOUR EXISTING ONE. TAKE SOME TIME TO EXPLORE THE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO HUNTLEY AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS.

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 (€ BEYOND)\*, CHILDREN ACQUIRING A NEW LIBRARY CARD WILL HAVE A CHOICE OF A SUPERHERO DOG TAG OR A SUPERHERO PEZ DISPENSER (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST). TEENS AND ADULTS GETTING A NEW CARD WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR ONE OF TWO SUPERHERO GIFT BASKETS THAT INCLUDE BLURAYS OF DC COMICS FILMS WONDER WOMAN, JUSTICE LEAGUE € BATMAN V. SUPERMAN ALONG WITH SOME PROPER MOVIE TREATS! JUST FOR VISITING THE LIBRARY, YOU CAN PICK UP A WONDER WOMAN BOOKMARK (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)!

\*PROMOTION WILL RUN THROUGH OCTOBER 10, 2020 DUE TO LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION CLOSING. DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 12, WINNERS NOTIFIED BY PHONE.



## SEPTEMBER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction on the addition continues to move along at a rapid pace. The building has risen up out of the ground and is really starting to take shape.

The addition's exterior walls are in place and the roof is nearly complete. The stone wainscot is almost finished, and it is looking great. Roof-top air conditioning units have also been installed. Windows will be added by the end of August. Once the windows are in place, the addition will be dry and the trades will have a nice interior space in which to work.

Now that the roofing shingles have been placed, the next step is to complete the exterior siding on the walls by the beginning of September. Gutters and downspouts will also be added at that time.

While work continues on the exterior, there is much going on out of view inside the addition. All underground utilities are in place and crews poured the concrete slab inside the building. What is striking right now is seeing the metal wall studs go up inside the building. Areas and rooms are becoming defined, yet see-through for the moment. Although the bulk of the renovation work on the existing building will happen next year, some things are happening inside now. If you have been inside the library recently, you probably have heard all of the sawing and hammering going on. So what's happening? The existing library is getting a new boiler and a new chiller. We anticipate that the boiler will be installed and ready for action by mid-September. The chiller work begins in mid-September and should be completed by mid-October.



**With all the construction going on, it does impact the services that we are able to provide. The first of our planned construction-related closures will happen from September 5th through the 14th. The library will be closed and all book drops will be closed and locked. We expect to reopen again on September 15th. The reason for the closure is that ComEd and the trades will be carrying out a utility relocation project. As a result, we will be completely dark and without power during that time. Coincidentally, this closure occurs over a period that includes the Labor Day holiday, so it comes at a time when the library is usually closed for the holiday.**

Overall, the project is going very well. It is on-time and on-budget. There are always a few bumps in the road where construction is involved, like required closures due to a lack of power, but we are making really good progress toward completion of the addition by spring of next year. Work will then begin to renovate our current space with a completion date of January 2022.



## Library District Box Holder

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## EYE SPY 2020

Thank you to all participants,  
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Winter Reading soon!

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## DIGITAL PROGRAMMING UPDATE

<https://huntleylibrary.org/events>

As construction continues and restrictions due to COVID-19, the library will continue to create and deliver digital programming for the community. These programs include Story Times, Crafts at Home, DIY and How-To videos, and Live Zoom programs too! All of these are made to enjoy from the comfort of your own home, and most are on-demand so that you can watch on your schedule.

We look forward to the day we can invite the community back into our new program rooms (yes, rooms), but as of now, we do not know when that will occur.

We ask for your support as staff works diligently to recreate some of the library's fantastic in-house programs in a digital format. How can you help?

- Explore the full calendar of library events on our website at [huntleylibrary.org/events](https://huntleylibrary.org/events)
- Bookmark and subscribe to our YouTube Channel at <https://youtube.com/user/huntleylibrary>
- Check out our Facebook Events schedule by clicking events on the library's official Facebook Page at <https://facebook.com/huntleylibrary>



## FUNdraising

FUNdraising for the Friends Foundation has been difficult during the pandemic. We are grateful to have community partners who support us even when we can't fundraise.

The Friends received a donation from the EFS Foundation for \$120,000! The EFS Foundation voted to dissolve and dispersed funds to organizations they had grant funded. Over the years Friends have received grants from the EFS Foundation totaling \$48,800.

Thank you Culver's of Huntley for your recent donation to the Friends Foundation. Culver's is True Blue and we are thankful to be one of their community partners.

## CORNER BOOKS

Unfortunately, we don't know when it will be safe for us to host large scale books sales again. However, we are happy to announce that Corner Books on-going sale is open at the library. The books are located just inside the front door and in the front hallway. Shop for books, movies & music.

*- Thank you for being a friend!*