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SCULPTURE BENCH FUND

The library wishes to thank all those who have donated to the bench fund, most recently Katie and Brad Ludwig and Nicholas Otwinowski for their contributions in honor of Ann Ludwig, a champion of literacy and education. Donations are still being gratefully accepted for the bench, which will grace the Nature Park once purchased.



CLOSURE February 17 Presidents' Day

WEEKLY			
Mondays	5:00-6:30	Common Threads— knit and crochet	
MONTHLY			
Last Tuesdays	5:00-6:00	Doodles & Daydreams	
3rd Wednesdays	5:00	Library Board Meetings	
Last Wednesdays	5:00-6:00	Friends Book Club	

BOARD OFTRUSTEES

After serving sixteen years, four full consecutive terms, Ann Ludwig has retired from the library board. We are thankful for the time and dedication she devoted to the library during her tenure. She is continuing to serve on the Park Committee, and we are glad to have her wisdom as that project continues. A lovely bouquet of flowers in a book-spine bound vase and a plaque denoting her years of service was presented to her at her last meeting in December.

During the same meeting, Bob Sine shared the news that he was relinquishing his position, having been elected to the Hartford City City Council. In January, we were grieved to learn that he had passed away. His service to the library was greatly appreciated, and he will be missed.

We welcome new members Camille Mealy

and Dave Bowman to the board, and look forward to working with them.

FRIENDS BOOK CLUB



Pride & Prejudice, Jane Austin

Pride and Prejudice is a romantic novel by Jane Austen, first published in 1813. The story charts the emotional development of the protagonist, Elizabeth Bennet, who learns the error of making hasty judgments and comes to appreciate the

difference between the superficial and the essential. The comedy of the writing lies in the depiction of manners, education, marriage, and money during the British Regency period. Mr. Bennet of the Longbourn estate has five daughters, but his property is entailed, meaning that none of the girls can inherit it. His wife has no fortune, so it is imperative that at least one of the girls marry well in order to support the others upon his death. Jane Austen's opening line, "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife," is a sentence filled with irony and playfulness. The novel revolves around the importance of marrying for love, not simply for money, despite the social pressures to make a good (i.e., wealthy) match. Pride and Prejudice has long fascinated readers, consistently appearing near the top of lists of "most -loved books" among both literary scholars and the general public. It has become one of the most popular novels in English literature.

HARTFORD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

FEBRUARY 2020



WINTER READING PROGRAM

All kids from birth to age 12 are welcome to join in on winter reading. If you haven't started yet, it's not too late! Fill out a ticket for each time you visit to check out or return books—read as much as you want, and enter as many times as you visit! There will be a prize for a name drawn from each of the three age groups. Pick up an info sheet for more details.

In addition, get a calendar to see what fun events are going on at the library to attend! Fun crafts at Wednesday story times include making a snowman magnet, Valentine's Day cards, and a natural bird feeder. On Friday, Feb 14 will be HartRock-Ford—Snowman Rock Painting. As a bonus, attending a program earns another ticket! Finally, Winter Reading will wrap up with a reception on Friday, Feb 21, 4-5 p.m., with prizes awarded and refreshments provided.

READING ONTHE GREENWAY

The library partnered with Blackford Greenway to provide a book for the new Storywalk along the trail. Children's Librarian Amy Smith prepared the featured book, *Feathers for Lunch* by Lois Ehlert, which was mounted along the walkway by IUHealth and Fred Hoffmann, Greenway Manager. Read the



book while you walk! It's full of beautiful pictures of birds and a silly cat, and is a fun way to get out and enjoy the trail. The Greenway Trail is a 3.8 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Hartford City, good for all skill levels. Dogs are welcome on the trail but must be kept on a leash.

AWESOME LITERARY SOCIETY

Greenglass House, Kate Milford

Thursdays 5-6pm

"It's wintertime at Greenglass House. The creaky smuggler's inn is always quiet during this season, and 12-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, out of nowhere, the guest bell rings. Then it rings again. And again. Soon Milo's

home is bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story that is somehow connected to the rambling old house.

As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House, and about themselves."



WEEKLY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY
Story & Craft	The Awesome Literary Society	<u>Teen Art Club</u>
Wednesdays—2 sessions!	Thursdays 5:00-6:00	1st Wednesdays 5:00-6:30
10:30-11:30 with Maggie the Reading Therapy Dog (morning session only)	Grades 4-8 (Parental signup required please)	Ages 13-18
3:30-4:30	Greenglass House	Drawing Anime and comics
Children must be accompanied by an adult.	Kate Milford	Making flip books
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