# Hopkins District Library Happenings



News flash:

- Did you see our cookie cutters for loan? Ask us about them!
- Are you keeping up to date with what's going on at your library? Check out our Facebook!
- We are seeking volunteers for our 2013 Secret Project!

#### Did you know:

- ♦ We have DVDs?
- We have free ebooks?
- We have free-audio books?
- We always take book and program requests!
- We have a Friends of the Library Group that helps us?
- We offer free computer assistance?
- We have groups and clubs that meet here and you can join them any time?
- We want you to come in and check us out?

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# Escape the cold and curl up with a warm book

# with our Winter Reading Club!



Warm toasty fireplace with a great book and maybe a cat or dog curled up on your lap? Sounds like a plan!

With the snow upon us, who doesn't want to curl up in front of the fire with a good book? And what if there were prizes involved? A little more motivation? Ok, how about a book-making kick off and an appetizer party finale? Does this sound like your kind of program. Well, join up!

Our first ever Adult Winter Reading Club (Bingo) will kick off Saturday January 26 with a Book-Making Class and Club sign up (sign up will be open until February 2)! Space is limited for the book-making class taught by Brenda DeZeeuw currently teaching at the Pickle Street School

(http://www.picklestreetschool.com/)! In our Winter Reading Bingo, each per

In our Winter Reading Bingo, each person will get one bingo card. If you read books corresponding to the categories on the entire card, you will receive six tickets for our prize drawing. If you don't fill your card, each line (vertical or horizontal) earns you one ticket. Cards must be turned in by February 25.

A prize drawing and appetizer party will be on the evening of February 27. Bring your favorite appetizer and we will have a lovely evening of books and prizes Don't forget to bring a container to plant a flower for our "Flowers in February" event! Back by popular demand, we will try to bring spring back asap with our flowers!



# \$25,000 Robert C. Reinhardt Grant and DDA donation!!

We won the Robert C. Reinhardt Foundation one time \$25000 grant to small libraries to improve their buildings! We are planning to start work on ours this coming summer!

Our planned improvements include: new computers, a pro-

jector, furnaces and air conditioners, repairs to our siding, updates to our lighting and a new sign!!

In addition the Hopkins Village DDA (Downtown Development Authority) is getting us a bike rack for the front of the building!

We are eager for the updates to begin this coming spring!

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to show you what's new around here!

# **Upcoming Events!**

#### December:

24 and 25 Library Closed - Merry Christmas!! 31- Library Closed - Happy New Year's Eve!

#### January:

1 - Library Closed - Happy New Year's Day!
7 at 7pm Friends of the Library Meeting
8 at 7pm Library Board Meeting
16 at 7pm Book Club — <u>At Home in Mitford</u> by Karon
21 at 6-8pm Sticks & Strings (knit/crochet club)
26 at 10-12pm Book-Making
26 at 10-1pm Sign up for Winter Reading Club

#### February:

11 at 4-7pm Valentines Candy Creations12 at 7pm Library Board Meeting

28 at 1:30-3:30pm Coups for Troops

For a complete listing of events, please check our website or Facebook programs are subject to change with the weather! 18 at 6-8pm Stick & Strings (knit/crochet club)

20 at 7pm Book Club – Prince and the Pauper - Twain

23 at 10am-1pm Basket Weaving

25 at 1:30-3:30pm Coups for Troops

25 at Last day for Winter Reading Club Tickets

27 at 3-7pm Flowers in February (come and plant!)

#### March:

11 at 7pm Friends of the Library Meeting12 at 7pm Library Board Meeting

16 at Time TBA - Fly Tying with Gerry Worden Part 1

18 at 6-8pm Stick & Strings (knit/crochet club)
20 at 7pm Book Club – TBA

23 Time TBA - Fly Tying with Gerry Worden Part 2

Events in BOLD are <u>not free</u> for everyone or are limited!

Book Making: \$10 for Non-residents, sign up Candy Creations: \$5 for Non-residents, limited materials Basket Weaving:\$10 for Non-residents, limited materials Fly Tying: Space and materials are very limited!!



Baskets anyone? Come by and watch or weave your own!

### Weave the winter blues away!

Have you been wanting to try something new after being cooped up way too long this winter? Why not try your hand at making a basket for spring chores, decorations, or just as a gift to bring cheer on a cold wintery day!

Master basket weavers from the Church family will be here to get you weaving your first basket. Through donations from the Gun Lake Casino, Walmart, and the Allegan County Community Foundation's TAG grant, the program is free to residents of the Hopkins District Library.

Basket weaving, fly tying and book making are the first program

in this year's theme of "Necessities that have become Arts." We hope that you will come in and take advantage of our talented instructors, as they share their crafts and think about how once upon a time all of these things were nearly required simply to live.

Do you have a program you would like to see at the library? Would you like to/be willing to teach a program for us? Please let us know! We would love to expand our community offerings and the only way we know what you are interested in learning is if you tell us:)