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Hopkinsville, KY April 19, 2020 - The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library (HCCPL) will be acknowledging National Library Week, despite the current mandated closure due to the covid-19 pandemic.

National Library Week begins Sunday, April 19th and runs through Saturday, April 25th. National Library week was established as an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. This year's theme, "Find the library at your place" highlights how libraries are offering virtual services and digital content their communities need now more than ever due to the national pandemic crisis.

HCCPL is following all covid-19 requirements by utilizing and rotating staff members each week and working limited hours each day to create virtual programs, clean and shelve books and complete special projects during the closure. "Even during the closure, the library staff is hard at work continuing to order books, materials and to plan programs that the community will use for free once we reopen", stated DeeAnna Sova, Executive Director. "The staff has been active creating virtual content for children and adults and ensuring that the books have been sanitized, shelved and are ready for patrons when we open to the public."

While this is a much different library week celebration than in the past, HCCPL staff have created a virtual library week celebration and have invited the community to follow along through social media and participate by sharing their own posting each day of a different celebratory activity.

DeeAnna also shared, "I could not be prouder of how each library staff member has pitched in to do their part to make sure the library is ready for the community. HCCPL is fortunate to have a dedicated, hardworking team that have made this entire process much easier. The one reoccurring theme I hear from staff members again and again is how much they miss their patrons. We are continuing to order new books and we will have them on the shelves when opening day arrives."

HCCPL has been closed to the public since March 18th, 2020. The libraries digital services are available for free. KY Unbound reading apps, Libby and Overdrive can be accessed, <http://hccpl.org/downloads/ebooks-audiobooks/>. Currently these apps are accessible without a library. There are also databases and reference resources available from the HCCPL website, <https://hccpl.org/databases-2/>. Databases are a great on-line option, particularly for parents and students that are working from home. They are also offering free WIFI, 24/7 in the area immediately surrounding the outside of the library. There is a FREE book cart that is outside of the library, Monday-Friday, 8-12. Books on the cart are rotated every 3 days and all books, and the cart are sanitized before setting them outside for the public.

To learn more about Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library, visit their website at www.hccpl.org or follow them on their social media accounts through Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.