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*Kids heard campfire stories and roasted marshmallows at the Library in June.*

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### Library Hours

Mo.-Th.	9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri.	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sun.	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### Holiday Closings

Thursday, July 4  
Monday, September 2

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### Library Board

The Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of most months at 7 p.m. The public is welcome. The Board does not have a regularly scheduled meeting in July.

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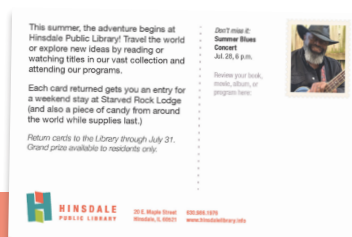
Karen Kleckner Keefe,  
*Executive Director*

### Our Mission

To enrich Hinsdaleans' lives with opportunities to learn, engage, discover and connect.



Subscribe to our email newsletters and never miss a program!



### Summer Reading 2024

## The Adventure Begins at Hinsdale Public Library

Through Jul. 31

Go on an adventure this summer—and let us be your guide! Whatever your age, you can explore new places and new ideas through reading, and HPL is the perfect place to start your journey.

#### Kids:

Update your log every time you read for a chance to spin the prize wheel at the Library! If you finish the program, you get a book to keep.

#### Teens:

Grab an adventure map from the Youth Services Desk to keep track of how many books you've read and collect prizes throughout the summer.

#### Adults:

Fill out a ticket when you read, listen, watch, or attend Library programs to be entered into a drawing for a weekend at Starved Rock Lodge! You'll also get a treat with each ticket.

Find youth and teen logs at the Youth Services Desk and adult tickets in the Lobby.

## See You Outside!

### Lunch on the Lawn

Wednesdays, Jul. 17 & Aug. 14, 12:30–1:15 p.m.  
Burlington Park; drop in

Bring on summer! Grab your kids, friends, and neighbors to enjoy free and fun family entertainment. Bring your picnic blanket, pack a lunch, and see a performance you won't want to miss!

- **Jul. 17:** Jeanie B! and the Jelly Beans
- **Aug. 14:** Magic of Gary Cantor

Sponsored by the Village of Hinsdale; in the event of rain, consult the Village's rainout line at (630) 381-4636.

FAMILIES

### Storytime at Burns Field Park

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Note: There will be no storytime on Jul. 3

Join your favorite librarians at Burns Field for stories, fingerplays, and music. If it rains, storytime will move to the Library.

FAMILIES

### Qigong in the Park

Mondays, Jul. 15 & Aug. 19, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Please register

Join Dancing Cranes instructor Tom Wilkens to learn the practice of Qigong. We'll meet at the South Picnic Shelter at Katherine Legge Park.

ADULTS

### Around Town

All summer long

Look for us at the Fourth of July Parade—we'll once again hand out free books to kids thanks to our Friends of the Library's support. We'll see you at Uniquely Thursdays and the Farmer's Market, too!

FAMILIES

## Art at HPL

### InJung Oh's *Spirit of Life*

July & August, Quiet Reading Room



InJung Oh is a visual artist who received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2009 and has exhibited widely in Chicago and abroad. She is currently a resident at the Zhou B Art Center and a member of the Arts Club of Chicago. Oh was born in South Korea, immigrated to the US at 13, and now lives in Hinsdale.

Oh creates moments of reflection and balance in the face of a world filled with tensions—gendered, cultural, and spiritual—and explores complicated multiplicities, particularly those pertaining to her identity.

See her work on display through August.

ADULTS

## HPL After Dark



### Blues Concert on the Lawn with Bear Williams Trio

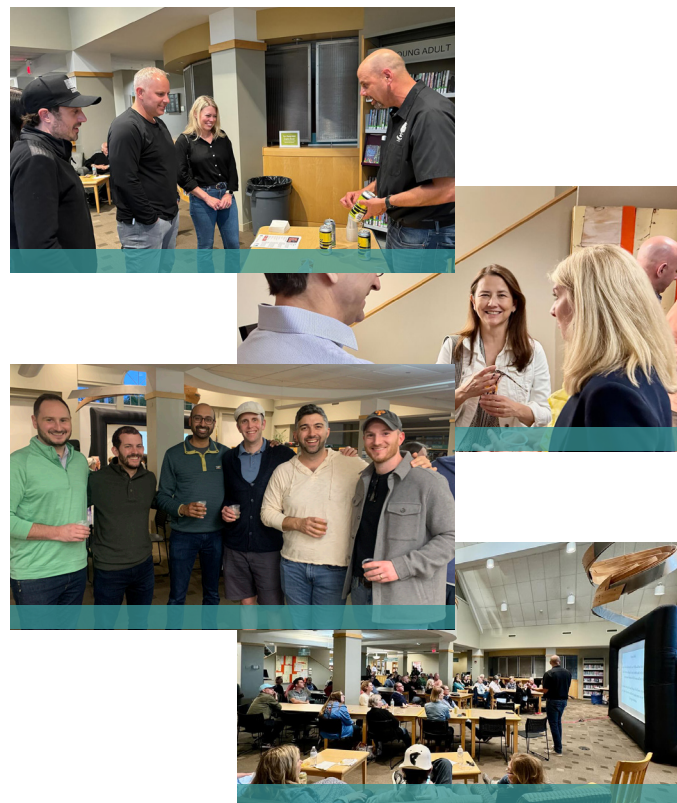
Sunday, Jul. 28, 6–8 p.m., Memorial Hall lawn; please register

Bear Williams is an award-winning Chicago-based blues artist who has recorded or performed with legends like Mavis Staples, Diana Ross, Little Richard, and Alanis Morissette. This summer, he will perform for us on the Library's lawn!

Bring a lawn chair, grab a snack and a drink (wine, beer, and soft drinks are provided complements of the Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library), and listen to the blues with us. While the concert is geared at adults, children are welcome as well. Thanks to Old Town School of Folk Music for helping select our performer this summer.



Last summer's concert on the lawn featured Ukrainian music and dancing.



Our craft beer tasting was a hit! Thanks to the Friends of the Library, Imperial Oak Brewing, and Kramer Foods for supporting our Spring After Dark event.

## For seniors

### **NEW!** Senior Lunch & Learn

#### **Positive Aging: A Shift In Your Mindset**

Third Wednesdays, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Adults 65+, come learn about relevant topics from experts and enjoy a lunch sponsored by The Birches.

- **Downers Grove Township and You**  
Wednesday, Jul. 17, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Learn about the free services and activities DGT provides to all seniors in their service area, which includes most of Hinsdale.
- **Healthy Living for Brain and Body**  
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Learn about research-based recommendations for taking care of brains and bodies as we age.

#### **Hinsdale Memory Café**

Fourth Wednesdays, 2–3 p.m.  
(Jul. 24 & Aug. 28)

Socialize and connect with individuals living with dementia and their care partners using prepared activities. Sponsored by The Birches Assisted Living and Memory Care.

#### **Seasoned Tech**

##### **Drop-in Tech Support Consultation**

First Thursdays, 3–4 p.m.  
(Aug. 1 & Sept. 5)

Stop in to get tech help from experienced experts from Hinsdale Public Library and the Indian Prairie Computer Club.

#### **Your Online Privacy Blueprint**

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7–8:15 p.m.

Take control of your privacy! We will discuss several steps you can take to secure your privacy while browsing the web and sending messages. We'll explore VPNs, private DNS services, trustworthy email providers, and more in terms everyone can understand.

#### **Virtual Encore**

##### **How to Stay Safe Online and Avoid Common Scams**

Thursday, Aug. 29, 3–4 p.m. on Zoom

Get tips you can use to stay safe online. Learn how to avoid common scams and what to do if you become a victim.

## More programs for adults



### **Summer Reading 2024**

Jun. 1–Jul. 31  
See pg. 2 for details.

Adults can win a weekend at Starved Rock Lodge and treats from around the world by tracking what they read and watch and which programs they attend.

#### **Multigenerational Vacations: How to Ensure Fun for All!**

Wednesday, Jul. 10, 7–8 p.m.

As multigenerational travel increases, so do the benefits for all ages. Learn how to plan your vacation to make sure grandparents, parents and grandchildren all have a great time.

#### **Qigong in the Park**

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11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join Dancing Cranes instructor Tom Wilkens to learn the practice of Qigong. We'll meet at the South Picnic Shelter at Katherine Legge Park.

#### **Intro to Ukulele**

Mondays, Jul. 17 & Aug. 14, 7–8 p.m.

This summer, learn to play the ukulele! Area instructors Alvin McGovern and Chris McIntosh will teach the basics during this three-part series.



#### **HPL After Dark Blues Concert: Bear Williams Trio**

Sunday, Jul. 28, 6–8 p.m., Memorial Hall lawn

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#### **Beginning Knitting**

Tuesdays, Jul. 30, Aug. 20, & Sept. 10, 7–8 p.m.

Knitting is easier than you think—and summer is a great time to learn! After you've learned the basics, you will be ready to join HPL's Needlework Nights every other Thursday night (see pg. 5).

- **Jul. 3:** Session 1—How to cast on, hold your needles, and knit
- **Aug. 20:** Session 2—Review of previous topics; how to purl
- **Sept. 10:** Session 3—Review of previous topics; how to follow a basic pattern to knit a scarf

#### **United Foods of America**

##### **As American as Apple Pie: The Best of Regional Pies, Pastries, and Cookies**

Wednesday, Jul. 31, 7–8 p.m.

Join us as we traverse the U.S. in search of the country's best regional desserts. From Florida's key lime pie to Oregon's blackberry cobbler, we'll track down all things sweet. Samples provided.

#### **How to Save Your Seeds**

Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Kasey Eaves of Vivant Gardening will teach us how to collect seeds from a variety of plants, including tomatoes, beans, peas, squash, and lettuce.

#### **Leslie Goddard Presents:**

##### **Lilly Pulitzer**

Monday, Aug. 12, 7–8 p.m.

In the 1960s, she changed fashion with her carefree shift dresses in whimsical, bold patterns. But who was Lilly Pulitzer? Historian Leslie Goddard brings to life the entrepreneur and fashion designer who launched a design revolution.

*Mexican Cultural Center DuPage, Meztli Mexico, the College of DuPage Public Art Project, and Discover DuPage are bringing hand-painted, large-scale renditions of Mesoamerican sculptures to locations across DuPage County!*

*Celebrate the exhibit's launch at COD's McAninch Arts Center Jun. 30, 2–6 p.m., and learn more at HPL this July.*

## dig deeper

### **Olmec Trails: Culture & Legacy** [OlmecTrails.com](http://OlmecTrails.com)



## For book lovers

### New Moms Book Group

Third Tuesdays, 7–8 p.m.  
at The Cube at Standard Market (Westmont)

Take some time for yourself to read a book and chat with other new moms!

- **Jul. 16:** *Heartstopper: Volume 1*, Alice Oseman
- **Aug. 20:** *Everything I Know About Love*, Dolly Alderton
- **Sept. 17:** *The Fury*, Alex Michaelides

### Library Edition Book Club

First Wednesdays, 7–8 p.m.

Join our Library Book Club to discuss bestsellers new and old.

- **Aug. 7:** *His Only Wife*, Peace Adzo Medie
- **Sept. 4:** *The Waters*, Bonnie Jo Campbell

## More groups & meetups

### Coffee & Conversation

Tuesdays, 10–11 a.m.

Join your friends, neighbors, and fellow residents for free coffee each Tuesday morning. Discuss current events and new books, or simply relax for an hour.

### Needlecraft Night

Every other Thursday, 7–8 p.m.  
(Jul. 11 & 25, Aug. 8 & 22)

Bring your needlecraft project to work on, and enjoy some pleasant conversation with your fellow crafting enthusiasts!

### French Conversation Group

Tuesday, Jul. 23, 7–8 p.m.; limit 12

This conversation group is for anyone who wants to improve their French language skills or connect with other French speakers.

### Olmec Trails

An Update for HPL Patrons

Monday, Jul. 15, 7–8 p.m.

Diana Martinez, Director of the McAninch Arts Center, joins us to discuss this summer's Olmec Trails exhibition, which showcases works painted on stone head sculptures across DuPage County.



### Summer Reading 2024

Jun. 1–Jul. 31

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Middle and high school students can pick up a log at the Youth Services desk, track their reading, and win prizes for each book completed.

### Teen Game Time

Fridays, 3–5 p.m.; grades 6–12

Take some time to unwind at Teen Game Time! Play Mario Kart on the Nintendo Switch, or enjoy a classic board game in the Community Meeting Room.

### Teen Book Box

Pickup Fridays, Jul. 12 & Aug. 9; grades 6–12

Enjoy a pre-selected book for 6th–12th graders and other fun bookish treats each month. Choose your preferred genre when you subscribe. Register once to receive boxes in July and August.

### Afternoon Tea

Tuesday, Jul. 23, 2–3 p.m.; grades 6–12

Indulge in an elegant afternoon tea experience as we sip, snack, and enjoy each other's company.

### Self Defense for High School and College Students

Wednesday, Jul. 24, 4–6 p.m.

Feel empowered, independent, and safe with self defense skills! Instructor Lindsey Daehnke of Strictly Self Defense will teach the mindset, skill set, and planning necessary for teens to stay safe. This class is ideal for recent graduates heading off to college and students still in high school.

### Taylor Swift Craft Night

Thursday, Aug. 29, 6–8 p.m.; grades 6–12

Join us for an evening of crafts and games. We'll make friendship bracelets, design buttons, play lyric bingo, and more—all while enjoying Taylor's music.

### Practice ACT Exam

Saturday, Aug. 24, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Space is limited and will fill up quickly!

Get ready for the fall ACTs by taking a proctored practice exam. These practice exams are only available to high schoolers; include your 2024–25 grade level and a parent's email address when registering. The Village Tutors will provide students with an analysis of their results within two weeks of the practice test.

### HPL Junior Advisory Board

Decisions will be made by Sept. 1

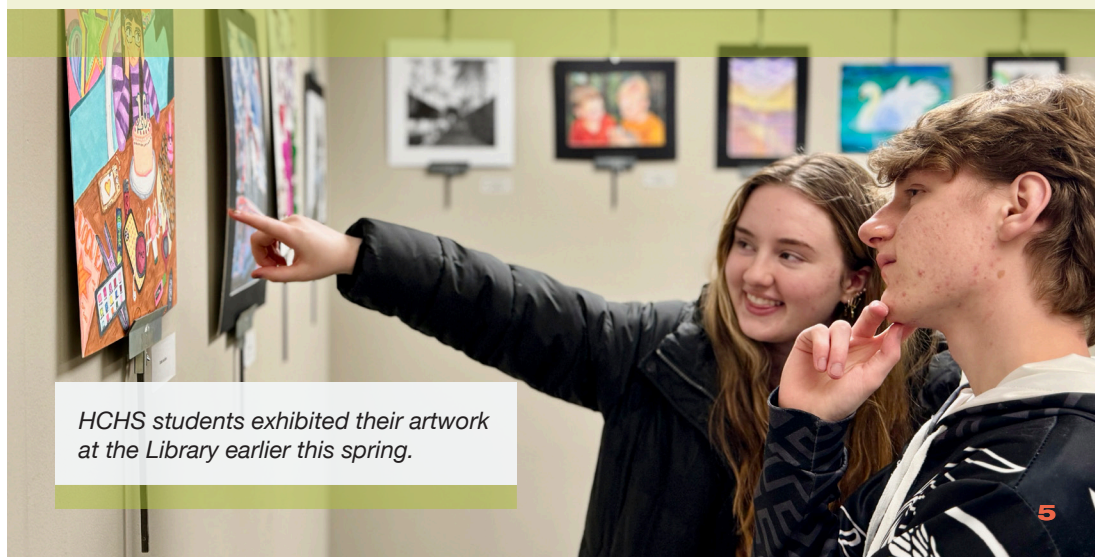
Apply by Aug. 1, 9 p.m.: [tinyurl.com/HPLjab2425](https://tinyurl.com/HPLjab2425)

Calling all high school students! Interested in learning more about the Library and planning programs you and your friends would enjoy? Consider joining our Junior Advisory Board. Members attend nine meetings, volunteer, and work to enhance the Library experience for their peers.

### Homework Helpers & Reading Ambassadors Volunteer Application & Training

Apply: [tinyurl.com/HPLhomeworkhelp](https://tinyurl.com/HPLhomeworkhelp)

In this drop-in program, high school volunteers help younger students practice reading and complete homework. High school students interested in volunteering can apply at the link above.



HCHS students exhibited their artwork at the Library earlier this spring.



Registration opens:  
**Jun. 17** for Jul. programs  
**Jul. 15** for Aug. programs

*Don't miss it!*

## Lunch on the Lawn

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Burlington Park

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## Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors

Starting in early September

HPL's Homework Helpers and Reading Ambassadors are high school volunteers who can help younger students with homework and reading skills. Parents sign in their kids and find an available volunteer at one of our designated tables. Our volunteers are free, friendly, and available on a drop-in basis at least two afternoons each week.

*Watch for the next issue of our Beyond Books newsletter for specific dates and times. Interested volunteers, see pg. 5!*



## Challenge Yourself with I Spy Cases

All Summer

Search for objects in scenes made by Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club families. Thanks to the Armstrong Clark and Besio Families for our next two cases!

## Be a Kid Librarian

All August; grades K–5  
Apply by July 15 at the Youth Services Desk or at [hinsdalelibrary.info/kidlibrarian](https://hinsdalelibrary.info/kidlibrarian)

Do you constantly recommend books to your friends? Apply to be a "Kid Librarian" at HPL and create a display of your favorite books in the Youth Department! Apply by registering at the link above, and we will be in touch.



## Summer Reading 2024

Jun. 1–Jul. 31  
See pg. 2 for details.

Join us for a reading adventure all summer long! Kids can pick up logs at the Youth Services Desk and win prizes as they read. Parents can win, too—fill out postcards in the Library's lobby for a chance to win a weekend at Starved Rock Lodge. Then, celebrate the program's end at our Summer Concert on Sunday, Jul. 28, 6–8 p.m.

*For kids of all ages: drop in, unless otherwise noted*

## Bingo Boogie

Monday, Jul. 22, 3–4 p.m.; please register

Join us as we play a few rounds of book bingo at the Library and dance to some of our favorite tunes!

## Maker Club

Thursdays, Jul. 25 & Aug. 15, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult

Drop by the Storytime Room; we'll have a variety of supplies out you can use to create, as well as a different project to complete each session.

## Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, Jul. 27 & Aug. 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

A time for dads to enjoy donuts, coffee, and time with their kids, with different activities each month.

## Reptiles & Bugs

with *Crosstown Exotics*

Monday, Jul. 29, 6–7 p.m.; please register

Meet and learn about various reptiles and bugs! You'll be able to interact with these prehistoric creatures while learning about how to conserve them.

## Artist-Inspired Craft

Saturday, Aug. 3, 10–11 a.m.

Celebrate American Artist Appreciation Month with an artist inspired craft.

## Find the Hidden Object

All July; daily—now on weekends, too!

Each morning, early afternoon, and late afternoon, we hide a 3D-printed object around the Youth Department. If you find it, you can keep it!

*Thanks to the Beutler Family for June's beautiful "Under the Sea" I Spy Case*





*For elementary schoolers: please register*

### Take Home Craft Ice Cream Cone

Pickup Friday, Jul. 19; grades K–5

Cool down with this fun summer take-home craft. Create a cotton ball ice cream cone!

### Take Home Activity Packet Back to School

Pickup Friday, Aug. 2; grades K–2

Back-to-School season is in full swing! Pick up a take-home activity packet to begin working on writing, reading, math and more! This packet is geared towards primary aged students in grades K–2.

### Kindergarten Readiness

Monday, Jul. 29, 10–11 a.m.

For children entering kindergarten in fall 2024

Practice writing your name, forming and naming shapes with play doh, tracing letters and numbers and more!

### Unicorn Celebration!

Tuesday, Jul. 9, 1–2 p.m.; grades K–2

Explore the magic of unicorns with crafts, sparkly snacks and activities!

### I Survived! (...the Program at the Library)

Wednesday, Jul. 10, 3–4 p.m.; grades 2–5

Travel back in time as we explore the *I Survived* series with hands-on activities about historic events and natural disasters.

### I Scream for Ice Cream

Monday, Jul. 15, 3–3:45 p.m.; grades K–5

Celebrate National Ice Cream month by making ice cream in a bag!

### Squishy Painting

Thursday, Jul. 11, 3–4 p.m.; grades 3–5

Paint a portrait your favorite squishy plushy! Bring a photo or a template will be provided.

### Book Box Jr.

Fridays, Jul. 12 and Aug. 9; grades 3–5

Enjoy a pre-selected book and other fun bookish treats each month. Choose your preferred genre when you subscribe. Register once to receive boxes on Jul. 12 and Aug. 9.

*Storytimes: register, unless otherwise noted*

### Drop-In Storytime at Burns Field Park

Wednesdays through Jul. 31, 10–10:30 a.m.

Note: There will be no storytime on Jul. 3

Join your favorite librarians at Burns Field for stories, fingerplays, and music. If it rains, storytime will move to the Library.

### Let the Games Begin! Storytime

Friday, Jul. 26, 10–10:30 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and more that celebrate this summer's Olympic games!

### Glow-in-the-Dark Storytime

Monday, Aug. 5, 6–6:30 p.m.

Join us as we read stories, sing songs, and dance—in the dark!

### Bubble, Bounce, and Play!

Thursday, Jul. 11, 9:30–10:15 a.m.; 0–18 mo.

Beat the heat with this storytime for babies! We'll have bubbles, lap bounces, and play time for your little one.

*For young children: please register*

### Babies Go for the Gold!

Thursday, Jul. 25, 9:30–10:30 a.m.; 0–18 mo.

Prepare for the Olympics this summer by completing various obstacles with your little one.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Drop off in the Youth Dept. Tuesday, Aug. 13

Pick up Party: Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10–11 a.m.  
Grades Pre-K–2

Drop off your stuffed animal at the Youth Services Desk for a sleepover! Then, join us the next day to see find out what your stuffed animal has been up to!



Photos from our Summer Reading Kickoff Party at Burlington Park this June.

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## coming soon

Here's a sampling of books to come. Call 630.570.4213 or place your own holds at [hinsdalelibrary.info](http://hinsdalelibrary.info).

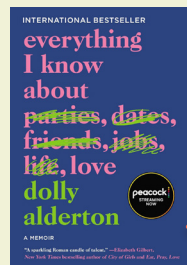
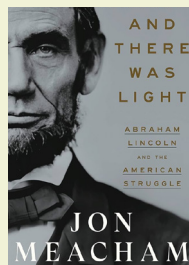
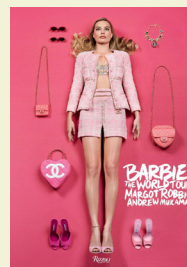
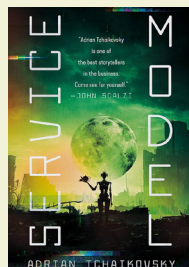
### July

<i>Summer Pact</i>	Emily Giffin
<i>Briar Club</i>	Kate Quinn
<i>A Death in Cornwall</i>	Daniel Silva
<i>The Cliffs</i>	J. Courtney Sullivan
<i>Shadow of Doubt</i>	Brad Thor

### August

<i>Talking to Strangers</i>	Fiona Barton
<i>Dark Wives</i>	Ann Cleeves
<i>Lost Coast</i>	Jonathan Kellerman
<i>By Any Other Name</i>	Jodi Picoult
<i>This Is Why We Lied</i>	Karin Slaughter
<i>Joy</i>	Danielle Steel
<i>Tell Me Everything</i>	Elizabeth Strout

## staff reads



## donations

Thank you to Terri Calkins for her \$1,585 donation to the Library and to Jody Lowenthal for her \$100 donation.

We are also grateful to the Friends of the Hinsdale Public Library, who sponsored our May 10 beer tasting and donated \$1,500 to purchase books for children at Hinsdale's Fourth of July Parade.

Join the Friends of the Library or find out more at [hinsdalelibrary.info/friends](http://hinsdalelibrary.info/friends).

**NEW MOMS BOOK GROUP AUGUST PICK**  
Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. – see pg. 4

## digital library spotlight



Free to cardholders:  
**Consumer Reports**

Did you know HPL cardholders have full access to the premiere source of unbiased consumer reviews and product testing? It's free with your library card!



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