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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020

THE GREAT TURKEY ESCAPE!

Turkey-in-Disguise Contest

Help your Turkey escape the Thanksgiving table by disguising him as one of your favorite book characters.

Pick up a turkey template with directions at the Library during normal business hours and turn in your finished turkey by Saturday, November 14th at 4 pm.

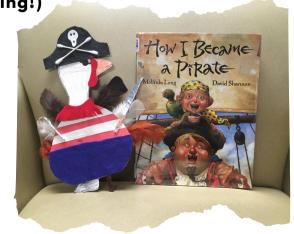
Turkeys will be posted in the Library windows for people to vote on their favorite.

Voting will be from November 16th - November 27th. For ages 4-12.

A prize will be awarded November 30, 2020.

Prize:

The turkey in disguise with the most votes will win a \$25 Visa Gift Card. (Just in time for holiday shopping!)

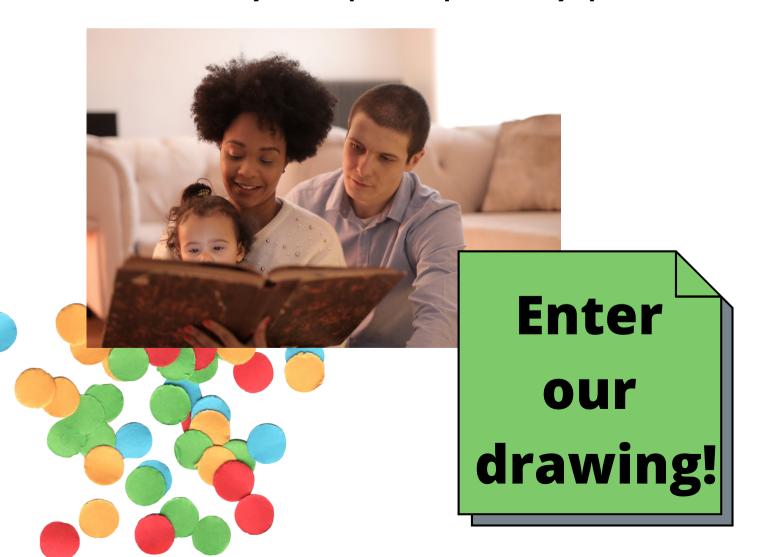


FAMILY READING NIGHT

Family Reading Night is Thursday, November 19, 2020.

Smithton PLD families are encouraged to read together and snap a picture. Share it on our Facebook page (There will be a special post) for a chance to win a family reading night goodie basket, complete with a plush blanket, buttery popcorn, and chocolate candy, valued at \$40.

Picture must be posted on the designated Smithton PLD post on Thursday, November 19 before 11:59 pm. This drawing is open to Smithton Public Library District cardholders only. One picture per family, please.



REQUEST ITEMS ONLINE

Inter-library loan is back! Patrons can request items online from other libraries again. Patrons need their library card number and password to log in to the online card catalog. This service is FREE! Questions? Call us!

Visit our online card catalog: smip.illshareit.com

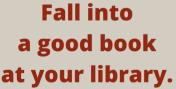
Note: Patrons are experiencing 10-14 business day wait times. Please know that the items are being quarantined to ensure patron and staff safety--that is why it is taking so long to get your items!

Check out our lovely fall 2020 gazebo decorations. MANY thanks to Mrs. Cindie Burke (& family) for putting together the display!















We're excited to offer Hoopla to our patrons!

Download books, music, movies, and audiobooks with Hoopla Digital and your library card.

Content includes both adults and children's titles.

These titles are all simultaneous use — so there's no waiting for the item you want!

We're excited about instant downloads! Visit the link, below, to create an account.

You will create a username (your email address) and password for Hoopla. Hoopla will then ask you to verify your library ZIP code, barcode, and library-assigned password.

https://www.hoopladigital.com/

Patrons will be able to borrow 5 items (called "borrows") per card, per month.

Have questions? Call us--we're happy to help! (618) 233-8057



Newsbank Database <u>https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/easy-</u> <u>search?p=NewsBank</u>

Explore and stay informed on local and national topics, people and events in areas such as business, health, education, jobs and careers, political and social issues and more.

Features a wide variety of credible, vetted news sources spanning the U.S., including Belleville News Democrat, St. Louis Post Dispatch and USA Today.

Available remotely 24/7 on any device.

Click the link, above, to access newspapers from across the nation.

You will need your Smithton Public Library District library card number to access this database.

Call us with any questions! (618) 233-8057

MOBILE HOTSPOTS

We have FIVE (5) Mobile Internet Hotspots that patrons (ages 18+) can check out! The hotspots run on the Sprint® network.

Call the library at 618-233-8057 to reserve one today.

FEATURED ONLINE DATABASE

In every newsletter issue, we'll feature an online database that you can access anywhere with your library card!

Please call the library at 618-233-8057 if you are having problems logging in.

To see all of the Online Databases that you have access to, please visit https://www.galepages.com/smithtonpl



Gale Health and Wellness

Search a full range of health-related issues, from current disease and disorder information to alternative medical practices.

NOTARY SERVICES

The library now offers notary services by appointment only. Please call the library at (618) 233-8057 to schedule an appointment.



CloudLibrary

The CloudLibrary is a platform that you can use to borrow digital content -- ebooks and eaudiobooks. This platform is one-copy, one-user, which means that each title checks out like a physical library book would. Patrons may place up to 5 holds, and have 5 items checked out per card.

The titles offered on the CloudLibrary are ones you'd expect to be on our new shelf -- they include more recent, popular authors.

Check out your favorite app store to download the CloudLibrary app.

Choose "Illinois Heartland Library System" when prompted to select a library.

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