

THE FARMINGTON LIBRARIES

LET'S GET READY FOR SUMMER!

SUMMER 2022



Greetings from the Farmington Libraries!

Now, at the beginning of summer, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the past year and all of the challenges and hardships that we needed to cope with due to the pandemic. The staff at the Farmington Libraries, as well as libraries across the state and the nation, responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in unprecedented ways. Curbside pickup, grab-and-go services and online programs became the norm. Fortunately, we seem to have turned the corner and we are now fully open to the public, allowing access to all of our meeting and study room spaces at full capacity. In addition, we are planning an exciting series of summer reading programs for all ages and interests starting with our **Summer Reading Kickoff** event at the Main Library on June 20. More information about the Kickoff is contained in this newsletter, as well as on our website at www.farmingtonlibraries.org.

Trustee Jorie Andrews will be stepping down as Board Chair when her term ends in June. We wish her the very best and thank her for her leadership of the Board during a challenging time. We

are also welcoming two new Trustees to the Library Board: Dana Pescatello recently joined the Board and Ida Franklin, who previously served on the Board, will be rejoining in July. Both Dana and Ida will be serving for three-year terms. I am also pleased to welcome Heidi Schulz-Vendrella, our new Adult Programming Coordinator, to the Libraries. Heidi has been planning a full series of informative, interactive and entertaining programs for adults this summer and fall, including our ever-popular **Garmany Music Series** concerts at the Main and Barney Libraries.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Terry Matava, our Interlibrary Loan Coordinator, for 35 years of dedicated service. Terry, who retired on April 28th, loved sharing her knowledge of Farmington history with local residents, especially those doing research in the **Farmington Room**. It is amazing to think that when Terry started her library career in 1987, the Internet was in its infancy and we were just beginning to dip our toe into the world of information technology. Google, which continues to dominate the search engine market (used by 92.47% of those using a search engine to find information as of June 2021), was not launched until 1998. DVDs were not released until 1996. In 1987, cell phones were as large as bricks and cost about 50 cents a minute to use. Tom Wolfe's *The Bonfire of the Vanities* and Tom Clancy's *Patriot Games* topped the New York Times bestseller list. While I will not try to predict what will be happening 35 years hence in 2057, I am certain the Farmington Libraries will continue to serve the needs of everyone in our community, helping to fulfill our mission to provide free access to services, experiences and resources that offer opportunities to explore, create and share ideas.

Welcome, summer!

Christopher Lindquist, Executive Director



ADULT SERVICES

Adult Information Services is beginning to offer more in-person programs. For example, the **Bijou Classic Movies** are back on Thursday afternoons! And we continue to offer many virtual programs as well, such as Take & Make crafts, and the ever-popular Virtual Pilates with Mary Therese which has moved to 10:00 AM every other Thursday.



Adult Summer Reading

is beginning on June 20! Stop by for the Summer Reading Kick-Off Picnic at 5:30 PM to register. The first 50 registrants will receive a Farmington Libraries water bottle. Visit the Information Desk any time we are open to sign up. We will have lots of great giveaways this year,

including food truck gift cards, a museum membership, bookstore gift cards, and advanced reader's copies of books. Stop by and pick up a retro reading button to get you started! Be sure to visit our website (or scan the QR code) to check out our Summer Reading webpage to find out more about summer reading for **ALL AGES**.

Adult Information Services has officially resumed trainings in the **Maker Space**! New staff is trained on the equipment and we are working on training patrons who have been waiting patiently during the COVID-19 quarantine. We are also adding more items to our **Library of Things**, such as a portable blue/green screen, studio-on-the-go (which includes a microphone, headphones, and mini mixing board), metal stamping kit, DVD Player, leather working kit, soldering iron, and more!



WELCOME, HEIDI!

A second-generation librarian, Heidi Schulz-Vendrella uses her theatre skills and tech smarts to help every patron have a meaningful and fun library experience. She is an ENTP on the Meyer's Briggs (think Disney's Esmeralda) and has a 4w5 Enneagram (think Disney's Alice in Wonderland). Heidi has eight years of professional library experience. She is extremely excited to learn about the Farmington Community as our new Adult Programming Coordinator.



THE MURTHAS & THE MILNERS: SEA SHANTIES AND TRADITIONAL BALLADS FROM AMERICA, IRELAND AND BEYOND

Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 PM on the Barney Library Lawn.



SEEDS OF INTENTION - CRYSTAL TERRARIUMS

Thursday, August 4 at 6:30 PM. Enjoy a fun overview of the benefits of gems and crystals.



BOARD GAME CAFÉ

Wednesdays, July 13 & August 10 at 6:00 PM for ages 14 and up. Play some old favorites or try out a new game!

SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD!

Farmington and Unionville residents can stop by either library location to get a Farmington library card. For proof of residency, we accept a photo ID, or a piece of mail with your name and street address.

Has your library card expired? That's okay! We can update your account and get you back to borrowing!

Can't make it in? An **Online Branch** card will get you access to our digital collections.

If you need further assistance, please visit our website at www.farmingtonlibraries.org or give us a call and connect with the Lending Services staff to find out more about getting a library card.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

We are very busy preparing for our annual Summer Reading Adventures program! The 2022 Summer Reading theme this year is **Read Beyond the Beaten Path**, and we are taking our inspiration from the Great Outdoors! The program will run June 20 – August 20; participants will keep track of how many days they read this summer, building a strong reading habit. There is also a fun activity log for our youngest patrons!

We'll be starting with a library-wide Kickoff event the evening of June 20: a family picnic with a DJ, henna artist, and Valentine the clown – so much fun!!! Our **Wacky Wednesday** evenings showcasing family performances will return this year, including the Energy in Motion mobile science lab, CT Birds of Prey, Ed Pop Magic & Comedy Show, and Riverside Reptiles, along with tons of other fun activities and reading incentives. We will also close out the town's summer concert series with the Jester Jim Show on August 25 – this beatboxing, juggling, and comedy show is highly entertaining.

The Children's Department has been working with 4D Design to reorganize our space. Phase 1 of the project will include a new Tween section, centralized staff desks, a designated early childhood play area, and new shelving, so stop by and check out these new spaces! Future plans include having artist Ted Esselstyn (who created our puppet theater) decorate our central column, booth-style seating, and picture book shelf rearranging. We are grateful to the Farmington Village Green and Library Association for partially funding the redesign of the Children's Room!

We can't wait to celebrate summer with the community!

TEEN SERVICES

Join Food Explorers and the Farmington Libraries via Zoom to learn some fun recipes in the comfort of your own kitchen throughout the summer! **Food Explorers** will walk you through the steps of making some fun summer recipes like Strawberry Stuffed Cupcakes, Four Fold Quesadillas, and Whoopie Pies!

Don't forget to drop by the **Teen Space** and escape the heat to play some video games on our Nintendo Switch and PS4!



SUMMER READING KICKOFF Monday, June 20, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Bring a blanket or some chairs and a picnic dinner to the lawn; we'll provide the entertainment and some goodies!



ENERGY IN ACTION MOBILE INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Step inside this mobile learning exhibit to participate in mind-blowing, energy-saving experiments in a fun and hands-on way.



THE MAGIC OF ED POPIELARCZYK

Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM. *If you love magic tricks and love to laugh, this is the program for you!!*



JESTER JIM END OF SUMMER READING SHOW

Thursday, August 25 at 6:30 PM. Jester Jim will close out our summer with a fantastic beat boxing, juggling, and comedy show sure to entertain!

THE BARNEY LIBRARY

This summer we have some exciting activities happening at the Barney Library. Kids and their families can enjoy **Chicken Storytime** on Thursday, July 21 at 2:00 PM featuring special guest chickens! Visitors of all ages can stop by the Barney Library on Mondays, August 15, 22 & 29 from 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM to create some **Tiny Art**. We will provide tiny canvas and paint supplies, you come with your creativity and make pieces to include in our very own TINY ART SHOW!

Don't forget to check out the program calendar to find a full array of programs for kids and adults happening at the Barney Library this summer.

THE FRIENDS

Don't forget to support The Friends of the Farmington Libraries! This past year the Friends provided \$32,985.38 to support programs for Adults, Teens and Children, as well as Summer Reading. In addition they provided \$1,885 for the Libraries' **Museum Pass** offerings.

Visit www.farmingtonlibraries.org for more information on donation guidelines, membership and other Friends updates!

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MAIN LIBRARY
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MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
(KIDS' PLACE CLOSSES AT 8PM MON-THURS)
FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SUMMER SATURDAYS
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

BARNEY LIBRARY
71 MAIN STREET

MONDAY - THURSDAY
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