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Monday 10am - 6pm
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Saturday 10am - 2pm
Sunday CLOSED

Vanderlyn Community Center Hartford Public Library

January 2021

What's New at HPL

What's new at your library?
How about a whole new library!
The Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library has so much to offer our community and beyond. There is a 1,200 square foot community room, that will be open for public use once the COVID restriction lift. The building also houses the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society. This organization offers a research room that is staffed with knowledgeable volunteers. It is a great place for historical and genealogy research. The Pokagon Children's Learning center is a great asset to our

community with two AWE children's learning computer and a game table for children. It also offers a dollhouse, Lego table, race car table and a spot to color and learn. (some items are put away due to COVID restrictions). The library has an inviting youth room with a place to do homework and hang out with friends. The makerspace lab will be used for craft projects for the community and offers 3D printing capabilities. In the computer lab you will have access to 12 public access computers (only 6 are in use at the moment due to COVID restrictions). Please call a head

to check for availabilities. (269) 588-5103. The main area of the library houses our book collection. You now have access to all of our books and more. If we don't have what you are looking for just ask and we will do our best to get it for you through MELCAT. Enjoy some time sitting in front of the fireplace reading or working from your laptop. We have Wi-Fi throughout the building. This new building has a lot to offer our community and we are proud to call it our own.



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Director's Corner

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Even through the pandemic, we were able to complete the new Hartford Public Library/Vanderlyn Community Center. We are looking forward to Summer 2021, in the hopes that we can offer a robust summer reading program for our community. All of this would have not been possible without the generous donation of \$1.3 million dollars from Bonna Vanderlyn. Through the years, she has been a beacon of support for many organizations, always thinking of

the Hartford community first. We have two online programs for ebooks, audio books, comic books, movies and videos. They are Hoopla.com and OverDrive.com. Hoopla has the advantage that every item is available immediately. OverDrive may have some of the most current books, but there is generally a waiting list. All you need is an email address and your library card to access material. Coming in January is an online scavenger hunt called Winter Quest. Participation

is open to all teens. Teen participants are given a story or quest information which will lead them to participating library websites to solve the mystery and complete the quest for a prize. Watch for the first clue on the Hartford Public Library website in January. The Quest runs from January 1, 2021 to February 14, 2021. Happy New Year and have a safe holiday! Stephanie Daniels, Director

Book Club

The Hartford Book Club meets every fourth Wed. of the month at 2PM to discuss a book which is selected by the members. It is very casual and is held at the Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library. If you are interested, please notify the staff and the book will be supplied through Mel Cat for your use.

Upcoming Books for Winter/Spring 2021

February 24

"Hillbilly Elegy"

By J.D. Vance

March 24

"The Touch"

By Colleen McCullough

April 28

"The Book That Matters Most"

By Ann Hood

Hartford Public Library Board of Directors

The Hartford Library Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library. Board meetings are open to the public.

President- James Jonatzke
Vice-President - Faith Dowd
Secretary- Linda Hadley

Treasurer- Ellen Friday
Trustee- Anne Blocker
Trustee- Susan Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

The library provides many services for the community.

- *Books and other materials
- *DVD Movie Club
- *12 Public Access Computers
- *Wi-Fi (wireless internet)
- *Children's programs
- *Book Club
- *Copies (20¢ for black and white 50¢ color)
- *Faxes (\$1.00 for first page and 50¢ for each additional page. 50¢ per page for incoming faxes.)
- *Free music and book downloads.
- *MEL: An inter-loan library service

The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Hartford Public Library hold their meetings the last Monday of each month, except for January & December. The meetings are held in the Vanderlyn Community Center at 6:00PM. **Everyone is welcome to join!** For more information please visit our website:

www.hartfordpl.michlibrary.org



Home of the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society

The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society Genealogy Room is a non-circulating book and manuscript collection and is available to the public during regular library hours. Visitors are required to register at the circulation desk. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



Winter Wonders

Winter is in full swing and the Library continues to be a place for everyone to keep busy for this cold weather season. Our DVD club is a great bargain. You pay only \$10 a year and are able to check out four movies for seven days. We have a great selection of movies, TV series and documentaries. Stop on by and check them out. As always the library offers free books for check out. Come by the library, get a library card and see what

other free resources we offer. The computer lab offers 12 public access computers, with only 6 open due to COVID. Please call a head of time to make sure a computer is available. (269)588-5103 The library offers limited free tax form printing Jan. 31st - April 15th.

Reminder: Please check our Facebook page for weather related cancellations and closings.



Spring Surprises

At this time we do not know what 2021 Spring will look like. For now we are still open. Masks are required to enter the building and we ask that you practice safe social distancing. The computer lab is open with six available computers.

The fax machine is now working and you can send and receive faxes at the library. The fax number is (269)621-3073. The Friends of the Library meets on the last Monday of the month @ 6pm in the Vanderlyn Community Center/





Hartford Public Library. This organization helps the library in many ways and is a great way to get involved.

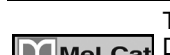
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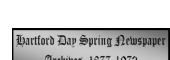
You can access all of these free services through links on our website:


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 Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks and more, 24/7 with your library card.

 Southwest Michigan Digital Library is your 24/7 library. Download e-books, audio books and videos for free.

 The Inter-Library Loan is referred to as MeLCat. It is a statewide network of Michigan libraries sharing books, DVDs, Music and more with each other. Patrons can submit requests at the local Library or through their own computer with "MeLCat" or mel.org.

 Follow the link on our website to search the "Hartford Day Spring Newspaper" 1887-1972. Find obituaries and old news articles from the past. Enjoy a trip down memory lane or learn more about the history of our area.

 All are welcome to the computer lab at Hartford Public Library. We have 16 public access computers. It is free to use the computers and they are open to the public. Children under 18 years old will need a signed parent permission slip to use our computers. All of our computers have printing capabilities. There is a fee for printing from computers: 20¢ for black and white and 50¢ for color. You can ask a librarian for a list of current internet policies.

January 2021					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9
11	12 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	13	14	15	16
18 Book Club @ 6:30pm	19	20	21	22	23
25	26	27	28	29	30
February 2021					
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20
22 FOTL Meeting @ 6pm	23	24 Book Club @ 2pm	25	26	27
March 2021					
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	10	11	12	13
15	16	17	18	19	20
22	23	24 Book Club @ 2pm	25	26	27
29 FOTL Meeting @ 6pm	30	31			
April 2021					
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5	6 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm	7	8	9	10
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26 FOTL Meeting @ 6pm	27	28 Book Club @ 2pm	29	30	