



BETWEEN THE PAGES

Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY 2022?

By Jalpa Shah, IT Services Coordinator

Overdrive and Libby are two of the three apps for digital eBooks and audiobooks that the Huntsville Public Library offers at no charge to our patrons. OverDrive, Inc., the company that provides access to OverDrive and Libby, will phase out the OverDrive app in February 2022. Libby will continue to be available for our patrons to enjoy.

The OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and the Microsoft Store in February 2022 with a goal of transferring most OverDrive users to Libby by the end of 2022. Huntsville Public Library encourages current OverDrive app users to make the switch to Libby sooner rather than later.

What is the difference between OverDrive and Libby?

The titles available on both apps are the same. The main difference between them is the appearance and several features described below. OverDrive, Inc. will continue to make routine updates to Libby to provide the best possible experience to readers everywhere by offering new features.

Will existing OverDrive app users be able to reinstall the app after it's been removed from the app stores?

If needed, yes. However, users who are having trouble with the OverDrive app are encouraged to try Libby instead.

Will all OverDrive app users be required to switch to Libby?

Yes, eventually. OverDrive app users should be migrated to Libby by the end of 2022. Users can still browse, borrow, and enjoy titles in their library's digital collection using the OverDrive website.

Which features are available in Libby that are not available in the OverDrive app?

- Easier onboarding for new users
- A unified bookshelf for all loans and holds
- Support for multiple library cards
- A best-in-class eBook reader that supports comics, magazines, and read-alongs.
- Push notifications for ready holds, new magazine issues, and more
- The same look and feel on both Android and iOS devices
- Ability to export notes and highlights
- Tags to track favorite reads, wishlists, and more

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- Compatibility with Apple CarPlay (Note: Android Auto is supported in both apps.)
- Sonos speaker (wireless home sound system) integration
- Support for "Extras," including streaming video services, educational courses, and more

How can Libby help me??

There are many accessible features and functionalities in Libby today, including:

- Text resizing based on device settings
- Support for inverted colors based on device settings
- Support for dark mode on iOS and Android
- Increased contrast throughout the app
- Support for multiple font options in ebooks
- Keyboard shortcuts in the ebook reader and audiobook player
- Screen reader support

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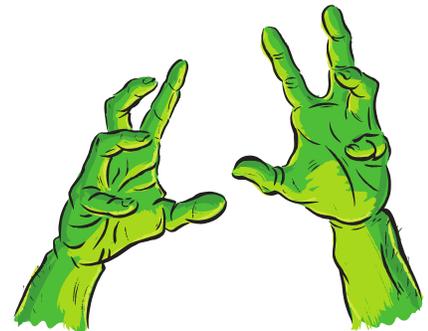
By Linda Huff, Resource Coordinator

The days have officially grown shorter now that Autumn has arrived. We will all be spending more time indoors, enjoying a great book or, if you are brave enough to try something new, writing the next great novel. Did you know the month of November is National Novel Writing Month? What better time to get started on your best-seller?

I once saw this on a tee shirt:

Read one hundred great books,
write one.

Well, now is your chance with two exciting opportunities. You can join the Piney Woods Writer's Group at the Huntsville Public Library. The group will meet in the Nash Boardroom weekly from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays throughout the month. Participants can discuss various writing projects, strategies, or even NaNoWriMo (although this group is not officially associated with NaNoWriMo). There is more information about the writers' group on Facebook. Just search for Piney Woods Writers' Group and you can sign up. If you aren't able to join the Piney Woods Writers' Group, you can individually participate in NaNoWriMo. Check out the NaNoWriMo website (nanowrimo.org) for more details of the actual month-long event. Go on! Express yourself and change the world!





AN IMMIGRANT SOCIETY

By Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator

It is likely that your ancestors were immigrants. Maybe your forefathers came from England on the Mayflower seeking religious freedom. Perhaps they were captured and kidnapped from their homes in Africa and sold into slavery to wealthy landowners in the Colonies. It could be they were among the hundreds of thousands who fled starvation during the Irish Potato Famine in the mid-1840's or escaped from Hitler's Nazi Germany in the 1930s to avoid persecution.

Over the course of history, more than 25 different countries around the world have had citizens emigrate to Texas. These folks chose emigration for a variety of reasons such as religious freedom, cheap land, investments, failed revolutions at home, overpopulation, adventure, etc. Usually, the promise of a better life was, and still is, the overriding reason some emigrants voluntarily leave their homelands and travel to the unknown.

This was the case with many Polish immigrants who came to Texas. A lack of cheap labor in the state (due to the official manumission of slaves after the Civil War in 1865) combined with Polish peasants eager to immigrate to America after the unsuccessful Polish Insurrection of 1864, spurred the beginning of Polish immigration to Texas. A group of 12 planters calling themselves the Waverly Emigration Society commissioned Meyer Levy, a Polish immigrant himself, to travel to Poland and recruit 150 workers to work on their Walker County plantations.

Many of them settled in the nearby town of New Waverly which served as the mother colony for most of the Polish colonies later established in east Texas. Other Polish colonies were in the Brazos River Valley, most of them in the rich bottomland, which was ideal for growing cotton. Large numbers of Poles passed through New Waverly on the way to communities such as Anderson, Brenham, and Chappell Hill. Today, a quarter of a million individuals in Texas claim Polish ancestry.

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz will share some of their stories with us from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, November 8 in the Huntsville Public Library Staggs Community Room. Mazurkiewicz, President of the Polish American Council of Texas, will present "Polish Texans - The History of Texas Polonia." Light refreshments will be provided, but audience members are encouraged to bring a sack lunch as well. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or at the library. For additional information, call Adult Services Coordinator Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471. This program is sponsored by the Helen Wheat Cultural Enrichment Fund.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF!

By Rachel McPhail, City Librarian

Our Library is staffed by excellent people who love what they do. Many of the faces you see are new to the library but they are quickly making a mark on our community by contributing fantastic ideas, helping others, and going the extra mile.

Josh Sabo started at the Huntsville Public Library in December 2020 as our afternoon IT Coordinator. You will most likely see Josh assisting in the Adult Computer Lab by helping patrons use the computers and make prints. He also teaches evening computer classes and is part of the Book-a-Tech program, a free service in which patrons can schedule appointments to receive one-one-one assistance with their personal devices. "I love being able to put my problem solving skills to use when helping patrons. It's very satisfying to help the community with their technology," Josh stated. Additionally, Josh assists with sorting donated materials, replenishing our Little Green Shelf books in the community, and posting on social media.

Prior to working at the Library, Josh received a Bachelor of Science degree in Math and Economics from Texas A&M University.



Fast Facts About Josh

Recently Read: Communion by Whitley Strieber
Favorite Film: Team America: World Police
Fun Facts: Josh is musically talented! He tunes pianos and teaches others to play piano and guitar in his free time.

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FAST FACTS ABOUT BRENDA

Recently Read: Firekeeper's Daughter
Favorite Film: Secondhand Lions
Fun Facts: I LOVE shoes and currently have approximately 65 pairs, which is far fewer than my all-time high of 105 pairs!

"My name is Brenda, and I can help you find the resources you need to answer questions, solve problems, and overcome challenges."

Brenda Collins joined the Library in January 2021 as our Library Services Specialist. Brenda's responsibilities include ordering materials for the Young Adult collection, supervising volunteers and community service workers, coordinating reservations for the Staggs Community Room, and much, much more. "I view my position as the Library Services Specialist as a supporting role. I am here to support the City Librarian, Library staff, Library visitors, and, most importantly, the Huntsville community. Whether it is managing the administrative details of revenue reporting and room reservations, scheduling and supervising volunteers and community service workers, or assisting visitors with locating library materials or printing documents, I am here to help," Brenda explained.

Prior to working at HPL, Brenda worked for non-profit, private, and public entities in several different industries ranging from distribution, manufacturing, healthcare, social service, and public service. "The job I am most proud of is my service in the United States Army, during which I was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany and had the opportunity to travel to Austria, France, Luxembourg, and Switzerland as well as through East Germany to Berlin. My husband and I visited Berlin both before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall and have video of us chipping away pieces of it with a hammer and chisel," she explained. Additionally, Brenda worked for the Tye Preston Memorial Library for several years before eventually moving to Huntsville.

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Linda Huff joined the Huntsville Public Library in July 2021 as our Resource Coordinator. Linda helps patrons find what they are looking for and enjoys the challenge. Linda assists in sorting donated materials for our Little Green Shelf program, coordinates with the Library's ESL and Literacy program, and facilitates outreach opportunities for the Library. Prior to joining the Library, Linda worked for Huntsville ISD for twenty-two years as a general education teacher, an ESL teacher, and an Innovative Learning Specialist. "I like to think I am a community resource specialist. I have lived in Huntsville 40 years now and I know this city and community pretty well," Linda stated.

Fast Facts About Linda

Recently Read: The Overstory
Favorite Film: Lord of the Rings or Les Miserables
Fun facts: Linda enjoys gardening, beekeeping, cooking, writing, and reading, reading, reading!

"MY NAME IS LINDA AND I CAN HELP YOU FIND NEW OPPORTUNITIES."



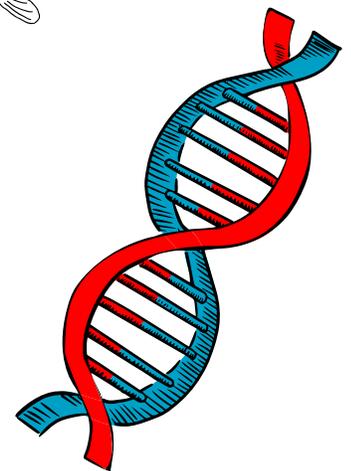
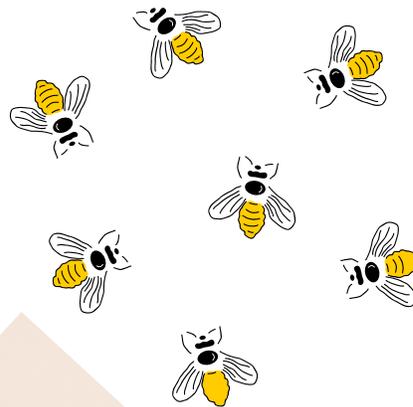
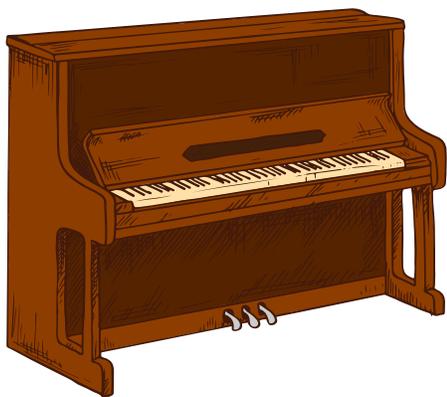
Fast Facts About Herbie

Recently Read: Toll the Hounds by Steven Erikson
Favorite Film: Alien
Fun Facts: Now that he lives in Huntsville, Herbie hopes to try his hand at beekeeping.

"My name is Herbie, and I can help you find science fiction in our library."



Herbie Pollard is our most recent addition to the Library as he started in September 2021 as our afternoon Circulation Clerk. Herbie assists library visitors in checking out library materials as well as finding what they are looking for. Prior to working at HPL, Herbie earned a BS in microbiology and a MA in history. His Master's thesis discussed 19th century US Navy surgeons and physicians and their contributions in the field of natural history. Herbie worked in an academic library for seven years prior to moving to Huntsville.



Things Happening at Huntsville Public Library!

State-Wide Genealogy Program

Friday, October 15, 2021

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
Huntsville Public Library
Staggs Community Room

Forrest Masonic Lodge #19 will have their Chili & Gumbo fundraiser October 15. The cost is \$8/plate. Reservations taken at the door. Food will be delivered for lunch. Monies raised go to a scholarship fund.



October 16 at 1:00 PM

Writing Workshop to record your and/or your child's memories of the pandemic. Alternatively, you may email your story to info@wgen.com or mail it to WCGS, P.O. Box 1295, Huntsville, TX 77342-1295.



SCARE ON THE SQUARE

Saturday, October 30
2:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

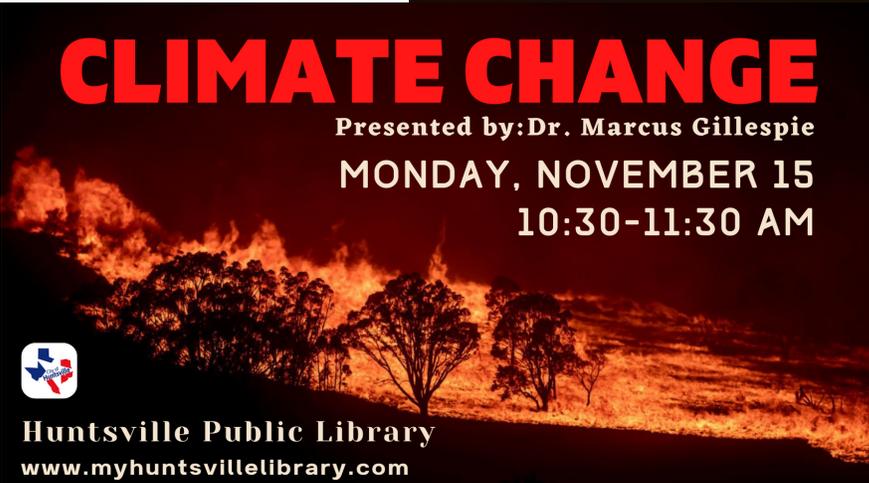
SCARE ON THE SQUARE WILL TAKE PLACE IN DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE

COME DRESSED TO IMPRESS, PLAY GAMES AND WIN SOME CANDY WITH YOUR FAVORITE LIBRARIANS!



CLIMATE CHANGE

Presented by: Dr. Marcus Gillespie
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
10:30-11:30 AM



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