Resources. Teachers of grades K-6 may contact Youth Services at Ext. 336. Teachers of grades 7-12 may contact Aysha Haq, our teen librarian.

**Summer Reading winners,** as well as a wrap-up of the program, will be featured in our September issue.

**Friends News:** The Friends had a great turnout at their June 25 meeting. The Friends meet again Mon., Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss plans for events and fundraisers. Afterward, Friends who show their membership cards receive discount prices in the Book Sale Room. The joint meeting of the Friends and the Hammond Historical Society is set for Sat., Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at the library.

The sixth annual Books to Bridge the Region, a reading initiative covering seven Northwest Indiana counties, also is set for October. Three titles serve different age groups. Visit www.books2bridge.org for details of events throughout the area.

**The library is CLOSED on Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)**

**Hispanic/Latino Heritage program, contest planned**

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. On Sept. 15, five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua—celebrate their independence. Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18.

HPL celebrates Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month at its Sept. 20 "HPL Presents" program. Paracho and Carolyn Rodó perform songs from Spanish-speaking countries. Dancers from Xel-Ha Escuela de Danza, directed by Debra Bokahn, perform a few numbers. The Hammond Hispanic Community Committee talked about the group’s Latino Information Fair, set for Sat., Oct. 6 at Irving School.

To commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15), HPL is sponsoring a family essay contest: "What does ‘mi familia’ (my family) mean to you?" Essays are accepted from Aug. 22 to Sept. 4. Prizes are awarded at the Sept. 20 program. Complete rules are on the HPL website as of Aug. 1. For information, call the library at (219) 931-5100, Ext. 310.

**Top left:** Coyote Chris shows off Foo-Foo the rabbit. Bottom left: Chris has raised Hoooosier the owl from a baby.

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**Thank you so much to the following:**

- Kappa Kappa Kappa, Gamma Nu- Hammond Alpha Associate Chapter, for a grant with which to purchase graphic novels
- Support from an anonymous donor, with which to purchase Large Print books.
- Friends of the Library, for funding Programs.
- Teachers: We’re looking forward to working with you during the upcoming school year. Please call us if you’re planning a class visit, special assignment, reading list, or other activity for which your students will use library resources.
On the shelves by Allison Boswinkle Bundle Up!

Yes, that’s right! I said, “Bundle Up!” No, I don’t want you putting on a scarf! I want you to come to Youth Services and pick up a Book Bundle.

Here in Youth Services, we like making life a little easier for everyone. That’s why we’ve created Book Bundles. Book Bundles are an easy and fun way to grab a handful of books that are similar. Each bundle includes two to three books that share a similar theme. Book Bundles are similar to read-alike lists. However, unlike read-alike lists, Book Bundles are great for genres or subjects on which only a handful of books are available. Also, Book Bundles are quicker reading through a read-alike list. This makes Book Bundles great for the book lover on-the-go!

Here are a few bundles to spark your interest! Visit Youth Services, and see Book Bundles on display throughout August!

It’s a Bug’s Life: Don’t be scared of bugs! Read these books about fantastic bugs. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle (SERIES E CARL) Jasper by Richard Egielski (E EGIE) Manuolo the Playing Mantis by Don Freeman (E FREE)

Rhyme Time! Do you like stories that rhyme? You found these just in time! Magic Hat by Mem Fox (E FOX) Isabella Abnormella and the Very, Very, Finicky Queen of Trouble by Patrick Lewis (ELEW) Read it, Don’t Eat it by Ian Schoenherr (E SCO)

Animal Love: Novels about animal rights Host by Carl Hasson (Y HASS) The Year of the Panda by Miriam Schlein (Y SCHL) Standing Up to Mr. O by Claudia Mills (Y MILL)

Identity theft is focus of Aug. 16 program

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personally identifying information, like your name, Social Security number, or credit card number, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. The Federal Trade Commission estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone phone account in your name. You may not find out about the theft until you review your credit report or a credit card statement and notice changes you didn’t make—or until you’re contacted by a debt collector. While some identity theft vic- tims can resolve problems quickly, it’s much harder for others to repair the damage to their good name and credit record.

Our free “HPL Presents” program Thurs., Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. features Clint Turpen of REGIONAL Federal Credit Union, who is a Certified Identity Risk Management Specialist. To reserve your seat, call HPL at (219) 931-5100, Ext. 310 to leave your name, phone number, and number at- tending.

HPL coordinates naturalizations

The Hammond Public Library coordinat- ed the naturalization ceremony during July 4 activities at The Pavilion at Wolf Lake.

Magistrate Judge Andrew Rodovich pre- sided at the ceremony where 49 people took the oath of citizenship. Making brief remarks were Regular Pete Yuschak, library director, Rene L. Greenleaf, and Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

It is with regret that, after 25 years, the library will step down as coordinator of the ceremony due to staffing issues. The League of Women Voters of the Calumet Area has agreed to coordinate future July 4 ceremonies.

August @ your library

Exhibits & Displays

Book displays: Take a Chance on Me: Hidden Gems You May Have Missed; Staff Picks/Reader Recommends Galleries: Works by Barbara Balis Suzanna G. Long Local History Room 2nd floor, (219) 931-5100, Ext. 306

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 1 to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult Programs

Hammond Quilters Wednesday—see calendar on library web site for time.

Welcome to the World of Music Wed., Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 6:30 p.m.
*Note: Aug. 1 session starts at 7 p.m. Please bring paper and pencil to each lesson.

Discussion—Novel Conversations Mon., Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your Summer Reading recommendations and tell us why it’s your favorite.

HPL Presents: (no program in July) Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
“How to Prevent Identity Theft” with Clint Turpen, a Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist.

Computer Classes

FREE classes take place in the Computer Lab. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required at (219) 931-5100, ext 345.

Basic Classes (60-90 minutes): An asterisk* means you must be familiar with the computer mouse, and have beginner keyboarding skills.

Mouse Basics Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m.

Learn about using the mouse, common computer terms, how to work with menus and forms, how to copy and paste, and more.

Internet Basics Monday, Aug. 30 at 2 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 27 at 11 a.m.

An introduction to the program that gets you on the Internet along with how to browse or go directly to a website you want. Internet searching and printing options are also discussed.

* E-mail Basics Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m.
Review the layout of web-based e-mail, how e-mail programs are structured and how to customize your mail storage. We’ll cover reading, organizing and sending mail in a hands-on session. E-mail accounts for classes are provided, so don’t worry if you don’t yet have your own.

* Word Basics Monday, Aug. 20 at 11 a.m.
Learn beginning word processing techniques to get started on a variety of possi- ble projects. We’ll review how to navigate the program, choosing settings, making changes as you go along or after you’ve typed your material, inserting a simple graphic and more. A practice project gives you hands-on experience.

Advanced Classes (2-2½ hours): All classes require familiarity with computer keyboard, mouse and have basic computer knowledge.

(no advanced classes in August)

Teen Programs

Teen Scene/2nd fl.
To join, bring in something from school (class schedule, report card, etc.) that shows you’re in grades 7 through 12. For details, ask at the Information Desk or call 931-5100, ext. 351. Hours are:

Monday — Thursday: 3—8:30 p.m.
Friday: 3 — 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Teen Ice Cream Social Saturday, August 4 at 4 p.m.

For teens who completed the Teen Sum- mer Reading Program at least once. Enjoy a refreshing summer treat with your friends! Prizes will be awarded, but they do not need to be present to win.

Teen Notebook Decorating Wednesday, August 22 at 4 p.m.
Go back to school in style with a notebook you decorate yourself! Supplies provided.

Teen Magnet Making Program Wednesday, August 29 at 4 p.m.
Decorate your locker with cool magnets you make yourself! Supplies provided.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tues., Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Lower Level, Schleiger Board Room

Holiday closing: Mon., Sept. 3 (Labor Day)

Youth Programs

Attention Parents or Caregivers: Please join us for our programs. We do not allow anyone in the program 15 minutes after the start time.

Early Literacy Programs

Babies and Books (infant/caregiver) Thursday 10 a.m. Aug. 9 & 23

Tiny Tots Toddler Time (infant/caregiver) Thursday at 10:30 a.m., Aug. 9 & 23

Little Listeners (ages 3-5 & caregivers) Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Aug. 14 & 28

School Age (see program for grade level)

Tweeg Lego Club (Grades 3-6) Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 3:45 p.m.

Books to Movie (Grades K-6) Wed., Aug. 19 at 3:45 p.m.

Watch Guardians: The Owls of Ga’Hoole and enjoy popcorn.

Buccaneers and Beauties (ages 4-8) Thursday, Aug. 23 at 3:45 p.m.

You, ho, ho children ages 4-8. We request your royal company at our Buccaneers and Beauties Party! Please reserve your spot by calling Youth Services at (219) 931-5100, ext. 336.

Tutoring

HPL and Calumet College of St. Joseph offer FREE reading tutoring to students in kindergarten-12th grade. This is a walk-in service. Schedules may vary. Please check at (219) 931-5100, ext. 336 for the current tutoring schedule.

Friends of the Library

Friends Board: Tues., August 14 at 1 p.m.
Friends members are welcome to attend. Friends member meeting is Mon., Sept. 24.

Fundraisers: Thurs., Aug. 23 from 5-8 p.m.
Details available at HPL or online.

Half-Price Sale: Sat., Aug. 25
Books, movies, magazines and music. Sale excludes specially priced items and sets. Proceeds, help fund paid and essential services that HPL could not otherwise afford.

More Friends of the Library events are at www.hammond.lib.in.us/friends.htm