

## 2021 A Busy Year at Henderson County Public Library

- Library open all year as it was prior to Covid 19
- Bookmobile made stops throughout the County all year except for the schools
- January through April Storytime held on Facebook
- Blind date with a book was held February 1 - 27 for adults and children
- In February & March scanned copies of Henderson County High School yearbooks were added to the Library website
- In March, new flooring was installed in the Library entryway and both restrooms and five gold chairs were reupholstered to give the Library a fresh look
- Lego Challenge - Winners announced March 22
- Virtual Fancy Nancy Tea Party was held on Saturday, April 10, including recordings by Miss Blackhawk Valley, the Henderson County Fair Queens, table hostesses, and the Library Staff
- YouTube channel for the library was established on April 13
- Our first Co-op Adult Online Program was held on April 17 - A virtual author discussion with John Sandford
- In May, Furniture bought with memorial money was added to the Children section of the Library
- On May 6, a Zoom event with Author Alex Kotlowitz was held
- Summer Reading Program was offered for children May 25 to July 17 using the READsquared app. Take It - Make It Craft/STEM projects were available each week.
- *The Way I See It: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's* presentation by Temple Grandin took place on Zoom May 27
- June 9 & 10 Stepping Stone craft for Summer Reading held outdoors by appointment
- T-shirt Tie dying was held outdoors by appointment on June 23 & 24
- Zoom program, June 29 - Museum of Bad Art
- New, faster internet with McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MTC) begins July 1
- Ceramic Tile Coasters craft indoors by appointment on July 7
- Outdoor Summer Reading Party included sack lunch, bubble stations, bounce houses on Saturday, July 17
- August 14, eight children celebrated 1000 Books Before Kindergarten with a party at the library
- Movie Day at the Library resumed August 21. Movies shown every No School day, early outs, and one Saturday a month
- August 24, Bookmobile resumes stops at West Central Schools after being discontinued due to Covid. Boxes of Henderson County Library books were taken to the West Central Elementary & Middle Schools for loan for the year.

- MTC installed a free hotspot for internet usage in the Library parking lot on August 27
- September 1 weekly adult computer classes began
- Fall in Love with Reading - Adult Reading Program - September 13 to November 5
- Meredith Alexander presented about Buzzard Glory Farm & Flowers of rural Biggsville on September 15
- New Library hours for Fall & Winter began September 30 with library open until 8 pm on Thursdays and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays
- A well attended freewill donation, outdoor book sale was held September 23 - 25
- October 21 Carey Thacker & Callie Thacker from Bee You Apothecary in Oquawka talked at the Library -- *You Can't Pour From An Empty Cup...*
- November 9 a paint party was held with instruction from the Art Center of Burlington
- 480 Gingerbread Houses were built by staff & volunteers with Gingerbread House Decorating offered In House by appointment on December 2, 3, & 4 as well as Take & Create decorating. A contest was held for various age groups.
- December 6 celebrated Library Director, Anita Smith's 30 year anniversary working at Henderson County Public Library
- A sign painting party was held on December 7 with Mary Ann Stimpson of Craft Fun Day from Stronghurst
- Santa visited the library on December 11 with a bagged breakfast given out after a visit with Santa