



# BETWEEN THE PAGES

*Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter*

## Windows and Mirrors in the Library

By Dr. Elissa Myers, Children's Coordinator

Windows and Mirrors in the Library: Words from my hero, Dr. Rudine Simms Bishop

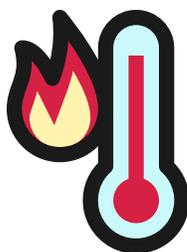
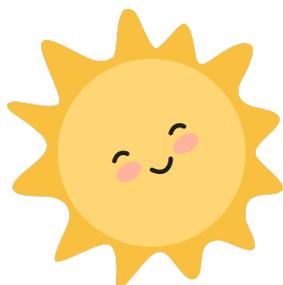
Libraries are designed to be a place everyone can enjoy. That's why we have so many books and fun activities. It's great to try a variety of books—not just your favorites. Trying new authors or different genres is a great way to learn new things you like.

One of my heroes, Dr. Rudine Simms Bishop talks about this idea by using the metaphor of windows and mirrors. She says it is important to read about people who are different from you, and she calls this having windows in your reading. This is a great way to see and learn about the world around you! It would be a boring place if we were all the same, and our differences are not just okay—they're what make us special. Similarly, reading books about people who are different from you makes your life richer and helps you better understand and care for others!

In addition to reading books about people who are different from you, Dr. Bishop also says everyone should be able to read books about people who are like them, too. This is called having mirrors in your reading. When we have mirrors, this helps us love ourselves and all the things that make us special!

You can help us make sure the library is enjoyable for all by recommending books for the library to add to its collection. What windows or mirrors do you need to see more of in the children's and teen's sections?

For more information about the idea of windows and mirrors in the library, you can read Dr. Bishop's article by clicking on the mirror to the right or typing [rb.gy/wblxj0](https://rb.gy/wblxj0) into your browser.

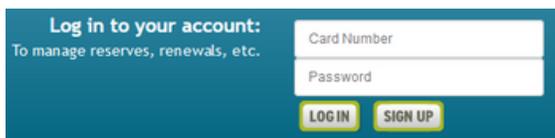


# Things You Might Not Know About Your Online Huntsville Public Library Account!

By Josh Sabo, IT Services Coordinator

Josh here! This month, I want to show you some really useful features you can use through your Huntsville Public Library online account!

- To access your HPL account online, first go to [huntsville.biblionix.com](http://huntsville.biblionix.com).
- Next, you can log into your account using the login field at the top right of the screen.
  - *Note: if you are using a mobile device you must tap the "Show Login" button before you can proceed.*



- Then, enter the last five digits of your library card number and your four digit pin number. If you do not remember your pin number, you can call the Library at 936-291-5472 to have it reset.
- Once you are logged in, click the "My Account" button located in the top right of the screen under your library card number.



- Now you will see your Library Account Dashboard.



*Note: All the services listed below require you to be logged into your account.*

## Defer Your Reserved Items

If you are unable to pick up items reserved for you by the deadline, you have the option to defer them to be picked up at a later date.

- Click the "Reserves/Requests" Tab on your dashboard.



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- Look for the question that asks , “Going out of town?” and click the blue “defer” link.
- The item(s) you have reserved will appear, along with two boxes for dates.
- Enter the dates you will be out of town and click “Confirm.”
  - This will allow the patron behind you in line (if there is one) to check out the item while you are out of town but will keep you first in line so you can check it out once the patron behind you returns it.

Title	Author	Reserved	Status
Pee Wee's tale	Hurwitz, Johanna	7/13/2022	Not ready

• Have some favorite authors? Arrange to receive new items by selected authors automatically.  
 • Going out of town? You can defer your reserves until you get back.

**Reserve deferral**

**Current deferrals:**  
No deferrals configured.

**Create a new deferral:**

From:  through

**Reserve deferral**

**Current deferrals:**  
No deferrals configured.

**Create a new deferral:**

You have selected: 7/18/2022 through 7/25/2022

From:  through

## Member Reviews

You can review items you have enjoyed (or not so much) in the catalog as well!

- Search for the item you would like to review in the search bar at the top left.

Find:  Search All Fields

- Once you find the item, click the entry to expand it.

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	100	AVENUE, NEW MOVIE	COMEDY DVD-FLU	DVD Disney's Flubber		0	1	1000

This item is currently checked out. Feel free to place a reserve so that we know that you would like this item.

[Print record](#) [Bookmark](#)

You must log in (see the upper right) to place a reserve or create a bookmark.

**Title:** Disney's Flubber  
 Walt Disney Pictures and Great Oaks Productions ; produced by John Hughes and Richard Mestres ; directed by John Hughes ; screenplay by John Hughes and Bill Bray

**Medium:** DVD  
**Location:** COMEDY DVD-FLU

**Extra Data:** None

**Subjects:** Comedy -- Equatorial -- Cinema  
 Comedy features -- Cinema  
 Film reviews  
 Film studies  
 Film studies -- Equatorial -- Cinema  
 Comedies -- Equatorial -- Cinema

**Number:** UPC: 071301000000  
 Item Disney Home Video: 4249

**Physical:** 1 videorecording (DVD) : 100 min. : sound, color

**Package of Publishers:** Screen Gems, Screen Gems Home Video, Christopher McDonald, Approved ; Barry, Cathy Brown, Ted Levine, 100 minutes

**Summary:** The best with uncontrollable Disney magic. "FLUBBER" explodes on the screen, being adventure, fun, engaging visual effects, and the greatly-defying comic genius of Robin Williams. The leading character is a hilarious adventure for all ages. Brilliant and brilliant Professor Philip (played brilliantly) on the brink of inventing a revolutionary energy source and creating his wedding to Karen (Dr. Sarah Jean Reynolds (Gloria Jay Gardner) - president of Brannan's Chalmers Headed College - for the third time! When Philip experiments with his new big bang theory, a massive energy boom - flubber - emerges, leaving him excited, but overwhelmed. There and the funny color picture, makes you discover that Flubber is the best!



- Click the “Review this title!” Button.

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**Extra Data:** None

**Reviews:**

- You can then provide your name (optional), a 1-10 rating, and write a text review (also optional).

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**Medium:** DVD  
**Location:** COMEDY DVD-FLU  
**Extra Data:** None

**Name or handle (optional):**

**Rating (optional):** 10 - it's great!

**Reviews:**

**Review (optional):**

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- Click the “Submit” button and, once your review is approved, it will be available for other patrons to view!

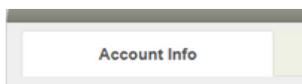
### Virtual Library Card Barcode

Forgot your library card? No problem! You can pull up a digital library card barcode through your online account. This will also allow you to use our self checkout machine in case you didn't bring your library card.

- Click the “My Account” button in the top right corner of the screen.



- The “Account Info” tab should already be open, but click on it in case it's not.



- Click the blue link that reads, “Display your scannable barcode.”
  - *Note: Taking a screenshot of the barcode on your mobile device might make it easier to find in the future.*

**Barcode:** [Display your scannable barcode](#)



- Now your library card barcode is available to scan!

### Booklists

Not sure what to read next? We've curated several booklists that might help!

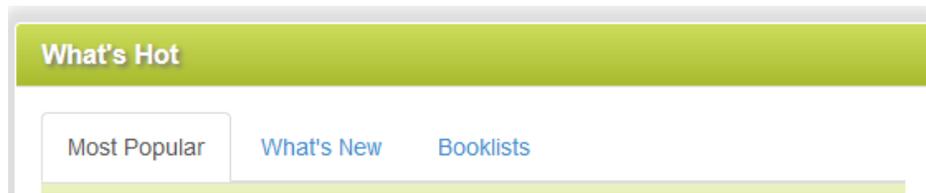
- When you first log in, you will be on the catalog home page. If you are already logged in, you may need to click the “Clear” button next to the search bar to return to the home page.



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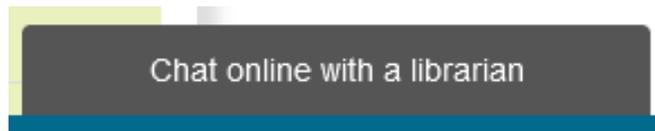
- Under the “What’s Hot” section of the home page, you will see the “Booklists” tab. Click on this tab to view our booklists!



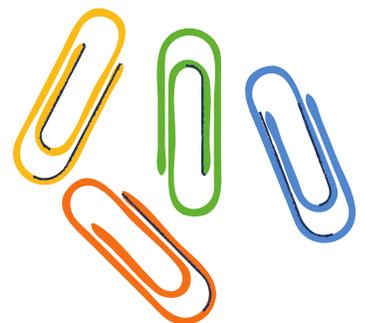
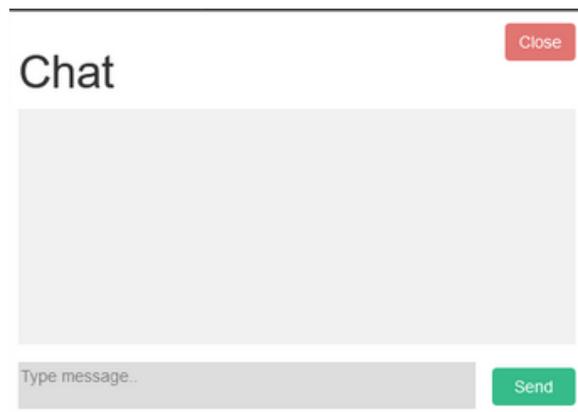
### **Chat Online With a Librarian**

We now offer a messaging app that allows you to open a chat with a librarian through your online account.

- Once you are logged in, regardless of where you are in the catalog, you will see a gray box in the bottom right corner of your screen that says, “Chat online with a librarian.”



- Click the gray box to open a chat. There, you can type questions into the space where it says “Type message...” Library staff will answer in a timely manner during business hours.





# Sittercise

By Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator

Use it or lose it! Everyone has likely heard this old axiom. Unfortunately, it's true - especially when it comes to strength and physical conditioning. As America's baby boomers become senior citizens, many realize their former fitness methods are no longer possible due to certain medical or physical conditions. What can someone in this situation do? To help maintain one's physical mobility and independence, a seated form of exercise might be just the answer. Sittercise has become more and more popular as an excellent option to help meet the fitness needs of our senior community and classes currently meet in the Staggs Community Room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays. It's a safe way to get a great cardiovascular workout, which is also adaptable to different levels of motor skills and flexibility.

Another benefit of senior fitness exercise is that it elevates mood and boosts the immune system. The mind-body connection has been undisputedly linked to better health, happiness, and mobility. So, whether it's a simple foot shuffle movement to test body and mind coordination or a more vigorous leg stretch and kick part of the routine, expect good things to result: a kick-start to the metabolism, increased strength, and improved joint flexibility throughout the day. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Liability waivers are required to participate and are available from the instructor. The class is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Register online and visit [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com) for a complete list of class dates.



# August Children and Teen Programs!

By Dr. Elissa Myers, Children's Coordinator



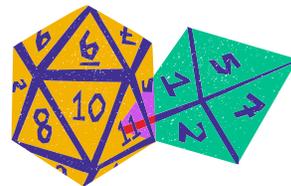
Children and teens in our community will be returning to school or homeschool during August, but the library's many educationally enriching programs will continue. If you were not able to participate this summer, it's not too late to get involved! Our summer book clubs were a hit as readers sampled several genres of literature and enjoyed a wide variety of activities. Our Early Reader Club read *Donut Feed the Squirrels*, ate donuts, and designed our very own uniquely flavored treats! The Middle Grade Club thoroughly enjoyed several varieties of the fantasy genre, including *Aru Shah and the End of Time* and *Dragon Pearl*. The Young Adult Club finished *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating*, a romance about two Irish Muslim teens who pretend to date but then actually fall for each other. Next, we'll be reading *Iron Widow*, an action-packed narrative based on a historical Chinese empress. Wu Zetian lives in a society in which giant alien mechas have taken over, and girls are sacrificed to the system. To save herself and avenge her sister, she must discover the secrets of the pilot system.

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Each month in the YA Book Club, we'll focus on a different genre (i.e. romance, science fiction, fantasy, etc.). The Early Reader Book Club will meet every other week on Monday, August 1, 15 and 29. The Middle Grade Book Club will meet on Wednesday, August 10 and August 24. The Young Adult Book Club is best suited for ages 14 to 18 and will meet at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 12 and 26.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens continues. Two new characters have entered the scene and have ventured into a mine in order to find the lost goods they were supposed to deliver to a hill dwarf. However, they have encountered trouble from orcs! If you'd like to be part of the party, consider joining us as we head to Phandelver to deliver the goods. We'll meet near the old oak tree in the Staggs Community Room every other Wednesday on August 3, 17, and 31 at 5 p.m.



Our Summer Knitting Circle will continue in the form of "Crafting Circle" as we focus on broader crafting projects. The Knitting Club for tweens ages 10-14 will expand to focus on a variety of crafts including knitting and crochet. Knitting is a relaxing time where we learn to craft cool, useful objects such as scarves and blankets while chatting and listening to music. If you have no prior experience, I'll be teaching the basics. However, if you have crafts you're already working on, feel free to bring them!

We'll also be doing Zine Workshops for tweens where you can make magazines about your interests. Finally, we'll be hosting karaoke and board game nights. Come sing and play your hearts out at Huntsville Public Library!



**Here are some photos from our Book-a-Dog: Reading with Pets on a Mission program where kids have the opportunity to read to trained therapy dogs!**

# Things Happening This Month at the Huntsville Public Library!



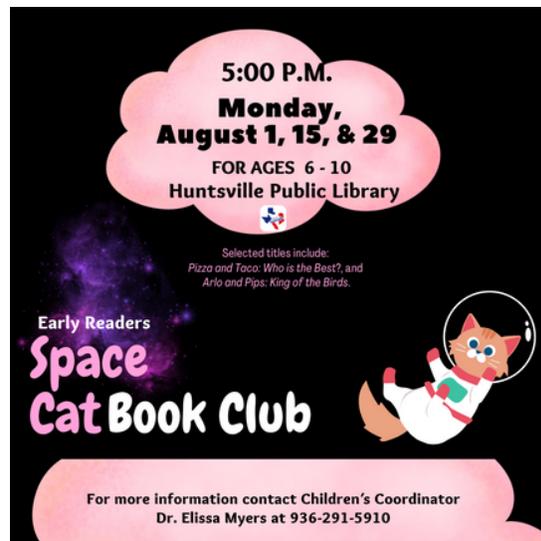
## karaoke For Kids

Join us for karaoke, and sing your favorite songs with us!

5 pm | August 8 | For Ages 7-17

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For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Dr. Elissa Myers at 936-291-5910.

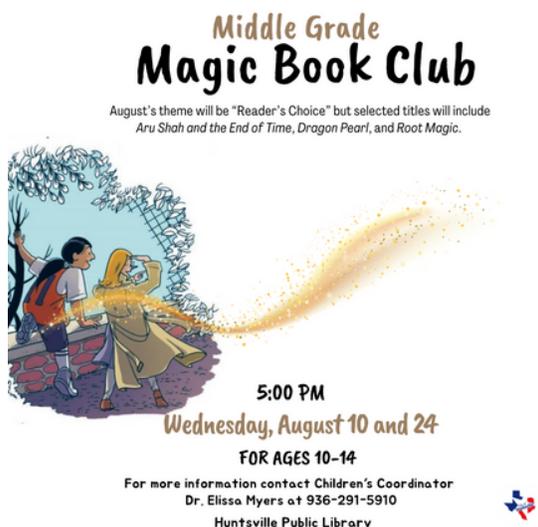


5:00 P.M.  
**Monday, August 1, 15, & 29**  
FOR AGES 6 - 10  
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Selected titles include:  
Pizza and Taco: Who is the Best?, and  
Arlo and Pips: King of the Birds.

Early Readers  
**Space Cat Book Club**

For more information contact Children's Coordinator Dr. Elissa Myers at 936-291-5910



## Middle Grade Magic Book Club

August's theme will be "Reader's Choice" but selected titles will include *Aru Shah and the End of Time*, *Dragon Pearl*, and *Root Magic*.

5:00 PM  
Wednesday, August 10 and 24  
FOR AGES 10-14

For more information contact Children's Coordinator Dr. Elissa Myers at 936-291-5910  
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Are you bored? come join us for

## BOARD GAME Night

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19  
AT 5:00 PM

FOR AGES 12-17

Enjoy CLASSIC BOARD GAMES OR MORE MODERN GAMES  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR DR. ELISSA MYERS AT 936-291-5910



## Joy at the Library!

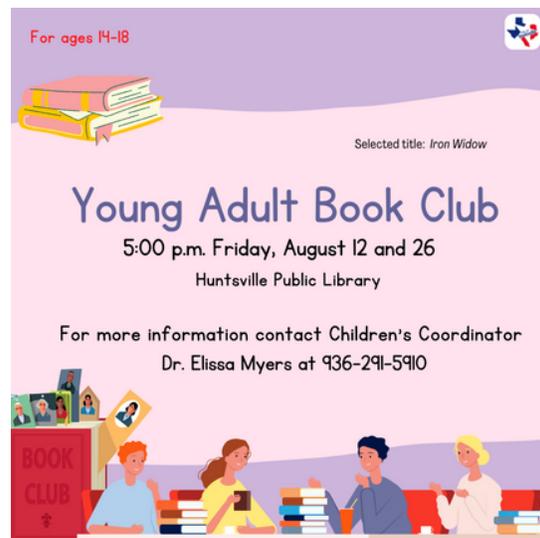
A virtual workshop about the KonMari method™ and the "Magic of Tidying"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20  
1 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Magic of Tidying!

Magic of Tidying!

This program will be held at the Huntsville Public Library  
Registration is necessary  
For more information call Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 926-291-5471.



For ages 14-18

Selected title: *Iron Widow*

## Young Adult Book Club

5:00 p.m. Friday, August 12 and 26  
Huntsville Public Library

For more information contact Children's Coordinator Dr. Elissa Myers at 936-291-5910