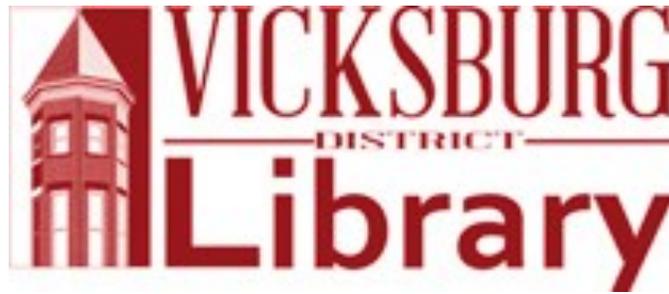


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PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, AND FOR THE CAUTION OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF OUR STAFF AND PATRONS, THE VICKSBURG DISTRICT LIBRARY IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH. THIS CLOSURE COULD BE EXTENDED BEYOND THIS DATE, HOWEVER. TO CONTINUE SERVING THE PUBLIC, WE ARE CURRENTLY OFFERING CURBSIDE PICKUP SERVICES TO ASSIST OUR PATRONS. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

From the Desk of the Library Director

My staff and I would like to wish you Happy Holidays during this season.

That may seem like a surprising sentiment because of the uncertainty so many of us have experienced this year. But I would like to state that even though this has been a challenging time for so many people, it is our hope at the library to continue to provide valuable services to our community.

Our staff are working to find ways which the library can inform and entertain, while also providing practical services like answering Reference questions via phone and e-mail, and providing faxing and photocopying. We feel it is especially vital to provide some office services to maintain the quality of life for community members who need to complete job-related tasks and financial transactions, or to transmit healthcare information.

We are striving to generate programming like story-times and our Books & Brew events on-line. Our staff have been creating craft kits and similar hand-outs intended to provide diversion, and we are continuing to offer MeL interlibrary loans in conjunction with our curbside services.

We were very proud of the in-person programming we had worked to develop early in 2020, and we look forward to a time when we can once again serve patrons through movie showings, reading groups, and special presentations such as authors' readings.

All of these are intended to provide safe, enjoyable, low or no cost opportunities for our patrons to continue to realize the value of the public library.

Please feel free to contact us with your questions and comments. We look forward to hearing from you in the future, and all the best,

Eric Hansen

Library Director

## COVID-19 Information for the Library



*The above displays acceptable examples of coverings that are allowed when visiting the Vicksburg District Library.*

Visiting the Library is a bit different right now due to COVID-19, but the below information should help answer some questions you may have.

**Face Mask:** By order of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, as well as the Health and Community Services Department of Kalamazoo, we are requiring that anyone who enters the Library for service must wear a proper mask or face covering. Masks made of hosiery/cheese cloth or mesh are not permitted. Those who are unable to wear a face mask or covering for medical reasons are highly encouraged to contact us before your visit so we can make arrangements to properly assist you.

**Quarantining Items:** The VDL is quarantining items immediately upon their return to safely prevent exposure for our employees. The quarantine period is currently at seven (7) days. All items will be checked in for the date the item was returned once the quarantine period is complete. This process should erase all fines and fees acquired during this period. We recommend to you a ten (10) day period to make sure the check ins have been completed and the fines erased. If after that period this is not the case, please contact us and we will correct the problem. You will more than likely receive a notice that items have already turned in are late. We kindly ask for you to disregard these messages if this is the case as they are generated by an automatic computer system.

Please note that the Library is closed on the following dates in observance of the holiday season:

- \* Thursday, November 26th: Thanksgiving
- \* Thursday, December 24th: Christmas Eve
- \* Friday, December 25th: Christmas Day
- \* Thursday, December 31st: New Year's Eve
- \* Friday, January 1st: New Year's Day

From all of us here at the Vicksburg District Library, we wish you and yours a warm and wonderful holiday season!



## Mrs. W's Youth Services Updates

Hey everyone! Mrs. W here!

I know the library is closed right now and could be closed for a while, but I'm working to keep the fun going for all the kiddos in the Vicksburg Community:

**Story Time:** Monday mornings at 10:30 am our Story Times will be LIVE on Facebook. Join us in the morning or watch when it is convenient to your family.

**Book Talks:** Keep an eye out on our social media for Mrs. W sharing new books in our children's and young adult collections. If you see something you like, put it on hold, and schedule a curbside pickup.

**Need help picking out books?** Not sure what to check out for your child or teen? Go to our website and fill out a Book Bundle request form on our Curbside Pickup Services Page! Mrs. W will take your suggestions and put together a bundle of books for your child or teen to read at home. Once the bundle is ready for check out, you can schedule a curbside pickup time.

**Crafts, Ready to Read at Home, Story Time Supplies:** If you are joining us for story time, make sure you have all the supplies you need! Request a story time kit and a craft kit so your little one can have extra fun. We also have Dinovember crafts and Ready to Read at Home activities. You can pick up your craft kits separately or request a book bundle and have crafts added to your bag.

-Mrs. W



## Items of Interest

The next Library Board Meetings will be held Thursday, November 19, 2020 and Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 6:00pm. For members of the public who wish to attend, we kindly ask you do so by using Zoom for the safety and health of yourself and others during the COVID-19 pandemic. For further details in regards to Zoom and the meeting, please see our website.



Join us online for Trivia Tuesdays! Every Tuesday we upload 15 trivia questions to our social media for you to think over. Play against yourself or against a friend. Answers are posted to our Facebook on Wednesday evenings. There are no prizes or grading involved. Just a bit of random fun. Who knows? Maybe you'll learn something new!

## Adrienne the Librarian's Docket

Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, and the most joyful of holidays to one and all!

As in the last few years, I am currently compiling my list of the 25 Top Rated Books in the Vicksburg District Library. The categories are limited to adult fiction, adult non-fiction, and young adult, are judged based on scores from Google Books, Good Reads, and Amazon, and are owned by the Library. Be sure to check our social media and see what you may have missed or if some of your favorites from 2020 are topping the chart.

Staying in for some quiet holidays and planning on reading in front of the fire or tree? Why not participate in the One Man Book Club? When you pick up your books from the Library, request a form to fill out and let us know what you think of your book. It'll then be added anonymously to the One Man Book Club binder. Next time you need a good book recommendation, just check the binder and see what other people said about various books in the Library! It's safe interaction at a distance and a great way to share some of your most favorite (or hated) books with everyone.

Want to stay warm in the car this winter? Call us and make an appointment for Curbside Pickup and we'll bring your items to you! Visit our website or give us a call for more details.