NEWSLETTER

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SERIOUSLY SILLY FUN IN JANUARY 2021

We are planning FUN in January 2021 with the following activities:

- **Silly Picture** - Send us a silly or smiley picture of you with a book and we'll print it for our upcoming gallery wall! Email ONE picture per person/family, please to smithtonpl@smithtonpl.org or message us on Facebook.

- **Got Recommendations?** - Send us funny recommendations for all ages to smithtonpl@smithtonpl.org or message us on Facebook. We will compile a list and share it on our website. You may give us as many book/DVD/audio/music CD recommendations as you'd like!

- **Special Giveaway!** - January 30 is "Backwards Day"!
We're celebrating "Backwards Day" on January 30-31, 2021. Read your favorite kids' book backwards, wear your hats backwards, or wear your clothes backwards and post a picture to the comments of our special Backwards Day Facebook post. Please post your picture any time on 1/30/21 or 1/31/21 (by 11:59 pm).
A picture will be selected at random to win a prize box filled with hot cocoa, popcorn, and a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card and other surprises. Prize box is valued at $40.

WINTER READING PROGRAM

There are **2** ways to record your reading, via a paper form or online. This reading program is for Smithton PLD patrons only.

EITHER:

1) Paper log: Visit the library to pick up a paper reading log or download one here: http://www.smithtonpl.org/wrp/

OR

2) Online: Register and record your reading through the ReadSquared website/app. Visit smithtonpl.readsquared.com to get started.

For every 5 books you read (or re-read), you will be entered to win one of three fabulous prizes for your age group (ages 0-5, ages 6-12, or ages 13+)

For each age group, you could win:
-$50 Amazon Gift Card
-$25 Amazon Gift Card
-$10 Amazon Gift Card

Please read at or above your reading level.
The last day to turn in a paper log to be entered in the drawing is February 27, 2021 at 4 pm. Participants may enter information in ReadSquared ONLINE until 11:59 pm on February 27, 2021.

REQUEST ITEMS ONLINE

You can request items online from other libraries again. You will need your 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 ~9 business day wait time. Please know that the items are being quarantined to ensure patron and staff safety.

visit
smip.illshareit.com

hoopla®

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.

https://www.hoopladigital.com/

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.

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

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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.**

https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/easy-search?p=NewsBank

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 Smithton PLD 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 PRESENTS

PETERSON'S
TEST PREP

Peterson's Test Prep

Search thousands of college and graduate schools, identify scholarships, take practice tests, and use test prep eBooks.

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. Smithton PLD 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.

Questions? Call us! We're happy to help.
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STAFF
RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW for 2021! We have a blog!
It's full of staff recommendations and our goal is to update it once a week.

The recommendations are about any theme we can think of - our favorite books, audiobooks, music and movies.

Each staff member will post their recommendations throughout the year. The responses will be categorized by staff member and audience.

Check back often to see recommendations:
www.smithtonpl.org/blog.

Did you read that book for the 1000th time? Sign up & get rewarded. Click here for more info.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Parents whose children are not yet in Kindergarten can sign up for our "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.

You will receive a folder with a paper log to record the books you read to your child. Every time you read a book (no matter if it's the 20th time you've read it) -- it counts!

When you visit the library after every 100 books, your child will get a sticker to keep and one to put on our bulletin board.

After 500 books, your child will receive a finger puppet. After reading 1,000 books, your child will receive a t-shirt, a certificate, and his/her picture/name in the newspaper!

Visit the library to sign up today!