VDL Newsletter

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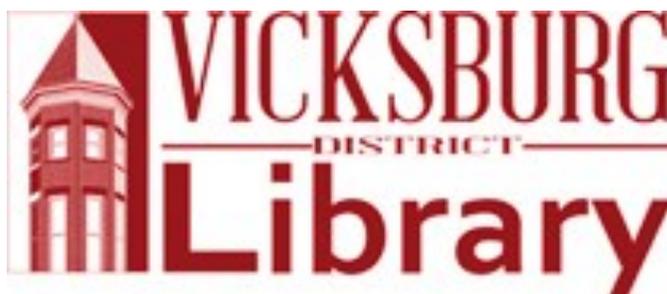
PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, AND FOR THE CAUTION OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR STAFF AND PATRONS, THE VICKSBURG DISTRICT LIBRARY IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC INDEFINITELY. TO CONTINUE SERVING THE PUBLIC, HOWEVER, WE ARE CURRENTLY OFFERING CURBSIDE PICKUP SERVICES TO ASSIST OUR PATRONS. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND CONTACT US VIA EMAIL OR PHONE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

From the Desk of the Library Director

Happy New Year from the staff of the Vicksburg District Library!

At the library, we are completing a year of successfully serving the community and preparing for the next when our new fiscal year begins in March.

As of November, 18,530 items have circulated, and we have provided 97 programs, a majority of these appearing online. We estimate that we will circulate more than 24,000 items by the end of February, and we look forward to continuing to serve the Village of Vicksburg during the 2021-2022 year. Currently, we are in the phase of our year when we develop our budget for the coming year and request a portion of our funding from the State of Michigan.

Because of this, we are strongly weighing our options for serving patrons while COVID-19 is prevalent in the United States. The Vicksburg District Library is continuing to plan ways to serve patrons via curbside service appointments and through electronic programming available on social media. During the coming year, we intend to continue to provide online programming, give away craft kits, supply choice book-bundles, and offer other services via curbside appointment. It is our hope that patrons within the community will continue to contact us with questions and comments via our email address and phone. This is a time with the library aspires to continue developing information services for the community.

Eric Hansen

Library Director

Curbside Pickup Service FAQs

How do I set up a Curbside Pickup appointment?

Place an item on hold in our catalog, the MeL catalog, or give us a call at the library to place a hold for you. Once your item is physically in hand and ready to be checked out, we will call or email you that your item is ready for pick up and we can make an appointment at that time. At your appointment time, pull in and call us from the parking lot letting us know you have arrived. Give us a few minutes to gather your items and check them out to your account. When we approach your vehicle, please wear a mask and present your card for verification. And you are all set. Take your items home to enjoy!

What other services are available curbside at this time?

Make an appointment with us and we can also take care of the following services:

* Copying items that are already printed by a patron

* Faxing items

* Laminating items

* Registering and renewing library cards

Please keep in mind that we do not accept debit or credit card. We only take cash or personal check.

What services are NOT available at this time?

The following services are strictly NOT available at this time while we are closed to the public:

* Printing from email, downloads, and USB drives

* Resizing hard copies and/or photos

* Computer usage/checkout

Please note for safety reasons, walk ups without an appointment scheduled will NOT be served. We kindly ask patrons to be prompt with their appointment times. If you are early or late, you may have to wait for us to complete serving other patrons before we can serve you. Thank you for your patience and diligence during this time.

On December 16th, the Vicksburg District Library installed a new book drop box on the front porch. Be sure to check it out the next time you return your items.

Mrs. W & Youth Services Updates

Online Family Story Time returns with Mrs. W on Monday, January 11th at 10:30am! Be sure to log in to our Facebook page with your parent or guardian for a fun time of stories, singing, and crafts.

Want a Story Time Kit and Crafts bag to go along with everything? Be sure to check our Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers page on our website and register for yours today. Make the event fun, even at home!

Events, Dates, & Programs to Remember

The next Library Board Meetings are scheduled for January 21st and February 18th at 6:00pm. For members of the public who wish to attend, we kindly ask you to do so by using Zoom for the safety and health of yourself and others during the COVID-19 pandemic. For further details, please see our website.

Through the month of February, we will be showcasing Black literature on our website and social media in celebration of Black History Month. Each day will feature a work written by or about a Black public figure, the Civil Rights movement, or the pursuit of anti-racism. Items featured are available for circulation, so be sure to put your selections on hold today!

Adrianne the Librarian's Docket

Did you miss the Top Rated Vicksburg District Library Books of 2020 list? Well, here are the top 10!

1. *His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope* by Jon Meacham
2. *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own* by Eddie S. Glaude Jr.
3. *Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other* by Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish
4. *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama
5. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
6. *The Magic Fish* by Truny Le Nguyen
7. *All the Devils Are Here (Chief Inspector Armand Gamache #16)* by Louise Penny
8. *Battle Ground (The Dresden Files #17)* by Jim Butcher
9. *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam
10. *The Rural Diaries: Love, Livestock, and Big Life Lessons Down on Mischief Farm* by Hilarie Burton Morgan

Want to read one of these books? Access our catalog or call us to put it on hold for you today!

Adrianne is back this winter with Books & Brews on Facebook Live! Tune in on January 11th & 25th and February 15th as she shares a fun drink recipe to go along with some great books that have come under her radar as of late.